FATHER DANIEL OLVERA IS ORDAINED
The Editor’s Notebook

A Fresh Wind

By David Garick, Editor

Pentecost Sunday has arrived and the timing is just right. The Mass readings this Sunday center on the account in the Book of Acts of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. It was a moment of monumental change for them. As St. Luke described it, “And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.” It was an opening of the spiritual windows, which allowed a fresh breeze to clear the stale air out of their lives and to fill them with vigor for the exciting days that lay ahead.

On the seasonal level, that’s how I always feel at the kickoff of summer. Sure, the weather has been better for several weeks, but this is when you really can cruise down the highway with the windows wide open, hear the roar of the wind rushing by, and feel the fresh breeze on your face and the sun shining brightly on your arms, which had gotten far too pale from months spent indoors. You even can smell it in the wonderful aroma of smoke from steak on the barbecue grill and in the freshly mown grass.

I know that the Holy Spirit is there to aid us all year long, but somehow it is easier to feel the blessing of life in a warm summer breeze. The Spirit strengthens us with the blessings of God’s creation in our environment, even in things as simple as flowers bursting forth in color in the garden outside the kitchen window or the tomato and pepper plants by the back deck that seem to grow while you watch them. The Holy Spirit can bring us wisdom, direction, compassion, and so many other things. The key is to channel some of the energy from those fresh breezes into truly letting the Holy Spirit direct our faith lives and to share it with others.

The Holy Spirit was also very much in evidence at St. Joseph Cathedral last weekend at the ordination of Father Daniel Olvera, the newest priest of the Diocese of Columbus. One of the greatest gifts of the Holy Spirit comes when the bishop lays hands on a man and he receives the gifts and the enormous responsibilities of priesthood. Few of us will be called to that very special spiritual duty. But every one of us can reap the rewards of the gifts the Holy Spirit offers us. We need only to be open to them.

Do you need to open up those spiritual windows and blow the old dust out of your being? Let the Holy Spirit come rushing in and fill you with joy and a new sense of purpose. That warmth you feel right now is not just from the summer sun. It’s also coming from a glow the Holy Spirit is firing up in your soul.

Pope, President Trump speak of hopes for peace

By Cindy Wooden/Catholic News Service

Pope Francis and President Donald Trump spent 30 minutes speaking privately in the library of the Vatican’s Apostolic Palace on May 24. As the president left, he told the pope, “I won’t forget what you said.”

The Vatican described the president’s meetings with the pope and with top Vatican diplomats as consisting of “cordial discussions,” with both sides appreciating “the good existing bilateral relations between the Holy See and the United States of America, as well as the joint commitment in favor of life, and freedom of religion and of conscience.”

“It is hoped that there may be serene collaboration between the state and the Catholic Church in the United States, engaged in service to the people in the fields of health care, education, and assistance to immigrants,” the Vatican said.

The discussions also included “an exchange of views” on international affairs and on “the promotion of peace in the world through political negotiation and interreligious dialogue, with particular reference to the situation in the Middle East and the protection of Christian communities.”

Although the president and Pope Francis are known to have serious differences on issues such as immigration, economic policy, and climate change, the pope told reporters 11 days before the meeting that he would look first for common ground with the U.S. leader.

“There are always doors that are not closed,” he said on May 13. “We have to find doors that are at least a little open in order to go in and speak about things we have in common and go forward.”
**By Leandro M. Tapay**

**Diocesan Missions Director**

Among the collection envelopes you have received from your parish for June is one marked “Catholic Home Missions.” That description refers to churches in the United States and its territories that, without help from established churches elsewhere, cannot exist on their own. Generally speaking, home missions are found everywhere that Catholics are few and the Church is fragile. This collection will be taken at all Masses in the Diocese of Columbus on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4. Please be generous.

Today, more than two million U.S. residents live in counties without a single Catholic church. According to one study, 183 U.S. counties have no Catholic parish and an additional 927 have only one parish, with 171 of those parishes having fewer than 50 members.

Father William Howard Bishop first recognized in the 1930s the large number of areas in the United States where the needs of Catholics were not being served. When he recognized that more than 1,000 counties had no resident priest – areas he termed “No Priest Land USA” – Father Bishop in 1939 founded the Glenmary Home Missioners, a society of priests and brothers dedicated to work in “No Priest Land USA.” For many years, Glenmary priests served in portions of the Diocese of Columbus.

The United States has sent many missionaries overseas – to the Latin American nations, Africa, Asia, Oceania, and the islands in the Pacific – which is a good thing. But the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us that 43 percent of the dioceses in the United States are mission dioceses, which need the same kind of support as the foreign missions receive. The collection helps maintain a Catholic presence in these areas.

In many parts of the United States and its territories, especially in the Appalachian regions, the South, the Southwest along the Mexican border, the Rocky Mountain states, Alaska, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the remote island chains, such as the Marshall Islands, the Church needs help for basic and essential pastoral programs, such as evangelization, catechists’ training, and education of priests.

In Ohio the dioceses of Steubenville and Youngstown, the Romanian Eparchy of Canton, and the Ukrainian Eparchy of Parma receive help from the Catholic Home Missions collection.

The Diocese of Columbus has four missionaries working in U.S. Catholic home missions areas. They are Sister Giovani Paulo dell’ Eucharistic and Father Robert Goodyear, members of the Society of our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity, and Father David Glockner and Brother David Henley, members of the Glenmary Home Missioners.

U.S. mission territories face unique challenges. Every Sunday, Father Theodore Nnabugo spends as much time behind the wheel of his car as at the altar of a church. As a pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in La Pine, Oregon, he also serves three mission parishes spread across a 10,000-square-mile region in the Diocese of Baker, Oregon.

On Sunday mornings, Father Nnabugo heads to Holy Trinity Church in Sunriver for the 8 a.m. Mass, then returns to Holy Redeemer for the 10 a.m. Mass. Next up are Masses in two other mission churches, Our Lady of the Snows in Gilchrist at 12:30 p.m. and Holy Family in Christmas Valley at 3:30. Then he goes home, completing a 500-mile round trip. “It is a lot of driving,” according to his parish manager, who, along with the small parish staff, travels to each of the mission sites, the farthest of which is 56 miles from La Pine, to tend the needs of parishioners.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated one weekend every year as the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. In our diocese, the collection will take place on the weekend of June 3 and 4. The program was established to guarantee continued funding for the mission dioceses in the United States which cannot continue to exist without financial help from Catholics elsewhere.

Financial assistance is offered to the scattered and isolated churches in the vast wilderness of Alaska, in the deep South, the Rocky Mountain states, the Appalachian regions, the Southwest, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and distant Pacific islands such as American Samoa and the Marshall Islands. Funds from the appeal extend and strengthen the presence of the Catholic Church in these areas by providing basic pastoral services.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps fund evangelization efforts, religious education programs, education and training of seminarians, and training of pastoral care givers in areas of the United States where Catholics are few and the Church is fragile.

Our prayers and support for the appeal help meet the faith needs in these dioceses. Helping satisfy the spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters across America unites all of us as a Catholic family. I invite you to respond generously to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

May the Lord bless us in our efforts to help expand and strengthen the presence of the Church at home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD
Bishop of Columbus
Faith in Action

A Matter of Priority

By Mark Huddy

The Catholic Conference of Ohio, the state’s bishops’ conference, which represents the Church’s position before the Ohio General Assembly, issued three action alerts on Friday, May 12. (See https://www.ohiocathconf.org/issues/category/legislative-action-alerts for background information on all three alerts.)

The first alert requested that we, the lay faithful, contact our state senators and urge them to prioritize the needs of the poor and the vulnerable in the state budget.

Any personal or governmental budget expresses our priorities and is a window into the moral framework we use to establish those priorities. In Scripture, we find the prophets exhorting the Jewish people to get their priorities straight by letting go of self-concern and focusing on the needs of those who are not able to provide for themselves -- the widow, the orphan, the stranger, the poor, and the vulnerable.

In this way, the people would demonstrate their love for God through the concrete action of loving the neighbor that God had made. This understanding represents the roots of the preferential option for the poor.

Our state budget is a moral document that distributes benefits and allocates burdens based on the collective priorities of the people of Ohio. The voices of those who do not have political power or who have not been able to contribute handsomely to election campaigns may not be heard loudly when priorities are being established.

As people of faith, who recognize that everything we have comes from God, we should raise our voices to insure that the most vulnerable among us are being treated with compassion and dignity.

The Catholic Conference of Ohio has outlined nine recommendations for Senate action on the Ohio budget bill (HB 49). They are as follows:

- Maintain funding of the Medicaid expansion program and remove barriers that may limit eligibility and/or hinder efficient administration of this program. (The program has helped many vulnerable Ohioans, hospitals, and human service providers);
- Add funding for multisystem youth task force recommendations, including establishment of a state-level youth and family crisis stabilization fund;
- Add increases for food assistance programs (including the Ohio Food and Agricultural Clearance Program and the Healthy Food Financing Initiative);
- Maintain House-passed increases for the Housing Trust Fund;
- Maintain funding for community-focused treatments for offenders and re-entry programs;
- Maintain House-passed increases for drug and addiction services;
- Maintain funding for adoption, foster care, and pregnancy help programs;
- Maintain investment in the Senior Community Services and Senior Service Corps;
- Maintain programs addressing infant mortality.

In the next week, please call, write, or visit your member of the state Senate. To identify your senator, go to the Catholic Conference of Ohio web page (https://www.ohiocathconf.org/Contact/Legislative-Contacts), which will provide contact information for your senator. Put your faith in action and speak up for the vulnerable. It’s a matter of priority.

Mark Huddy is moderator of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns.

40-Year Teacher Honored

Cathy Henry, a math teacher at Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School, was recognized at the school by diocesan schools Superintendent Dr. Joseph Bretttacher for her 40 years of teaching, all at Fisher, where she also is assistant athletic director.

Nominations sought for Mother Teresa Awards

The Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is seeking nominations for its inaugural Mother Teresa Awards of Charity, Compassion, and Service.

The awards will honor some of those special women who live their lives in the spirit of Mother Teresa. Candidates should be women who are strong in their Catholic faith, who are engaged and involved in their parish communities, and whose example of devotion and dedication is in the tradition and spirit of this holy and humble saint. Mother Teresa said, “Do all things with great love.”

Nomination forms and table reservations for the event may be found on the diocesan website, www.coldsdioc.org, under “Offices” and “Diocesan Council of Catholic Women,” or by contacting Mickey McCormick, DCCW president, at (614) 228-8601 or mmccormick@columbuscatholic.org. The nomination should describe in 250 words or less the ways the nominee demonstrates the unique values of Mother Teresa’s life and ministry.

Bishop Frederick Campbell will honor the nominees on Sunday, Aug. 27 at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway. Every woman nominated will receive a certificate of recognition and a personal thank-you from the bishop and McCormick. The hope is to have nominees from all of the diocese’s 23 counties. More than one woman per parish may be nominated.

Nominators are encouraged to accompany their nominee to this event. Each parish with a nominee is encouraged to purchase a table so that members of the clergy and the nominees’ families and friends may join them as they receive this recognition.

Part-time Organist and Music Director

Serve as Principal Organist and Choir Director adhering to the Liturgical Guidelines of the Diocese of Columbus and of the Parish to provide musical accompaniment for all liturgical and Para liturgical ceremonies, including, but not limited to parish weekend liturgies, weddings, funerals, holy days, penance services, evening prayer, Confirmation, First Communion and to cooperate in providing occasional and reasonable liturgical music at other times.

The candidate should possess proven administrative skills including interpersonal relations, conflict resolution, management and supervision, visioning and planning, budget preparation and collaborative minister.

Masters Degree or equivalent is preferred with a minimum of 3 years parish or similar music experience. Compliance with BCI&I background checks and completion of Protecting God’s Children program is required.

Salary commensurate with experience. Resumes should be sent to:

Gregory Gloeckner • St. James the Less Catholic Church
1652 Oakland Park Avenue, Columbus, OH 43224
gregory.gloeckner@gmail.com
**Coordinator of Youth Ministry**

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph Church (Dover, Ohio), and parish of 850 families, is currently accepting resumes to be a candidate for a full-time Coordinator of Youth Ministry. The ideal applicant must be a practicing Catholic and exhibit an attitude and behavior for cultivating lifelong learning and development in faith. He/she must possess a bachelor’s degree in religious education, theology or the equivalent. Catechetical, professionalism, flexibility, communications and public relations skills are essential for this position; must have superior written skills and oral communication, and excellent interpersonal skills to work with children, parents, parish staff, and the parish priest.

Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the VIRTUS “Protecting God’s Children” course. Salary is commensurate with education and experience.

To apply send cover letter, resume and references to:

**Father James Hatfield, C/o St. Joseph Church**
613 North Tuscarawas Ave. Dover, Ohio 44622
or email, stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com

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**Bookkeeper Opportunity**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and School, Grove City, Ohio, seeks a qualified candidate for a full-time bookkeeper position.

The ideal candidate will embrace the parish’s mission to form and send intentional, missionary disciples of Jesus Christ, be of unquestionable integrity, have proficiency with Microsoft Office and various accounting software, be detail oriented, and possess an ability to organize, prioritize, and collaborate with parish staff.

Responsibilities include day-to-day accounts payable processing, maintaining general ledger and comprehensive record of financial activity, reconciling and interpreting account analyses, and producing financial statements and year-end reports.

A Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in accounting or a related field is preferred. The bookkeeper reports to the pastor and/or parish administrator.

Employment offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and competition of the VIRTUS “Protecting God’s Children” training.

Qualified candidates should forward cover letter, resume, professional references, and salary requirements to:

**David J. Frea/Parish Administrator, at**
dfrea@OurLadyOfPerpetualHelp.net

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**DeSales Signees**

Three Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School students recently signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers in college. They are (from left): Joe Revard, lacrosse, Wheeling Jesuit; Sydney DeCamp, lacrosse, Notre Dame (Ohio); and Dylan Payne, baseball, Shawnee State.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

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**ODU Education Information Session**

Ohio Dominican University will host an adult and continuing education information session from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21 at the Bishop Griffin Center on the ODU campus, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. To register, visit ohio dominican.edu/InfoSession.

During the free event, attendees will learn about ODU’s wide range of high-demand degrees and certificates that are available on campus and online. ODU offers programs in various fields, including business, insurance and risk management, and supply chain management.

For more information, contact adult@ohiodominican.edu or (614) 251-7400. Explore all of ODU’s degree and certificate offerings at ohiodominican.edu/adult.
Adoption by same-sex couple?
How often should a deacon preach?

Q: I read recently in the Catholic press that representatives of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) had written a letter in support of the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act. That legislation would protect social service agencies who refuse, on religious grounds, to provide adoption services for same-sex couples. Does that mean that the Catholic Church is opposed to such adoptions? (Queensbury, New York)

A: In 2003, the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith said that permitting adoption by same-sex couples is “gravely immoral,” and it highlighted in particular the rights of children that would be violated.

The statement explained that “the absence of sexual complementarity in these unions creates obstacles in the normal development of children. They would be deprived of the experience of either fatherhood or motherhood. Allowing children to be adopted by parents living in such unions would actually mean doing violence to these children.”

The congregation added that such a placement would openly contradict the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which had made the best interests of the child “the paramount consideration in every case.” That position of the church has been reiterated several times and remains unchanged.

In 2010, when Pope Francis was still Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Argentina, he noted that adoption by same-sex couples would result in “depriving (children) of the human growth that God wanted them given by a father and a mother.”

Theology of Dance

Catholic author, speaker, and radio host Elizabeth Ficocelli and her husband, Mark, will be presenting a special program titled “Theology of Dance” to parents and high-school or young-adult couples at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 17 at Chillicothe St. Peter Church, 118 Church St.

The evening will begin with dinner and a colorful presentation that draws important parallels between respectful dance and respectful relationships. Afterward, the Ficocellis will conduct a swing dance lesson for the entire audience.

The cost is $20 per couple. To register, call (740) 774-1407.

In 2015, following a gay pride march in Rome, Pope Francis repeated his belief that children need a mother and a father. He said the identity of children “matures (when it is) confronted with the love their father and mother have, confronted with this difference.”

The 2017 statement by the USCCB to which your question refers stemmed from the fact that in recent years, Catholic Charities agencies in Massachusetts, Illinois, California, and the District of Columbia had been forced by the government to shut down their adoption and foster care service because they refused, on religious grounds, to place children with same-sex couples.

The Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act, now before both houses of Congress, would prohibit discrimination against such agencies and allow them to continue their work without being compelled to violate their consciences.

Q: My question has to do with the role of a deacon. Our own parish deacon had been preaching at our weekend Masses once a month, but lately that has crept up to twice a month. Recently, he preached the homily at Masses on Easter Sunday and also on the following Sunday, which happened to be First Communion in our parish.

Our priest-pastor is young and, as far as I know, healthy. Is it normal for a deacon to play such a large role so frequently, especially on such important occasions? (City of origin withheld)

A: There is no exact guideline as to the frequency of a deacon’s preaching. That having been said, I think your concern stands on good ground. Deacons are authorized to preach by the church’s Code of Canon Law; Canon 764 says that “presbyters (priests) and deacons possess the faculty of preaching everywhere.”

And while that canon expresses no preference or priority, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (which is the official liturgical “rulebook” of the church) clearly does. Section 66 says “the homily should ordinarily be given by the priest celebrant himself or be entrusted by him to a concelebrating priest, or from time to time and, if appropriate, to the deacon.”

To your question, for a deacon to preach regularly on two Sundays a month, in my mind, runs counter to this provision. (I also think, although there’s no rule on this, that parishes often expect to hear from -- and deserve to hear from -- their pastor for such major celebrations as Easter and First Communion.)

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 30 Columbia Circle Drive, Albany NY 12203.
The clergy, students, faculty, staff, and community at Columbus Our Lady of Peace School were honored with a special performance at an all-school Mass by the Celtic music group Ladies of Longford, consisting of (from left) Stephanie Doyle Gamber, Heather Doyle Fraser, and Hilda Doyle. They were inspirational in leading the music and a blessing to the celebration of the Mass.

**LADIES OF LONGFORD**

DOPING ATHLETES

The use of performance-enhancing drugs by professional athletes not only leads to serious challenges in maintaining a level playing field in competitive sports, but also raises broader ethical issues and concerns.

Some of these concerns were highlighted in 2015 when former world number-one rated tennis star Maria Sharapova was banned from competitive play for two years by the International Tennis Federation after she tested positive for the banned substance meldonium. The Court of Arbitration for Sport subsequently reduced her sentence to 15 months. Meldonium, an over-the-counter Latvian drug known to dilate blood vessels and increase the flow of blood, may contribute to improving an athlete’s endurance.

Her case was made more complicated by her claim that she was taking the drug for health reasons – a claim viewed with skepticism by other athletes and ultimately rejected by the independent tribunal appointed by the ITF to review the case.

Former British Olympic sprinter Craig Pickering described the real pressure top athletes can face. “I would bet my life savings that Sharapova was taking this medication because of its purported performance-enhancing effects,” he said. “Athletes are always going to push the boundaries in order to have a chance at success. That is what happens when you introduce competition.”

In competitive athletics, the supposition is that competitors are beginning on a par with each other, which means no one has an unfair or unjust advantage over another going into the competition. At the starting line, they arrive as equals in the sense that they arrive with whatever they were endowed with at birth and whatever they may have managed to become through practice, hard work, and discipline.

Cheating through doping involves an attempt to step outside these rules and suppositions and play a different game, one that circumvents or removes the “on a par” assumption without revealing the fact. In this sense, cheating through doping is wrong because it is a form of lying, a form of presenting one’s initial endowment as if it were “natural,” and the result of athletic discipline, even though it really may not be so.

Several of Sharapova’s opponents expressed frustration at what they took to be a further injustice; namely, that she was given a wild card re-entry into World Tennis Association tournament play in Germany two months ago. They insisted that she should, at a minimum, have to work her way back up from whatever her ranking had declined to after more than a year of tournament inactivity.

Others, such as fellow player Eugenie Bouchard, perceived the doping transgression as even more serious, and argued that Sharapova should be banned from playing for life. “She’s a cheater, and … I don’t think a cheater in any sport should be allowed to play that sport again,” Bouchard said. “It’s so unfair to all the other players who do it the right way and are true. So, I think from the WTA it sends the wrong message to young kids: Cheat and we’ll welcome you back with open arms.”

Some commentators have noted how event organizers typically like to include big-name draws such as Sharapova in their lineups. “Obviously, the rules are twisted and turned in favor of who wants to do what,” said former world number-one player Caroline Wozniacki. Others have expressed concerns about corporate sponsors and advertisers continuing to promote high-profile sports personalities after they have been suspended for doping. It seems fair to conclude that doping constitutes a form of cheating not only of one’s competitors, but also of one’s fans, oneself, and the integrity of the sporting activity.

Through an honest pursuit of the athletic crown, we encounter the possibility of transcending who we are in limited, but important ways. The self-directed training and preparation of the athlete helps develop and hone a host of important personal qualities: strength, coordination, endurance, drive, agility, discipline, quickness, vigilance, cleverness, vision, and daring. This draws us towards an authentic perfecting of our bodies, our character and ourselves – an inwardly-directed order and discipline that counter the possibility of transcending who we are in limited, but important ways. The self-directed training and preparation of the athlete helps develop and hone a host of important personal qualities: strength, coordination, endurance, drive, agility, discipline, quickness, vigilance, cleverness, vision, and daring. 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Flowers for Mary as mediatrix of all graces

So often in my reflections about Mary, I think about how my prayers are like the blooms my children bring me throughout the spring and summer.

I pray, and sometimes the bouquet I offer is full of wilted dandelions and tulips with not enough stem. Mary takes those prayers just as I take the flowers from my children, with a beaming smile and an exclamation of thanks.

She doesn’t care that I’m bringing her regular old prayers, things she’s heard hundreds of times. She doesn’t mind that I’m distracted and struggling. In fact, I think she might cherish them more, knowing the effort it takes me on those days. I imagine her putting my prayers in a special vase where her Son can smell them.

Before she puts them in that vase, though, my humble bouquet is transformed by Mary’s loving touch. I don’t see the imperfections of the flowers my children bring me – the fact that they are weeds, the stems are too short, the petals are partly missing – but instead, I cherish them for the intention.

As my young children see beauty, they bring it to me, full of enthusiasm and wonder. They bring me flowers because they love me and they trust that I will be delighted.

They are always right, even when it’s a dandelion nosegay dripping with sap that’s sure to stain something. I love the excuse to bring out my fancy glasses for vases and the opportunity to give my kids along to the next generation, because I can’t help it. Habit that was started in my youth and is being passed on to our children.

When they bring me the tulips – ALL of them! – I can’t help but put them in as many small cups as I can find, not criticizing the short stems, not scolding them, thrilled to see us, and that’s in part because His mother brought them to Him.

I think of our love of flowers as an inheritance, as a habit that was started in my youth and is being passed along to the next generation, because I can’t help it. When they bring me the tulips – ALL of them! – I can’t help but put them in as many small cups as I can find, not criticizing the short stems, not scolding about keeping them in the ground.

After all, I have only a short time when they will bring me flowers in their chubby little hands, their faces glowing with the delight of giving such a beautiful gift.

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Father Daniel Olvera was ordained as the newest priest of the Diocese of Columbus on Saturday, May 27, at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral as the newest priest of the Diocese of Columbus by Bishop Frederick Campbell. Olvera says part of the Eucharistic prayer at his ordination Mass, the rite of ordination began as Father Olvera, who was seated with his family, was called from the congregation and presented to the bishop by Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, who declared he would undertake the office of priest. Following the reading of the Gospel at Saturday’s Mass, the rite of ordination continued as the bishop invited Father Olvera, who was seated in front of the bishop, who addressed the Remains of his homily specifi- cally to him and delivered it from his chair, rather than from the pulpit. After his final blessing at the end of the Mass, the bishop invited Father Olvera to give him a blessing. Following the blessing, the bishop kissed the new priest’s hand before the assembled clergy left the church in procession. Father Olvera then returned to the altar to pose for pictures and give individual blessings to friends and family, with a re- ception following. The following day, he celebrated two Masses of Thanksgiving at his home parish, Columbus Holy Family Church, the first in Latin and the Extraordinary Form, and the second in the English liturgy. Father Olvera chose Father Lutz as his vocating priest because Father Lutz was a former priest of the Diocese of Columbus at the Saint John XXIII Seminary. They were Father William Palazzolo, the seminary’s former rector, and Father Paolo Mili, vice rector. Father Olvera is the son of Mary Ann and the late John Olvera, and has three brothers and three sisters. One of his sisters died last June, shortly after Bishop Campbell had ordained him as a deacon. He grew up attending St. Chris- topher Church in the Columbus suburb of Grandview Heights, graduated from Grandview Heights High School in 1990, and received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from The Ohio State University in 1993 and a master’s degree in educational administration from OSU in 2007. In 1993, he taught middle-school mathematics in Jacksonville, Florida, for five years, then returned to central Ohio to teach the same subject at Heritage Middle School in Hilliard for 12 years. He also is licensed to be a school principal in Ohio. He said that his discernment process in- volved a deepening of faith over many years, which included consideration of joining a religious order, and that he felt he could not serve as a priest in this area without having a deep personal and priestly relationship with Jesus Christ. Following the homily, Father Olvera, who at that point still was a deacon, de- clared he would undertake the office of the priesthood and promised obedience to the bishop and to his successors. He also made similar promises before the bishop had ordained him as a deacon one year ago. Father Olvera, 45, served at Columbus St. Timothy Church in the summer of 2016, then resumed his studies at Pope John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, which special- izes in priestly formation for men age 30 and older. The bishop soon will assign him to a parish as a parochial vicar. After his ordination, he celebrated the con- gregational chanting of the Litany of the Saints, during which he prostrated himself on the floor around the altar in a gesture of supplication. Following completion of the liturgy, he knelt before the bishop, who placed his hands on Father Olvera’s head in the traditional sign of ordination, with the priest’s diocese in attendance repeating that gesture individually. This was followed by the bishop’s prayer of ordination. Father Olvera’s liturgy was enriched by a stole and chasuble designed for the bishop by Kevin Lutz, the dressing of his hands by the bishop, and the sign of peace from each of the priests on hand. He then joined the other priests at the altar to continue cel- ebrating the Liturgy of the Eucharist and to pronounce the words of consecration for the first time. The following day, he celebrated two Masses of Thanksgiving at his home parish, Columbus Holy Family Church, the first in Latin and the Extraordinary Form, and the second in the English liturgy.
Father Daniel Olvera is eager to continue his teaching career

BY TIM PUET, Catholic Times Reporter

Father Daniel Olvera has been a teacher for most of his life and looks forward to continuing in that role as a priest of the Diocese of Columbus.

“Having the chance to do more evangelization is the part of the priesthood I’m anticipating the most,” he said. “It’s always something that’s brought me great joy. I still have my teaching license and wouldn’t mind something that’s brought me great joy.

I still have my teaching license and wouldn’t mind teaching a class in a parochial school, but it all depends where I’m being assigned.

“Wherever I go, I’m eager to take all that I’ve learned, bring it to a parish, and continue to expand on it. If people only understood what they have in the Catholic faith, the churches would be filled. The Catholic Church is where people can find the peace and the happiness they thrive for, but it usually comes in stages. I know that as a priest, I can’t force them to believe, but I can lead them and let the Holy Spirit do his work.”

Father Olvera’s teaching career began in Jacksonville, Florida, where the Grandview Heights native taught middle-school mathematics for five years. He then returned to central Ohio to teach the same subject at Heritage Middle School in Hilliard for 12 years. He also is licensed to be a school principal in Ohio.

He said the possibility that he might be called to be a priest was something he had considered for some time before becoming a teacher. “My discernment continued through the years I was teaching,” he said. “As my faith gradually deepened, I looked into becoming a friar of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Augustine, and spent discernment time with the Benedictines of St. Louis Abbey in Missouri, but still felt uncertain about entering a religious life.

“Then at a Holy Hour at Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church in 2012, a strong feeling came to me that my call from God was to the diocesan priesthood. When I responded to the call, an immediate sense of vocation is the part of the priesthood I’m anointing with,” Father Olvera said. “If you hold back who you are, you’re holding back your call.

“Another great opportunity occurred after I returned to the seminary for my final year of classes,” Father Olvera said. “I was serving at St. Mary of the Nativity Church in Scituate, Massachusetts. Father Ken Cannon, the pastor, had me teach parents of first- and second-graders at the parish center on Sundays while the children were preparing for first Communion.

“I got a chance to teach a tremendous variety of Catholic information – history, theology, liturgy, the sacraments. It was like being a schoolteacher again.

“As a deacon for the last year, I have seen how much God will help you and give you the graces necessary to persevere in finishing preparations for the priesthood. Spending the last year as an ordained member of the clergy has intensified my desire to take the next step, which seems now like a very natural thing. I feel like being a deacon is a little like being baptized, while being ordained a priest is like Confirmation – an enormous leap, but one resulting in added spiritual power and grace.”

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Father Olvera has been studying for the priesthood since the fall of 2012 at John XXIII Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, which specializes in preparing men age 30 and older to be priests. He served summer assignments at Columbus Christ the King and Worthington St. Michael churches before coming to St. Timothy’s last summer.

He said other priests who have been influential in his life, besides those already mentioned, include Father Kevin Lutz, pastor of three Columbus parishes and former pastor at Holy Family, who assisted him with putting on his vestments just after his ordination; Father Greg Hoppough, CSS, his spiritual director; Father Paul Miceli and the late Father Tom Schmitt, his formation advisers; and Fathers Anthony Dinovo and David Schalk, pastors at the parishes where he had his summer assignments.

“The men’s and women’s prayer groups at Columbus St. Cecilia Church also had a significant impact,” he said. “They’ve been my prayer warriors, and I’ve always felt their support strengthening me.” Father Olvera attended St. Cecilia’s after returning to Columbus from Florida.

Asked what he would tell any young man who thinks he may be called to the priesthood, he said, “If you have that inkling of a vocation, you need to pray, confide in a priest, and make a Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament once a week. God’s answer may be slow – it took five years for me – but if he is calling you, it will come.”
Portsmouth seminarian speaks to students at his former schools

Kyle Tennant, a Pontifical College Josephinum student who is a graduate of Portsmouth Notre Dame elementary and high schools, recently returned to those schools to talk about his seminary studies and about the discernment process which may lead to his ordination as a priest.

“It wasn’t an easy decision. There wasn’t a little voice telling me that I should become a priest,” he said.

Children at the elementary school had a particular interest in his vocation. One child wanted to know if he wore a uniform to class. Another wanted to find out what time he had to get up.

Tennant addressed the first question by telling the students that while attending classes, he wears a cassock similar to that of a priest, as well as a Roman collar. When asked if the collar causes any discomfort, he responded by comparing it to buttoning the top button of a shirt or blouse.

Responding to the second question, he said he gets up at 5 a.m. to pray and prepare himself for classes that run until nearly 3 p.m., and tries to get to sleep around 9:30 p.m.

He said his first thoughts of the priesthood might have come when he was around eight or nine years old and asked his mother to explain the word “vocation” after hearing an elderly person praying for vocations during the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

He graduated from Notre Dame High School in 2007, received a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Notre Dame in 2011, then went to work in Chicago for two years for Accenture, an innovative global professional services company. He earned a large salary from the company, but said he did not want his income to define him, particularly since any satisfaction he received at work did not quell a constant yearning to do something more with his life.

That yearning disappeared once he decided to choose the priesthood, and the choice made him very happy. “It was not a short-lived happiness, but a happiness that has stayed with me from the day I entered the seminary four years ago,” he said.

This fall, he will be a third-year theology student at the Josephinum. If he follows the path of most students in his situation, he will be ordained a deacon about a year from now and a priest of the Diocese of Columbus in two years.

He said he realizes what it will mean to take an oath of celibacy and not have children, but added that his parishioners will be his family. He encouraged the young people to search for their vocations by praying often and asking God to help them discern whether they were being called to the priesthood, consecrated religious life, marriage, or a single life.

Father VanHoose ordained

Father Chad VanHoose, a native of Portsmouth, was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis on Saturday, May 27 by Archbishop Bernard Hebda at the Cathedral of St. Paul in the Minnesota city of the same name.

He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 4, at Portsmouth St. Mary Church, 524 6th St., followed by a reception. He will be assigned soon to a parish in Minnesota.

The son of Paul and Julie (Holcomb) VanHoose, now of Cincinnati, grew up in South Shore, Kentucky, across the Ohio River from Portsmouth, and has two sisters. His grandparents, Ellis and Phyllis Holcomb, said he is believed to be the first priest ever from Greenup County, Kentucky.

Father VanHoose, 34, is a 2001 graduate of Portsmouth Notre Dame High School and was its recipient of the Bishop Herrmann Service Award in 2001. He also was a choir member, cantor, lector, and extraordinary minister of the Eucharist at St. Mary’s and is an Eagle Scout.

In 2005, he graduated from Eastern Kentucky University, where he became involved with NET (National Evangelization Team) Ministries, a St. Paul-based organization which since 1981 has been sharing the Gospel with young people and their families nationwide through retreats and other programs.

He traveled throughout the United States as a NET team member for six years, becoming a mission supervisor, before he discerned a call to the priesthood.

For the past six years, he has been studying at the St. Paul Seminary, which is part of the University of St. Thomas. His studies also have taken him to seminars in Ireland, Venezuela, Mexico, the Holy Land, and Rome during the past two years. One of the highlights of his time in Rome occurred on Sunday, Jan. 8, when he distributed the Eucharist at a Mass with Pope Francis in the Sistine Chapel. He was ordained a deacon in May 2016.

Come and Join the West Deanery of the Diocese of Columbus for the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

“Corpus Christi”

Sunday, June 18

Beginning with 10:30 a.m. Mass Followed by adoration until 4 p.m.

4 p.m. Evening prayer followed by a Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Pray for vocations.

Pray for a greater devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.
Pentecost Sunday (Cycle A)

No other place in the New Testament mentions this

June 4 -- Acts 2:1-11;
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13;
John 20:19-23

After the Ascension of Jesus, the Eleven decided on their own to choose a successor to Judas Iscariot. They chose Matthias by lot, and thereby returned the whole group as the Twelve. It happened that they were all (that is, the Twelve) together in Jerusalem when the following action took place. The strong, “driving wind,” which enlivened the renewed group was similar to the breath of life which God blew into the man of Genesis 2:7, when “the man became a living being.”

Pentecost continued, with “devout Jews” from everywhere in the Roman Empire being able to hear the Spirit-filled disciples speaking in their own native languages, in a kind of reversal of the confusion of languages which was found in Genesis 11. With the Christ event, the languages remain confused, but the Spirit enables the Gospel to be understood in each of those languages. In no place is the phenomenon known as glossolalia (“speaking in tongues”) mentioned here.

We might well ask who received the gift: the speakers, or the ones who are able to hear from all these different places, representing much of the Roman Empire at the time? Luke understands the ability to speak in other languages as a gift from the Spirit. People who speak other languages are said to have “a gift for language,” which makes that true enough, it appears. It is also possible that the ability to speak intelligently about “the mighty acts of God” would be perhaps the greater gift, for those who actually learn how to do this.

In any case, representative languages of Jews from “every nation under heaven” are included in the list of those who heard the disciples speaking, “each one ... in his own language.” The visitors’ reaction to this was to ask, “Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans?” Their disbelief was in wondering how Galileans possibly could know how to speak all these different languages.

The shocking reality about this narrative is that no other place in the New Testament mentions this Pentecost phenomenon. Because it is preserved liturgically, we have practically “canonized” this feast. In John’s Gospel, as we shall see, the Spirit was given to the Eleven (and perhaps others; John wrote “disciples” for those who were gathered) by Jesus himself.

Neither Mark nor Matthew mention any reception of the Holy Spirit. Luke intended to present an “orderly account” of everything that happened, and chose to express the reception of the Spirit in this way. What did happen for certain is that the Holy Spirit enlivened and inspired the developing churches in their experiences of the risen Christ, being active and alive in their various communities.

When we turn to John’s Gospel, it is a revisit to the first part of the Gospel for Divine Mercy Sunday, or the Second Sunday of Easter. John clearly states that it was on “the evening of that first day of the week.” That meant Easter Sunday night. In the absence of Judas Iscariot and Thomas, Jesus appears to the “disciples.” That group could have included Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Jesus, among others.

Jesus had promised not to leave them orphans, and that he would send them “an Advocate, the Spirit of Truth.” Now that he has risen and entered into his glory, he sends them the promised Spirit by “breathing on them.” Here, John seems clearly to be thinking in terms of a new creation, in imitation of the Father, who, as noted above, “blew into the nostrils of the man the breath of life, and the man became a living being.” Now the church, which is his body, becomes a living being, and its first and most important work is to forgive sins.

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WEST COLUMBUS DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION

The 20th annual West Columbus Deanery celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the Feast of Corpus Christi, will take place Sunday, June 18 at London St. Patrick Church, 61 S. Union St.

It will begin at 4 p.m. with Evening Prayer, followed by a procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A reception will follow in the adjacent parish youth center.

The event rotates every year among the parishes of the deanery, which are Columbus Holy Family, Columbus St. Agnes, Columbus St. Aloysius, Columbus St. Cecilia, Columbus St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus St. Stephen, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help, London St. Patrick, Plain City St. Joseph, and West Jefferson Sts. Simon and Jude.

Deacon Daniel Hann of St. Patrick Church said the event was established in 1997 to pray for vocations and a greater reverence for the Blessed Sacrament.

Since then, eight priests, five deacons, two religious sisters, and two religious brothers have been ordained from the deanery’s 10 parishes. Two current seminarians and five aspirants for the permanent diaconate also come from those parishes.

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEKS OF JUNE 4 AND 11, 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 cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378)

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

Mass from 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).

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, Newark Pomerford and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville);

8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

We pray Weeks I and II, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours.

The Weekday Bible Readings

6/5-6/10
MONDAY
Tobit 1:3,2:1b-8
Psalm 112:1-6
Mark 12:1-12

TUESDAY
Tobit 2:9-14
Psalm 112:1-2,7-9
Mark 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY
Tobit 3:1-11a,16-17a
Psalm 23:2-5b,6,7b,8-9
Mark 12:18-27

THURSDAY
Tobit 6:10-11:7:1b,cd,e
9:17-8,4a:4
Psalm 128:1-5
Mark 12:28-34

FRIDAY
Tobit 11:5-17
Psalm 146:1b-2,6c-10
Mark 12:35-37

SATURDAY
Tobit 12:1,5-15,20
Psalm 132:1-8 (Ps)
Mark 12:38-44

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Psalm 103:1-6
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Interreligious dialogue with edge and purpose

The evening of Sept. 12, 2006, was, in a word, memorable. My wife and I were having dinner in Cracow with two of Pope St. John Paul II’s oldest friends when my mobile phone rang and an agitated Italian journalist started hollering in my ear, “Have you seen zee crazy speech zee pope has given about zee Muslims? What do you zay about it?” I finally asked my caller to email me the text and call again the next day.

The “crazy speech” was, of course, Pope Benedict XVI’s Regensburg Address, which, far from being crazy, was a lucid, penetrating description of the challenges facing Islam in late modernity – an analysis lost in the media scrum over Benedict’s (arguably imprudent) quoting of a robust exchange between an Islamic ruler and a Byzantine emperor many long years ago. What Benedict outlined in 2006 remains true 11 years later, however: To live in peace with “the rest,” Islam must find within its own religious and intellectual resources a way to affirm religious tolerance and to distinguish between the institutions of religion and the institutions of politics; Catholicism took several hundred years to traverse that path; reflecting on that Catholic experience of finding a Catholic rationale for religious tolerance and free politics might help Muslims who wish to move beyond the intellectual stagnation in which they find themselves on these crucial questions; a conversation exploring how Catholicism’s wrestling with political modernity may or may not be applicable to Islam should be the focus of the Catholic-Islamic interreligious dialogue for the foreseeable future.

There was no media blowback after Pope Francis’ fine address at Cairo’s al-Azhar University on April 28. But the money quote from the Holy Father’s speech fit neatly with what Benedict said at Regensburg in 2006:

“As religious leaders, we are called … to unmask the violence that masquerades as purported sanctity and is based more on the ‘absolutizing’ of selfishness than an authentic openness to the Absolute. We have an obligation to denounce violations of human dignity and human rights, to expose attempts to justify every form of hatred in the name of religion, and to condemn these attempts as idolatrous caricatures of God: Holy is his name, he is the God of peace, God salam. Peace alone, therefore, is holy, and no act of violence can be perpetrated in the name of God, for it would profane his name.”

What kind of Islam could “unmask the violence that masquerades as purported sanctity” – and more than “unmask” it, condemn it and drive it to the peripheries of the Islamic world? Precisely the Islam that had taken Benedict’s Regensburg advice: that had dug deeply into its religious, philosophical, and legal traditions and had found warrants for religious tolerance and a clear distinction between religious and political authority.

This approach differs in kind from suggestions that jihadist terrorism will only cease when Muslims become good Western liberals – which too often means good secular liberals. That just isn’t going to happen across a complex religious world that numbers more than 1.6 billion souls. Moreover, secular warrants for religious freedom are not as sturdy as religious warrants, as we’ve discovered in the West in recent years. The secular defense of religious freedom crumbles when lifestyle agitations (“gay marriage,” the LGBT agenda) reach critical mass politically. By contrast, people who believe it’s God’s will that they be tolerant of those who have other ideas of God’s will are more likely to defend the religious freedom of the “other” when social and cultural pressures for intolerance (and political correctness) intensify.

Catholicism didn’t embrace religious freedom as a fundamental human right by surrendering core Catholic convictions to secular liberalism. Catholicism came to affirm religious freedom by recovering an ancient conviction that had gotten encrusted with political barnacles over the centuries: the conviction that (as the 1986 Instruction on Christian Freedom and Liberation put it, luminously) “God wishes to be adored by people who are free.” Can Islam make such an affirmation? That is the Benedictine/Franciscan challenge to 21st-century Islam, and it ought to frame the future of the Catholic-Islamic dialogue.

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Religious Education Coordinator Position

Saint Joseph Church, Plain City, has an opening for a part-time (24 hours per week) Religious Education Coordinator.

Under the direct supervision of the Pastor, the Religious Education Coordinator has responsibility for all that pertains to the ministry of catechesis in the Parish, oversee and offers policies and catechetical programs for children, grades K – 8, Coordinate Parish’s Protecting God’s Child Program and Summer Vacation Bible School.

The ideal applicant must be a practicing Catholic and exhibit an attitude and behavior for cultivating lifelong learning and development in faith. A MA in Religious Education/Catholic Theology or equivalent is required; minimum 3 years parish religious education or similar experience is required; proven administrative skills including interpersonal relations, conflict resolution, and supervision is required.

Compensation is commensurate with candidate’s education and experience. Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the VIRTUS “Protecting God’s Children” course. Send cover letter, resume and references by June 16, 2017 to:

Father Joseph Trapp at FrJTrapp@saintjosephplaincity.com
St. Patrick begins talk series

The Franciscan Friars at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., will present a series of talks titled “Into the Deep: Diving Into the Divine Mysteries of the Faith,” from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, beginning June 8, in Aquinas Hall.

The talks are designed to lead listeners into a deeper understanding of the faith, helping them see and live God’s revelation with greater depth. If you can’t attend the talks live, video recordings of the talks will be available on the parish website. The talks also will be featured on St. Gabriel Radio’s “Faith Alive” program weekdays at 4 p.m.


Child care will be provided by the parish’s American Heritage Girls, with adult supervision, if needed.

Mass for the Feast of St. Anthony

The St. Anthony Circle of Columbus St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave., will sponsor a Mass for the Feast of St. Anthony at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 13. Celebrants will be Father David Poliafico and Msgr. John Cody.

The Mass will be preceded by a procession at 5:45.

All first communicants of the diocese are invited to take part and wear their communion attire.

Blessed bread will be distributed after Mass, when, pizza, salad, a drink, and dessert will be available in the school cafeteria for $4, with wine for $1. There also will be a cash raffle, door prizes, a 50-50 raffle, and a fish pond. Proceeds go to the circle’s scholarship fund. For more information, call Patty Brown at (614) 488-5893.

Pray the Rosary!

- St. Peter Church, 280 N. Grant Ave.
- St. Benedict Church, 3175 N. High St.
- St. Raphael Church, 1729 W. Broad St.
- St. Mary Church, 1270 N. High St.
- St. Gregory Church, 1525 E. Broad St.
- St. James Church, 1301 W. Broad St.
- St. John the Baptist Church, 1601 W. Broad St.
- St. John the Evangelist Church, 1725 E. Broad St.
- St. Joseph Church, 1225 N. High St.
- St. Paul Church, 1425 W. Broad St.
- St. Peter Claver Church, 1401 W. Broad St.
- St. Francis Church, 1651 N. High St.
- St. Anne Church, 1425 W. Broad St.
- St. Catherine Church, 1440 N. High St.
- St. Michael Church, 1301 E. Broad St.
- St. Thomas Church, 1425 E. Broad St.
- St. James Church, 1225 W. Broad St.
- St. Matthew Church, 1225 W. Broad St.
- St. Lawrence Church, 1301 W. Broad St.
- St. George Church, 1401 W. Broad St.
- St. John the Apostle Church, 1425 N. High St.
- St. Joseph the Worker Church, 1425 N. High St.
- St. Paul Church, 1225 W. Broad St.
- St. Peter Church, 1225 W. Broad St.
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1, THURSDAY
Cenacle at Holy Name
6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests. Also on June 13.

2, FRIDAY
St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Day of Recollection at St. Therese's
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Day of recollection for women sponsored by Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League, led by Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP. Includes Mass. 614-882-1946

Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting. Also on June 5.

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club
12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon club meeting. Talk by Ed Quinckert on the club's history.

St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale
4 to 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. First Friday sale of pirogi, stuffed cabbage, noodles, baked goods.

Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross
Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction at 11:30.

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory
Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday.

3, SATURDAY
Fatima Devotions at Columbus St. Patrick
7 a.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass, followed by devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, preceded by confessions at 6:30.

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting.

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. Also on June 10.

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer
9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity.

First Saturday Mass at Holy Family
9 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Saturday Mass for world peace and in reparation for blasphemies against the Virgin Mary, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima.

Shepherd's Corner Family Nature Walk
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Family nature walk. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Suggested donation $5.

Ohio Dominican Transfer Day
10 a.m. to noon, Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Program allowing students to begin and complete the transfer admission process in one day.

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi
10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion.

Eucharistic Adoration at Columbus St. Thomas
6:30 to 8:30 p.m., St. Thomas Church, 2692 E. 5th Ave., Columbus. Eucharistic Adoration, led by Father Dean Mathewson, sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal.

Filipino Mass at St. Elizabeth
7:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino community.

4, SUNDAY
Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 Livingston Ave., Columbus (entry at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. Also on June 11.

Compline at Cathedral
9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Chanting of Compline, the Catholic Church's official night prayer.

5, MONDAY
Aquanis Alumni Luncheon
11 a.m., Aquinas Room, Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus. Monthly Aquinas High School alumni luncheon.

Marian Prayer Group at Holy Spirit
7 p.m., Day chapel, Holy Spirit Church, 4383 E. Broad St., Columbus, Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle Mass for Catholic family life.

6, TUESDAY
Diocesan Senior Citizens Day at St. Joan of Arc
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Annual diocesan Senior Citizens Day Mass, celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell, followed by luncheon. Cost $10.

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc
Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee. Also on June 13.

Catholic War Veterans Monthly Meeting
7 p.m., Red Room, St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Catholic War Veterans Post 1916 meeting. For those who served three months, were honorably discharged, or are on active duty.

Abortion Recovery Network Group
6:30 to 8:30 p.m., St. Christopher Church, 1420 Granville Ave., Columbus, Ohio. Group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected.

Abortion Recovery Network Group
7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected.

Relevant Program for Young Adults
7 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Relevant program for adults ages 21-35(th). Begins with Mass, followed by light appetizers and conversation with Father Jim Claszar at Wyandotte Winery, 4640 Wyandotte Drive. Cost $5.

7, WEDNESDAY
Marian Devotion at St. Elizabeth
7 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Marian devotion with Scriptural rosary, followed by Mass and monthly novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, with Father Roman Oware, CFIC.

8, THURSDAY
Women to Women Listening Circle at Corpus Christi
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Women to Women program for women of all ages and life circumstances.

‘Into the Deep’ Talk at Columbus St. Patrick
7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Talk on “Christianity from a Bird's-Eye View” begins monthly “Into the Deep” talk series on the faith.

9, SATURDAY
Shepherd’s Corner 5K All-Terrain Race/Walk
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. 11th annual Farm Fresh 5-kilometer all-terrain race/walk.

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HAPPENINGS
Worthington St. Michael School students spread devotion to Mary

The Blessed Virgin Mary is greatly loved at Worthington St. Michael School. During May, students, teachers, and families of the school express their devotion to her in many ways. For several years, the school has offered an opportunity for students, parents, and staff to participate in a Marian consecration, according to the formula established by St. Louis de Montfort, on May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

This year, May 13 was on a Saturday, so some of the events that normally take place at the school on that day, including the consecration for eighth-graders and the school’s May crowning, occurred on Friday, May 12. First Communion for the second-graders was on May 13, which this year also was the 100th anniversary of the first of the Fatima apparitions. In addition, it was the feast day of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament and of two Eucharistic saints – St. Tarcisius and Blessed Imelda, OP. What a grace-filled day!

This year, many students and several parents and staff members chose to take part in the monthlong process of consecrating their lives to Our Lady (using Father Brian McMaster’s book Totus Tuus). The consecration has been the focus of the school’s eighth-grade clubs: The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary for girls, assisted by Christine Zaremba, and Virtus in Christo for boys, assisted by John Wallace.

Throughout the year the eighth-graders help spread devotion to Our Lady and to the Blessed Sacrament. It seems appropriate that one of the culminating events of the school year is a consecration to Our Lady. As part of their preparation for the consecration, all the students who took part wrote an essay on Our Lady. The essays were read and the top-scoring essays were chosen for publication. Excerpts from two of them are printed below.

**The First Tabernacle, by Olivia Frisone**

“Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence.” This quote by St. Francis de Sales perfectly illustrates how in our weakness, doubts, sorrows, joy, thankfulness, we can turn to our Heavenly Mother and know that she will always be here for us. Mary is the only human that has ever been truly perfect, so it is only right that the Son of God was born of perfection. Mary was united to her son in such a way that is hard for us to understand.

Simeon even told her soon after Jesus’ birth, “And a sword will pierce even your own soul, to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed” (Luke 2:35). This quote explains how Mary and her Son were so united; they shared in the same suffering. Mary, as Mother of God and conceived without sin, practiced the virtues of faith, hope, and love perfectly. Her life teaches us how to say “Yes” to God’s call for us, and to be a tabernacle for Jesus.

From her conception, Mary was perfect. She was set aside by God to be the mother of his Son and to be the Queen of Heaven. When the angel Gabriel came to her, she said a faithful “Yes” to God’s plan for her, as it says in Luke 1:38 – “Be it done unto me according to your Word.” Mary is our “New Eve” and will fulfill the job that Eve did not. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “Throughout the Old Covenant the mission of many holy women prepared for that of Mary. At the very beginning there was Eve; despite her disobedience, she receives the promise of a posterity that will be victorious over the evil one, as well as the promise that she will be the mother of all the living” (489).

During her life, Mary was a mother to not only Jesus, but to his apostles, and is a mother for all Catholics today. The April Station of the Cross shows us how Jesus met his mother on the way of the cross, Mary was a symbol of hope for Jesus during his walk to Calvary. She was there for her Son until the end, when he entrusted her to John. Mary is the only human, both body and soul, in heaven. From her heavenly throne, she intercedes for us in times of need. She lived a perfect life in the eyes of our faith and gives us an example of how to live as a Catholic.

Many people overlook Mary when praying or putting aside; however, I want Mary to become an even greater part of my prayer life. As stated earlier, Mary is my heavenly mother, so it is essential to have a good relationship with her. To me, Mary is my inspiration of the three theological virtues: faith, hope, and love. First, Mary displays faith in her monumental “Yes” to God. She did not have to say “Yes,” yet she chose God’s will over her own personal preferences. Next, she is my inspiration of hope because when Jesus was just a child, she was told that she would go through immense amounts of pain because of his passion. But she stayed hopeful and courageous and continued to be faithful; furthermore, she was hopeful and encouraged Jesus during his time of suffering. I think that Mary can assist me when I am struggling. She reaches out to us in our times of need.

Finally, she is a perfect example of love. Mary’s love for Jesus is the most perfect love that can be. In The World’s First Love, Venerable Fulton Sheen states, “She calls him her Lord or Savior, even though she is preserved free from original sin” (page 46). This quote explains how even though Mary knew she was without sin, she was still humble and praised God for her Son. As of right now, Mary is continuing to become a major part of my life, I am going to consecrate myself to her in a special way and look to her for help. She is so much to me. She is my Queen, my Mother, and my Model when it comes to living a holy life and knowing Jesus. Mary is one of my biggest examples of perfection, and I strive to live like her every day.

**The Annunciation and Mary, Comfortress of the Afflicted, by Mark Marinelli**

The Angel Gabriel came to Mary with a request for her to bear the Son of God, and, along with him, much pain and suffering. Her response would rule the fate of men. As Venerable Fulton Sheen says, “woman cooperates with God,” and in reference to Our Lady, she manifested the ultimate cooperation with God. She chose to bring into the world the salvation of mankind, but with it, her heart was to be pierced by a sword alongside her Son’s final breath. God had chosen her out of all people, even before time itself, to be perfect and without sin. She joined in the suffering of her Son so that all mankind may find their way to heaven.

“The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus’” (Luke 1:30-31). Mary was born without original sin and led her life totally perfectly. She was born and assumed into heaven as a perfect human being. She bore Christ and in Christ the Church was made, and, by their pain, man was brought to salvation. It says in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that “since the
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Virgin Mary’s role in the mystery of Christ and the Spirit has been treated, it is fitting now to consider her place in the mystery of the Church. The Virgin Mary is acknowledged and honored as being truly the Mother of God and of the redeemer. She is ‘clearly the mother of the members of Christ’... since she has by her charity joined in bringing about the birth of believers in the Church, who are members of its head.” (963)

Mary is not only the Mother of God. She is our Mother, she is the Mother of the Church and all who reside with it. She brings our prayers to the ears of the Most Sweet Jesus in an unending intercession for us worldly sinners, and tenderly leads us as she leads her Son. She has revealed the light of Christ to many of her people, and, for that, we rightfully name her Mary, Mother of God.

Mary was selected by God from the beginning of time; however, Mary lived a major part of her life not knowing this. But one day, her purpose became known to her, when an angel told her that she would bear a Son. In her perfect willingness, she said, “Let it be done to me according to your Word.” The entirety of the church gathers on the 25th of March to celebrate this day as the recognition of the incarnation of the Messiah. The Angel Gabriel tells Mary, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:35-38).

What is so amazing about the Annunciation is that Christ was born through the Body and Spirit, making him entirely man and entirely God. The Catechism states that, “He became truly man while remaining truly God. Jesus Christ is true God and true man” (464).

In addition, Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, making Mary perpetually virgin. It is marvelous how God planned our salvation in this artistic way.

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Teacher wins PBS grand prize

Columbus Bishop Hartley High school senior Elias Maloof has been selected as a recipient of the Siemens Corp. scholarship by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. As the son of a Siemens employee, he qualified to apply for the scholarship after being chosen as a National Merit commended student this past fall. His father is an engineering manager for Siemens in Mount Vernon. Maloof plans to attend Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and major in biochemistry, with the goal of attending medical school.

Hartley merit award winner

The brother-sister duo of Serbian-born cellist Igor Cetkovic and violinist Ivana Cetkovic will appear in concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 18 in Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1033 W. 5th St. Admission is free and a free-will offering will be graciously accepted.

Igor Cetkovic has played with orchestras across Europe and the Midwest, including the Bergen Philharmonic, the Stavanger Symphony, and the Belgrade Philharmonic, and as principal cellist of the St. George Strings, the national chamber orchestra of Serbia. He lives in Michigan, where he manages a private cello studio and is on the faculty of the Dynamics Music School in Lansing. He is principal cellist with the Saginaw Bay Symphony, assistant principal cellist with the West Michigan Symphony, and is a regular performer with symphony orchestras in Kalamazoo and Lansing. He also is a member of the ION trio and Octopus Octet chamber groups.

Ivana Cetkovic has performed as a soloist and a chamber musician at concert halls throughout the United Kingdom after several years with the St. George Strings, which she joined at age 17. She made her American debut in 2008, touring with the group Da Salo Solisti and performing Mozart’s Violin Concerto in A Major.

Soon after this, she was asked to be guest leader of the Manchester Camerata in England and perform Vivaldi’s Violin Concerto as a soloist. She is a founding member of the period ensemble Musicians of London Wall and of the Elmbourne Ensemble in England.

Concert set for Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes

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