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The Editor's Notebook

Changing Times

By David Garick, Editor

Well, I hope everyone had a nice Labor Day holiday. I know that I enjoyed that last formal celebration of summer. I was a bit afraid that the remnants of Hurricane Isaac would wash out my outdoor barbecue plans, but most of the rain missed us. Not that we didn't need rain ... we certainly still do. But when you have baby back ribs that need about five hours of slow cooking in hickory smoke outdoors, you need some time free of torrential downpours. We got that, and the results were well worth it.

That was an event that was well-suited to this transitional holiday. In the summer, it is fitting to take some time, lay back and relax, sip a cold beverage, and read a good book while burning coals and smoking wood work their magic on flavorful meat, soft winds blow through the trees, birds soar in blue skies, and life slows to a manageable pace. Now, life shifts into another gear. Summer is over. Fall is here with a new set of priorities.

School is back in session. That means a big increase in tension as students adapt to new subjects, new teachers, new classmates. Activities that took a break for the summer are now back in full swing. The weekly calendar suddenly is crowded with things that must be done. Football season is back, with high school and college games already under way and the NFL starting this week. That means plans for games, tailgate parties, pep rallies, office pools, and other activities.

While autumn does not officially arrive for two more weeks, you can

already feel the change of seasons in the air. The flowers of summer are being replaced by bright yellow, orange, and brown mums. Pumpkins are showing up in decorations, and not just in Circleville. Soon, the leaves will be changing color and work will begin to prepare our homes and yards for what is to come ... winter.

Change is a constant in life. Not just simple and predictable changes that occur as summer morphs into autumn, but the bigger changes that come as we grow and age and go from being children to having children, learning skills, building careers, sometimes losing those careers, achieving success, dealing with failure. We receive blessings and we deal with losses.

Our faith provides a strong guide to take us through the changes of life. One of the most loved passages from scripture is contained in the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." The Church provides a unifying structure that leads us through the transitions of life. By uniting ourselves with Christ and with our fellow believers, we bring our lives into harmony with the natural changes that are part of God's plan for us and for all mankind. Seasons change, but God's love and our place in his creation never changes. This issue of *Catholic Times* takes a look at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Columbus, a place where faith and love of God keep believers secure in a changing world.



LIVING GOD'S LAW WITH INTEGRITY BRINGS LIBERATION, SAYS POPE

By David Kerr
Catholic News Agency

Pope Benedict XVI says that God's law brings personal liberation to each person who embraces it and lives it with integrity.

"God's Law is his Word, which guides man on the path of life, releases him from the slavery of selfishness, and introduces him to the 'land' of true freedom and life," the pope said during his midday Angelus address on Sunday, Sept. 2.

"For this reason, in the Bible, the Law is not seen as a burden, an overwhelming limitation, but as the Lord's most precious gift, the testimony of his fatherly love, of his desire to be close to his people, to be their ally and write with his people a love story."

The pope made his remarks before several thousand pilgrims who gathered in the courtyard of his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo. The picturesque town sits in the hills above Lake Albano, 15 miles southeast of Rome.

But the pope also warned against the danger of God's law and religion losing their "true meaning" and becoming reduced to "a secondary habit." The real meaning of following God's law is "to live in listening to God," he said.

As an example, the pope pointed toward the day's Gospel, in which Jesus



adopted the words of the prophet Isaiah to describe the relationship of the Scribes and Pharisees to God: "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts." Jesus summarized their disposition by saying, "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

"This is a serious risk in every religion, which Jesus encountered in his time, but that may occur, unfortunately, even in Christianity," Pope Benedict explained.

Summarizing his thoughts in his address to English-speaking pilgrims, the pope said that today's Gospel "spurs all of us to a greater harmony between the faith we treasure in our hearts and our outward behavior."

"By God's grace, may we be purified inside and out, so as to live integrally our commitment to Christ and to his message. God bless all of you!", the pope concluded.

Photo: Pope Benedict XVI greets the crowd after praying the Angelus from a balcony overlooking the courtyard of the papal villa in Castel Gandolfo, Italy, on Sept. 2.

CNS photo/Paul Haring

Correction - The Sept. 2 Catholic Times listed an incorrect site for a retreat sponsored by the Columbus chapter of the Courage organization from Sept. 14 to 16. The correct location is the Jesuit Spiritual Center, 5361 S. Milford Road, Milford (suburban Cincinnati).

SISTERS FROM AREA PROFESS, RENEW VOWS

With all the joy of a wedding celebration, Sister Gianna Marie Webber, OSF, a former Columbus resident, offered her perpetual profession of vows on Saturday, Aug. 11, before a large gathering of family, friends, and fellow religious at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka, Ind.

Sister Gianna Marie radiated pure joy as she solemnly promised the Lord to live until death in poverty, obedience, and chastity, according to the Rule of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis and the Constitution of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

"It's a humble experience," Sister Gianna Marie said between hugs and photo opportunities after Mass. "It's all the Lord's! The Lord's graces will bring you there, the Lord's sacraments keep you in His graces, and I love these sisters. ... It's just a great honor."

At the same ceremony, **Sister Maria Gemma Salyer, OSF**, a former parishioner of Newark St Francis de Sales Church, renewed her vows as a sister of St. Francis.

She has been a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration for six years and will make her final profession of vows in two years.

Bishop Kevin Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend celebrated Mass with priests from the diocese, from Sister Gianna Marie's home parish of St. Patrick's in Columbus, and from her current home at St. John the Evangelist Parish in St. John, Ind.

Sister Gianna Marie received great support from the Dominican Friars at St. Patrick's. She said they encouraged her in her spiritual life and in her search for her vocation.



Sr. Gianna Marie

At age 40, she entered religious life after the required eight years of Franciscan formation and a variety of world experiences.

The third-eldest in a family of four brothers and one sister, Sister Gianna Marie might have chosen a career in sports. She has been a coach for boys and girls clubs since she was 15, played college-level basketball, and coached high-school basketball and soccer in Anchorage, Alaska.

She said religious life was never on her radar, but even as she fell away from the sacraments for a time, she never stopped searching for the truth.

"When I came back with my whole heart to the sacraments, that was the first time I heard God's voice toward religious life," said Sister Gianna Marie, who credits her parents, Michael and Mary Webber, for their strong witness as they also returned to the faith.

"I listened to God's voice and gave it some time. It only grew, especially through praying the Liturgy of the Hours and going to daily Mass. I started to look at communities and I found the sisters' brochure, called Sister Lois, and the rest has been his-



Sr. Maria Gemma

tory. God has laid all those things out for me."

Sister Gianna Marie said the Gospel message helps explain the joy she feels in her heart.

"The joy comes a hundredfold because you believe in Jesus Christ," she said. "Pope Benedict has proclaimed this next year the Year of Faith, and it is in that faith that we trust that when we give to the Lord any part of us, He gives us back a hundredfold."

"The call to consecrated life is the giving of family and material things ... all good things. The sacrifice is giving something beautiful for something even more beautiful."

"The Lord calls all of us to those sacrifices in different ways. The call to religious life is a beautiful service to the Church. ... It's just an incredible calling."

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades pointed out how the power of the Eucharist and the congregation's devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament strengthens them to put on love each day.

"The consecrated life is only an attractive witness when lived with love and with joy," said the bishop. "It

must be truly life in Christ ... a spousal covenant with him, in service of his church. As sisters of St. Francis, may you also be, like St. Clare, passionate lovers of the poor, crucified Christ."

Sister Gianna Marie, a passionate lover of Catholic education, serves as principal at St. John the Evangelist School, where she was able to return just in time for the first day of classes on Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Sister Maria Gemma, an Ohio Dominican University graduate, said she decided to join the order after visiting its motherhouse for a discernment weekend.

"They were so happy and loved their calling. That was one thing that strongly appealed to me, and another was their devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament," she said.

This is Sister Maria Gemma's third year as a teacher of morality and apologetics at Lafayette (Ind.) Central Catholic High School. "Whatever I do during the day, with my vow of obedience, I know it's God's will and I put my whole self into it, whether it's teaching, adoration, or even routine tasks like sweeping or mopping," she said.



Front Page photo:

Our Lady of Peace Church has served the Clintonville neighborhood of Columbus since 1946. The current church building, the third at the site, was dedicated in 1967.

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Mother Assumpta Long

FIRST COLUMBUS SACRED HEART CONGRESS

The Columbus Catholic Men's Ministry and Catholic Women's Ministry are sponsoring a Sacred Heart Congress on Saturday, Oct. 13, at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Powell Road. The theme will be "The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in Your Home: Building a Civilization of Love." The event begins with Mass at 8 a.m. and will continue until approximately 12:30 p.m.

Featured speakers will be Mother Assumpta Long, prioress general of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Msgr. Eugene Morris, director of sacred liturgy at the Pontifical College Josephinum; and Father Stash Dailey, administrator of Immaculate Conception Church in Kenton.


The event is free, with a free-will offering being taken and continental breakfast is included. Registration is not required, but an RSVP is appreciated.



Father Stash Dailey



Msgr. Eugene Morris



PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric


Nurturing

Did you and your family find new ways to support one another this past week? Specifically, we discussed the challenges and tensions experienced by our children and young adults when it comes to living their Faith. Each of us has our own challenges when growing up, and each succeeding generation has theirs. To some degree, we could say that we all have similar choices and challenges relative to our given time in history. While that may be true, I still feel that the rapid growth of electronic, digital, and wireless information has challenged our current and most recent generations more than any other. But there is no time for sympathy. Just as our young people take advantage of the tools they have to make the world a more convenient and efficient place in which to work and live, so, too, must they take advantage of the same tools and opportunities to make the world a more peaceful, loving, and Christian place. No matter how much we feel that young people are turning their backs on their Faith, we must embrace their questions, doubts, and fears, and help them with all their challenges. Use Jesus Christ in the Eucharist as the real bridge between generations. Talk together, love together, pray together, receive the Eucharist together, and then go out each day and live the love of God together, sharing with the world.

As I was recovering from surgery a couple of weeks ago, I reached a point when I felt well enough to go for an extended walk. I am not far from my parish, so I set out for 9:00 Mass on a Thursday morning. As I approached the church property, I could not believe how many cars were turning into the parking lot. As I got to the church, I realized that it was the opening Mass of the new school year for the children, and it was packed. My first reaction was a bit negative, since I had planned on a small morning Mass with some extra quiet time. But I was also immediately struck by what a nice opportunity this would be to celebrate the Eucharist with hundreds of schoolchildren, teachers, and parents. Of course, I felt a little guilty, too, for my initial negative reaction. I am so glad I went. My children are all in college and high school now, and I realized how much I miss them as younger, more innocent grade-school children. The Mass was great, and the students did a wonderful job of leading everything. I was also struck by the school's theme for the year: "Nurturing the Seeds of Discipleship." Not only a great theme for them, but a great reflection on stewardship. Our bishops' pastoral letter states it very directly: "Stewardship, A Disciple's Response." Our pastor did a great job of encouraging the students to be good disciples by nurturing and taking care of one another, just as so many different people take care of them, and like the gardener took great care to nurture and fertilize the fig tree in the Gospel. Certainly for us, as good and faithful stewards and disciples, the message is just as simple and profound. Let us nurture one another's seeds.

Our practical challenge this week is to nurture some seeds, with encouragement to be good and faithful stewards. Consider your own seeds. What am I called to do each day? How do I live the Gospel and the Eucharist? Consider the seeds of family and friends. What kind of example am I? Do I know of someone right now who could use some fertilizer and extra care? Finally, consider the seeds of those you do not even know, but who have great need -- those who may not even know that they have seeds to be nurtured. Take stock of your time, talent, and treasure, and how you put them to good use. The time is always now for more nurturing and care of one another.

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MEN’S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

That Man Is You!”, a dynamic, fast-growing Catholic men’s leadership program, will be offered at Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., beginning Saturday, Sept. 15. The program is designed to equip men with the knowledge, insight, and spiritual strength to effectively lead their families.

It has witnessed a phenomenal growth since its inception in 2004 in Houston, spreading to more than 250 parishes nationwide. It focuses on the development of men in the modern world, combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop a vision of men capable of transforming themselves, their families, and greater society.

The complete program runs for three years. Our Lady of Peace offered the first part, “Becoming a Man After God’s Own Heart,” last year. This year’s theme is “A Light to the Nations.”

Its goal is the transformation of marriage and family life. It begins by developing the vision of the home as the domestic church. Through an examination of the Holy Family, the program helps men to grasp God’s abiding presence within the home. It then identifies seven steps for finding union with God in the home.

Those steps are honoring wedding vows; eating dinner together; giving God some of your time; setting your mind on the things above; finding God in other people; finding God in yourself; and making it easy to be good and hard to be bad.

Having identified the pathway to the transformation of marriage and family life, the program develops specific initiatives to aid men in their spiritual journey, providing a framework for men to evaluate their spiritual lives and chart a course leading to profound sanctity and union with God.

The program will run in two 13-week semesters, with the first semester ending on Saturday, Dec. 15.

Doors will open at 6 a.m. for food and fellowship. The program will run from 6:45 to 7:45. To register, go to www.olp-parish.org or see the display in the gathering space of the church.

FAMILY HONOR HELPS COLUMBUS AREA FAMILIES LIVE OUT THEIR FAITH

The Central Ohio Family Honor Team, consisting of seven professionally trained laypeople from parishes in the Diocese of Columbus, will present the Real Love & Real Life chastity education program for seventh- and eighth-grade students and their parents this fall at churches in Newark and Delaware.

Dates and times for the program are Wednesday, Oct. 3, 10, 17, and 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Newark Blessed Sacrament Church, 394 E. Main St., and Friday, Nov. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Delaware St. Mary Church, 66 E. William St.

Team members are Rebecca and Tom Gjostein, Jon and Erin Yerian, Susan Lau, John Durant, and Brenda Lombardi. They conducted a similar program, which was attended by more than 30 families, at Worthington St. Michael Church in November 2011.

Topics for the program, a presentation of Family Honor, Inc., include recognizing one’s true worth; the real meaning of love; growing in virtue; fertility appreciation; developing one’s whole self; and much more.

Parents are required to attend the program with their children. It is designed to empower and encourage parents to talk with their teens confidently and competently about these topics. Family Honor, Inc. believes that families shouldn’t be the last place where young people learn the most important lessons of their lives, but the first place.

Family Honor, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides and promotes a family-centered Catholic approach to chastity education, with a special focus on God’s gift of sexuality.

For information on the program, contact Kathy Wilson in Newark at (740) 363-4641, Erin Yerian in Delaware at (740) 369-2718, or Central Ohio Family Honor program coordinator Brenda Lombardi at brenda.lombardi@yahoo.com or (614) 389-2434, or visit www.FamilyHonor.org

FATHER STEPHEN METZGER’S HOMILY AT THE FUNERAL MASS FOR MSGR. JOHN V. WOLF IN MOUNT VERNON ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 23:

“Msgr. John Wolf, the old storyteller, has died, and it has brought us together and filled me with a flood of memories. John was indeed a storyteller, and many of his best stories are contained in the book that he wrote — ‘Cathedral Days.’

“But there’s one story I’d like to share that is not in that book, but to understand it, it might be helpful to know that John was the youngest of 10 children. There were five girls, and all of them became nuns, and there were five boys, of course. Three were priests, Brother Maurus was a Jesuit brother, and Louie was married.

“John’s oldest brother was the famous Father Tony Wolf, and when the Second Vatican Council struck, and its aftermath, Father Tony had a hard time getting into the spirit of the Second Vatican Council, and he was not so much into this reform and reunion. He didn’t hear that clarion call for aggiornamento that John XXIII had called for, and he found many things difficult.

“In fact, he thought there was an advancement of Arianism, which focuses on the human dimension of Jesus. And so, one time he had a book burning at the parking lot of the church for the Sadlier (religious education) series because it was ‘pure Arianism.’

“Well, when Tony died, John preached his funeral, and John said, ‘My brother Tony was like a cross-eyed javelin thrower.’ He said, ‘He wasn’t very accurate, but he sure saw a lot of targets.’

“Well, here I am, and in front of this lofty vantage point, I see many targets, and I’m not sure about my accuracy. But I know if I follow the liturgy, it will tell me the right direction. I know that if I pay attention, if I watch the gestures and actions, if I listen to the words and how and why those gestures and words are used, I won’t be too far off the mark.

“I noticed that we began singing ‘Holy God, we praise your name,’ and the Father, Son, and Spirit, and said we can own this mystery. We own the mystery.

“And I noticed when we processed in that we are pilgrim people. John was a pilgrim person, as well. We are transients. This is not our permanent home. We are on a journey together.

“I noticed that the coffin was draped with a white funeral pall, and white is the symbol of faith. It is in the realm of faith, of belief, that we are here.

“I noticed the coffin is next to the Easter candle, and it brought back images of Easter vigil celebrations — from light to darkness, from death to eternal life, from the waters of baptism and the sacraments of initiation — that we come to a new life and new promise in Christ.

“I noticed that we made the sign of the cross and we gathered in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit, and that the celebration was not really about John, but about God and God’s presence, and how he has revealed himself in Jesus and in the Holy Spirit.

“I noticed in the Collect that we prayed to the God who raised Jesus from death, that those who have died in Christ also be raised. It is in that framework that we have gathered.

“I noticed in the first reading that John was a young man and that he followed his heart and he followed his visions, and then I heard that the silver cord was broken and that the golden bowl was broken, and then I heard the story about the pulley falling into the well and I heard about the dust, and the soul and spirit going to God.

“In the second reading, I heard about ‘those are blessed who die in the Lord’ and that ‘their works go with them.’

“In the Gospel, I heard about the grain of wheat, a symbol of death and resurrection: ‘Unless the grain falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit.’

“If we pay attention to the liturgy and what we do and say, it will be on target. If you think of this building as a grain of wheat, and inside the grain is that flour, and we are each a particle of that flour, and we get ground and we get sifted, and then we become the dough, and all is stuck together in a permanent bond — bonded with John and bonded with one another in a permanent and eternal way. And then we become that bread that is the Eucharist, and we become that part of death and resurrection that we celebrate.

“John was a storyteller, but the main story he told as a priest was the story of the death and resurrection and our share in that mystery. It is that celebration and story that I like to tell.

“‘Unless the grain of wheat dies and falls to the ground, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit.’ That is the Paschal mystery.”



By Mary Murphy
Director, St. Therese’s Retreat Center

As a lover of Church history, I enjoy focusing on the people who have passed down to us the traditions and images demonstrating their strong faith and love for the Church. Our deceased clergy, religious, and laypeople built churches and holy places, and began programs and initiatives that continue to play an important role in our diocese.

One of those holy places is St. Therese’s Retreat Center, which was the result of Bishop James Hartley’s determination to build a “house of retreats” within the diocese. Designed by architect Robert Kraus and constructed by Lang Stone of Columbus, its main building was dedicated on Oct. 3, 1931, with the Grotto of Our Lady completed a few years later.

In his “History of the Diocese -- 1918-43,” Bishop James Hartley wrote, “Some few years ago, a beautiful grotto in honor of the Blessed Mother was built. People come there at all hours of the day and night to make visits. ... It has been a real center of Catholic faith and piety, growing into the hearts of the people and all are much attached to the place. ...”

After more than 70 years, that same devotion is evident. We find people kneeling, lighting candles, or just sitting in the grotto at all hours, just as Bishop Hartley described years ago. Recently, while taking my dog for a walk, I found someone praying at 6 a.m., and a few days later, I witnessed a young couple kneeling in front of Mary at about 10 p.m. These moments are not rare occasions!

The years have taken a toll on the grotto. Rain, snow, and ice melting and refreezing have eroded the stones, causing the grotto to become unstable and unsafe. The safety of those visiting this holy place is of utmost concern, and for this reason the structure was razed, beginning the week of Aug. 27.

Several years ago, when we knew “the writing was on the wall,” a special fund was started for the grotto. As of today, it contains \$12,000, all from people who “are attached to the place,” as Bishop Hartley so fondly wrote.

Working with the diocese and James O’Shea, an Irish stone mason, we plan to construct a new grotto. While a bit smaller, it will be in the same style as the original. Our staff has removed the plantings and fence that enhanced the area -- all have been saved. Beginning Aug. 19, O’Shea began painstakingly removing the altar/pedestal that holds the statue of Our Lady, to be preserved for use in the new structure.

The estimated cost of the grotto renovations is \$39,200, including all new stone. Garden renovation and landscaping, sidewalk replacement, and improved lighting bring the total to \$43,300. We ask and pray for your help with this wonderful and important project. It can only be built through the graciousness of the people of our diocese.

Please help to ensure that Bishop Hartley’s dream of this holy place for all of us remains a reality! If we can meet our goal soon, we hope that our new grotto may be in place by Christmas.

Donations of any amount will be gratefully accepted. Please mail or drop a check to St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio, 43213. Please contact us at (614) 866-1611 with any questions.

A quick note from:

THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

OUR SUNDAY LITURGY: THE GOSPEL

The Liturgy of the Word began with a change in posture, from standing to a seated position of reception and meditation during the periods of silence that follow each of the scripture passages. We change postures again with the *Gospel Acclamation*. The *Gospel Acclamation* is a “rite or act standing by itself.” It serves as the greeting of welcome of the assembled faithful to the Lord, who is about to speak to them, and as an expression of their faith through song. The *Gospel Acclamation* must be sung not just by the cantor or the choir, but by the entire assembled community, and during this short rite, we stand awaiting the Gospel proclamation.

The liturgy, through frequent repetition and admonition, teaches and impresses upon us the great reverence to be shown the reading of the Gospel. It is set off from the other readings by marks of honor. It is read by a special minister appointed to proclaim it - the deacon. (Only when no deacon is present does the honor of proclaiming the gospel fall to a priest.) The deacon prepares himself through prayer and a special blessing given by the presider. At the ambo, he greets the assembly with his hands together with the same liturgical greeting given by the priest as Mass began: *“The Lord be with you.”* We respond: *“And with your spirit,”* which does not refer to the personal spirit of the deacon but to the Spirit he received at ordination, the Holy Spirit who is present as we hear the words of the Gospel.

The deacon announces the reading while making the sign of the cross with his thumb, first on the book at the beginning of the Gospel passage he is about to proclaim, then on his forehead, lips, and breast. Together with the deacon who proclaims the Gospel, the faithful sign themselves similarly *that the Word may enlighten their minds, cleanse their hearts, and open their lips to proclaim the praise of the Lord*. The community



replies with the words *“Glory to you, O Lord.”* The deacon may then incense the book three times, to the center, left, and right. The deacon then proclaims the Gospel in a clear voice. At the end of the Gospel, the deacon proclaims *“The Gospel of the Lord”* without raising the book from the stand. We respond, *“Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,”* acknowledging Christ’s presence to us in the words that were proclaimed. The deacon then kisses the book, saying in a low voice, *“May the words of the Gospel wipe away our sins.”*

Other marks of reverence are given to *The Book of the Gospels* itself. The book is highly decorated compared to our other liturgical books; every attempt is made that this book is worthy, dignified, and beautiful. It is the only liturgical book held high and carried in processions for the community to look upon and reflect on the Gospels it has heard proclaimed. Before it is proclaimed during Mass, it is carried to the ambo, accompanied with candles, along with incense. So clearly is *The Book of the Gospels* a sign of Christ’s presence in the liturgy that it is revered with the same holy kiss given to the altar after it is proclaimed.

Thus, the *Gospel Acclamation* as a sign of the presence of Christ in his word proclaimed is always accorded a place of honor in the Church’s liturgy. Enshrining the *Book of the Gospels*, especially on the altar when Mass begins, is a sign of the presence of Christ himself as teacher and guide.

Once the Gospel has been proclaimed, we become the bearers of the Gospel message, and the *Book of the Gospels* is put in a place of honor and not carried in procession at the end of Mass. Instead, it is our responsibility to go forth carrying the Gospel in our hearts at the end of Mass and to announce *the Gospel of the Lord* through the way we live our lives.

HOW MANY BOOKS ARE THERE IN THE BIBLE?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I have always found your column in the Catholic Star Herald to be interesting, educational and enlightening, but I was confused by a recent reference. In answering a question about Catholics reading the Scriptures, you referred to the 73 books in the Bible: 46 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.

Admittedly, I am a very old-school Catholic, but in all my years of Catholic education we never had more than 72 books (45 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.) Was another book discovered, unearthed or otherwise approved when I wasn’t paying attention? (Camden, N.J.)

A. Like you, I learned that the Bible contained 72 books and was surprised to see the more recent use of the number 73. The difference lies in whether Jeremiah and Lamentations are considered as one book or two.

Although the author of Lamentations is not named internally, strong tradition (including the Greek Septuagint and the Latin Vulgate) has ascribed its origin to Jeremiah. Both books deal

with the turmoil leading up to and following the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple in 586 B.C.

Some scholars see a notable consistency between the two books, not only in their common subject matter but in a similar tone and vocabulary. Others, though, point to the poetic style of Lamentations as sharply different from Jeremiah’s combination of history, biography and prophecy.

The New American Bible, which is the version most commonly used by Catholics, presents the two as separate books and thus counts a total of 73 books.

Q. I often witness adults chewing gum during Sunday Mass and then going right up to receive holy Communion. Am I wrong in thinking that chewing gum breaks the one-hour fast that Catholics are required to observe before receiving the precious body and blood? (Galloway, N.J.)

A. The governing canon (No. 919 in the church’s Code of Canon Law) says that “one who is to receive the most holy Eucharist is

to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception only of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before holy Communion.”

I don’t think you’ll find any official rule book that details what is food and what is not. So we should simply use our heads as God and the church expect us to do in a lot of things.

I have heard one opinion that if gum is sugar-free, it does not break the fast since it has no nutritional value.

To me, such reasoning is silly and artificial, the height of casuistry.

Let’s look at the reason for the rule and then seek to apply it.

The Eucharist is special food, nourishing not our bodies for a day but our souls for eternity. To remind us of just how special this gift is, the church requires that no other food enter our mouths for an hour before receiving it, so as not to mix the profane with the sacred.

Gum, whether you chew it or swallow it, whether it has sugar or not, profanes the mouth and makes it less worthy as a receptor for the body of Christ.

So yes, gum is food, and people should not chew it during the hour before they receive Communion.

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By John Garvey

Catholic News Service

In June, the Congregation for Saints’ Causes recognized the life of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen as one of heroic virtue and granted him the title “venerable.” It is a step toward beatification. He now needs a miracle attributed to his intercession to proceed.

Archbishop Sheen graduated from The Catholic University of America in 1920. He received his doctorate in philosophy from the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, in 1923, and won the Cardinal Mercier Prize for International Philosophy, given once each decade. He then taught at The Catholic University of America from 1926 to 1950.

He was a force of nature. By 1940, in addition to his classes, he was meeting 150 speaking engagements per year. He also spoke regularly on NBC’s “Catholic Hour” radio program, to which he first owed his

celebrity. The weekly program was heard by millions from 1930 to 1950. Evangelist Billy Graham described him as “one of the greatest preachers of this century.” Catholic Church historian Msgr. John Tracy Ellis said Archbishop Sheen was the 20th century’s most famous Catholic preacher.

In 1951, Archbishop Sheen began his television career. His half-hour show “Life Is Worth Living” was a media sensation. The archbishop would talk straight through the show with no notes or props -- except his blackboard.

My earliest memory of television is sitting at my grandparents’ home on Sunday evening, watching that program in black and white with my great-uncles and great-aunts. Archbishop Sheen won an Emmy in 1953 for Most Outstanding Television Personality, besting Edward R. Murrow, Lucille Ball, and Arthur Godfrey.

FOURTH ANNUAL WOMEN’S SERENITY RETREAT

The fourth annual women’s serenity retreat, for women in Al-Anon and Alcoholics Anonymous, will take place Friday to Sunday, Oct. 19 to 21, at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark.

The theme will be “Relationship As A Spiritual Practice,” focusing on the last two steps of AA’s 12-step program, which guides people to seek God’s will for them through prayer and meditation and ways in which people can serve others. The speaker will be Canadian counselor and spiritual director Mildred Frank.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. Friday and continue through noon Sunday. It will include talks, discussion groups, meditation, a white elephant sale, meals, fellowship, and sharing with others in 12-step recovery. Fees of \$145 for a dorm room and \$170 for a double room include two nights’ lodging, three meals on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast, along with evening snacks. Dinner Friday and lunch Sunday are optional.

For more information, call Toi at (614) 702-0259 or Mikki at (614) 746-3808 or email Reggie at mrsold-quaker@gmail.com.

FULTON SHEEN, APOSTLE OF TELEVISION

It’s hard to imagine someone like Archbishop Sheen even appearing on television today, let alone winning an Emmy. Some might say he couldn’t measure up to modern shows in entertainment value. I doubt this. I think it has more to do with the changed expectations of television audiences or producers. The archbishop’s show demanded more of the viewer than today’s programs, which viewers watch to be entertained or titillated (notice the passive voice).

The Sunday night lineup, where Archbishop Sheen once appeared, now runs such lazy fare as “Big Brother” and “Extreme Makeover: Weight Loss Edition.” Until recently, it included “Desperate Housewives.”

Compare this to a program Archbishop Sheen did in 1956 about gloom as a neurosis. He discussed the theme of despair in modern literature. He reminded viewers how French existentialist writer Jean-Paul Sartre’s “No Exit” ends with the observation that “hell is other people,” and observed that the intense egotism of such works leads to a curious kind of self-pity.

“Life is Worth Living” also came with a distinctive point of view. Archbishop Sheen argued for objective moral standards in society and maintained a certainty about religion. He condemned Josef Stalin and communism, famously presaging the Soviet leader’s death one week before it happened. He denounced racism and the excesses of capitalism.

In today’s television scene, the only permissible philosophical premise is that each person has his own truth. What’s right or good for me may not be right or good for you, and that’s OK. In a world governed by this assumption, the only necessary virtue is tolerance and the only vice is hypocrisy.

A prophet like Archbishop Sheen would be out of place



in such a world. Preachers like him appeal to people who think their lives have a meaning, that life’s questions have true and false answers. Someone who is actively searching for those answers, not passively waiting to be entertained, will find real value in a half-hour of conversation with a thoughtful guide. And Archbishop Sheen earned his popularity, I think, by paying his viewers the compliment of supposing that’s what they were looking for.

Garvey is the president of The Catholic University of

America in Washington.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen is pictured in an undated file photo. Pope Benedict XVI has approved the heroic virtues of Archbishop Sheen, declaring him “venerable” and clearing the way for the advancement of his sainthood cause. The announcement came June 28 from the Vatican. Archbishop Sheen preached on the popular “Catholic Hour” radio program and went on to become an Emmy-winning televangelist.

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MSGR. CODY HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONSCIOUS OF BEING A PART OF THE DIOCESE



Msgr. John Cody
by Tim Puet

Msgr. John Cody has served as a pastor, a teacher, a Tribunal member, and in many other roles in nearly 40 years as a priest. He says that no matter what he's done or where he's been, he has always recognized that he and every other religious and lay person have important roles to play in the larger faith community.

"A priest is the specific leader of a specific community, and as pastor of (Columbus) St. Christopher Parish, I'm the chief shepherd of that unit," he said. "But I'm also very conscious of being part of the diocese, the Local Church, as it's sometimes called, where people live and interact with each other and form their faith life. That sense is something I've felt in whatever assignment I've had.

"I've been privileged to work with a number of seminarians in my years as a pastor, and I urge them to become involved in the diocese, to go to Masses or events at other parishes when they have the chance, just to see the great variety we have in the Diocese of Columbus.

"I'd say the same to lay people. We all have a tendency to be parochial, and while it's great for people to be involved in their own parish, they need to remember they are also part of the diocese and that the bishop, as our chief shepherd, needs the help of all of us."

Msgr. Cody, 66, has spent his entire priestly career in Columbus parishes. He has been at St. Christopher for eight years and also served as pastor at St. Ladislav (1981-86), St. Mary Magdalene (1986-87), and St. Francis of Assisi (1987-99). He has been an associate pastor at St. Timothy and St. Agatha and in residence at Immaculate Conception, St. Mary Magdalene, and Holy Family.

At various times, he has been a teacher at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, adjunct spiritual director at the Pontifical College Josephinum, co-director of the Office of the Diaconate, and director of the Teens Encounter Christ program in the Office of Youth Ministry, and has served in several other positions. He is chaplain of Knights of Columbus Council 14342, the Shamrock Club of Columbus, and the Daughters of Erin, and co-chaplain of Columbus City Council with Father Michael Watson.

He was baptized at Columbus Holy Name Church and grew up with two brothers and two sisters as a member of Worthington St. Michael after his parents moved in 1947 to the house where he still resides on his days off and while he is on retreat.

He attended Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School for one year and graduated from Watterson in 1964 and from St. Charles Seminary in 1968. He spent a short time at Mount St. Mary of the West Seminary in Norwood, then taught at Columbus St. Anthony School for a year while discerning whether he was being called to the priesthood. The discernment process led him to return to seminary life at the Josephinum and to his ordination on March 24, 1973. He was given the title of monsignor by Pope John Paul II in 1992.

"My parents were very good Catholics, but never pushed me to be a priest," Msgr. Cody said. "The priesthood was always my idea. My first memory in that regard goes back to when I was about three years old, standing on the kneeler in a pew and watching Father John Byrne, the pastor at St. Michael's, saying Mass. I can remember being very attracted by what he was doing. As I grew up, like most boys, I had thoughts at times of becoming an astronaut or a fireman, but things always kept coming back to the priesthood. I'm grateful to the sisters and

priests who fostered my vocation and to the people who knew I was thinking of the priesthood and were always encouraging."

He said Father Byrne's example played the biggest role in his decision to become a priest and that other influential priests in his life included Fathers John Fulcher and Carmen Arcuri, associate pastors at St. Michael's; Msgr. Edward Spiers, principal at Watterson, who encouraged him to go to the seminary; Msgr. John Wolf, dean of men at St. Charles Seminary; Msgrs. Edward Healey and Edward Fairchild, teachers at the Josephinum; and Msgr. Carl Claggett, who directed diocesan youth programs while Msgr. Cody was a counselor at the former Camp St. Joseph for several summers.

His duties as a pastor and a chaplain require Msgr. Cody to be a frequent public speaker, so it surprised many people when a story in The Columbus Dispatch last year discussed how he has dealt throughout his life with a stuttering problem.

"That was the one thing that concerned me about becoming a priest," he said. "I thought 'How am I going to be able to speak in public, especially when most of what a priest does involves talking?' But things worked out, thanks to speech therapy. I began therapy in the fourth grade at St. Michael's and that helped, but it didn't give me the tools to be completely comfortable. Then I met Dr. Cheri Florance in the late 1970s and she taught me a new way of talking," which involved bumping his words together so he never stopped making sounds, "and I've been fine ever since."

Msgr. Cody taught at Watterson from 1973-78 and was with the youth ministry office from 1978-81, and said his own difficulties helped him relate to the struggles young people face. "I really enjoyed teaching, and those years were a highlight," he said.

"All my brothers and sisters were involved in education in some way. My sister Kathy McClernon retired this year from the diocesan Schools Office after a long career as a teacher and principal in diocesan schools. I had one brother who was a teacher and another who trained to be a teacher. Both ended up becoming attorneys, which means that among the three of us brothers, we have two civil lawyers, and me as a canon lawyer."

Msgr. Cody, who received his degree in canon law from The Catholic University of America in 2001, has been part of the diocesan Tribunal since 1999. He was a full-time canon lawyer from 2001-04, then became pastor of St. Christopher's. He also was a Tribunal judge in the 1980s.

"Serving on the Tribunal gives me great satisfaction because it helps people get through difficult situations," he said. "I feel that the Tribunal exercises an important pastoral role in the Church, in helping people to move beyond what was presumably a valid marriage, that after a declaration of nullity, enables them to enter a new marriage in the Church. It frankly warms my heart to see the couples I've helped get into good and life-giving marriages after experiencing the pain of divorce."


When asked to define the priesthood in a few words, Msgr. Cody said, "I've always tried to follow Father Byrne's example and share his deep love of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. The best thing I can do as a priest is offer the liturgy with care and reverence. Priests don't do what they do for self-aggrandizement. In the end, it's as Luke's Gospel says: 'We are unworthy servants. We have only done our duty.'"



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Good Intentions

**GRACE IN THE MOMENT**
Mary van Balen

indulgence is at odds with the Spirit, "you do not always carry out your good intentions." That's me.

I could have gone to Ohio Dominican's library, as I had the past two days. It is where I did much of my master's degree studying, and later, lesson planning for classes I taught there, so the tables at the back of the top floor say "Get to work!" No dishes call to be washed, or cell phone to connect to family and friends scattered around the country. I am less likely to indulge in games of solitaire on my computer when I am in the midst of book stacks and other students.

While there, I am not tempted to run to the store, sometimes to buy and sometimes to return what I should not have purchased in the first place. Life is just crammed with possibilities, and while not bad in themselves, they can worm their way into our consciousness and play on the self-indulgence gene. I made a run to the post office, but not until I had

checked a few stores for notepaper I was convinced I needed for a letter. I found nothing, and decided I should have simply cut some of the paper I had at home to the correct size and been done with it.

And of course, one of those stores was a bookstore, and I found myself looking at new arrivals and searching for journals to use in my upcoming retreat. I called my sister, talked with my two daughters, and before I knew it, the day had slipped away.

The temptation is to become discouraged with myself and waste more time feeling bad. That doesn't help either. One of the good things I did this morning was to read one of Father Jim Smith's homilies in the online magazine "Celebration." As I would expect, he had packed good stuff into those paragraphs. One I remembered when I was ready to give up on myself is that we can't accomplish salvation ourselves. We show up, of course, and give it our best effort, but, in the end, God does the heavy work. And what's more, God is so crazy about us that he/she doesn't mind.

As I prepare for bed, I hold on to that thought and the bit of proverbial wisdom: Tomorrow is a brand new day.

Mary van Balen will be giving a daylong workshop/retreat on "Journaling the Journey: A Day of Writing into Prayer," on Saturday, Sept. 29. Visit www.maryvanbalen.com or call (740) 503-3987.

"I am the lowliest of all doormats!"

By Isabel Louis

Last Saturday (Aug. 18) was my 60th birthday – kind of bittersweet feelings, I guess. The day started with my husband and I going for Mass in a distant church, followed by a prayer meeting there. It was a blessed experience, and I even got serenaded by those friendly people, though they did not know us, during the fellowship hour after praise and worship.

What I did not look forward to during the rest of the day was the messy, unplanned "moving" for my son, who is now a senior at OSU. To begin with, we could not fully understand his decision to move out of his current, comfortable single-bed room with all the creature comforts (including furnishing) to an unfurnished apartment room with shared kitchen and bathroom, just to be with his friends! That, too, in this last year of college days. Anyway, my son, Gerard, was happy and that was all that mattered, I guess.

But when we finally got to his place with the first installment of his stuff, John and I were disappointed to see that his "friends" have all taken bigger rooms with windows, leaving a windowless smaller room, that was not even rectangular in shape, for Gerard! We

realized that there was some apparent manipulation the previous day to prevent Gerard from meeting them that morning when they received the key for the house, which helped them have a head start in room choice. Gerard was told he could move in later to avoid congestion, and we never realized that his friends would not have the courtesy to wait for him before deciding who took which room. They could have perhaps cast lots to decide who would occupy the windowless room.

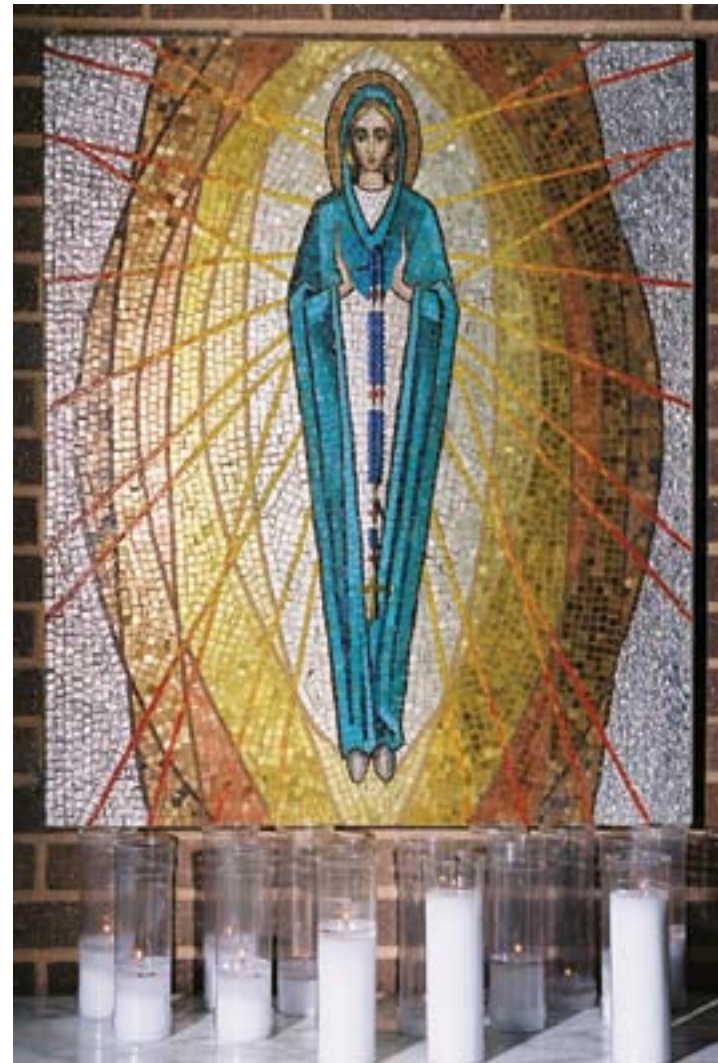
Anyway, Gerard did not reveal whether he had felt let down by his friends. We did not want to make matters worse, and left it at that. But later, when I was alone with my husband, I could not help venting my frustration and disappointment at what had happened. I told my husband that this was not the first time Gerard had allowed himself to be treated like a doormat by his friends. Very often, he had gotten the worse end of the bargain when dealing with any such "shared" matters. I was making these comments the next day as we were driving to our church for Sunday Mass.

I was not at all prepared for what happened at that Mass! During the consecration prayers, as usual, after thanking the Lord for blessing me with 60 years of

wonderful life and a great family, I was praying for all my relatives and friends, living and dead. Then came the clear message: "Isabel, I am the lowliest of all doormats. You know how all my friends not only used me, but even abandoned me, while I was being torn to pieces. But did you realize that I am the doormat that removed the sins from those who used me and those who entered my Father's house through me? Could you not help and encourage your son to be one such doormat – the one who will bear and clean up the dirt and dust of his friends?"

I was dumbstruck ... I never realized that my analogy of doormat to describe my son's situation would be used by Our Lord and turned around in this way! That was an eye-opening message for me. After I sought His pardon for being mean and judgmental in my thoughts towards Gerard's friends, all the bitterness in my heart was wiped away in a matter of seconds! Thank you, Jesus! I could see many positive sides of the very same situation, and praise and thank the Lord for His kindness and love.

Isabel Louis is a member of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church.



REVERENCE, GENEROSITY, ENTHUSIASM: OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Father Kevin Kavanagh says that after six years as pastor of Our Lady of Peace Church in Columbus' Clintonville neighborhood, three characteristics of his parishioners stand out.

"Every parish has a personality," he said, "and what's impressed me in particular about the parishioners here has been their reverence, their generosity, and their enthusiasm.

"Their reverence, especially at the Eucharist and in their response to Eucharistic Adoration and in activities like our 'That Man Is You!' program, helps inspire me. Their generosity isn't just in financial terms, but also in the way they respond to requests to join committees or to the annual parish festival.

"People joke sometimes about how I trick them into doing things, but I think that from the enthusiastic way many of them respond to my requests, they were just waiting to be asked anyway. It's a source of great satisfaction to know there's a solid core of people who can be counted on when the need arises."

"That Man Is You!" is being offered by the parish for a second year, beginning Saturday, Sept. 15. "It's a program for men which shows them how God wishes to use the family in the transformation of the greater society," said parishioner Ed Price. "It starts with developing the vision of the home as the domestic church, providing a framework for men to evaluate their spiritual lives and chart a course leading to profound sanctity and union with God."

The 26-week program is divided into two sessions of 13 weeks each and will take place on Saturdays from 6 to 8 a.m. "That was the only time we could offer it and we thought it would be a drawback, but we had 94 initial registrants and 40 to 45 men coming week after week last year," Price said. He said the support of Deacon Jeffrey Fortkamp and the parish's Knights of Columbus council were particularly important factors in making the program successful.

Sister Barbara Kolesar, OP, who serves with Sister Martha Langstaff, OP, as the parish's pastoral associates, is the coordinator for Eucharistic Adoration, which takes place on the first Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. from September to May, with at least two people praying at all times in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

"We have at least 60 people regularly taking part as adorers, plus those who come occasionally. That's a pretty substantial figure," she said. "Of course, we'd be delighted to have more and encourage anyone with even a few moments to spare to stop and visit our Lord in the Eucharist."

Our Lady of Peace was founded in 1946 as one of a half-dozen parishes established in the Columbus area to serve people moving into developments created by the housing boom that followed World War II. The diamond-shaped church building, with a spire rising 110 feet into the sky, has been a landmark along North High Street since its dedication in 1967. It's the third church to be located on the site.

For the past year, worship has taken place

in a sanctuary renovated by parishioner Jerry Ulibarri, who restored the church's original "Lamb of God" cross, which was returned to its original location, and added rays of light and panels depicting "living water" to it.

The Blessed Sacrament tabernacle was returned to an area behind the altar which had housed the choir, the baptismal font was moved to where the tabernacle had been, and the choir, piano, and organ were moved down from the altar after the removal of three rows of pews. In addition, Ulibarri created murals of St. Joseph and the Virgin Mary on both sides of the altar which mirror images found elsewhere in the church.

The parish has about 1,000 families, a figure that has remained fairly consistent over the years because Clintonville is fairly compact geographically and is one of Columbus' oldest neighborhoods, with most homes dating from the 1920s to the late 1950s. That stability combines with Clintonville's location just north of The Ohio State University to make it an area that's stayed the same in some ways and is constantly changing in others, with a diverse, mobile population.

"We have many second- and third-generation parishioners, plus a good number of people who grew up here and moved farther out, but have remained as parishioners and bring their children here," said Erin Morris, parish business manager.

"My mother comes here every so often from a larger parish, and she keeps telling me how wonderful it is that people here are so happy to see her," said Carol Folan, principal of Our Lady of Peace School for the past 20

years. "People come here because they feel welcome, and that extends to the school, which is why we have students from so many parishes."

The school's 257 children in kindergarten through eighth grade come from 13 parishes and are served by 11 full-time teachers and three new part-time instructors for algebra, art, and physical education. "One of the things that I think attracts students is that we have a teaching staff where there's little turnover," Folan said. "Teachers come here and want to stay, and that encourages parents."

Four teachers at the school have a combined 134 years of service there and are teaching many children of their former students. Science teacher Teresa Gelonese and second-grade teacher Barbara Durbin each have been at Our Lady of Peace for 36 years, writing teacher Susan Byrnes for 33 years, and first-grade teacher Margaret Modecki Pinckney for 29 years.

Three others – Stephanie Doyle, Alicia



Moos Zeyen, and Sarah Benadum Rabold – are teaching in the school they attended as children.

This November, Byrnes and Doyle will continue what's become a long-standing tradition at the school as they coordinate a 30-minute opera written, performed, and produced entirely by sixth-grade students.

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Top: Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church staff members (from left): Sister Martha Langstaff, OP, pastoral minister; Erin Morris, business manager; Father Kevin Kavanagh, pastor; Sister Barbara Kolesar, OP, pastoral minister; and Carol Folan, school principal.

Bottom: Members of Our Lady of Peace Boy Scout Troop 169 and adult leaders at a shelter along the Appalachian Trail.

CT photo by Tim Puet (top); photo courtesy Scout Troop 169 (bottom)

Top: A mosaic of Our Lady of Peace inside the Columbus church which bears her name.

Middle: The diamond-shaped church and its tower have been Clintonville landmarks since 1967.

Bottom left: Sanctuary renovations by parishioner Jerry Ulibarri include addition of the parish's original "Lamb of God" cross and the addition of rays of light and panels of "living water."

Bottom right: The Our Lady of Peace choir in concert. The choir leads 10 a.m. Sunday Masses from September to June. Linda Ebright is music minister.

CT file photo by Ken Snow (top); CT photos by Tim Puet (middle, bottom left); photo courtesy Our Lady of Peace Church (bottom right)





Left: Columbus Our Lady of Peace School was dedicated in 1952, six years after the parish was founded. What is now its gymnasium served as a temporary church until 1967. Right: A scene from the 2011 version of the school's annual opera. A new production is written and performed each year by sixth-graders. CT file photo by Ken Snow (left); photo courtesy Our Lady of Peace School (right)

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“The opera is different every year, but one thing that’s constant about it is that it’s written by sixth-graders and reflects their concerns,” Folian said. “The theme of last year’s opera was ‘betrayal.’ Its thesis was ‘betrayal is like a horror movie that may end, but stays in your head.’” Its title was “Snack Attack” and the students took the name “Peas in a Pod Opera Company.” More than \$200 was collected at the opera’s two performances to provide water for a school in Afghanistan.

In addition to the opera, the school’s performing arts activities include a Christmas program for the lower four grades and an annual musical in the spring for fifth through eighth grades.

Folian said other notable features of the school include a science laboratory; Spanish classes once a week for kindergarten through sixth grade; desktop computers in every classroom and five wireless laboratories on wheels; accelerated reading and math; athletic programs in which more than

90 percent of students participate; algebra in eighth grade for those who qualify; and remedial tutoring and one-on-one teaching of reading in first grade for those needing that help. Much assistance for the latter programs and other special-education activities comes from the parish SPICE (Special People in Catholic Education) program.

The parish has sponsored a festival on the third weekend in July every year since 1986. Proceeds go toward teacher salaries, with this year’s event raising about \$26,000. Other parish activities which have been going on for several years including serving monthly meals to residents of the Open Shelter in Columbus, since 1989; Advent and Lenten Scripture series, since 2001; a funeral luncheon ministry, since 2003; a hospitality committee and men’s Bible study group, since 2005; Tuesday evening Lenten soup suppers, since 2007; and a prayer shawl ministry, since 2009.

“The shawl ministry has been a great

success, with requests coming from as far as Australia,” Father Kavanagh said. “Because of our location near OSU, we’ve done many Buckeye-themed shawls. Those have been especially well-received.”

The hospitality committee for the past three years has sponsored a Ladies Night Out program in the spring. It features wine and cheese, hors d’oeuvres, a style show, door prizes, and entertainment by parish staff members, and has done very well each year. “It drew 150 people last year, and the year before that, about 80 showed up, even after a bad snowstorm,” Morris said

The parish St. Vincent de Paul Society makes sandwiches once a month for St. Lawrence Haven in downtown Columbus and is collecting items for an annual clothing drive to benefit the St. Francis Center in McArthur, which will take place Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 20 and 21. The McArthur center also benefits from a Giving Tree program at Christmastime.

A Knights of Columbus council was founded in the parish in 2007. Its charitable works benefit several organizations, including the Clintonville Resource Center, the Bishop Griffin Center, the Special Olympics, and the



Second-graders at Our Lady of Peace School admire young chickens they raised in their classroom, observing the growth cycle from fertilized egg to baby chick. Photo/Our Lady of Peace School

diocesan vocations office.

Scouting, through Cub Pack 169 and Boy Scout Troop 169, has been part of the parish for much of its existence. Five Troop 169 members have become Eagle Scouts in the past two years, with many others taking part in the Scouts’ religious emblem programs. The troop in recent years has visited the Gettysburg battlefield, parts of the Appalachian Trail, and Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich., and has an annual summer camp at Camp Falling Rock near Newark.

The parish also is one of the few churches with a 24-hour prayer hotline. It was founded by parishioner Margaret Bracaloni, who makes sure there always is someone on duty to answer calls when she is unavailable. Anyone wishing prayer for whatever reason may call 614-459-8745 at any time. Prayers are kept confidential.

KING JAMES BIBLE EXHIBIT FEATURES LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS ON 400 YEARS OF HISTORY, CULTURAL INFLUENCE

The University of Dayton’s Roesch Library has scheduled a series of free public lectures and discussions to accompany a traveling exhibit on the history and influence of the King James Bible.

“Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible” is being featured through Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Roesch Library. The free exhibit celebrates the 400th anniversary of the first printing of the King James Bible in 1611 and examines its influential and complex history. The University of Dayton is one of 40 sites in the U.S. to host the traveling exhibit.

A first-edition King James Bible, on loan from Denison University, will be displayed, along with the University of Dayton’s own first-edition Douai-Rheims Bible, which is a Catholic translation of the Latin Vulgate Bible, and other rare books from the University Libraries collections. The travel-

ing exhibit includes high-quality reproductions of rare and historic books, manuscripts, and works of art from the collections of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington and the Bodleian Library at the University of Oxford, along with interpretive text.

“Manifold Greatness” is a traveling exhibition for libraries organized by the Folger library and the American Library Association’s public programs office. It is based on an exhibition of the same name developed by the Folger and the Bodleian libraries, with assistance from the Harry Ransom Center of the University of Texas. It was made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Several free lectures by University of Dayton faculty are scheduled at the Roesch Library. The first in the series will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, in the first-floor gallery space, with Alan Kimbrough, professor of

English, who will discuss the King James Bible and Anglican Church music. Three brown-bag lunch lectures will feature faculty from various departments and scholarly backgrounds.

Several book discussions are scheduled at the library and the downtown branch of the Dayton Metro Library. The discussions are free, but registration is requested. To register, visit “Manifold Greatness Book Discussions” on the Roesch Library website.

To mark the closing of the exhibit, a panel discussion featuring UD faculty from the lecture series is scheduled for 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, in the Roesch Library’s ground-floor LTC Forum.

For more information on the exhibit, lectures and discussions, including hours, directions, and parking, visit “Manifold Greatness” at the Roesch Library website at <http://bit.ly/Pjqt7h>. or contact kkelly2@udayton.edu.

VOTING FOR COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Community Kitchen Inc. has been nominated for the Chase Community Giving program and is hoping its friends will take the time to cast a vote for the organization.

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Chase customers with a Chase online

account will receive two votes on www.ChaseGiving.com. Each vote must be cast for a different charity. Facebook users who allow “Access” to the Chase Community Giving application will receive two votes on the Chase Community Giving application on Facebook. Each vote must be cast for a different charity. Those who are Chase customers and are on Facebook can vote for Community Kitchen twice.

Visit www.ChaseGiving.com for a full list of the official rules and to vote for Community Kitchen, Inc.

PARENT SPEAKER SERIES

The Columbus St. Andrew School advisory board’s annual parent speaker series will open for the school year with a talk on “Building Strong, Healthy Families Through the Sacraments” by author, speaker, and radio talk show host Elizabeth Ficocelli.

The presentation will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Bryce Eck Center, 3880 Reed Road. It will be based on her new book “Seven from Heaven.” A short reception will follow, with copies

of the book available for signing.

Ficocelli, who with her husband, Mark, are parents of four boys and members of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church, has written 14 books for adults and young people, speaks at conferences, parishes, schools, and events, is a frequent guest on national Catholic radio and television programs, and hosts the weekly “Answering the Call” series on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio in Columbus.

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

God’s salvation comes in the form of healing



Father Lawrence L. Hummer

Isaiah 35:4-7a
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

Isaiah’s vision in Sunday’s first reading announces relief to those who had been exiled to Babylonia in 586 BC. The ones whose hearts are frightened are those who are in exile, and the prophet tells them to be strong and not to be afraid. God’s salvation comes in the form of divine healing. The blind will see; the deaf will hear. The lame will leap and those unable to speak will sing! The desert will flow with water because the Lord is about to redeem this people.

The Gospel dependence on the Isaiah backdrop could not be clearer, except that now Jesus fulfills Isaiah’s vision by granting hearing to the man, and speech as well. The incident takes place in the district of “the Decapolis” (literally, 10 cities), which was actually south and east of Galilee in what would be modern Jordan. They were cities founded after the time of Alexander the Great, which probably attracted Greek-speaking immigrants who settled there. The cities had banded together for mutual protection against common enemies.

Into this area, not far removed from Galilee, Jesus enters and encounters this man who is deaf and has a speech impediment. The Greek text of Isaiah 35:6 uses the same word for speech impediment, suggesting that the man stammered or stuttered. Since this incident only occurs in Mark’s Gospel, we have nothing else to compare it with, which makes it all the more unusual. There is no explaining why Matthew or Luke did not mention the incident in their gospels.

Jesus’ use of the Aramaic expression “Ephphatha”

(“Be opened”) adds to the significance of the Markan (or Petrine) memory. The fact that Mark translates the phrase (“Be opened”) suggests that his intended audience did not understand Aramaic, supporting the theory that Mark may have been written for Roman Christians, or at least not for people who spoke Aramaic. If the intended reader understood Aramaic, there would be no need to translate it.

The early Church preserved the memory of this incident and thought it significant enough to include it in the baptismal ritual, at least as an option in the current practice. For an incident that is found only in Mark, it is surprising that it has had such an impact in the ritual. On the other hand, words of Jesus as direct quotes from Aramaic are infrequent and therefore significant when they are quoted, as is the case here.

The actions connected with the cure also make an impression: touching the man’s ears, spitting, touching his tongue, groaning. It’s impossible to say how spitting played a role in the healing, so the reader must use his or her own imagination. The story has a certain element of magic about it, which may be why Matthew and Luke chose not to use it. This is especially true for Luke, who generally was quite interested in the various healing stories connected with Jesus.

At the end of the story, the man’s ears were opened and he could speak correctly. That suggests that his condition was more like stammering or stuttering than of complete muteness. Now he spoke plainly. The story concludes with Jesus ordering people not to tell anyone, but the more he orders silence, the more they proclaim. This is a device Mark used to build up the dramatic excitement for the moment when Peter finally confesses Jesus to be Messiah in Mark 8:30.

The Letter of James reminds us that discriminating against someone who is poor and favoring someone who is wealthy is not acceptable. “Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom ...?”

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RECORD SOCIETY MEETING

The Catholic Record Society’s quarterly meeting will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, in the lower level of the parish hall at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road.

Mike Finn, historian of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Ohio, will present the story of “The Chaplain Who Went Over the Top: Father George Raphael Carpentier, OP.”

Father Carpentier served as a professor

at the former Columbus Aquinas High School and assistant pastor at Columbus St. Patrick Church. He was a highly decorated chaplain to U.S. forces in France in World War I, receiving the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation’s second-highest medal for bravery.

The Dominican priest went on to serve as a pastor in Tennessee, Louisiana, and Oklahoma, where he distinguished himself as a missionary to the poor.



The Weekday Bible Readings

- MONDAY
1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Psalm 5:5-6,7,12
Luke 6:6-11
- TUESDAY
1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Psalm 149:1-6,9
Luke 6:12-19
- WEDNESDAY
1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Psalm 45:11-12,14-17
Luke 6:20-26
- THURSDAY
1 Corinthians 8:1b-7,11-13
Psalm 139:1b-3,13,14b,23-24
Luke 6:27-38
- FRIDAY
Numbers 21:4b-9
Psalm 78:1-2,34-38
John 3:13-17
- SATURDAY
1 Corinthians 10:14-22
Psalm 116:12-13,17-18
John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

- SUNDAY MASS
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.
Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville, and 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable systems for WHIZ’s and WWHO’s cable channel listings.
Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378)
(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).
Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).
Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

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

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

Another coalition for religious freedom?

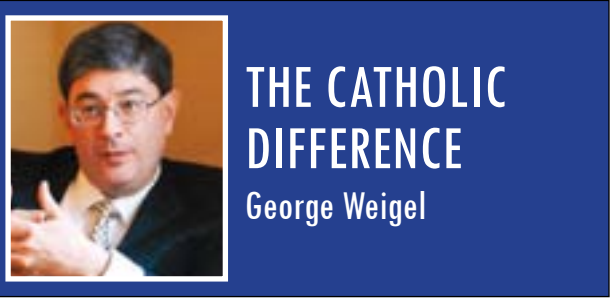
In the wake of the Supreme Court’s 1990 decision in *Employment Division v. Smith*, a broad, bipartisan coalition quickly formed to restore to federal law a robust understanding of religious freedom, which many believed *Smith* had severely attenuated. RFRA, as the bill was known, passed the House of Representatives by a voice vote, was adopted 97-3 by the Senate, and was signed into law by President Clinton on Nov. 16, 1993, its rapid and overwhelming passage a testimony to the strength of the pro-RFRA coalition.

Could such a coalition be reassembled in light of various threats to religious freedom in the United States today? One would like to think so, but it’s not an easy case to make.

A distinguished rabbi, asked some months ago whether the RFRA coalition could be stitched together once more, suggested, sadly, that it would be like putting Humpty Dumpty together again: “You want to know what happened to the RFRA coalition?” he asked a constitutional scholar. “I’ll tell you what happened: gay rights happened. It’s created an irresistible force against an immovable object.”

A Catholic bishop, a party to the same conversation, agreed, although his explanation for the demise of the old RFRA coalition was a bit broader. The protection of believers’ rights and consciences, he suggested, is in direct conflict with the ideology of the sexual revolution. That’s why the flashpoints in the current religious freedom battles have been abortion, contraception, sterilization, and marriage.

I would add a third reason to the doubters’ skepticism: the willingness of religious intellectuals, includ-



ing the Catholic Theological Society of America, to sacrifice a robust understanding of religious freedom on the altar of what they believe to be other social goods, including the expansion of the welfare state.

All of these factors conspire (in the sense of “work together”) to make it very difficult to reassemble the bipartisan coalition that passed RFRA. Given the positions that the Democratic Party espouses on abortion and the full agenda of the gay insurgency, it’s not easy to see how Democrats sensitive to the dominant ideological and funding currents in their party would join in supporting strong religious freedom protections—especially when core Democratic constituencies think that “religious freedom” is a cover for “irrational bigotry” on matters of “reproductive rights” and “gay rights.” Then there are those Republicans who devoutly (or impiously) wish that “the social issues” would simply go away—a political cause far more difficult for them to advance within their camp than the pro-life/pro-marriage-rightly-understood cause among Democrats, but an obstacle to coalition-building nonetheless.

What the difficulties of reassembling the old RFRA coalition suggest is that there has been a serious erosion of American political culture since the early 1990s—and at the root of that deterioration are profound confusions about the human condition. If everything in the human condition is plastic and malleable—if there are no *givens*—then claims to “my truth” on which you cannot legitimately impose “your truth” make sense. If, on the other hand, some things simply are—such as the human dignity of the unborn child or the nature of marriage—then we can learn what is right and wrong, what is true and false, what is conducive to human happiness or conducive to human misery, by pondering those givens and trying to discern the deep truths they teach us about ourselves and how we should live: truths that have been illuminated for centuries by biblical religion.

America began with the assertion of deep truths written into the human condition by “Nature, and Nature’s God” (as the Declaration of Independence put it). In an election season likely to be dominated by very practical (and important) questions about the economy, it will be well to keep a deeper, more searching set of questions in mind: Are we still a nation dedicated to certain moral truths? If so, how do we recover an ability to talk about those truths together?

And if not, what have we become?
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More than 100 people attended a picnic brunch honoring the women religious of the Diocese of Columbus on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Martin de Porres Center in Columbus. The event was sponsored by the Columbus, North Columbus, Knox-Licking, and Fairfield-Hocking Serra clubs. Serra is an international organization of laymen and laywomen which promotes vocations to the religious life. The brunch featured a buffet of homemade dishes, entertainment, and gifts for all sisters.

Pictured are (from left): seated, Sister Joan Supel, OP; Sister Juliana D’Amato, OP; and Sister Rita Busch, OP; and standing, Sister Thelma Wurzelbacher, CPpS; Serra member Gretchen O’Loughlin; Sister Ruth Caspar, OP; Serra member Suzanne Webb; and Sister Carolyn Thurn, OP.

50TH REUNION AFTER RECEIVING NURSING DIPLOMAS

Members of the St. Francis-St. Anthony School of Nursing Class of 1962 gathered in Columbus recently to commemorate the 50th anniversary of receiving their nursing diplomas at St. Joseph Cathedral. Twelve of the 19 original members of the class were able to attend the reunion and took the opportunity to share memories of the school and their own careers in service to the sick. Pictured are (left to right): front row, Sarah Solomon Main, Betty Nimon Robertson, Rosemary Brembeck Rowe, Rose Lilichney Wolfe, Carol Lawson Laser, and Elaine Isselstein Farie; back row, Eunice Bates O’Reilly, Reggie Miller Wolfel, Patty Zwigard DiSimone, Father Tom Marek, Janice Wilson, and Jerry Cygan. The nursing school was founded by the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis at the former St. Francis Hospital in downtown Columbus in 1929. It was closed in 1970 after graduating 288 nurses.



Photo by Jan Legg

Pray for our dead

ALDOMARE, Karen, 65, Aug. 30
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

BAKER, Navy Lt. Cmdr. John M., 35, formerly of Worthington, Aug. 28
St. John Neumann Church, Annapolis, Md.

BENGTON, Geraldine, 80, Sept. 2
St. Paul Church, Westerville

BOGGIANI, Erma, 93, Aug. 21
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

CALLAHAN, Grace, 92, Aug. 27
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

CRAINE, William J., 89, formerly of Columbus, Aug. 30
St. Joachim & St. Anne Church, Sun City, Ariz.

CROSS, Jerry, 72, Aug. 24
Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton

DiCESARE, Mario, 75, Aug. 30
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

DIMMER, Sharon L., 73, Sept. 1
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

FROST, John R., 80, Sept. 2
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

GALLAGHER, Linda A., 77, formerly of Columbus, Aug. 19
St. Rose Church, Santa Rosa, Calif.

GLANVILLE, R. Michael, 49, of Powell, Aug. 24
St. Rose Church, Perrysburg

GREVENCAMP, Leola M., 90, Aug. 28
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

HANAHAN, Lorraine A. “Scottie,” 81, formerly of Columbus, Aug. 31
St. Patrick Church, Youngstown

HASSFURTHER, Dolores J., 84, Aug. 27
Ss. Simon and Jude Church, West Jefferson

HUFFMAN, Joseph R., 67, Aug. 27
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

JONES, Catherine, 81, Aug. 28
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

KOENIG, Allen E., 73, Aug. 28
St. Peter Church, Columbus

LATTA, Debra K., 58, Aug. 25
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

LeVALLY, Mary J., 74, Aug. 30
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

NUTTER, David E., 54, Aug. 24
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

RALPH, Bertha “Bea,” 91, Aug. 27
Holy Family Church, Columbus

REBHOLZ, Mary E., 87, Sept. 3
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

SCHELL, Gustav, 99, Aug. 28
Christ the King Church, Columbus

SHAFFER, Twila J., 70, Aug. 29
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

TIGYER, Joseph M., 86, Aug. 28
St. Agnes Church, Columbus

TOBIAS, Jean, 90, Aug. 21
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

UHL, Richard, 90, Aug. 17
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6, THURSDAY
Vatican II Series at Ohio Dominican
3:30 to 5 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Part 1 of eight-part series of talks on “The Big Ideas of the Second Vatican Council.” Topic: “The History and Context of the Council,” with Kathleen Riley, PhD. Sponsored by Center for Dominican Studies and Martin de Porres Center. **614-251-4722**
Cradling Christianity Dinner at St. Charles
5:30 p.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Seventh annual Cradling Christianity dinner to raise funds for tuition assistance to Christian students in the Holy Land. Begins with Mass in chapel, celebrated by Father Peter Vasko, OFM, president of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, followed by dinner and silent auction in Walter Commons. Speaker: Father Earl Fernandes, STD, dean of Mount St. Mary Seminary of the West in Norwood. **614-459-5676**
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**

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the “Fund-Raising Guide.” An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line. For more information, call Deacon Steve DeMers at 614-224-6530 or 800-511-0584.

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7, FRIDAY
St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.
Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.
St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale
4 to 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. First Friday sale of pirogi, stuffed cabbage, noodles, and baked goods. **614-882-7578**

Blue Mass at St. Timothy
5 p.m., St. Timothy Church, 1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus. Annual Blue Mass honoring first responders and victims of the Sept. 11 attacks, celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell and sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 14345. **614-451-2671**
All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory
Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by church’s Knights of Columbus council and Columbus Serra Club.

7-9, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Silent Retreat for Men at St. Therese’s
St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Silent retreat for men, sponsored by Catholic Laymen’s Retreat League, led by Father Edmond Ditton, OP. Theme: “St. Peter As Our Model of Faith.” **614-855-2105**
Watterson Alumni Weekend
Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School alumni association sponsors weekend events for alumni of classes of 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, and 2007. 6 p.m. Friday, tailgate at Patrick J’s, 2711 N. High St., followed by football game against Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit at Hagely Field; 5 p.m. Saturday, Mass at school, followed by reception, class pictures, and dinner; 1 p.m. Sunday, Shay/Scholl Golf Classic, Riviera Golf Club, 8205 Avery Road, Dublin. **614-268-8671**

8, 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**
Dan Schutte Music Workshop at Somerset Holy Trinity
9 a.m. to noon, Holy Trinity Church, 228 S. Columbus St., Somerset. Musical workshop, emphasizing congregational participation in Mass, with composer Dan Schutte, who also will lead singing at 5 p.m. Mass. Free; donations accepted; lunch included. **740-743-1030**
Sister Dorothy Doyle’s 60th Jubilee Mass at Rosemont
4:30 p.m., Rosemont Center, 2440 Dawnligh Ave., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass marking 60th anniversary of profession of vows by Sister Dorothy Doyle, RGS. **614-471-2626**

Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd’s Corner
7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd’s Corner, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Come walk the labyrinth with Kathy Lindsay and let your concerns and worries go while rejoicing in the knowledge of being an integral part of God’s creation. Registration deadline Sept. 6. **614-866-4302**

9, SUNDAY
Opening of Dick English Exhibit at de Porres Center
2 to 4 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Opening reception for “Around Home and About Town” exhibit of photos by former Catholic Times photographer Dick English. Exhibit continues through Thursday, Oct. 18. **614-416-1910**

Newark St. Francis de Sales 125th Anniversry Mass
Noon, St. Francis de Sales Church, 66 Granville St., Newark. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates church’s 125th anniversary Mass. **740-345-9874**
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. **706-761-4054**

10, MONDAY
Aquinas Alumni Luncheon
Noon, TAT Ristorante di Famiglia, 1210 S. James Road, Columbus. Monthly Columbus Aquinas High School alumni luncheon.
Calix Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous. Business meeting followed by 7 p.m. Mass and full meeting after Mass. **614-406-2939**
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**

Natural Family Planning Workshop at St. Matthew
7:30 to 9:30 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Part 1 of four-part Natural Family Planning workshop for engaged and married couples, sponsored by diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life. Other dates: Sept. 24, Oct. 8, and Nov. 5. **614-241-2560**

10-12, MONDAY-WEDNESDAY
Sewing for Newborns in Need at Sts. Peter & Paul Center
9 a.m., Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. Sewing of baby quilts for Greater Newark chapter of Newborns in Need. **740-928-4246**

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

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**

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

13, THURSDAY
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Theology on Tap Meeting
7 to 9 p.m., El Vaquero Restaurant, 3230 Olentangy River Road, Columbus. Monthly meeting of Theology on Tap discussion and social group for Catholics 21 and older. Speaker: Jerry Freewalt of diocesan Office of Social Concerns, discussing “Faithful Citizenship.” Information at <http://cbustheologyontap.tumblr.com> or on Facebook at Columbus Theology on Tap.

14-15, FRIDAY-SATURDAY
Bethesda Healing Ministry Seminar at Cols. St. Patrick
St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. “Approaching Holy Ground” formation and development seminar on post-abortion healing, sponsored by Bethesda Healing Ministry. **614-781-0277, 614-309-2651**

14-16, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Columbus Courage Chapter Retreat
Jesuit Spiritual Center, 5361 S. Milford Road, Milford. Retreat sponsored by Columbus chapter of Courage, a Catholic organization which promotes chaste living for those with same-sex attraction, led by Dr. Perry Cahall of Ohio Dominican University, an authority on Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body. Theme: “Pursuing Purity of Heart.” **614-372-5249**

15, SATURDAY
‘That Man Is You!’ Men’s Leadership Program
6:45 to 7:45 a.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. First session of 13-week “That Man Is You!” leadership program. Doors open at 6 for food and fellowship. Register at www.olp-parish.org or in church gathering space.
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**
Communities in Schools 5K/Mile Walk-Run
9 a.m., Genoa Park and Riverfront Amphitheater, downtown Columbus. Step Up With Kids 5K/1-Mile Walk-Run sponsored by Communities in Schools, which assists after-school programs in several diocesan elementary schools. **614-268-2472, extension 11**
Birthday of Columbus 40th Anniversary Celebration
Noon, Clintonville Women’s Club, 3951 N. High St., Columbus. Birthday of Columbus 40th anniversary luncheon. Speaker: Louise Summerhill, daughter of Birthright’s founder. Includes silent auction, style show, raffle of OSU quilt. Reservation deadline Sept. 7. **614-263-2514**

16, 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**
Bishop Campbell Celebrates Spanish Mass at St. Agnes
2 p.m., St. Agnes Church, 2364 W. Mound St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass in Spanish. **614-276-5413**

Susan Bellotti 25th Anniversary Reception at St. Paul
2 to 4 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Reception honoring pastoral associate Susan Bellotti for 25 years in religious education. **614-882-2109**
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**



Parish musicians take center stage



The directors of music from five churches in the Diocese of Columbus will share a program at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., which will highlight the excellent music making going on in parishes.

Organists Sharon Silleck (Columbus St. Cecilia), Carol Ann Bradley (Columbus Our Lady of Victory), John Bryan (Westerville St. Paul), and Dale Beaver (Columbus Immaculate Conception) will be joined by Larry Griffin (Columbus St. Timothy), professor of trumpet at Ohio Wesleyan University.



CHORAL MUSIC



Seraphic Fire

Twice Grammy-Nominated Group Brings New Sound in Sacred Choral Music to Franciscan University

The world-renowned sacred choral group Seraphic Fire, will perform at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, September 15, in Franciscan University of Steubenville’s Christ the King Chapel.

Founded in 2002 and based in South Florida, Seraphic Fire’s mission is to bring to the public underperformed music. The group will present a variety of sacred music, ranging from Gregorian chant to newly commissioned works.

Reviewers have applauded Seraphic

Fire’s talent for breathing new life into Orthodox choral music rather than replicating it. The group is known for its inventive and adventurous classical music style.

Seraphic Fire’s recordings “Brahms: Ein Deutsches Requiem” and “A Seraphic Fire Christmas” earned two 2012 Grammy nominations. The group worked with international pop star Shakira in 2002 on her album, “Oral Fixation, Volume 2,” which climbed into the Billboard Top 10 pop charts.

The free performance will be sponsored by Franciscan University’s fine arts department.

DVD AND BLU-RAY RELEASE

For Greater Glory

ARC Entertainment announces that “For Greater Glory” will debut on Video-on Demand (VOD), DVD, and Blu-ray on Tuesday, Sept. 11. Released in theaters on June 1, the epic action film earned more than \$5.6 million at the domestic box office.

“For Greater Glory” will arrive in stores and online retailers with suggested retail prices of \$26.99 for the DVD, \$32.99 for the Blu-Ray, and \$32.99 for the DVD/Blu-ray combo pack.

The film follows the true story of the 1920s Cristero War – the daring peo-

ple’s revolt that rocked 20th-century Mexico. Catholic leaders have praised “For Greater Glory” for its message and production values.

“‘For Greater Glory’ is a top-flight production whose message of the importance of religious freedom has particular resonance for us today,” said Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles. “It is my earnest hope that people of faith throughout our country will rally behind ‘For Greater Glory,’ and, in doing so, will highlight the importance of religious freedom in our society.”

NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Houses are partially submerged in floodwaters following a levee breach in Braithwaite, La., on Aug. 31. Parishioners of Assumption of Our Lady Mission in Braithwaite said their parish sustained heavy flooding as a result of Hurricane Isaac. CNS photo/Sean Gardner, Reuters



People congregate around a statue of St. Rose of Lima outside the church named for her in Lima, Peru, on Aug. 30. On the feast day of Peru’s patroness, thousands of devotees drop written prayers down the well next to her statue in hopes that their prayer intentions will be fulfilled. CNS photo/Jorge Luis Baca, Reuters



Children hold candles during Communion at St. Elie Maronite Church in Antelias, a suburb of Beirut, in this 2010 file photo. When he visits Lebanon from Sept. 14-16, Pope Benedict XVI will deliver his document on the 2010 special Synod of Bishops, which was dedicated to Christians in the Middle East. CNS photo/Nancy Wiehchec

Shepherd's Corner Receives Grant from The Catholic Foundation

About five years ago, Shepherd's Corner made a commitment to give away 30 percent of its produce to local food pantries and those in need.

That equates to several thousand dollars worth of produce, making it difficult for the ministry to pay for seeds and cover other farming expenses.

In an effort to help alleviate the cost, The Catholic Foundation recently awarded Shepherd's Corner a grant — one of 10 grants made possible by the gift of an anonymous donor.

Shepherd's Corner is an organic farm in eastern Franklin County near Reynoldsburg. Managed and subsidized by the Dominican Sisters of Peace, the 160-acre natural oasis serves not only as a farm, but also as a center for ecology, spirituality, and education.

Sister Rose Ann Van Buren, OP, shared the story of sustainability, shared resources, and serving those in need through the farming of the land at Shepherd's Corner.

"Receiving monetary donations for seeds multiplies what we can do," said Sister Rose Ann.

"Feeding and caring for the poor ... justice in caring for earth, and charity in caring for those in need is what we are called to do."

Shepherd's Corner has formed a partnership with local food pantries, including those at the Bishop Griffin Center, Columbus St. Philip Church and Reynoldsburg Helping Hands, allowing the farm to donate its produce and the pantries to continue their mission of serving the poor.

A donor advised fund grant, provided to the farm through The Catholic Foundation, purchased seeds which in turn produced vegetables that are shared with the poor.

Food pantries, students, families, community groups, and even the farming industry benefit from the work done at the farm.

Meanwhile, another area of partnership blossomed as students from local public and Catholic elementary and high schools came to tend the farm's animals and help with duties such as weeding and composting.

During time spent on the farm, they

learned about the importance of caring for the land, and much more.

"We educate and celebrate the gift of creation. We are blessed to have this land, which we started farming in 1992. We asked ourselves 'How can we best care for this land?' So we decided to teach children, youth, and adults how to care for the land, which in turn is a lesson about how to care for each other," said Sister Rose Ann.

As it became clear that this involved more than just caring for the plot, Shepherd's Corner created a healing labyrinth and meditation trails that are available to individuals and groups.

Visitors and volunteers can also propagate their own plants and care for sheep, llamas, and chickens, and even use the animals' manure to fertilize the land.

"Caring for land, life (education), and spirit (different ways of healing the earth) are as inclusive as we can be so people feel welcomed to the land," said Sister Rose Ann.



Shepherd's Corner staff members John Wright, farmer, and Nicole Knabe, education manager. Photo/The Catholic Foundation

The anonymous donor who gave the financial gift made a faith response. Knowing that The Catholic Foundation helps people to give such expression to their faith, the donor turned to it for assistance in distributing the 10 grants.

"Not everyone can come out to the farm to volunteer, but The Catholic Foundation makes it easy for people to help in other ways," said Sister Rose Ann.

To find out how you can help fund projects like Shepherd's Corner and more, contact The Catholic Foundation at www.catholic-foundation.org or call (614) 443-8893.

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NEW MARKETING DIRECTOR AT THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

The Catholic Foundation is pleased to announce the hiring of Betsy Sewell as its new director of marketing and communications. Prior to joining The Catholic Foundation, she worked as a media planner for Ron Foth Advertising and Engauge Marketing, two local advertising agencies.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to use my talents for a mission that is important to me and for an organization that shares my values," Sewell said.

Though she was born in Columbus, Sewell was raised outside of Orlando, Fla. She attended the University of Florida in Gainesville and graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science in advertising from the



university's College of Journalism and Communications. After graduating, she began her career at Group 5 Advertising in Florida as an account manager and media buyer.

"I look forward to using my experience to help the Foundation grow, and, in return, I

look forward to growing both in my breadth of knowledge and in my faith," Sewell said.

Four years ago, Sewell made the decision to relocate to Columbus to be closer to her own family and the family of her future husband, William. Shortly after moving, she married William at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, where they are members. The couple is expecting their first child, due in February.