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The Editor's Notebook

Saying Grace

By David Garick, Editor

The great feast of Thanksgiving is almost upon us. So now we gather together with family around a table groaning under the weight of more food than any of us needs to eat, but eat it we will, because not eating it would be, well ... ungrateful. It is our duty. This is Thanksgiving, after all. Then we must loosen our pants and settle into a Barcalounger for no less than three consecutive football games. During this time, of course, one must reformatify oneself with leftovers from the earlier feast. It's tradition. So don't blame me! I didn't make the rules. I am just doing what is required. And by the way, if you are planning on heading out in the early hours of Black Friday morning in search of elusive holiday bargains, you'll have to do it without me ... I have to sleep off a meal that would sustain your average black bear for the entire winter.

As the name of this holiday expresses, this is a time for giving thanks. I certainly have a lot to be thankful for this year. I'm sure that most of you also have a great many things in your life that you will give thanks for as well. It is wonderful that Thanksgiving always arrives at about the same time as the Advent season in the Church. It is a nice reminder that in addition to the many blessings we have in our worldly lives, we also are blessed with the coming celebration of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

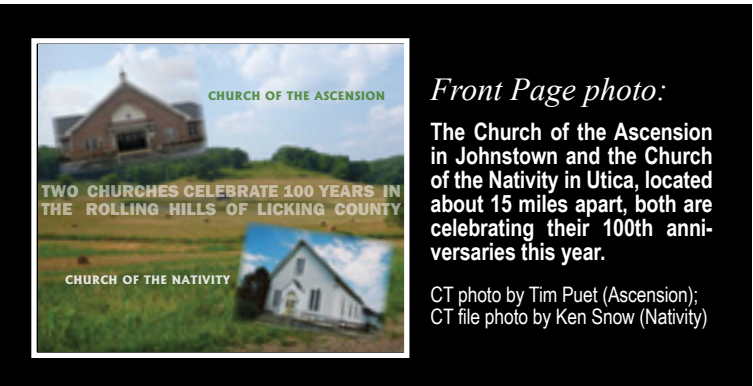
But I hope you will also join me in taking a moment to thank God for a gift that is invisible, but that is so central to our salvation. I am speaking of the gift of Grace. We refer to it every Thanksgiving, and hopefully at meals throughout the year, when we speak of saying grace before eating. We think of it as thanking God for providing for us. But Grace is so much more than that. Grace is, first and foremost, the gift of the Spirit who justifies and sanctifies us. It is the gift that connects us to God and allows us to be part of our own salvation and



that of others and the growth of the Body of Christ, the Church. Grace gives us the ability to relate to God beyond our human powers to see and hear and reason.

God's eternal power and love for us, not just mankind as a whole, but each of us as individuals, is a concept that is above anything we can understand through rational thought. God's wish to come to us in human form and to suffer, die, and then conquer death for us goes beyond our comprehension. God's willingness to send his Holy Spirit to be our companion and guide through life is hardly a concept that can be logically explained. Left to our own devices, we would reject all of these things as illogical superstition. Sadly, many in our highly secularized society do just that. But through the gift of God's Grace, we see them in truth, and through them, we live in God's love. And we know that we will continue to do so through all eternity. All of the worldly gifts we give thanks for this week are more meaningful when viewed in the context of the part they play in our larger role of living a life that is centered not on ourselves, but on Christ. In the darkest hours of our life, it is this Grace that sustains us and draws us closer to our God. His Grace does not spare us from all pain and suffering. But by giving us strength to offer that suffering up to God and to join that pain with the pain of Christ, we have the knowledge that in the end, we will find eternal joy with Christ. Grace gives us all of this through faith that is not a product of our own making, but, rather, a wonderful gift of God.

And so, my wish for you this Thanksgiving echoes the words of St. Paul to the Corinthians: "The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all."



Front Page photo:

The Church of the Ascension in Johnstown and the Church of the Nativity in Utica, located about 15 miles apart, both are celebrating their 100th anniversaries this year.

CT photo by Tim Puet (Ascension); CT file photo by Ken Snow (Nativity)



READERS AND ACOLYTES ARE INSTALLED AT PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM

The installation of readers and acolytes took place at the Pontifical College Josephinum on Sunday, Nov. 4, with Archbishop Timothy Broglio, archbishop of the military services, as the principal celebrant.

First-year theology seminarians installed as readers are commissioned to proclaim the Word of God in the liturgical assembly and to catechize the faithful. Acolytes, traditionally second-year theologians, are entrusted with the duties of attending to the altar, assisting the deacon and priest at Mass, and distributing holy Communion as an extraordinary minister.

Seminarians from the Diocese of Columbus who received ministries are Shane Ball, Jeremiah Guappone, Timothy Lynch, and Daniel Swartz, readers; Anthony Davis, Thomas Gardner, Michael Hartge, Andrew Maynard, Brian O'Connor, and Nicola Ventura, acolyte; and Stephen Smith, reader and acolyte.

It was a busy week for Archbishop Broglio at the Josephinum. In addition to presiding at the installation of

readers an acolytes, he gave the Cardinal Pio Laghi Chair lecture to a large crowd the Josephinum on November 7th and then on November 8th he was honored by the Josephinum with the Good Shepherd: Defending the Truth Award as an exemplary modeer of the spiritual shepherd, as evidenced in his unflinching support and spiritual leadership of our military chaplains, and our service men and women around the world.

Also at the Good Shepherd Dinner, the seminary presented the Pope Leo XIII award to two couples who have demonstrated years of dedication and support for priestly vocations at the Josephinum. The awards were presented by Rector and President Monsignor Christopher Schreck to Teresa and Michael Frankhauser and to Frank and Alice Nowaczek.

Pictured are (from left): first row, Davis, Gardner, O'Connor, Ball, Hartge, and Guappone; second row, Ventura, Lynch, Josephinum rector-president Msgr. Christopher Schreck, Archbishop Broglio, Smith, Maynard, and Swartz.

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HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF

Bishop Frederick Campbell is asking the people of the Diocese of Columbus to pray for all of those affected by the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy and to help support the recovery effort. The diocese will send all money collected at parishes for storm relief to Catholic Charities USA, the arm of the Catholic Church in the United States that coordinates domestic disaster relief efforts. Catholic Charities is providing immediate relief in partnership with other disaster organizations and governmental entities along the Eastern seaboard and assessing long-term recovery needs.

Bishop Campbell said, "Our prayers and our deepest concern go out to the victims of Hurricane Sandy, and we are committed to providing help for the ongoing process of recovery."

Contributions also may be mailed directly to the Catholic Diocese of Columbus, Finance Office, 198 E. Broad

St., Columbus OH 43215. Please include "Hurricane Sandy Relief" on the memo line of the check.

LOCAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SUPPORTING THOSE IMPACTED BY HURRICANE SANDY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Volunteer Center and a local Vincentian are coordinating a donations drive for needed items that will be taken to the New York City area by Thanksgiving. Much of that area is not expected to have power returned for two to four weeks (possibly not until the end of November), so continuing support for Long Island and the surrounding area will be needed.

If you willing and able to organize a quick drive at your school, parish, or employer, or are willing to donate relief items, please contact the St. Vincent



Free Store at (614) 241-2569. Donations may be dropped off at the St. Vincent Free Store (578 E. Main St., Columbus) between now and Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Only the items listed below will be accepted:

- Toilet paper
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- Canned food
- Water
- Cleaning gloves
- Coats
- Rubber boots
- Socks
- Candles
- Bic lighters
- Handheld can openers (non-electric)
- Blankets
- Breathing masks (thick)
- Cleaning supplies (bleach)



OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Clergy Assignment

Confirming the nomination of the Prior Provincial of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Father Clarence Williams, CPpS, from service outside the diocese to pastor, St. James the Less Church, Columbus, effective Nov. 1.

Confirming the nomination of the Provincial Director of the Dominican Fathers and Brothers, Father Edward Gorman, OP, from service outside the diocese to Parochial Vicar, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville, effective Nov. 1.

Announcing the decision of the Prior Provincial of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Father Scott Kramer, CPpS, from pastor, St. James the Less Church, Columbus, to service outside the diocese, effective Nov. 1.

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Military



Did you decide to take action and save the lives of unborn babies in a very direct way this past week? Our prayers, individually and collectively, truly help to get us closer to an end to abortion forever. We know that God hears our prayers. Especially with regard to life issues, we must be persistent and patient. He hears us and loves us for those prayers. If you were able to give of your treasure in addition to praying, you can be sure that you were directly involved in saving babies' lives right here in the Diocese of Columbus. The Women's Care Center of Columbus is able to do some extraordinary things each day. With our help, that love will continue and it will grow. The people who make it happen each day are living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They are His face, hands, and heart. We are challenged and called to do the same.

Because of the wonderful opportunity to focus on the sanctity of life from conception to natural death in last week's issue, I was not able to focus on our military and our veterans. Of course, Nov. 11, Veterans Day, is a day each year to be mindful, mournful, appreciative, and proud. Each and every one of our United States veterans who selflessly gave themselves to ensure and protect our freedoms are to be honored, thanked, appreciated, revered, and respected without hesitation. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. Whether we jeered or turned our backs on our Vietnam veterans, or whether we ignore the shameful lack of providing resources and services to all our veterans today, we must do whatever we can to be supportive. No one should ever take their lives of freedom and liberty for granted. It is very simple. We are here, able to enjoy our families, friends, society, and lifestyle thanks to every U. S. veteran who ever put on a uniform, and thanks to every current member of the U. S. military today. Thank you!

About one week ago, the archbishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, the Most Rev. Timothy Broglio, was in Columbus and spoke at a couple of events at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Archbishop Broglio is a native of Cleveland, and has had a very interesting career as a priest, apostolic nuncio, and a bishop. In honor of our military, I would like to briefly share some comments he made on Nov. 1, All Saints Day: "Our message is one of hope. As the Holy Father told us four years ago, people with hope lead different lives. We in the military bring that hope to the concrete situations we face. Those are always challenging. I think about that when I consider the situation of the men and women in my pastoral care. Most of them are young and many are in harm's way in faraway places. Our great invitation in this Year of Faith is to give witness. Certainly, that takes many concrete forms in the good of our military. Fundamentally, we are witnesses 24/7 by who we are and how we respond in every situation. We form and build up the Body of Christ by how we live, the example we give, and the virtue we make manifest."

Our practical challenge this week is to simply pray for our veterans, both living and deceased, and for those currently serving in our military. Of course, please thank those veterans you know. But prayer is something to which we can all commit. We have approximately 94,000 households and 300,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Columbus. The least we can do is offer that many voices in prayer. May God bless and protect all our brave members of the military and veterans.

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

Banquet Overflows with "Everlasting Joy"

More than 450 people gathered in the Ohio Union at The Ohio State University to celebrate the ministry of St. Paul's Outreach (SPO) at its eighth annual benefit banquet, which had the theme of "Everlasting Joy."

The night began with SPO Ohio director Andrew Kebe sharing the organization's mission of evangelization through reaching students, calling them to greater holiness, forming them through life-changing communities, and sending them forth to spread the Gospel message to others.

Following this presentation, Bishop Frederick Campbell gave a keynote address on Christian joy, noting that

St. Paul's letter to the Romans says "What can separate us from the Love of Christ?" and saying that our closeness to Christ makes us "a fundamentally blessed and happy people."

Julie Gardner, a senior at Ohio State, and OSU alumnus Brent Diller talked about how their relationship with Christ has left them full of joy. Both spoke of the way the SPO community called them to a personal relationship with Christ, and how their peers encourage them in their mission to spread the Gospel to everyone they meet on campus.

To see photos and videos of the event, visit <http://www.spoweb.org/ohbanquet2012>.

St. Elizabeth Seton March for Life bus trip

Knights of Columbus Council 11187 of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish again is sponsoring a two-day, one-night bus trip to the March for Life in Washington to protest the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion.

The trip will take place Thursday and Friday, Jan. 24 and 25, leaving early Thursday from the church. Participants

will attend the Vigil Mass for Life that evening, stay in the Embassy Suites hotel in downtown Washington, and attend the youth rally and Mass for Life on Friday before going to the march. The cost of the trip is \$165 per person, based on two people per room, and includes breakfast.

For registration forms or more information, contact Edd Chinnock at echinnock@aol.com or (740) 927-5099.

Correction - A story in the Nov. 11 Catholic Times listed an incorrect contact number for Kathleen Gibbons, outreach director of the Women's Care Center. The correct number is (614) 204-9550.



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Spiritual Day Spa

Participants in a Spiritual Day Spa program at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church included Sharon Zorich (left) and Pat Thurn.

Photo courtesy Karen Cook

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church recently hosted the diocese's first parish-based Spiritual Day Spa program.

Father Josh Wagner of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches originated the program, hosting and facilitating three such events for anyone interested. He has turned the program over to Karen Cook of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, who, along with Catherine Stinson, adapted it for use in their own parish. Cook now hopes to take it to more parishes.

"I created the Spiritual Day Spa as an opportunity to minister to and give spiritual nourishment to women in all areas of their life - body, mind, and spirit," Father Wagner said. "I knew that there was a deep need. I knew I needed to find someone to grow this ministry while I was busy running my parishes, and I couldn't think of anyone better than Karen Cook."

"She has an innate understanding of the issues that women face in every area of a woman's life. It is exciting to see how she is integrating health, wellness, and solid Catholic spirituality into an overwhelmingly positive experience for women around the diocese."

The Spiritual Day Spa appealed to a variety of women, with the age range spanning five decades. Two parishioners even made a mother-daughter day of it. Father Dan Millisor, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, was guest speaker. In addition to talks and retreat exercises, the day was highlighted by the transformation

of the parish space into a spa environment, with each participant receiving a gift bag and enjoying a healthy spa lunch.

"My biggest take-away from the day was learning about the feminine genius. I get so caught up in doing for others every day that I forget about taking care of me and what my worth is in all of this," said one written evaluation of the day.

"This spiritual spa day allowed me to refocus on prayer. My greatest take-away was the faith strategies for life," said another. "The empowerment of realizing the (my) feminine genius was huge for me. The opportunity to meet new people, to experience sisterhood was a pleasant and unexpected take-away," said a third.

"Through the course of your Spiritual Day Spa experience, you will be empowered, energized, revitalized," Cook said. "This day is based on principles that the essential growth of wellness must come from within. Our vision is that every guest will leave physically refreshed and spiritually rejuvenated. Our purpose is to enhance your life through empowering you with the tools and resources you need to achieve health and wellness of body, mind, and soul."

If you would like to book a Spiritual Day Spa for the women of your parish, contact Karen Cook at (614) 202-5858 or onepete315@aol.com. More information is available at www.spiritualdayspa.com.



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THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

OUR SUNDAY LITURGY:
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER - PART 2

We ended Part 1 with a reminder that we may physically be celebrating within the worship space in our own parish church, but in our hearts and minds are present at the heavenly liturgy, where time does not exist. The words of institution were just said and we heard Jesus say to “do this in memory of me.” Now, our presider declares, “The Mystery of Faith!” This is an exclamation of awe and wonder, and our response is an expression of the faith that acts within our lives. We express this with one of three statements: “We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again,” or “When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again,” or “Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.” Each of these expresses our faith through personal action.

The Eucharistic prayer continues with the anamnesis, a Greek word that means “a memorial.” Again, we express Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven – expressing in prayer our response to the request to “do this in memory of me.” As part of this anmnesis, the presider humbly bows as we continue to offer (the offering) our gifts to the Father seeking acceptance, as the gifts of Abel, Abraham, and Melchizedek were accepted. We ask that these gifts be taken by an angel to the heavenly altar in sight of all the angels and saints at the heavenly liturgy and that they “may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.”

We should remember that what we ask in the presence of almighty God within the heavenly liturgy is asked in communion with the whole Church across the world and across the centuries (in the past, now, and



in the future). Therefore, we petition God (the intercessions) to make us – the whole Church – more perfectly the body of Christ. We do this as we mention Mary, the Mother of God, Peter and Paul, and the other apostles, martyrs, and all the saints present among us at the heavenly liturgy.

The Eucharistic prayer concludes with the final doxology. A doxology is a statement of glory and praise, something we have continually done from the preface dialogue and throughout the Eucharistic prayer. At this final doxology, the gifts are lifted up – the bread and wine we brought, now transformed into the body and blood of Christ in the form of his sacrifice which will never pass away, lifting them up to God the Father as the “perfect offering made to the glory of His name.” The Church is doing what Christ did and forever does. She offers his one body (to which we are all joined with these gifts being lifted) to the Father for the glory of His name and for the salvation of the world. The Amen that follows is often called the Great Amen, for it is the Amen that is expressed by the whole Church, an Amen that echoes around the world throughout the centuries and throughout all the halls of the heavenly kingdom. It is an Amen that never ends. It is the Church, all of us, from our own place and time expressing our Amen with the eternal Amen!

We now have a simple view of what happens within our celebration as we pray the Eucharistic prayer. No one will ever fully understand all that happens, for what happens is beyond all understanding. It is only through faith that we participate in this wonderful and grace-filled prayer.

MISSING IN TRANSLATION AND COMMUNION FOR
LESBIANS AND THEIR CHILDREN



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I am puzzled as to why, in the Our Father (the Lord’s Prayer), we would ask the Lord not to lead us into temptation. Surely he doesn’t. The Spanish say, “Let us not fall into temptation.” I am told that our English version is a mistranslation, but I wonder why we don’t correct it. (San Francisco)

A. Your question is an excellent one. This phrase, “Lead us not into temptation” has puzzled people for centuries because the Lord’s usual job is thought to be leading us away from temptation. As far back as AD 192, the African theologian Tertullian, commenting on this same petition of the Our Father, said, “Far be the thought that the Lord should seem to tempt.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church spends a full page and a half explaining this phrase in Nos. 2846-49. The catechism notes that the original Greek (in Matthew’s Gospel and in Luke’s) can mean either “Do not allow us to enter into temptation” or “Do not let us yield to temptation.”

Quickly, the catechism clarifies, referencing James 1:13, that God “tempts no one.” So what we really are praying for is that God will give us the grace to discern what is evil and to resist temptation.

Part of the ambiguity comes, too, from the fact that the Greek noun

peirasmós can be translated as “temptation” or “trial.” So what we also are asking is that God will spare us from extremely hard tests, such as those undergone by Job, and that we will not be submitted to a trial that we find nearly impossible to bear.

Q. Bless you for your Orthodox answers to our questions in your column. My question is this: Are lesbians and their adopted children permitted to receive holy Communion? I thought that homosexuality was “an abomination unto the Lord.” These adopted children are also serving as altar girls. Whew! Are we Catholics ever confused. (La Crosse, Wis.)

A. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* in No. 2358 states clearly that men and women with deep-seated homosexual tendencies have not chosen their homosexual condition and “must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity” and that “every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided.”

At the same time, the catechism states just as clearly in No. 2357 that sacred Scripture presents homosexual acts as gravely depraved and that such acts are “intrinsically disordered,” calling them contrary to the natural law, and may, under no circum-

stances, be approved.

In light of that clear teaching, those living an active homosexual lifestyle should absent themselves from the reception of holy Communion until they have sought forgiveness in the sacrament of penance and resolved to amend their lives.

The same holds true for heterosexuals who are engaged in sexual activity outside the bonds of a valid marriage -- those living together before marriage or Catholics who are divorced and have remarried outside the church.

Ideally, the lesbians you speak of would recognize for themselves their ineligibility to receive Communion. The church’s *Code of Canon Law* in No. 915 says that those who are “obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin are not to be admitted to holy Communion.”

But some months ago, when a priest in the Washington area embarrassed a self-identified lesbian by publicly refusing her Communion at her mother’s funeral, that priest was reprimanded by his diocese for his lack of pastoral sensitivity and told that he should have addressed the matter of her suitability for Communion in a private setting, rather than in public.

But what does any of that have to do with the adopted children of lesbians? They bear no responsibility for their parents’ lifestyle and should be welcomed at the altar rail and as servers at Mass.

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

Submit Scout Award Nominations

The diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting invites all Catholic Scouting units, as well as units with Catholic members, to nominate candidates and submit forms for awards to be presented at the annual Scout Day with the Bishop.

The event will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granyville Road.

The deadline for reservations is Saturday, Dec. 1.

Nomination forms are available for the following:

Bishop’s Troop/Crew/Pack Award – Honoring one Boy Scout troop, one Venture crew, and one Cub Scout pack in the diocese for commitment to Catholic Scouting values.

National Gold Medallion Award – Presented to one Catholic pack and one Catholic troop and/or crew within Region 6 of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (Ohio and Michigan) which excel at providing young people with a quality Catholic Scouting program.

Bronze Pelican/St. George Awards – For outstanding con-

tributions by adult leaders to the spiritual development of Catholic young people in the Boy Scout organization.

Pope Paul VI Award – For Catholic-sponsored units conducting top-quality programs which encompass Catholic aspects of Scouting.

Red Sash of Merit – For outstanding service and mentorship by high-school aged Catholic Boy and Girl Scouts in the diocese.

The Bronze Pelican, St. George and Pope Paul VI awards, and Red Sash may have multiple recipients.

Completed applications for religious emblems, including the Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, and Pope Pius XII awards, also are due Dec. 1.

Forms and applications should be sent to Catholic Committee on Scouting, Box 2222, Westerville, Ohio 43086-2222 or emailed to cathcmtescouting@aol.com.

More information on the awards, including the applications for them, is available at www.cdeducation.org/oym/dccs.

Jeremy Banks Earns Eagle Scout Rank

Jeremy Banks of Boy Scout Troop 95, chartered to Dover St. Joseph Church, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout and will be awarded this honor at the troop’s upcoming Eagle court of honor. He is a senior at New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School and is the troop’s 27th Eagle Scout.



celled as his troop’s senior patrol leader and has provided key leadership to other Scouts, while serving in several additional troop positions.

All Boy Scouts working towards the rank of Eagle Scout must complete a leadership service project. To fulfill this requirement, Banks recruited and

In addition to achieving Eagle rank, Banks has earned the fifth-year Pipestone Camp Honors award from the Seven Ranges Scout Reservation and the Arrow of Light award, completed 24 merit badges, and is an active member of the Order of the Arrow. He has earned all four religious emblems available to Catholic Boy Scouts and is the only scout in his troop to have earned the Pope Pius XII award. During his tenure in Scouting, he has ex-

led a group of youth and adult volunteers in completing 273 man-hours of labor to improve the trail system at Camp Tuscazoar near Dover.

He serves his parish as a mentoring altar server and is actively involved in many extracurricular activities at his school. Following graduation, he hopes to attend the University of Dayton to pursue a degree in computer engineering.

Stephen Weisenberger Eagle Project



Columbus Bishop Watterson High School senior Stephen Weisenberger removed the old sign at Overbrook Presbyterian Church’s John Beltz Retreat Center in Delaware County, designed a new sign, and worked together with other Scouts to build and assemble the new sign and a stone flower box for his Eagle Scout service project. Weisenberger is a graduate of Worthington St. Michael School.

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“EnCourage” provides support for families dealing with Same-Sex Attraction

By Father Joseph Klee
As a model of intense and persevering maternal loving concern, the fourth-century saint, St. Monica, applied her spiritual energies toward prayerful petitions for the conversion of her son Augustine. As a brilliant and promising young man, Augustine had become deeply caught up in what might be called the early Church equivalent of our present day’s “New Age” movement; namely, the pagan Manichean sect, which had an ideology characterized by wanton debauchery and all things non-Christian. As the model of prayerful perseverance, St. Monica never ceased her intercession for her son, until he was given the grace of faith and conversion and went on to

become a bishop and one of the most inspired doctors of the Church. Today, many mothers and fathers experience similar deep concerns over an age-old phenomenon of the human experience, which is seeing increasing recruitment of and involvement by present-day youth. Because of very aggressive infiltration into the educational, political, entertainment, and other such fields, homosexual activists are portraying their disordered sexual inclinations as a refreshing alternate lifestyle and are successfully attracting many young men and women. When they realize their son or daughter’s embracing of an SSA (Same-Sex Attraction), many parents suffer great anguish, as they fear for their child’s eter-

nal salvation, not to mention the many earthly ills commonly associated with an SSA, including heavy drug or alcohol use, fatal diseases, and a higher-than-average suicide rate. To provide understanding and help for such parents, a group was formed out of the existing Catholic organization “Courage,” which itself was founded as a support group to help those with a homosexual condition in living chaste lives, in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. In the early 1990’s, this adjunct organization, “EnCourage,” was formed to provide solace and guidance for such troubled parents (and other relatives of those with an SSA). What distinguishes the work of EnCourage is its concern in offer faithful witness to Catholic teaching on sexual morality, while meeting the needs of its members with charity and compassion. To this end, the group professes an orthodox position on the immorality of homosexual acts, even as it respects the human dignity of persons who have homosexual feelings.

Moreover, EnCourage differs from other Christian apostolates of similar purpose in that it does not embrace the necessity of a homosexual loved one’s changing his or her sexual orientation. While recognizing families’ interest in or commitment to the enabling of their loved one’s possible sexual “re-orientation,” EnCourage works primarily to cultivate a supportive, accepting environment in which the more immediate goals of fostering personal chastity and sexual abstinence can be valued within the context of a broadly Christian appreciation of human ex-

perience. Through this approach, the group seeks also to avoid the raising of false hopes for families whose desire to “make things right” in their loved one’s life might cause them to overlook their loved one’s present capabilities, preparedness, or intentions in this regard. In the fall of 2011, a Columbus chapter of EnCourage was formed, and its founding members are grateful for the help the EnCourage apostolate is providing. A few members offered their reflections relative to the new group: “It has been difficult for me to talk about our son’s Same-Sex Attraction. Now I have a group of people who understand a lot of what I experience. I can trust them and also grow from their sharing.” “We have had great difficulties in dealing with our son’s homosexual lifestyle, which is in opposition to the way our children were raised. EnCourage is helping us to calmly and lovingly deal with the situation, yet not compromise our Catholic values.” “EnCourage has given me a safe, supportive group in which to share our struggles dealing with a family member who is afflicted with a Same-Sex Attraction. Most importantly, we are learning how to love as Christ loves, while keeping true to our values.” *(The Columbus EnCourage chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning with a Mass. More information is available through the “Courage Community” and “EnCourage” links on the website www.couragerc.net, or by calling the local chapter at (614) 372-5249)*

Youth Dinner Theater

Catholic Youth Summer Camp will present its third annual dinner theater from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road. The program will be an evening of “Awaiting Christ,” in which participants will assimilate the beauty and truth revealed in the coming of Jesus through the skits, dramas, and music

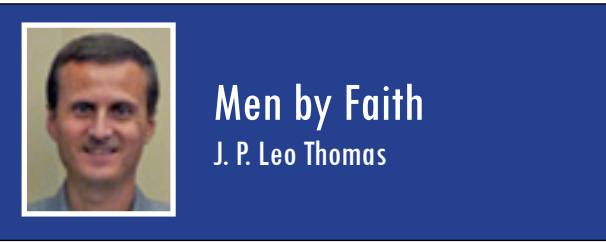
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Silent Pray-ers

People before and after Masses are praying for every one of us. Witnesses to His majesty, seldom noticed and unseen, they go about their business in reverent fashion. Observe sometime at a Mass and you will find them in silent vigil, speaking to God for our forgiveness and salvation. To some of us, they may seem to be a strange occurrence, but to the many suffering or ailing souls on earth and in purgatory, they are welcomed with open arms. When we profess our faith, do we just say the words or do we really mean them? Jesus often said that His teachings were the thought of application and not just mere acts of meaning. We must be consciously aware of what we are doing at all times. To just say something is not enough, but to back it up with service to others is what makes Him happy. We see ourselves in selflessness and in our true reflections when looking through the world from another’s perspective. This may not be the most comfortable of situations, but is probably one of the greatest caring, compassionate, and kind things we can involve and enwrap ourselves in, if only for the smallest of rewards – to be with others who need us as much as we need them. Many lost souls are found by this simple act of courage, and many become saints, not because of what they do, but whom they touch. Blessed Pope John Paul II used to talk about love to the sinner or



to people with the hardest of hearts, because it was here he could meet the person halfway. In the middle of a war, in the most frantic of events, or even in the calmest of waters, he could then speak to the true person. Those in silent prayer are meeting us when we join them in celebration of the Mass. Just think: Prayers multiplied in uncountable degrees, in each town, city, or village around the globe -- the power of this can be staggering. That is what many people believe keeps our world in balance. For every dark element that can surface, there is an equal and opposite aura of light that can beautifully overshadow it. We all have those elements within each of us, but it is our responsibility to act upon them. I was always under the impression that by doing so, we put ourselves at risk for ridicule, so I remained absent when it came to this devotion. I was embarrassed by the mere thought of praying out loud. In a silly way, it was my procrastination that brought me to the

assumption that if we do not try, we will never know the lovely character of feeling that comes along with contemplation. Our minds need time to recharge, to recuperate the energy drained from a day of home, work, and play. As we quietly reminisce about the day’s events, it is surprising how much baggage we carry with us. Praying silently offers us the chance to collect all our broken thoughts and form a more unified understanding of the people who are most important in our lives. It allows us time to stretch our spiritual muscle and become more globally connected to those around us. My mom used to say, “Never put yourself over anyone. Like a car on a freeway, there is always somebody that’s going to be ahead of you.” Rather, let us concentrate on how we can impact society’s needs over time. Listen more, hear more, remember more, live more, and love more. Only through reflection can we grow into more perfect ideas of what we wish to become. The next time you think that your problems are more precious than another’s, look around. You just might find someone saying silent prayers for you. *Joseph Thomas is active in church ministry and a third-degree member of the St. Jude Chapter of the Knights of Columbus at Gahanna St. Matthew’s. He posts his articles online at <http://menbyfaith>.*

ORGAN DONATIONS ARE THE ULTIMATE GIFTS OF LIFE

By Phil Petrosky
The second great commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” proclaimed in the Gospel for Sunday, Nov. 4, complements and supports National Donor Sabbath Weekend, which occurred from Friday to Sunday, Nov. 9 to 11. At that time, faith communities across the nation came together to share the importance of registering as organ, eye, and tissue donors. It is important for us as a Catholic faith community to reflect on the second great commandment with consideration for our neighbors who are

gravely ill, perhaps dependent on machines and medication, and waiting for a life-saving organ transplant or life-changing tissue transplant. The reasons to support organ, eye, and tissue donation become more staggering each year. More than 115,000 Americans are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant, and more than 3,400 of them are neighbors within our own state. Eighteen men, women, and children die each day in the United States because the necessary organs were not available to meet the need; statistically, one Ohioan every other day loses his or her life because

a life-saving organ transplant did not come in time. A single donor’s act to register can save the lives of as many as eight people and heal as many as 50 more on waiting lists through donation of vital organs (heart, two lungs, two kidneys, liver, pancreas, and small bowel) and tissue (corneas, bone, fascia, skin, veins, nerves, tendons, ligaments, and heart valves). As Pope John Paul II stated, “Such a gesture is the more laudable in that you are motivated, not by a desire for earthly gains or ends, but by a generous impulse of the heart, by human and Christian solidarity – the love of neighbor, which forms the inspiring motive of the Gospel message, and which has been defined, indeed, as the new commandment.” My wife, who received a life-saving kidney transplant nearly 10 years ago, and I are registered organ, eye, and tissue donors. We encourage *Catholic Times* readers who have not done so already to please join us on the Ohio Donor Registry at the Lifeline of Ohio website, www.lifelineofohio.org. *Phil Petrosky and his wife are members of Columbus St. Catharine Church.*

Stories by **TIM PUET**/*Catholic Times Reporter*

PENCIL, STONES ARE SYMBOLS OF GROWTH AT ASCENSION PARISH

Ask members of the Church of the Ascension in Johnstown what’s special about their parish and they’ll tell you about a pencil and a couple of shiny stones – items which, as in the parables of Jesus, may seem ordinary, but symbolize something of greater significance.

“The pencil is what ultimately started things rolling for the construction of our church building,” which was completed in 2007, said parishioner Don Vocca. “We had needed a new church for years because the building which had served us since 1916 was in need of major repairs.” The original church was built four years after the first Mass was said in 1912. The parish is marking the centennial of that event this year.

“The parish had grown to the point

where the building was too small to adequately fit the number of people coming to Masses,” Vocca continued. “We had the land for a new church. Father (Saulius) Laurinaitis (now retired) had bought property just outside of downtown when he was pastor in the 1960s with that idea in mind, and it had been sitting idle ever since. The desire was there for a new church, but it seemed getting one was impossible. People said it would never happen.

“Then one day I asked someone if I could borrow his pencil. He let me have it, and I got an idea. I asked him, ‘Why did you let me have the pencil?’ His response was, ‘Because you asked.’ I told that story to the other members of the building committee, with the idea that if you could do this with something as simple as a pencil, why not try the same thing with a church? Don’t wait for something to happen, but just ask. So we did, and the result was the building you see today. That pencil was the spark which led to a possibility.”

That’s not the end of the story. At some future date, it’s anticipated that an addition will be made to the building, with the current sanctuary being converted into a parish hall and a new sanctuary being built. This is where the stones become part of the story.



“After he was diagnosed with cancer, one of our parishioners, the late Jack Williams, began carrying a couple of shiny stones in his pocket,” said Father J.L. Reichert, the church’s pastor for the past nine years. “Whenever a discussion got a little heated, he’d pull out the stones and remind people of what Jesus said about whoever is without sin casting the first stone. That would calm things down.

“Jack was one of our most active parishioners and was one of those who wondered if we’d ever get a new church; in fact, that story about the pencil occurred just a few days before he died. In his honor, we found a bunch of shiny stones and gave one to everybody who contributed to the building fund,” which is within \$223,000 of paying off the \$1.5 million cost of the new build-

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Photos, clockwise from top right: (1) Father J.L. Reichert celebrates Mass at the Church of the Ascension in Johnstown. He is in a wheelchair while recovering from a stroke in late 2010; (2) Stones which were given to building fund contributors and are to be used in the foundation of a planned new church building; (3) The sanctuary of the current church, built in 2007; (4) a prayer garden built as parishioner Marko Jesenko’s Eagle Scout project; (5) The parish’s roadside sign notes that it is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

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NATIVITY CELEBRATES TWO ANNIVERSARIES

No matter where you look at the Church of the Nativity in Utica, you’ll see signs with the phrase “Celebrate Aggiornamento!” That’s because it’s a festive year for the parish, which is marking a pair of milestones – its own centennial and the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council.

Aggiornamento is a word which was much in the news in 1962 and throughout the following three years as the world’s bishops gathered to debate and approve Vatican II’s documents, which became building blocks of the modern Catholic Church. It was one of Blessed Pope John XXIII’s favorite words and is Italian for “updating.” Bishops, council observers, and the media all used it to describe the spirit of change and the looking to the future that was felt throughout the council.

Father Stephen Metzger, pastor at Nativity since 1995, describes it as “a spirit

inviting, dialoging, evolving, involving, accepting, networking, engaging, tolerating, trusting, and appreciating,” with hallmarks of “ideals, mystery, persuasiveness, service, friendship, partnerships, openness, inclusiveness, pluralism, and principle, done lovingly.”

“I think the people here have really taken on that spirit,” Pastoral Council member Pam Hager said of the parish, which has about 110 active families, with about half its members aged 60 or older, and is located in a mainly rural area covering parts of Licking and Knox counties. “We’re a small parish, but a very active one, with most of our families being involved in one ministry or another.”

“One example of that is our liturgical program,” council member Pat Lanker said. “We have about 40 lectors, which is as many as some much larger churches, and about 20 psalmists.” Unlike many

Left: The sign for the Church of the Nativity in Utica, which originally housed a Reformed Presbyterian congregation. Right: Parish Pastoral Council members (from left) Pat Hager, Father Stephen Metzger, Pat Lanker, and Corky Stone.
Photos courtesy Church of the Nativity



parishes, Nativity has different people serving as cantor and singing the Psalm texts at weekend Masses.

“We also have around 24 or 25 people in our choir,” she said. “They all practice together, but we split it so that about half sing at the 7:30 p.m. Saturday Mass and half at 9 a.m. Sunday. We don’t have a choir director. Instead, several people share that responsibility,” including Carol and Jerry Cope, Chris Mehringer-Smith, Michele Mehringer, and Barbara McComb.

“People often compliment us on how well we participate for being such a small group, and that goes for the assembly as well. I think everyone takes seriously their responsibility of ‘fully conscious and active participation’ in the Mass, as described in Vatican II’s document on the liturgy,” Lanker said.

The parish marked the 50th anniversary of the date the council opened with a program on Thursday, Oct. 11 that included an overview of Vatican II’s work and a video presentation. Similar programs will be conducted during the next three years on significant events at the council, coinciding as closely as possible with the dates those events took place.

The first of the Vatican II anniversary events took place less than two weeks after the parish’s 100th anniversary celebration on Sunday, Sept. 30. That day started with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell, followed by a

group picture of everyone in attendance. It also included a catered dinner attended by about 140 people, a dessert buffet and open house, a community choir festival and wine and cheese reception, which attracted a crowd of about 90, and a Vespers service with choirs from Nativity and three non-Catholic churches in Utica that drew about 50 people.

“We’re looking back and we’re looking forward as we celebrate the two anniversaries,” Hager said. “Besides the Vatican II-related events, we’re in the process of writing a history of the parish and are planning to bury a time capsule and purchase a gift for the community. We also plan to purchase a bell for a new church we hope to build someday next to the current church, on land the diocese has purchased in the last two years.”

Centennial activities will conclude with a pilgrimage in the fall of 2013 to the original Church of the Nativity, located at what is considered to be the site of Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem.

A new church building would be the first structure in Utica built specifically as a Catholic church. Monthly Masses began to be celebrated in private homes and rented halls in the village in 1908. Four years later, on the last Sunday of September, Mass was celebrated in Nativity Chapel, a schoolhouse built in 1812 that served as the church’s home until 1950.

The current church building, which originally housed a congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian (Covenanters)

A community choir festival was part of centennial activities at the Church of the Nativity.
Photo courtesy Church of the Nativity

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ing, Father Reichert said.

“When we talked about the next step in our building plans, we had the recipients of the stones give them back and placed the stones in a case built of wood from the original church. We anticipate that when the addition is built, those stones will go into the foundation.”

“If there’s one word I would use to describe the spirit of this parish, it would be generosity,” said parish secretary Kathy Bartolomucci. “Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is an example. In a parish of about 430 families, we collect \$2,000 or so each month after Mass for people’s needs. It’s been that way since the society started in 2009.”

“For the last five years, we’ve collected items for patients at the Veterans Administration hospital in Chillicothe,” Vocca said. “Every year, we’ve collected more than the year before. We’re one of the smallest parishes that works with the hospital, but we’ve given the largest amount.”

Father Reichert said he personally experienced the generosity of his parishioners through their response to a stroke he suffered in December 2010. After nearly a year in recovery, he returned to the parish on All Saints Day of last year. He is continuing with physical and occupational therapy, spending most of his time in a wheelchair but relearning how to walk. He celebrates Mass on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday mornings and Saturday evening, always beginning his homilies with the

salutation “God is good!” to which parishioners respond, “All the time!”

“People have been so good to me I don’t know where to begin,” he said. “Kathy has been my right hand as secretary for 28 years in three parishes. Deacon Bill (Andrews) was a godsend for me and for the entire parish for the 10 months I was gone. That period seemed like 10 years.

“I’ve been back for a year, and it seems like three months, thanks to Deacon Bill. I couldn’t have made it without him. I don’t know how a parish can manage without a deacon. Then there’s the Knights of Columbus council, which made it possible for me to ride in the parish float at the Johnstown firemen’s parade in June.”

Ascension K of C Council 4324 has 85 members and won the Double Star Council award, an honor given to a handful of councils nationwide, last year for its charitable and religious work and for surpassing its membership goals. Its biggest fund raiser comes from the card games it operates during the annual Labor Day swap meet at the Johnstown Sportsman’s Club. Proceeds from the games go to a variety of charities, including the Special Olympics and the Knights’ Measure Up campaign for the developmentally disabled.

“The special needs medical loan closet run by (parishioner) John Stover has helped plenty of people since he started it about two-and-a-half years ago, and it turns out I was one of them, because I



Parishioners at the Church of the Ascension in Johnstown at a 2011 reception honoring Father J.L. Reichert’s 40th anniversary of ordination. Photo courtesy Church of the Ascension

have a cane and a neck brace that came from John.” Father Reichert said.

Stover said he began the closet after his wife was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease and was given a wheelchair by a Parkinson’s support group. “It turned out my wife didn’t need the wheelchair and the group didn’t want it back because they had no space for it,” he said. “So there I was with a wheelchair and wondering what to do with it.

“Someone at church saw I had this unused wheelchair in my car and asked if they could borrow it for someone who needed it. That got me to thinking about whether there were other people with similar needs, so I began making calls. One thing led to another, to the point where I have close to 1,000 medical items of all kinds available to loan to people in Licking County.” Stover may be reached at (740) 967-3809.

Father Reichert said resuming sick calls is what he anticipates most once he’s fully recovered. “I’ve visited the sick and shut-ins nearly every Thursday night for most of my 41 years as a priest, and not being able to do that is the hardest thing,” he said. “I’m just learning to climb steps again, and I know my recovery is proceeding and I can’t rush things. In the meantime, the people of the parish haven’t missed a week, so it’s given them a greater opportunity to minister.”

The parish is about 20 miles northeast of downtown Columbus – close enough to be in the metropolitan area, but just far enough away to maintain its rural character through events such as the swap meet, the Halloween party, the parade, and the parish’s annual chicken barbecue and square dance in August.

Parish Council member Donna Kashuk said the combination of rural and urban lifestyles resulted in a time of

growth which led to construction of the new building. Today, the parish population has stabilized, with the number of people moving in and moving out being in balance. “I think it’s a younger parish now than it was,” she said. “Each time we issue a quarterly newsletter, it seems there are four or five new families.”

“I’ve been back a year, and there’s not been a weekend since then when someone hasn’t told me ‘I can’t believe the number of children at Mass.’” Father Reichert said. Bartolomucci said the parish has 16 students attending Catholic elementary schools, five in Catholic high schools, and about 80 in Parish School of Religion classes directed by Kelly Pertee.

Pertee’s mother, Molly, and Mrs. Pertee’s five-year-old grandson, Nicholas, were killed in an auto accident in January 2011 and are memorialized in a newly built outdoor pavilion at the rear of the church. Next to the pavilion is a community garden. The church’s back lot also includes a prayer garden built by parish member Marko Jesenko, with help from the K of C and others, as part of an Eagle Scout project.

The parish for many years was the site of a food pantry serving the Johnstown and Northridge school districts. The pantry has moved to a Baptist church, but parishioner Ruth Krumm remains its director, as she has been for more than 20 years. She has been involved with the pantry since the early 1970s, and many parish organizations assist her efforts.

In addition, the parish has a cemetery that remains in active use. It has undergone many improvements during the past two years, thanks to a bequest by parishioner Frances Phalin Micheau and the efforts of longtime parishioner Jack Walsh and many other volunteers.

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Church, was built in 1864 and purchased by the diocese in 1950. At various times, it was a mission of the former Jersey Township St. Joseph Church and of Newark St. Francis de Sales, Newark Blessed Sacrament, and Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul churches. It served as a mission of the Church of the Ascension in Johnstown from 1948 until its first resident pastor was appointed in 1973.

The Vespers service marking the parish centennial was one of several ecumenical activities conducted by Nativity and the non-Catholic congregations in the community of about 2,100 people. The parish will host a community Thanksgiving service on the evening of Sunday, Nov. 18, and is the site for two of seven weekly ecumenical Lenten lunches every year. It also takes part in events marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January and has been part of an ecumenical summertime Vacation Bible School for the last 15 years.

Next year’s pilgrimage to the Holy Land will continue a longstanding parish tradition of annual visits to faith-related sites near and far, with Father Metzger and parishioner Corky Stone playing key roles in most of them. Destinations for some of those pilgrimages in recent years have

included Rome, southern Germany and northern Italy; the California missions; and New York state and Canada.

Closer to home, groups from the parish have visited Cincinnati for the Women of Spirit exhibit and Cleveland to see the display of Vatican Treasures, and have traveled to Columbus to view the restored Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John and the new Westerville St. Paul churches and artwork at the Martin de Porres Center of the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

Pastoral council members regularly attend liturgical and pastoral conferences at the University of Notre Dame, and several parishioners take part in an annual retreat at Mepkin Abbey, a Trappist monastery in Moncks Corner, S.C. The parish also has sponsored World Youth Day pilgrimages to Toronto and Germany and trips to the annual diocesan youth rally.

Other youth activities include an annual Mass honoring all the year’s high school and college graduates. This past September, Parish School of Religion students sponsored a car wash for life to benefit Heartbeats of Licking County. The parish’s next Confirmation class will receive the sacrament in 2013, combining for the first time with the class from Granville

St. Edward Church.

As with most parishes, the coming holiday season will be a busy one at Nativity. The parish will host a dinner at 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day for anyone without a family and for people, especially older residents, who have families and are unable to join them for the holiday.

During the Christmas season, there will be a pageant telling the story of the Nativity and a dinner around the time of the Feast of the Epiphany, which in 2013 will be on Sunday, Jan. 6. The parish also has an Easter dinner which usually takes place on the Sunday after Easter. That date will be April 7 in 2013.

“We offer homemade doughnuts and coffee after Sunday Mass once a month, usually after the last Sunday, and those have become a big hit,” Hager said. “Five people bake them, using a secret recipe, and its reputation has spread so that they bake for a lot of other events. We made 12 dozen for an ecumenical gathering at the Methodist Church on Halloween night, and another batch for the All Saints celebration after Mass the next night, which had all the children come in dressed as saints.”

The parish’s first Men’s Night Out pro-

gram took place this past Wednesday, Nov. 14, beginning with Evening Prayer at the church, followed by fellowship, food, and televised sports at a pub in Newark. It’s an offshoot of a Women’s Night Out program that has taken place for several years during Advent, offering a mix of prayer, food, and conversation at various restaurants in Newark and Mount Vernon.

Monthly collections are taken up for the Utica food pantry and for Deacon Donald Robers’ ministry at the Pickaway Correctional Institute in Orient, and a number of parishioners help at the pantry. The parish traditionally provides food and clothing for needy local families at Christmastime, last year assisting five families through the LEADS community action agency.

Other parish organizations include a bereavement committee which prepares funeral lunches on request, visits and sends cards to the families of the recently deceased, and sponsors an annual memorial Mass; an outreach and hospitality group which corresponds with the hospitalized and sends cards and makes visits to new parishioners; and a ministry to the homebound which brings the Eucharist to those unable to come to church.

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

A first clear reference to resurrection



Father Lawrence L. Hummer

Deuteronomy 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-14,18
Mark 13:24-32

The name Michael in Hebrew means “One who is like God.” In the vision of Daniel (“God is my judge” in Hebrew), Michael is a prince who comes to the defense of a torn and battered Israel.

The events described in Sunday’s section come after the death of the Greek ruler Antiochus IV Epiphanes, who was finally overcome in about 165 BC.

From that time until 63 BC, Jews enjoyed a certain limited independence. With Michael as their defender and guardian, times remained unsettled and dangerous. Yet all those whose names are “written in the book” (of life; a record of the righteous kept by God) will escape from the “time unsurpassed in distress.”

This is a beginning stage of belief in resurrection, whereby “many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.” Some will live forever, but others “shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.”

We see here that the number of those who will awake is limited, and it is only those who awake who participate in the judgment. Later Christian belief in the resurrection claims that all will awaken and be judged.

This is the first clear reference to resurrection in the Old Testament. Hints of it can be found scattered through the Wisdom literature, especially in the Psalms, and a very few other places.

Obviously, the New Testament is written with a presumption of the resurrection, because it was written entirely after Jesus had risen from the dead, and Christians believed they would share in that resurrection to eternal life by believing in Jesus.

Catholic infant and toddler childcare now available in Central Ohio

Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare officially welcomed infants and toddlers to its expanded childcare area in September. It is the only program in central Ohio to offer a Catholic faith-based setting for infants and toddlers, providing a safe and loving environment that fosters spiritual, educational, and social development.

“This program, while new, was years in the making and something we felt called to provide to the Catholic community of Columbus,” said Lori Dulin, director of Our Lady of Bethlehem School. “Families have many options for childcare, and now they have a Catholic one.”

Newly remodeled for this expanded childcare offering, Our Lady of Bethlehem is located at 4567 Olentangy River Road. The campus is a faith-

This belief in resurrection evolved gradually from late in pre-Christian Judaism to the teaching of Jesus that emerges in the Gospels. It is also clear that the disciples never quite understood what Jesus was talking about when he mentioned “rising from the dead”(e.g. Mark 9:10; John 20:9; Matthew 28:17).

In part of the Nicene Creed, we profess that we “look forward to the resurrection of the dead,” but that does not mean we understand it, even now. We are incapable of understanding it, but we are also incapable of understanding angels, or grace, or even God. That’s why we say we believe it.

Sunday’s Gospel comes from that part of Mark called the “apocalyptic discourse.” What Jesus describes here uses language that was familiar between about the second century BC and the end of the second century AD.

The “Son of Man coming in the clouds” is language derived directly from Daniel 7:13, describing a mysterious figure who would come at the end of time (or the end of Israel’s long period of national suffering). He would either restore Israel’s fortunes or usher in the final judgment, depending on one’s faith.

When I took my qualification exam in Greek at the Biblicum an eternity ago I thought the world was ending. I had passed the written part and it was on to the orals. But the only chapter I skipped studying in my semester-long preparation was Mark 13. When the professor opened at Mark 13 and pointed to this passage to read aloud, I had visions that would have rivaled those described in Sunday’s passage. By the grace of God, I limped through, and have ever after regarded this passage as a mixed blessing.

Noteworthy, though, is that no one knows the day nor the hour. It remains amazing to me how many flimflammers have wasted their time predicting the end over the years. “No one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” Think of that the next time one of them comes along.

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

filled place designed for the nurturing and growth of children.

The community of faculty, staff, and families ensures an environment of comfort and happiness. The school was opened in 1957 by the Sisters of the Poor Child Jesus. The heritage of the school and the influence of the Sisters remain today, including the concept that children grow and learn best in a loving, nurturing environment.

Families interested in learning about the new infant and toddler program or Our Lady of Bethlehem’s pre-school through kindergarden programs may contact the school at (614) 459-8285 for information or to schedule a tour. Additional information is available at www.ourlady-ofbethlehem.org.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Revelation 1:1-4;2:1-5
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luke 18:35-43

TUESDAY
Revelation 3:1-6,14-22
Psalm 15:2-5
Luke 19:1-10

WEDNESDAY
Revelation 4:1-11
Psalm 150:1-6
Luke 19:11-28

THURSDAY
Revelation 5:1-10
Psalm 149:1-6,9
Luke 19:41-44

FRIDAY
Revelation 10:8-11
Psalm 119:14,24,72,103,111,131
Luke 19:45-48

SATURDAY
Revelation 11:4-12
Psalm 144:1-2,9-10
Luke 20:27-40

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18, 2012

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

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

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

The Church Is Our Anchor in These Troubled Times

“So you think the tide is still turning?” a friend sarcastically asked me after the election. “The government’s war on religious liberty doesn’t seem to be a problem with half the population, including a sizable minority of Catholics,” he said. I told him Jesus promised the gates of hell wouldn’t prevail against the Church. Now, this doesn’t mean that society isn’t at the precipice, but the Church will have to save our nation, as she has saved so many others. “Where did it all go wrong?” he asked.

For 50 years, the popular culture has been at war with the faithful in general and Catholics in particular. I got a good background in this by talking to some prominent and not-so-prominent faith-based filmmakers during one of my many visits to “Family Theater” in Hollywood. Europe is far more secular than the United States, but the far left in the United States has always been angrier at religion than its counterpart in the secular culture of Europe has been.

In my just released book, “The Catholic Tide Continues to Turn,” I wrote of the little-known Hyannis conclave of 1964, which was convened by several radical Catholic priests, some of whom (surprise, surprise) have since left the Church. The conclave was called by these radicals to convince the Kennedy family to support abortion and birth control. Its participants thought they could force the Church to do the same. Surprisingly, the Kennedy family resisted their calls until *Roe v Wade* legalized abortion in 1973. After that, they and a herd of Catholic politicians, including some clergy members, tried to get the Church to change its stand.



THE TIDE IS TURNING TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

Going back to 1793, God was openly mocked and the Church was physically attacked and desecrated during the French Revolution. Although France gave us many saints and is the location of Lourdes, the revolution left many scars, including the utter dearth of shrines to the various saints and to the Blessed Mother that one sees throughout the rest of rural Europe. Again, you might ask “Why?”

Father Dwight Longenecker has some good insights. He’s known for a humorous blog in which a cast of typical parish characters comes to life. However, when he gets serious, he pulls no punches. He writes:

“Catholics in English-speaking countries (and maybe everywhere else, for all I know) have drifted into sentimentality because they are too afraid of embracing the full-blooded, supernatural, dogmatic religion we call Catholicism, and the rot began with the clergy who came out of seminary full of the modernistic critical theories about the Scriptures and the faith. They couldn’t believe that sort of thing in the modern age, so they concocted another gospel which was all about being friends with Jesus and hanging up felt banners with

words on them, and making the world a better place and the church a happy fellowship sort of group therapy session. The music is a bad dream, but when you consider that the music matches the theology, the nightmare is even worse.”

In other words, we want to be of the world. Jesus warned us to be in the world and convert it, but never to be of the world. On election night, my wife asked, “What’s wrong with the women of this country who think abortion and birth control are the answer to our problems?” I chimed in, questioning the response of my own gender, wondering how so many men fall for pied pipers who promise the sun and moon and think they can summarily dismiss Gospel values, as if God were a temperamental child who could be sent to his room.

Despair not, my friends. We have many fine young priests and sisters coming out of seminaries and convents, and if we cling to the words of Christ, we will make it to heaven. St. Augustine’s classic “City of God,” written shortly after Rome fell to the barbarians (410 AD) reminded believers that now is not the time to shrink from the fight. He reminded the faithful that when a surgeon is removing an arrow that is embedded in someone’s leg, he doesn’t stop when the patient shrieks in pain. He continues what he is doing, knowing that it is needed for the patient’s health. In other words, we can never be shy in proclaiming our Church’s teachings and the Gospel from which they came.

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

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ALCOX, Judy K., Nov. 7
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

BENEDETTI, David A., 61, formerly of Columbus, Nov. 6
St. Saviour Church, Cincinnati

BENTLEY, Kevin, 56, Nov. 9
St. Mary Church, Columbus

BOYD, Paddy J., 76, Oct. 25
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

BURLING, Mary A., 93, Nov. 5
St. Leonard Church, Heath

CALVIS, Kathryn "Joyce," 75, Nov. 5
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

CHAMBERLAIN, Margaret L., 95, Nov. 1
St. Mary Church, Marion

CLINE, Linda J., 61, formerly of Galena, Nov. 8
St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville

FISHKING, Elizabeth, Nov. 8
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

McKEE, John, 83, Nov. 6
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

MILLER, Mary L., 83, Nov. 7
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

NASH, Betty R., 80, Nov. 4
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

NUNZIANTE, Umberto "Albert," 91, Nov. 7
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

PAVLICK, Charles R., 75, Nov. 7
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

REED, Marie P., 89, Oct. 31
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

SABOLEY, Helen J., 96, Nov. 4
St. Michael Church, Worthington

SHERBURN, Earle W., 70, Nov. 4
St. Edward Church, Granville

SIMMS, Mary A., 72, Nov. 3
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

SNYDER, Bernard G., 75, Nov. 4
Christ the King Church, Columbus

UMPHRYES, Frances J., 88, Oct. 27
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

WATSON, Robert J., 62, formerly of Columbus, Nov. 3
Pope John XXIII Church, Fort Myers, Fla.

WESTERHEIDE, Dr. Robert L., 78, Oct. 31
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

Watterson Service Awards



Ten Columbus Bishop Watterson High School students have been honored with the 2012 Msgr. Spiers Service Awards, having amassed a total of 3,762 hours in service to the community. The awards are named after Msgr. Edward Spiers, the founding principal when the school opened its doors in 1954. The awards, a homecoming week tradition that goes back to 1996, are intended to honor and celebrate the service of students. The honorees completed between 220 and 613 hours of service to a variety of organizations. The awards committee considered not only the number of hours of service performed, but also the longevity and quality of service, students' involvement in school and community activities, and whether students exhibited leadership in engaging others in service activities. Award winners pictured are (from left): first row, Emma McCarthy, Kelly Widerschein, Paulina Eberts, Kelsey Fisher, and Madison Durham; second row, Katie Hamrock, Mary Horner, Cameron Golamb, Emma Tippet, and Emily Green.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

E-mail obituaries to tpuet@colsdio.org

Patricia A. Johnson

Funeral Mass for Patricia A. Johnson, 66, who died Sunday, Nov. 4, was held Friday, Nov. 9, at Columbus Christ the King Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was a graduate of The Ohio State University School of Nursing and of DeVry University, with a degree in computer programming, and worked for the Borden Co. for many years.

She also was an administrative secretary at Columbus St. John the Baptist Church and was an active member of the Secular Franciscan Fraternity of St. Pio of Pietrelcina.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale. Survivors include sons, William, Richard, and Edward; daughter, Anne; and brothers, Greg and Thomas Bewley.

Joseph W. Huntzinger Jr.

Joseph W. Huntzinger Jr., 86, brother of retired Msgr. Ralph Huntzinger, died Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor in Columbus.

He was a member of Columbus Holy Cross Church, was employed

by the Wendt-Bristol health care company for more than 40 years, and served in the Coast Guard.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers. Survivors include Msgr. Huntzinger and several nieces and nephews.

St. Catharine Veterans Day Walk



Staff, students, and parents from Columbus St. Catharine School participated in the Rotary Honors Veterans 5-kilometer walk/run for the Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial on Saturday, Nov. 3, in Westerville. The school's participants are pictured above.

St. Catharine's sixth-grade students have adopted an army unit that is deployed in Kuwait.

The students have been assigned pen pals with whom they communicate on a regular basis. This will continue un-

til the soldiers are scheduled to come home in the spring.

The boys and girls wanted to participate to show their support of the military.

The students have been working for the past year on running in their physical education classes.

Last fall, the school hosted its own 5K run for all students in grades one through eight.

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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.

'Happenings' submissions

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confession. 614-565-8654
NFP Information Session at Newman Center
10 a.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Information session for Natural Family Planning. Register at www.buckeyecatholic.com/marriage.

18, SUNDAY
St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Book discussion of "That's Why I'm Here: The Chris and Stefanie Spielman Story." 614-488-9971

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
Open House at Ready
1 to 3:30 p.m., Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. Open house for prospective students and their parents. 614-276-5263

Open House at Watterson
1 to 3:30 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. Open house, featuring presentations by principal Marian Hutson at 1:30 and 2:30. 614-268-8671

Catholic Record Society Meeting
2 p.m., Parish hall, Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Catholic Record Society quarterly meeting, with Don Schlegel speaking on "The Extended Kin of Gen. Phil Sheridan." 614-241-2571

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
Elmer Cabotage Concert at St. Paul
3 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Concert with pianist Elmer Cabotage. 614-882-2109
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

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

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

20, TUESDAY
Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc
Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.
Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark
7 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting. 740-653-4919

21, WEDNESDAY
St. Dominic Community Thanksgiving Dinner
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Family center, St. Dominic Church,

453 N. 20th St., Columbus. Parish's annual free community Thanksgiving Day dinner. 614-252-4913

Comedy Night at Bishop Flaget
7 p.m., Bishop Flaget School, 570 Parsons Ave., Chillicothe. School's second annual comedy night, with local comedians Cathy Zangri and Mike Haller. Doors open 5:30. Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar. 740-774-2970

22, THURSDAY
Community Kitchen, St. Aloysius Thanksgiving Dinners
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Community Kitchen, 640 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus; 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Family center, St. Aloysius Church, 2165 W. Broad St., Columbus. Free Thanksgiving Day dinners, open to all.

24, 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

Ordination of New Permanent Deacons
10 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell ordains 12 new permanent deacons for the Diocese of Columbus. 614-241-2545
Memorial Mass for Children at Resurrection Cemetery
1 p.m., Chapel, Resurrection Cemetery, 9571 N. High St., Lewis Center. Monthly memorial Mass for all unborn babies buried in cemetery's Garden of the Holy Innocents, and any other babies whose parents want to honor their lives, sponsored by Back in His Arms Again ministry. 614-906-3115; 614-800-8888

24-25, SATURDAY-SUNDAY
Nativity Exhibit at Jubilee Museum
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, noon to 3 p.m., Sunday, Holy Family Jubilee Museum, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus. "Mangers at the Museum" exhibit of nearly 100 Nativity sets, including the largest set of Fontanini figures in the United States. 614-461-6204

25, SUNDAY
Father Huber K of C Assembly Memorial Mass
10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual memorial Mass honoring deceased members of Father Huber Assembly 809, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.
Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. 614-861-1242
St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans
2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social. Elizabeth Bowen, OFS 614-276-1953
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

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



THEATER PRODUCTION

Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi's Gold

CAPA presents "Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi's Gold," at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at the Capitol Theater, 77 S. High St., Columbus.

It's "CSI: Bethlehem" in this holiday mystery extravaganza from the author of "Late Nite Catchism" as Sister takes on the mystery that has intrigued historians throughout the ages: Whatever happened to the Magi's gold? ("We know that Mary used the frankincense and myrrh as a sort of potpourri. They were in a barn, after all.") Retelling the story of the Nativity as only Sister can, this hilarious holi-

day production is a holiday treat.

Employing her own scientific tools, a local choir, and a gaggle of audience members, Sister creates a living Nativity unlike any you've ever seen.

Tickets are \$35 at the CAPA ticket center (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and www.ticketmaster.com. To purchase tickets by phone, call (614) 469-0939 or (1-800) 745-3000.

Students between the ages of 13 and 19 may purchase \$5 all-access tickets while they are available.

THEATER PRODUCTION

Inspecting Carol

The Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School drama department's fall production, "Inspecting Carol," by Daniel Sullivan, will be presented at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Nov. 15, 16, and 17 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18 in the campus theater, 2010 E. Broad St.

Adult tickets are \$10; student tickets are \$5. Reservations may be placed by calling the St. Charles main office at (614) 252-6714 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

It's the third time the school will present this spoof of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." It takes place behind the scenes at a struggling theater's annual slapdash production of the Dickens classic. Rehearsals are at a standstill. Tim is no longer Tiny, Scrooge wants to do the play in Spanish, and funding is on hold pending an inspection. It all makes for a night that is anything but show business as usual.

"Inspecting Carol" premiered at the Seattle Repertory Theatre on Dec. 11, 1991. Sullivan wrote the script with actors from the Seattle Resident Acting Company and borrowed the theme from Gogol's "The Government



Inspector." The setting and some of the plot came from an episode Sullivan heard about when serving on a National Endowment for the Arts panel: a troupe desperate to sustain a grant offered to bribe an agency inspector who was also a playwright by pledging to produce his plays.

Cast members for "Inspecting Carol" include (pictured from left) Finn Cleary, Evan Hively, Allen Johnson, Michelle Golonka, Nick Turadian, Dan Krajnak, Alison Roth, Shannon Cogan, Carl Mahler, Evan Ryan, Nick Anderson, Maggie Turek, and Matt Munsell. (Photo courtesy St. Charles)

NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



A statue of St. Francis of Assisi overlooks workers cleaning up outside St. Margaret Mary Church on New York's Staten Island on Nov. 7. The church was badly damaged by Hurricane Sandy a week ago. CNS photo/Bob Roller



People exchange signs of peace through a fence along the U.S.-Mexico border during simultaneous Masses near Anapra, N.M., on Nov. 2. The annual Dia de los Muertos -- All Souls Day -- observance is a sign of solidarity and in remembrance of migrants who have died making their way across the border. The Masses were celebrated by Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of Las Cruces, N.M., and Bishop Renato Ascencio Leon of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. CNS photo/Brian Kanof



U.S. bishops and youths from Baltimore fill meal bags with grains, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamin supplements during a "Helping Hands" project on Nov. 11 ahead of the bishops' annual fall meeting in Baltimore. The volunteers packaged 50,000 meals destined for people in the African nation of Burkina Faso. Pictured are (from left) Bishop Michael G. Duca of Shreveport, La.; Elizabeth Piet, 15, of Baltimore; and Bishop Robert D. Gruss of Rapid City, S.D. The project is a joint effort of Catholic Relief Services and Stop Hunger Now. CNS photo/Nancy Phelan Wiehcz

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