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Pope Shares Personal Stories of His Faith

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

With humor and passion, Pope Francis shared highlights of his personal faith journey and explained some key points of his teaching to an enthusiastic crowd of representatives from Catholic lay movements.

Celebrating a vigil on the eve of Pentecost with an estimated 200,000 people singing, chanting and waving their groups' banners, Pope Francis focused on the importance of parents and grandparents educating their children in the faith, the knowledge that God wants a relationship with each person, the importance of caring for the poor and the need to pray for people who are denied religious freedom.

Without using a prepared text, the pope responded to questions presented to him prior to the May 18 event.

Pope Francis, who often talks about the beauty of God's mercy and the sacrament of confession, told the crowd about one confession that he said changed his life.

"It was Sept. 21, 1953. I was almost 17 years old," he said. In Argentina, it was the first day of spring. He said he felt the need to go to confession and entered his parish church where there was a priest he had never met before.

"I found someone waiting for me," he said. "I don't know what had happened, I don't remember why that priest was there or why I felt the need to confess, but the truth is, that someone was waiting for me and had been waiting a while."

"After that confession, I felt something had changed. I wasn't the same," he said. "It was like a voice, I felt a call; I was convinced I had to become a priest."

Pope Francis said people talk a lot about the need to seek God, but the truth is that God always seeks people out first, that he is always waiting for them and always ready to love them.

Implying that he would like to hear confessions in Rome parishes like he did as archbishop of Buenos Aires, he said, "but I can't, because to leave to hear confessions – there is no way out of here," he said, leading to great laughter in St. Peter's Square.

He told the crowd that often when he heard confessions in Buenos Aires, he would ask penitents if they had given alms to those begging on the church steps. If they said yes, he would ask if they looked the person in the eye and if they touched the person or just threw coins at him or her.

Catholics, he said, must "touch the body of Christ, take on the suffering of the poor. For Christians, poverty is not a sociological or philosophical or cultural category, it is a theological category," because Christ made himself poor in order to walk the earth, suffer, die and rise to save humanity.

Pope Francis said the current global financial crisis is about much more than the economy; it's a crisis caused by a lack of values and by putting money ahead of concern for people.

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Sisters Appreciation



Daughter of Mercy Sister Helen Scicchitano, who celebrates her 63rd anniversary this year, smiles as she reconnects with a friend prior to a Mass at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg last month. The Mass preceded a dinner hosted by the Serra Club of Harrisburg to recognize religious Sisters for their service to the Church. See page 7.

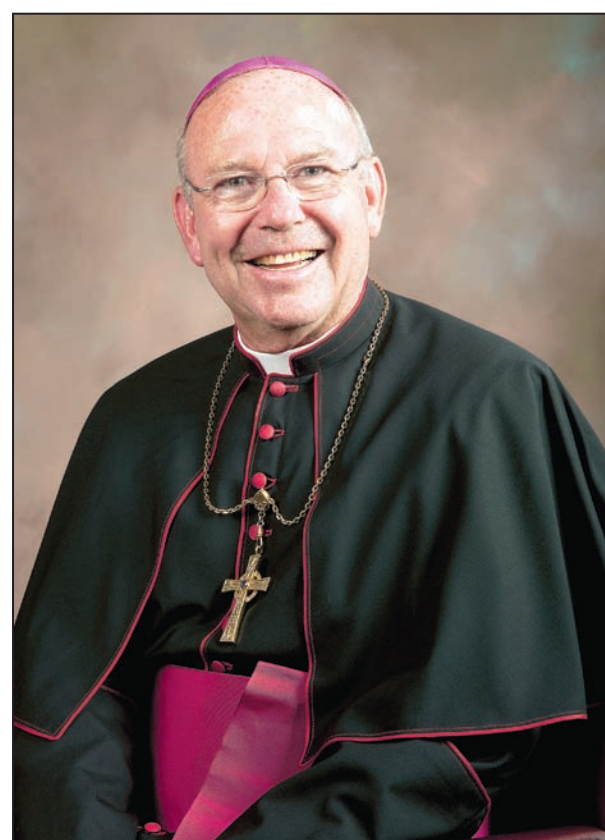
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Memorial Mass for Bishop McFadden

Monday, June 3, 5:30 p.m.
St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg

The Diocese of Harrisburg will mark the one month anniversary of Bishop Joseph P. McFadden's death with a memorial Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg on Monday, June 3 at 5:30 p.m. This traditional "Month's Mind" Mass will take place on June 3 since June 2 is joyfully filled with the Masses of Thanksgiving for our soon-to-be ordained priests, the 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at Good Shepherd, and various celebrations marking the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord.

All the Faithful of the Diocese are encouraged to attend.



As Diocesan Administrator, Father Gillelan Fulfills Caretaker Role

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

As Administrator of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Father Robert M. Gillelan, Jr., compares his duties to that of a flight attendant caring for airplane passengers.

It's a fitting analogy for the priest, who also serves as pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Steelton. He was once an airline steward.

"My job is to serve the diocese as a steward or a caretaker. Just as it was my job on an airplane to take care of the passengers, my job now as Diocesan Administrator is to take care of the faithful of our diocese," he said.

Father Gillelan, who was appointed Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia by Bishop Joseph P. McFadden a year ago, was elected Diocesan Administrator four days after the bishop's death on May 2. He was elected by the College of Consultors, a diocesan body of 10 priests who are selected from the council of priests by the bishop.

As Administrator, Father Gillelan is tasked with carrying on the diocese's established policies and procedures.

As he serves the diocese during this time of transition until the appointment of a new bishop, he remains ever mindful of the age-old principle that governs the period of a vacant see: *Sede vacante nihil innovetur*. It means, "When the see is vacant, let no innovations be made."

"I am charged with administering the daily operations of the diocese, but I am not to institute any new policies. I am to be a steward or caretaker of the things entrusted to me until they are handed over to the next bishop. We stay on the same path. We steer a steady course," Father Gillelan said.

Diocesan policies, positions and offices remain in place. Ideas and plans for new initiatives and programs are put on hold until the diocese receives a new bishop.

Father Gillelan will not fill the role of a bishop, nor will he take over the many events that had been scheduled on Bishop McFadden's calendar.

"At this time, we are supposed to feel the loss of our shepherd,"



Father Robert M. Gillelan, Jr.

he said. "We feel the loss of Bishop McFadden's shepherding, his love, his wisdom, his spiritual inspiration."

The role of Diocesan Administrator calls Father Gillelan to be much more "behind the scenes" than "out in public."

The Code of Canon Law states that "The Diocesan Administrator enjoys the power of the Diocesan Bishop." Father Gillelan says he "must use that power to serve a preaching, teaching, sanctifying and governing role" relative to the diocese, the diocesan offices and his parish.

Father Gillelan, 55, was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Harrisburg on May 27, 1989, by Bishop William Keeler at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg. He will continue to serve as pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Steelton while fulfilling the role of Administrator.

His previous assignments have included assistant pastor at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish/San Juan Bautista Parroquia, Lancaster; St. Leo the Great Parish in Rohrerstown; and St. Joseph Parish in Hanover. He served as pastor of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in York from 1999-2012.

Father Gillelan has been a member of several advisory bodies, including the Presbyteral Council, the Priest Personnel Board and the College of Consultors. He has also served as a member of the Diocesan Hispanic Apostolate and the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference.

His role as Vicar General has helped prepare him to fulfill the responsibilities of Diocesan Administrator because he worked very closely with Bishop McFadden, he said.

"I have good knowledge of the issues facing our diocese and the faithful. I have a good working relationship with the Curia staff," he said. "Just as the bishop had good people working around him to help him administrate the diocese, I have good people around me to help administrate the diocese. We have a very competent crew, and I hope for a safe and secure passage. In some ways it reminds me of my Pan Am days: trust the captain, trust the crew, trust in your ability to do your job with the help of God's grace."

"I think of a quote from St. Julian of Norwich: 'All shall be well,'" Father Gillelan said. "We can look to the future and maybe have doubts, fears or anxieties, but we are the Lord's, and in the end, all shall be well."



Worldwide Solemn Eucharistic Adoration

June 2 at 1:15 p.m.

St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg

On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, June 2, join with the Holy Father in Eucharistic Adoration that will extend at the same time all over the world. Come to St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg, where, following 12:15 p.m. Mass, a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration will take place at 1:15 p.m. This will be followed by Benediction at 2 p.m. Join in this opportunity to unite with Pope Francis and with the whole world in prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

With praise and gratitude to Almighty God,
the Diocese of Harrisburg joyfully announces the ordination
to the Order of the Presbyterate.

Ordination Vigil of Prayer

Join us in a Holy Hour for the seminarians who will be ordained to the Priesthood.

Friday, May 31, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

St. Patrick Cathedral,
212 State Street, Harrisburg, PA

Ordination to the Priesthood

through the imposition of hands by His Excellency,
the Most Reverend William J. Waltersheid,
Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh

Saturday, June 1, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

St. Patrick Cathedral,
212 State Street, Harrisburg, PA



Kevin Kayda

Saint Patrick
Parish
Carlisle



Stephen Kelley

Saint Patrick
Parish
York



Daniel Richards

Assumption of the
BVM Parish
Lebanon



Mark Wilke

Saint Joseph
Parish
Dallastown



PHOTO COURTESY OF TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

Campaign chairs for Trinity High School's Capital Campaign are, from left, Nathan Patterson '76, Co-Chair; Robert F. Long, Honorary Chair, Dr. David A. Bouton, Principal of Trinity High School, and Rory Ritrievi, Co-Chair.

Trinity High School Laying Foundation for Future with Capital Campaign

In connection with Trinity High School's 50th anniversary, the school, located in Camp Hill, is set to launch a "Faith in our Future" capital campaign designed to provide resources for needed renovations and improvements to the high school.

The goal is to raise a total of \$13 million, with three separate phases, over nine years. The campaign is expected to cover costs of upgrades to the high school including, exterior renovations, window and insulation improvements, a new heating and air conditioning system, and a new electrical system.

The "Faith in our Future" campaign has the support of the Diocese of Harrisburg and was strongly endorsed by Bishop Joseph McFadden before his unexpected passing. In speaking of the campaign, Bishop McFadden emphasized that the diocese recognizes the impact Trinity High School has had on students' lives over its 50-year history.

"There is no more important mission in the Church today than the Catholic education of our youth," said Bishop McFadden earlier this year. "I wholeheartedly endorse the Capital Campaign of Trinity High School which will position this outstanding school to serve the educational needs of our young men and women for years to come."

"Bishop McFadden was a strong proponent for Catholic education and we were thrilled to have his approval," said Janet Quigley, Development Director for Trinity High School. "The diocese is committed to the long-term stability and success of Trinity High School, and I am excited about the

launching of the capital campaign. Trinity High School has faithfully served the mission of educating our youth for 50 years and this campaign will help us continue the work of shaping the lives of our students well into the future."

While physical improvements are a priority of the fundraising effort, another component is continuing to build an endowment for tuition assistance.

"Our vision and purpose is to provide an outstanding educational experience for our youth, and being able to provide financial assistance to students in need so they can have the Trinity High School experience is an important component of who we are and what we do," said Principal David Bouton.

With a current enrollment of nearly 600 students, Trinity High School is committed to its vision of being a school that epitomizes excellence in all endeavors, according to Bouton, who sees the "Faith in our Future" campaign as an extension of that vision.

"The facilities have been well-maintained over the past 50 years but it's time to make needed improvements," said Bouton. "When you look at beginning a campaign like this, it's encouraging to know you have the support and long-term commitment to the school from the diocese, our alumni, and countless others who are part of the Trinity High School family. They believe in our mission and I'm excited about what we can accomplish during our next 50 years."

Funeral Mass DVD Available

DVDs of the Funeral Mass of Bishop Joseph P. McFadden will be available for \$25 each. To order, please visit the Diocesan website at www.hbgdiocese.org or mail a check, payable to the Diocese of Harrisburg, along with your name, ad-

dress and phone number to: Bishop McFadden Funeral DVD, Communications Office, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710. DVD sales will benefit Catholic Education in the Diocese of Harrisburg.

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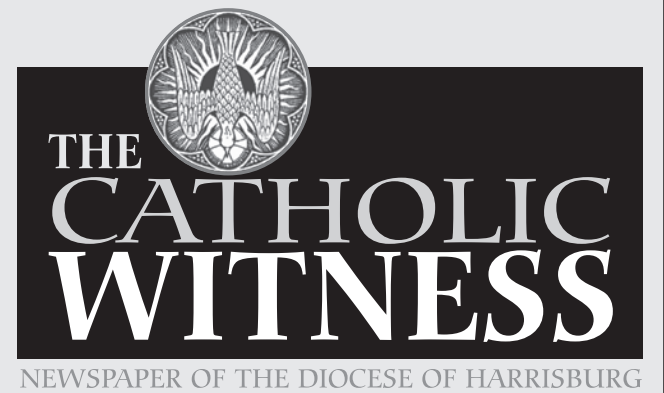
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Position Available: Diocesan Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Director

The Diocesan Secretariat for Catholic Life and Evangelization is seeking an individual to fill the part-time position of Diocesan Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Director. The candidate must be a Catholic in good standing. The person in this position is responsible for overseeing all areas of the Diocesan Basketball Program. This program consists of just under 5000 grade school and high school players on 261 teams with nearly 600 coaches, and covers the 15 counties of the Diocese of Harrisburg.

This detail-oriented individual will be expected to be in full compliance with the Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection Program and will be accountable to the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Hourly compensation will be commensurate with experience.

Application Deadline has been extended to May 30, 2013. Forward cover letter and résumé to:

**Human Resources Director
Diocese of Harrisburg
4800 Union Deposit Road
Harrisburg, Pa. 17111
employment@hbgdiocese.org**

House Bill 818 Would Ensure Taxpayers Do Not Fund Abortions

From Pennsylvania
Catholic Conference Reports

House Bill 818 would ensure taxpayers do not fund abortions through the federal health care exchange administered in Pennsylvania. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) specifically permits states to prohibit insurance providers that participate in the marketplace from covering elective abortions. Therefore, to assure that elective abortion is not included in the federal marketplace to be implemented in Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth must affirmatively opt out by passing a state law. House Bill 818 clearly prohibits the taxpayer supported insurance plans from covering elective abortions.

House Bill 818 passed the full House in late April, and was voted out of the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee in early May. The bill, as of press time on May 21, now proceeds to the full Senate

for a vote.

Abortion coverage has long been prohibited in Pennsylvania's Medicaid program (except in cases of rape, incest or to avert the death of the mother). Currently no tax dollars are used for elective abortions anywhere in Pennsylvania. HB 818 guarantees that the taxpayer supported plans in the federal government's new health insurance exchange are in line with this long-standing policy.

House Bill 818 does not eliminate coverage of abortions in the cases of rape, incest or to avert the death of the mother. Only elective abortions are excluded.

To send a message to your senator in support of the bill, visit the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference's web site at www.pacatholic.org. Stay up-to-date with Catholic news and issues at www.pacatholic.org, www.facebook.com/pacatholic, and www.twitter.com/pacatholic.

PCHA and PCC Urge Consideration for Expanding Medicaid Eligibility

From the Pennsylvania
Catholic Conference

The Pennsylvania Catholic Health Association (PCHA) and the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) recently issued this statement, urging the governor and the General Assembly to consider expanding Medicaid eligibility:

The Pennsylvania Catholic Health Association (PCHA) and the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) continue to support access to health care for all persons.

Our Catholic sponsored facilities have been providing health care to Pennsylvanians for more than 160 years with a special mission to serve the economically poor. They have historically faced daunting challenges in caring for those in need.

Today, unemployment and economic hardship has touched the lives of record numbers of families in Pennsylvania. One of the most devastating consequences of diminished income or losing a job is the loss of access to health care. Thousands of Pennsylvanians are uninsured. Our needs are great, but Pennsylvania's resources are limited. We must make the most of what we do have to get us through these tough times.

PCHA and PCC acknowledge that reform increasing access to care is necessary. We also believe that states should have the independence and flexibility to

use tax dollars for the greatest good. But we should not dismiss the opportunity to help Pennsylvanians today.

At this critical time, PCHA and PCC urge the governor and the General Assembly to consider expanding Medicaid eligibility as the Affordable Care Act allows, or explore options with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) which would subsidize the purchase of private insurance for low income people. Expanding Medicaid in Pennsylvania, or adopting another approach in cooperation with HHS, will ensure that thousands of low-income uninsured citizens will be able to access the health care they need now.

Our challenges in caring for those in need are still daunting. Jesus said, "The poor you will always have with you." We cannot ignore those who need help now while we strive to achieve long term health care solutions.

(NOTE: The implementation of the Affordable Care Act has been overshadowed by another serious concern, the infringement of religious liberty by a mandate that religious employers fund and facilitate services such as contraceptives, abortion causing drugs, and sterilization that violate Catholic teaching and disregard of the conscience rights of for-profit business owners. Read more about the HHS mandate and learn how you can take action against it at www.pacatholic.org.)

Why, and Why Not, Plan B?

By Father Paul CB Schenck
Special to The Witness

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has directed the pharmaceutical manufacturer of the so-called "morning after pill" or "Plan B" contraceptive to market the controversial drug, without a prescription, to minor girls as young as 15.

"Plan B" is levonorgestrel, a female hormone that prevents ovulation (the release of an egg from the ovary). The drug also causes physiological changes that frustrate the possibility of pregnancy.

For these reasons, Plan B is used for women who are victims of sexual assault, even in Catholic hospitals. According to Father Tad Pacholczyk, PhD, of the National Catholic Bioethics Center:

"Some have argued that it may be immoral for Catholics to provide any contraceptive measures at all to a woman who has been raped. Such a view is incorrect ... because a woman who has been sexually assaulted is clearly entitled to protect herself from the attacker's sperm. The Church teaches that rape is not a unitive act that requires openness to procreation. It is rather an act of violence against another person, and the woman is allowed to take steps to prevent the possible fertilization of her own egg(s). It is permissible, then, for Catholic hospitals to provide their patients with morning-after pills if the following four conditions are met:

1. The woman is not already pregnant from prior, freely-chosen sexual activity.
2. The woman has been sexually assaulted.
3. The woman has not yet ovulated.
4. The morning-after pill can reasonably be expected to prevent her from ovulating.

According to Father Pacholczyk, after a sexual assault, the woman can be tested for LH (leutinizing hormone) that will determine whether she is ovulating. If she is, the morning-after pill would not block the egg's release. In this circumstance, the drug might function to block the implantation of an embryo, which would result in an abortion. "Under these conditions, therefore, the morning-after pill should not be administered." (See Father Tad Pacholczyk, "Getting it right 'the morning after'" at <http://www.ncbcenter.org/page.aspx?pid=301>) Otherwise, it may be used to prevent the fertilization of her ova by the rapist. This is not a contraceptive or abortive act, but a defensive one.

This legitimate use of "Plan B" does not, however, justify making it available as a contraceptive or abortifacient, especially to under-age users. Leaving pharmacological decisions to minors seems wrongheaded at best. Any parent knows how difficult it can be to manage a child's medications under the best of circumstances. Children don't ordinarily have the knowledge, experience or discipline to take the proper dose at the proper time, etc. When a young girl is conflicted, afraid, or embarrassed, the possibility of misuse is magnified.

Young girls are vulnerable to young or older men who might urge them to take the drug "just in case." There is a real danger that predatory or exploitative males will use the availability of levonorgestrel to pressure a young girl to have sex. To rule this scenario out is naive, irresponsible and dangerous.

The moral objections to facilitating sexual relations between minors, or between an adult male and minor female (in most jurisdictions, this constitutes rape), are replete. Making this deleterious drug available to minors undermines parental responsibility, potentially separates the minor child – boy or girl – from the guidance of their parents and faith community, and leads them to believe there is a "quick fix" to a life altering, highly personal event.

What are parents to do? Young people need to be taught that "legal" is not the same as "good" or "right." Smoking, gambling and promiscuity are "legal," but entail serious spiritual, emotional and physical risks. Careful, informative and age-appropriate guidance will fortify children's resolve to avoid the actions that would tempt them to use this drug.

Most telling in the shadow of the FDA's decision to dispense levonorgestrel to 15-year-olds is this warning, which comes directly from the package label:

"Do not give this medication to anyone younger than 17 years old. Contact a doctor for medical advice." I would add: "But before you do – consult with your parents and pastor!"

(Father Paul CB Schenck is Diocesan Director of Respect Life Activities and chairman of the National Pro-Life Action Center in Washington, D.C.)

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Father David T. McAndrew

**77 Years of Priesthood and
101 Years of Life in July**

Msgr. Vincent J. Topper
St. Catherine Labouré Parish, Harrisburg

60 Years

Father Dominick A. Mammarella
Berwick, Pennsylvania

Father Daniel J. Menniti
Carlisle, Pennsylvania

55 Years

Father Carl J. Steffen
Orrtanna, Pennsylvania

Father James O'Blaney, CSSR
St. James Parish, Lititz

50 Years

Father Brendan Greany, CSSR
Brooklyn, New York

Father Edward R. Lavelle
Bishop Dattilo Retirement
Residence for Priests, Harrisburg

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Bishop Dattilo Retirement
Residence for Priests, Harrisburg

45 Years

Father Michael Messaro, MSSCC
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary Parish, Fairfield,
and St. Rita Parish, Blue Ridge Summit

Father Charles J. Topper
Corpus Christi, Texas

Father John Bednarik, OFM Cap.
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Harrisburg

40 Years

Father Lawrence J. McNeil
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Conewago

Father Bernardo Pistone
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Gettysburg

35 Years

Father Edward J. Quinlan
Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Harrisburg

Father John A. Szada
Divine Redeemer Parish, Mount Carmel

Father Michael J. Culkin
Leola, Pennsylvania

30 Years

Father John C. Kemper, SS
Baltimore, Maryland

Father Philip G. Burger
Holy Family Parish, Harrisburg

Father Dennis G. Dalessandro
St. Joseph Parish, Berwick

Father Francis J. Karwacki
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish,
Mount Carmel

Msgr. William J. King
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish,
Mechanicsburg

25 Years

Father Charles J. Persing
St. Margaret Mary Parish, Harrisburg

Msgr. James M. Lyons
St. Joseph Parish, Hanover

Father John P. Trigilio
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish,
Marysville,
and St. Bernadette Parish, Duncannon

Father Martin O. Moran
Cincinnati, Ohio

Father Adrian Gallagher, OFM Conv.
Our Lady of Hope Parish,
Coal Township,
and St. Patrick Parish, Trevorton

20 Years

Father Luis R. Rodriguez
Mary, Mother the Church Parish,
Mount Joy

15 Years

Father Dominic Azagbor, OP
Maria Joseph Manor, Danville

Father John McCloskey, OFM Cap
St. Joseph Parish, Dallastown

Father Michael E. Messner
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Lancaster

10 Years

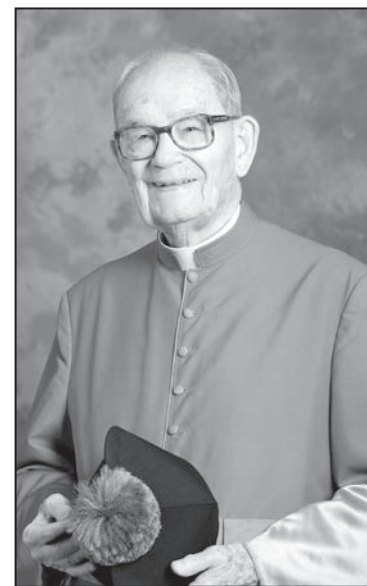
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Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary Parish, New Oxford

Father Paul H. Clark
St. Matthew Parish, Dauphin

Father Jae-Sik Yang
St. Peter Son Korean Catholic Parish,
Enola

5 Years

Father Mark M. Speitel
Millersville University



Msgr. Vincent J. Topper



Father Edward R. Lavelle



Father Adrian Gallagher,
OFM, Conv.



Father Charles L. Persing

*Congratulations
and prayerful
best wishes
to the priests
celebrating
special
anniversaries
this year.*



Father John P. Trigilio



Msgr. James M. Lyons



Father Martin O. Moran



Father Brendan Greany, CSSR

Pilgrimage – A Moment of Intense Grace

By Sister GERALYN SCHMIDT, SCC
Special to The Witness

Several years ago, I celebrated my 25th anniversary of consecrated life. Sometime before the actual date of the celebration, my sister called me on the phone and we had the following conversation:

“How would you like to go on a pilgrimage to see your boss to celebrate your jubilee?” she asked.

“Boss? Ahh, which one? I have several.”

“The Pope, silly! I was thinking of giving you as a present for your anniversary a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Florence.”

“WOW!” Tears began to flow down my face. “I am very touched by your kindness. What else can I say but, ‘Thanks!’”

Shortly after the celebration of my jubilee, I was honored by sojourning on a community pilgrimage which followed the footsteps of Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt, foundress of the Sisters of Christian Charity, through other parts of Rome and Paderborn, Germany, the birthplace of my congregation.

Both of these events greatly touched my heart and soul in various ways as I experienced firsthand the meaning of a global Church, and of hearing her “heartbeat” through the voices of others from different countries around the world. To undergo a pilgrimage is an amazing experience and a moment of intense grace for all pilgrims. Father Joshua Brommer, STL, in *The Church: A Pilgrim People of God* (*The Catholic Witness*, April 26, 2013, pg. 6) says:

For the Catholic, pilgrimage as a lived experience has shaped not only the Catholic imagination but the Church’s doctrine. Since the time of the Exodus, when Israel wandered through the desert for forty years, the Scriptures reveal the pilgrim state of God’s People. For this reason, we profess that we “have no abiding city” (Heb 13:14) here on earth because we have a “citizenship in heaven” (Phil 3:20).

But what actually is a pilgrim? If one would take the online journey to Wikipedia, one would read: “A **pilgrim** (from the Latin peregrinus) is a traveler (literally one who has come from afar) who is on a journey to a holy place. Typically, this is a physical journeying (often on foot) to some place of special significance to the adherent of a particular religious belief system.”

As I walked the holy ground of Rome, I began to think about the countless numbers of Christians who not only visited this holy place but also died there.

Thoughts
from a Catholic
Evangelist
Sister GERALYN
SCHMIDT, SCC



I found myself slowing down and actually praying with my feet because they were touching holy ground. I carefully observed the textures and colors of the fauna, flora and the stone. The slow process of walking slowed my thought process and my prayer so I could be more aware not only of the surroundings around me but how God was communicating with me. This is exactly what a pilgrim does. As I did some research on pilgrims and pilgrimages, I found this on the web:

Walking is what pilgrims do; they pray with their feet. ... A pilgrim, therefore, is someone who travels through the landscape, leaving behind all that is familiar on a journey to discover new territory, both physical and spiritual

(<http://www.nationalcathedral.org/worship/ccppIntro.shtml>).

So why would someone go on a pilgrimage?

The purpose of any pilgrimage is to deepen the pilgrim’s relationship with God. A key ingredient is prayer. A pilgrim is expected to spend time in communal prayer as well as personal prayer. Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, meditation, the rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Liturgy of the Hours, and Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament are all important aspects of spiritually preparing for a pilgrimage. Basically, before

a pilgrim ventures out on a pilgrimage, times of prayerful silence should already be a part of the daily routine. Besides time set aside for prayer, study and reflection should be part of the preparation.

Reading the life of the patrons and intercessors of World Youth Day 2013 should also be part of a pilgrim’s personal reflection time. You can find a short biography about these saints at: <http://www.rio2013.com/en/world-youth-day/patrons-and-intercessors>. If you Google their names, a deeper study can be ascertained.

Besides prayer and study, a pilgrim is also expected to undergo personal penance and mortification. As I banged out this column on my computer, someone stopped by my office and inquired as to what I was doing. I explained to him the theme of what I was writing about and he said, “Remember,

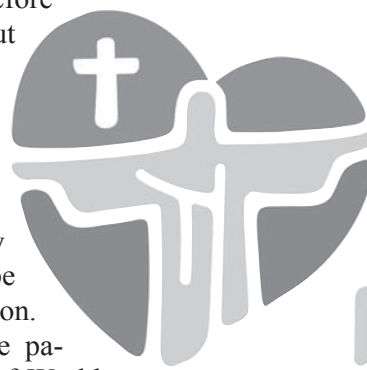
a pilgrim walks to die to self in order to arrive at the destination to live anew.”

One website on spiritual preparedness says it this way: “A pilgrim is ready to accept discomforts, inconveniences and hardships” (<http://www.madonnahouse.org/publications/passiton/Pass-It-On-021.htm>). One of those hardships can be the sheer mass of the people who are present at every event of World Youth Day. Feeling like a grain of sand in the vastness of the universe can be a personal experience and call to humility. Remember Christ died for YOU, and infinitely loves YOU, even though you are a mere tiny speck on the planet. Other mortifications might include personally dealing with hot, cold or inclement weather or learning about your physical limitations in a deeper way. In order to be a true pilgrim, suffering and discomfort is part of the experience. The grace lies not in suffering for suffering sake, but in allowing the suffering to carve out a place in your heart and inviting Christ’s love to fill that space.

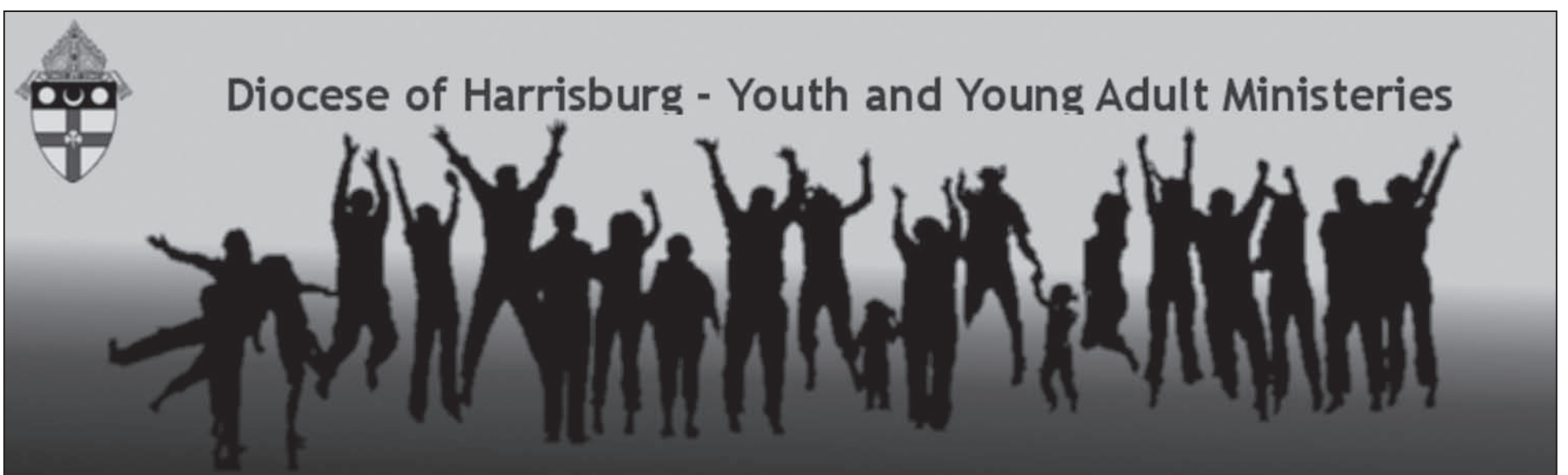
Attending World Youth Day as a pilgrim is indeed a grace-filled experience. As a member of the faithful in the Diocese of Harrisburg, you can become spiritual pilgrims as you accompany the pilgrims through Mexico and Brazil. This journey will be documented online in the Ning, which the Department of Youth and Young Adult has created. You can access the blogs, announcements, photos, and videos at <http://www.youthandyoungadult.ning.com>. Membership to this site will be monitored by diocesan personnel.

Please keep the pilgrims in your prayers as we journey together in deepening our love of God.

(Sister of Christian Charity, GERALYN SCHMIDT, is the Wide Area Network Coordinator at the Diocese of Harrisburg and a member of the IT Department. She will be joining the Diocese of Harrisburg’s pilgrims to World Youth Day this summer. An educator for 28 years, she is responsible for Professional Development Programs for every age learner. In addition, Sister blogs for *Powerful Learning Practices*, a company providing in-service opportunities for educators. Through her presentations, she challenges her audiences to be the individual God has called them to be.)



Preparing For
WYD
Rio 2013



Join Our ‘Ning’ Site to Follow Social Media Posts for WYD

You can journey with diocesan pilgrims as they prepare for, and participate in, World Youth Day this July by creating an account at <http://youthandyoungadult.ning.com>. The Diocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry has created this site, called a “Ning,” to offer a one-stop-shop for online social media.

Here, you will find blogs, photos and Facebook posts related to World Youth Day. Leading up to World Youth Day, there will be posts with information about the pilgrimage and its sites posted on the WYD group. During World Youth Day, photojournalist Emily Albert from *The Catholic Witness* will join young adult correspondents in

sharing updates during the pilgrimage.

Through the Ning site, *The Catholic Witness* and youth correspondents will be able to stay in touch and share their stories as often and conveniently as possible. We are excited to have the faithful of diocese journey with us and pray for us as we will be praying for you.

Interactive participation on the Ning

site is available to those who sign up to become members. Once you establish your account at <http://youthandyoungadult.ning.com>, and have been approved by the moderators here at the diocese, you will want to join the WYD group. Join the Ning group today to unite with the pilgrims as they prepare for this faith-filled experience!

Mass, Appreciation Dinner Offer Gratitude for Religious Sisters

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Religious Sisters serving in the Harrisburg Diocese received heartfelt expressions of gratitude for their ministry during the annual Sisters' Appreciation Dinner hosted by the Serra Club of Harrisburg.

Some 50 Sisters in attendance were recognized for their work – past and present – in education, health care and pastoral ministry, and for offering prayers for the Church.

The April 24 gathering, held at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg, began with a Mass celebrated by Father David McAndrew, who serves as chaplain of the Serra Club of Harrisburg, an organization dedicated to promoting religious vocations.

Expressing his appreciation to the Sisters, Father McAndrew remarked, "You are thanked not nearly enough, or often enough, or with enough fervor when we consider all that you have done for the Church of the Diocese of Harrisburg."

The Sisters were treated to hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and music, and were presented with flowers that evening. Throughout dinner conversation with the Sisters, Serra Club members reminisced about the religious women who had influenced their lives.

At the conclusion of the meal, club president Tony Kern asked each Sister in attendance to stand and introduce herself to the club members and the other Sisters present. The simple introduction yielded an impressive representation of the numerous ways in which they serve the Church: as full-time and substitute teachers, principals, office staff, community cooks and seamstresses, directors of religious education, catechists, nurses, pastoral ministers and health care administrators.

Daughters of Mercy Sister Helen Scicchitano, who is celebrating 63 years of religious life this year, told *The Catholic Witness*, "This event shows us how deeply appreciated we are, and it makes us feel good."

As Sister Helen reconnected with friends – both Sisters and laity – her eyes lit up and her contagious laughter filled the room.

"When we gather, it's like gathering as one family," she said. "It's great to



Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Rita O'Leary, who serves as Director of Planned Giving and Stewardship at Immaculata University in Immaculata, Pa., greets members of the Serra Club of Harrisburg as she arrives for the Sisters' Appreciation Dinner that the club sponsored last month.

see people here that I've met over the years. You run into them and they really don't forget who you are. That really makes us feel appreciated."

The Sisters' Appreciation Dinner is just one of the ways in which the Serra Club of Harrisburg works to promote religious vocations, Mr. Kern noted. The organization, which will celebrate its 40th anniversary this year, also hosts an appreciation dinner for priests, supports diocesan seminarians, and helps to link college students to Catholic campus ministry through its College Connection Program.

The Serra Club of Harrisburg meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. Meetings begin with Mass at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and a presentation or instruction on the faith. For more information about the club, contact Tony Kern at 717-367-0759.



JEN REED, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

Members of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy from Mercy Residence in York sing the opening hymn during Mass celebrated as part of the Serra Club of Harrisburg's evening of appreciation for religious sisters last month at Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg

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Boniface

c. 675-754
June 5

Boniface, the apostle of Germany, started out as an English monk, a popular teacher, preacher and writer who was ordained at 30. He compiled a Latin grammar and wrote many biblical instructions. But he felt called to missionary work, and in 716 landed in Friesland, now in the Netherlands. After a brief stay, he traveled to Rome, where he received a broad commission to evangelize central Germany. By 722, he had become bishop of Germany, where he organized the church and secured its ties to Rome. Later, as archbishop of Mainz and papal legate, he was asked to reform the Frankish church. The patron saint of Germany was martyred in Friesland, the missionary territory he revisited in retirement.

 CNS Saints

At All Saints Cemetery, New Manager Focuses on Service, Support, Consolation

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Kevin Shervinskie walks the verdant, sloped grounds of All Saints Cemetery in Elysburg on a perfect spring day. The dogwood trees there are in full bloom, and the manicured cemetery is fresh with color from flowers placed at gravesites on Mother's Day.

As he strolls the driveways that meander around and through the grounds, Mr. Shervinskie contemplates his connection to All Saints, one of a number of cemeteries operated and cared for by the Diocese of Harrisburg.

Mr. Shervinskie's grandparents are buried here. He purchased a plot here. And, for the past six months, he's been serving as cemetery manager here.

He respectfully took the reins from longtime manager Mike Rugalla in November – on All Souls Day to be exact, when the Catholic Church remembers in a special way all of the faithful departed.

He understands the significance of his work – to care for the 25 acres of sacred ground and the final resting place of so many, to meet with bereaved people who are faced with burying their loved ones.

In fulfilling this position, he draws heavily on his previous experiences of serving those who are grieving.

For 23 years, Mr. Shervinskie had worked as a funeral director in Shamokin, consoling people in their time of need, just as he does now at All Saints.

"Being the cemetery manager here is a perfect opportunity for me to continue to be of service to people in their time of need, to offer support and consolation," Mr. Shervinskie said.

"Many families I worked with at the funeral home know that I'm here now at All Saints, and I've kept a connection with the other funeral directors in the area, so that has been advantageous to my work here," he said.

In the cemetery office, where Mr. Shervinskie readily accepts phone calls and visits, there is a dining room table and a set of chairs. Here, he offers those overwhelmed by grief a chance to sit, to consider a plot or marker, to talk about their needs, or share stories about their deceased loved one, or just to gather their thoughts or some strength.

"When people come in to the office, I come out from behind my desk and the

main counter, and come out here to be with them," Mr. Shervinskie said as he gestured to the table and chairs.

"It's about being caring and consoling, listening to people's needs, working with them on their financial concerns," he said.

"Often, when people come to see me, it's during their most difficult time. It's important for me to care for their needs first," Mr. Shervinskie remarked. "Sometimes I sit here at the table with them for an extra hour because they just might need someone to talk to. I do a lot of listening, whether it's here in the office, over the phone, or out in the cemetery."

Catholic cemeteries are sacred spaces. They offer a place to remember the dead and to pray for them, to contemplate sure hope in the resurrection.

Among the in-ground plots, mausoleums and columbarium at All Saints Cemetery are Stations of the Cross. The Stations, indicated by large markers depicting each scene, begin at the cemetery entrance and weave through the grounds.

Statues, crosses and images of the Risen Christ and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary fill the Catholic cemetery, which offers burial for both Catholics and non-Catholics.

And, each Memorial Day, weather permitting, All Saints Cemetery hosts a special outdoor Mass, which is set up next to the cemetery office. This year's Mass will be celebrated May 27 at 10 a.m. by Conventual Franciscan Father Martin Kobos, pastor of Mother Cabrini Parish in Shamokin.

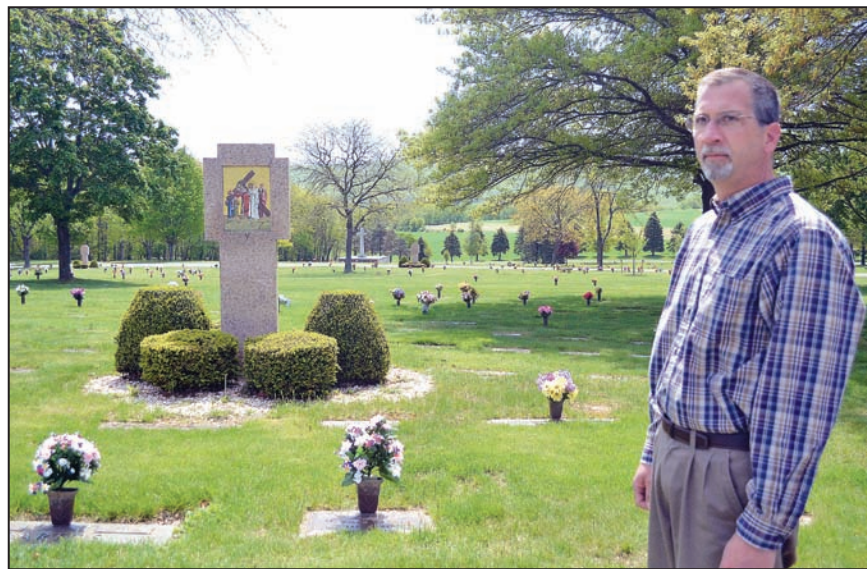
Some 250 people gather each year for the Memorial Day Mass, which has been a tradition at All Saints Cemetery since 1988.

"There is a long tradition of caring and compassion here," Mr. Shervinskie of the cemetery, which was established in 1965. "We have dedicated staff members that offer perpetual care for the beautiful grounds."

"This cemetery is important to me, and I appreciate the opportunity to care for it and to be here to help people," he said. "Whether it's walking through the cemetery to help someone find a loved one's grave, or listening to people in their grief, I'm here for them."



JEN REED, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS
Statue of the Risen Christ at All Saints Cemetery in Elysburg.



Kevin Shervinskie, who took the position of cemetery manager at All Saints Cemetery in Elysburg in November, surveys the grounds on a recent spring day.

Diocesan Cemeteries

HARRISBURG

Holy Cross Cemetery
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Harrisburg PA 17111

Mount Calvary Cemetery
500 South 13th Street
Harrisburg PA 17104

Resurrection Cemetery
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Harrisburg PA 17112

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Holy Cross Cemetery
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MECHANICSBURG/ YORK

Gate of Heaven Cemetery
1313 York Street
Mechanicsburg PA 17055

St. Mary Cemetery
Violet Hill
York PA 17402

St. Patrick Cemetery
Violet Hill
York PA 17402

Holy Saviour Cemetery
3420 Susquehanna Trail
York PA 17402

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LANCASTER

St. Anthony Cemetery
Ranc Mill Ave. and Grofftown Rd.
Lancaster PA 17602

St. Mary Cemetery
New Holland Pike, Route 23
Lancaster PA 17601

St. Joseph Cemetery
(Old St. Joseph's)
440 St. Joseph Street
Lancaster PA 17601

St. Joseph Cemetery
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Diocesan Cemeteries Offer Solar Lights



Diocesan Cemeteries are now offering solar lights that can be purchased and placed at gravesites. The Light of Hope luminaries can be placed in the ground to illuminate flat markers, monuments, niches, columbaria and mausoleums. The solar power luminary will offer light from dusk to dawn.

The lights feature tempered glass that can be etched for personalization. A QR code on the light offers families an opportunity to create web-based tributes to their loved ones.

For additional information on the Light of Hope luminaries, including cost, warranty and lighting options, contact Diocesan Cemeteries Managers at the information listed in the box at left.

New Prayer Garden Graces Mechanicsburg Parish

By Chris Heisey
The Catholic Witness

On the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, May 1, it was a brilliant sunny day at St. Joseph Parish, Mechanicsburg, where parishioners gathered around their new St. Joseph Peace Garden that borders the church's southwest corner.

Father Louis Ogden, pastor, blessed the beautiful new garden which features as its focal point a 1952, 700-pound statue of St. Joseph. This striking depiction was located at the original stone church which still stands on the current parish campus and was built by the Mechanicsburg faithful and their founding pastor, Father Cletus Wagman, more than 60 years ago. The statue was cleaned and now anchors the new rosary garden that also features two exquisite black granite pieces on the walkway that depict the Crucifix of the Rosary and the Blessed Virgin Mary with the Christ Child.

The project began under Father Chester Snyder, who recently retired after a long tenure at the parish. The garden was conceived and financially supported by Charles Weber, who passed away not long ago and is fondly remembered by the parish as a faithful servant who served as an usher at the church for more than 50 years. Mr. Weber, along with his family, hoped that the prayer garden would "inspire and increase prayer and help people here on earth to fall in love with their Lord."

The hard work of building and designing the garden was led by parish manager John Durle and Trinity High School junior Megan McKendry, who donated numerous hours of work as part of her Girl Scout Gold Project. "This project was so worth the countless hours of work," Miss McKendry said after the blessing. "It turned out so beautifully, and I am so pleased with how the art aspect of the project makes it stand out."

There will be continuing enhancements to the garden such as benches and landscaping features. Father Ogden told the more than 500 gathered that all in the community are welcome to come, reflect and pray and draw closer to God.



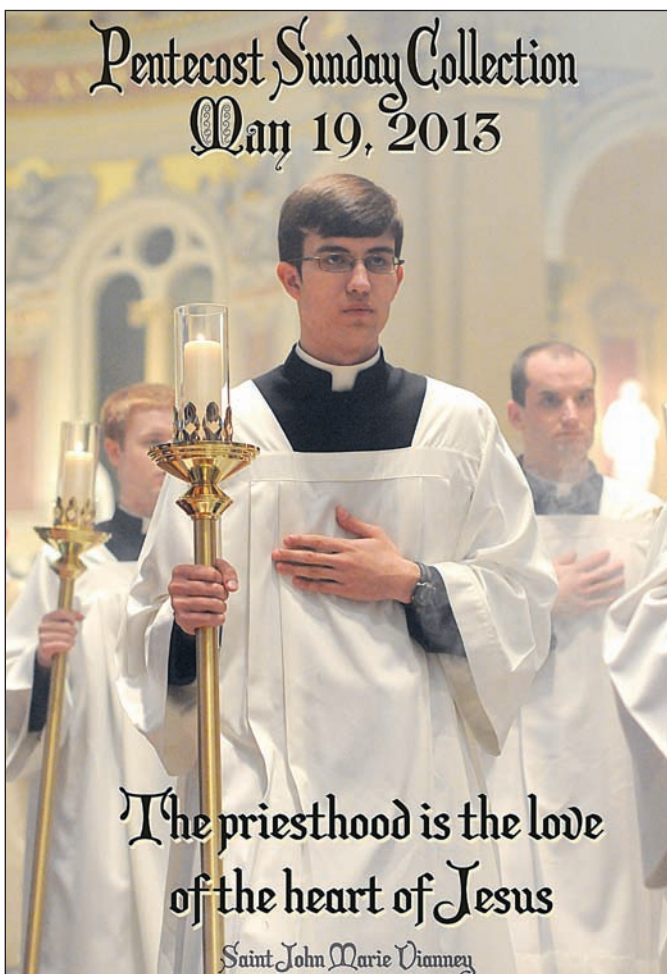
Father Louis Ogden, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Mechanicsburg, blesses a statue of St. Joseph that is a focal point of a new prayer garden at the parish.

CHRIS HEISEY, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS



Deacon Jack Paruso assists members of St. Joseph's school band as the students present musical selections during the dedication of the parish's prayer garden.

Pentecost Sunday Collection May 19, 2013



Diocesan seminarian Steven Logue processes into St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg during this year's Chrism Mass, celebrated during Holy Week.

The priesthood is the love
of the heart of Jesus

Saint John Marie Vianney

EMILY M. ALBERT, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

Diocesan Pentecost Collection

Ways to Give

The annual diocesan Pentecost Collection raises funds to help educate seminarians studying for the priesthood, to provide for the ongoing theological formation of priests and permanent deacons, and to help provide for the needs of our retired priests. Currently, there are nearly 40 men studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Harrisburg. Your continued generosity helps to provide for the needs of our priests, deacons, and seminarians.

• One-Time Gift

A one-time, outright gift can be made to the Pentecost Collection at any point during the year.

• Payment Methods

The following payment methods are accepted: cash, check (payable to your parish), credit card (Visa and Mastercard), and stocks and securities.

Many companies will match charitable donations through an Employee Match Program. Contact your employer to determine if a matching program is available.

Visit www.hbgdiocese.org/pente for more information, or to make a donation to the collection.



Faith

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“Today – and it pains me to say this – a homeless person dying in the cold doesn’t make the news” nor do the millions of children around the globe who go to bed hungry each night.

“This is serious. This is serious,” he told the crowd. “We cannot rest easy while things are this way” and Christians cannot say, “Well, this is the way things are.” We cannot become stodgy Christians, so polite, who speak of theology calmly over tea. We have to become courageous Christians and seek out those who are the flesh of Christ, those who are the flesh of Christ.”

Asked how he came to have faith, Pope Francis responded, “I had the grace of growing up in a family in which the faith was lived simply and concretely; but it was especially my grandmother – my father’s mother – who marked my faith journey. She explained things to us, spoke to us about Jesus, taught us the catechism.

“We don’t find the faith in the abstract,” he said. Faith is something one learns about from another person, and usually that person is a mother or grandmother.

The pope said he draws strength from praying the rosary each day and from praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament each night – “sometimes I nod off, it’s true ... but he understands. And I feel such comfort knowing that he’s watching me.”

Pope Francis, who has spoken often at his morning Masses about the need for the parishes to have a strong outreach, returned to the theme with the lay movements,



Pope Francis gestures as he leaves after celebrating Mass on the feast of Pentecost in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican May 19. CNS/PAUL HARING

many of which focus on evangelization.

A parish that is focused only on being well organized and keeping members close to others who think and live like they do runs a great danger, he said. “When the church becomes closed, it becomes sick, sick.

“Think about a room closed up for a year,” the pope said. When someone finally enters there is an odor and nothing feels right. “A closed church is the same way; it’s a sick church.”

While Jesus stands at the door and knocks, trying to get into people’s hearts and lives, he said, there is also a possibility that Jesus is shut up inside a parish and “knocks at the door to get out and we don’t let him out because we’re insecure.”

The Church is called to be a light to the world, he said. The world needs Christians’ witness to the Gospel, its “witness of fraternal love, solidarity and sharing.”

Telling the crowd he would spare them a show of hands, Pope Francis also asked how many people pray each day for persecuted Christians. Before the pope spoke, the crowd had heard from Paul Bhatti, who took over as Pakistan’s minister of minority affairs after his brother, who held the same position, was assassinated in 2011. Bhatti spoke about the witness of Pakistan’s Christian minority despite discrimination and even violence.

“We must promote religious liberty for all people,” the pope said. “Every man and woman must be free to profess his or her faith, whatever it may be. Why? Because that man and that woman are children of God.”

Pope: Confession is Not Like Dry Cleaners, but is Encounter with Jesus

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

Going to confession isn’t like heading off to be tortured or punished, nor is it like going to the dry cleaners to get out a stain, Pope Francis said in a morning Mass homily.

“It’s an encounter with Jesus” who is patiently waiting “and takes us as we are,” offering penitents his tender mercy and forgiveness, he said April 29.

Members of the Vatican’s investment agency and a group of religious women joined the pope for the Mass in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where the pope lives.

“God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all,” the pope said, quoting from the First Letter of John.

While everyone experiences moments of darkness in life, the verse refers to the darkness of living in error, “being satisfied with oneself, being convinced of not needing salvation,” he said.

As John continues, the pope said, “If we say, ‘We are without sin,’ we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

People have to start out with the humility of realizing “we are all sinners, all of us,” he said.

Even though it is embarrassing to admit to and tell the truth about one’s thoughts and deeds, embarrassment or “shame is a true Christian and human

virtue” linked to the traditional virtue of humility.

“Humility and kindness are the framework of a Christian life,” the way a Christian must walk in life, he said.

“Oftentimes we think that going to confession is like going to the dry cleaners” to get out a stain, but it isn’t, Pope Francis said.

“It’s an encounter with Jesus” who “waits for us to forgive us” and offer salvation, he said.

The pope said confession isn’t like “going to a torture session” where Jesus “is waiting to lambast me.”

Confession “is going to praise God, because I – the sinner – have been saved by him,” who always waits and always forgives “with tenderness.”

When the Lord forgives, he is performing an act of justice, the pope said, “because he came to save and forgive us,” welcoming us with the affection of a father toward his children.

People need to believe that when they sin, Jesus will defend them because he is just and wants people to have “that peace that only he can give.”

However, people must go before the Lord with courage, even joy, “with our truth of being sinners,” he said.

“We must never disguise ourselves before God,” who “asks us to be humble and kind” and truthful.

In his homily April 27, the pope said Jesus invites Christians to go outside their comfort zone and pro-

claim the Gospel with joy.

Do not be afraid of the joy of the Holy Spirit, who opens the path “forward,” outside of oneself, he said.

Present for the Mass were workers from the Vatican post office and staff from Vatican’s St. Martha Dispensary, a maternal and pediatric clinic that serves mainly immigrants.

The pope warned against the formation of “little groups” of self-righteous whose hearts are closed “to the freshness of the Holy Spirit” and who “bargain with power” and try to solve problems alone, “among ourselves.”

These groups of self-righteous defend their hold on the truth with “slander, gossip” who only look within, wall themselves in and tear down others, the pope said.

Religious communities that are free open themselves up to “the freedom of God and the Holy Spirit,” and they “press on, even in the face of persecution.”

He asked people to look at their own parish, church group or religious community and ask whether they are open to the Holy Spirit and open to spreading the word of God.

“Because the good is like this: It always spreads, the good never curls up inside” but reaches out to the ends of the earth with joy.

Pope Prays for Victims of Oklahoma Tornado



CNS/GENE BLEVINS, REUTERS

Two girls stand in rubble after a tornado struck Moore, Okla., May 20. The mile-wide tornado touched down near Oklahoma City, killing at least 91 people, including 20 children, destroying homes, businesses and a pair of elementary schools in the suburb of Moore.

Catholic News Service

As the death toll rose from the massive tornado that struck near Oklahoma City May 20, Pope Francis offered a special prayer for the victims during his early morning Mass May 21 and later offered his condolences through his Twitter account.

“Let us pray for the victims – at least 50 of them – and the missing, especially the children, struck by the violent tornado that hit Oklahoma City yesterday. Hear us, O Lord,” the pope said during the prayers of the faithful.

The tornado touched down at about 3 p.m. local time in Oklahoma and reportedly stayed on the ground for more than 40 minutes, leaving a 20-mile path of death and destruction. By press time on May 21, news reports were saying at least 91 people, including 20 children, died. Two elementary schools were struck by the tornado.

A few hours after the Mass, Pope Francis also used his @Pontifex Twitter account to express his concern for the Oklahoma victims and survivors.

“I am close to the families of all who died in the Oklahoma tornado, especially those who lost young children. Join me in praying for them,” he told the 2.5 million people who follow his English-language Twitter account and the 2.4 million who follow his Spanish-language account.

Visit www.hbgdiocese.org for information on how you can assist the victims in Oklahoma.

Gosnell’s Conviction Shows ‘Ugliness of Abortion,’ Archbishop Says

Catholic News Service

Dr. Kermit Gosnell may have been convicted May 13 of murder at his Philadelphia abortion clinic, but “nothing can bring back the innocent children he killed, or make up for the vulnerable women he exploited,” said Archbishop Charles J. Chaput.

And, he added, “the repugnance of his clinic conditions” must be remembered.

In a May 14 statement, the Philadelphia archbishop said, “Gosnell is not an exception. Others just like him run abortion mills throughout our country.”

A Philadelphia jury May 13 found Gosnell guilty of murder in the deaths of three babies born alive during abortions and acquitted him of a fourth similar charge. He also was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the death by a drug overdose of a patient who had an abortion.

Gosnell, 72, was charged with snipping the spines of babies born alive during illegal late-term abortions. Pennsylvania law prohibits abortions after 24 weeks of gestation.

“We need to stop cloaking the ugliness of abortion with misnomers like ‘proper medical coverage’ or ‘choice,’” Archbishop Chaput said in his statement. “It’s violence of the most intimate sort, and it needs to end.”

A few weeks earlier in the six-week trial, after the prosecution had rested its case, Judge Jeffrey Minehart of the Common Pleas Court, dismissed three other murder charges against Gosnell, saying they lacked evidence.

Late May 14, prosecutors said the doctor agreed to give up his right to an appeal so he would not get the death penalty. The judge then gave him two consecutive life sentences with no chance for parole on two of three first-degree murder convictions.

At a May 15 sentence hearing, Gosnell received a third life sentence for the third murder conviction and another two and a half to five years in prison for involuntary manslaughter. Those sentences also are consecutive. He also was convicted of hundreds of violations of Pennsylvania abortion regulations.

Both supporters of legal abortion and abortion opponents praised the verdict, though they pointed to different underlying problems.

Michael Geer, president of the Harrisburg-based

Pennsylvania Family Institute, said in a statement, the Gosnell case in all its details points to “the big remaining question that the trial exposed for all Americans to see: How is it murder to kill a late-term baby outside the womb, but legal to kill it minutes earlier while still in its mother’s uterus?”

Charmaine Yoest, president and CEO of Americans United for Life, said the “self-interested indifference of an unrepentant, unregulated and unmonitored abortion industry stood front and center among the tragic events that led to the conviction of Kermit Gosnell.”

Yoest’s statement said “the legacy of Gosnell’s trial will be Big Abortion’s collusion in bringing about America’s ‘red-light district of medicine’ – today’s back-alley abortion clinics and renegade abortion profiteers.”

She said “pro-life Americans must fight Big Abortion as they attempt to block commonsense attempts to regulate and monitor abortion clinics where we know that some women and girls have suffered and even died.”

Yoest said the case underscores why abortion clinics must be subject to medical standards and regular inspections. Gosnell’s clinic had not been inspected for nearly two decades, she said.

“Kermit Gosnell is not the aberration that abortion advocates claim,” Yoest added. “Over the last three years at least 15 states have initiated investigations into the conditions and practices of abortion clinics. These investigations were triggered by women’s deaths, reports of dangerous and unsanitary practices that exposed women to injuries and infections, and infants born alive following attempted abortions.”

Gosnell was arrested in 2011 and charged with seven counts of infanticide and one count of murder in the case of a woman from Virginia who died during an abortion.

Several patients and former employees testified about squalid conditions at the clinic, described by some as “a house of horrors.”

Several former workers in the clinic, including Gosnell’s wife, Pearl, a cosmetologist by training, earlier pleaded guilty to charges including third-degree murder, racketeering and performing illegal, late-term abortions.

Prosecutors said one of the babies Gosnell killed was at nearly 30 weeks of gestation and was so big

that Gosnell joked it could “walk to the bus,” reported The Associated Press.

The involuntary manslaughter charge came in the death of Karnamaya Mongar, 41, a refugee from Bhutan who lived in Woodbridge, Va., and who was given repeated doses of powerful drugs to induce labor and sedate her.

The jury also found Gosnell guilty of infanticide, racketeering and more than 200 violations of Pennsylvania laws, for performing abortions past 24 weeks or failing to counsel women seeking abortions 24 hours before providing the procedure.

He still faces federal drug charges over abuse of prescriptions for OxyContin and for letting staff members make out prescriptions to patients who paid cash.

The case against Gosnell took shape after a team of health inspectors and investigators looking into drug trade raided Gosnell’s clinic, known as the Women’s Medical Society, in February 2010.

A grand jury report that followed reported on filth throughout, including blood on the floor, cat feces on the stairs and surgical rooms that resembled a “bad gas station restroom.” The investigators gathered the remains of 45 fetuses stored in bags, milk jugs, juice cartons and cat food containers.

Gosnell’s license was suspended and he was arrested in January 2011.

Archbishop Chaput said the detailed description of Gosnell’s clinic discussed at trial must remain “sharp in our memories,” and “we should remember the media’s inadequacy in covering his case.”

Lila Rose of the pro-life group Live Action said, “We must remember that Gosnell is not an outlier within the abortion industry. We cannot allow these ‘guilty’ verdicts, welcome as they are, to make us complacent when it comes to continuing abuses happening even now in abortion facilities throughout our nation.”

Edel Finnegan, director of the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia, called Gosnell “a particularly egregious abortion practitioner” but added, “I think that is the nature of the business. I hope it opens people’s eyes to the reality of abortion and the humanity of the unborn child.”

Corpus Christi Teachers Complete Anti-Gravity Flight, Bring Lessons Back to Class

By Emily M. Albert
The Catholic Witness

Three teachers from Corpus Christi School, Chambersburg, take the expression "Learning outside of the classroom" to a new extreme.

Amanda Blough, Amy Fetterhoff, and Kelly Hockensmith introduced a NASA exploring school to their fourth and fifth grade classrooms over a year ago. Just this fall, *The Catholic Witness* interviewed Mrs. Blough and Mrs. Fetterhoff along with their students as they completed experiments that would be performed during an anti-gravity flight at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

A few weeks ago, these three brave teachers took the experiments designed and tried in the classroom on an anti-gravity flight to demonstrate to the youth how gravity works at different G-force levels.

Dressed in uniforms similar to those of NASA professionals, the teachers were brought live into the classroom via video conference, enabling their students to talk to them from the space center. Mrs. Blough said that she, Mrs. Fetterhoff and Mrs. Hockensmith could see the students before the students could see the teachers, and the teachers were able to watch as excitement engulfed the classroom. As soon as the kids saw their teachers, they were filled with questions and excitement.

"We were able to bring outreach items on board to see how certain objects would react to hyper gravity and micro gravity. The kids picked which items we would fly with," she said.

The objects included colored slime, a wind-up chicken and a snow globe," she shared.



Corpus Christi School teachers Kelly Hockensmith, Amy Fetterhoff and Amanda Blough participate in a videoconference with their students after their first anti-gravity flight at the Johnson Space Center.

The first experiment was in 2G, or twice the weight while on earth. To achieve zero gravity, the plane levels then takes a nose dive. Two of the last experiments completed on the plane were to mimic moon gravity and gravity on Mars. The plane dropped to give the impression of what it would feel like on the moon or Mars. The drops last about 20 or 25 seconds.

In order to prevent motion sickness during these trips, the teachers were administered an anti-nausea/motion sickness injection or pill, depending on preference.

Initially, the teachers were set to experience 32 flight parabolas, a plane

maneuver in which the flyer experiences different levels of gravity. However, after the 11th parabolas, the teachers were asked to be seated as the plane was turned back because of engine problems.

"I couldn't believe how calmly we took the news," Mrs. Blough said while explaining the process of the flight. After the engine problems were resolved, they were given permission to continue the rest of the parabolas. "We were assured it was ok, and we trusted them completely. They would never put us in danger," Mrs. Blough remarked.

"We came back smiling and ready to

do it again, we have so much data collected and we are working on taking the time to compare the classroom data to it," Mrs. Blough explained about the experience. "It was great for our classrooms to see firsthand how all their hard work paid off.

There is a lot of data for these teachers to sort through as well as learning tools that NASA sent back with them. They hope to take the summer and find ways to work it into curriculum and share it with students. They aren't sure what their next great adventure will be, but they are ready and willing to share it with the students, faculty and parents of Corpus Christi School.



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Ray Tyo Scholarship Winners

In April, the Diocese of Harrisburg honored several high school students who were awarded the Ray Tyo St. Ferdinand Scholarship. The scholarship was founded by Mr. Ray Tyo in gratitude for his Catholic education. It is made available to students who graduate from a Catholic high school in the diocese and who wish to attend a Catholic college or university. The Foundation presently provides a scholarship of \$1,000 per semester for four years of undergraduate study. Applications are made available to the guidance offices of the Catholic high schools in the diocese in the fall, and the school nominates the students for the scholarship to the Foundation Board.

This year's awardees are shown with Father Edward J. Quinlan, Diocesan Secretary for Education, prior to a luncheon at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. In the front two rows, from left, are Angeline Lonardi and James Press of Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg; Lisa Porr and Steve Scullen of Trinity High School in Camp Hill; and Katie Banik of Lancaster Catholic High School. In the two back rows, from left, are Evan Schnader of Lancaster Catholic High School; John Fitzpatrick of Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School in Coal Township; Kasey Sneeringer of Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown; and Jasminne Velandia of Lebanon Catholic School.

Obituaries

The names of the following deceased persons have been submitted by their parishes:

BERWICK – St. Joseph: Mary Dalto, Louis Spezialetti.

BLOOMSBURG – St. Columba: John Richard “Dick” Kromer, Frank Lakatos.

BONNEAUVILLE – St. Joseph the Worker: Rosemary Burns, Monroe Noble.

BUCHANAN VALLEY – St. Ignatius Loyola: John “Jack” Gearity, Elizabeth “Betty” Irvin, Margaret “Peg” Kimple.

CAMP HILL – Good Shepherd: Ellen Dadigan, Catherine Kapp.

CARLISLE – St. Patrick: Anthony Carroll, Louis J. Pinto, William John Poska, Sr., John Zwald.

CHAMBERSBURG – Corpus Christi: Jacob Bartl, Robbin Thayer.

COAL TOWNSHIP – Our Lady of Hope: Joseph R. Bradley, Helen A. Bickert, Dorothy Buffington, Leonard Hojnacki, Sophie Leeman, Frank Navrocki, George Oravitz, Rosemarie Petroskie, John Polan, Albert Scicchitano, Rita Sosnoskie, Helen M. Steele, Vincent R. Swiatkowski, Irene Thomas.

COLUMBIA – St. Peter: Raymond R. Eisenberger, Joseph P. Hess.

CORNWALL – Sacred Heart of Jesus: Steven M. Deutsch.

DALLASTOWN – St. Joseph: Charles J. Nello, William J. Noone, Rebecca LeAnn Zankl.

ELIZABETHTOWN – St. Peter: Grace R. Miller, Catherine Sekley.

ENOLA – Our Lady of Lourdes: Katherine Cigarauskas, George Albert “Al” Peters, Robert Scalia.

GETTYSBURG – St. Francis Xavier: Beatrice Frealing, Edward Wisniewski.

HANOVER – St. Joseph: Elmo Brown, Jr., Nancy Felix, Paul A. Smith, Brent Williams.

HARRISBURG – Holy Family: Elizabeth “Betty” Cain; St. Catherine Labouré: Elizabeth Neiss, Nancy Miller, Dianna Moretti, Marianne Powell, Mary Santo, Joseph Wasilewski, Giovanna Zimmerman; St. Francis of Assisi: Rashan Crowder; St. Margaret Mary: Betty Albert, Jordan Johnston, Leander Schwan, Doris Shupp.

HERSHEY – St. Joan of Arc: Frank Bagatta, Eunice Cates, Ida Feeney, Mary Nark, Joseph Nocera, Antoinette Pantaloni.

KULPMONT – Holy Angels: Robert W. Buchinski, Gerald J. Laskoski, Clement Marchetti, Stanley J. Rusesky.

LANCASTER – Assumption BVM: Blanche Cullen, Gladys Treier.

LEBANON – Assumption BVM: John Loehr, Helen Muench, Richard Oliver.

LYKENS – Our Lady Help of Christians: Mary Cunningham, John Margetanski, Delores Zilinski.

MANHEIM – St. Richard: Jack Burke, Rose Heffener.

MCSHERRYSTOWN – Annunciation BVM: Dale Baker, Joyce Jacoby, Clarence Long.

MECHANICSBURG – St. Joseph: Ita O’Meara ; St. Katharine Drexel: Bruna Alberti, Elvera Corradino.

MIDDLETOWN – Seven Sorrows BVM: Madeleine McQuiggen.

MILLERSVILLE – St. Philip the Apostle: John M. Bradley, Vincent J. Manara.

MOUNT CARMEL – Divine Redeemer: Helen M. Nolter, Henry W. Szymanski, Rosemarie Wilchusky; Our Lady: Dorothy Hirsch.

MOUNT JOY – Mary, Mother of the Church: William E. Brill, Charles Browne.

NEW CUMBERLAND – St. Theresa: Frank Misiti.

NEW FREEDOM – St. John the Baptist: Daniel J. Lubreski, Edward Tomasic.

NEW OXFORD – Immaculate Conception BVM: Gloria Ann Mahone.

SELINGROVE – St. Pius X: Lisa Forbes, Patricia Rock, J.D. Smith.

SHAMOKIN – Mother Cabrini: Josephine Garrigan, Loretta Hager, Joseph Jurewicz, Gerald Spatzer, Lawrence Swartz, Anna Marie “Nancy” Zarkoskie.

SHIPPENSBURG – Our Lady of the Visitation: Cyrilla Riester.

STEELTON – Prince of Peace: Richard Berkanstock, Mildred “Sis” Lescanec, Catherine Mabiuis.

TREVORTON – St. Patrick: Joseph Baranoski.

WAYNESBORO – St. Andrew: Bridget Dickinson, Joseph “Jerry” Hemler, Thurlow Null.

YORK – Immaculate Conception BVM: Kathryn Hickey, Donald Staub; St. Joseph: Constance Cacciola, Kenneth Rakestraw; St. Patrick: Marie Haupt, Betsy Tate, Frank Zambito; St. Rose of Lima: John M. Miklusek.

REMEMBER OUR Deceased Clergy

Please pray for the following clergy who died in June during the past 25 years:

Msgr. Karl Stofko, 1988
Deacon Henry Bucher, 1990
Msgr. Matthias Siedlecki, 1990
Father Augustine Zan, 1999
Father Joseph Kelly, 2000
Father Robert Burns, Jr., 2001
Father Thomas J. Gralinski, 2005
Father William Geiger, CSSR, 2007
Father T. Ronald Haney, 2012.

Delone Catholic Earns Middle States Accreditation

The Commission on Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools voted at its spring 2013 meeting to award accreditation to Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown for seven years, through May 1, 2020. Delone Catholic has been accredited since 1952.

According to the Middle States Association, an accredited institution: adheres to the Middle States Standards for Accreditation; uses its mission, beliefs and goals as the basis for daily decision making; operates in the public interest and in accordance with ethical practice; accepts responsibility for the level of performance of its students; remains committed to continuous improvement in student learning and its capacity to produce the levels of learning desired and expected by its community; operates in a collegial and collaborative way with all of its stakeholders; and sustains its focus on implementing recommendations, addressing monitoring issues and correcting stipulations that may be part of its notification of accreditation; and fulfills its maintenance requirements to the Commission.

In preparation for accreditation, Delone Catholic conducted a self-study in 2010-11, which included the most extensive survey of its stakeholders in the history of the school. In 2011-12, the faculty, Board of Directors and a planning committee that included parents, students, alumni and members of the business community, used the self-study data to identify student performance objectives for the next seven years. In November of 2012, a five-member Middle States evaluating team of educators visited the school for four days, interviewing stakeholders, reviewing documentation and observing school operations. At the conclusion of their visit, they wrote a report outlining their observations, recommendations and monitoring issues for the school.

In an oral report at the conclusion of the evaluating team visit, evaluating team chair Donna Bridickas stated, “Many schools talk about being a community, but Delone Catholic High School is an exemplar of such a community... Faculty and students use the word family to describe this unique relationship. The Team recognizes that your strong sense of family involves all of your stakeholders from your students to your Board members. This is what sets you apart from other schools in your area and is one of the reasons parents send their children to your school and why faculty and students stay... From the moment we entered the school, we saw and heard that this is a special place.

“Throughout the next few years, Delone Catholic will implement strategies aimed at achieving the objectives identified during the accreditation process. In an effort to improve students’ college/career readiness, self-reflection and writing skills, a comprehensive portfolio program will be put in place. The school will also focus on helping students improve their personal responsibility by encouraging regular school attendance, strengthening discipline procedures and establishing a mentoring program for students who need additional academic support. In conjunction with the accreditation protocol, the Delone Catholic Board of Directors will involve all stakeholders as they update strategic plans for the school’s finances, facilities, technology needs and other facets of school management.

Bloomsburg Catholic Campus Hosts Mass in American Sign Language

The Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) at Bloomsburg University recently hosted a Mass celebrated in American Sign Language (ASL) at St. Columba Church in Bloomsburg. The idea was proposed by a member of the CCM’s student Leadership Team, Melissa Kierzkowski, who serves as Facilitator of Personal Development, one of the six pillars of Catholic Campus Ministry as outlined by the U.S. Bishops in their document on college campus ministry, “Empowered by the Spirit.” Melissa studies ASL, and thought the Mass would be a good way to connect the Catholic faith to what she and her fellow students are learning in class.

Approximately 25 students participated in the Mass, which was celebrated by Father Thomas Rozman, pastor of the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick in Harrisburg, who has studied ASL, and Father Timothy Marcoe, Director of Catholic Campus Ministry at Bloomsburg University. Ginny Duncan, Director of the Diocesan Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities, translated during the Mass. The weekly university Mass is interpreted for the deaf.

Father Marcoe remarked that the Mass was a way of giving hearing people a chance to participate in a Mass celebrated in ASL for those who are deaf, and also gave those who are deaf an opportunity to worship in solidarity with those who can hear.

Lancaster Teens Assist Refugees through Catholic Charities Program

After a visit from Mira Lukic, program manager for Catholic Charities Immigration and Refugee Services, the teens of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Lancaster decided to do something to help. Refugees have been forced to flee their country because they fear for their lives. This may be because of race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. In 2011, there were 15.2 million refugees around the world, and it is estimated that 80 percent of refugees are women and children.

The teens listened and learned, and were moved by Mira’s stories and the plight of refugees. They decided to educate their parish family on the plight of refugees and ask them to help by donating toiletry items. For several weeks, Saint Mary’s Youth Ministry displayed informative table tents on tables throughout their parish center, and wrote articles for their bulletin.

A seventh-grade student at Martin Mylin Middle School, Kyle Knapp, decided to go a step further. To celebrate his 13th birthday, he and his parents decided to have a party. However, instead of the usual birthday gifts, Kyle asked that if his friends and relatives wanted to give him a present that they give him toiletries to be donated to the refugee collection. Kyle said he hopes others will do the same because at his age they don’t need toys anymore so it would be nice to spend that money on people who need essentials. Kyle was able to give a large bag of items to the cause.

Donations began to pour in from the parish, too, and the teens sorted the donations and arranged them attractively in baskets. The baskets and extra toiletries were purchased with money the youth group tithed from a fund-raiser they held to benefit their summer participation in Catholic Heart Workcamp. The teens included a prayer card in each welcome basket, along with a brochure of their church, and a hand-written card welcoming the recipients to their new homes, letting them know that they are being prayed for.

To learn more about how you can assist refugees through Catholic Charities, contact Mira Lukic at 717-232-0568.

SAVE THE DATE!

**A One Day Retreat
with Johnette Benkovic,
Founder of Women of Grace
Saturday, October 5, 2013
Holy Name of Jesus Church, Harrisburg**



For more information, contact

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Catholic Perspective Radio



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May 26: Father Joshua Brommer is featured on the next edition of *Catholic Perspective*. In the program, he discusses the upcoming "Month's Mind" Mass for the late Bishop Joseph P. McFadden who died on May 2. Father Brommer, who served as Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, also offers his reflections in the weeks since the untimely death of the 10th shepherd of the diocese. The memorial Month's Mind Mass will be held on Monday, June 3 at 5:30 p.m. in St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg.

Celibacy is the topic for the "Perspective on the Faith" segment offered by Father William Weary. From the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, Micaiah Bilger offers insights in a follow up on the story about abortion doctor Kermit Gosnell who has been convicted and sentenced.

In our "Vocation Story," we speak with Father Paul Shuda, a retired priest of the diocese, currently living in Harrisburg. He shares with listeners about the influences on his life that helped him to discern his vocation to the priesthood.

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Next week on The Morning Show: Hear the latest religious and state news, up to the minute traffic and weather reports, along with features like the "Public Catholic." This week, producer Bob Carey talks with Una Martone of Leadership Harrisburg, a non-profit leadership development organization. Ms. Martone, who is Catholic, explains how her faith helps in her involvement with the capital region business community. The Public Catholic airs on Tuesday and Thursday morning during the program that airs from 7:30-9 a.m. Monday through Friday on AM 720, WHYF.



The Council of Catholic Women of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Middletown

has been granted permission by His Excellency
the late, Most Reverend Joseph P. McFadden
for a visitation by the

International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

beginning November 1st
and concluding November 21st, 2013.

The following parishes in the Diocese of Harrisburg will be hosting Our Lady:

St. Andrew the Apostle, Waynesboro (*Franklin County*) • Immaculate Conception, Fairfield (*Adams County*)
Sacred Heart, Spring Grove (*York County*) • St. Anthony of Padua, Lancaster (*Lancaster County*)
Good Shepherd, Camp Hill (*Cumberland County*) • St. Joseph, Danville (*Montour County*)
St. Joseph, Mechanicsburg (*Cumberland County*) • St. Richard, Manheim (*Lancaster County*)
Mary, Mother of the Church, Lancaster (*Lancaster County*) • Prince of Peace, Steelton (*Dauphin County*)
Assumption BVM, Lebanon (*Lebanon County*) • Our Lady of Fatima Mission, Jonestown (*Lebanon County*)
St. Leo the Great, Lancaster (*Lancaster County*) • Sacred Heart, Cornwall (*Lebanon County*)
Divine Redeemer, Mt. Carmel (*Northumberland County*) • Our Lady of Good Counsel, Marysville (*Perry County*)
St. Bernadette Mission, Duncannon (*Perry County*) • Seven Sorrows BVM, Middletown (*Dauphin County*)
St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg (*Dauphin County*) • Historic St. Mary's, Lancaster (*Lancaster County*)

Additional information will be forthcoming at a later date.

To learn more about the IPVS, go to
www.pilgrimvirginstatue.com

Diocesan Institute, Summer Session 2013 Several Offerings Available via Webinar

The Diocesan Institute, Summer Session 2013, is an opportunity for adult Catholics to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith. Courses are taught by lecturers from the Diocese of Harrisburg.

The courses offered during the Summer Session allow adults to fulfill requirements for certificates offered through the Diocesan Institute for Catechetical and Pastoral Formation. Attending the seven introductory courses offered during the summer session, along with sub-

mitting a signed recommendation from one's pastor, will lead to the awarding of the Basic Catechetical Certificate.

Learn from Home: You now can participate in various Institute offerings via webinar, either in real time or by viewing recordings of webinar offerings at a time that is convenient for you. For more information, contact Ryan Bolster at 717-657-4804, ext. 225, or rbolster@hbgdiocese.org.

All courses will be held at the Cardinal Keeler Cen-

ter in Harrisburg. Registrants will be notified at least three days in advance if a course is cancelled due to low enrollment. No confirmation of registration will be sent. A complete course listing and registration form are available by clicking on the Diocesan Institute icon on the diocesan Web site, www.hbgdiocese.org. For more information, contact Kathy Burger at 717-657-4804, ext. 229, or Ryan Bolster, ext. 225.

BASIC CATECHETICAL CERTIFICATION COURSES

Teaching Methodology 1 & 2

June 3-5
MTW, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Mrs. Stacey White

Introduction to Morality

June 6-8
ThF, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
S, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Mr. James Gontis

Introduction to Prayer

Available only via
previously-recorded webinar

Introduction to Scripture

June 13-15
ThF, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
S, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
*Also Available via Webinar
Deacon Gerald Robinson

Introduction to the Sacraments

June 17-19
MTW, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Father Joshua Brommer

Overview of Catholic Doctrine: The Creed

June 20-22
ThF, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
S, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
*Also Available via Webinar
Father David Hereshko

Introduction to the Church

June 24-26
MTW, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
*Also Available via Webinar
Deacon Neil Crispo

ADVANCED COURSES

Advanced Scripture: The Gospel of Luke

June 4, 6, 8, 11, 13
TTh, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
S, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Deacon David Hall

Christology

June 17-21
MTWThF, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Father John Trigilio

Advanced Morality

June 24-27
MTWTh, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Father David L. Danneker

ADVANCED AND COURSES OF SPECIALIZATION

An Introduction to the Confessions of St. Augustine

June 3-6
MTWTh, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Brother Bruno Heisey, OSB

Adult Methodology I & II

June 3-5
MTW, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Dr. Mary Ann Boyarski

Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us: A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States

June 4, 11, 18
Tuesdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Mr. Ryan Bolster

COURSES OF SPECIALIZATION

Adolescent Development and Catechesis: Youth and Young Adult Culture

June 5, 12, 19, 26
Wednesdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Mr. Rob Williams

Liturgical Foundations: Introduction to the Sacred Liturgy

June 10-13
MTWTh, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Father Neil Sullivan

ELECTIVE COURSES

Virtual Integrity

June 3, 5, 6
MWTh, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Sister GERALYN SCHMIDT, SCC

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine: Teaching on the Holy Eucharist

June 10
Monday, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Mr. James Gontis

Evangelization and the New Media

June 10 and 12
MW, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
*Available via Real-Time Webinar Only
Sister GERALYN SCHMIDT, SCC

Sacred Heart of Jesus: A Catechetical Explanation of the 12 Promises

June 14
Friday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Mr. James Gontis

The Unchanging Truth in an Ever-Changing World: Apologetics on Hot-Button Issues

June 17
Monday, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Father Peter Hahn

Vatican II at Age 50

June 17-19
MTW, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
*Also Available via Webinar
Msgr. Thomas Kujovsky

Cyber-Savvy Parent Seminar: Top 10 Things You Are Not Supposed to Know

June 18, 20
TTh, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Mr. Tom Steele

What's So "New" about Evangelization?

June 19
Wednesday, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Mr. Ryan Bolster

A Catholic Approach to Fertility/Infertility Issues and Natural Family Planning

June 27
Thursday, 7-9 p.m.
Dr. Gregory and Mrs. Kimberly Burke



Diocesan Notebook

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SPIRITUAL OFFERINGS

Mass with prayers for healing will be celebrated by Father Edward Malesic June 4 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Theresa Church in New Cumberland. The Mass is sponsored by the Pilgrims of Praise and Life in the Spirit prayer groups. Call Mary Ann at 717-564-7709 or Loretta at 717-737-7551.

Caelorum at St. Joan of Arc Church in Hershey will be held June 5 at 7 p.m. Father Pius Michael Tukura will preside. Come and experience the power of Eucharistic Adoration and praise & worship music. An ice-cream reception will be held immediately following the Caelorum in the cafeteria. For more information, call 717-583-0240.

St. Jude Thaddeus Church in Mifflintown hosts a monthly healing Mass on the first Thursday of the month. The next Mass will be celebrated by Father William Weary on June 6 at 6 p.m.

Mass in the Polish language will be celebrated June 16 at 2 p.m. at St. Catherine Labouré Church in Harrisburg by Father Walter Sempko. Confessions in English and Polish will be heard after Mass.

EDUCATION, ENRICHMENT & SUPPORT

The Oblates of St. Benedict (St. Placid Deanery) will meet May 26 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Annville. Oblates of St. Benedict are Christian men and women who choose to associate themselves with a Benedictine religious community (St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa.) in order to strengthen their baptismal commitment and enrich their Christian way of life. For more information, call Mary Ann Bingeman at 717-790-0506 or 717-648-1798.

A Pro-Life Town Hall Meeting will be held May 29 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc School cafeteria, Hershey. Members of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation will talk about the latest pro-life issues. For information, contact Jim Simpson at 717-838-3645 or jsimpson813@comcast.net.

A Theology on Tap session for young adults will be held at the Brickyard Restaurant in Lancaster May 29. Deacon Jeff Baylor will lead a discussion of "Food and Our Faith: What Would Jesus Eat?" Discover the significance of feasting and fasting in God's plan of salvation. Happy Hour starts at 7 p.m., followed by the presentation at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Spirit Health System is offering two free CPR classes on June 1 in Holy Spirit Hospital's auditorium, Camp Hill. Participants will learn the risk factors and signs of a stroke, heart attack, cardiopulmonary arrest, and airway obstruction, and how to correctly use an automated external defibrillator (AED) for adults and children. "BLS for Healthcare Providers" will be offered from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. This course is designed for healthcare providers. The "Heartsaver AED" class will be offered to community members. This course is intended to teach the lay rescuer. Participants may elect to learn adult and child CPR and/or infant CPR. This class begins at 9 a.m. To register for these free classes, call 717-972-4262.

A Respect Life Interfaith Prayer Breakfast will be held June 2 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. James Parish in Lititz, in St. James Hall. A free breakfast will be provided. Lisa McCoy will present, "A Personal Story from Heartache to God's Healing." As a post-abortive woman Lisa has experienced the heartbreak, shame, and guilt from her decision, but has also experienced redemption and renewal in Christ. She has found freedom in Christ and a new passion for helping other women find healing from their wound of abortion and educating the public on the devastation that abortion has brought to our women, families, and country. There will be a free-will offering taken to benefit crisis pregnancy centers and a post-abortive support program. For reservations, contact Bob and Linda Lowe with the names of those attending at st.james-prolife@windstream.net or 717-626-4832. Reservations are required and must be received by May 27.

Enrich your summer meditations and devotions with Father Robert Barron's "Seven Deadly Sins/Seven Lively Virtues." In this spiritual study, Father Barron explains the nature of the seven deadly sins and offers a corresponding virtue for each, giving practical advice on how to instill this virtue in your own life. This DVD-based program will be presented at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Social Hall, Harrisburg, Wednesday evenings from June 5-July 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. Register at OLBS Ave Maria Shop on Sundays, by e-mail to OLBSdeacon@gmail.com, or by calling the parish office at 717-233-1014. Study guide/workbook for the program costs \$10 (scholarships available) or just come on June 5. A Bible and the Catechism will be needed.

Diocesan Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire (DCCGSCF) - Adults who are interested in Catholic Girl Scouting are invited to attend a meeting of the DCCGSCF on June 8 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg.

The National Association of Catholic Chaplains will host a day of professional enrichment June 4 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the auditorium at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill. The presenter will be David A. Lichter, Director of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. Register by June 3 to jannunziato@nacc.org.

RETREATS & PILGRIMAGES

St. Cyril Spiritual Center in Danville will host a direct week of retreat June 21-28. This will be a silent retreat, directed by Sister Teresa Skierkowski, SCC, and tailored to each individual. A contemplative atmosphere will be supported by silent meals with quiet music. The retreat will offer time for prayer, liturgy and meeting privately with the director to discuss your experience of God in prayer. Register by June 7. For information, or to register, call 570-

275-0919 or visit www.sscm.org and click "current events."

St. Cyril Spiritual Center in Danville will host a preached week of retreat for religious June 22-28. Capuchin Franciscan Father Simeon Gallagher will present, "Re-discovering the Essentials of Religious Life." The retreat will appreciate the fundamental values of religious life and explore their implications for today: faith, prayer, reconciliation, care of the self and building community. For more information, or to register by June 7, call 570-275-0919 or visit www.sscm.org and click "current events."

A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for post-abortion healing will be held at Mariawald Retreat Center in Reading, Pa., Aug. 2-4. If you are hurting from an abortion experience, come enter into a healing weekend with others sharing the same pain. There is no judgment, only compassion and mercy. Contact Joy for more information at rvpamd@gmail.com or 717-788-4959.

The 35th annual Corpus Christi Men's Retreat, "We are Called to Show People Jesus," will take place the weekend of Aug. 2. The retreat, for men of the Harrisburg Diocese, is sponsored by Corpus Christi Parish in Chambersburg. It will be led by Father Larry Richards of Erie Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md. Father Richards was a speaker at the Harrisburg diocesan men's conference in Lancaster last year. The retreat is open to those ages 14 and older. Men are encouraged to bring their sons and grandsons. A \$60 deposit is required toward the total cost of \$130. Reservations can be made through local parish coordinators or by contacting Paul Little at 717-264-2577.

PARISH FESTIVALS & PICNICS

Join the Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick for its annual Parish Picnic on June 2 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the beautiful mountain retreat at St. Matthew's Parish Activity Center, Dauphin. Enjoy delicious food, delightful company, and entertaining activities for young and old. Bring the family for a truly faith refreshing afternoon! For more information, call Theresia Granados at 717-731-8376 or Becky Fair at 717-232-2169, ext. 224.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Lebanon will hold its annual festival June 7 and 8 at St. Cecilia's Parish Hall and Grounds. The family friendly festivities include games, great food, bingo and music on both evenings. Midway hours are 5-11 p.m. on Friday and 4-11 p.m. on Saturday. A fish dinner will be featured on Friday starting at 4 p.m. in the air conditioned parish hall. There are food stands on the festival grounds for added variety. The Johnson Brothers will provide the musical entertainment on Friday, and the music of Laredo will highlight the Saturday activities. Musical entertainment is from 7-10:30 p.m. both nights. Yard sale begins at 7 a.m. June 8 - breakfast will be available there. Raffle tickets are also available for \$10. Only 1,200 tickets will be sold for a chance to win one of 22 prizes, including a top prize of \$1,500 cash. Call Steve Bailey at 717-273-4664 for tickets and details.

The annual Divine Redeemer Parish Festival in Mount Carmel will be held on the parish picnic grounds June 8 from noon-10 p.m., rain or shine. Theme basket raffle, favorite ethnic foods, homemade baked goods, and refreshments. Entertainment by a D.J. along with a local talent show. Kidz Zone, "A Minute to Win It" contest, adult games, raffle drawings. A new addition to the festival will be an indoor yard sale. There will be a pre-sale of chances for the theme baskets on June 7. Pigeons, pierogies, and porkette sandwiches will also be available.

St. Joseph's Carnival Immaculate Conception BVM Parish in York will have its annual Cultural Festival June 21 from 5-9 p.m., and June 22 from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. The festival will feature food from both Hispanic and American ethnic delicacies, cash raffles, and children's games. The festival will be held in the parking lots adjacent to the church at 309 South George Street, York.

St. Jude Thaddeus Parish in Mifflintown will celebrate its 2nd annual summer celebration June 22 beginning with a pancake, scrambled egg breakfast from 7-11 a.m. Activities such as a basket raffle, children's games, cake baking contest, will continue until 1 p.m., along with availability of other foods for sale, including chicken barbeque and Hispanic cuisine. St. Jude is only 45 minutes from Harrisburg off of the Mifflintown exit of US 322.

Holy Angels Parish in Kulpmont will hold its parish picnic Aug. 2 from 5 p.m.-midnight and Aug. 3 from 4 p.m.-midnight. Fantastic menu, games, basket bonanza, bake sale. Entertainment by The Shoreliners 7-11 p.m. each night. Fireworks display Saturday at 10 p.m. \$3,000 in cash prizes.

EVENTS & FUND-RAISERS

Beginners Ballroom Group Classes are offered Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7-8 p.m. in the social hall of Holy Family Parish in Harrisburg. Cost is \$10/person. Private lessons available upon request. Proceeds benefit the parish. For information, contact Tom Eurieck at 717-238-2399 or dancing_tom@comcast.net.

The Iris Dramatic & Social Club of Immaculate Conception BVM Parish in York will hold their 9th Annual Spring Production "Death by Dessert" a fast paced comedy to be held June 1 and 2 in the parish hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$15 each and include the performance, desserts and beverages. Call the parish office at 717-845-7629.

Knights of Columbus Council 13451 of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in New Holland is sponsoring a chicken BBQ fundraiser June 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at O'Neill's Auto Body shop, 580 East Main Street in New Holland. Dinners are \$8 and halves are \$5. Drive-up sales are welcome. Contact John Henry at 717-808-2540 or Don Trout at 717-371-8879 for tickets or information.

The Council of Catholic Women of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Williamstown is having a Father's Day

Raffle with the drawing to be held June 9. 1st prize is a \$150 gift card to Cabela's; 2nd prize is a \$100 gift card to Bass Pro Shops; 3rd prize is a \$75 gift card to Dick's Sporting Goods; and 4th prize is a \$50 gift card to Gander Mountain. Donation is \$2 per ticket, and tickets can be purchased by contacting Dawn Drum at 717-647-9124 or any member of the PCCW.

The 2nd Annual Orange 4 Owen Memorial Golf Tournament will be held June 8 at 1:30 p.m. at Fairview Golf Course in Lebanon to benefit Owen's Foundation. Entry fee is \$88/ golfer or \$352/foursome and includes lunch, greens fees, cart and buffet dinner. Dinner-only guests are welcome and are encouraged to register early as seating is limited. There will be silent auction items and raffle prizes available. Visit www.orange4owen.org for more information including golf/dinner registration and sponsorship forms or call Mark & Karen Brezitski at 717-652-4535. *Owen's Foundation is a charitable fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. Orange 4 Owen is a project of the Foundation for Enhancing Communities, fiscal sponsor. The official registration and financial information of TFEC may be obtained from the PA Department of State or by calling toll-free, within PA, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.*

The Council of Catholic Women of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Gettysburg will sponsor a rummage sale June 14 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and June 15 from 8 a.m.-noon at Xavier Center, 465 Table Rock Road.

Fortnight for Freedom - Field of Flags will be on display at St. John the Baptist Church in New Freedom from mid June through July 4. There will be an afternoon of prayer and music June 23, with a living rosary of helium balloons at 3 p.m., which will be released at the end of the rosary, followed by speakers Scott Anthony, youth leader, and Amy Hill of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, at 4 p.m. Live patriotic and praise music; bring lawn chairs and blankets. The parish will supply drinks and snacks. In the event of rain, program will be held in the Historic Church. Contact Joy with questions - Rvpamd@gmail.com or 717-788-4959.

St. Anne's Retirement Community in Columbia will host the Second Annual Mitre Cup Invitational Golf Tournament to honor the memory of Bishop Joseph McFadden on June 27 at the Hershey Country Club, West Course. Limited to 88 golfers. If you are playing in team or individual competition, please list your USGA handicap on the registration form. The scramble is open to all level of golfers. The cost is \$300 per golfer and includes golf cart, locker room facilities, logo golf shirt for new golfers, golf bag cooler, goodie bag, lunch, complimentary beer, wine and buffet dinner. This year's raffle is a 4 night stay for 2 at Pinehurst Resort, N.C., or choose \$2,500 in cash instead. Tickets are \$100 and only 200 will be sold. Need not be present to win. For more information on golfing, raffle tickets or sponsorships, contact Mary Jo Diffendall at 717-285-6539 or mdiffendall@stannesrc.org. Brochure, application and sponsorship form are online at www.StAnnesRetirement-Community.com.

Trinity High School Boys' Lacrosse will host a summer youth boys' and girls' lacrosse camp at the school in Camp Hill July 15-18 at 6:30 p.m. each evening, under the direction of the boys' varsity head coach, David Heisey. The camp is open to current 2nd through 8th graders at \$70 each. Information at Trinity High School's website, www.thsrocks.us.

Catholic Harvest Food Pantry presents its 1st Annual Golf Tournament July 19 at Honey Run Golf Course. Shotgun start begins at noon with scramble format. Cost is \$75 per person which includes 18 holes, cart, lunch and dinner. Proceeds to benefit Catholic Harvest Food Pantry. The pantry operates one of the largest food pantries in York County. We are an outreach ministry of Immaculate Conception, St. Rose of Lima, St. Patrick, and St. Joseph parishes in York, as well as local businesses, service organizations, and individuals in York County. There are typically more than 600 families each month who use our services. For more information and to register, visit CHFP website: <http://www.catholic Harvest.org/>.

The 4th annual David Costabile Golf Outing to benefit the wrestling program at Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, will be held July 26 at 8:30 a.m. at Mayapple Golf Club. Cost is \$80 per golfer and includes breakfast, lunch, beverages, T-shirt, prizes and more. Sponsorship opportunities and group packages available. Contact Scott Lindsey at bmcwrestling@gmail.com or 717-903-9689.

PARISH & ORGANIZATION NEWS

Shining Light Thrift Shop, a ministry of the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick in Harrisburg, is once again accepting furniture. Also needed are TVs & electronics. These items help the ministry offset its expenses. Drop off is available behind the shop on Susquehanna Street. Volunteers who can assist with picking up furniture a few hours a month should call Marianne at 717-234-2436.

York Catholic High School is seeking qualified individuals to fill the following positions: Assistant to the Director of Studies and Admissions, full-time 12 months, Guidance Secretary, part-time 10 months (5 1/2 hours per day), and Technology Coordinator, full-time 12 months. For information on these positions, visit the "Employment Opportunities" link at www.yorkcatholic.org or call the school at 717-846-8871. To apply, send your résumé, certification and letter of interest to: Katie Seufert, Principal, York Catholic High School, 601 East Springettsbury Avenue, York, PA 17403, 717-846-8871, ext. 12, kseufert@yorkcatholic.org.

Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md., is seeking a Campus Ministry Associate. The position includes pastoral ministry to university students, planning & facilitating retreats and retreat teams, and faith programming. The position is a twelve-month position that requires evening and weekend hours. M.A. in Theology is preferred. A minimum of 2-3 years of experience in college age or young adult ministry. Further details can be found at www.msmary.edu/jobs.t

YORK CATHOLIC LAX COMPETES AGAINST THE BEST

By Chris Heisey
The Catholic Witness

No sport in America is growing more than girls' high school lacrosse. And while the majority of schools in Pennsylvania still do not offer the spring sport yet, each year dozens of programs are starting up and the competition and skill level are markedly better each year.

The Fighting Irish of York Catholic are perennially one of the best programs in York County, along with Kennard-Dale and Southwestern. The Fighting Irish bested the

Mustangs of Southwestern to earn a bid in the league final against the Kennard-Dale Rams, who had only lost one game all spring.

The Rams jumped out to a 7-3 lead at half and played the Fighting Irish even in the second half to win 11-7 to deny York Catholic a league title.

The Fighting Irish finished their solid season at 14-5 after losing to arguably the best program in the central Pennsylvania area, Manheim Township, 19-13, in the first round of District 3 competition.



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Above: York Catholic's Lindsey Givens cradles past a Blue Streak defender.



Right: Laura Schmidt battles for a ground ball in front of the cage.

FIELDING FOR VOCATIONS

The DC Padres, a team of priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington, play against high school varsity baseball teams in an effort to raise awareness and interest in vocations to the priesthood in the context of a fun family event. During each game, there is a third inning stretch during which the Padres address the crowd on the topic of vocations. The DC Padres' Web site is www.dcpadres.com.



CNS/BOB ROLLER

Father Larry Swink, pastor of Jesus the Divine Word Church in Huntingtown, Md., makes a play from right field during a game against St. Mary's Ryken High School at Blue Crabs Stadium in Waldorf, Md., April 28. The DC Padres, with priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington as members, raise awareness for vocations.