



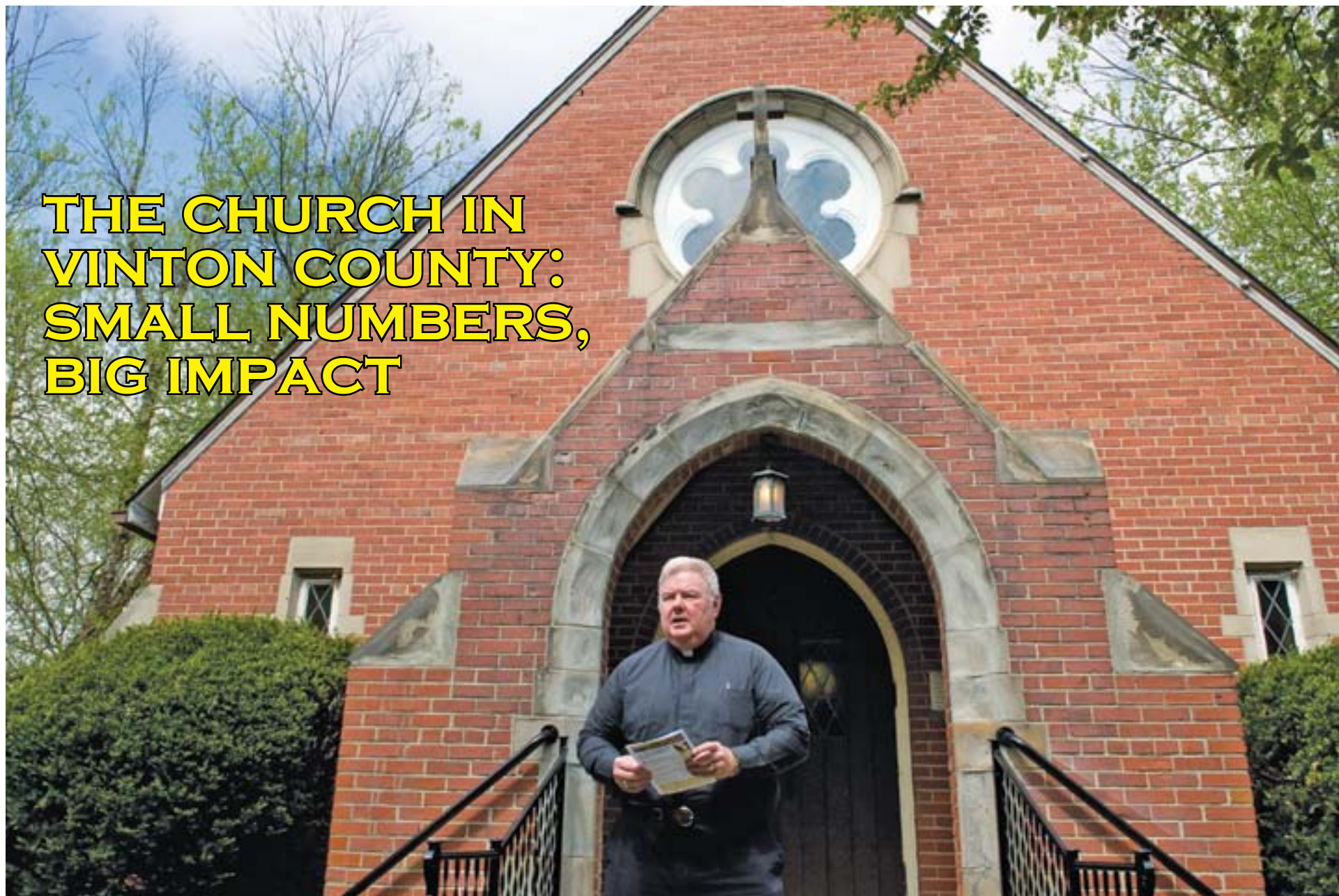
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## THE CHURCH IN VINTON COUNTY: SMALL NUMBERS, BIG IMPACT



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Worship in the beauty of God's creation

By David Garick, Editor



This week, *Catholic Times* takes you on a journey to Appalachia. It's a wonderful trip to take, especially at this time of year. Modern life has come to revolve around the creations of man. Our cities with shining towers of glass and steel, our highways filled with cars and trucks moving us relentlessly to and fro, our technology that links us to a wealth of knowledge and communication, are all wonderful things. But, sadly, they often separate us from our real nature, from our connection to God's creation.

I have always enjoyed spending time in the beautiful hills of southeast Ohio. As a child, my parents often took my brother and me to Lake Hope in Vinton County. I was always impressed by the splendor of that peaceful setting. I have returned there from time to time over the years, sometimes as a spiritual retreat. The morning mist rising from the valleys, the welcome song of birds, the wind through the trees, simple solitude in a temple of God's own creation, always bring me closer to God.

The poet John Greenleaf Whittier described it this way:

The green earth sends its incense up  
From many a mountain shrine;  
From folded leaf and dewy cup  
She pours her sacred wine.

The mists above the morning rills  
Rise white as wings of prayer;  
The altar-curtains of the hills  
Are sunset's purple air.

The winds with hymns of praise are loud,  
Or low with sobs of pain, --  
The thunder-organ of the cloud,  
The dropping tears of rain.

With drooping head and branches crossed  
The twilight forest grieves,  
Or speaks with tongues of Pentecost  
From all its sunlit leaves.

The blue sky is the temple's arch,  
Its transept earth and air,  
The music of its starry march  
The chorus of a prayer.

So Nature keeps the reverent frame  
With which her years began,  
And all her signs and voices shame  
The prayerless heart of man.

The story beginning on Page 10 will lead you into a look at how the Catholic Church, through the St. Francis Evangelization Center in McArthur and St. Sylvester Church in Zaleski, are reaching out to minister to people who live in one of our most beautiful, but also most economically challenged areas.

George Jones Named Diocesan Communications Director

Effective Monday, May 7, George Jones, associate director of communications, will become director of communications of the Diocese of Columbus. His responsibilities will

include diocesan media relations, public relations and information, management of diocesan website content, advising parishes on public relations, and other communications duties.



Front Page photo:

Father Joseph Trapp, pastor, in front of Zaleski St. Sylvester Church, the only Catholic church in Vinton County. The rural southeast Ohio county also is served by the St. Francis Center in McArthur, the county seat.

CT photo by Jack Kustron



Key points from "Our First, Most Cherished Liberty: A Statement on Religious Liberty" by the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty.

- U.S. Catholics should not have to choose between being Catholics and being Americans.
- Attacks on religious liberty have real-world consequences.
- Religious believers do not give up their rights to participate in civil society.
- Religious liberty requires constant vigilance and protection, or it will disappear.
- Unjust laws — those out of harmony with moral law — cannot be obeyed and no accommodation can be made to an unjust law.
- Christians of various traditions share with Catholics a concern about efforts to strip religious arguments from public debate.
- If religious liberty erodes at home, defense of religious freedom abroad becomes less credible.
- Catholics must pray and fast for religious liberty.
- A special period of prayer, study, catechesis and public action will take place June 21-July 4.
- Bishops and priests should preach about religious liberty here and abroad on Nov. 25, feast of Christ the King.



OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Clergy Assignment

Father Michael J. Lumpe, as Vicar for Priests of the Diocese of Columbus and Notary of the Diocesan Curia, effective May 7, continuing as Pastor, St. Catharine Church, Columbus. Also appointed to five-year term on Priests' Personnel Board, effective May 7.

Deacon Thomas M. Berg Jr., from Vice Chancellor, Diocese of Columbus, to Chancellor, Diocese of Columbus, effective May 7, continuing in diaconal service at St. Andrew Church, Columbus.



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EVANGELIZATION ON WHEELS  
Seminarians' "Seek Holiness" Bike Tour in the Columbus Diocese May 14-17

Seminarians and priests of the Diocese of Columbus will be riding their bikes in the Columbus metropolitan area from Monday to Thursday, May 14 to 17, ending the tour in Marion. The seminarians and priests will meet with young people in schools and talk about vocations, personal holiness, and discerning God's call in their lives.

This is the fourth annual Seek Holiness Bike Tour sponsored by the diocesan Vocations Office, The Catholic Foundation, and Face Forward Connecting Catholic Youth on Facebook. The seminarians riding bikes will be joined by Father David Sizemore, pastor of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, and Father Jim Klima, pastor of Pickerington St. Elizabeth

Seton Parish.

The seminarians look forward to fellowship, evangelization, the challenge of cycling, and the opportunity to spend time talking about vocations with youth, pastors, and parishioners after finishing their school year at the Pontifical College Josephinum. The bike tour team will cycle about 30 miles a day.

The tour schedule is:

**Monday, May 14** – Columbus Bishop Ready High School, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, Columbus St. Cecilia School, and Columbus Trinity Elementary School.

**Tuesday, May 15** – Columbus St. Andrew, St. Agatha, and St. Timothy, and Worthington St.

Michael Gentry and Matthew Morris will be ordained as transitional deacons on May 5

Two seminarians from the Diocese of Columbus – Michael Gentry of Columbus St. Catharine Church and Matthew Morris of Lancaster St. Mary Church – will be ordained as transitional deacons by Bishop Frederick Campbell on Friday, May 5. The ordination ceremony will be at 7 p.m. at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

The ordination of transitional deacons through the laying-on of hands by the bishop is a time when men are consecrated to be sacred ministers for the worship of God and for the sanctification of all people.

The ceremony consists of several parts and is similar to the ceremony for ordination of priests. It includes the calling of the candidates, election by the bishop, consent of the people, commitment to celibacy, examination of candidates, a

promise of obedience, the Litany of the Saints, the laying-on of hands, a prayer of consecration, investiture with a stole and dalmatic, presentation of the Book of Gospels, and the sign of peace.

Deacons are ordained to a ministry of service. They assist the bishop and priests by baptizing, proclaiming God's word to the faithful, preaching, distributing Communion, celebrating Eucharistic Benediction, acting as official witnesses for couples in the Sacrament of Matrimony, presiding over burial services, and performing a variety of works of service.

Ordination to the transitional diaconate is one the final steps in the process before ordination to the priesthood. Gentry and Morris will continue their seminary studies in anticipation of being ordained to the priesthood in about a year.



Michael schools.

**Wednesday, May 16** – Columbus Bishop Watterson High School and Columbus

Our Lady of Peace School.

**Thursday, May 17** – Delaware St. Mary and Marion St. Mary schools.

More information is available from [www.seekholiness.com](http://www.seekholiness.com) or by emailing [lori@seekholiness.com](mailto:lori@seekholiness.com).



CRISTO REY ORIGINATOR VISITS COLUMBUS

Father John P. Foley, SJ (pictured), came up with a revolutionary concept in 1995. The idea was to

create a high school in Chicago with the academic excellence and spiritual values found in Catholic education and make it available to at-risk students in the inner city. The problem was how to fund it. Good Catholic schools are expensive.

He went to the Chicago business community looking for funding, but came away with a new concept of school-business partnership that not only finances the school, but gives students real-world business experience alongside their academic training.

Every student at Cristo Rey is assigned a real job in a downtown Chicago corporation and goes to work in an office one day each week.

Students who think they have no future but the mean streets of the inner city suddenly can see a future for themselves in mainstream America through Cristo Rey. The first Cristo Rey high school opened in Chicago in 1996. It has been an overwhelming success, with virtually every student not only graduating, but being accepted to a university. "We wanted an exclusive school," Father Foley

said last week in Columbus. "Our student body was to be exclusively needy kids. If your family could afford to send you to Catholic school, you should attend a regular Catholic school."

It was a real challenge. "Our students are not exceptional. They are average kids who have been left behind by society. Ordinary education has failed them," Father Foley said.

"On average, our students start out two grade-levels behind where they should be. But over the course of their studies and with the motivation seeing their future from behind a desk with their name on it in a downtown office tower, they catch up and excel."

Today, there are 24 Cristo Rey high schools operating around the nation. In September 2013, a new Cristo Rey high school will open in Columbus. The school will be in the Franklinton section on the near west side of Columbus, next door to Mount Carmel Medical Center.

Work is under way to prepare the building, hire staff, and line up corporate partners. Before long, they will begin the process of recruiting the first class of students. To learn more about Cristo Rey Columbus, visit the school's website at [www.cristo-reycolumbus.org](http://www.cristo-reycolumbus.org).



## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### Progress

Did you think about encouraging vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life last week? Everyone knows at least one or two good people who would make a good priest, brother, nun, or deacon. In addition, we may know someone who is in that area of study and commitment right now, or even in the process of discernment of a religious vocation. Either way, our prayers are first and foremost in priority and importance. The millions of prayers for vocations last Sunday alone will have a great impact on our future as a Church. But our prayer needs to go further and be put into practice. We all know what a difference it makes in our jobs, in school, in our family, in our circle of friends, and in general living when we are personally encouraged and told that we would be very good at a particular position. Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that there are two places where vocations can be developed and nurtured. We have a presence in and a commitment to each. First, our local Church is the Diocese of Columbus. That Church is made up of our individual parishes and our bishop. Our diocese needs priests and religious. They come from our parishes. With prayer and encouragement, can we not get at least one religious vocation from each of our 109 parishes and missions? Second, our families are the best and most natural places to start. We learn our Faith first in our families. Vocations can be born, created, sprouted, nurtured, developed, championed, praised, and maintained in our families first. We can, and we must.

The Catholic Church has been challenged for the past 50 years with a steady decline in religious vocations, especially to the priesthood. We have grown accustomed to the fact that this is just the way it's going to be in the world today. There have been tremendous surges in vocations in Africa and Latin America. The Holy Spirit is always at work, quietly, mysteriously, but positively. Fortunately, the same Spirit is alive and burning slowly in the United States. Many of our dioceses are experiencing surges in vocations, and the Diocese of Columbus is one of them. This is no accident. Our prayers work, and we are seeing the results. Our seminaries have strong leaders who offer the right blend of spirituality, academics, and pastoral leadership. Our bishops have put the challenges of the past behind them, and they are moving forward with a renewed vigor and inspiration. Our diocesan vocations directors are using new and contemporary ways to attract men to the seminary, while steadfastly maintaining the traditional joy of the life of a priest. And, finally, our demand for more great priests is coming to some fruition. We never give up, nor does the Holy Spirit. We must continue to pray, and we must continue to foster priestly vocations. Please do not misunderstand these comments and think that the issue is resolved. We still have many more priests retiring each year than those who are newly ordained. There remains much to be done, but we are on the right track.

Our practical challenge this week is to thank our leaders in the cause of fostering vocations to the priesthood. Thank your pastor and any clergy you have at your parish -- priests and deacons alike. Thank our religious. Send a note of thanks to Bishop Campbell, to retired Bishop Griffin, to our diocesan vocations director, Father Paul Noble, and to any seminarians you know. Send a note of thanks to all the seminarians collectively at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Prayer, thanks, and encouragement go a long way. Let us continue to do whatever we can to be sure that we have priests and religious in our Church for our children, grandchildren, and beyond. And may we give our shepherds the support and encouragement they need and deserve.

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



**Delaware St. Mary School students celebrated Autism Awareness Month on Friday April 27, with students and staff wearing blue. The school gathered for a photo in the shape of a puzzle piece, the logo for autism awareness. Students donated \$384 to Autism Speaks Columbus**  
Photo courtesy St. Mary School

## Robert Rogers to speak at St. Andrew

Inspirational author and speaker Robert Rogers will be in Columbus on Wednesday, May 16, to speak at the Bryce Eck Activity Center of St. Andrew Church, 3880 Reed Road, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Rogers will give his personal witness about how he found inner strength and faith in God after losing his entire family of a wife and four children aged 8 and under in a flash flood in 2003. He is the founder of Mighty in the Land Ministries, which is dedicated to encouraging positive change in the way people live their relationships with God and their

families, and was a speaker at the 2010 Columbus Catholic Men's Conference.

People grieving the death of a loved one or suffering from any disease, addiction, or hardship are encouraged to attend the event, which is being sponsored by Cornerstone of Hope, a ministry supporting children, teens, and adults who have suffered tragic losses in their lives. Other sponsors are St. Andrew Church and the Clintonville Chamber of Commerce.

There is no charge, but RSVP is required to stacey@cornerstoneofhope.org or (614) 824-4285.



## MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE (IS OUR LADY CALLING YOU?)

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## Momentum Fund Raiser

Momentum, a national organization founded by Tim Welsh of the Pregnancy Decision Healthcare Centers in Columbus, is attempting to raise \$3 million for pregnancy help centers this year.

Momentum combines physical fitness with cause-centered fundraising. Participants run or walk a half-marathon of their choice anywhere in the nation while raising funds for the pregnancy help center in their community.

"The fundraising goal for each participant is \$1,310," Welsh said. "If we can energize 2,500 people to participate, we will raise and distribute a little more than \$3 million in needed funding to pregnancy help centers. The nice thing about this program is that runners or walkers can pick the half-marathon that they'd like to participate in and select

the help center they'd like to support."

Welsh said many pregnancy help centers could be more effective in curbing the number of abortions at the community level if they had access to more funds. More than one million abortions are performed in the United States each year.

"Our goal is to raise \$10 million per year for the benefit of pregnancy help centers by 2015," Welsh said. "Think of the number of babies we can save and women we can minister to with enough funding."

In 2011, Momentum had participants in every state and raised and distributed nearly \$70,000 for pregnancy help centers. People wanting to participate in the 2012 campaign may go to [www.gomogo.org](http://www.gomogo.org) to sign up.

**The diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring a citywide prayer meeting from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 19, at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medical Church, 5225 Refugee Road. The theme will be "Personal Holiness: Exercising Your Faith." The event will begin with Mass, followed by prayer at 9:45 and fellowship at noon. For more information, call (614) 237-7080 or go to [www.columbusccr.org](http://www.columbusccr.org).**

## Share Peace of Mind at Pre-Need Open Houses



These Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus advisors, Stephen Skinner, Laura Favret and Kevin Kelley will be available to assist you with your pre-need arrangements. Plan before the need arises for peace of mind. By pre-arranging you can select in an unhurried and thoughtful manner the type of burial place desired and the amount to be invested.

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**Cemetery Hours Daily:** 8 a.m. to Sunset

## Poster Contest Winners

**Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School students Lillie DeGarmo and Ben Risinger were the winners of the arson awareness poster contest (high school hand-drawn division) sponsored by the diocesan Office of Catholic Schools, the Columbus Division of Fire, and the Ohio Blue Ribbon Arson Committee. Risinger will receive \$500 as the first-prize winner and DeGarmo will be awarded \$150 as the runner-up. The students and their art teacher, Judy Ross, will participate in celebrations at City Hall and at a fire station on Monday, May 7, and their artwork will be displayed on billboards throughout Columbus.**



Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

## Hartley ChemCamp

Are you a sixth- seventh-, or eighth grade student tired of doing the same things each summer? Would you like to get a head start on high school and have a summer experience worth talking about in the fall?

Then check out ChemCamp at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler Road, from 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday, June 11 to 15. The camp will give students entering sixth through eighth grades in the 2012-13

school year a chance to learn science by doing science and to see what chemistry is all about by conducting experiments in a high school chemistry laboratory.

Don't wait until high school to find out what doctors, chemists, veterinarians, pharmacists, and forensic scientists already know -- that chemistry is amazing and powerful. Contact Evan Wagner at [ewagner@cdeducation.org](mailto:ewagner@cdeducation.org) or (614) 237-5421, extension 427. Space is limited.



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## THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

### THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

(OCF 1 of 3)

In November 1989, the American bishops implemented a new ritual for Catholic funerals. This new ritual offers the opportunity for several rituals that will aid those who grieve the death of a loved one and pray for the soul of the one who died. There are three main liturgies and several opportunities for prayers throughout the grieving process. The vigil is the first opportunity for a public celebration for the community to gather as *Church* and pray with the family and friends of the deceased. This will usually happen the evening before a funeral liturgy. Although a funeral Mass is usually scheduled in the morning, it may be scheduled anytime during the day based on the convenience of the clergy and the family. The final liturgy occurs at the cemetery where we offer our final prayers as *Church*.

These liturgies are the formal prayers of the *Church* offered when one of its members leaves this life to begin the eternal life for which he or she has prepared. This vigil, often referred to as a "wake service," is the first opportunity the community (the *Church*) has to gather and pray for the deceased, the family, the friends, and the loss to the community of one of their own. It is the time that the *Church* turns to scripture to find the words that strengthen our faith. It is also a catalyst for the grieving process fostering psychological and spiritual health.

This should never be replaced with a popular devotion (i.e., a rosary). Not that a rosary is not to be said, but it may be said in addition to the vigil. The parish priest or deacon will lead the *Church* in the vigil liturgy.



The vigil may take place in a funeral home, the parish church, or in a home. The location of the vigil will dictate the use of music, which should accompany all of our liturgical celebrations. Even a simple song sung without musical accompaniment would help those gathered to see themselves as a community gathered in prayer.

The vigil liturgy is the place for a eulogy given by one who knows the individual. This is a more appropriate place for the eulogy than at the funeral liturgy itself. If the eulogy is part of the funeral liturgy, it must be short and delivered by one individual who is adept at public speaking. At the vigil, there is more flexibility as to the number, although the length of time devoted to the eulogy should not overshadow the time devoted to the vigil itself.

There are two liturgical forms for the vigil service. The first form is a *Liturgy of the Word* where there is an opening prayer, greeting, scripture passages are read (as we would at a Mass), followed by a homily, prayers of intercessions, the Lord's Prayer, concluding prayer, blessing, and time for a eulogy. The second is to recite the *Office of the Dead*, a special form of morning or evening prayer where the Psalms, Psalm prayers, scripture, intercessions, and concluding prayer give support to the grieving process.

## Confessing past sins; the morality of body piercing



### QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE

*Catholic News Service*

**Q.** Some weeks ago, when explaining the concept of a general confession, you said in your column, "Surely any serious sin not already forgiven should be mentioned."

Please tell me what I should do. I am 75 years old and have been a Catholic all my life. I first married a Catholic girl in a church wedding, but after 23 years, we were divorced.

I then met another Catholic girl, and we were married in a civil ceremony. Sometime later, we both had our first marriages annulled by the church and were married in a Catholic service.

Now comes the troubling part.

After our annulments were granted, we met with our parish priest in his office. He asked whether we would like to go to confession. I was uncomfortable doing this with my wife present (and I know that she was, too). I told the priest the things I had done wrong that my wife already knew about, but I skipped some of the really bad sins from years gone by. The priest said that all of our sins were forgiven.

My wife and I go to church every Sunday and during holy days and receive Communion. But I've always wondered whether I need to confess the sins that I skipped over that day in our pastor's office. A couple of years ago, at my Easter confession, I asked a retired priest about this, and he said not to worry, because those sins had already been forgiven.

Please give me some advice. (My current parish priest

knows me well, and I'd rather not ask him about this.) (Central Wisconsin)

**A.** First, let me say that what the parish priest did in his office -- invite you and your wife to confess your sins together -- is irregular and unwise. The whole point of the sacred seal of confession is to give penitents the confidence that only the priest and God have heard their sins and that the priest is strictly prohibited from disclosing them.

Having said this, it is still true that in nearly every circumstance, serious sins must be confessed to a priest. In speaking of the sacrament of penance, the church's *Code of Canon Law* says, "A member of the Christian faithful is obliged to confess in kind and number all grave sins committed after baptism" (No. 988).

In practice, an exception may be granted by a priest to someone with an overly scrupulous conscience who shows the required contrition, but has great difficulty distinguishing the relative gravity of sins. (For that particular individual, a specific recitation of sins might be upsetting and virtually endless.)

It's possible that the retired priest to whom you made your Easter confession made that judgment in your regard, dispensed you from the "integrity" of confession, and absolved you of any past sins in that same Easter confession.

Since you have already done your duty by bringing your question to a priest in confession and have been assured of forgiveness, I would

say that the prudent thing to do is to look forward, not back, and to continue as you are, worshipping God, praying each day, and living the Christian life.

**Q.** I am the mother of three girls, ages 17, 15 and 11. Our two older girls have been asking permission to have their navels pierced. For now, my husband has told them "No," but he has promised to reassess once the girls have taken the time to present to him a list of "pros and cons."

Is there anything in Catholic teaching that opposes body piercing? The girls are straight-A students and participate in Life Teen (which is a Eucharist-based program of youth ministry). They say they want the piercing because it "looks nice." I'm not opposed to it, but I'd like to know first what the church thinks. (Murrells Inlet, S.C.)

**A.** The Catholic Church has no fixed position on body piercing. The church does, of course, prohibit mutilation (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 2297), but that really means altering the functioning of a body part; for example, plucking out an eye or cutting off a finger.

The catechism also says that "life and physical health are precious gifts entrusted to us by God" and that "we must take reasonable care of them." Caution would preclude using dirty needles that might cause bodily infection. As to your daughters' view that a pierced navel "looks nice," I suppose beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Anyhow, you didn't ask my opinion on that!

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

## OSU NEWMAN CENTER CHOSEN FOR CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

The Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center at The Ohio State University has been chosen to be among a select group of campus ministry programs nationally which will serve as pilot sites for a second year for the ESTEEM leadership program. ESTEEM – Engaging Students to Enliven the Ecclesial Mission – is cosponsored by the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management and the St. Thomas More Catholic Chapel and Center at Yale University. OSU was selected because of its vibrant campus ministry and commitment to developing student leaders.

Young adults have been an underutilized resource within the Roman Catholic Church. As a result, most parish communities, dioceses, and Catholic organizations have few, if any, young adults involved in leadership and ministry. This program hopes to train and encourage young adult Catholics with demonstrated leadership potential so they will become active participants in parish leadership roles upon graduation from college.

The ESTEEM program at the Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., will have 12 to 15 young adult participants. It will begin with a retreat on Friday



and Saturday, Sept. 14 and 15, to build community among the participants and ground the program in faith and spirituality. That will be followed with a series of four meetings per quarter covering a variety of topics aimed at developing leadership skills in a faith-based

setting. Each participant will be paired with a local Catholic leader for a mentoring relationship. This will allow the young adults to become more familiar with current leaders in the church and give them an opportunity to discuss and, in some cases, apply the curricu-

lum as it is being discussed in the program.

**Photo: Students from the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center participated in this year's national conference of the ESTEEM program in April at Yale University's Catholic Center.**

## Children of Mary offering new evangelization program

The Children of Mary community in Licking County is beginning a program of evangelization designed to bring people closer to the truth of the Catholic faith.

Based on a DVD that the community produced, the program will expose people to the eternal truths of Scripture, the teaching of the early church fathers, the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, apostolic succession and the covenant God gave his people at the last supper.

The DVD will be shown at a series of parish conferences and at secular settings open to the general public. Participants from the conferences will be encouraged to form small prayer groups called ComeUnity for weekly faith

study based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

The first presentation of the DVD will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 27, at 1 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial, 300 W. Broad St., Columbus. Deacon Larry Oney, an international Catholic speaker from Louisiana, will be the keynote speaker, and Rachel Muha will give her testimony on the power of faith in the aftermath of the murder of her son.

Father Joshua Wagner will be on the program with his popular "Stump the Priest" session.

The day will conclude with a Eucharistic healing service.

For more information, go to [www.comeunityintruth.com](http://www.comeunityintruth.com).

## Cultural diversity will be focus of event at St. Peter Church



in our church. There is a need to develop religious education programs, Catholic school curricula, clergy formation, and catechist training programs that help all Catholics understand what it means to live as Christians in a culturally diverse community.

This will be the topic of a program on Thursday, May 24, at Columbus St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road. Dr. Hosffman Ospino (*pictured*), of Boston College, a national scholar and leader in Hispanic ministry, will discuss development of creative evangelizing initiatives that meet the needs of and recognize the

The Diocese of Columbus is experiencing an evolution of cultural diversity in our communities and

contributions of cultural groups while responding to the needs of the Catholic population as a whole.

The program will offer those in attendance an opportunity to learn and discuss how to make the Diocese of Columbus a more unified expression of Christ's message to the world. It will begin with a light supper at 6 p.m. Discussion will follow from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.

Please RSVP by Thursday, May 10, to the diocesan Office of Religious Education and Catechesis at (614) 221-4633 or [slape@cdeducation.org](mailto:slape@cdeducation.org) to receive a free copy of Ospino's book "Hispanic Ministry in the 21st Century: Present and Future." The cost of the event is \$10 and includes supper. Anyone registering after May 10 cannot be guaranteed a copy of the book. Please submit payment at the time of registration.





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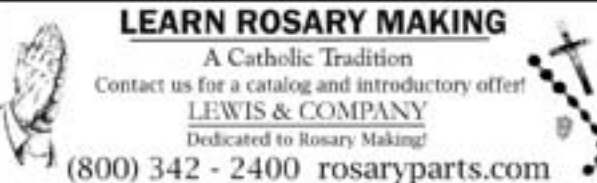
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# BLACK & WHITE, OR GRAY?

One widely encountered idea today is that there is no black and white when it comes to morality, only a kind of “gray area.” This is often taken to mean that we really can’t know with certainty what is right and wrong, allowing us to “push into the gray” as we make certain moral decisions that at first glance appear to be immoral.

The behavior of the semilegendary figure of Robin Hood is sometimes mentioned as an example of this “gray area” phenomenon, since he was a character who would steal money (morally bad) for the purpose of helping the poor (morally good).

By focusing on the good intentions motivating our choices, and by arguing that morality is ambiguous and mostly “gray” anyway, a person can more easily justify and provide cover for morally problematic actions. When we begin to scrutinize the claim that morality is “gray,” however, we encounter significant problems and contradictions.

The romanticized exploits of Robin Hood, for example, end up providing little more than a “veil of gray” that quickly dissolves when we place ourselves in the first-person situation of being the victim of his thievery, having our own windows broken and our own goods plundered. Those who have been robbed of their possessions will often describe afterward, in vivid detail, the awful awareness of personal violation, the crushing of their feeling of security, etc. In these circumstances, we see the moral problem with Robin Hood’s depraved actions and appreciate the direct, black-and-white character of the universal moral injunction against stealing.

Universal moral prohibitions are clearly at the heart of any discussion about the “grayness” of morality. Many human actions, when freely chosen, will always be unacceptable. These actions, referred to as “intrinsic evils,” are immoral regardless of circumstance. Adultery would be an example of an intrinsic evil. Regardless of how much a married man may desire to be with a new romantic flame, and regardless of how terrible his current marriage and sex life may appear to be, the decision to have sexual relations with someone who is not his spouse will invariably constitute an act of moral depravity on his part. Every wife who has suffered infidelity on the part of her husband, and any children who have seen the betrayal of their mother by their father can attest that there is no such thing as a “gray zone” for adultery. Many people who recognize that an action may be “black” may still be tempted to think that because their intentions are “white,”



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the “gray” action may be done. But good intentions cannot bleach the blackness of a deed.

Acknowledging the existence of intrinsic evils and recognizing the binding character of absolute moral prohibitions is an important part of our own moral growth and awakening. Indeed, morality itself, as an inner determinant of man’s character, is not fundamentally “gray” at all, but is, by its very nature, a code of black and white. In the final analysis, the cult of moral grayness is too easily a revolt against fixed and essential moral values.

Although fixed moral values must always guide our decisions, correctly applying a general moral principle to a particular situation will often require specific knowledge of the circumstances and details of that situation.

For example, I might have to grapple with the question of whether I have a moral duty to get out of bed and go to work in the morning. Whenever a particular set of circumstances prevail (I am healthy; today is a workday; my employer expects me to be present at the workplace; my vehicle is functioning normally), then I would reasonably conclude that I have a moral duty to go to work because of the objective moral commitments I have as a company employee — and, likely, the other employees who would “take up the slack” would resent my absence. Meanwhile, if I am very sick, I might reasonably conclude that I do not have a moral duty to go to work. Of course, deciding to stay in bed all day out of mere laziness would constitute an objective failure in terms of my moral duty. The question of my moral duty to go to work, then, is not a “gray area” at all, nor a matter of relative morals, but rather a question of careful discernment, weighing of variables, seeking to do the good, and so on.

In sum, the objective lines of our moral obligation may sometimes be difficult to discern, and may even appear gray at first glance, but when we sort out the relevant details and seek to purify our own motives, and become willing to submit to the binding character of absolute moral prohibitions, that gray haze can dissipate, enabling us to see the real moral lines that were there all along.

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# The Month of Moms and Mary

In all the years I have been enjoying the month of May, it has been its designation as Mary’s month that is my favorite.

There are a lot of reasons May is a great time to remember Our Blessed Mother Mary. There are lots of flowers blooming, and what kid doesn’t want to pick flowers to take to his or her mother? The weather’s better, and as we trounce around outdoors, it’s hard not to thank God, which is something Mary certainly approves.

And, of course, there’s the chaos and craziness that comes with this time of year. Back in my days of working in agriculture, it was planting time, which meant long working hours and high stress. Now that I have school-age children in my life and my house, it means a different kind of stress.

There are school projects and fair projects, field



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trips and recitals, games and graduations. There are deadlines galore, and the grass is practically leaping out of the earth, demanding to be mowed five minutes after you finish.

I’ve started to suspect that the real reason May is Mary’s month is because every mom I know needs some divine help!

Who better than the Virgin Mary? She surely has an

idea what “busy” is all about, and she’s going to lead me where I need to go and accompany me with the juggling I have to do.

If I hold out my hand, I can almost feel hers grabbing mine. If I look a little closer, I think I see a smile. She chased a small boy once, after all. She tried to keep up with a group of people who didn’t stay put very often. She comforted the broken-hearted and rejoiced in the triumphs.

She still does. This month, hard as it will be, I hope you’ll join me in slowing down and smelling the flowers and maybe even enjoying a Hail Mary while you do.

*Sarah Reinhard, a member of Plain City St. Joseph Church, is the author of Catholic Family Fun and is online at SnoringScholar.com.*

# Seeking peace in the midst of life’s storms

BY NANCY GRILLI

In early March, we traveled from Florida in the midst of the tornados that ravaged Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina. The night before we were scheduled to leave and the following morning, we had closely watched the national weather channel at my sister’s condo, where we had spent the previous few nights. The temperature map for our route home resembled a finger painting in which the child had smeared the blues and greens with his left hand and the yellows and oranges with his right. A wise person would have taken a moment to thank God for weather satellites and zealous meteorologists, poured a second cup of coffee, and settled in for an extra weekend in Florida. We, however, left the couch, packed the car, and headed home.

We were not worried, although we should have been. The drive through northern Florida was sunny, Georgia was overcast, and by the time we reached the Carolinas, the heavy clouds had descended. Near five in the evening, we watched the car indicator showing the outside temperature fall from 75 degrees to 50 degrees in less than 30 minutes. We stopped at a motel in Statesville, just north of Charlotte, where the

front desk clerk was glued to The Weather Channel on the lobby TV. When I walked in, she told me I had just missed a tremendous hailstorm -- “worst one I’ve ever seen,” she added in her Carolina drawl.

“Really?” I answered incredulously. “We didn’t even have a drop of rain on the highway.”

As soon as I dumped my overnight bag in our room, I turned on our TV, only to realize we had entered the child’s painting. We found ourselves in the center of the canvas, where a sharp line of green was colliding with a line of orange -- a place which my weather-loving nephew, Pat, would tell me is not a good place to be.

But we were on the leeward side of the North Carolina mountains, and the local weatherman kept leaving the Doppler map because he was much more interested in the temperature map. On that map surrounding Statesville was a very small bubble of blue on which the temperature was in the low 40s, as if the child had left a drop of perfect color unmixed on his canvas.

“This blue here,” the local weatherman kept repeating, “is cold, stable air.” The temperature in that single little area had dropped low enough to keep

the forces of the weather at bay. I fell asleep with a rosary in my hand and an apology to God for being so foolish. The next morning, we learned that 32 people had lost their lives in the storms, and nearby Charlotte had suffered through high, damaging winds. In contrast, we slept peacefully in Statesville, with only a gentle sprinkle of rain near morning.

I would prefer to go through life on the yellow side of the canvas. But, let’s face it, cold reality will move through my life just as surely as the weather moves in from the west. The bubble of blue surrounding Statesville on the North Carolina temperature map was a visual reminder that there is a center in my spirit that is stable and protecting. When the winds swirl and the hail rages, I can retreat to that center. I don’t always have the wisdom to go there in the distress of life, and only later, when I look back, can I see that the Child has provided a space of blue where my spirit has indeed found refuge. It is those moments of grace that reinforce the faith that has been passed down through my family, and it is those experiences that fuel my hope for the future.

*Nancy Grilli is a parishioner at Groveport St. Mary Church.*



## CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PRESENCE MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE TO VINTON COUNTY RESIDENTS

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

The Catholic Church's presence in Vinton County is small in terms of population, yet enormous in terms of impact.

Figures from the 2010 U.S. Census show that 13,435 people live in the county in rural southeast Ohio, making Vinton County the least populated among Ohio's 88 counties. Only 200 or so of those people — a little less than 1.5 percent — are Catholics. But thousands of county residents are served in some way every year by the Diocese of Columbus through its St. Francis Center in the county seat of McArthur.

Center director Lisa Keita said the center's food pantry served 13,851 people from 5,274 families in 2011, and its clothing center assisted 4,323 individuals from 1,457 families. Those numbers include multiple visits from many families. In addition, 483 Thanksgiving turkeys were given out, Christmas gifts were provided for 672 children, and school supplies were provided to more than 900 of the 2,460 students in the county school system.

"The center is the primary provider of food and clothing assistance to the people of Vinton County, and it's been that way almost since it was opened

in 33 years ago," Keita said.

"There is another pantry in McArthur that's open once a month and a clothes closet that has more limited hours than we do. The Southeastern Ohio Food Center from Logan also provides food boxes for senior citizens once a month at the county fairgrounds. But there are no large churches of any denomination in the county because it's so small, and we've become the place where most people turn to first. We just try to be a good example every day of who and what the Catholic Church is."

"I don't know where the county would be without this place," said Jerry Stiltner, one of five people who assist Keita with operation of the center and its outreach activities. Stiltner and Mike Fisher work 35 hours a week and Ashley Riegel works between 30 and 35 hours, while Joni Dickinson and Cindy Martin are part-time employees.

"It would be very sad if the center ever were to close, because there wouldn't be anywhere else for a lot of people to turn," he said. "They depend on us so they can make it through the month."

Stiltner has been with the center for seven years. "I came here originally because I needed food for my family," he

said. "I didn't have a job, and Sister Linda (Lewandowski, OSF, Keita's predecessor as director) asked if I was interested in working here. I told her I'd give it a try, and I've been around here ever since because I love talking to people and helping them."

Stiltner's story is not unusual in a county where the annual median household income is low (\$34,927, ranking it 86th in Ohio) and unemployment is high (12 percent, sixth-highest in the state). The largest employer within Vinton County is the Austin Powder Co.'s Red Diamond plant, which has been at McArthur since 1929 and has 230 workers making industrial explosives, blasting agents, and accessories.

Other major employers of Vinton County residents are the Kenworth truck plant in Chillicothe, which recently announced the layoff of 10 percent of its workforce, and the General Mills and Luigino's (Michelina brand) food plants in Jackson County.

The sound of test explosions from the Austin Powder plant can be heard regularly in the forest areas which cover 70 percent of the county. Much of that land is owned by the state as part of the Zaleski, Tar Hollow, and Richland Furnace state forests, Lake Hope and Lake Alma state parks, or one of three state wildlife areas.

Tourism related to those sites has become an important part of the county's economy.

Companies connected to the forests were the area's most important economic asset for many years, and the loss of many of those businesses has caused substantial impact in a county that's always faced economic difficulty because of its small population and relative isolation.

Stiltner said he used to have a good job with the Mills Pride cabinetmaking plant that was



Top: Zaleski St. Sylvester Church is surrounded by trees. Bottom: Lulu Stiltner plays with toys at the St. Francis Center. CT photos by Jack Kustron



located in nearby Waverly in Pike County, but its closing last year threw more than 1,000 people out of work. Two other area woodworking plants also have closed in the last decade.

"I came here in September 2010 from Columbus, and noticed a big difference right away in the role the pantry served," said Keita, who formerly was employed at St. Stephen's Community House and other facilities. "In Columbus, the pantries I worked with provided mostly for emergency needs. This pantry is much more of a primary or main supplemental food source, serving as an essential for lots of families because of the economic situation here."

"It's not just that income is low in many cases. This also is a very remote area, with lots of people having to go out of the county 20 or 30 miles away

for work. That means a lot of money goes for gas, and gas prices are higher than ever. A lot of folks here have learned car repair out of necessity. It's an older population here, too, because young people tend to move away to where the job prospects are better, so we have plenty of people on fixed incomes."

Bishop Edward Herrmann founded the St. Francis Center in 1979 to provide a Catholic presence in McArthur, the only county seat in the 23-county Diocese of Columbus without a Catholic church building. Vinton County Catholics worship at St. Sylvester Church in Zaleski, about 10 miles from McArthur, and in parishes in neighboring counties.

The center originally was located in a Victorian-style

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Lisa Keita (left) of the St. Francis Center in McArthur talks with clients Misty Collier and Emily Ferguson. Seated is Jerry Stiltner of the center.

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# 2012 Parish Festival Guide

Check festival places and times on the following pages



# Parish Festival Listing

## MAY

- **MAY 5 • Christ the King**  
2855 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (All Saints Academy gym)  
• Cinco de Mayo: 5 - 9 p.m.
- **MAY 19 • St. Francis de Sales**  
38 Granville St., Newark • 5K run @ 9 a.m., Festival: noon - 11 p.m.
- **MAY 31 - JUNE 2**  
• **St. Thomas Aquinas**  
139 N. Fifth St., Zanesville • Thursday 5-11 p.m.,  
Friday & Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight

## JUNE

- **JUNE 7-9 • St. Catharine**  
500 S. Gould Road, Columbus • 5-11 p.m.
- **JUNE 8-9 • St. Mary Magdalene**  
2909 Parkside Road, Columbus, (Ballfield area) •  
Friday 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight
- **JUNE 10 • Corpus Christi**  
1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus • Mass starts @ 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- **JUNE 15-16 • Sacred Heart**  
139 3rd St. NE, New Philadelphia • Friday 5-11 p.m., Saturday 6-11 p.m.
- **JUNE 15-16 • St. Rose of Lima**  
119 W. Water St., New Lexington • 5 p.m. - midnight
- **JUNE 22-23 • St. Christopher**  
1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus • 5:30 p.m. - midnight
- **JUNE 22-23 • St. James the Less**  
1652 Oakland Park Ave., Columbus • 6-11 p.m.
- **JUNE 22-23 • St. Mary**  
82 E. William St., Delaware • Friday & Saturday 5-11 p.m.
- **JUNE 29-30 • Holy Trinity**  
225 S. Columbus St., Somerset • Friday 6 p.m. - midnight, Saturday 4 p.m. - midnight
- **JUNE 30 • St. Peter**  
118 Church St. (behind school), Chillicothe • after 5 p.m. Mass

## JULY

- **JULY 3 • Holy Family**  
584 W. Broad St., Columbus (Parish Center) • Red, White & Boom, 4-10 p.m.
- **JULY 13-14 • St. Timothy**  
1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus • Friday 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight
- **JULY 19-21 • St. Matthew the Apostle**  
795 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna/Parish Grounds • Thursday 6-11 p.m.,  
Friday & Saturday 6 p.m.-midnight
- **JULY 20-21 • Our Lady of Peace**  
20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus • Friday 6-11 p.m., Saturday 5-11 p.m.
- **JULY 20-22 • St. Joseph**  
613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover • 5-11 p.m.
- **JULY 27-28 • Immaculate Conception**  
414 E. North Broadway, Columbus • Friday 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight
- **JULY 27-28 • St. Margaret of Cortona**  
1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus • Friday 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight
- **JULY 27-29 • Immaculate Conception**  
School, 100 Sherman St., Dennison • 5-11 p.m.

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AUGUST

- **AUGUST 1-4 • St. Nicholas**  
1030 E. Main St., Zanesville • Wednesday & Thursday 6 -11 p.m.,  
Friday & Saturday 6 p.m. - midnight
- **AUGUST 3-4 • St. Stephen the Martyr**  
4131 Clime Road, Columbus • Friday 6 p.m. - midnight,  
Saturday 5 p.m. - midnight
- **AUGUST 4 • St. Joseph**  
5757 St. Rt. 383 NE, Somerset • 4 p.m. - midnight
- **AUGUST 4 • St. Luke**  
Corner of Rambo & Market Sts. (SR 62), Danville • 5 - 10 p.m.
- **AUGUST 9-11 • Holy Spirit**  
4383 E. Broad St., Columbus • Thursday 6 - 11 p.m.,  
Friday 6 p.m.- midnight, Saturday 5 p.m.- midnight
- **AUGUST 10-11 • Our Lady of Victory**  
1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus • Friday 5-11 p.m., Saturday 6-11 p.m.
- **AUGUST 10-11 • St. Brendan**  
4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard • Friday 6 p.m. - midnight,  
Saturday 3 p.m. - midnight
- **AUGUST 10-11 • St. Mary**  
684 S. Third St., German Village, Columbus • 5 p.m.-midnight
- **AUGUST 10-11 • St. Pius X**  
1061 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg • Friday 6 p.m. - 1 a.m.,  
Saturday 5 p.m.-1 a.m.
- **AUGUST 11 • St. Bernard**  
425 Adams St., Corning • Following 4 p.m. Mass
- **AUGUST 11-12 • Immaculate Conception**  
215 E. North St., Kenton • Saturday 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., • Sunday 3 - 9:30 p.m.
- **AUGUST 17-18 • Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
3730 Broadway, Grove City • 6 p.m.-midnight
- **AUGUST 17-18 • St. Andrew**  
1899 McCoy Road (at Reed Road), Columbus • 5 p.m. - midnight
- **AUGUST 17-18 • St. Elizabeth**  
6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus • Friday 6 p.m.-midnight,  
Saturday 5 p.m. - midnight
- **AUGUST 18 • Church of the Atonement**  
320 Winter St., Crooksville • 5 p.m.
- **AUGUST 18-19 • St. Mary**  
251 N. Main St., Marion • Saturday 5 p.m. Mass/Potluck/Concert  
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass/Procession/Supper

- **AUGUST 23-25 • St. Joan of Arc**  
10700 Liberty Road, Powell • Thursday 6-9 p.m.,  
Friday & Saturday 6 - 10:30 p.m.
- **AUGUST 24-25 • Church of the Blessed Sacrament**  
394 E. Main St., Newark • 5 - 11 p.m.
- **AUGUST 24-25 • St. Anthony**  
1300 Urban Drive, Columbus • Friday 6 -11 p.m., Saturday 5 - 11 p.m.
- **AUGUST 24-25 • St. Cecilia**  
434 Norton Road, Columbus • Friday 5 p.m.-midnight,  
Saturday 4 p.m.-midnight
- **AUGUST 31- SEPTEMBER 2 • St. Michael**  
5750 N. High St., Worthington • Friday 7-11 p.m., Sat & Sun 5-11 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- **SEPTEMBER 7-9 • Seton Parish**  
600 Hill Road N., Pickerington • Friday 5 - 11 p.m.,  
Saturday 3 - 11 p.m., Sunday noon - 5 p.m.
- **SEPTEMBER 15-16 • St. Mary of the Annunciation**  
Corner of Market & 5th Sts., Portsmouth • Saturday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.,  
Sunday noon - 7 p.m.

OCTOBER

- **OCTOBER 5-7 • St. John the Baptist**  
Hamlet & Lincoln Sts., Columbus • Friday 5-11 p.m.,  
Saturday noon-11 p.m., Sunday noon-8 p.m.



Top: The St. Francis Center in McArthur, which was founded in 1979 by the Diocese of Columbus and moved to its current location in 2000. The center provided food to nearly 5,300 families and clothing to more than 1,450 families (including multiple visits by many families) last year. Right: An interior view of Zaleski St. Sylvester Church during Eucharistic adoration, which takes place there every Thursday.  
CT photos by Jack Kustron



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house which still serves as a storage and office area. Sister Christina Kraus, OSF, was its director for 16 years. She was succeeded by Sister Linda, who was there for 15 years until being reassigned by the Stella Niagara Franciscan Sisters.

The center’s current building opened in 2000. A garage was added three years ago to allow sorting and storage to be at the same site. The pantry is open Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The center also operates a mobile pantry which goes to the communities of Radcliffburg and New Plymouth on Tuesdays and Wilkesville and Zaleski on Thursdays. Proof of Vinton County residency is required, and the pantry is available once a month per family.

The clothing center is open on the first three weeks of the month on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. It is limited to residents of Vinton County on Tuesdays and is open to

anyone on Thursdays.

In addition, the center sponsors special events at Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, and before school starts to distribute food, clothing, toys, and school supplies.

Parishes from throughout the diocese have been providing donations for each of these events for many years, and this assistance has been the way most diocesan parishioners have been in contact with the center. Keita said at least 36 parishes and the organizations within them have donated goods and money since she has been director. More than 10 schools and diocesan organizations also have contributed.

“I can’t list them all because there are too many and I’m afraid I’d miss one, but their help is what keeps us open,” she said. “Our numbers for last year were up 14 percent at the pantry and 10 percent for the clothing center, so with our limited resources in terms of money

and population, the need for assistance continues to be great. Any donation, no matter the size, is a great blessing.”

The St. Francis Center is one of six diocesan-related charities taking part in the ongoing “Care Enough to Act” campaign being coordinated by the diocesan Office for Social Concerns. The others are Catholic Social Services, the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, St. Stephen’s Community House, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

For more information about the campaign, go to the diocesan website, [www.colsdioc.org](http://www.colsdioc.org), and click on the “Care Enough to Act” link on the home page. To contact the St. Francis Center directly, call Keita at (740) 596-5820. Its mailing address is 108 W. Mill St., McArthur, Ohio 45651. The pantry and clothing center are at 404 W. South St. in McArthur.

It’s unusual that Vinton County’s only Catholic church isn’t in the county seat, and the reasons for that are related to county history. Zaleski St. Sylvester Church was established in the summer of 1867, taking its name from Auxiliary Bishop Sylvester Rosecrans of Cincinnati, who became the first Bishop of Columbus when the diocese was formed the following year.

Mass was said in a store building across the street until the parish’s first church was built in 1869. It was destroyed by fire in 1929, and the current church was built at the same site in 1931.

“The church was here rather than in McArthur because this was where the action was and where the Catholics were,” said Father Joseph Trapp, pastor of St. Sylvester and Jackson Holy Trinity churches. He has been pastor of both parishes since September 2004, with retired Father Richard Engle serving as resident priest at St. Sylvester for the same period.

Vinton County reached its peak in population in the late 1800s, when furnaces were built to extract iron from ore in the region. The discovery of higher-grade ores around Lake Superior ended the iron era, and now all that’s left to recall that time are three furnaces which serve as landmarks.

During the ore boom, the village of Zaleski was built along Raccoon Creek

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Vinton County reached its peak in population in the late 1800s, when furnaces were built to extract iron from ore in the region. The discovery of higher-grade ore around Lake Superior ended the iron era, and all that's left to recall that time are three furnaces which serve as landmarks.

During the ore boom, the village of Zaleski was built along Raccoon Creek by a French company of Polish nobles, headed by Count Peter Zaleski, who laid out the town, along with rail facilities for shipment of coal and ore.

"Besides the mines, there was a plant for refurbishing Pullman rail cars here," Father Trapp said. "People tell me there were 18 bars in town at one point and it was quite a place. All that activity made this appear to be the right spot for a Catholic church at the time."

Many of the buildings from the ore boom remain, but the town has shrunk to a population of 400 people. "Now we're down to three bars and three churches – the Methodists, the Baptists, and us," Father Trapp said.

He said the parish has about 75 families, with most of them residing outside Zaleski. "Perhaps six or seven families live in the village," he said. "Many of them drive 17 or 18 miles one way each week. It's something they've done for years and it's no problem for them, because this is their heritage. We also get families camping at Lake Hope or Lake Alma in the summertime. Once in a while, people will bring grandchildren here for baptism.

"Vinton County borders on six other counties, so you'll find Vinton County people going to my church in Jackson or

**Retired Father Richard Engle (left) serves as resident priest at Zaleski St. Sylvester Church and Father Joseph Trapp is pastor of St. Sylvester and Jackson Holy Trinity churches** CT photos by Jack Kustron



the ones in Logan, Wellston, and Chillicothe in this diocese and around Athens in the Diocese of Steubenville."

"This is a parish mostly of older people, but we do have a religious education program," Father Trapp said. "It's kind of like the old one-room schoolhouse, with six elementary school students and two from high school in class together. It happens that most of the ones in elementary school are around the same age, so this year, we were able to have a first Communion class for the first time in four or five years." Those students took part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Sunday, April 29, and will receive the Eucharist together this Sunday.

"This may be a very small parish, but the people here know each other and have great concern for each other," Father Trapp said. "That certainly is true whenever there's a death in the parish

and people pitch in for bereavement meals. The people here also are great singers. What they may lack in size, they make up for in enthusiasm.

"The parishioners have shown a generous spirit toward Father Engle and me since the current arrangement involving the two parishes started eight years ago. We began Eucharistic adoration at that time as a way of helping keep the parish together. It's continued ever since and is one of the really nice things about this parish."

Adoration takes place every Thursday after the 8 a.m. Mass and continues until Benediction at 6 p.m. Masses at

the church are at 11 a.m. Sunday, 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, and 8 a.m. the other five days of the week. "I wish we could have adoration 24 hours, but the parish isn't big enough. I've been grateful we've been able to keep it going all these years," Father Engle said.

"I knew when I came here it was kind of isolated, but I didn't mind that," he added. "I'm able to say Mass every day, we have the weekly adoration, and on Wednesday evenings, we have the Mass and then people bring pies and cakes and we just sit around and talk. This has been a great place for me in retirement."

### DeSales Sports Camps

Signups for the 2012 summer sports camps at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, are taking place now through Friday, June 1. Visit the DeSales website

(www.stfrancisdesaleshs.org/future-students/athletics) to download a brochure or contact the school's athletic department at (614) 267-7808, extension 132.



### Basketball player Katie Smith visits her namesake at Trinity

Katie Smith, a fourth-grade student at Columbus Trinity Elementary School, recently did a report on the basketball great who shares her name, as part of a program on famous Ohioans. As a result, Katie Smith the basketball player came to Trinity to hear the presentation by her namesake and visit the class. She is shown in the center of the back

row. Fourth-grade teacher Kate Munhall is in back on the right. The older Katie Smith is the all-time leading scorer in the history of U.S. women's pro basketball, a three-time Olympic gold medal winner, and the only Ohio State women's basketball player to have her number retired.

**Photo courtesy Trinity Elementary School**

### Hartley summer institute

"It's Cool to Be an Eco-School!" will be the theme for the 2012 summer institute at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler Road, Columbus.

The institute is a chance for next year's seventh- and eighth-graders to get a taste of the high school experience, with art, poetry, math, and science activities led by Watterson teachers. Campers will create a travel brochure, make their own paper (and create an art masterpiece on it), create slide show presentations, and look at how landscape design can help people save on utility bills, among other activities.

To view the institute brochure online, go to [www.bishopwatterson.com](http://www.bishopwatterson.com) and click on "Quick Links," then "Summer Institute." The deadline for registration has been extended to Friday, June 1.

### Joseph's Coat needs help

Joseph's Coat, a clothing and furniture ministry of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church and two other Reynoldsburg congregations, is in need of volunteers on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 9 a.m.

Joseph's Coat recently moved to 240-C Outerbelt St., just off East Broad Street in Columbus, and expanded its hours. It now is open Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m., in addition to its previous hours of Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon, for donations of clothing, household goods, and furniture, and for visits by people in need of such items. Volunteers help by sorting and folding donated clothing and assisting with distribution.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities or donating or receiving clothing, call Pat Lutz at (614) 395-2057 or email [pghr111@aol.com](mailto:pghr111@aol.com).

### DeSales athlete signs with Mount St. Joseph



Marq Pannell of Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School has signed a letter of intent to play football at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati and will receive \$26,000 in academic scholarships and awards. Pictured just before the signing ceremony are (from left): Pannell's brother, T.J.; Rod Huber, Mount St. Joseph head coach; Pannell; and his parents, LaZette and Torrey Pannell.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

### UD recognized for Commitment to Community

The national association for student services at Catholic universities has recognized the University of Dayton for its Commitment to Community (C2C), a set of expectations for students, faculty, and staff in building the intellectual, spiritual, religious, moral, physical, and social dimensions of the university community.

The Association for Student Affairs at Catholic Colleges and Universities awarded the university its 2012 best practices award in the Dean of Students category. The award highlights programs in various student life areas that intentionally articulate Catholic identity as an integral part of a student life program.

The association selected the programs on their origi-

nal, positive impact on student learning, and firm integration of Catholic identity and institutional mission.

The University of Dayton C2C acknowledges that the Catholic moral tradition guides behavior, expectations, policies, and relationships at the university. C2C outlines key Catholic and Marianist principles and habits for community living. The principles are: community living as an essential learning experience; human dignity; and the common good. The habits are: treat yourself with respect; treat others with respect; be honest, truthful and live with integrity; develop your faith life; integrate learning and living; take responsibility for self and community; and practice servant leadership.

"When students embrace and live by these principles and habits, they are more able to become persons of great character and integrity, committed to building community in the world that is reflective of a Catholic and Marianist education," said Bill Fischer, the university's vice president for student development. "Administrators, faculty, staff, and students utilize this as a framework to engage in the hard work necessary to build the intellectual, spiritual, religious, moral, physical, and social dimensions of the educational community."

University campus ministry and student development staffs combined the C2C with targeted education programs to build better understanding and acceptance of Catholic and Marianist principles for learning and living in community and key habits for practical living. The two offices also engaged the university community in dialogue to strengthen mutual expectations and establish opportunities for students from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds to enhance their leadership skills and participation in Catholic and Marianist traditions.

The association will recognize the winners at its annual conference in July in South Bend, Ind.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter (Cycle B)

Without Christ, the branches produce nothing



Acts 9:26-31  
1 John 3:18-24  
John 15:1-8

The Acts selection for Sunday comes after Saul has undergone his conversion experience and has come to Jerusalem to meet the disciples. They are wary of him until Barnabas intervenes and brings him to the apostles.

Father Fitzmyer, in the *Anchor Bible Commentary* on Acts, suggests this would have been in 39 AD (page 439). Saul’s expertise seems to be in arguing with the “Hellenists,” meaning Greek-speaking Jews living in Jerusalem or those visiting from around the Roman Empire.

When Saul stirs things up to a boiling point, the Jerusalem Christians (“the brothers”) take him to the seacoast town of Caesarea Maritima, from where we presume he got a ship to his home in Tarsus, where he spent time. Meanwhile, Luke describes the church in Judea, Galilee, and Samaria as being at peace.

This is one of seven such one-sentence summary statements in Acts, which enable Luke to go from one period of the church’s development to another. After this, Luke will jump to a mission that Peter will undertake to the Gentiles.

Luke’s idea is that the Spirit of peace (the gift of the risen Christ to his disciples) enabled the church to grow and develop in the Holy Land and its surrounding area.

When John writes in the second reading, “let us not love in word or speech but in deed and truth,” he actually means that we **should love** in word and in speech, as well as in deed and truth! John uses irony throughout his writings, and this is one such example.

St. Brigid School Honored

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School has been recognized by the professional journal *Today’s Catholic Teacher* as a recipient of its Catholic Schools for Tomorrow Award for innovations in education. This award annually honors 12 Catholic elementary and secondary schools for their exemplary, innovative programs.

The award was presented at a banquet at the Harvard Club in Boston during the National Catholic Education Association convention last month. Msgr. Joseph Hendricks, pastor of St. Brigid of Kildare

A command to believe is, on the surface, not faith, which must be a free act. Faith, like love, cannot be commanded. Indeed, for those who belong to the community which believes (i.e., “belonging to the truth”), loving one another is the way they keep all other commandments.

The Gospel from John clearly spells out the unity of the vine with the branches. Without the vine, the branches do not produce fruit, and any branches which do not produce fruit will be cut off from the vine. The vine is Christ and the disciples are branches of the vine. With Christ, the branches will produce abundant fruit. Without Christ, the branches produce nothing. Unproductive branches will be pruned and burned. Moreover, the fruit produced glorifies the Father, who has already been identified as the vine grower.

Lots of commentators have spent lots of ink trying to decide what to call this passage. It need not have been based on anything other than John’s creative genius and knowledge of growing things. Father Raymond Brown called this a Hebrew *mashal* in his *Anchor Bible Commentary* (page 668). Elsewhere, he pointed out that *mashal* covers all figurative language, including parable, allegory, proverb, maxim, simile, metaphor, etc. Jesus, as a Jew, would certainly have known how inclusive the Hebrew term *mashal* was, and clearly used them in his teaching. We have no less reason to suppose that John, the Gospel writer, used them too.

Whatever the origin of this passage, it neatly arranges the relationship between the vine, the vine grower, and the branches. It notes that only the vine ultimately produces the fruit, and whatever the branches produce comes only because they belong to the vine.

The desperate fate of the unproductive branches (“thrown on the fire and burned”) stresses the importance of not only remaining close to Christ the vine, but also of producing the fruit that gives glory to the Father. Remaining in the vine (“in me”) enables one to ask for whatever one, wants and it will be granted. That should be all the motivation anyone needs.

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Church, received the NCEA’s Distinguished Pastor of the Year Award at the same convention.

Calvin Francis, a fifth-grade student at the school, recently participated in the southeast and central Ohio regional competition of the National Spelling Bee, placing 13th out of the 70 students who competed in the event at Ohio University.

After winning his school’s spelling bee and spelling 49 of 50 words correctly in an online test, he made it to the fifth round of the regional before misspelling “ethylene.”

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY  
Acts 14:5-18  
Psalm 115:1-5,15-16  
John 14:21-26

TUESDAY  
Acts 14:19-28  
Psalm 145:10-13ab,21  
John 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY  
Acts 15:1-6  
Psalm 122:1-5  
John 15:1-8

THURSDAY  
Acts 15:7-21  
Psalm 96:1-3,10  
John 15:9-11

FRIDAY  
Acts 15:22-31  
Psalm 57:8-12  
John 15:12-17

SATURDAY  
Acts 16:1-10  
Psalm 100:2,3,5  
John 15:18-21

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF MAY 6, 2012

**SUNDAY MASS**  
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.  
Mass with the Passionist Fathers at  
7 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville, and 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable systems for WHIZ’s and WWHO’s cable channel listings.  
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 Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).  
Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

**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 (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

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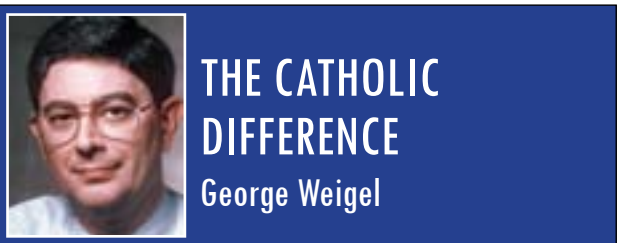
The prospect of “redecorating,” or any other form of “home improvement,” generally gets me thinking quickly about a lengthy research trip abroad. Yet I can, and recently did, spend several pleasant hours contemplating ceramics, furniture, and—would you believe it?—wallpaper. But not at Home Depot, I quickly add; rather, in a book—*Pugin: A Gothic Passion*, published in 1994 by Yale University Press in association with London’s Victoria and Albert Museum.

I dug out *Pugin*—stuck among the oversized art books in my home library for the better part of two decades—when I learned that 2012 is the bicentenary of Augustine Welby Northmore Pugin, pioneer of the Gothic Revival style and one of the aesthetic geniuses of the 19th century.

Best known for his work on the Palace of Westminster (home of the Houses of Parliament), Pugin was also an ecclesiastical architect of note, with almost 50 churches to his credit. And although the Luftwaffe and the Blitz wrecked what may have been his masterwork of church design, the Cathedral of St. George in Southwark, there are still Pugin churches to be admired throughout Great Britain, Ireland, and Australia.

As I suggested at the top, however, Pugin’s genius was not limited to architecture and other grand schemes of design. He also worked magic on a much smaller scale: custom-designed wallpaper; magnificent pieces of furniture (dining-room cabinets, armoires, tables, desks and tables); beautifully intricate ceramic tiles, plates, and dinner and tea services—all of them a delight to the eyes.

Born on March 1, 1812, Pugin was received into



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the Catholic Church in 1835, and his passion for the Gothic (by which he meant not hair-raising horror novels, but the civilization of the Middle Ages and its distinctive aesthetic) was obviously enmeshed with his religious convictions. For the Gothic, as Pugin understood it, communicated even more than that sense of transcendence that is palpable in a great medieval cathedral like Chartres.

The Gothic bespoke a sensibility about this world, the human place in it, and the moral life appropriate to men and women made in the image and likeness of God. Buildings tell us something about the people who live, work, and worship in them, Pugin believed: they tell us what those people think of themselves, their destiny and their responsibilities.

Thus, in an 1836 polemic, Pugin, arguing on behalf of the Gothic Revival to which he and Sir Charles Barry gave noblest expression in the Palace of Westminster, contrasted a medieval monastery with a 19th-century poorhouse. The monastery, Pugin noted, was a place where the monks grew their own food, made their own clothes, shared what they grew and made with others, and offered the poor a decent place to be buried. Compare this, Pugin wrote, to “a panopticon

workhouse where the poor were beaten, half-starved, and sent off after death for dissection. Each structure was the built expression of a particular view of humanity: Christianity versus Utilitarianism.”

Considering which, we may well hope that the Department of Health and Human Services never gets into the architecture business.

Pugin’s magnificent ecclesiastical architecture and church decoration, like the extraordinary interiors he designed for the Palace of Westminster, were, to adapt Blessed John Paul II, material exercises in philosophical anthropology—expressions of an idea of the human person. Pugin’s churches were built for people whose baptism had given them a unique dignity: through the eternal priesthood of Christ, exercised through the ordained ministry of the Church, the baptized were empowered to offer true worship to the Father. The same was true of the Houses of Parliament. They were designed by Barry and Pugin to reflect the dignity of self-governance among free citizens, whose participation in public affairs was another expression of their innate human dignity.

Churches that look like Pizza Huts are expressions of a dumbed-down theology and (if you’ll pardon the word twice in one column) anthropology. On Pugin’s bicentenary, the Church might well reflect on how it can do better than that.

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Annual Catholic Scout Camporee

Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation. In addition, the weekend qualifies for the retreat requirement for the Ad Altare Dei medal.

A lay apostolate formation program will be available for adults. This program helps adults to be more comfortable with and better trust each other. Through guided reflection and active participation, adults discern how they are called by Christ and his church to leadership, holiness, conversion, and worship. The process helps participants recognize the prompting of the Holy Spirit within a small community of faith.

Fees for the event, sponsored by the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, are \$30 for older youths and accompanying adults and \$20 for the younger group. Fees will be reduced by \$5 until Wednesday, May 9. The fee includes a patch, meals, activities and crafts, and a camp cup. All participants will need to bring a water bottle. Boy Scouts will need to bring their own tents and sleeping gear. All other dining utensils will be supplied. Camping for individual Scout troops or groups is available with registration.

The Scouting committee also has scheduled addi-

tional “jump start” workshops to help Boy and Girl Scouts get started on meeting requirements for 11 Scouting-related Catholic religious awards, so they can get all or most of the necessary work completed during the summer.

The workshops will be from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. on three consecutive Wednesdays: May 9, in the activity center of Plain City St. Joseph Church, 670 W. Main St.; May 16, at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd.; and May 23, at Marion St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St.

Information will be available on the following awards: for Girl Scouts: Family of God, I Live My Faith, Marian Medal, and Spirit of Life; for Cub Scouts: Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei; for Boy Scouts: Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII; and for all young people and adults: Rosary Patch, Pope John Paul I Patch, and Footsteps of American Saints patches.

*For more details on the camporee or emblem programs, go to www.cdeducation/org/oym/scouts.htm. Information also is available from Chuck Lamb at (614) 882-7806 or chucklamb007@aol.com.*



# Pray for our dead

BELLAMY, Dolores A., April 26  
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

BISACCIA, Dr. Emilio, 60, formerly of Columbus, April 21  
St. James Church, Basking Ridge, N.J.

BORDENKIRCHER, Walter “Bud,” 75, April 22  
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

BROYLES, Lois M., 69, formerly of Columbus, April 23  
St. Andrew Church, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

FANTOZZI, Elena, 81, April 29  
St. Michael Church, Worthington

FENWICK, Donna M., April 26  
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

FISHER, Rosemary L., 81, April 14  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

FORRESTER, Virginia C., 94, April 28  
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

FREIERMUTH, Wayne E., 93, April 18  
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

FROEHLICH, Dorothy J., 85, April 28  
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

GARRISON, Violet L., 93, April 27  
St. Stephen Church, Columbus

HANKINSON, James E., 76, April 12  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

HANSON, Helen L., 104, April 23  
Christ the King Church, Columbus

IMBER, Charles A., 90, April 23  
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

KEENAN, Michael, 61, April 24  
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

LISTON, Patricia A., 77, April 19  
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

LYNCH, Mary J., 87, April 11  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

NEFFENGER, Lucille A., 51, of Columbus, April 26  
St. Agnes Church, Elyria

O’CONNOR, Ralph S., 90, April 20  
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

PYLES, Robert H., 68, April 25  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

RODDY, Patrick L., 76, April 28  
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

ROSZMAN, Mary L., 78, April 21  
St. Mary Church, Marion

SAMPSON, Mary A., 83, April 24  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

SCHAEFER, Mark J., 87, April 23  
St. Colman of Cloyne Church, Washington Court House

SCHARF, Michael, 52, March 30  
Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton

SCHUMICK, David J., 71, April 24  
St. Mary Church, Columbus

SIMCOE, Dorothy F., 87, April 23  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

SOBAS, Marjorie, 82, April 16  
St. Mary Church, Marion

STROHL, Ronald G., 68, April 26  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

TANGI, Minnie L., 87, April 27  
Holy Family Church, Columbus

WEBB, Lawrence “Jerry,” 76, April 25  
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

WELCH, Florence M., 92, April 26  
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

WILSON, Joseph B., 82, April 14  
Church of the Atonement, Crooksville

## Sister Ruth Ann Gardner, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Ruth Ann Gardner, OP, 87, who died Wednesday, April 25, was held Friday, April 27, at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born Dec. 4, 1924, in Steubenville to Jerome and Ruth (Loftus) Gardner, and earned a bachelor of science degree from the College of St. Mary of the Springs (now Ohio Dominican University) and a master of arts degree from the University of Dayton.

She entered the novitiate of the former Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs in Columbus in 1943 and made her profession of vows in 1944. She ministered in the Diocese of Columbus from 1968-70 at Somerset

Holy Trinity School, taught at schools in Steubenville and Pennsylvania, and was principal of schools in Steubenville and New Mexico.

She also spent 24 years ministering to the poor in New Mexico and Texas, and served the congregation for more than a decade at the Motherhouse as director of maintenance and supplies, superior of the Motherhouse, and administrative assistant. She was a resident volunteer at the Motherhouse before moving to the Mohun Health Care Center in 2008.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and sisters, Nancy Kukor and Eleanor Schnabel. She is survived by her sister, Ann Adey, and nieces and nephews.

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## HAPPENINGS

### MAY

3, THURSDAY  
**All-School Mass at Hartley With Bishop Campbell**  
10 a.m., Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler Road, Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates all-school Mass. **614-237-5421**

**Red Mass at Cathedral**  
5:15 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual Red Mass for people in decision-making positions in all branches of government, with Bishop Frederick Campbell as principal celebrant and Msgr. Stephan Moloney as homilist. **614-221-3151**

**20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick**  
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Weekly meeting of parish’s new 20s Group. All young adults invited. Begins with Holy Hour, followed at 8 by program. **614-406-9516**

**NFP Information Session at Newman Center**  
7 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Information session for Natural Family Planning. Register at [www.buckeyeatholic.com/marriage](http://www.buckeyeatholic.com/marriage).

4, FRIDAY  
**St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**  
St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.

**Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**  
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.

**Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club**  
12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club meal, with Jim Tobin, social concerns director, Catholic Conference of Ohio, speaking. Details at [www.columbuscatholicmen.com](http://www.columbuscatholicmen.com).

**St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale**  
4 to 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. First Friday sale of pirog, stuffed cabbage, noodles, and baked goods. **614-882-7578**

**Ordination of Transitional Deacons at Cathedral**  
7 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Ordination of Michael Gentry and Matthew Morris as transitional deacons by Bishop Frederick Campbell.

**All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory**  
Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by church’s Knights of Columbus council and Columbus Serra Club.

4-6, FRIDAY-SUNDAY  
**‘The Music Man’ at Bishop Ready**  
7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday, 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday. Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. School production of Meredith Willson’s “The Music Man.” **614-276-5263**

5, SATURDAY  
**Mary’s Little Children Prayer Group**  
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. **614-861-4888**

**Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City**  
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. **614-565-8654**

Cinco de Mayo Celebrations

Cinco de Mayo celebrations featuring Mexican food and music are scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m. at All Saints Academy, 2855 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (sponsored by Columbus Christ the King Church); from 6 to 9 p.m. at the parish life center of Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus (sponsored by Columbus St. Stephen Church); and at 6:30 p.m. at the McEwan Center of St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus.

6, SUNDAY  
**Exposition at Church of the Resurrection**  
Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning with procession into chapel following 11 a.m. Mass and continuing to 5 p.m. **614-933-9318**

**Community Kitchen Appreciation Lunch**  
1 to 4 p.m., Community Kitchen at St. John Center. 640 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus. Appreciation lunch and fund raising event featuring Pampered Chef appetizers. **614-252-6428, extension 237**

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

**Columbus Children’s Choir Concert at St. Joan of Arc**  
7 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Columbus International Children’s Choir spring concert. **614-761-0905**

7, MONDAY  
**Aquinas Alumni Luncheon**  
Noon, Walter Student Commons, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Monthly Columbus Aquinas High School alumni luncheon.

**Marian Prayer Group**  
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass for Catholic family life. **614-235-7435**

**Charismatic Prayer Group at St. Thomas**  
7 p.m., St. Thomas Church, 2692 E. 5th Ave., Columbus. Meeting of Charismatic Prayer Group. **614-832-9525**

8, TUESDAY  
**Serra Club of North Columbus Day of Reflection**  
9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus annual day of reflection and installation of officers, with Mass, spiritual conferences led by Msgr. Eugene Morris, STL, and lunch. Reservations required. **614-488-3773**

**‘EnCourage’ Support Group Mass and Meeting**  
6 p.m. Mass, followed by 7 p.m. meeting of a new Columbus-area Catholic organization providing solace, support, and counsel for parents and relatives of those with a same-sex attraction. **614-372-5249**

**Marian Movement of Priests Event at Holy Name**  
6:30 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Maian Movement of Priests, with Mass, consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary recital, reading of message from Our Lady, and meditation. **614-262-0390**

**Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark**  
7 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting. **740-653-4919**

**Pro-Life Prayer Service at St. Peter**  
7:30 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Ecumenical prayer service for the success of the pro-life movement, sponsored by Greater Columbus Right to Life. **614-485-8508**

9, WEDNESDAY  
**Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves**  
2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves book club with Dominican Sisters Marialein Anzenberger and Colleen Gallagher. **614-416-1910**

**Jump Start Workshop for Scouts at Plain City**  
6:30 to 8 p.m., Activity center, St. Joseph Church, 670 W. Main St., Plain City. Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting jump start workshop for Cub, Boy, and Girl Scouts interested in getting an early start in fulfilling requirements for one or more Catholic religious emblems. **614-882-7806**

10, THURSDAY  
**20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick**  
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Weekly meeting of parish’s new 20s Group. All young adults invited. Begins with Holy Hour, followed at 8 by program. **614-406-9516**

11, FRIDAY  
**Bishop Ready ‘Knight’ at the Races**  
7 p.m., Darby House, Darby Dan Farm, 925 Darby Creek Drive, Galloway. “Knight” at the Races benefiting Columbus Bishop Ready High School student financial assistance fund, featuring horse racing videos, silent auction, Derby hat contest, and dinner. **614-276-7827**

**Bishop Watterson Band Boosters Dinner and Auction**  
7:30 p.m., Brookside Country Club, 2770 W. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. “Swingtime in Paris: A Jazz Night Out” dinner and silent auction sponsored by Columbus Bishop Watterson High School band boosters, preceded by cocktail hour at 6:30. **614-395-7741**

12, SATURDAY  
**Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City**  
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. **614-565-8654**

**Morning of Reflection at Sts. Peter and Paul Center**  
9 a.m. to noon, Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. Morning of reflection for mothers and daughters, with Sister Janice Bachman, OP, including brunch. **740-928-4246**

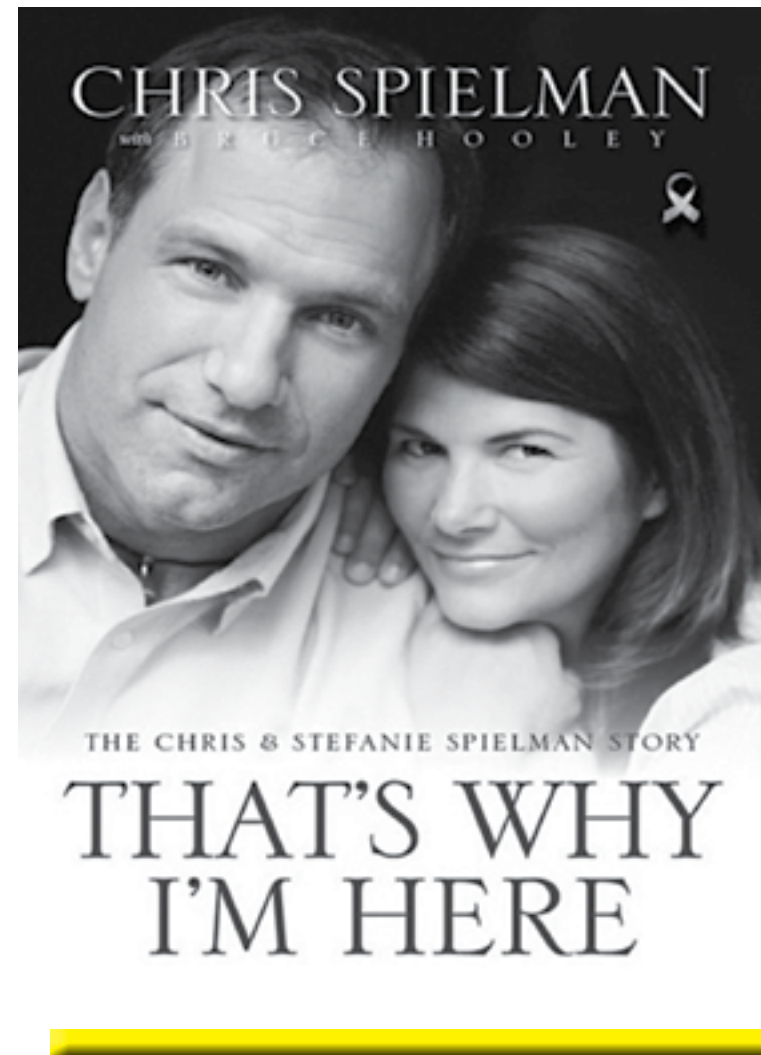
**Columbus Catholic Women’s Breakfast**  
9 a.m. to noon, Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Breakfast program for women, sponsored by Columbus Catholic Women’s Conference. Begins with Mass celebrated by Msgr. Romano Ciotola, followed by breakfast and talk and question-and-answer session with Dr. Michael Parker. Topic: “Finding Balance -- Body, Mind, and Soul.” Register at [www.columbus-catholicwomen.com](http://www.columbus-catholicwomen.com).

**Baccalaureate and Graduation at Josephinum**  
St. Turibius Chapel, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. 9 a.m., Baccalaureate Mass, followed at 11:15 a.m. by college’s 113th annual graduation ceremony. **614-885-5585**

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

14, MONDAY  
**Calix Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick**  
6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous. **614-406-2939**





It was Good Friday and Chris Spielman gathered his four children at their mother's gravesite on one of their frequent visits to the cemetery.

It was an unseasonably warm and sunny day in Ohio, the kind of day that Stefanie Spielman would have liked.

She enjoyed the outdoors. She cherished her family. And she loved spreading rays of sunshine to other cancer patients and caregivers waging a similar battle with the dreaded disease.

"No gloom and doom," she would say, especially when her family saw her suffering or when treatments reduced her to a shell of her once-vibrant self.

Chris and the kids prayed and shared memories about their beloved Stefanie, who died in November 2009 after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer that eventually spread to her brain and spine.

"We sat around the grave and told the Good Friday story," Chris said in a recent interview

with *Catholic Times*. "Christ endured, His body was beaten, and when He had gone home, He was fully restored in all His glory. After (hearing) that, they're not going to mourn. They're going to celebrate the life that she now has. My kids get that for the most part. They really do.

"I didn't plan on doing that on Good Friday, but it just kind of happened. I think it happened for a reason."

Stefanie Spielman never doubted the reason that God put her on earth. Chris Spielman, the former Ohio State All-American and NFL linebacker, makes that perfectly clear in "That's Why I'm Here," the book he wrote with Bruce Hooley about the couple's public crusade against breast cancer.

The book, which arrived in retail stores this week, is also available online at Amazon.com and other outlets.

Spielman, who has worked as a college football analyst

for ESPN since 2001, discussed the impact he hopes the book will have last week while promoting its release.

He spoke about Stefanie's deep love for God being the foundation of her fight. It gave the high-school sweethearts – and their children – the perseverance to soldier on through the initial breast-cancer diagnosis in 1998 and the four recurrences that ultimately led to her death at age 42 in November 2009.

"I believe that Stefanie knew what God had in mind for her and what God intended, and knew that her days on this earth were numbered because of the reality of cancer," Spielman said. "But she also knew that she had a greater good to serve. To me, the best thing she could ever hear was 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'"

From the time she received her initial cancer diagnosis until the end of her battle, Spielman never heard his wife complain about being chosen to carry the cross of cancer.

He recounted in the book an incident that occurred while driving to visit the doctor after

learning Stefanie had breast cancer. As Spielman pulled the car to a stop sign at an intersection, anger welled inside him and he pounded a fist repeatedly on the steering wheel in frustration, angrily screaming about the injustice of the diagnosis. She immediately scolded him, saying he had no right to complain when they had received so many blessings in their lives.

"That statement she made to me made me stop, turn around and look at everything that God has done for us," Spielman said. "Who am I to question 'Why? Why? Why? It's not fair?' It is fair. Right then and there, I knew her faith was strong. I also knew that it was everything to her. She understood what she was supposed to do and how to do it."

A football fan perceives Chris Spielman as a hard-hitting, committed, passionate athlete. His obsession with the sport became legendary in Ohio. From being on the cover of the Wheaties box as a high-school standout in Massillon, to his glory years at Ohio State and then the NFL, Chris was to-



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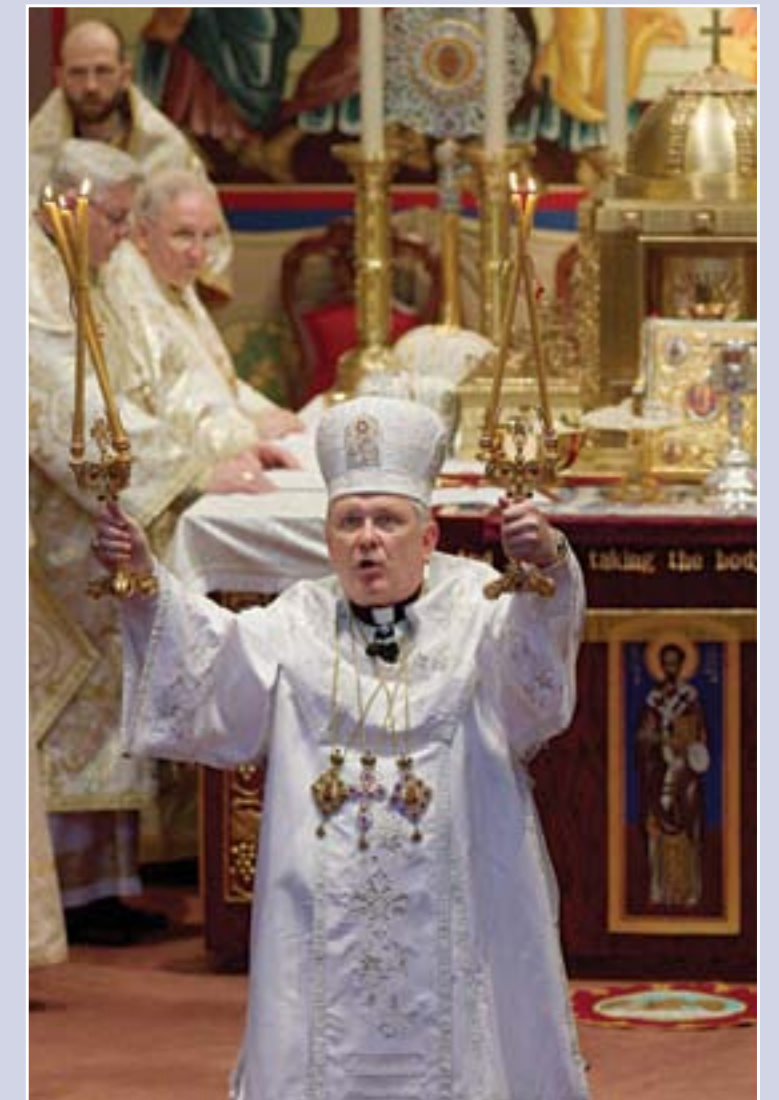


Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago places a flower on April 25 atop one of the boxes containing the remains of 120 unborn children after presiding over the burial of some of the bodies, which were found stockpiled at a medical examiner's office. Earlier this year, the Archdiocese of Chicago offered as many as 300 graves to help clear the backlog of remains waiting for burial at the Cook County Morgue. CNS photo/ Karen Callaway, Catholic New World



Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, Ill., walks through downtown Peoria on April 14 with more than 500 men during a "Call to Catholic Men of Faith" march. After the silent, mile-long walk to St. Mary's Cathedral, Bishop Jenky used some of the strongest language yet by a church official in protesting the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' contraceptive mandate.

CNS photo/Daryl Wilson, The Catholic Post



Archbishop William C. Skurla gives a blessing during an April 18 Divine Liturgy marking his enthronement as head of the Byzantine Archeparchy of Pittsburgh at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Munhall, Pa. Archbishop Skurla was appointed to the post by Pope Benedict XVI.

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## ST. MARY'S "SKYPES" WITH PHYSICIST



Sixth-grade students at Lancaster St. Mary School had the opportunity to learn from a scientist at the Lawrence Livermore Nuclear Lab in Livermore, Calif.

Physicist Mike Messerly connected with the class online via Skype and shared a Power Point presentation he prepared explaining fission and fusion, two forms of energy which the class has been studying.

Messerly graduated from St. Mary School in 1973 and Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School in 1977. His nephew, Alex Blackston, a sixth-grader at St. Mary in the 6th grade, came up with the idea to invite his uncle.

"Several students had questions which I couldn't answer," said St. Mary science teacher Stephanie Novena. "I said we should ask a nuclear physicist, at which point Alex said his uncle was a nuclear physicist. One thing led to another, and Mike contacted us to make the Skype call."

Skype is a Voice-over-Internet Protocol (VoIP) service which allows users to communicate by voice, video, or instant messaging over the Internet.

The students had an opportunity after the

presentation to ask questions of Messerly, and he was able to immediately respond. The questions ranged from "How did you get interested in this?" to "How many grams do the lasers weigh?"

Novena said this was a great opportunity to show the students how they can use technology to connect with people from the community who are using science in the real world. "The students got a great example of how the information we learn about in their books is being used by people every day," she said.

"He explained things really well" was the comment from sixth-grader Simon Bee.

"It was awesome the way we could communicate with him," said Keegan Christie, another sixth-grader.

Messerly, a native of Lancaster, used the opportunity to encourage students to explore what interests them and shared ways science is being used to find new forms of energy.

"Many big problems still need to be solved, including the search for alternate sources of energy, and I know that when central Ohio rolls up its sleeves, great things happen."

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serious neck injury forced him to retire. Just like that, his football playing career was history.

A few years earlier, such news might have devastated him. Accepting the end still wasn't easy. But considering what Stefanie was going through, he understood that it was part of God's plan.

Without faith, Chris said, there's no way either of them could have fought the fight and run the race, tirelessly raising funds, awareness, and a family.

"I think it would have been miserable," he said. "I don't know how people do it. I really don't know. I think faith helps you deal with any anger that you have, any bitterness. I think faith helps you handle the situation."

"Don't get me wrong, I had my arguments with God. I had my wrestling matches. I had my bargain deals. What am I going to do? Lie to God if I'm frustrated?"

"My faith is why I am where I am. It's why I can be happy and live a normal life and just enjoy everything again. It took a while. It took a good year."

Writing the book was a way to champion Stefanie's mission and inspire others.

"It wasn't easy," Spielman said. "This whole journey has been about serving a greater purpose and a greater good. You have a mission that you're supposed to

do. That's why you are here. It's hard, but it's necessary. She wanted it done, so you do it."

In the book, Spielman included some testimonials of the encouragement Stefanie provided to countless people engaged in the same cancer fight. Her message to them was always one of faith and hope – never in a threatening, confrontational way, but by her actions. Stefanie's gentle spirit was infectious and engaging.

Her selfless charity while she was so sick was truly a work of mercy. She never wanted pity or recognition, Spielman said. She was more concerned about her family and others battling the disease than herself.

If anyone ever worried about bothering her or asking for some sort of favor, she simply responded, "that's why I'm here." Doctors, nurses, cancer patients, family members, and caregivers marvel at the difference she made in so many lives.

"Hopefully, (her story) will provide hope ... that they're not going through this alone," Spielman said. "I remember thinking that nobody understands what I go through. Sometimes you feel like nobody can feel what you feel, so hopefully this book brings all those stories together that people can relate with it and be able to connect with somebody

and at least some person in the world understands what they're feeling."

The Spielmans' commitment to the sanctity of life was tested after the birth of their third child, Macy, when doctors discovered the cancer had returned.

While taking a new drug as part of the treatment, Stefanie became pregnant again with the couple's fourth child. Doctors weren't sure what effect the drug would have on the baby in the womb. The Spielmans were presented with the option to terminate the pregnancy.

"I had this picture in this mind that some evil man knocked on my front door and had a baby in one hand and my wife in the other and said, 'OK, you choose,'" Spielman said. "What one do you want around? Here's a chance to put into action what we think and believe. You have to take a leap of faith and, not knowing how the baby's going to turn out, you just have to trust God with it."

Audrey arrived early – and perfectly healthy. Now she's a beautiful 9-year-old, hat-trick-scoring soccer girl.

"It's something where at times you've got to submit," Spielman said. "And submit carries a negative connotation in our society. But there are times in our life when you've got to submit and trust. And that's what we did."

Spielman said his four children have handled losing their mother remarkably well. The oldest, Maddie, a high-school senior, has started a blog to help kids facing similar situations. Noah is a sophomore who could follow his father's footsteps into college football.

"You pray for grace and mercy," Spielman said. "That's not to say they don't have their own individual challenges. They deal with it. It's God answering a prayer."

"My daughter said in an interview when she was asked a question, 'Do you wish she were still here?' 'Of course, I wish she were still here. But that would be selfish of me, now wouldn't it.' That's a very true statement. I think it's a reflection of her faith."

The Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research and Stefanie Spielman Fund for Patient Assistance exceeded \$10 million in April. Chris is proud to say that 100 percent of the money goes to research at The Ohio State University Medical Center or to aid cancer victims or caregivers in need.

"As long as cancer's around, we'll be around, she'll be around," Spielman said. "It's also a great tribute to her that she can still impact peoples' lives in a positive way with the way she lived her life."