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**CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH:
THE BODY OF CHRIST ON THE SOUTH SIDE**

The Editor's Notebook

The Body of Christ

By David Garick, Editor



The Church has just observed the wonderful feast of Corpus Christi, the commemoration of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. I have always felt a very special affection for this feast. It memorializes that greatest of gifts that Christ gave to all of us. In the mystery of the Eucharist, he makes good on his promise, “Lo, I am with you always until the close of the age.” At every Mass, he comes into our midst: body, blood, soul, and divinity.

And not only is he present on the holy altar, he comes into our very bodies, becoming one with us. We ourselves become united with the very creator and savior of the universe. But the miracle does not end there. Because we are all united with Christ, we are also united with each other. We become individual parts of the much larger continuing Body of Christ on earth – the Church.

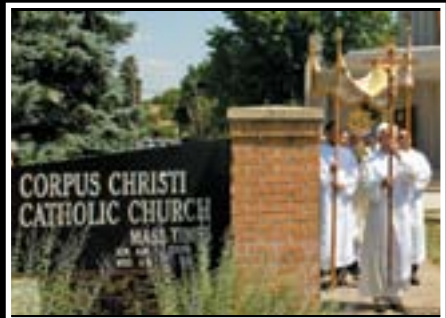
This is why the Church is so much more than an organization or association. The Church is a living, breathing manifestation of God himself. We do not shape the church to reflect our own desires or our own aspirations. The Church shapes us to live in love and unity with one another as members of the mystical Body of Christ himself.

This issue of *Catholic Times* looks at how the body of Christ is expressed in the parish that carries the very name Corpus Christi here in Columbus. I think you will see clearly how the Body of Christ is expressed in devotion to God, unity of spirit, and love of neighbor by this parish that stands as a beacon of faith on the south side.

At the feast of Corpus Christi, we often hear that most beautiful of Latin hymns, César Franck’s “Panis Angelicus.” The words were originally penned by St. Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century. Translated into English, they say, in part:

*The angelic bread becomes the bread of men;
The heavenly bread ends all prefigurations: that wonder!
The Lord is eaten by a poor and humble servant.
Triune God,
We beg of you: visit us,
just as we worship you.
By your ways,
lead us where we are heading,
to the light in which you dwell.
Amen.*

Corrections: A story in the June 3 Catholic Times on the ordination of Father Michael Hinterschied included an erroneous quote from Bishop Frederick Campbell’s homily. In the homily, the bishop described St. Francis de Sales, patron of the Diocese of Columbus, as “a powerful rebuke to the atheist philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, who once jibed that Christians would do a better job of evangelization if they looked redeemed.” The story incorrectly said “reformed” was the last word of the sentence. It also incorrectly referred to Jesus as having “read what is known as the priestly prayer” to his disciples at the Last Supper. The prayer was not read, but was spoken at the conclusion of Jesus’ discourse to the disciples. A caption in the May 20 Times incorrectly identified Msgr. Anthony Borrelli in a picture of the confirmation class at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.



Front Page photo:

The annual parish procession of the Blessed Sacrament to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi gets under way on Sunday, June 10, at Columbus Corpus Christi Church.

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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Clergy Assignments

These appointments become effective Tuesday, July 10.

Retirements

Father Homer D. Blubaugh, from Priest Moderator, St. Agnes and St. Aloysius Churches, Columbus, to retirement.

Father Michael F. Nimocks, from Pastor, St. Mary Church, Marion, to retirement.

Father F. Richard Snoke, from Pastor, St. Luke Church, Danville, to retirement.

Pastors

Father James H. Hatfield, III, from Administrator Pro-tem, St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark, to Pastor, St. Colman of Cloyne Church, Washington Court House.

Father Dwayne A. McNew, from Pastor, Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth, to Pastor, St. Mary Church, Marion.

Father Jan C.P. Sullivan, from

Pastor, St. Colman of Cloyne Church, Washington Court House, to Pastor, St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark.

Father Victor Wesolowski, from Parochial Vicar, Perry County Consortium of Catholic Parishes (St. Bernard Church, Corning; St. Patrick Church, Junction City; Church of the Atonement, Crooksville; and St. Rose Church, New Lexington), to Pastor, St. Luke Church, Danville.

Parochial Vicars

Father Daniel Dury, from Parochial Vicar, St. Paul Church, Westerville, to Parochial Vicar, Perry County Consortium of Catholic Parishes (St. Bernard Church, Corning; St. Patrick Church, Junction City; Church of the Atonement, Crooksville; and St. Rose Church, New Lexington).

Father Michael Hinterschied, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, St. Paul Church, Westerville.

Catholic Times is on vacation!

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

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700 PEOPLE RALLY IN COLUMBUS FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

On June 8, 1789, James Madison introduced the constitutional amendments which came to be known as the Bill of Rights at the first session of the U.S. Congress.

On the same day 223 years later, thousands of people, practicing their First Amendment rights to speak and assemble freely and to petition for redress of grievances, gathered in Columbus and across the nation to voice opposition to what they feel is a government attempt to limit their right to religious freedom, as expressed in that same amendment.

Stand Up for Religious Freedom rallies took place in 164 cities to protest the proposed U.S. Department of Health and Human Services mandate that all employee health plans include provisions for free contraceptives, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs, even if doing so would violate an employer’s moral or religious beliefs.

Organizers said about 63,000 people came to the noontime rallies nationwide this past Friday, with about 700 gathering at the John W. Bricker Federal Building in downtown Columbus. Most speakers at the local rally spoke of the support the nation’s founding fathers gave to religious liberty and said the mandate was a violation of both the intent and the spirit of the Bill of Rights.

The first speaker, Deacon Thomas Berg Jr., chancellor of the Diocese of Columbus, quoted from Madison in saying that “Religion ... can be directed only by reason or and conviction, nor by force.”

“The federal government has enacted policies that compel many of us to pay for and support activities that are anathema to our beliefs,” Deacon Berg said. “We are deeply grateful that we have



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the liberty to practice our faith according to the tenets of our Church alone and not according to government standards. That is the way it has been since our nation’s birth, and that is the way it must remain.”

He noted that the bishops of the United States, in their recent statement on religious freedom, said, “To be Catholic and American should mean not having to choose one over the other. Our allegiances are distinct, but they need not be contradictory.”

Sister Mary Michael Carlton, OP, principal of Worthington St. Michael School, spoke of the importance of the First Amendment’s religious freedom guarantee to the nation’s Catholic and private schools.

She described a faith-based education as one “not driven by test scores or the type of success the world tells us is

good. Our goal is to get to heaven, and, through the First Amendment, we are guaranteed the right to teach our children how to get there.”

“We are not far from dying from our faith,” Sister Mary Michael said as she urged people to take part in the Fortnight for Freedom campaign of prayer, fasting, penance, and sacrifice being sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops from June 21 to July 4 to emphasize the nation’s heritage of religious liberty.

Dr. David Forbes, pastor of the Columbus Christian Center, also recalled the spirit of James Madison, saying Madison and the rest of the nation’s founders “knew a nation without a reasonable and flowing commitment to religious liberty is not a nation at all.” Forbes described himself as a Madisonian, saying “it’s not enough to

disagree with the mandate. We have to speak against it and say ‘This will not stand.’”

Other speakers at the event were Rabbi Cary Kozberg of the Wexner Heritage Center; Father Nicholas Hughes of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral; Pastor Brad Kochis of Lifepoint Church in Columbus; and Alicia Healy, a former candidate for the Ohio Senate.

Related rallies also took place Friday in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, and Toledo, in every state except Vermont and West Virginia, and in Washington, D.C. They were the second coordinated series of such events since the Health and Human Services Department announced in January that it planned to require all employer health plans to comply with the mandate. The first set of rallies took place at 145 sites on March 23.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM SERVICES AND EVENTS

BLESSED SACRAMENT

394 E. Main St., Newark
Evening Prayer, Thursday, June 28, 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

6300 Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany
Evening Prayer, Thursday, June 21, 7 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

414 E. North Broadway, Columbus
Office of Social Concerns Forum on Religious Liberty, Wednesday June 17, 7 p.m.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

5133 Walnut Road S.E., Buckeye Lake
Evening Prayer, Monday, July 2, 7 p.m.

POPE JOHN XXIII

5170 Winchester Southern Road, Canal Winchester
Evening Prayer, Saturday, June 30, 4 p.m.

SACRED HEART, COSHOCTON

805 Main St., Coshocton
14 days of Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. each night (6 p.m. Saturdays, June 23 & 30).

SETON PARISH

600 Hill Road N., Pickerington

Evening Prayer, Sunday, July 1, 5 p.m.

ST. AGNES

2364 West Mound St., Columbus
The St. Agnes community will attend the West Deanery Evening Prayer service at St. Cecilia Church on Sunday, July 1, 4 p.m.

ST. ANDREW

1899 McCoy Road, Columbus
The Northwest Deanery will celebrate Evening Prayer for all parishes in the deanery on Sunday, July 1, at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew Church.

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By Rick Jeric

Chat

Did you have an enriching and spiritually enlightening experience with the Most Holy Trinity during the past two weeks? If you recall, the Gospel on Trinity Sunday specifically told us that some of the disciples of Jesus had doubt, even after the many signs and wonders He performed before their very eyes. And, yes, even after the wondrous gift of the Holy Spirit, some doubt remained. We are human, and that is always part of our challenge, both as a gift and as a part of a doubtful future. It is acceptable for us to be sinners and to recognize our shortcomings. It is unacceptable for us to stop there. If doubt defeats us and causes despair, then we are finished. But we pursue good over evil and reconciliation over indifference. In our lifetime as pilgrims, we must strive for holiness, and the doubt ebbs and flows with our weak human condition. It does not rationalize our sinfulness away, but it keeps us focused on the ultimate prize of which St. Paul writes: eternal life with our triune God in Heaven. With good and sincere effort and dedication, along with regular sacramental reconciliation and reception of the Eucharist, our doubt gives way to joy, love, and confidence.

We all know how acutely the electronic media have changed our lives. Computers have evolved in a relatively few years to the point where they are an intimate part of everything we do. The Internet has had an exponential impact, too. No matter how much or how little you use it personally, the world around us has changed forever as a result. I happen to be very open to new technology, but I understand the need for caution and discretion. One of the things I enjoy most is the ability to “chat” with friends. The one regular example I can share involves a small group of friends from high school. Of course, when I was in high school, all telephones had cords, televisions were not monitors and they had tubes, and all keyboards were on a typewriter that needed a ribbon. Our small group communicates by email randomly throughout each day. We can choose to respond as often or as little as we wish, depending on the subject matter. We are all different now, 36 years later, and it is great to discuss and debate many issues. It is wonderful to see that we have retained our Christian faith, albeit to varying degrees. Much of what we “chat” about will always end up being evaluated in a very Christian and brotherly way. Good and faithful stewardship has been maintained in the hearts, minds, and lives of my friends. It is both humbling and encouraging. I am humbled because each time that I think I really have it “together,” I am inspired by the very Christian and loving insights of my friends. I am encouraged because they have families, friends, and coworkers who are impacted positively by their example. This is stewardship and faith in action. That is our mission. When we live our faith, we are living examples of the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ. Even though we are simply “chatting” by email, I always enjoy the responses from one friend in particular, who always ends his commentary with, “Your brother in Jesus Christ.”

Our practical challenge these next two weeks is to “chat” as a good and faithful steward, proclaiming and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Certainly we know that we have a great impact on those around us by how we live each day. We work hard to be good stewards with our time, talent, and treasure. Take the time to take advantage of the impact we can have electronically. Find ways – both subtle and direct – to remind our friends, family, and business acquaintances that we are good Christian stewards and that we are not afraid to profess our faith in Jesus Christ and live His love. During the next two weeks, think about what you might say in your “signature” as you e-mail, text, Facebook, or tweet.

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

Sister Mary Vuong makes Perpetual Vows

On Saturday, May 26, the Dominican Sisters of Peace, headquartered in Columbus, celebrated the perpetual profession of vows of Sr. Mary Vuong, OP at the congregation’s Great Bend, Kansas, Motherhouse.

Prioress Margaret Ormond, OP (*pictured on left*), received Sister Mary’s vows, traveling from Columbus with many other sisters for the event.

Sister Mary’s friend Father Anthony Nguyen, a diocesan priest from Jackson, Miss., presided at the Mass. It was the vigil Mass of Pentecost, commemorating the day when Jesus’ disciples were given the Holy Spirit and sent out to preach the Gospel, which proved the perfect theme for Sister Mary’s profession weekend.

Sister Mary was overjoyed to have present at the event her parents, Thu Vuong and Moi Vu, and her sister, Jamie, brother-in-law, Darren, and their children, Jerie, Devin, and Hailey, who traveled from her hometown of Houston for the occasion. Also there to celebrate were friends, family, and Dominican sisters from throughout the United States, including some from Louisville and St. Catharine, Ky.

JOIN Annual Mass of Thanksgiving

The Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs will honor its volunteers, friends, and benefactors at its annual Mass of Thanksgiving at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

Bishop Frederick Campbell will celebrate the Mass, with Father Michael Lumpe, diocesan vicar of priests and pastor of Columbus St. Catharine Church, as concelebrant. A reception in the cathedral undercroft will follow.

Following Mass, JOIN’s annual awards will be presented by Mark Huddy, diocesan moderator for social concerns; Jon Altman, president of the JOIN advisory board; and Ruth Beckman, the agency’s director.

Vickie Meyer of Columbus Holy Cross Church will receive the Betty Kegelmeyer Award, with

Cheryl’s Cookies (Elizabeth Allwein accepting) as the recipient of the Mary Margaret Roach Award, and Joseph Finan of St. Catharine Church being honored with the Father Thomas Cadden Award.

In addition, special awards will be presented to The HCS Foundation (Michael Schott accepting) and Larry Woerner Jr. (Larry Woerner Sr. accepting).

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READY SIGNINGS

Two Columbus Bishop Ready High School athletes signed college letters of intent in mid-May. Nicole Brown (left) has accepted a cross country scholarship to Ohio Dominican University. Ciara Carr will play soccer at St. Catharine College in Springfield, Ky.

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Each year, St. Paul’s Outreach awards two SPO missionaries the honor of Missionary of the Year. These students exemplify life on mission through reaching out to their peers, committing themselves to a life of prayer and relationship with God, and truly handing over their lives as servants of the Lord. Pictured are this year’s winners, Ohio State University students Melissa Braunlin and Andrew Zuk. In the center is Andrew Kebe, SPO director for Ohio. To find out more about St. Paul’s Outreach, visit its blog at <http://stpaulsoutreach.wordpress.com> or its website, www.spoweb.org

Photo courtesy St. Paul’s Outreach

PATHWAYS TO PEACE PROGRAM

The Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, will present a program titled “The Language of Compassion: How Peace Begins with Me,” featuring Katherine Murphy Mertzlufft and Tom Carlisi, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 16. To register, call the center at (614) 416-1920 or visit www.martindeporrescenter.net by June 15.

“Let peace begin with me,” a line from a familiar hymn, sounds like a simple enough idea until we find ourselves facing the challenges and realities of individual differences, opinions, needs, and agendas. The way we communicate with each other can build peace or create conflict. Can you envision a world where honest expression, being fully heard and experiencing heartfelt connection, is possible? If peace begins with me, how does my own sense of clarity of needs and nonjudgmental consciousness contribute to building peaceful and rich relationships?

This experiential workshop will explore the basic principles of compassionate communication, also known as nonviolent communication. The presenters will introduce this way of communication as a pathway to facilitate a flow of communication that allows us to resolve differences peacefully. By improving the quality of connection with ourselves and others, we contribute to bringing peace into our everyday lives and relationships and thus into the world we touch.

Mertzlufft is a spiritual director and a certified life coach in a process called Guiding Mindful Change. Involved with the practice of compassionate communication for several years, she is passionate about its value as a spiritual practice and for developing a consciousness for compassionate living. She is a Paulist associate and serves as the lay leader of the reconciliation ministry leadership team at the St. Thomas More Newman Center. Carlisi has a master’s degree from The Ohio State University in education and special services and is a graduate of the Family Therapy Institute of Cincinnati. He has provided counseling, training and consultation services for more than 30 years in Franklin County, specializing in conflict resolution. He was instrumental in bringing nonviolent communication to the Columbus area and has continued to foster its growth and impact across central Ohio.

A quick note from:

THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

OUR SUNDAY LITURGY:
WHEN WE ARRIVE AT CHURCH

In our first article in this series, we looked at our Sunday morning preparation and our vesting (how we dress) for our celebration of the Eucharist. This week, we continue to examine what happens when we arrive at our parish church. There are several habitual rituals that we perform as we enter the church, even before Mass begins.

If we arrive really early or if we arrive late, there will be no one to greet us as we enter the church. If we are early, we should greet those who come after us before we settle into one of the pews. If we arrive late, we need to start earlier, to allow for whatever it was that delayed our arrival. There is a ministry called “greeter” within the community; it is often part of the usher’s ministry. A greeter welcomes us as we arrive, making us feel part of a larger community and not alone and isolated within the gathered community.

As we enter the nave, we place our fingers into the *holy water* font that is near the door and make the Sign of the Cross from our forehead to our abdomen, from our left shoulder to our right shoulder. The gesture continues to identify us as people baptized in Christ. The words come from Christ’s command to the apostles to make disciples of every nation, baptizing them in “the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” By making this gesture and repeating the words, we identify ourselves as disciples of Christ, present to celebrate with the community.

Shortly afterward, we genuflect toward the tabernacle that holds the reserved sacrament, which is Christ our Lord. This gesture should not be done automatically without thought. In some of our churches, the tabernacle is not in the sanctuary. It may be off to the side, or even in a separate chapel. A tabernacle lamp is always lit, identifying the presence of the reserved sacrament in the tabernacle. Our thoughts when we make this gesture should



be that of the doubting apostle Thomas: “My Lord and my God.”

When the tabernacle is not in the sanctuary and we have made our gesture of reverence toward its location or physically spent a few moments in adoration, our next gesture is to the altar. Within the celebration of the Eucharist, the altar is our primary focal point. It deserves our respect, for it is a symbol of Christ. When we dedicate a church, we anoint the altar with the Oil of Chrism, and from the altar, we anoint the walls of the church with the same oil, thus dedicating the entire space to the celebration of the Eucharist. Therefore, it is to the altar that we make a full body bow before we enter our pew and every time we enter (and leave) the sanctuary.

Now that we have arrived at the church, been greeted, signed ourselves with holy water, and made our gestures and thoughts of praise to the reserved sacrament and to the altar, we find ourselves in a pew. This is a time for private prayers, reflecting on the reading we read earlier in the day and upon our lives and how we have lived the gospel values.

Beginning with the aspects we identified last week on our preparation from the time we get up until we arrive at church, and continuing with our actions and prayers identified in this week’s article, Sunday is shaping up to be a long day dedicated to our Lord.

Is treatment for erectile dysfunction
against Catholic teaching?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. My question is this: Is treatment for erectile dysfunction against Catholic teaching? If not, why are birth control for women and *in vitro* fertilization disallowed? All three, it seems to me, are equally artificial, and what is sauce for the goose should be sauce for the gander. (Hudson, Wis.)

A. Apples and oranges, I would say. The three issues you identify (erectile dysfunction, artificial birth control, and *in vitro* fertilization) are clearly separate and demand independent moral judgments -- not because of any gender bias, but simply because they involve different ethical principles. Viagra, for example, treats an actual organic dysfunction, while artificial birth control may interfere with a perfectly working system.

Within the context of marriage, when a normal biological function has been impaired by age or injury, a remedy may le-

gitimately be sought in a drug such as Viagra. If that same drug were to be used in a different context -- to enhance an alternative lifestyle, for example, or for recreational purposes -- that use would be immoral.

The church’s long-standing objection to the use of artificial birth control reflects its view that the sexual act between spouses is meant to be both unitive and procreative.

In other words, it is a blessing from God intended to offer the possibility of new life, while also strengthening the bond of intimacy and respect between the spouses. The deliberate exclusion of either of these twin purposes -- were sex to be demanded by a husband in a drunken stupor, for example -- violates the integrity of the act and renders it immoral.

In vitro fertilization involves still another area of moral reasoning. While surely the sympathies of the church rest with the infertile couple

struggling to conceive, the morality of the process depends on the particular technique used.

Clearly, any method that results in the survival of one fertilized ovum (in the church’s view, a human person) while others perish in the laboratory is prohibited.

But even if that were able to be avoided, IVF methods that disassociate the husband and wife, through the use of a sperm donor or a surrogate uterus, are disapproved by the church because they “infringe the child’s right to be born from a father and mother known to him and bound to each other in marriage (as noted in No. 2376 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*)”.

There are some IVF techniques that are acceptable to the church, since they involve only the spouses and incorporate the marital act itself as a unifying element in the process. Couples desiring more information on such procedures would best be advised to consult Catholic medical personnel or facilities.

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

DIOCESAN SENIOR CITIZENS’ DAY CELEBRATION

The 35th annual diocesan Senior Citizens Day celebration Mass will take place at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 19, at 10:30 a.m. at Columbus St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road.

The Mass with be celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell, followed by a luncheon. Cost for the luncheon is \$10 per person, with advance reservations re-

quired.

Registrants should send checks payable to the Office of Social Concerns, Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215.

For additional information, contact the diocesan Office of Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540 or email the office at soc-mailbox@colsdioec.org.

Mount Carmel East Hospital Marks 40th Anniversary

Dedicated by Bishop Clarence E. Elwell in May 1972

In the early years of the 20th century, the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross appointed Sister M. Brendan, CSC (*pictured*), to take charge of Mount Carmel Hospital. Known as “the builder,” she would continue the work of Dr. William B. Hawkes, Dr. John Hamilton and Mother M. Angela, CSC, who established Mount Carmel on Columbus’ west side in July 1886.

Through the years, Sister Brendan regularly purchased property near the hospital (now Mount Carmel West) so that plush, green lawns would surround the growing campus.

In 1908, Sister Brendan also bought a 140-acre farm on the east side of Columbus, realizing that the sisters and nurses needed a place for recreation and rest, while the hospital would benefit from produce grown under the sisters’ supervision. The farm supplied Mount Carmel Hospital with milk, corn, potatoes, strawberries, and other provisions to sustain the sisters, patients, and staff for years to come.

By the mid-’60s, Columbus was growing at a rapid pace -- so much that Columbus leaders urged the sisters to build a hospital on the farmland to serve the outer reaches of the city into its emerging suburbs.

The sisters broke ground for Mount Carmel East Hospital in October 1969 amid much criticism. Interstate 270 was still in the planning stages, and those close to the sisters expressed their doubts that anyone would come to the new hospital.

In the spirit of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Mount Carmel East Hospital opened its doors on April 17, 1972, greeting its first patient with a bouquet of roses. It was formally dedicated by Bishop Clarence E. Elwell on Sunday, May 21 of that year.

Physicians were slow to begin practice at the “country hospital,” but only for a short time. By 1980, a medical office building was completely occupied. Soon afterward, Mount Carmel East Hospital would expand its surgical

capabilities, add another medical office building, and offer maternity services.

Today, Mount Carmel East is a regional medical center offering advanced open heart, cardiovascular, neurological, and orthopedic services, with a respected list of additional surgical and medical specialties. Its maternity services and Level II special care nursery consistently score at the top of patient satisfaction rankings by a nationally known survey organization.

Mount Carmel East is also home to one of Ohio’s busiest adult emergency departments, with regular process improvement to accommodate more patients while reducing wait times. Two years ago, Mount Carmel opened Diley Ridge Medical Center, the area’s first free-standing emergency center, in collaboration with Fairfield Medical Center to serve the growing population of northern Fairfield County.

The Bruce E. Siegel Center for Health Education, named for a beloved member of the hospital’s founding medical staff, offers a free consumer health information library and frequent community health forums in the adjacent auditorium.

In 2007, the campus extended its boundaries across East Broad Street with the development of Mount Carmel Medical Park, now home to a primary care and specialty physician medical office and, most recently, the Cardinal Orthopaedic Institute. Several other medical offices surrounding Mount Carmel East Hospital offer patients convenient and accessible primary and specialty care.

As Mount Carmel East celebrates its 40th year, a master planning process




is underway to design how the hospital will continue to grow responsibly to meet the needs of the community it serves, while retaining the commitment to deliver the safest and highest quality of care.

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ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

By Loren Brown



The Harvest Has Come

Jesus said to the crowds, “This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all, the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come.”

Mark 4:26-34

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Brown is the president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation and a parishioner at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

Watterson’s Mankovecky wins state high jump championship



Columbus Bishop Watterson High School junior Joe Mankovecky won the Division II state championship in the high jump on Saturday, June 2, at The Ohio State University’s Jesse Owens Stadium with a jump of 6 feet, 7 inches. “This is the first time Joe has made the outdoor state championships, and to win is great for him and the Bishop Watterson boys track and field team,” said Watterson track coach Matt McGowan. “All of his dedication and hard work over the past three years was evident in his performance.” Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

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Liturgical feasts welcome us into the divine family

We ended the Easter season with the wonderful feast of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Spirit that continues throughout all time. The entrance into Ordinary Time reminds me of the Fourth of July’s fireworks finale. The impressionistic splattering of the night sky with color, pattern, and smoke has ended and you begin to pick up your blanket or fold up your chair when suddenly, spheres of intense brightness light up smoke trails left in the sky and deep booms vibrate through to the bottoms of your feet in a last hurrah. Feasts pile up like that on these weekends: Pentecost, Holy Trinity, and Corpus Christi. Not Easter, exactly, but the glory and mystery of Easter threading through life, as it does all year.

On Trinity Sunday, we celebrated our God, who is family, relationship, and love. I always think of Rublev’s famous icon, written around 1410. It depicts three angels at table – the three angels who visited Abraham at the oak of Mamre – but is often interpreted to represent the Trinity. The table has an empty place at the front – an invitation to come, sit down, and be part of the family. Easter leaking through. Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection and sending of the Spirit who dwells in each of us. We are not strangers to this divine Family; we belong, related through our brother, Jesus.

Then comes the feast of Corpus Christi, celebrating the Eucharist. We owe this feast in great part to St. Juliana, a nun of Liege, Belgium, who had a great devotion to the Eucharist and was the driving force behind establishment of the commemoration. She was an interesting figure, having been elected as prioress of a double monastery. (Common in the Middle Ages, such a monastery combined



GRACE IN THE MOMENT

Mary van Balen

a section for monks and one for nuns, both united under one superior, sometimes a man, sometimes a woman.)

I, too, love this feast, as I love the Holy Thursday liturgy that celebrates the Last Supper and the first Eucharist. Corpus Christi liturgy often incorporates a procession. Once, a Trappist friend gave a large photographic book providing glimpses into the Abbey of Gethsemani, Ky., and one of my favorite photos was of this procession. In my memory, it includes flowers strewn along the aisles, bringing the earth into the ritual that remembers that the Holy One who created all became one with us, and continues to nourish our souls through ordinary food that feeds the body.

Easter again. Jesus lived a human life that included joys, sorrows, suffering, and death. He showed us the wonder of such a life when it is infused with the Spirit, with love and relationship with Divinity. Indeed, he showed us what human life was made to be and invited us to live it deeply and authentically, giving us what we need to do so.

Recently, I saw a movie that reflected a bit of this mystery: “The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.” A number

Of Grace and Gratitude

By J. P. Leo Thomas

History is ripe with the events placed upon us by simple men and women willing to lay down their lives for their devotion to the heart, mind, and soul of our Savior. Ordinary people doing extraordinary things. If that sounds familiar, it is. We as Christians do this on a daily basis. In Masses across the globe on Sunday, we give ourselves to Christ as Christ gives of Himself to us in the most reverent way, through the Eucharist. Many nonbelievers cannot comprehend that serving each other is an act of courage. There is also a saying that having such courage is like praying for rain during a snowstorm, but I am steadfast in my belief that loving one another and offering sacrifice without acknowledgement for greed or esteem is the truest form of dedication and love. For those who cannot make that leap of faith, their image is blinded by the self-constraints of heart and their limited understanding of eternity.

I myself am guilty of such vanity. I used to go to Mass, but was somewhat distant from the rituals going on around me. I knew that it was important, but did not appreciate the true majesty of the event itself. One day, I decided to start attending daily Mass and was there when the children of the parish were celebrating Mass. That did it. Seeing their eyes and watching their emotions, I realized that innocence, purity, and piety were simply allowing time for Jesus to work in us through them. I soon found that what we were given by Christ was a true interconnection between His heart, His body, and His blood and our own willingness to become a part of something truly wonderful.

This may not happen for everyone – certainly not for those whose knowledge lacks wisdom – but it may manifest itself in ways we cannot see or feel. Our minds can become preoccupied with other things, but God is always there. He may give us a mem-

ory from our past or bring us face to face with an old acquaintance, or even put us into a situation that makes us reflect on why we were doing what we were doing at the time we did it. Sounds confused? Don’t be. It just reminds us of our fallibility and why we need Him now more than ever.

Our needs are a unique connection with others who saw the world as we do. St. Juliana of Liege, St. Peter, and St. Paul all shared a common bond. They suffered for their faith. Not torture as we know it, but through the intercession of Mother Mary and in Jesus’ divine love for all of humanity. Remember that the bread of life must first be shaped by water and fire in becoming the true feast it is intended to be.

Blessed Pope John Paul II called this gratitude. It is the nature of the human spirit to want to belong and to give thanks for what one has and return that gift as a form of love. I have found I tend to react very cautiously to another’s invitation. I was

of British retirees decide to “outsource” their retirement to India, where living is less expensive despite the exotic surroundings. As you might imagine, the reality is less glamorous than the slick brochures indicate and, well, life unfolds in unexpected ways.

Images and soundtrack filled the screen in an endless parade of vibrant colors, unfamiliar languages, music, dusty roads, glorious buildings, poverty, and lots and lots of people. And spirit. And family. And love. Was it grasped? Was it celebrated? Were the surprised retirees open to such drastic change? Did they have eyes to see? Ears to hear?

The same questions apply to anyone, wherever he or she might be. They apply to us. As these glorious feasts remind us, the Divine dwells within us; the Holy fills not only breathtakingly beautiful places, but also decaying cities, office buildings, and crowded highways. Marginalized and poor people have gifts to share at least equal to those offered by the “successful” and wealthy. Our world offers opportunities for serving, for celebrating, for weeping, and for laughing. The Trinity offers us a place at the table. Once we pull up a chair and sit down, we are immersed in all the mess and glory of the huge family that is the people of God ... that is all of us.

These feasts remind us that we have been given what we need to respond. We have the capacity to enjoy and to serve. Are we open to receive, to participate? As the British retirees discovered, it is really up to us.

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brought up in an atmosphere where emotion was restrained and dedication to faith was subdued. But I am learning to open up to such advances. I am beginning to understand that without risk, there is no reward. We cannot receive the graces God gives to us unless we are willing to sacrifice ourselves for the betterment of humanity. By offering our hearts to Jesus, we are given a renewed sense of freedom on our path to enlightenment.

His is the food for the journey. We welcome Him into our heart as Mother Mary did, in union with His own heartbeat and the pulse by which we have everlasting life. So come to the table, feast on Christ’s banquet full of His grace and holy gratitude.

May you feel the gentle breath of the Holy Spirit, may you receive God’s bounty in plenty, and may His peace be with you.

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Story by TIM PUET
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CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH: A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY



Top: The exterior of Columbus Corpus Christi Church, which was dedicated in 1952.

Middle: A crucifix and statues of angels are part of the parish's prayer garden.

Bottom: The parish celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi with an outdoor procession. Foster Moffo carries the cross. Father Rod Damico, parochial vicar, is fourth from right. CT file photo by Ken Snow (top); CT photos by Jack Kustron



The words Corpus Christi are Latin for “the body of Christ “ – a phrase which in the Catholic Church can be used to signify both Christ’s body as present in the Eucharist and the body of believers Christ uses to spread his message throughout their communities and the world.

For 87 years, Corpus Christi Church has brought that message to the South End neighborhood of Columbus. Like the surrounding area, it has gone through many changes in that time, but it has retained a strong sense of community.

“My husband, Tom, and I have been members here most of our lives, and one thing that’s been constant about the parish over the years has been the camaraderie among the members,” said parishioner Corrinne Hughes. “New members of the parish have often told me how friendly they feel the people here are.”

“People have no problem making friends here if they’re newcomers and want to get involved,” said parishioner Larry Newton. “Once people get to know you, it doesn’t take long for them to miss you if they don’t see you at Mass. I notice when someone’s missing for a couple of weeks or more, and it’s of great concern to me and many others. There’s a great amount of love here, and when people are having problems, they can count on a lot of support and on everyone feeling better when things improve.

“My wife, Lillie, and I have eight children and they’ve scattered to the four winds, but every opportunity they get, they come back here to go to church,” he said. “They still think of this as home. That says a lot about how people here are.”

“A lot of things have happened since I came here 12 years ago that show how people care about the church,” said Foster Moffo, an altar server, lector and Eucharistic minister at Corpus Christi. “Several parishioners got together to create a prayer garden with Stations of the Cross. It took about five

months and we were able to turn what had been bare ground into a peaceful retreat area.

“We’ve also replaced a chain-link fence with a courtyard wall in the area that separated the former rectory from the church. A lot of improvements also were made inside, including moving the tabernacle to the center of the church, changing the area behind the altar, and painting the interior, with the blessings of the diocese. It’s work, but we have a lot of fun doing it.”

This past Sunday, the church marked the Feast of Corpus Christi with a homecoming celebration that included Mass, a procession through the prayer garden, and a pancake brunch. The event drew more than 200 people, many of whom were returning to the area where they grew up at a time when Corpus Christi was the largest parish in the Diocese of Columbus.

The parish was founded in 1925 to serve what then was a neighborhood where many residents worked for Buckeye Steel, Federal Glass, or other large industries located nearby. Father Walter Minder was the founding pastor, serving for 13 years until his death.

At his funeral Mass, Bishop James Hartley announced the appointment of Father Albert Kessler as Father Minder’s successor. Father Kessler spent the next 33 years as pastor. Under his leadership, the current church building was dedicated in 1952. Parish membership reached a peak of nearly 2,000 families in the late 1950s and early 1960s, when as many as 800 students were enrolled in the parish elementary school.

Those numbers began dwindling as a result of the exodus to the suburbs which began later in the ‘60s and the closing of many of the plants where parishioners worked. The school was closed in 1993. Today, the parish has about 175 families. Like its neighborhood, it has become much more racially and ethnically diverse, with a significant population of Asian, African American and Latino members joining people who have been residents of the

South End for decades.

“About 40 years ago, when people began coming to Columbus from Vietnam, the former parish rectory was the place the diocese set up as a reception center for them,” parish member Tom Hughes said. “Some of them remain parishioners today. Ever since then, we’ve been known as a welcoming parish. We speak of the parish being named for the body of Christ and of the people being the body of Christ, and this sort of spirit fits.”

“We have Hispanics, African Americans, Caucasians, Laotians, Vietnamese, Cambodians, and members of other groups here, but the people don’t think in these terms. They just talk about each other as fellow parishioners,” said Father Rod Damico, parochial vicar for Corpus Christi and for nearby St. Ladislav and St. Mary churches for the past two years. Father Donald Franks is pastor of all three, with Father Damico spending most of his time at Corpus Christi and St. Ladislav.

The former rectory, built in 1961, soon will be serving again as a place where people can go for assistance of various types. “Anonymous donors who are parishioners have allowed us to do a significant renovation of the building,” Father Damico said. “It was open for people to see this weekend and we hope to have the work completed this month. We’re particularly pleased that this was an initiative that started from within the parish and that the work is being done mainly by parishioners.”

Once the work is completed, Father Damico said he anticipates the building will house a variety of programs to benefit people in the neighborhood. He anticipates these activities will include counseling and other assistance for parents from a licensed professional counselor, grief counseling, and days of reflection or other retreat experiences.

Some of these programs will complement the efforts of the Dominican Learning Center, which the Dominican Sisters of Peace have operated in

the rectory basement for the past 18 years. The center provides one-to-one tutoring to help adults improve their skills in reading, writing, spelling, speaking, listening, mathematics, and basic computer use, prepare for high school equivalency diploma examinations, and learn English as a second language.

It currently has 243 volunteer tutors serving 423 students, mostly at Corpus Christi but also at three satellite locations and 27 library branches, said its director, Sister Shawn Fitzpatrick, OP. It also has a waiting list of about 150 people it would be able to serve if there were more tutors to help them. The center is open every weekday throughout the school year.

One constant at Corpus Christi amid its many changes has been the presence of its Rosary Altar Society. Lillie Newton said the history of the organization, which meets monthly, except in the summer, dates back to January 1926, not long after the parish was founded.

In cooperation with the Birthright organization, the society hosts a party for the unborn every year. It also sponsors an annual holiday marketplace on the first weekend of December, provides assistance for bereavement luncheons and wedding receptions in the parish hall, and continues with its original work of furnishing altar wines, candles and vestments, and taking care of the sanctuary.

The parish also has a Scripture study group, which generally includes 15 to 20 people and meets once a week to look at the readings for the coming Sunday’s Mass, as well as a branch of the Legion of Mary, which meets weekly and whose members visit the sick for at least two hours a week.

Though Corpus Christi no longer has a school, the athletic fields behind the old school building remain an active area. Part of the area has been converted into garden plots which either are tended by individual parishioners or are used in growing food for the pantry



Top: An interior view of Corpus Christi Church. Bottom: Parishioners greet each other at a special Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 10. CT photos by Jack Kustron



at St. Ladislav. Father Damico said six new plots have been added for individuals this year because of the success of the garden program when it was first offered last year.

“This is something that engages the people of the neighborhood,” he said. “We also have a community playground, and we still have athletic fields in the back where you’ll often see children playing and adults watching them. People respect those fields. You can tell this because the fence that surrounds them isn’t sturdy, yet it hasn’t been touched because community members sees those fields as something meant for them.”

Because of their proximity and joint administration, Corpus Christi and St. Ladislav share many things. The parishes have a joint pastoral council which plays an active role in the BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality and Dignity) organization and other social justice activities.

The pantry and the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Ladislav also are combined efforts. St. Ladislav also hosts the daily Loaves and Fishes lunches

sponsored by Community Development for All People, the successor to the former South Side Settlement House, as well as twice-a-month visits by Mount Carmel Medical Center’s mobile clinic.

The two parishes have a joint program for senior citizens, known as Senior Stars, which meets once a month, and a youth group for middle- and high-school students.

The young people meet once a month for social service and faith formation activities. These include making sandwiches for St. Lawrence Haven, which serves the homeless in downtown Columbus, and cleaning out flower beds and planting annuals around the church, Stations of the Cross, and prayer garden at Corpus Christi, said Pattie Jones, director of catechesis for Corpus Christi and St. Ladislav. It currently is on a mission trip to the parishes at West Portsmouth, Pond Creek, and Otway in Scioto County and will help serve at the annual recognition dinner for volunteers from the two par-

Coming Home to Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ – this is what we receive when we come to the altar following the Great Thanksgiving. That Christ gives himself to us in this way is far too wonderful to fathom. That by the grace received in this Holy Communion we are mysteriously transformed, so that we actually become what we eat – the body of Christ – is even more unfathomable and is definitely cause for great thanksgiving.

The church is where this happens. So the church is precious to us. One particular church that is dear to the hearts of thousands of Catholics in our diocese bears the beautiful name Corpus Christi. This church has been feeding people on the south side of Columbus with the Body of Christ since its founding in 1925. For 87 years, this church has been a sacred place where people have entered into Holy Communion with their Lord. For 87 years, this church has been a sacred place where people have experienced a special connection with the one who is called The Bread of Life.

While the celebration of the Eucharist has always been at the center of life at Corpus Christi, the sacred connection between Christ and the members of his body has been nurtured in many ways over the years. One of the main sources of this nurturing was the parish school. Until its closing in 1992, Corpus Christi School provided a wonderful context for growing together as members of the Body of Christ. Though it has been 20 years since that sad day when the school doors welcomed students for the last time, the memories created there continue to have a strong impact on people's lives. Hardly a day goes by when the school isn't mentioned by someone who remembers it as a place that provided something foundational and lasting.

Since its inception, the parish of Corpus Christi has been a center for sacramental celebrations, study, service, prayer, community building, and the pursuit of justice. For many years, it was the largest parish in the diocese. Literally thousands of people have been baptized, confirmed, received their first Communion, were married, and have commended their beloved dead to the Lord at Corpus Christi.

And the parish continues to do all these things. However, what was once the largest parish in the diocese is now one of the smallest. People have moved on and few have moved in to take their places.

Yet the people of Corpus Christi have not given up. To them, such a thing is inconceivable. It is inconceivable because of the rich tradition that this parish continues to embody. It is inconceivable, even more, because of the needs that exist in the part of the city this parish continues to serve. Each day during those seasons when outdoor activity is desirable, many children and their parents can be seen on the parish grounds, playing on the community playground or having a family picnic. Often on the large open field there, youth can be found practicing football and cheerleading, under the supervision of adults who want to show them how to develop skills and attitudes that will serve them well in life.

In the basement of the old rectory, the Dominican Learning Center welcomes many people each day who want to learn English, get their GED, or develop skills that will enable them to secure employment. The upper levels of the rectory are being renovated to provide offices for counseling, as well as comfortable rooms for programs that will benefit parishioners and people from the neighborhoods. Outside the building is a community garden that provides produce for a local food pantry. And on another part of the property is a beautiful prayer garden that provides a place of quiet and peace in the midst of a neighborhood that frequently experiences eruptions of violence. In fact, that's what the parishioners of this little parish are aiming for – to become an oasis of peace that will continue to grow and have a profound impact on this part of the city. They are convinced that their presence here truly matters. As the priest who has been serving along with them for the past two years, I am convinced of this, too. Corpus Christi Parish is a blessing to the people of this part of Columbus.

But this blessing is not given without much struggle and sacrifice. And the truth of the matter is that to be the kind of Catholic presence that we feel called to be, we need help. We certainly need financial



help. But even more, we need people. We need the support of a larger community than we are able to muster from week to week. Of course, we can use people to help with our various programs and projects. But, perhaps just as much, we need people to come and worship with us, to fill up our pews, to give us a sense that what we are trying to do here really matters. And I have to believe that those whose lives have been positively impacted by this parish in some way want to be supportive of our ongoing work here.

This year, the parish's annual celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi took place on Sunday, June 10, with a special Mass, followed by a procession with the Blessed Sacrament through our beautiful prayer garden. All who participated in this celebration received a special commemorative medallion with the following inscription:

**Corpus Christi
that is, the body of Christ.
These are defining words for us.
They speak of the great mystery of faith,
that links us to Catholics of all times and places.
They speak of that community on the South Side
which will forever be a special part of our lives.
They speak of the holy building and grounds
where the blessed body we share
and the blessed body we are,
unite in holy communion:
Corpus Christi**

Father Rod Damico

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ishes on Sunday, June 24.

Besides the celebration on its feast day, Corpus Christi sponsors an annual Zoo Day in October. "We bring in animals from the Columbus Zoo, a fire truck comes and the firefighters show us some of their equipment, people from various assistance organizations come to tell what they do, and we cook hot dogs," Tom Hughes said. "It's a pretty simple thing and we don't do much advertising. All we do is put a sign on the fence saying 'Zoo Day' and the date, but that's all we need for 300 to 400 people to show up."

Last year, a group of parishioners decided to expand the parish's long-standing

tradition of the Corpus Christi procession on the parish feast day by adding the homecoming activities. The events were put together on short notice, but drew several hundred people.

"That made us expand our outreach efforts this year," said Robbie Binks, part of the committee planning this year's celebration. "First, we've started canvassing the neighborhood, knocking on doors and personally inviting everyone, Catholics and non-Catholics, to come to Corpus Christi, leaving behind a pamphlet with information when no one is home. This just started in May.

"We're also trying to connect with all

the people who have historic ties to the church and school, through the homecoming celebration and a Facebook page titled 'Alumni of Corpus Christi and St. Ladislas Catholic Elementary Schools' which has 255 members," she said. "There's also a YouTube video titled 'Corpus Christi Church Columbus Ohio' with film footage of events at the church from the 1950s.

"There is such a large alumni group with connections to Corpus Christi and St. Lad's, either the churches or the schools. We want to stay in touch with them, not just once a year, but periodically, because their support is essential to

the growth of both parishes. We're still trying to figure out how to do that. The Facebook page is one way, and a quarterly newsletter is another possibility. If you are linked to either parish, let us know and spread the word."

"If you were a part of Corpus Christi, it's still a part of you, no matter where you live," said Rita Deedrick, a member of another parish, whose work last year with the homecoming brought her back to Corpus Christi for the first time in 18 years. "Don't forsake your current parish, but come back here and help in whatever way you can, because you're always welcome."

CARLTON RIDER RETIRES AFTER 17 YEARS AS PRINCIPAL

Something will be missing for the 2012-13 school year at Lancaster St. Mary School – the daily presence of Carlton Rider.

Rider retired on Friday, June 1, after spending 54 years at the school -- first as a student, then as a teacher, then for the last 17 years as principal.

His tenure there spans everything from sisters in the classroom to Skyping with a nuclear physicist. In that time, he has touched the lives of thousands of students and shared his Catholic faith with all who have come through the doors of St. Mary School.

He entered first grade at the school in 1952 and re-

calls that in the 1950s, it had large classes of 120 students taught by Dominican sisters. He said the sisters were very disciplined and there was "no messing around." "If we got in trouble at school, we really got in trouble at home," he said. He walked home for lunch, since he lived only five blocks from school.

The 1960s were a turbulent time in American history, but Rider said they didn't seem to affect Lancaster and the students at the school. While other parts of the nation may have been embroiled in protests, things were much calmer at St. Mary's. He remembers two records being used for school dances – "one fast album and one slow album."

When school uniforms were introduced for boys in his sophomore or junior year at what then was St. Mary High School, the young men were supposed to wear ties. Rider and his friends went to the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store to purchase their ties. Rider said he was called into the principal's office because the tie he chose was "very wide" and colorful.

When tuition payments were introduced in 1962 (\$25 a year for high school), his parents wondered aloud how they would be able to afford school for him and his brother. "We didn't have a choice. My parents didn't ask where we wanted to go to school," he said. It was assumed they would attend St. Mary's.

Rider graduated from high school in 1964. After college, Rider returned to the school where he grew up, becoming a middle school teacher of social studies, language arts, music, and religion. He said that when he was teaching, there were five other male teachers in the middle school. He remembers that as being unique in the Diocese of Columbus at the time.

The year 1970 stands out for Rider as the start of many long-term commitments. In that year, he was asked to be the adult choir director at St. Mary Church, a job he continues to hold. It was also in 1970 that Hank Leckrone asked him to announce Fisher Catholic High School football games. Rider said he agreed to do it for a year, and 42 years later, he is still the "voice of the Irish."

Rider and his wife, Mary Anne, have three children who all attended St. Mary School and Fisher Catholic. The next generation of Rider children is now attending St. Mary's. He has a granddaughter who will enter first grade and another grandchild who will attend kindergarten in the 2012-13 school year. He has grandchildren in Catholic school in Kettering as well.

As with almost every other part of American life, the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, changed the school. "One our roughest days was 9-11," he said." How do we inform the student body (of the events happening across the nation)? Our faith got us through."

"We respond more to natural disasters now," Rider said. Immediately following the attacks, St. Mary School partnered with a school in New York located a few blocks from the World Trade Center, collecting money and sending spiritual support. A previous principal at Fisher Catholic, Sister Gail Morgan, OP, had transferred to this school. "Sept. 11 made us more conscious of the world around us, and how we could



put our faith into action," he said.

Service remains an important aspect at St. Mary School. Students regularly perform service projects for local, national, and international charities.

Parent participation in education has increased, corresponding with the decline in the numbers of sisters at the school. By the late 1990s, there was one Dominican sister remaining on the school staff. The Home and School Association became very active in the early 1970s. During its first few years, all the funds raised were used for building improvements. The focus then shifted to putting funds toward student programs such as COSI on Wheels and Art & Clay. Today, the association supports many after-school and enrichment programs for students.

Rider said his proudest accomplishment would be whatever he has done to enrich the lives of his students. Bringing Lancaster Festival artistic director Gary Sheldon to the school to share music with the students and getting them involved with Art & Clay are two examples of such enrichment activities..

Faith remains a cornerstone at St. Mary School, one which has been needed often in recent years. "One thing I have seen too frequently is the death of parents," Rider said. "Some years, we have had four or five students lose parents." Teachers also have died. "Being in a faith environment helps. The kids care for each other, and faith carries us through," he said.

Rider said that in the last 10 to 15 years, "education has become more competitive. Parents are shopping around for alternative schools to fit their needs." St. Mary School has responded to these challenges and continues to provide a sound education to families in Lancaster and surrounding communities.

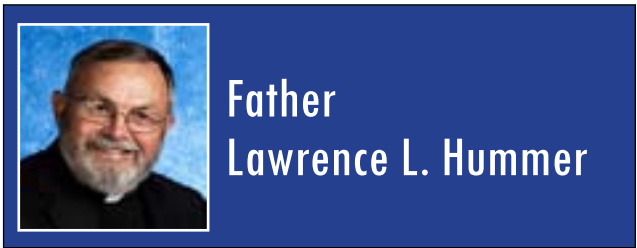
"People equate new buildings with quality education. I don't think that's true," Rider said. "New buildings don't necessarily mean better education. No matter how much technology you have, nothing will take the place of a quality teacher."

In the photo: Carlton Rider, who retired in June as principal of Lancaster St. Mary School, is pictured with his granddaughter Kaitlyn Watson, who will enter first grade there for the 2012-13 school year.

Photo courtesy St. Mary School

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

Two parables which help people see clearly



Father Lawrence L. Hummer

June 17, 2012
Ezekiel 17:22-24
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34

June 24, 2012
Isaiah 49:1-6
Acts 13:22-26
Luke 1:57-66,80

If there is not a direct link between the Ezekiel reading for June 17 and the Gospel, there is probably an indirect one, in particular the idea of a shelter for birds of every kind. The passage refers to the promise the Lord God makes to Israel to restore its fortunes and status as the Lord’s own people after the exile in Babylonia ends.

The Lord will turn the top of a cedar tree into a mighty fortress back in Jerusalem “on the mountain heights of Israel.” The cedar was aromatic and strong, and was a frequently used symbol for strength in the Old Testament, as it is here.

The cedar was an allegory for the king whom the Lord will place over Judah. Just as David once reigned as king, strong and powerful, so will the Lord’s future king reign because of the Lord’s action: “I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.”

The birds of “every kind dwelling beneath the protection of the Lord’s cedar” may hint at the universalism that was expected briefly during the period of 2 Isaiah. And the new cedar planted on the high and lofty mountain represents the hopes for a new king of Judah, who will reign head and shoulders above all other surrounding kings. Historically, Israel never saw such a king arise again. With the Babylonian exile, the kingdom effectively ended.

In the Gospel, we have two parables, one of which is unique to Mark (the seed growing secretly) and one which is also found in Matthew and Luke (the mustard seed). Both of them are “kingdom parables,” which means they are used to describe some aspect of the Kingdom of God that Jesus had begun announcing from the beginning of his public mystery.

I have found over the years that people with no prior knowledge of the teaching of Jesus struggle with Mark until they get to these parables in Chapter 4, and then it is as if scales fall from their eyes and they see clearly for the first time what it is all about. I have seen that verified repeatedly over the years, and have always been fascinated when it happens.

Here, the kingdom is like a man scattering seed which falls into the ground and begins to grow. It’s always one of those fascinating discoveries kids make in school whenever they plant things which grow while they are sleeping. Growth has always been an interesting thing to study. It appears that Jesus was just as fascinated by it and used the process to describe the kingdom he was preaching. It grows almost imperceptibly but surely, just like seed that has found the soil.

Others think the proper focus of the parable is on the seed which is sown, interpreting the seed as the word which Jesus plants in receptive hearts. Still others focus on the judgment that comes when the harvest is ready, insisting that judgment is part of the kingdom’s announcement.

The second parable describes how the kingdom, like the mustard seed, starts out small but grows into a large shrub, which becomes a shelter for all the birds of the sky. In its context and together with the first parable, it becomes clear that the kingdom’s growth is certain. Without knowing how, the small seed grows into something large. So it is with the kingdom.

What Jesus thought the kingdom would be is hard to say. It would certainly not have a political agenda, nor was the kingdom about power, other than God’s power over God’s creation. It was about service to the needy and the poor, and the naked and hungry. It still is.

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The Weekday Bible Readings	
6/18-23	6/25-30
MONDAY 1 Kings 21:1-16 Psalm 5:2-3,5-7 Matthew 5:38-42	MONDAY 2 Kings 17:5-8,13-15a,18 Psalm 60:3-5,12-13 Matthew 7:1-5
TUESDAY 1 Kings 21:17-29 Psalm 51:3-6,11-16 Matthew 5:43-48	TUESDAY 2 Kings 19:9b-11,14-21,31-35a,36 Psalm 48:2-4,10-11 Matthew 7:6,12-14
WEDNESDAY 2 Kings 2:1,6-14 Psalm 31:20-21,2 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18	WEDNESDAY 2 Kings 22:8-13;23:1-3 Psalm 119:33-37,40 Matthew 7:15-20
THURSDAY Sirach 48:1-14 Psalm 97:1-7 Matthew 6:7-15	THURSDAY 2 Kings 24:8-17 Psalm 79:1b-5,8-9 Matthew 7:21-29
FRIDAY 2 Kings 11:1-4,9-18,20 Psalm 132:1-14,17-18 Matthew 6:19-23	FRIDAY Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 34:2-9 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18 Matthew 16:13-19
SATURDAY 2 Chronicles 24:17-25 Psalm 89:4-5,29-34 Matthew 6:24-34	SATURDAY Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19 Psalm 74:1-7,20-21 Matthew 8:5-17

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE
WEEKS OF JUNE 17 AND 24, 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 WWHO's and WHIZ's cable channel listingx.
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 Weeks III and IV, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

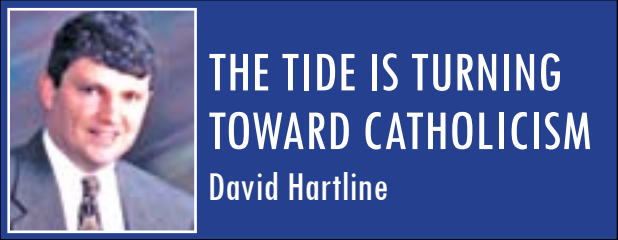
How often do we complain about the subliminal messages of TV, radio, and the movies? How often do we say “I wish there was something worthwhile to see at the movies?” With the movie “For Greater Glory,” which came out last weekend, we now have that chance. The film tells the story of the Mexican government attack on the Catholic Church in the 1920s. Keep in mind Mexico was about 99 percent Catholic at the time, which just proves that evil always has tried to stop the Church, no matter how large and popular she might be. Thousands of the faithful were killed during the Mexican government’s war on the Catholic Church in the 1920s.

The movie has plenty of big-name stars, including Andy Garcia, Peter O’Toole, Eva Longoria, Reuben Blades, Karyme Lozano, and Eduardo Verastegui. Your might recall that Verastegui starred in “Bella,” the pro- life, family oriented movie that came out five years ago.

“For Greater Glory” tells the extraordinary story of how simple Mexican peasants rose up against a militant secularist government and eventually caused it to back down in its quest to wipe the Catholic Church from the Mexican culture. “For Greater Glory” does have some violent war scenes, which may be hard for some younger children. However, in our violent video-game culture, the movie is hardly on par with that.

Acting in the film had personal meaning for Verastegui and Lozano, as they both grew up in Mexico

For Greater Glory



THE TIDE IS TURNING TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

and were shocked at this chapter in their nation’s history. Both have become very devout in their Catholic faith in the last few years. It was the chance of a lifetime for them to be in this movie. Lozano’s embrace of her Catholic upbringing was more recent. Like Verastegui, she now spends a great deal of time relating to young people the truth and lies of the world in which we live.

All too often, our world confuses truth with lies; hence, the moral mess we find ourselves in today. Like many of you, I enjoy what the world has to offer – sports, music, entertainment, travel, etc. However, if these become our religion, then we become “of the world,” the exact thing Jesus explicitly warned us not to do. Yet, how many people know far more about their hobbies than their faith?

Imagine you are married and you only speak with your wife or husband once a week. It almost sounds silly, doesn’t it? Now, imagine how God feels when He sees a good many of His flock once a week (and too many not at all). How many of those who even attend Mass never pray, never ask for direction during

the rest of the week? It just doesn’t make sense, and it even makes less sense when one realizes the hoops many jump through to be considered cool and hip by the very people who belittle their Catholic faith.

Jesus’ words about not being able to serve two masters really hit home in our day, when so many people in the higher echelons of our political and entertainment world openly let us know how little they think of our faith. Yet, some of us relish their approval and desperately want to fit into the very crowd that mocks them. It defies logic, and yet Jesus warned us that it would happen.

Don’t get me wrong. As I indicated, I very much like many things in this world – sports, music, being able to travel (when our family can afford it) However, I would hope that now that I am 47, I am able to clearly see what is important and not so important. I trust many of you are in the same boat.

Keeping all of this in mind, let’s go out and support cultural endeavors such as the movie “For Greater Glory,” because, as we all know, if we don’t support these kinds of message movies, who will? Hollywood is not going to make movies like this if no one comes. The world needs to understand the difference between good and evil, light and darkness, and it starts with us helping people to come into the light to understand the truth and love of Christ and His Church.

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

EVENTS, continued from Page 3

- ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE
7179 Avery Road, Dublin
Evening Prayer, Thursday, June 14, 7 p.m.
- ST. CECILIA
434 Norton Road, Columbus
The West Deanery will celebrate Evening Prayer for all parishes in the deanery on Sunday, July 1, at 4 p.m. at St. Cecilia Church. Bishop Campbell will preside. Other parishes in the deanery are Columbus Holy Family, St. Agnes, St. Aloysius, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. Stephen, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help, London St. Patrick, Plain City St. Joseph, and West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude.
- ST. ELIZABETH
6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, and Benediction, Monday, June 25, 7 to 8 p.m.
- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
386 Buttles Ave., Columbus
Mass for Religious Liberty, Friday, June 22, 6 p.m.
- ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
66 Granville St., Newark
Evening Prayer, June 21-July 4 at 5:00 p.m. in the Church except for June 23 (Sat.) and June 30 (Sat.) which will be at 4:30 p.m.
- ST. JOHN NEUMANN
9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury
- Eucharistic Adoration for Religious Liberty, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 21 to 11 a.m. Friday, June 22; Jake Tawney discusses “Our Most Cherished Liberty,” his response to threats against religious freedom, in the Faith and Family Center after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24. The center has buttons, handouts, DVDs, and other items focused on religious liberty.

Holy Hour, Thursday, June 21, 7 p.m., followed at 8 by special lecture by Father John Corbett, OP, professor of moral theology at the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception in Washington; Vespers and Prayers, Friday, June 22, 7 p.m. Pray the Liturgy of the Hours with the Dominican Friars in the presence of a relic of St. Thomas More, patron saint of lawyers and politicians. All-night Adoration vigil follows.

ST. PAUL
313 N. State St., Westerville
Evening Prayer, Sunday, July 1, 7 p.m.

ST. PETER, MILLERSBURG
379 S. Crawford St. Millersburg
Evening Prayer, Wednesday, June 27, 7 p.m.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
2692 E. Fifth Ave., Columbus
Evening Prayer, Monday, July 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

ST. TIMOTHY
1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, and Benediction, Thursday, June 21, 7 p.m. The St. Timothy community will attend the Northwest Deanery Evening Prayer service at St. Andrew Church on Sunday, July 1, at 7 p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
303 E. High St., Mount. Vernon
Evening Prayer, Friday, June 22, 6 p.m.

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ADOLPH, Betty J. “Cookie,” 68, June 5
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

ALLEN, Norma L., 76, May 19
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

ANDRUS, Tom, 66, June 4
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

ARNOLD, Daniel P., 21, June 5
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

BERARDI, Mary, 88, June 8
St. Michael Church, Worthington

BOOTH, Marcia A., 86, June 11
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

BOWLES, Richard L., 76, June 1
St. Mary Church, Groveport

BROSCHART, Eileen A., 80, June 8
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

CALLAHAN, Daniel F., 67, June 5
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

CANDELLA, Annette M., 89, of Columbus,
May 26
Blessed Sacrament Church, Warren

CARPENTER, Dale D., 62, June 10
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

CRETIN, Margaret L., 84, June 3
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

DEMATTIO, Harold J. “Bud,” 76, May 30
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

DEMBECK, Richard C., 70, June 1
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

DUFFY, Joan T., 84, May 27
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

DURKIN, Helen L., 81, June 3
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

FAST, Teresa M., 51, May 31
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

GADD, Homer F., June 7
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

GAHM, Aaron L., 24, June 2
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

GAYLORD, R. Millicent, 98, May 23
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

GRAY, John J., 86, June 6
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

HAROLD, Carol E., 65, May 27
St. Paul Church, Westerville

HATHAWAY, Charles IV, 24, May 29
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

JORDAN, William L. Jr., 74, June 5
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

KENNEDY, Jean D., 85, May 28
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

KOEHLER, Helen B., 100, June 3
Holy Trinity Church, Jackson

MARTIN, Joseph, 92, Sept. 14
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

McCANN, Mary M., 85, formerly of Colum-
bus, June 2
All Saints Church, Logansport, Ind.

McDOWELL, Jack R., 89, May 26
St. Peter Church, Columbus

McGOWAN, Jeffrey S., 47, May 26
St. Joseph Church, Circleville

MIROLO, Amedeo A., 82, June 4
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

MOORE, Neal E., 91, May 28
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

MORRISON, John E., 87, June 1
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

PURCELL, George “Jerry,” 80, June 11
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

RAGLAND, Margaret L., 82, May 26
St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus

ROBERTS, Patricia C., 53, May 25
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

SCHMIDT, Hildegard M., 93, May 29
St. Mary Church, Delaware

SHOEMAKER, Regia A., 81, June 9
St. Peter Church, Columbus

SKROBAK, Ernest R., 86, June 11
St. Thomas Church, Columbus

SMOTHERS, Ruth V., 83, May 31
St. Paul Church, Westerville

STEVENS, Marshall, 80, June 5
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

STIRZAKER, Regina C., 82, May 10
St. Paul Church, Westerville

VAN HOUTEN, Dorothy A., 83, June 3
Holy Family Church, Columbus

VANECKO, Robert A., 60, June 1
St. Peter Church, Columbus

VANFOSSEN, Loretta, 95, June 8
St. Joseph Church, Dover

VERBANCE, Betty J., 78, May 28
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

VICKROY, Rosalina S., 46, June 8
Church of Our Lady, Columbus

YOPKO, Nancy A., 75, June 2
St. Paul Church, Westerville



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As we participate in this appeal, we join Catholics worldwide in a loving expression of solidarity. We share in the concern of Peter's successor for the many different needs of the universal Church and for the relief of those most in need around the globe.

Like the Apostles Peter and Paul, may we strive to be authentic disciples of Christ through our commitment of prayers, sacrifices, and offerings to our brothers and sisters in need. I am grateful for your generous support and ask you to join with me in prayer for our Holy Father, asking God's blessings for his mission of justice and peace for all.

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H A P P E N I N G S

JUNE

14, THURSDAY
‘Flags of American History’ Presentation at Hartley
6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler
Road, Columbus. “The Flags of American History,” a na-
tional Knights of Columbus Flag Day presentation featur-
ing all 33 flags which have flown over the United States
since its founding.
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**

16, 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**
Program on Compassion at de Porres Center
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport
Drive, Columbus. “The Language of Compassion: How
Peace Begins with Me” with Katherine Murphy Mertzluftt
and Tom Carlisi. Registration deadline June 15. **614-416-1920**

17, SUNDAY
Praise Mass at Seton Parish
11:15 a.m., St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N.,
Pickerington. Praise Mass with contemporary music by
parish’s small musical groups. **614-833-0482**
St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans
2 to 5 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners
Road, Gahanna. Rosary and ongoing formation followed
by social time, general meeting, Liturgy of the Hours, and
initial formation with visitors. **614-282-4676**
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Colum-
bus. Mass in Spanish. **706-761-4054**
Holy Family Hidden Treasures Dinner
7 p.m., Renaissance Columbus Hotel, 50 N. 3rd St., Co-
lumbus. Third annual Hidden Treasures dinner benefiting
Holy Family Soup Kitchen and Jubilee Museum, preceded
by silent auction at 5:30. Speaker: Jason Jones, producer
of “Bella” and “The Stoning of Soraya M.” **614-221-4323**

18, MONDAY
Holy Hour for Vocations at Columbus St. Patrick
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Colum-
bus. Holy Hour for priestly and consecrated vocations.
614-235-7435

19, TUESDAY
Diocesan Senior Citizens Day at St. Cecilia
10:30 a.m., St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus.
35th annual Senior Citizens Day sponsored by diocesan
Office for Social Concerns, with Mass celebrated by Bish-
op Frederick Campbell, followed by luncheon. **614-241-2540**

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc
Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700
Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, spon-
sored by church’s respect life committee.
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

20, WEDNESDAY
JOIN Mass at Cathedral
5:15 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Colum-
bus. Annual Mass for friends and benefactors of Joint
Organization for Inner-City Needs, celebrated by
Bishop Frederick Campbell, followed by reception. **614-241-2530**
ODU Information Session on TESOL Masters Program
6 to 7 p.m., Room 276, Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Do-
minican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. In-
formation session on master of arts degree program for
teaching English as a second language. **614-251-4725**

21, THURSDAY
St. Charles Platinum Reunion
10:30 a.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad
St., Columbus. Annual platinum reunion for all graduates,
former students, and family members from the classes
of 1927 to 1961 of the school and St. Charles Borromeo
College. Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel, followed by
complimentary lunch in Cavello Center and campus tour.
Registration deadline June 15. **614-252-9288, ext. 21**
ODU LEAD Program Information Session
6 p.m., Room 274, Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican
University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Information
session for undergraduate and graduate divisions of ODU
Learning Enhanced Adult Degree program. **614-473-9003**
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**

22-24, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Youth Ministry Institute at Ohio Dominican
Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Co-
lumbus. Leaders Empowering Adolescent Discipleship
Institute for youth and adult leaders in youth ministry.
Sponsored by diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult
Ministry. **614-241-2565**

23, SATURDAY
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City.
Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and
confession. **614-565-8654**
Newman Connection Trapshooting Competition
2 p.m., Black Wing Shooting Center, 3722 Marysville Road,
Delaware. “Aimin’ for Heaven” trapshooting competition
for five-person teams, to benefit the Newman Connec-
tion, which provides a national support structure for
Catholic campus ministry. **740-341-1125**
Artist’s Reception at de Porres Center
3 to 4:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive,
Columbus. Reception with textile artist Sue King, whose
exhibit “Geography: Exploring the Physical World and the
Human Experience” is at the center until June 30. **614-416-1910**

24, SUNDAY
Holy Family Alumni Association Homecoming
11 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus.
Holy Family Alumni Association annual homecoming
Mass, followed by brunch in Jubilee Museum Auditorium,
57 S. Grubb St. **614-539-4815**
Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225
Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat con-
temporary music. **614-861-1242**
St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans
2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles

Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, followed by
general meeting, ongoing formation, and social.
Elizabeth Bowen, OFS **614-276-1953**
Diocesan Jubilee of Anniversaries at St. Matthew
2:30 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road,
Gahanna. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass
honoring married couples celebrating 25th, 30th, 35th,
40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and subsequent anniversa-
ries, with reception following. Sponsored by diocesan
Office of Marriage and Family Life. **614-241-2560**
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Colum-
bus. Mass in Spanish. **706-761-4054**

25, MONDAY
Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road,
(Christ the King Church campus), Columbus.
614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157
Our Lady of Peace Men’s Bible Study
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd.,
Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings.
614-459-2766

26, TUESDAY
Columbus Serra Club Dinner at St. Therese’s
5 p.m., St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Co-
lumbus. Serra Club of Columbus dinner and installation
of officers, with Bishop Frederick Campbell.
ODU Information Session on MBA Program
6 to 7 p.m., Room 274, Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Do-
minican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. In-
formation session on master of business administration
program. **614-251-4725**
North Columbus Serra Club Meeting at St. Anthony
7 p.m., St. Anthony Church, 1300 Urban Drive, Columbus.
North Columbus Serra Club meeting, beginning with
Mass celebrated by Father Harold Schneider, followed by
induction of new members and dinner. No charge; reser-
vations required,
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

27, WEDNESDAY
ODU Information Session on Liberal Studies Program
6 to 7 p.m., Room 274, Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Domin-
ican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Informa-
tion session on master of arts in liberal studies program.
614-251-4725

Forum on Religious Freedom
7 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North
Broadway, Columbus. Forum on religious freedom, with
Bishop Frederick Campbell; Sister Pauline Ross, O’Carm,
administrator of Mother Angeline McCrory Manor; and
Dr. Bill Murphy, Pontifical College Josephinum moral the-
ology professor. Sponsored by diocesan Office for Social
Concerns. **614-241-2540**

28, 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**
‘Courage’ Support Group Meeting
7:30 p.m., A Catholic organization providing support for
individuals with same-sex attractions.
Mary Louise **614-436-8676**

By **TIM PUET**, *Catholic Times Reporter*

Gina Switzer, Liturgical Artist

Once they found a seat, the first things that caught the eye of many people attending the Columbus Catholic Women’s and Catholic Men’s Conferences earlier this year were the paintings on either side of the speakers’ platform.

Both portraits – one of the Virgin Mary and her Immaculate Heart and the other of the Divine Mercy image as revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska – were by Columbus liturgical artist Gina Switzer. They were commissioned for the conference, which owns the originals, and will have the same prominence at the event in the future.

The Marian portrait in particular drew much favorable attention because of its contemporary look. Mary is surrounded by a halo and is holding a flaming heart pierced by a sword and wreathed by roses, and is wearing a white scarf and a blue robe trimmed in gold. But the face of the person wearing those traditional symbols is that of a young woman one might see on any street or shopping mall in central Ohio, with a gaze that draws the viewer to look at her and the heart she holds between her hands.

Several men and women at the two conferences took pictures of people standing in front of the 11 ½- by 5-foot portraits or of the portraits themselves after the conferences. “One man said, ‘I kept looking at the picture of Mary and hoping my sons marry a woman like her,’” Switzer said.

She modeled the Immaculate Heart portrait after an image she saw during an exhibit at the Pontifical College Josephinum in 2002. That image was a copy of an icon painted in 1891 by Victor Mikhail Nesterov. The original is at St. Vladimir Cathedral in Kiev, Ukraine.

Switzer was a docent at the Josephinum exhibit and said she was compelled by the image, which shows a 5- or 6-year-old Jesus seated in Mary’s lap, as she viewed it throughout the display. “I would stand enchanted for long periods before the image,” she said. “It was as if she was truly there before me, encouraging me with her contemplative gaze.”

As she learned more about Nesterov’s painting, she found it was being spread around Russia at the same time as the Marian apparitions in Fatima, Portugal, were taking place. Fatima was where

Mary identified herself as the Immaculate Heart.

“A painting of Mary’s Immaculate Heart seemed the perfect opportunity for me to quote from the painting I loved so much,” she said. “I used the blowing, velvety robes from Nesterov’s ‘Mother of God’ and the face of a young Ukrainian woman” – her daughter-in-law, Maryna Popp, who married her son Michael in May.

“The explosive colors in the background (of the Marian portrait) are reminiscent of the colorful display described by the witnesses of the miracle of the sun” at Fatima, Switzer said. “The painting is offered as a prayer for the purity of women in our culture and for union between the Orthodox and Catholic churches.”

Switzer, who attends Columbus St. Patrick Church and is a Dominican lay associate, has specialized in liturgical art for about the past 10 years. She has been an artist most of her life and started off majoring in art in college, but wound up receiving a degree in theology at Ohio Dominican University. She continues to take classes at the Columbus College of Art and Design and a studio in Cincinnati.

She estimates that she has completed more than 100 pieces of religious art of various kinds. The paintings for the conferences were done using oil paint in stick form (“It’s kind of like using a big crayon. You can almost say it was finger-painted,” she said). Other mediums with which she has worked include encaustic (melted wax), egg tempura, and charcoal.

Her work may be seen at various sites around the Columbus area, including the building used by the Bethesda Healing Ministry on the Columbus Christ the King Church campus, the convent at Worthington St. Michael Church, and the adoration chapel at Columbus St. Andrew Church.

She painted the 2012 paschal candle at St. Patrick’s and plans to do so again next year, and said she would like to do icons for priestly vestments which would be similar to vestments worn by Father Stash Dailey, parochial vicar at St. Michael’s, that include a Marian icon.

One of her works which has the same contemporary feel as the Immaculate Heart portrait is a painting of the Holy Family which hangs in the cry room at



St. Andrew’s. It shows Jesus, Mary, and Joseph not with the solemn look found in many paintings of the three, but as a smiling family having fun with their young boy.

“The painting was commissioned by the women’s group at St. Andrew’s,” Switzer said. “They wanted an image to make the cry room sacred. My idea was a portrait which would make viewers feel they were still in church, but at the same time could show an image representing the joy of family life, even in moments of frustration.

“My favorite part of the image is of Joseph holding Jesus. Most Holy Family pictures show Mary holding him, but I wanted to show Joseph as the image of fatherhood and emphasize his role. Perry Cahall, a professor at the Josephinum, came up with the idea of having Joseph and Mary playing with the baby, and that really makes them seem like real people. A friend and his son were the models for Jesus and Joseph, with another friend being the model of Mary.”

Besides being an artist, Switzer has two Shetland ponies at her Worthington home and uses them to provide therapy at nursing homes and for people with developmental disabilities.

Switzer moved around a good bit early in her marriage because of the military career of her husband, Shane, who has helped put together the men’s conference for several years. They have lived for

the past 17 years in the Columbus area, where Shane came to teach ROTC at The Ohio State University and now works for Safe Auto Insurance. They have two sons: Nicholas, 28, and Michael, 25.

“I grew up Catholic but didn’t practice the faith for many years,” she said. “Shane wasn’t Catholic, but sort of flopped around from church to church. Then a family crisis we had about 20 years ago changed our lives and deepened our faith, leading me to return to active participation in the church and the rest of the family to becoming Catholic.”

She said her prayer life and her painting go hand in hand. “My prayer tends to be visual,” she said. “I have a lot of images in my mind when I pray, and painting just naturally comes out of my prayer. In doing my work, I’m praying, and I’m fortunate that my prayer can come out in a way that can be expressed so others may see it and it can sometimes have an impact on them.”

Prints of the Immaculate Heart and Holy Family portraits and of images titled “Eucharist” and “Our Lady of Peace” are available for sale by Switzer. Her website is www.ginaswitzer.com and she may be reached by email at gina.switzer@gmail.com.

Photo: Columbus liturgical artist Gina Switzer is shown in her studio with her full-size Immaculate Heart of Mary portrait and a print of her painting of the Holy Family.

CT photo by Tim Puet

NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Members of the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property lead demonstrators up Constitution Avenue during a “Stand Up For Religious Freedom Rally” in Washington on June 8. Rallies across the nation took aim at the government’s mandate that will require most employers to cover contraception and sterilization procedures in their health plans. The nation’s Catholic bishops have repeatedly criticized the mandate. CNS photo/Peter Lockley



Altar servers lead the procession at the conclusion of Mass opening the 50th International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin, Ireland, on June 10. CNS photo/Paul Haring

Pope Benedict XVI kneels in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament during the Corpus Christi procession in Rome on June 7. CNS photo/Paul Haring

NEW HOME FOR TEN FRIARS FROM INDIANA

The former convent at Columbus St. James the Less Church, located at 1614 Oakland Park Ave., has been renamed the Sacred Heart Friary and has become the new home for 10 friars from the Franciscan Brothers Minor of Fort Wayne, Ind.

The friars began moving in on Memorial Day, May 28, and were introduced to the congregation at St. James at its 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 3. Bishop Frederick Campbell came to the new friary later that day for a blessing service, which also was attended by other Franciscan brothers and members of the Franciscan Sisters Minor who traveled from Fort Wayne, and by members of the Children of Mary community of women in Licking County.

Because the brothers will be living an austere life in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi, most of the conversion of the convent into living space for them involved moving things out rather than putting things in, said Brother Crispin Maria of Our Lady, Help of Christians.

"All the carpeting and the curtains were removed because all we need are bare floors and blinds," he said. "We also removed the refrigerator and the washer and dryer, but will keep the stove that's in the building,"

he said. "All of this is part of our lifestyle, which involves as little use of electricity as possible.

"We also took out most of the furniture that was here and brought our own, which is of a simpler style. The beds that were here also have been removed. Each of the monks' rooms will have a desk, a chair, and a sleeping bag, which will be used for sleeping on the floor."

The former convent chapel also will be the friars' chapel and will be one of the most constantly used areas of the building, with the friars gathering there seven times a day to pray the Divine Office. Prayer time also includes two daily Holy Hours before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, and daily Mass when a priest is available. The friars will attend Masses at St. James the Less on days when there is no Mass in the friary.

The friars will be emulating St. Francis by going door to door to homes and restaurants in their neighborhood asking for food. They began doing so soon after their arrival in Columbus, resulting in some surprised reactions from people seeing them walking barefoot along busy Cleveland Avenue in their brown robes in the heat of summer.

"We've definitely been getting



Members of the Franciscan Brothers Minor who are living in the former convent at Columbus St. James the Less Church are (from left): first row, Brothers Isaac Mary Brennan and Francis Mary Bougher; second row, Brothers Pascal Mary Greene, Crispin Maria Lara, and Pio Maria Wall; third row, Brothers Lawrence Mary Engo, Giles Mary Bentley, and Fidelis Maria Hamor; fourth row, Brothers Paul Maria Pace and Felix Marie Stone and Father David Mary Engo, founder of the community. Father Engo will remain based in Fort Wayne, Ind.
CT photo by Tim Puet

a lot of stares from people," said Brother Felix Marie of Our Lady's Pierced Heart. "But we've also been overwhelmed by the welcoming and kind things people have been doing for us, especially once they found out who we were.

"Many people have come up to us and said 'Please pray for me,'" said Brother Paul Ma-

ria of Our Merciful Mother. "And we've had some folks who laughed at us. I think I really scared one fellow. I came walking around the corner and he just yelled like he was terrified. "But the same guy later came back and apologized and said he's glad we're here," said Brother Pascal Mary of Our Lady of Fatima.

"One man came up to me who said that he represented the local block patrol and that they had a bunch of questions," said Brother Crispin. "Once I answered them, he said our presence would be a good thing because we all shared the same concerns."

Once they become more familiar with the neighborhood, the friars will be developing ministries for its residents, as they have in Fort Wayne.

Brother Giles Mary of Our Lady of the Annunciation will serve as guardian of the house. Brothers Felix, Lawrence Mary of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Fidelis Maria of Our Mother of Fairest Love will be studying at the Pontifical College Josephinum, beginning in the fall. Friars who will be stationed full-time at the friary are Brothers Giles, Crispin, Paul, Pascal, Francis Mary of Mary, Refuge of Sinners, Pio Maria of Our Lady, Co-Redemptrix, and Fidelis Maria of Our Mother of Fairest Love.

Anyone who would like to help the friars may contact them through the St. James the Less parish office at (614) 262-1179. Their website is www.franciscanbrothersminor.com and their email address is FranciscanBrothersMinor@hotmail.com.

2012 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Proclaiming Christ, Serving our Neighbor

Now in its 53rd year, the Bishop's Annual Appeal continues to provide financial support to more than 75 ministries, programs, and services that serve our faith community. Through these ministries, programs, and services, we are able to fulfill the mission of the Church in the Diocese of Columbus.

With the help of the Lord Jesus, we commit ourselves to work toward a more full realization of God's reign on earth by celebrating Christ's presence in worship and sacrament, by teaching and serving, by building up community, and by fostering justice through prayer and action.

The gifts and pledges made to the Bishop's Annual Appeal are allocated by Bishop

Campbell to the necessary programs and services which nurture the very spirit of our faith community, such as parish schools of Religion, youth and young adult ministries, adult faith formation, marriage preparation, and marriage enrichment. All of these offer us an opportunity to enhance our faith.

The appeal also enables every parish to receive funding for individual parish needs. Once a parish exceeds its goal, all money paid beyond the goal amount is returned to the parish. In 2011, a total of 76 parishes exceeded their goal, allowing them to receive funds to help pay for repairs and maintenance of church buildings, fund a ministry, or pay for operational costs. So far this year,

22 parishes have reached or exceeded their goal, and it is anticipated that many more will do so in the coming weeks. For up-to-date results of parish pledges and goals, go to www.colsdioc.org and click on "2012 Appeal Update."

More than 15,000 people have responded to the 2012 Bishop's Annual Appeal, with gifts and pledges totaling more than \$4.7 million. The goal this year is \$5.9 million, which is to be allocated to spiritual and pastoral programs; social concerns; educational programs; parish life enhancement; priest, deacon, and seminarian education; and student and school assistance. For information about each area that receives financial support, visit www.colsdioc.org and click on "Learn More" under the

Bishop's Annual Appeal icon.

Bishop Campbell is grateful to the faith community for its response in supporting the mission of the Church in the Diocese of Columbus. Diocesan development director Rick Jeric, whose office handles the details of the appeal, says, "Without the generosity of our diocesan members and friends, we would not be able to offer the array of programs and services to our faith community. There are more than 75 ministries, programs, and services that directly impact those in our parishes and schools and offer assistance to those in most need within our 23-county diocese. In the bigger picture, we are all answering the call to live as Jesus did."