LANCASTER ST. MARY CHURCH GETS READY TO ENTER ITS THIRD CENTURY OF SERVICE
The Faith Revealed

By David Garick, Editor

As we await the joyful celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, now just a fortnight away, we do well to think about how God chooses to manifest his divine love to us. Human logic would seem to suggest that God should choose to reveal himself to the most educated and powerful in society to give his message the greatest impact. While he certainly did reveal himself to some influential people, his most important messengers have been very common folk.

During Advent, we hear the foretelling of the coming of the Messiah from John the Baptist. John was a simple man born of parents who did not have great wealth. He lived an ascetic life in the wilderness, wearing animal pelts and subsisting on locusts and honey. Yet his God-inspired message was so compelling that devout Jews ventured many miles across the wilderness to listen to him and be baptized by him in the Jordan River.

Likewise, Mary, chosen to be the Mother of God, was just a simple girl espoused to a carpenter from Nazareth. From such anonymous beginnings, she has been a source of inspiration and comfort to many generations. It is important to note that the first to share in the miracle of the Incarnation were shepherds from the countryside.

Mary continues to spread her message of love, pointing to her Son, Jesus. The church has recognized many instances where Mary has appeared to people on earth long after her assumption into heaven. In all of these cases, she chooses the most common of people to carry her message. We think of the simple peasant girl, Bernadette, who encountered Our Lady at the grotto of Lourdes, or the three Portuguese shepherd children who saw Mary at Fatima.

This week, we celebrate Mary’s appearance here in North America. The story of Our Lady of Guadalupe is recounted on Page 20. Again, it is important to note that she chose as her messenger Juan Diego, a simple Indian living in the countryside near Mexico City. In canonizing Juan Diego as a saint of the Church, Pope John Paul II noted God’s will to speak through the simple man: “What was Juan Diego like? Why did God look upon him? The Book of Sirach, as we have heard, teaches us that God alone ‘is mighty; he is glorified by the humble’ (cf. Sirach 3:20). St. Paul’s words, also proclaimed at this celebration, shed light on the divine way of bringing about salvation: “God chose what is low and despised in the world ... so that no human being might boast in the presence of God (1 Corinthians 1:28,29).”

Events such as the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe should remind us that God is constantly reaching out to all of us. We may not see an apparition of Our Lady or be visited by a host of angels in a field. But God does reach out to each of our hearts with his message of love and redemption. We do not need to be biblical scholars or world leaders to be his emissaries. We need only to have open hearts to hear the blessed message and to share it, as St. Juan Diego did. We need not be immaculately conceived like Mary to hear God’s will for our lives and to answer “be it done to me according to your will.” God became flesh and dwelt among us that we might believe and have everlasting life. It is our mission to carry out that message.
Catholic liturgies avoid Christmas decorations, carols in Advent

By Carol Zimmermann

Catholic News Service

During the weeks before Christmas, Catholic churches stand out for what they are missing.

Unlike stores, malls, public buildings and homes that start gearing up for Christmas at least by Thanksgiving, churches appear almost stark, save for Advent wreaths and maybe some greenery or white lights.

“The chance for us to be a little out of sync or a little countercultural is not a bad thing,” said Paulist Father Larry Rice, director of the University Catholic Center at the University of Texas at Austin and the former director of the St. Thomas More Newman Center at The Ohio State University.

By the same token, he is not about to completely avoid listening to Christmas music until Dec. 24, either. The key is to experience that “being out-of-sync feeling in a way that is helpful and teaches us something about our faith,” he told Catholic News Service.

Others find that with the frenetic pace of the Christmas season, it is calming to go into an undecorated church and sing more somber hymns like *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. But that shouldn’t be the only draw, noted Jesuit Father Bruce Morrill, who is the Edward A. Malloy professor of Catholic studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee.

He said the dissonance between how the church and society at large celebrate Christmas is that the church celebration begins, not ends, on Dec. 25. The shopping season and the Christian celebration overlap, but don’t connect, he added.

And even though Catholic churches -- in liturgies at least -- steer clear of Christmas carols during Advent and keep their decorations to a minimum, Father Morrill said he isn’t about to advise Catholic families to do the same.

“It’s hard to tell people what to do with their rituals and symbols,” he said, adding, “that horse is out of the barn.”

He remembers a family on the street in Maine where he grew up who didn’t put their Christmas decorations up until Dec. 24 and didn’t take them down until Candlemas, commemorating the presentation of Jesus in the temple, which is celebrated on Feb. 2 -- the 40th day of the Christmas season.

He is pretty sure that family’s children or grandchildren aren’t keeping up that tradition.

Father Rice similarly doesn’t give families a lot of advice on when to do Christmas decorating, but said that when he has been pressed on it, he has advised families to do it in stages -- such as putting up the tree and having simple decorations on it, then adding to this on Christmas Eve.

He said it’s a joyful time which Catholics should tap into.

Celebrating Advent is a little tricky in campus ministry, he noted, since the church’s quiet, reflective period comes at the same time as students are frantic over exams, papers and Christmas preparations.

This year, he said that on the day before the start of Advent, students at the Texas campus planned to decorate the Catholic center with purple altar cloths, pine garlands and some white lights.

As Father Morrill sees it, decorating churches with white lights or greenery almost bridges the secular and religious celebrations of Christmas, and that’s OK by him. It beats using blue instead of purple for Advent wreaths or liturgical vestments, which he said some parishes did in the ‘80s until church leaders came down on it.

Liturgical notes for Advent posted online by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops -- http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/litururgical-year/advent -- point out that the liturgical color for Advent is purple, just like Lent -- as both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days.

They say Advent “includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting and disciplining our hearts for...”

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Collection helps aging sisters, brothers, and priests in religious orders

Catholics in the Diocese of Columbus will have the opportunity to “give to those who have given a lifetime” as part of the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which will be taken in parishes on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9 and 10. Coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office in Washington, the annual appeal benefits 32,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious-order priests whose congregations lack adequate retirement funding.

Last year, the Diocese of Columbus contributed $133,506.41 to the appeal. Women and men religious who serve or have served in the diocese but whose communities are based elsewhere may benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious.

The 2016 collection raised almost $30.7 million. Roughly 94 cents of every dollar collected aids senior religious. In June, the NRRO distributed $25 million to 390 religious communities across the nation. Communities utilize these funds to bolster retirement savings and subsidize expenses, such as prescription medications and nursing care. Throughout the year, additional funding is allocated to assist religious communities with the greatest needs and to promote ongoing education in retirement planning and elder care delivery.

“We are humbled and profoundly grateful for the love and support of Catholics across the nation,” said Sister Stephanie Still, PBVM, the NRRO’s executive director.

Despite this generosity, many religious communities still struggle to provide for aging members. Only 41 of the 539 communities submitting data to the NRRO in 2016 were adequately funded for retirement. Traditionally, Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious-order priests served for compensated ministry.

In addition to providing assistance for day-to-day needs, proceeds from the collection underwrite initiatives to help religious communities address the factors underlying their retirement shortfalls. These efforts have helped provide solutions such as collaborative care facilities, strategic partnerships with health care providers, and many cost-saving measures.

“I visit many religious communities and see the good works that members, young and old, provide,” Sister Stephanie said. “Generosity to the annual collection ensures our office can furnish support to help these communities care for older members while continuing their ministries and witness.”

To learn more, visit retiredreligious.org.
Flaget students make ‘St. Anthony’s Scarves’

Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School students from prekindergarten to eighth grade spent the day before Thanksgiving break making more than 300 “St. Anthony’s Scarves” to share with those in the community who need them. The title refers to the patron saint of lost items. Each scarf has a tag which explains that it is not lost, but is free to anyone who might need it. First-grade teacher Julie Beatty saw a similar project on Facebook and presented the idea to the school staff.

“Everyone was in agreement that it would be a good service project for the students because it required the students to think about their own community and the difference they could make,” Flaget principal Laura Corcoran said. Some scarves were donated to local organizations, and others were left in various locations where those in need are welcome to take them.

Eighth-grade students purchased fleece for the scarves and prepared the material so younger students could finish them through knotting or weaving the material together. Conversations during the project focused on who might need the items and how to get scarves to them. Students also expressed concerns that people would need gloves, hats, coats, and blankets.

“We want our kids to see the need in their community as well as the world. When you have first-grade students talking about how we need to do more to help the less fortunate in our community, you know you are on the right track. It’s a good feeling when they are excited about the difference that they can make and are ready to get started. We want them to know that they can make a difference in the lives of others every single day,” Corcoran said.

ODU named top military-friendly university in Ohio

For the ninth consecutive year, Victory Media has chosen Ohio Dominican University as a military-friendly school. The organization also has selected ODU as a Top 10 Gold school, ranking it as the best in Ohio among private colleges and universities with fewer than 10,000 students. In addition, it is ranked fourth in the United States, one spot higher than in last year’s rankings.

The 2018 military-friendly schools list recognizes colleges, universities, and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America’s military members, veterans, and spouses as students and to ensure their success on campus.

“Our veterans perform extraordinarily well in the classroom and go on to success in their workplace and their communities,” said retired Army Maj. Gen. Dennis Laich, director of ODU’s PATRIOTS program. “With this honor, we are more committed than ever to serving America’s veterans.”

To further demonstrate its commitment to current and past military service members and their dependents, ODU recently announced a Salute to Service scholarship. Beginning in 2018, the university will cover a maximum of $3,000 in tuition per semester that is not already covered by military education benefits or other state and federal grants and scholarships. The scholarship will help many students achieve their goal of completing a degree at little to no personal expense.

ODU first launched the PATRIOTS program more than 20 years ago to meet the educational needs of returning Gulf War veterans. The program allows veterans to achieve their academic goals by pursuing an associate, bachelor’s, or master’s degree. The university reintroduced the PATRIOTS program in response to the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, also known as the Post-9/11 GI Bill. ODU also is an active participant in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs’ Yellow Ribbon program.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill enables qualified veterans to earn a college degree or graduate degree. Depending on the number of active-duty months they have served, post-9/11 veterans in Ohio may qualify for as much as 100 percent of their educational expenses, with allowances for monthly living costs, books, and student activity fees. Veterans may receive as much as 36 months (or four academic years) of assistance.

For more information on ODU’s office of military services, visit ohiodominican.edu/Military or contact (614) 251-7400 or military@ohiodominican.edu.

St. Anthony students win prizes for cartoons

Students from Columbus St. Anthony School placed first and third in the group category and second and third in individual competition in a political cartoon contest for seventh- and eighth-graders sponsored by Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School. Group winners were (from left): Joyce Vamboi and Victoria Asiedu, third; and Caroline Sarpong, Abena Baffour-Awuah, Diana Orellana, and Samaria Beedles, first. Photo courtesy St. Anthony School
Ohio Dominican University will host its 108th commencement ceremony at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. More than 130 students will have degrees conferred upon them as they are joined by ODU faculty, staff, alumni, and hundreds of family and friends on Alumni Hall, on the university’s campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. A Baccalaureate Mass will be at 9 a.m. in Christ the King Chapel.

Dr. Sterling W. Hedrick, a renowned physician and former member of the ODU board of trustees, will deliver the commencement address and will receive an honorary doctor of science degree.

“The culmination of the student experience is marked by the tremendous pride they feel when they receive their hard-earned degree, and we are excited and blessed to celebrate this occasion with such an outstanding class of graduates,” said Dr. Robert Gervasi, ODU president. “In addition, it is a pleasure to recognize and honor Dr. Hedrick for the profound impact he’s had on the evolution of Ohio Dominican’s health care-related curriculum and partnerships, which has helped position ODU for future success while serving an important need in our community. It is my hope that our new graduates are inspired by his address and example.”

Hedrick is a graduate of Columbus Bishop Hartley High School. He earned his bachelor’s degree from John Carroll University and his doctorate in medicine from The Ohio State University College of Medicine. He completed his training in internal medicine and rheumatology at University Hospitals in Cleveland. He previously was co-director of the musculoskeletal teaching module for first- and second-year medical students at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Hedrick has spent the past 25 years as president of the Columbus Arthritis Center. He has expanded patient services, making it one of the nation’s largest rheumatology-specific centers. He also has served as director of Rheumatology at Mount Carmel Hospital and Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, where he and his colleagues also have volunteered their time to staff outpatient clinics.

When he was on the ODU board of trustees, he served as chair of its education affairs and student development committee. He was a driving force in establishing the university’s physician assistant studies master’s degree program, as well as its curriculum for the master of science degree in health care administration. In addition, his leadership and professional relationships helped ODU establish its early assurance program with Ohio University’s Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The combined efforts of Greater Columbus Right to Life, the diocesan offices for Social Concerns and Marriage and Family Life, and FEMM Health are bringing a Building a Culture of Life conference to central Ohio.

The conference will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26 and 27, at Columbus St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road.

The program will feature talks by more than 20 educators and leaders in the pro-life movement, each of them recognized as experts in their fields. Those in attendance will be able to get beyond the basics for an in-depth analysis of some of the biggest moral, medical, and legal issues of our day.

Admission to the conference is $50 for both days and $35 for Friday or Saturday. Student admission is $15 each day. There is no charge for clergy and Religious. The cost includes educational seminars, continental breakfast, lunches, and all program materials. Scholarships are available for those whose financial circumstances make it difficult for them to attend.

For additional information about the conference, visit www.gcrtl.org/lifeconf or call (614) 241-2540.

Ben Hartings, author of the book “A Return to the Altar: A Sacred Journey Through Grief and Joy,” will give a Defender of Life testimony at 7 p.m. Jan. 26 at St. Peter Church in a separate event not connected with the conference. Admission is free.

Hartings’ son, James, was given a fatal diagnosis at 21 weeks gestation while still in the womb. His mother, Lynn Hartings, chose to carry the child full term. The book tells the story of that experience and how it changed Ben and Lynn’s lives forever.

Greater Columbus Right to Life also will sponsor the annual pro-life rally at the Statehouse marking the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion. That event will be at noon Monday, Jan. 22 and will be preceded by the diocesan Respect Life Mass, celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell, at 10:30 a.m. in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

The parish choir of Newark St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., again will present a special service of Advent lessons and carols at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17.

This service is a moving combination of the Scriptural prophecies of Christ’s coming and the beautiful carols of Advent, sung by choir and congregation. It is presented by choirs of many denominations and finds its home in the English collegiate and cathedral tradition.

It can be a welcome moment of prayerful rest in the busy weeks of Advent. A reception will follow.

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**Fasting and holy Communion; Preference for death penalty**

*QUESTION & ANSWER*

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE  
*Catholic News Service*

**Q.** I’ve heard several different takes on the rules with regard to fasting before receiving Communion. On the one hand, I’ve been told that we are not to ingest any food or drink within one half-hour of a service. But I’ve also heard that water or even coffee are not included in this prohibition.

Someone had mentioned to me also that this fasting doesn’t apply if there are health issues involved. It seems to me that older parishioners take a stricter view on this, and younger parishioners a more relaxed one. Can you clarify for me what the real rules are? (southern Indiana)

**A.** The current rules on fasting before Holy Communion are simple and clearly expressed in the *Code of Canon Law*. They provide that one must abstain for one hour from all food and drink, with the exception of water or medicine, prior to receiving the Eucharist (*Canon 919*).

But that same canon notes that “the elderly, the infirm and those who care for them can receive the most holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour.” Perhaps the fact that these rules have changed several times within my own lifetime may explain why, in your words, there are “several different takes.”

For centuries, Catholics were required to abstain from all food and drink (including water) from midnight of the evening before. (Since my family usually went to one of the later Masses on Sunday morning, I can tell you that this rule was something of a challenge.)

In 1953, Pope Pius XII decided that water or medicine no longer broke the fast. Four years later, that same pontiff -- anxious to make the Eucharist more easily available while still wanting to maintain proper reverence for this sacred gift -- reduced the time period; no longer would you have to fast from midnight but, instead, for only three hours.

Then, in 1964, Pope Paul VI reduced it even further -- to only one hour -- and that is still the rule. Note that fasting is required for one hour before the actual reception of Communion, not one hour before the start of Mass. (And note, too, that coffee drinkers do not get a pass; coffee does break the fast!)

**Q.** My question as a faithful Catholic is this: Is it wrong for me to pray daily and unceasingly for death? I have been in prison now for 25 years. I am so tired of this existence that I am seeking legal action to have my sentence changed from life in prison to the death penalty.

I have always been opposed to capital punishment, but the past few years have made me realize the unbelievable suffering that results from a life term and what a relief death would bring. Nearly every one of my fellow prisoners -- even those on death row -- thinks that execution is much less cruel than life without parole.

I used to believe that God had a job for me to do here in prison, a role to play -- but I’ve never been able to find it, and the many years in prison have hardened my heart. It is so difficult to be talked about all the time and never really talked to. Is there any help for me? Is there anybody on my side? (Jefferson City, Missouri)

**A.** I don’t see a problem with your praying for death. There are many accounts of saints asking to be taken into the peace of heaven and to be released from the pain of the present life. I think, though, that as a faithful Catholic, you should not be seeking the death penalty.

In October 2017, Pope Francis stated quite clearly that the death penalty “is, in itself, contrary to the Gospel.” He said this in a talk marking the 25th anniversary of the publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and suggested that the catechism’s rejection of the death penalty needs to be stronger and more explicit.

The original text of the catechism in 1992 allowed for the use of the death penalty, but said that other means to protect human life should be used whenever possible. Five years later, that language was strengthened to prohibit the use of capital punishment, except in those situations where the identity and guilt of the perpetrator were certain and where the death penalty was “the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor” (*No. 2267*).

Now, in his recent October address, Pope Francis has made the church’s rejection of the death penalty explicit and total. He said that the death penalty “heavily wounds human dignity,” is an “inhuman measure” and extinguishes not only a human life, but the possibility that a person will recognize his or her errors, request forgiveness and begin a new life.

More than anything else, though, I would like to respond to your plaintive cry, “Is there any help for me?” I believe that there is. Why not speak to a priest-chaplain or counselor at your prison to help sort out the agony you are experiencing? Perhaps, through God’s grace and human guidance, you might be able to play a part in lifting some of the daily burdens of your fellow inmates.

*Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 30 Columbia Circle Drive, Albany NY 12203.*

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**Pope says world has reached moral limit on nuclear deterrence**

*By Cindy Wooden  
*Catholic News Service*

The Cold War policy of nuclear deterrence appears morally unacceptable today, Pope Francis said.

Pope St. John Paul II, in a 1982 message to the U.N. General Assembly, said deterrence “may still be judged morally acceptable” as a stage in the process of ridding the world of nuclear weapons.

But Pope Francis, in a message in early November to a Vatican conference, said the war of words between U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korea’s Kim Jong Un influenced his position.

“What has changed?” the pope responded. “The irrationality has changed.”

Pope Francis said his position is open to debate, but “I’m convinced that we are at the limit of licitly having and using nuclear weapons.”

The world’s nuclear arsenals, he said, “are so sophisticated that you risk the destruction of humanity or a great part of humanity.”

Even nuclear power plants raise questions, the pope said, because it seems that preventing accidents and cleaning up after them is almost impossible.

Pope Francis said he was not dictating “papal magisterium,” or formal church teaching, but was raising a question that a pope should raise: “Today, is it licit to maintain the nuclear arsenals as they are or, to save creation and to save humanity, isn’t it necessary to turn back?”

The weapons are designed to bring one side victory by destroying the other, he said, “and we are at the limit of what is licit.”

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**Correction** - The Dec. 3 Catholic Times printed an incorrect Eucharistic Adoration listing for Washington St. Colman of Cloyne Church. Adoration takes place there from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays during the school year.


**THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC**

By Rick Jeric

**Inspiration and Motivation**

Coco is the number one movie of the year. Papa John’s is the official pizza of the NFL. If you keep looking out the window each Christmas morning, one of these years there will be a Mercedes Benz outside with a big red bow on it, just for you. There is more joy at Target stores than anywhere else. The cute little puppy will attract you to the Mercedes Benz Winter Event. First Class is there to remind you that you’re not in First Class. Presents for them, Kohl’s cash for you. Ask Santa for a new i-phone. Michelob Ultra has 55 percent less carbs than a glass of white wine. Bud Light has special ingredients that will help you understand tonight’s game better. Mercedes Benz, the best or nothing. Rock this Christmas with Walmart. Sexiest camera on earth. Anyone can save money with Geico. Do not play Pictionary with a sloth. Chevy trucks are the most reliable and best-selling. Ford trucks are the most reliable and best-selling. Dodge Ram trucks are the most reliable and best-selling. Santa wants you to leave him a bottle of Coca-Cola. More doing chores for mom and dad per roll of Bounty; you get more life per roll. For more good times this holiday season, go to Amazon. Think about what you can do with all that extra money after your 50 percent off Samsung phones. Tylenol: for what matters most. Master Pass, the modern way to pay. Tiger Woods returns tomorrow on the Golf Channel. Better call Jackson! The cheese is ours, the choice is yours. Happy Honda Days. You’ll love what you find here. Team USA will show the world what makes America beautiful. Greatness awaits. What’s a computer? Where is it you want to go? Better ingredients, better pizza. The freedom of knowing you are out in front. Bose, the official sound of the NFL. Every cleat tells a story. It would be great if human beings were really good at being human. You, however you feel, really feel. Kia is the highest-ranked brand. Nationwide is on your side. That’s why I’m hot. NBC is the home of Super Bowl LII (that’s 52 if you are Roman-numerically challenged). Times change, the road home stays the same. That’s a deal so good it can’t be beat. Expect more, pay less. That’s amazing, Molly. A special Christmas wall on NBC. Here’s to the friends you can always count on. Give joy and get joy this weekend. Get the new U-2 album, Songs of Experience. Delivering the win. I strive now to be a part of the solution. The fun doesn’t stop zone. Pay no interest for 12 months. There are only three seconds left; do you just take a knee or go for the Hail Mary? These are some pretty inspirational and motivational reasons to focus on television commercials this Advent.

Wednesday, Dec. 6 was the Feast of St. Nicholas. No one should put candy or anything edible in my shoes. After his wealthy parents died, Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made bishop while still a young man. He became the perfect protector of those who cry to me, of those who seek me, and of those who have confidence in me. These are some pretty inspirational and motivational reasons to focus on our Catholic Faith this Advent.

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**Bosco Bash youth rally set for Feb. 3**

The Bosco Bash, the annual rally for young people of the diocese in sixth through eighth grades, will take place at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at Westerville St. Paul School, 61 Moss Road.

The event, whose theme this year is “Revive and Renew,” is for Catholic and non-Catholic youth and includes high-energy activities, praise and worship music from the Station 14 band, talks, skits, service, prayer, small-group discussions, dinner, and Mass, all with the goal of helping middle-school teens deepen their relationship with God and helping youth ministers in their efforts to encourage young people. The program will end at about 9 p.m.

The main speaker for the day will be Katie Prejean McGrady (pictured), author of Room 24: Adventures of a New Evangelist and Follow: Your Lifelong Adventure With Jesus. She and her husband, Tommy McGrady, live in Lake Charles, Louisiana, where she works as a theology teacher. Her presentation of “theological comedy” combines hard-hitting truths with humor and stories from her life.

Registration is available at https://columbuscatholic.org/Bosco-Bash. The cost is $25 for young people and $15 for adults, who are charged the lower price to encourage parent participation. Online registration must be submitted by noon Friday, Jan. 19 to be considered on time. Participants who register afterward will pay the same price, but there is no guarantee that they will receive an event T-shirt.

The rally is named for St. John Bosco, an Italian priest of the 19th century who founded the Salesian religious order and dedicated his life to the betterment and education of disadvantaged young people.

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the full joy of Christmas. This penitential dimension is expressed through the color purple, but also through the restrained manner of decorating the church and altar.”

It also points out that floral decorations should be “marked by a moderation,” as should the use of the organ and other musical instruments during Advent Masses.

The way the church celebrates Advent is nothing new. Timothy Brunck, a Villanova University associate professor in theology and religious studies, said it began in the fourth century in Europe but has never had the history or significance of Easter for the church.

But even though Advent doesn’t have the penitential pull of Lent -- where people give something up for 40 days or do something extra -- that doesn’t mean the season should slip by without opportunities for spiritual growth.

Father Rice said it’s important for Catholics to engage in spiritual preparation for Christmas, even in the middle of all the other preparations.

His advice: When you write a Christmas card, say a prayer for that person; while shopping, try to go about it in a slow and thoughtful way, not frantically running around, and let someone take that parking space you were eyeing.

Those actions, he said, are modern works of mercy on a simple and immediate level.

They also don’t require batteries or store coupons.

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Students at Wellston Sts. Peter and Paul School and their families gathered more than 12 reusable bags filled with canned items and nonperishable foods to give to families in need during the Thanksgiving season. In addition, 20 blankets and nearly 100 personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, body wash, shampoo, lip balm, coats, socks, washcloths, and pajamas were collected by the 125 students in preschool through eighth grade. All items were given to Compel Ministries in Wellston. For more than 100 years, the school has conducted service projects and regular collections that inspire and bring people together through the love of Christ and directly affect citizens of southern Ohio and beyond.

Photo courtesy Sts. Peter and Paul School

Holy Spirit service project

Students at Columbus Holy Spirit School spent the month of November giving to others. The schoolwide service project for the month involved collecting items to donate to the food pantry of the Holy Spirit Church St. Vincent DePaul Society. Third-grade students took the project under their wings and turned it into a lesson for all. They collected, counted, advertised, and created weekly announcement skits to encourage everyone to give. More than 600 items were donated. The church and school also have been the site of a fresh produce market on every second Thursday of the month for the past six months. Members of the community are able to obtain fresh produce, bread, and meat for their families. The November market served 208 families, providing 676 individuals with fresh food. Middle school students volunteered at the pantry, helping guests find produce and carrying the items to their cars. Teachers helped run the computers that signed everyone in to receive their items.

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I looked up the word *advenio* in my old Latin dictionary and found that, depending on how it’s used, the verb can mean “to draw near” or “to arrive.” The noun *adventus* is translated as either “approach” or “arrival.” The season of Advent encompasses both. We wait. We celebrate what already has come. It’s the “both/and” of our faith. God is coming. God is already here.

During this season, we ponder that mystery and our participation in it. Liturgical readings are one place to start. For example, the first week of Advent is filled with passages from what is often called First Isaiah and provides glorious images of the kingdom to come: people from all nations streaming up the mountain of God, desiring to learn and walk in God’s ways; a kingdom where all live together in peace; great feasts where God provides rich food and choice wine for everyone.

Isaiah paints more pictures: justice for the poor and vulnerable, abundant harvests, broad pastures and running streams. He shows us a God who does not judge by appearances and who responds immediately to the people’s cries. These images were proclaimed in an eighth-century BC Judah that bears a resemblance to our current world situation. The introduction to *Saint Mary's Press College Study Bible* describes the wealthy getting richer at the expense of those in positions of power, and showed compassion for the poor and struggling. When asked what was most important, he replied it was love—love of God, self, and neighbor.

Jesus was open to surprise, amazed at the deep faith coming not from the Israelites, but from “the other”—a centurion. Echoing Isaiah, Jesus told his followers that they’d be sharing the heavenly banquet with people they might not have expected, coming from east and west.

He relied on others to share in his work. When the huge crowd that had been listening to him for days needed to be fed, Jesus asked first that those present share what they had. Then he blessed it. Before sending his disciples out to spread the good news, he lamented that there was much work to be done and few to do it.

Yes, God is already here, and has been since before time as we know it began. Yet “God is coming.” The events in our world, far from echoing the visions of Isaiah or the example of Jesus, speak of the need for this coming. The poor and vulnerable, so close to Jesus’ heart, still are abused and overlooked by those grasping for power and wealth. Nations continue to prepare for and to wage war. We are far from beating swords into plowshares.

Jesus knew that being faithful to the commandment of love can bring suffering and death in a world unwilling to accept it. After his death and resurrection, he sent the Spirit who dwells within each of us and in every bit of creation. We are part of the “both/and,” the “coming” and the “already here.”

How do we live in the tension of this mystery? How do we join in God’s work today? How do we live in dark times and still have both faith in God-with-us and hope in God-to-come? Perhaps during Advent, we can take quiet time to listen for the Spirit that lives in our hearts, to become aware of our part giving birth to that bit of divinity that has been shared with us and that the world sorely needs. We are not only graced with the Presence of God with us; we are called to do our part in birthing the God who is yet to come.


**Advent: the “both/and” of our faith**

Art students at Newark Catholic High School have joined the Memory Project, a charitable nonprofit organization that invites art teachers and their students to create and donate portraits to children around the world who have faced substantial challenges such as neglect, abuse, loss of parents, violence, and extreme poverty.

Because such children usually have few personal keepsakes, the purpose of the portraits is to provide them with meaningful mementos of their youth. The project also allows art students to practice kindness and global awareness while enhancing their portraiture skills.

The Newark students received photos of five children in Syria who are waiting for portraits, then worked in their Painting II class to create the artwork. Once finished, the Memory Project delivers the portraits to the children.

The Memory Project is a nonprofit organization based in Middleton, Wisconsin. Since the project began in 2004, more than 100,000 art students in the United States have created portraits for children in 44 nations.

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Lancaster St. Mary Church is planning a year of bicentennial events

BY TIM PUET

Lancaster St. Mary Church has served its community for nearly two centuries and has celebrated its bicentennial in 2015, marking the actual anniversary year of 1815.

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Edward Fenwick, came to Lancaster in 1820 as the actual anniversary year of the church, is still standing and is headquartered for the Fair- hold of Bishop Edward Fenwick; the same building's school, built in 1840 and razed in 1911; and St. Mary Church's second church and first Low – ended up in the mid-1800s ministry, which has been meeting St. Mary's was the only Catholic church in the county at that time and St. Mary's has served the parish for all his about 15 acres developed and another 18 acres available.

Since January, about 100 people have been regularly attending the Walking Faith Formation director, Brian McCauley said that this program is geared toward authentic faith formation, has been sponsored by the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. Parish faith formation director Father Don Franks, has kept it structurally sound. Parish member Llewellyn said the church's beauty and its role in the community have added to his appreciation of the Catholic faith he was found to be.

It’s surrounded by the stained-glass windows here tell stories of the faith a few years ago. I live between Lancaster and Columbus and began attending Mass here because it was easier for me to get to. The “I’ve worked here for 20 years, and it’s been an incredible experience, Father Eilerman said. “County seats are situated in central Ohio – like Zanesville and Chillicothe, and Columbus, as well as the diocese. We have about 150 acres of land which are developed and another 18 acres available. The cemetery, about two miles near downtown to serve those in need. On Feb. 11, the Parish Picnic will host its annual pancake breakfast. For the past several years, the Parish has involved itself with the Lancaster Festival since the communitywide sum- mer music and arts event began in 1985. It hosted a Columbus Symphony chamber music concert in that year.

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This year, the concert celebrated the 30th anniversary of the festival orchestra, which exists only for the festival and includes musicians from around the United States. “Musicians love to come here because of the church’s reputation as a performance site,” Ogilvie said. “They rave about the acoustics.”

The church also hosts an ice cream social during the festival, with proceeds going to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or the Foundation Dinners, a program which serves meals every day to those in need in Fairfield County.

In addition, it is the site for the Lancaster Chorale’s annual Christmas concert. This Saturday, Dec. 9, it will be the final stop of the Fairfield Heritage Association’s 39th annual holiday candlelight tour of downtown churches, which features music at each stop.

Sharon Silleck has been parish choir director and organist for the past four years and leads a music program which includes an adult choir that sings at the 8:45 a.m. Sunday Mass, on holy days, and at special events such as the candlelight tour.

“It’s small, but it sounds really good,” Thimmes said, “I’ve been a member for the past few years and credit Sharon with developing our sound.”

The parish has separate children’s choirs for grades three to five and six to eight. They sing at some Masses and join with the adult choir on other occasions.

The Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School choir sings occasionally at the church and will join the adult choir for the candlelight tour. The parish also has a funeral choir which gathers on short notice to lead the sung prayer of funeral liturgies.

St. Mary School includes two buildings – the older one, built in 1907, is for preschool through third-grade students. The former St. Mary High School, built in 1929, is for fourth through eighth grades. It has 229 children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Lancaster St. Bernadette and Logan St. John schools, which have students only in kindergarten and the first five grades, send their sixth- to eighth-graders to St. Mary.

The preschool has 49 students and offers three- or five-day and half- or full-day options. The school also has an after-school program known as Kids CARE.

Erin Schornack, an educator in diocesan schools for the past 15 years, has been the school’s principal since 2012 and came to Lancaster from Logan St. John, where she held the same position for six years.

“We are one school family,” she said. “That’s something I stress from the beginning of every year. By now, when I start the phrase, I’ll pause after ‘school’ and the students will say ‘family’ in unison.

“We talk about how family members treat each other, the importance of family, and how family members can be very different, but watch out for each other. We treat each other as family and expect nothing less.

“I always wanted a big family, and I have two children of my own attending classes here, but now, it’s as though I have 229 children – more than I know what to do with.”

The school is just outside downtown on Chestnut Street, one of the city’s main east-west arteries. Because many funeral processions travel that street, its location gives the students a chance to show their respect for the deceased.

“I had a son who died a couple of years ago, and I’ll never forget what those students did,” Thimmes said. “When the funeral procession started, they all lined the streets like an honor guard. It was very touching.”

“Several years ago, the teachers started having students stop what they were doing when there was a funeral procession,” Schornack said. “Recently, a retired firefighter died and the funeral was here. The younger students were at recess. The teachers saw a fire truck leading the procession, followed by flags. They told the students to stop, and they did so instantly and saluted.

“Afterward, the firefighter’s widow sent us a thank-you note and said how the family cried when they saw the students. To know we have young people who are so thoughtful and inspiring is a very positive thing.”

This is the seventh year the upper three grades have been organized into eight “houses,” each with a patron saint representing a specific quality. The system is designed to create community, promote school spirit and the qualities the saints symbolize, and give more students a chance to be leaders.

Schornack said the school is working toward becoming part of the state’s STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) learning network by partnering with a consultant from the Battelle research institute and a parishioner who is a Battelle employee.

It has received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in STEM Education for the past six years. Its standardized 2016 test scores in reading and math for fourth through eighth grades all were above the requirements for those of a National Blue Ribbon school.

The school’s academic program includes elective classes on a week for the upper grades, with each student able to choose one elective per quarter. The classes are based on interests expressed by students. For this quarter, they include calligraphy, modern music, historical investigation, STEM, drama, digital publishing, and additional physical education.

St. Mary School recently received a $10,000 grant from Toyota, matched by $10,000 from the local Toyota dealer, which enabled it to replace its stage curtains and apparatus and upgrade its lighting and sound systems.

Its main annual fundraiser is the Holiday Happening, a November event which features food, entertainment, and silent and live auctions. The school’s teacher association has a fundraiser every year which donates all its proceeds to students. In addition, a school alumni association is forming.

Students attend Mass once a week and take part in other religious activities, including Living Stations of the Cross on a Friday of Lent, living Rosaries, a May crowning, penance services, and monthly Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Other activities include an outdoor education program, Battle of the Books, marching and concert bands, an honors choir, Christmas and spring musicals, and a full athletics program.

Mass at St. Mary Church is celebrated at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday, 7 a.m. Monday and Wednesday, and 9 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. The Saturday evening Mass is preceded by the Rosary at 5 p.m.

Other devotional activities include Exposition from 9:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month during the school year, followed by Benediction; Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent; an evening prayer service on the Sundays of Lent; and the Office of Readings on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings of the Sacred Triduum.

For more information about the parish, call (740) 653-0997. The parish website is www.stmarylancaster.org.
Kimber Moehrman, principal of Columbus Trinity Elementary School, and Matt Brenner, head of school at Columbus St. Joseph Montessori School, traveled to China last month as part of the 2017 Chinese bridge delegation sponsored by the College Board of the United States and the Confucius Institute (colloquially known as Hanban) of China. They were part of a delegation of about 175 principals and district administrators from across the United States.

The goal of the bridge delegation program is to provide participants with information and inspiration to start or expand Chinese language and culture programs in American schools. In its 12th year, the program has brought nearly 5,000 educators to China to deepen understanding of that nation, share best practices, and build partnerships with Chinese schools.

The journey began in Beijing at Hanban headquarters, with visits to Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and the Great Wall. From there, the delegates were divided into six groups, each of which traveled to a Chinese province for additional cultural activities, educational workshops, and school visits.

Moehrman and Brenner’s group traveled to Henan province, in central China just south of the Yellow River. Henan is one of the major birthplaces of the Chinese nation, very much like Ohio in the way it reflects the entire nation’s history and culture. Among the sites there which most impressed the Columbus educators were the Shaolin Temple and Songshan Shaolin Wushu College, the world’s largest kung fu and martial arts college.

Henan has 27.5 million students in 57,200 schools. Moehrman and Brenner visited several public and private elementary and high schools. Their enrollments range from 2,400 to 8,000 students, making even the smallest schools large by American standards.

The educators said their Chinese student guides were friendly, polite, and informative. It was evident that they had discipline and drive, were eager to learn, and had aspirations for the future. Their appreciation for Chinese culture was showcased through presentations of dance, opera, instrumental music, art, and calligraphy.

“It was the experience of a lifetime, and I am grateful for the opportunity,” Moehrman said. “I appreciated the openness and warmth of our guides. We were welcomed with open arms and a true desire to build bridges between the United States and China. I look forward to the possibilities the future holds.”

Brenner summed up the trip by saying, “The experience was truly amazing. I left with so many ideas and activities that my teachers could incorporate in their daily Montessori education lessons with their students. I also valued not just the academic lessons we were able to witness at all the schools, but also the traditions and emphasis on physical activity at all the schools.”

From left: Floral portraits of a dragon and a lady from the chrysanthemum festival in Kaifeng, China; a portion of the Great Wall of China located just outside Beijing.

Photos courtesy Kimber Moehrman
Second Sunday of Advent (Cycle B)

Mark starts in the middle and stays at a fast pace

Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11;
2 Peter 3:8-14;     Mark 1:1-8

The tone of the first reading is quite different from what it was a week ago. Last week’s lament is followed by this week’s cry of comfort for Jerusalem and Judah: “Her service is at an end; her guilt is expiated.” After this, Isaiah introduces a theme, which has been called “creative redemption.”

The prophet weaves together the re-creation of the earth, specifically of the Holy Land and environs, with Israel’s redemption. Thus, the Prophet announces the making of “a straight highway for the Lord in the wasteland.” Valleys will be filled and mountains will be leveled. In all of this, the glory of the Lord will be revealed. Jerusalem announces the return of her God, who comes carrying the exiles from Babylon back to their homeland in Judah. It is announced as an accomplished fact, that the Lord has acted powerfully to return this captive people, with the joy we would expect when captives are freed.

Mark uses this kind of sheer joy to begin his “gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” Mark combines Isaiah with Malachi, although he attributes everything to Isaiah as he begins: “Behold I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way (Malachi 3:1). A voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths (Isaiah 40:3).’

With this booming announcement, Mark begins right in the middle of things. It is somewhat like Mark saying “Now hear this!” What he announces begins with the identity of Jesus, as “Christ” and as “Son of God.” It will take his immediate disciples until chapter 8 for Peter to confess “You are the Christ.” (Mark 8:29) It will take until chapter 15 for the Roman centurion to confess “Truly this man was the Son of God.” (Mark 15:39).

Oddly enough, throughout the rest of Mark at various points, the demons and unclean spirits will testify that Jesus is the Son of God, but the disciples ignore them. Mark is fast-paced, jumping from one event to another, almost as if he can’t wait to get to the main attraction, which, in Mark, is the passion and death of Jesus. Many have noted that Mark is primarily a Passion narrative with a long introduction.

After the opening announcement, Mark immediately turns to the figure of John the Baptistizer. Technically, because Mark uses two participles, the text should read “It happened that John was baptizing in the desert and was proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness (or remission) of sins.” This is typical of Mark, who keeps us in the action by using participles to keep the action moving.

Mark then writes, somewhat exaggeratedly, that “all the Judean countryside and all people living in Jerusalem were going out to John and they were being baptized (meaning dipped or washed) by him in the Jordan River, for the remission of their sins.” Once again, we see how active the scene is. The description of John’s clothing and diet establish him as a prophet (see 2 Kings 1:8), who announces that one who is “stronger is coming after me,” which meant as a successor to him (not that he was being chased by someone).

John admits that his own baptism is with water, but he adds that the one coming will baptize “with the holy spirit.” John does not specify “holy spirit” with the definite article, so it must be supplied, but given that the work was written for Christian believers, it doubtless refers to the Holy Spirit.

The reading from 2 Peter tries to address the delay of the Lord’s return. Any “delay” is regarded as an exercise of the Lord’s patience. As such, it is an opportunity for us to clean up our act in pursuit of holiness, never mind the apocalyptic description of the “day of the Lord.”

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Awakening Faith program

Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., will host a program for inactive Catholics who wish to reconnect with their Catholic roots.

The Awakening Faith program will begin on Thursday Jan. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. and will meet for six weeks. Topics to be explored are spiritual hunger, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Mass, the Church, and the mercy of God. Sessions are free.

For more information, call Susan Bellotti at (614) 882-2109.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 85:9ab,10-14
Luke 5:17-26

TUESDAY
Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a:12:1-6a,10ab
Judith 13:18bc,19 (Ps)

WEDNESDAY
Isaiah 40:25-31
Psalm 103:1-4,8,10
Matthew 11:28-30

THURSDAY
Isaiah 41:13-20
Psalm 145:1,9-13b
Matthew 11:11-15

FRIDAY
Isaiah 48:17-19
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Matthew 11:16-19

SATURDAY
Sirach 48:1-4,9-11
Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19
Matthew 17:24,10-13

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2017

SUNDAY MASS
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.
Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus, and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Check local cable system for channel listings.
Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Spectrum Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378).
(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).
Mass from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).
Mass from Massillon St. Mary Church at 10:30 a.m. on WRBL radio (AM 1060, FM 94.5 and 89.5), Canton, heard in Tuscarawas, Holmes, and Coshocton counties.

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

We pray Week II, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours.

Go to Church!
Happy (real) new year: the beginning of a new year of grace, which began Dec. 3 with the First Sunday of Advent.

“The holidays” so overwhelm our senses each December that it’s hard to remember that Advent, the season of preparation for Christmas, has a “thy kingdom come” dimension, as well as a Nativity dimension. For the first two weeks of Advent, the Church ardently and insistently prays the ancient Aramaic Maranatha: “Come, Lord Jesus!” And that petition is prayed, not in a spirit of disgust or resignation — “C’mon, Lord, let’s get this over with…” — but in the sure confidence that the Lord’s return in glory means the fulfillment of history: both the history of humanity and our personal histories. For in the Second Coming, history will be finally revealed as His-story, God’s story, in which we have been privileged to participate by grace.

The Maranatha also prompts the question of what the first Christians meant by calling Jesus “Lord.”

As Dr. Rowan Williams puts it, they meant that Jesus is “the supreme authority.” No other authority trumped the authority of Jesus: not the Law, the Sabbath, or the Temple, for Jewish paleo-Christians; not Caesar or the gods of Greece and Rome, for the first Gentiles to meet Christ. And why was Jesus the first Gentiles to meet Christ? And why was Jesus the not Caesar or the gods of Greece and Rome, for the Sabbath, or the Temple, for Jewish paleo-Christians; ity trumped the authority of Jesus: not the Law, the Jesus is “the supreme authority.” No other author —

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

To foster vocations, the church must trust young people who, “despite belonging to the ‘selfie’ generation, look for full meaning in their lives, even when they do not always look for it where it can be found,” Pope Francis said.

“This is where we, consecrated men and women, have an important role: to remain awake to wake up young people, to be centered on the Lord to help young people center themselves in him,” he said in a message to participants in a two-day conference on vocational ministry and consecrated life.

Pope Francis said those in charge of ministering to youths must know the world and the current generation, while looking for ways to announce the good news and proclaim “the gospel of vocation.”

If this does not happen, he added, “we would be giving answers to questions that no one is asking.”

In a message sent on Dec. 1, the pope told the conference that helping young men and women discover their vocation should be at the heart of the evangelization and action in the church. He said young people need a clear, dynamic and complete formation on vocational discernment that isn’t “closed in on itself.”

“This can turn into proselytism and can also lead to falling in the temptation of an easy and hasty recruitment,” the pope said.

Vocational ministry, the pope said in his message, means every pastoral action of the church is geared toward “vocational discernment,” which helps young Christian men and women discover the “concrete path toward the plan of life to which God calls them.”

Discerning one’s vocation to the priesthood and religious life shouldn’t be passed on at the end of a youth ministry program or to a particular group of young people “that are sensitive to a specific vocational calling,” he said.

Instead, “it should be reflected on constantly throughout the entire process of evangelization and the education of faith to adolescents and youths,” the pope said.

Prayer, he continued, is the “first and irreplaceable service” that is important in fostering vocations within the church, since the vocational calling and the response to it “can only resonate and make itself be heard through prayer.”

“Whoever truly prays for vocations tirelessly
Pray for our dead

ACQUISTA, Anthony A., 95, Nov. 26
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

BAUMANN, James L., 86, Nov. 24
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Buckeye Lake

BERLENDIS, Josephine, 91, Nov. 29
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

BROWN, Roma E., 65, Nov. 30
St. Leo Church, Columbus

DONELY, Helen (Fairless), 87, Nov. 28
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

EAKINS, Christyne A. (Eckle), 69, Nov. 27
Sts. Simon and Jude Church, West Jefferson

FARRELL, James III, 69, Nov. 27
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

GARNER, Donald, 88, Nov. 26
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

GERAMITA, Dianne (Cacchione), 72, Nov. 29
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

GETREU, Maxine J. (Albanese), 81, Dec. 2
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

GLOCKNER, Joan (Watts), 94, Dec. 1
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

HECKER, Doris J. (Mocker), 76, Dec. 2
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

HOUSEHOLDER, Florence (O’Brien), 89, Nov. 26
St. Patrick Church, Junction City

HOUSEHOLDER, Todd L. Jr., 21, Nov. 20
St. Patrick Church, Junction City

IONNO, Anthony, 69, Nov. 25
St. Joseph Church, Dover

JACKSON, Ronald L., 73, Nov. 28
St. Thomas Church, Columbus

MEHLING, Patricia A., 89, Dec. 2
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

MEYER, Nancy M. (Schram), Nov. 27
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

MIDDENDORE, Dr. Donald F., 69, Nov. 29
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

NEENAN, James E., 57, Nov. 26
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

PRIDAY, Carol J. (Wright), 84, Nov. 30
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

PRYOR, Ark E. “Art,” 83, Nov. 28
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

SBERNA, Sam R., 87, Nov. 28
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

SCHOEPNNER, Cletus H., 85, Nov. 27
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

SCHULTHEIS, Andrew T., 97, Nov. 30
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

SIPE, Tyla M., 49, Nov. 30
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

THOMPSON, Mary C. (Meysenburg), 75, Nov. 28
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Buckeye Lake

TIBERI, Theresa E. (Stacchiotti), 84, Nov. 30
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

USILTON, Dr. Richard, 87, Nov. 28
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

WILLOUGHBY, Ede (Gastaldo), 94, Nov. 23
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

The Turban Project continues to grow

The Turban Project at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark is completing its busiest year ever. It has distributed more than 5,600 turbans, courage caps, beanies, scarves, knit and crocheted hats, and face masks to people who have lost their hair because of cancer treatment.

That brings the five-year total of items supplied by the project to nearly 14,000. It all started when the project’s founder, Kathy Braidich, found that one of her co-workers at the U.S. Postal Service needed a cap. She talked about it with friends, and the project has grown ever since.

Today, it supplies 25 hospitals or treatment centers in central and southern Ohio and parts of Kentucky and West Virginia. It also has satellite projects in Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, California, Australia, England, Portugal, Mexico, and Spain. The satellites in other nations run on their own funding.

The ministry runs totally on donations and always is in need of decorative jewelry pins and fabrics. Its website is www.turbanproject.com and it has a Facebook page, The Turban Project. Donations also may be made through the Licking County Foundation or The Columbus Foundation, or by mail to The Turban Project, 7871 Ridge Road, Frazeysburg OH 43822.

The project also takes part in fundraising programs sponsored by the Kroger and GFS Marketplace stores.

For more information on those, send an email message to turbanproject@outlook.com or contact Braidich at (704) 504-6133 or Sally Oldham at (614) 403-9706.

All donations are tax-deductible.

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50th Anniversary Spaghetti Dinner
St Elizabeth Church
6077 Sharon Woods Blvd
Sunday, December 3
Carry-Out noon - 6:30 PM
Dine-In 3:30 - 6:30 PM
Adults (2 meatballs) $8
Small dinner or children (1 meatball) $5
Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, roll, dessert and beverage
Join us for great food and a great time!

THROUGH JAN. 6
December 10, 2017
Christmas Tour of Newark Churches
7, THURSDAY
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday,
St., Newark, will be the last stop of the 17th Sights and
Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center, 57 S.
614-600-0054

7, FRIDAY
Downtown Columbus Serra Club Luncheon
Noon, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St.,
Downtown Columbus Serra Club luncheon. Speaker: Msgr. Robert Noon, a priest of the Diocese of
Columbus for 66 years.
614-486-4293

Church Tour in Portsmouth
6 to 8 p.m., Scioto County Courthouse, 602 7th St., Ports-
mouth. Annual holiday tour of churches in historic district, including St. Mary Church. Tours every
half-hour.
740-354-4551

Frasati Society Mass, Dinner
6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Co-
lumbus. Parish’s Frasati Society for young adults attends
Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Concept-
tion, then goes to Acre, 2700 N. High St., for dinner.

Priests Renew Vows at St. Elizabeth
7 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd.,
Columbus. Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Concept-
tion includes renewal of vows of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception by the parish’s three
priests.
614-891-0150

Family Celebration at Church of the Resurrection
Following 7 p.m. Mass, Church of the Resurrection,
6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Family
celebration of Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
614-855-1400

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

Bishop Hartley Admissions Testing
9 a.m., Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler
Road, Columbus. Admissions testing for prospec-
tive members of school’s Class of 2022. Students
who wish to be considered for a scholarship must
take test on this date. Preregistration is required.
St. John Chrysostom Christmas Cookie Sale
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic
Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Church’s 17th an-
nual sale of Christmas cookies, baked goods, and gifts.
614-882-6103

Anointing of the Sick at St. Pius X
5 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reyn-
oldsburg, Canonical Anointing of the Sick. 614-866-2859

Church Tour in Lancaster
6 to 9:30 p.m., St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Lancaster,
is final stop of Fairfield Heritage Association’s annual
candlelight tour of eight downtown churches, with mu-
ic at each stop. Tickets $12 ($10 advance), $4 children’s 5 to
12.
710-654-9923

Sarah Hart, PJ Anderson Concert at St. Paul
7 p.m., St. Paul Church, 331 N. State St., Westerville. Ad-
vent music and worship evening with Sarah Hart and PJ
Anderson. Suggested offering $5.
614-882-2109

Lessons and Carols at Delaware St. Mary
7 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Les-
tions and carols service presented by the children of the parish.
740-363-4641

Magpie Consort at St. Francis of Assisi
7:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Bottles Ave.,
Columbus. Christmas concert with the Magpie Consort,
with music from medieval to contemporary.
10, SUNDAY
Anointing of the Sick at St. Pius X
8:30 a.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reyn-
oldsburg, Canonical Anointing of the Sick. 614-866-2859
Exposition at Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel
9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church,
5133 Walnut Road S.E., Buckeye Lake. Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament every Sunday during Advent.
740-928-3266

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1340
Grandview Ave., Columbus. Part 4 of seven-part video
series on “Wisdom: God’s Vision for Life” by Jeff Cavins and
Thomas Smith.

St. Bridgid of Kildare School Open House
1 to 3 p.m., St. Bridgid of Kildare School, 7715 Avery Road,
Dublin. Open house for prospective students and their
parents.
614-718-5825

Kateri Prayer Circle at St. Mark
1 p.m., Aranda Center, St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lan-
caster. Kateri Prayer Circle meeting to honor St. Kateri
Tekakwitha and promote Native Catholic spirituality.

Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Meeting
1:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Colum-
bus. Meeting of St. Catherine of Siena chapter, Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic.

Catholic Record Society Meeting
2 p.m., Columbus Historical Society, 719 W. Town St., Co-
lumbus. Catholic Record Society quarterly meeting,
with church architect William Heyer speaking on “Church
Architecture and Beauty: The Struggles and Rewards
of Designing With Traditional Architecture.”
614-241-2571

Lessons and Carols at Cathedral
3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus.
Lessons and Carols with cathedral choir and brass en-
semble.
614-224-1295

Christmas Concert at the Rose Center
3 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Co-
lumbus. Christmas concert featuring Columbus St. An-
thony Church multicultural choir.
614-416-1910

Advent Concert at Our Lady of Victory
3 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road,
Columbus. Church’s eighth annual Advent concert, fea-
turing parish choir and an orchestra, with Advent and
Christmas music from many cultures.
614-488-2428

Corpus Christi-St. Ladislas Christmas Concert
3:30 to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Church, 1118 E. stew Ave.,
Columbus. Christmas concert for Corpus Christi and St.
Ladislas churches, featuring organist Tom Dailey, pianist
Ty Boyle, and Bethany Baptist Church choir. Collection
added to benefit American Red Cross hurricane relief efforts.
614-489-2221

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

Encourage Ministry Monthly Meeting
6:30 p.m., Encourage, an approved diocesan ministry
dedicated to families and friends of persons who experi-
ence same-sex attraction. Encourage respects the digni-
ty of every person, promotes the truth of God’s plan for
each of us, and focuses on sharing our love. Confidential-
itv is maintained. Call for site.
614-296-7504

13, WEDNESDAY
Dominican Lecture Series at ODU
Noon to 12:30 p.m., St. Catherine of Siena Room, Erskine
Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1261 Surbury Road, Co-
lumbus. Second of three talks on “Advent – A Time of Joy-
ful Anticipation” with Sister Louis Mary Pasierb, OP. Part of
“Behold the Inheritance of St. Dominic” lecture series
sponsored by the Center for Dominican Studies. Lunch
provided.

Eucharistic Adoration at Chillicothe St. Mary
Noon to 4 p.m., St. Mary Church, 61 S. Paint St., Chil-
licothe. Eucharistic Adoration each Wednesday during
Lent.
740-722-2061

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the “Fund-
Raising Guide.”

An entry into the Guide will be $18.50 for the first six lines, and $2.65 for each additional line.
For more information, call David Garick at 614-224-5195.

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“Mangers at the Museum”

The Holy Family Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center’s annual “Mangers at the Museum” exhibit of nearly 400 Nativity displays will be open nearly every day through Saturday, Jan. 6. Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for senior citizens and students. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. There is no need to call ahead unless a group of visitors is larger than 20.

The museum’s permanent collection is recognized by the Vatican as the largest collection of diversified Catholic artwork in the United States. It includes the Nativity figures displayed on the Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral lawn in the 1940s and sets from Ethiopia, Nigeria, Mexico, Honduras, Sweden, and elsewhere. The featured Nativity set this year was a gift from Henninger’s religious goods store in Cleveland. It is the largest set in the museum, and the tallest figure is nearly four feet in height. The smallest figure in the display is the size of a walnut.

A highlight is the nation’s largest collection of Fontanini Nativity figures from Italy, which was donated to the museum by Father Carmen Arcuri, a deceased priest of the Diocese of Columbus.

Other recent additions to the museum include the windows from the chapel at the old St. Vincent’s Orphanage in Columbus and three stained-glass windows from a Jesuit retreat house, which were donated by local resident John Haemmerle.

The museum is also featuring its annual festival of Christmas trees. Several local organizations have sponsored trees, including a St. Nicholas tree.

For more about the museum, visit its website at www.jubileemuseum.org or call (614) 600-0054.
Living by church’s calendar at home draws families closer to saints, Mass

By Maria Wiering
Catholic News Service

Growing up in St. Louis, Susanna Spencer loved her family’s Advent tradition of adorning a Jesse Tree with Old Testament symbols leading up to Christ’s birth.

She continued the tradition while in college at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, where she met her husband, Mark.

“After seeing (Advent traditions) in my childhood, I thought ‘I want to do this the whole year, not just for the short four weeks before Christmas,’” said Spencer, 31.

Even before they were married, Susanna and Mark felt “drawn to liturgical life” and began incorporating more aspects of the Catholic Church’s calendar into their daily lives, from praying the Liturgy of the Hours to observing saints’ feast days. Now parents of four, ages 2 to 8, and members of a St. Paul, Minnesota, parish, the Spencers are intentionally shaping their home with the rhythm of the church seasons.

“A lot of the things that we’ve done are taking the Advent wreath idea and conforming it to the other liturgical seasons,” Susanna said.

The First Sunday in Advent marks the beginning of a new church year, and for some Catholic families, the liturgical “New Year” is tied to special traditions at home. This year, the first Sunday is Dec. 3.

While enhancing a family’s “domestic church” through aspects of the liturgical calendar is nothing new, Catholics who are interested in liturgical home practices can find an increasing wealth of information online, where Catholics share ideas on blogs dedicated to the practice, such as Carrots for Michaelmas (www.carrotsformichaelmas.com), and Catholic All Year (www.catholicallyear.com).

Spencer noted that Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin, the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux, used a set of 15 books dedicated to the annual cycle of feasts and fasts in their 19th-century French home. Spencer has an edition on a shelf in her own living room.

In the Spencers’ West St. Paul home, the church’s season is regularly reflected in two spots: the dining room table centerpiece and the family’s small prayer table. The latter contains candles and a few icons, statues and artworks of saints, and devotions, some of which change to reflect certain feast days or seasons.

The family prays there together daily, often noting that day’s saint or memorial. Sometimes, they mark a saint’s feast by attending daily Mass, where the saint is commemorated in the liturgy.

The Spencers’ centerpieces range from an Advent wreath to a crown of thorns during Lent to fresh flowers during ordinary time. Susanna anticipates feast days while meal planning, serving spaghetti on an Italian saint’s memorial or a blueberry dessert on days honoring Mary, which the church traditionally symbolizes with blue.

“One of the ways that you can learn about holiness is living with the saints,” she told The Catholic Spirit, newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. “If we never think of them, we… can’t benefit from their intercession.”

She realizes that observing the Catholic Church’s calendar can feel like another task on the to-do list, and therefore potentially overwhelming or discouraging. She encourages Catholics who want to try it to keep it simple.

That’s also the advice shared by Beth Morgan, who was inspired to incorporate the church year into her home after becoming a mother. Now with two girls under age 4 and a baby due in January, she said the practice helps her teach her children the faith.

“It’s hard to engage (children) in Mass if you don’t make it tangible, and I think having (aspects of the liturgical year) at home makes it tangible,” said Morgan, 28, a parishioner of a church in Oakdale, Minnesota.

Like the Spencers, the Morgans try to reflect the church season with their dining table centerpiece, because it’s a daily focal point in their home. The Advent centerpiece includes a purple cloth to help her daughters connect their home to what they see at Mass, Morgan said.

“The church has a beautiful tradition, and everything we do in our life goes to that same cadence,” she said. “We want to instill that Jesus and God are part of everything we do.”

Morgan also rotates some of her daughters’ bedtime books to correspond with Christmas, Lent and Easter; celebrates the feast days of the saints for whom her daughters were named; and changes the family’s prayer routine to reflect the season or devotional month, such as adding Hail Marys to their evening prayers in May, the month when the church especially honors the mother of God.

The Morgans’ Advent will include a Jesse Tree and special daily prayers paired with their meal prayer.

On Christmas Day, Morgan will swap her Advent wreath’s purple and pink candles for white, and she’ll place the Nativity scene’s Baby Jesus in the center to await the arrival of the Magi -- whose figurines Morgan plans to move closer to Jesus each day until Epiphany.

In West St. Paul, Heidi Flanagan’s family has developed an Advent tradition that has connected its members more intimately to the communion of saints.

On the First Sunday of Advent, Heidi; her husband, John; and their six children -- ages 2 to 12 -- select a slip of paper from a shoebox. On that paper is the name of a saint who becomes their patron for the liturgical year.

Heidi, 43, received the box -- and the idea -- about eight years ago from a friend who does something similar in her home. The Flanagans say a small litany of the saints daily, asking each member’s patron saint for that year to pray for them. They also celebrate their feast days throughout the year.

“I feel like it’s given them this buddy in heaven -- this sense of security -- that we’re not alone, that they have these superheroes rooting for them and praying for them in heaven,” Flanagan said.

Morgan, Heidi and other parents interviewed said the practice helps their children develop friendships with these saints.

The tradition has provided an opportunity to learn more about the saints’ lives, and the saints have helped all of the Flanagans grow in their spiritual lives. Before they select their saints, the Flanagans also pray that the saints selected would also “choose” them.

“It’s been so cool how often we look back at the year and say, ‘Oh, I can totally see how this saint chose me,’” Flanagan said.

Wiering is editor of The Catholic Spirit, newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.
THE STORY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

BY TIM PUET
Reporter, Catholic Times

Pope Pius XII declared Our Lady of Guadalupe to be patroness of the Americas on Oct. 12, 1945. Her feast day has grown in significance and importance in the United States for the past several decades as more Mexican and Latino Catholics have come to this country.

The Blessed Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego, a poor, 57-year-old Aztec peasant, three times in four days in 1531. The first time, on Dec. 9 at dawn, he was passing by Tepeyac Hill on the way to Mass when he was stopped by what he described as the sound of birds singing. He had a vision of Mary, who asked him to tell the bishop of Mexico City that she desired a chapel to be built on that spot.

Juan Diego did so, but the bishop appeared skeptical. Later that day, Juan Diego went back to the hill and found Mary waiting for him. When he told her he felt unworthy to bear her message, she responded that he had been chosen by her.

The next day, Dec. 10, Juan Diego went back to the bishop, who asked for a sign that it was Mary. Because Juan Diego’s uncle had become seriously ill, he did not return to the hill until Dec. 12, while on the way to find a priest to see his uncle. Mary appeared to him there for the third time, told him his uncle’s health was being restored, and asked him to go to the top of the hill and cut roses which were growing there, even though they should not have been blooming at that time of year.

Mary said Juan Diego should gather the roses in his tilma, a poncho-like cape made of cactus fiber, and present them to the bishop as the sign he was looking for. When he did so and the roses fell from the tilma, the two men discovered the cloak to be imprinted with an image of Mary, as Juan Diego saw her. The bishop and his advisers then fell to their knees. The chapel was built, and was replaced by a larger church in 1622, a basilica in 1709, and a newer basilica in 1974. The tilma is on perpetual display in the new basilica and remains undamaged by the passage of nearly 500 years.

In the image, Mary has the appearance of an Aztec woman - dark-skinned, pregnant, and surrounded by stars. She stands in front of the sun’s rays, symbolically eclipsing the power of the ancient Aztec gods as she looks lovingly down on her people.

Since she is Mexico’s patron saint, images of Our Lady of Guadalupe are everywhere in Mexico. Public officials in the state of Zacatecas in north central Mexico are proposing construction of a 147-foot statue of Mary, which would be nearly twice the height of a 75-foot statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Puebla state, to the east of Mexico City.

The statue in Zacatecas will cost $4.25 million, with most of the money coming from private funds. The spending of public money on religious landmarks is controversial in Mexico, where church-state relations were strained for most of the last century, particularly in the 1920s. when more than 5,000 Catholics were executed in what were known as the Cristero Wars as the government of the era unsuccessfully attempted to suppress the Catholic Church.

The mayor of the municipality of Guadalupe, where the 147-foot statue will be located, said it was being built in response to the success of the 75-foot statue in Puebla in promoting religious tourism.

(Information from Catholic News Service was used in this story.)

Parishes celebrate Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Parishes throughout the Diocese of Columbus will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Masses and other events, mainly on Sunday, Dec. 10 and the feast day itself, Tuesday, Dec. 12. That day is the anniversary of the third and final apparition of the Blessed Virgin to St. Juan Diego in 1531 at Tepeyac Hill, near Mexico City.

Some parish programs will include the “Happy Birthday” serenades to Mary that are known as mananitas. The schedule for activities throughout the diocese is as follows:

**Parroquia Santa Cruz, Columbus** – Procession starting at the COTA Park and Ride stop, 4939 N. High St., traveling 3.9 miles down High Street and Patterson Avenue to Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus, 8 a.m. Dec. 10, with mananitas upon arrival at the church, followed by Mass and refreshments. Mananitas at the church, 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11. Mass, 7 p.m. Dec. 12, followed by refreshments.

**Columbus Christ the King** – Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe daily at 7 p.m. through Dec. 11. Mananitas and rosary, 6 a.m. Dec. 10, followed by breakfast at 7. Procession, 11:15 a.m. Dec. 10, starting at Columbus St. Philip Church and traveling to church for 12:30 p.m. Mass, followed by a re-enactment of the apparition in Spanish and a fiesta with dances and songs to Our Lady at 1:30 p.m. in All Saints Academy gym.

**Columbus St. Agnes** – Mass, 7 p.m. Dec. 12, followed by a procession around the parish grounds and a fiesta in the social hall.

**Columbus St. James the Less** – Mananitas, 5 a.m. Dec. 12, followed by refreshments. Songs to the Blessed Virgin, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Dec. 12 in church, with Mass at 7, followed by a procession around the property and food and fellowship in the school cafeteria.

**Columbus St. Ladislas** – Mass, 4 p.m. Dec. 12.

**Columbus St. Peter** – Social gathering, 8:30 p.m. Dec. 11, with dramatization of the apparition in Spanish at 9:30 and dances, all in the Blue Room, rosary at 10 p.m. in church, and mananitas at midnight in the Blue Room. Mass at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 in the church, followed by a gathering with snacks in McEwan Center.

**Columbus St. Stephen** – Procession starting at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 10 from church’s upper parking lot to corner of Sullivan Avenue and Georgesville Road and back, followed by Mass at noon. Vigil Mass in Spanish, followed by mananitas, 10 a.m. Dec. 11. Mananitas, 5 a.m. Dec. 12, followed by Mass in Spanish at 5:30 a.m. Mass in English, 8:30 a.m. Dec. 12. Mass in Spanish, 7 p.m. Dec. 12.

**Columbus St. Thomas** – Procession from back entrance of Mann’s Trailer Park and Sixth Avenue to church, 10:15 a.m. Dec. 10, followed by bilingual Mass at 11:30, and fiesta at Adams Recreation Center (former Krumm Park).

**Delaware St. Mary** – Mass in Spanish, 5 p.m. Dec. 12, including mananitas and mariachi music, followed by social gathering in Beitel Commons from 6 to 9 p.m.

**Dover St. Joseph** – Mananitas, 8 to 10 p.m. Dec. 11, beginning with traditional meal and procession. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 10 p.m. and continues through the night, concluding with Mass at 6 a.m. Dec. 12.

**Marion St. Mary** – Two-mile procession from Crescent Heights Road to church, 11 a.m. Dec. 10, followed by traditional dancing in Moira Hall at 12:30 p.m., Mass at 1, and dinner and music at 2:30. Mananitas and rosary, with coffee and doughnuts afterward, 5:30 a.m. Dec. 12. Mass, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12, followed at 7:30 in Moira Hall by a re-enactment of Mary’s appearance to St. Juan Diego.

**Newark St. Francis de Sales** – Mass, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, followed by fiesta in Johnson Hall. Confessions starting at 5:30.

**Portsmouth Holy Redeemer and St. Mary** – Procession from St. Mary to Holy Redeemer, 5 p.m., with rosary and 7 p.m. Mass in Spanish at Holy Redeemer, followed by potluck.

**Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas** – Parish mission with Father Thomas J. Loya of the Tabor Life Institute from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 11 and 12 on the theme “Our Lady of Guadalupe: The Invisible Made Visible.” Scripture service, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and rosary on Monday. Mass on Tuesday.