CHURCH BEGINS OBSERVANCE OF LENT, A TIME OF PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING
Editor’s reflections/ by Doug Bean, Editor

With readers’ support, we press on with the news

February is Catholic Press Month.
The Diocese of Columbus has a long history of engagement in Catholic media. Interestingly, journalists from the diocese appeared to have been involved in the establishment of the Catholic Press Association, which remains in existence today.

The following is the first entry from the history of the Catholic Press Association in the United States and Canada:

1889 – The first (and last) Catholic Lay Congress took place in Baltimore that November. Members of the Catholic press were overlooked in original invitations, but received them in August. L.W. Reilly, an editor in Columbus, Ohio, sent out a circular inviting press people to the Congress, and Maurice Francis Egan, former newspaperman teaching at the University of Notre Dame, urged editors to come to “cultivate fellow feeling” and force “unscrupulous advertising agents to be honest.” If Catholic editors neglected to unite, he suggested, there would soon be no Catholic papers at all. A group of Catholic newspapermen teaching at the University of Notre Dame, urged editors to come to the Hotel Rennert. The only action taken was to set a date for a Convention the following May in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Twenty-two years later, the CPA was launched:

1911 – After four previous attempts had failed, the present-day Catholic Press Association was organized at a meeting at the Chittenden Hotel in Columbus, Ohio, August 24-25, 1911. About 60 delegates representing 37 publications attended, including a half-dozen women, almost two dozen priests and more than 30 laity. Edward J. Cooney of the Providence Visitor was elected president, and his publication provided a Convention booklet exhorting delegates to achieve “the greatest possible results from the meeting.” He said the aims of the new Association would be to publicize news of Catholic interest, combat the evil influence of some of the secular press, secure national advertising and agitate against higher postal rates.

Did you notice those objectives? Nothing has really changed in the last 100 years. The Catholic Times is still trying to provide news and information from a Catholic perspective, attract advertisers to our publication, and deal with the rising costs of mailing the newspaper to homes in our diocese.

“Combat the evil influence of some of the secular press” is yesteryear’s terminology for what is labeled “fake news” today. Biases in reporting are nothing new. Editors and reporters try to remain neutral, but no one is immune from preconceived ideas that shape their work. That is true for Catholic as well as secular journalists. The Catholic press must remain vigilant to report from the perspective of authentic Church teaching and guard against getting caught up in the politics of the day.

The Catholic Times wants to play an important role in the new evangelization that was requested by St. John Paul II at the beginning of the third millennium. The world includes so many forms of media today; nonetheless, the written word is still viable and impactful. For the Catholic Times to provide “faith news” instead of “fake news,” we need your help.

Registered members of diocesan parishes should have received a Catholic Times envelope to place in the regular collection at Mass during February. If you’ve already made your donation, thank you very much. If you haven’t, there’s still time to renew your subscription and encourage others to subscribe. The cost is less than 40 cents per issue. That’s a bargain nowadays.

Most of all, continue to pray for faithful Catholic journalists to report nothing but the truth.

DCN. ROBERT A. KILLOREN JR.
Passed away on February 5, 2018

Funeral Mass for Deacon Robert A. Killoren Jr., 67, who died Monday, Feb. 5, was celebrated Friday, Feb. 9 at the Johnstown Church of the Ascension. Burial will take place later.

He was born in St. Louis on July 20, 1950, to the late Robert and Lucille (Rodengaugh) Killoren.

He attended Holy Cross Seminary in South Bend, Indiana, until 1967, then graduated in 1968 from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Florissant, Missouri. He received a bachelor of arts degree in English from St. Louis University in 1972 and a master of arts degree in English from the University of Missouri in 1976.

He served as director of sponsored programs at The Pennsylvania State University before coming to Columbus in 2006 to take a position as associate vice president of the research department at The Ohio State University. He was a research administrator at South Florida Polytechnic University from 2011-13, then returned to central Ohio, where he remained until retirement.

He began his diaconal formation at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and was ordained a deacon of the diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Pennsylvania, by Bishop Joseph Adamec on May 22, 1999 at St. Michael the Archangel Basilica in Loretto, Pennsylvania. He served as a deacon at The Church of the Good Shepherd in State College, Pennsylvania, until coming to Columbus, where Bishop Frederick Campbell granted him canonical faculties in the Diocese of Columbus.

He was chaplain of the Columbus Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting from 2006-11, and occasionally assisted at weekend Masses and various diocesan ministries at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection and the Church of the Ascension. Throughout his time in Ohio, he remained a deacon of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Patricia (Precel); son, Michael (Kasandra); daughters, Sarah (Francisco Palmero) Killoren, Emily (Bryan) Ferlez, and Rachel (Dylan) Corp; sister, Karen Whitney; and four grandchildren.

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Help build the Church in the African and Native American communities of our country

By Leandro M. Tapay
Diocesan Missions Director

On the weekend of Feb. 17 and 18, a second collection will be taken at all Masses in all parishes in the Diocese of Columbus. The collection is managed by a subcommittee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The proceeds will be used to help evangelization projects in the Black and Native American communities in the United States. In 2017, the diocese received $32,900 to help evangelization programs in its Black communities. Please be generous when the collection is taken.

The collection reminds us of the life of St. Katherine Drexel, who took to heart what Jesus said about not storing up treasures that could rot or be destroyed by moths.

Katherine Drexel was born in Pennsylvania in 1858. In 1891, she left her life as an heiress behind and became a nun. She subsequently founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and used her fortune to establish new schools for Native Americans and African Americans across the United States. She died in 1955 and was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000.

Her father was a business partner of financier J.P. Morgan. Her mother died a month after her birth. In 1860, her father married again. Her parents were known for their wealth and their philanthropic giving. She lost her stepmother in 1883 and her father in 1885.

In 1889, she entered religious life as a novice under the training of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in Pittsburgh. She took her final vows in 1891. With the help of a few nuns, she founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People. The order would use Drexel’s fortune to fund its work.

Drexel and 15 of her fellow sisters set up a school for Native Americans in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in 1894. This was followed by the establishment of other schools throughout the Southwest, including on the reservations.

Drexel’s order also established many schools for African American children. She founded a secondary school for African Americans in New Orleans in 1919. Ten years later, the institution became Xavier University.

Drexel suffered a heart attack in 1935. Two years later, she gave up leadership of her order. She died at age 96 on March 3, 1955. During her lifetime, she had given approximately $20 million to help people in need.

Drexel’s order had more than 500 members at the time of her death. With her assistance, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament had opened 145 missions and 49 elementary schools. Today, the order continues its missionary and educational work.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to thank you for your help in promoting the Black and Indian Missions collection in your parish on the weekend of Feb. 17 and 18.

Since 1884, proceeds from the collection have been distributed as grants to dioceses to support and strengthen evangelization programs which otherwise would be in danger of disappearing among the Black, American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut communities of the United States. For 2017, the Diocese of Columbus received a grant of $32,900 to support the evangelization programs of our Black ministries.

These mission communities exist in almost every diocese in the United States. Missionary priests, religious, catechists, and devoted lay people work tirelessly in parishes, missions, and reservations to promote the faith. Through our contributions, we work hand in hand with missionaries who deliver the light of Christ’s witness to the impoverished, isolated, and long-suffering people in these communities.

Thank you for inviting your fellow parishioners to join me in the missionary work of the church as the national Black and Indian Missions collection is conducted throughout the diocese. Through our prayers and generosity, we share in spreading Christ’s Gospel message in Black and Native American communities across the nation.

Together, let us truly be missionaries through our sacrifice and the love of Jesus Christ we share.

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Waltzing on ice: on crisis and community

When it came time to interview prospective sailors for his expedition across Antarctica, Earnest Shackleton had clear-cut criteria. He had to pick the right men for his journey to the bottom of the world, a news-making attempt to be the first to cross the continent via the coldest place on Earth: the South Pole.

It was 1914, the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration, and the famed British explorer had received hundreds of applications. In interviews, recalled one applicant, Shackleton “asked me if my teeth were good, if I suffered from varicose veins, if I had a good temper and if I could sing.”

This final question surprised the young man, and Shackleton clarified: “Oh, I don’t mean any (opera singer Enrico) Caruso stuff, but I suppose you can shout a bit with the boys?” Singing and what it screened for in shorthand – the ability to fraternize and maintain high spirits – would prove even more vital than the long underwear, Burberry coats and finnessko boots they would wear.

When it came time to interview prospective sailors, Shackleton was vigilant in his effort to keep up morale, veiling his private worry. He visited every tent after dinner to recite poetry or play cards. He led sing-alongs and waltzed on ice. He green-lighted an “Antarctic Derby,” with dog races and cigarette wagers. He ordered everyone to cut one another’s hair, stepping up for the first shearing and causing fits of laughter as amateur barbers vied to produce the most hideous cut. As the months dragged on, he made a point to celebrate holidays with extra food and hot drinks.

Finally, the men boarded their lifeboats and made their way to the nearest island, the uninhabited Elephant Island. They arrived on April 15, 1916 – 16 months since they’d last touched land.

Still, a smaller band had to press on in search of civilization, beginning an improbable 800-mile journey back to South Georgia Island in a 22-foot open boat. They endured the roughest waters, somehow surviving a hurricane that sunk a 500-ton steamer in the vicinity.

Shackleton returned every shipmate back to England – frostbitten, weary, but alive.

For all our modern-day creature comforts, each of us will experience our own sense of abandonment, our own long Lent – be it a family crisis, a medical crisis, a financial crisis or a spiritual one. But like Jesus in the desert, we will not be alone: “He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him” (Mark 1:13).

We will emerge stronger and wiser, able to appreciate life’s little pleasures anew.

The opportunity in crisis is to lead like Shackleton, to knit people together on the coldest days, to waltz on ice. That’s how you all make it home together.

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Courage and Encourage: Ministries for people with same-sex attraction

Believe it or not, the Catholic Church loves homosexuals. That is not the message you may hear in the media and from many vocal homosexuals. Courage and Encourage are apostolates which express that love. Start by looking at the goals of both ministries and what they say they are doing. They have no hidden agenda.

Courage is a ministry for men and women who have same-sex attractions. By focusing on the attraction rather than a description based on sexual identity, the Catholic Church wants to affirm the personhood of each individual. We are all persons created in the image and likeness of God. We are more than a limited description based upon anyone with whom we have sexual relations.

The goals of Courage are:
-- To live chaste lives in accordance with the Roman Catholic Church’s teaching on homosexuality (chastity).
-- To dedicate our entire lives to Christ through service to others, spiritual reading, prayer, meditation, individual spiritual direction, frequent attendance at Mass, and the frequent reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist (prayer and dedication).
-- To foster a spirit of fellowship in which we may share with one another our thoughts and experiences, and so ensure that no one will have to face the problems of homosexuality alone (fellowship).
-- To be mindful of the truth that chaste friendships are not only possible, but necessary in a chaste Christian life, and to encourage one another in forming and sustaining these friendships (support).
-- To live lives that may serve as good examples to others (good example/role model).

Courage does not try to change people. It encourages people to change behavior.

Encourage is a support group for family and friends of people with same sex attraction. Its goals are:
-- To grow spiritually through spiritual reading, prayer, meditation, individual spiritual direction, frequent attendance at Mass, and the frequent reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.
-- To gain a deeper understanding of the needs, difficulties, and challenges experienced by men and women with same-sex attraction.
-- To establish and maintain a healthy and wholesome relationship with their loved ones with same-sex attraction.

Three Bags Full sale will take place at three sites

The 15th semiannual Three Bags Full consignment event will take place at three central Ohio locations in March and April.

Sale dates and sites are:
Tuesday, March 6 to Saturday, March 10, Grove Community Christian Church, 3420 Blacklick Eastern Road N.W., Baltimore; Tuesday, April 10 to Saturday, April 14, Franklin County Fairgrounds, 5035 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard; and Tuesday, April 24 to Saturday, April 28, Hartford Fairgrounds, 14028 Fairgrounds Road, Croton.

Sale times at each site are 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday, 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Tuesday-night shopping is limited to those who have purchased $12 passes online at the event’s website, www.threebagsfull.info. The pass admits two people, and the proceeds benefit local families in need. Selected items will be available for half-price Friday night and Saturday at all three locations.

New for this year’s sale are specific shopping hours for grandparents, foster parents, parents of special-needs children, new mothers, and heroes (teachers, first responders, and military personnel). More information on this benefit will be available in the coming weeks on the website.

The sale began in 2004 in Newark with 12 participating families. Today, more than 500 families sell quality children’s items of all types, as well as teen items, adult men’s and women’s clothing, and maternity wear. Thousands of shoppers from a 100-mile radius come to the event, which takes place on spring and fall weekends. More than 10,000 items are donated for each sale. All items must be current, clean, neat, and of good quality.

Sellers earn money on the items they make available. They name the selling price and earn 65 percent. If they volunteer to help with the sale, they can earn as much as 80 percent. They also receive a presale pass for sellers only. Unsold and unclaimed items are picked up by the sellers or are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities such as Joseph’s Coat and the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN), as well as other non-profit charities, including the Tolles Technical Center GRADS program in Plain City.

It’s easy to become a seller. Complete details and registration information may be found at the website. An automated, online bar-coded tagging system is used. Each seller, upon registering, receives a consignor number which identifies the family and is built into the bar code. Families price their own items, determining the selling price of each. Bar codes are scanned at check-out so families can log into their online account to see a listing of what sold each day.

For more information, go to the website or call Joyce Black at (614) 561-5300.

Employment Opportunity

Coordinator for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Saint Ladislas Parish, Columbus has an opening for a part-time coordinator for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Under the direct supervision of the Priests Administrator, the Coordinator has responsibility for all that pertains to the ministry of catechesis in the Parish, oversee and offer policies and catechetical programs for children, youth, young adult, and adults of the Parish.

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 or Master degree in religious education or equivalent is required. Ability to speak Spanish is also preferred. Three to five years of professional experience and experience in developing and implementing programs for adult learners from planning through reflection at completion. Advanced religious certification through an accredited diocesan program and the ability to teach the levels of the program is preferred. Familiarity with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, principles and dimensions of adult faith formation, catechist formation, young adult ministry and total youth ministry is preferred.

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 experience. Send cover letter, resume and references by Friday, February 23, 2018 to:

Father Vincent Nguyen at vwin83@gmail.com
Can blessed automobile be auctioned? Catholics and the Girl Scouts

QUESTION & ANSWER by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE Catholic News Service

Q. A recent picture in a magazine showed Pope Francis signing a car that had been given to him. The cutline for the photo said that the pope had signed and blessed the car before putting it up for auction by Sotheby’s in London, with the proceeds going to charitable work. But I had always understood that, according to church law, blessed articles cannot be sold. Would you comment, please? (Bloomington, Indiana)

A. What you saw in the magazine did, in fact, happen. In November 2017, the Italian automaker Lamborghini donated a new model sports car in the Vatican colors of white and gold, worth upwards of $200,000, to Pope Francis.

The pope autographed and blessed the vehicle, which was then consigned to Sotheby’s to be auctioned off -- the proceeds going to three charities close to the pope’s heart: the rebuilding of homes and Christian houses of worship in Iraq that had been destroyed by the Islamic State; assistance to women who had been victimized by prostitution and human trafficking; and specialized medical care in several African nations.

It would be safe to assume that the pope would not violate canon law, and that is true here. Nowhere does the church prohibit the sale of every blessed object. Like most priests, I am regularly asked to bless new homes, and there are specific prayers created for such a purpose. But imagine how infrequently that would happen if such a blessing were to result in the permanent prohibition of that house’s resale.

What must not be sold are blessed objects of religious devotion -- crucifixes, medals, rosaries, etc. Such objects are to be blessed only after they are purchased.

The Lamborghini company, I’m quite certain, never imagined that Pope Francis would put this donated vehicle to his personal use. That would have clashed with some specific guidance already offered by the pope. In July 2013, meeting with seminarians and novices, the pontiff cautioned them against cars that were “showy.”

“I tell you,” he said, “it truly grieves me to see a priest or a sister with the latest model.” “Choose a more humble car,” he told them, and “think of all the children who are dying of hunger.” (That sensitivity is reflected in the pope’s own choice for traveling around Rome -- a 2008 Ford Focus.)

Q. I have heard and read that the Girl Scouts support Planned Parenthood. What is the church’s understanding of this? (New Lexington, Ohio)

A. In recent years, concerns have arisen about certain affiliations of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA) in reference to issues of church teaching. Those concerns relate especially to GSUSA’s link with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, to which GSUSA contributes more than $1 million each year -- particularly with the association’s stated support of “sexual and reproductive health/rights.”

Based on such concerns, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops undertook a study that resulted in its 2014 decision to leave it up to local bishops to determine whether their dioceses and parishes should affiliate with GSUSA.

Among other things, it was suggested that dioceses seek a memorandum of understanding with GSUSA that parishes’ troops are to be “free from any programming or activities contrary to the church’s teaching.”

During interviews done as part of the study, GSUSA stressed that it has no official relationship with Planned Parenthood. And during a 2014 Girl Scouts national convention, the federation’s executive director noted that “no monies collected by Girl Scouts for any purpose, including our girls’ cookie sales, will be given to Planned Parenthood or any other organization that advocates on issues such as abortion and contraception.

However, GSUSA also noted that it has no authority to prohibit local councils or troops from forming their own relationships with such organizations. In May 2017, the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, chose to cut ties with GSUSA and to affiliate instead with a Christian program called the American Heritage Girls.

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

Footsteps Foundation honors principal

Will Gruber, principal of Hilliard St. Brendan School (right), received the Carol A. Flanagan Footsteps Foundation’s 2017 Ambassador of the Year Award for his support of the foundation. He is pictured with Flanagan’s husband, Richard. The foundation was created in 2002 following the death of Flanagan, who was a teacher at Hilliard St. Brendan School for 20 years and principal at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene School for four years. She was a very strong advocate for Catholic education and having it accessible for all students. The foundation provides scholarships for families who experience unexpected financial hardship after committing to a Catholic education in the Diocese of Columbus. During the last 15 years, it has awarded more than $100,000 to Columbus diocesan schools. Photo courtesy diocesan Schools Office

The Catholic Foundation welcomes Candice McKay as development officer

Candice McKay has been appointed as The Catholic foundation’s new development officer. She joins Loren Brown, chief executive officer; Scott Hartman, vice president of development; and David Clark, development officer, in their efforts to meet the ongoing needs of the schools, parishes, and ministries within the diocese.

McKay grew up in Powell and earned a bachelor of science degree in business and technology, with a concentration in marketing, from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey. Before joining The Catholic Foundation, she worked in Minneapolis as a representative for ALSAC/St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. She was responsible for conducting special events to raise funds and awareness for the hospital, which is located in Memphis, Tennessee. Two very cold winters later, she was able to move back home to Columbus, where she continued her work for ALSAC/St. Jude. She lives in Columbus and attends St. Christopher Church.

To learn more about the team at The Catholic Foundation, visit www.catholicfoundation.org/ourteam.
Deacons are most visible when they read the Gospel and deliver homilies at Masses. But that’s only one part of who they are. Most deacons also are husbands and fathers, and many are still employed. Deacon Christopher Campbell says his 13 years in the diaconate have been of great benefit to all those other aspects of his life.

“The spiritual aspect of the diaconate enhances everything else I do,” said Deacon Campbell, 58, who is in his second year as principal of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, where he has been a teacher or administrator for 21 years.

“My work as a deacon makes me a better teacher, parent, grandparent, and husband. At the same time, all those other aspects of my life make me a better deacon. You can’t isolate one part of your life from another,” he said. “In some ways, being a deacon puts more pressure on me as a principal to set an example. That’s a good thing, in that it makes me always aware that how I respond to things impacts others in ways I may not realize.”

Deacon Campbell, a Columbus native who is a 1977 Watterson graduate and grew up as a member of Columbus St. Andrew Church, says he isn’t one to rush into things. It took 13 years of study for him to become a college graduate, and becoming a deacon also was a gradual process.

“When I returned to Columbus after service in the Army, I became a member of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, where I started getting more and more involved over time,” he said. “I was a Eucharistic minister, a lector, and a Parish School of Religion teacher, and eventually became in charge of the PSR. My involvement kept growing, but I never thought about being a deacon.

“I began teaching here at Watterson after receiving my bachelor’s degree at Ohio Dominican in 1997. Deacon Frank Lannarino (director of the diocesan Office of the Diaconate) was chaplain here then, as he still is, and suggested after a while that I consider becoming a deacon. Msgr. John Cody and my pastor, Msgr. Anthony Missimi, also started talking to me about the diaconate, and I began to think that perhaps I was being called to do more in the church than I was already.

“In time, I knew I needed to talk about this to my wife, Anne,” Deacon Campbell said. “She had no idea what a deacon does, but she did know she would be busier because I would be doing diaconal studies on many weekends. She told me ‘I’m a little hesitant, but I’m going to trust that this is something you’re being called to do.’

“The four years of preparation to be a deacon were really tough on her, but she was always supportive, and the more I became involved with my studies, the more I could picture myself being a deacon, regardless of how long it might take.”

Deacon Campbell was one of a class of 10 deacons ordained on Jan. 29, 2005, by Bishop Frederick Campbell in the bishop’s first public performance of his duties after being ordained bishop of Columbus two weeks earlier. The two Campbells are not related, “but people do joke about him being my Uncle Fred,” said Deacon Campbell, who has served at Immaculate Conception Church since his ordination.

He and the former Anne Flood have been married for 30 years. She is a 1980 Watterson graduate, but the couple did not know each other until they met on a blind date. They have one son, Sean, 29, who is married with one child and a second on the way, and two daughters, Colleen, 28, who lives in Chicago, and Mary Kate, 26, who is admissions director and girls soccer and basketball coach at Watterson.

Deacon Campbell is the son of Anne and the late Christopher Campbell, who died in 2008 and was an executive of the former AcucRay Corp. of Columbus. He has two younger brothers and three younger sisters. “We lived 100 yards from St. Andrew’s, so there was never any question about going to Mass,” he said. “Mom in particular was very religious and was one of the first people to become involved with the charismatic movement in the early 70s. She was very influential in the faith journey of all of us.

“I was an average student. I worked at Johnson’s Catering throughout high school. After graduation, I hitchhiked out west, and one day, I walked into a recruiting station in Phoenix and signed up for the Army. I was stationed with the air defense artillery at Fort Hood, Texas, where we were trained to rescue the hostages being held in Iran from late 1979 to early 1981. The hostages were freed when President Reagan was inaugurated in 1981, so I never had to go overseas,” Deacon Campbell said.

He left the Army with the rank of E4, similar to corporal. “The most important thing about being in the Army was the discipline it taught me and the exposure it gave me to different types of people from different cultures,” he said. “It really opened my eyes, because it made me realize how sheltered I had been and gave me time to reflect on the direction I wanted to take.”

After returning home, he went to work in construction full-time and began 13 years of part-time study that led to his graduation from college with a bachelor of arts degree in political science and theology.

“I knew I wanted to be a teacher because of the teachers and coaches who had an influence on me,” he said. Those influential people included John Durant and Msgr. Kenneth Grimes, both former Watterson principals; Ron Shay, the school’s former football coach; and Msgr. Cody, who taught religion at Watterson.

Durant hired Deacon Campbell as a theology and social studies teacher. In his 21 years at the school, he also has been athletic director, admissions director, dean of students, and assistant principal. He has been either a student or staff member under three of Watterson’s previous four principals — Msgr. Edward Spires, Msgr. Grimes, Durant; and Marianne Hutson, who was principal for 16 years before retiring in 2016. “They’re all legends, and since becoming principal, I’ve felt I have big shoes to fill,” he said.

“Last year was the first time I wasn’t teaching a class, and I miss it. What I enjoy most is just being around students. It gives you great energy when you see you made a difference in a young person’s life. The biggest challenge I have as principal is the changes in culture that have taken place, especially in technology. Kids are exposed to so many things today that they didn’t used to face, and they face a lot more pressure and anxiety than they did when I started teaching.”

“Helping families when they’re facing a great loss is probably what gives me the most satisfaction about being a deacon,” he said. “Funeral services are a great opportunity to provide a grace-filled moment to families. Personally, it’s also been pretty neat to help my daughter-in-law become a Catholic and to baptize my grandchild. Just being there for people and to bring them God’s presence, even in a small way, gives me great satisfaction.”

“Probably the best advice I was given about becoming a deacon came from Deacon Lannarino and Deacon Tom Johnston,” Deacon Campbell said. “They both told me, in so many words, ‘Check your ego at the door.’ Being a deacon does involve considerable commitment and sacrifice, and you absolutely have to have a supportive wife and family. But the rewards are worth the effort.”
Are you interested in starting a health ministry or getting a health team going at your parish? If so, Mount Carmel Church Partnerships can help.

In fact, we’re holding a FREE Partner Academy on Monday, March 5 that will give you all the information and fundamental skills you need, including:

» The link between faith and health
» The ABCs of health ministry
» How to get started
» How Mount Carmel Church Partnerships can provide support

You’ll earn 1.5 contact hours just for attending, and we’ll serve a light dinner as well. To learn more or to RSVP, contact Marcia Cronin at 614-546-4974 or Marcia.cronin@mchs.com by Friday, March 2.

Mount Carmel Church Partnerships Partner Academy
Monday, March 5 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Mount Carmel East Siegel Center
5975 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43213

HEALTH MINISTRY MADE EASY.

The 2018 Bosco Bash attracted middle-school students from throughout the Diocese of Columbus to Westerville’s St. Paul Church for a day of fun, fellowship, and faith on Feb. 3.

The featured speaker at the “Revive and Renew” rally, which is held annually for Catholic and non-Catholic sixth- through eighth-graders near the Feast of St. John Bosco, was Katie Prejean McGrady. She is an author and theology teacher from Lake Charles, Louisiana, who mixed humor and real-life stories in her “theological comedy.”

The one-day event included praise and worship music from the Station 14 band, talks, skits, prayer, service projects, small-group discussions, dinner, and Mass.

“We encouraged parishes to bring their middle-school kids for fun and music, in the midst of which they can experience something substantive in relation to the Gospel so they can have a new perspective in how to live their lives with God,” said Mike Hall, director of the diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

“We try to give them a little nugget of something they can walk away with to really think about, and to see how that impacts their lives.”

Hall said the objective is to encourage the students to become connected and active in their parishes.

“We encourage the kids to break up into small groups where each parish group spends some time with their youth minister, where they can sit down and talk about what they’ve experienced and process what they’re going through with the other kids from their parish,” he said.

“Our goal is that they go back to their parish with a stronger sense of that identity – that the parish is their spiritual home.”

CT photos by Ken Snow
Being where we need to be

There is an image of my parents that was taken when they were very young and looking forward to a good life ahead of them. I could see in their eyes the sacrifices they were about to make for us and, to a greater extent, for a larger world. It is not out of the realm of possibility that this somehow is linked to the invitations Christ answered during His lifetime. We followed Him with as much anticipation as we would have at the start of a journey that takes a family a lifetime to achieve and build.

We talk about giving things up for our good and the good of those surrounding us. We also talk about the many ways in which we can try to contribute to the physical and spiritual growth of our community. Many of us, though, despite our best efforts, tend to fall well short of such expectations. In today’s society, where everything seems to be wrapped up for our convenience, it is easy to stray from the values we were taught and the heartfelt intentions of the promises we try to keep. We can lose ourselves in those rare moments when someone or something is reaching out to us and can be both blinded and deafened by the experience. We miss out on and regret the incredible opportunity to become part of an extremely awesome encounter. We miss out on life.

There is a saying that we usually are standing on the edge of darkness, looking toward a magnificent light. Such is the meaning of hope. If you wish an answer to the question of how your life is going to turn out, is it out of necessity or recompense? I admit there are days when I am challenged by the many sins we as humans are exposed to by a culture that embraces relativism. My strength comes when I pray for and with others who have a shared experience. We miss out on life.

May this Lenten season bring you closer to Christ. May you inspire by example. May the wind be forever at your backs, and may His peace be with you always.

Joseph Thomas, a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church, is a freelance writer and is active in many diocesan and church activities.

Geologist visits St. Andrew students

Deacon Thomas Berg Sr., a retired geologist for the state of Ohio, visited Columbus St. Andrew School sixth-grade students who examine an assortment of rocks and minerals he brought from places all over the world where he visited and worked. Deacon Berg also is a retired permanent deacon at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church.

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St. Margaret of Cortona

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Lighting the Way

J. P. Leo Thomas

In the world, building a community that empowers everyone to attain their full potential through each of us respecting each other’s dignity, rights, and responsibilities makes the world a better place to live.” My mom and dad in particular showed this love by their acts and through being grateful stewards. They often spoke of the blessings they had in the simple things in life—a roof over their heads, food on the table, and clothes on their backs. The longer I live, the more I also prefer to take this small and narrow path, rather than an express highway.

Our life can pass by so fast, and we must learn to appreciate those short moments that seem to make us happier and healthier and bring us closer to the true love that awaits us all. Don’t get trapped by the lure of a false sacrifice. Remember that Christ made the ultimate choice of giving up His own life. Let that be the mark by which we measure ourselves and each other. Touch another’s heart in the humblest way that you once were touched, and just maybe we can grow a better world together.

May my Lenten season bring you closer to Christ. May you inspire by example. May the wind be forever at your backs, and may His peace be with you always.
Lenten activities in the Diocese of Columbus

Churches throughout the Diocese of Columbus will be presenting a national series of Lenten programs focusing on prayer, penance, and preparation for Easter.

Many parishes will continue to offer penance services, either individually or in conjunction with the traditional Lenten services in their deanery. Many will also offer the traditional Lenten devotions of Stations of the Cross.

In addition to these activities, special seasonal events planned for the diocese include the following:

Adoration

Adoration will be offered Monday, Thursday, and Friday, 9-11 a.m., 12 noon-2 p.m., and 3-7 p.m., and Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., 12 noon-2 p.m., and 3-7 p.m., at various parishes.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will be offered at various parishes. For more information, please contact your parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic adoration will be offered at various parishes throughout the diocese. For more information, please contact your parish office.

The Way of the Cross

The Way of the Cross will be offered at various parishes throughout the diocese. For more information, please contact your parish office.

Rite of Penance

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Stations of the Cross

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Vigil of Easter

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Penitential Processions

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Redemption of Birthright

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Reconciliation Services

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For readers who may be interested in taking part in Eucharistic devotions during Lent, here is an updated list of parishes in the diocese where Eucharistic adoration or exposition takes place on a regular basis.

In addition to the activities listed, Lenten penance services will be conducted at a number of parishes. Readers are advised to contact parishes for specific dates and times.

Anyone with additions or corrections to this list may contact Tim Puet at Catholic Times.

**Ada Our Lady of Lourdes** – Exposition: First Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon.

**Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel** – Exposition: Sundays of Lent, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

**Cardington Sacred Hearts** – Exposition: First Saturdays, after 8:45 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 3:15 p.m.

**Chillicothe St. Peter** – Adoration: Tuesdays through Thursdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Infant of Prague Adoration Chapel inside convent (Also 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. through code access).

**Columbus Christ the King** – Exposition: Fridays (except March 30), 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Columbus Holy Cross** – Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m., followed by Mass; First Fridays, from end of 7:30 p.m. Mass to 11:30 p.m. Eucharistic vigil begins with Mass, followed by communal prayers, confession, litanies, Rosaries, hymns and quiet time between prayers, concluding with Benediction at 11.

**Columbus Holy Family** – Exposition: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Thursdays (except March 29 and 30), 10 a.m. continuous to 11:45 a.m. Friday, ending with Benediction. Contact church for details concerning entry.

**Columbus Holy Name** – Exposition: Thursdays (except March 29), 6 p.m., featuring prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests; Fridays (except March 30), 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Holy Hour and Benediction, followed by Mass. Adoration: Saturdays (except March 31) following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**Columbus Immaculate Conception** – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except during the Sacred Triduum, in the children’s center (former convent). Press rear entry buzzer.

**Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** – Exposition: First Friday, from end of 9 a.m. Mass through Holy Hour at 6 p.m.

**Columbus Our Lady of Peace** – Exposition, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

**Columbus Our Lady of Victory** – Exposition: First Monday, 7 to 8 a.m.; First Friday, from 8 p.m. Friday to start of 8 a.m. Saturday Mass.

**Columbus St. Agnes** – Exposition: First Sunday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

**Columbus St. Andrew** – Exposition: Daily, 7 to 8:15 a.m. in chapel, except during Sacred Triduum; Tuesdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in church, concluding with Compline and Benediction.

**Columbus St. Anthony** – Exposition: First Fridays, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to noon.

**Columbus St. Catharine** – Exposition: 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, with confession at 6:30 p.m., closing with Benediction; First Friday, after 8 a.m. Mass to 9:30 a.m.

**Columbus St. Cecilia** – Exposition: First Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

**Columbus St. Elizabeth** – Adoration: Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

**Columbus St. Francis of Assisi** – Eucharistic Holy Hour: second Tuesday of the month, following 6 p.m. Mass.

**Columbus St. James the Less** – Exposition: First Mondays, 6 to 7 p.m., ministry center.

**Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral** – Holy Hour with Adoration and confession: Wednesdays, following 5:15 p.m. Mass; Thursdays, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

**Columbus St. Ladislas** – Adoration: First Fridays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in church; weekdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in former convent; Holy Thursday, March 29, 7:30 p.m. to midnight in church. Call Sister Wilma Ross, SCN, at (614) 444-2598 for instructions on how to enter the convent.

**Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona** – Exposition: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. year-round, with sung Vespers at 6:30 p.m. from Feb. 15 to March 15.

**Columbus St. Mary** – Adoration: Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesdays, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., in St. Francis of Assisi Chapel of Burkley Building next to church. The church is closed for repairs resulting from a lightning strike in August 2016.

**Columbus St. Mary Magdalene** – Exposition: Second Monday of the month, following 8:15 a.m. Mass in church; fourth Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to noon in Bishop Campbell Hall.

**Columbus St. Matthias** – Exposition: First Fridays, end of 8:30 a.m. Mass to noon.

**Columbus St. Patrick** – Adoration: Third and fourth Fridays of the month, 8 a.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday (church locked; call church office at (614) 224-9522 for access information). Exposition: 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Fridays, except March 30 (church open).

**Columbus St. Peter** – Exposition: 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the first Friday of the month and 9 to 10 a.m. all other Fridays, except March 30.

**Columbus St. Stephen** – Exposition: Wednesdays, 6 to 6:45 p.m. (Spanish), first Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (bilingual), other Fridays (except March 30), 6 to 9 p.m. (Spanish), first Saturdays, 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday (Spanish).

**Columbus St. Thomas** – Adoration: Tuesdays, 9 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

**Columbus St. Timothy** – Exposition: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Coshocton Sacred Heart** – Exposition: first Fridays, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 12:15 p.m., concluding with Benediction; Exposition with Evening Prayer, concluding with Benediction, Sundays, Feb. 18 to March 18, 4 to 5 p.m.

**Danville St. Luke** – Exposition: Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, except when Danville schools are closed for inclement weather.

**Delaware St. Mary** – Exposition, Fridays (except March 30), after 8:15 a.m. Mass to 7 p.m.

**Dover St. Joseph** – Exposition: Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. year-round. During Lent, Adoration will be from 5 to 6 p.m. each Tuesday from Feb. 20 to March 20, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available, followed by Mass at 6.

**Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare** – Exposition: First Fridays from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m., in Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**Gahanna St. Matthew** – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except during the Sacred Triduum, in basement adoration chapel. Open to the general public from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. If you are interested in a weekly Holy Hour, contact Paul Koors at DivineMercyPEA@gmail.com or (614) 209-7055.

**Granville St. Edward** – Exposition: 9:30 a.m. Monday to 9 a.m. Tuesday.

**Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help** – Exposition: First Fridays, from end of 8:30 a.m. Mass to 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

**Groveport St. Mary** – Exposition: First Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon, ending with Benediction.

**Heath St. Leonard** – Adoration: First Fridays, from after 9 a.m. Mass to 2:30 p.m., concluding with Benediction.

**Hilliard St. Brendan** – Adoration: Monday to Saturday, 7:30 to 8 a.m. (except national holidays or solemnities); Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m., Holy Hour with confessions and Benediction.

**Jackson Holy Trinity** – Exposition: First Fridays, 11 a.m. to noon.

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Kenton Immaculate Conception – Exposition: First Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., closing with Benediction.

Lancaster St. Bernadette – Exposition: Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lancaster St. Mark – Exposition: Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Lancaster St. Mary – Adoration: Thursdays, Feb. 22 and March 22, following end of 9 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 1:45 p.m.

Logan St. John – Exposition: First Fridays, 8:30 a.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Saturday, in adoration chapel.

London St. Patrick – Exposition: First Fridays, from after 8 or 9 a.m. Mass to 4 p.m.

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – Call parish office at (614) 855-1400 for times or go to parish website, www.cotrna.com.

New Boston St. Monica – Adoration: Fridays (except March 30), 5 to 6 p.m.

New Lexington St. Rose – Exposition: First Fridays, from after 8 or 9 a.m. Mass to 4 p.m.

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Exposition: 9 a.m. Tuesday to 5:15 p.m. Wednesday. Confession and Adoration, 5 p.m. Mondays during Lent, followed by Evening Prayer service at 6:30.

Newark Blessed Sacrament – Exposition: Noon to midnight Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays in chapel; 9 a.m. to midnight Wednesdays in sanctuary.

Newark St. Francis de Sales – Exposition: 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday (except March 30), and 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday (except March 31) in day chapel behind sanctuary.

Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton – Adoration: 24 hours, seven days a week, except when Mass is being celebrated and during the Sacred Triduum, in the church’s Eucharistic Chapel.

Plain City St. Joseph – Exposition: 6 to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 6 to 8 a.m. Friday (except March 30), and 6 to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday (except March 30).

Portsmouth St. Mary – Adoration: Fridays (except March 30), from end of noon Mass to Benediction at 5:30 p.m.

Powell St. Joan of Arc – Exposition: 9 a.m. Monday to 8 a.m. Friday (except March 29, when Adoration ends before the 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper).

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – Adoration: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except for weekend Mass times and the Sacred Triduum. Chapel is locked from 4 p.m. to 9 a.m. Sunday to Thursday and noon to midnight Friday. Saturday hours vary. If you wish to visit during those hours, contact Amy Davis at (614) 579-9874 or amymdavis@hotmail.com.

Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne – Exposition: 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays during the school year.

Waverly St. Mary – Exposition: First Wednesday, from end of 5:30 p.m. Mass to Benediction at 7 p.m.

West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude – Adoration: Holy Thursday, March 29, from conclusion of Mass of the Lord’s Supper until 10 p.m.

Westerville St. Paul – Holy Hour: Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m.

Worthington St. Michael – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except during daily and weekend Masses and during the Sacred Triduum, in the church’s Adoration Chapel.

Zaleski St. Sylvester – Exposition: First Wednesday, from end of 5:30 p.m. Mass to Benediction at 7 p.m.

Zanesville St. Nicholas – Exposition: First Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas – Exposition: Wednesdays, after 9 a.m. Mass to 7 p.m.
First Sunday of Lent (Cycle B)

As we face temptation, let us do so with Jesus

Readings from Genesis are relatively rare, and Sunday’s reading about Noah and the rainbow only occurs here in the three-year cycle of readings. (Having said that, we note that next week’s first reading is also from Genesis.) The covenant is made with Noah and his sons after the flood has ended. The waters which devastated the earth have receded and the charge originally given to the man and woman in Genesis 1:28 (“Be fertile and multiply and fill the earth”) is given to Noah and his sons. In the original command, the Lord had added “Subdue it.” Yet in the following verses, the Lord promises the subjugation of the animal and plant worlds to human action and establishes the unique importance of the human over all of creation: “Anyone who sheds the blood of a human being, by a human being shall that one’s blood be shed. For in the image of God have human beings been made” (Genesis 9:6).

Our reading begins with the mention of a “covenant” first mentioned in Genesis 6:18. The covenant partners include not only Noah and his descendants, but also every living being, including birds and animals. God promises never again to destroy all living things in a flood. Thus, the technical aspects of a covenant are there, except for one important element. Missing is the responsibility Noah and his descendants have to observe in order to make this a legal covenant. In a true covenant, both partners agree to certain things to which the covenant binds them. This covenant does have a reminder to the Lord never to wipe out the entire collection of living things – the sign of the rainbow in the clouds. This image shares, along with various elements of this entire flood story, elements with other cuneiform literature from the ancient Near East.

In Babylonian mythology, the god Marduk hung his bow in the heavens after he defeated the goddess Tiamat in a divine battle and became the god of gods. Tiamat was goddess of the deep waters, representing chaos. The Old Testament chooses for it to mean either the bow as used in war or the rainbow. The Old Testament chooses for it to mean the rainbow, instead of the bow used in war. The Old Testament was never uncomfortable using other literature of the ancient Near East to show its “proper” meaning as used in various books of the Bible. The Gospel recounts the temptation scene in Mark. We note that it is short on details (only two short verses), especially compared with Matthew and Luke. John has no such scene. It follows immediately after Jesus’ baptism in Mark, and is so short because Mark seems so intent on getting into the meat of the Gospel quickly. The Spirit “drove” Jesus into the desert. He was in the desert 40 days being tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. This is Mark’s style, long sentences connected by “and.” Some commentators suggest that Mark left things out. If Mark was written first among the gospels, as most Catholic scholars accept, then we have to suggest that Matthew and Luke expanded what Mark wrote. As history, the scene is wanting. Yet Jesus’ struggle with evil and the demon-possessed is constant throughout the gospels.

As a symbol of the struggle that Jesus had with evil from the beginning of the gospel to its end, the temptation scene has great value. It culminates in victory when Jesus rises from the dead, destroying death’s power. As we set out this Lent, let us see the evil he faced and conquered and let us measure our own successes and failures with him along at our sides.

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

St. Charles holding women’s auditions for spring musical

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School is having women’s auditions for the American premiere this spring of a new musical, The Battle of Boat, at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 and Thursday, March 1 at the campus theater, 2010 E. Broad St.

Auditions are open to all central Ohio high school women students. For additional information, contact Doug Montgomery at scdramadirector@aol.com or dmontgom@cdeducation.org, or call the school at (614) 252-6714.

The Battle of Boat is a tale of a group of children trying to find their place in a world at war in 1916. Frustrated by their inability to join the soldiers in battle, they decide to do whatever it takes to help in the war effort. However, they soon have to tackle their own conflict, in the form of a gang of bullies who will stop at nothing to see that every plan they form fails.

Heartwarming, funny, emotional, and exciting, this original new musical is a celebration of the steadfast British spirit that shone through during World War I, with a sweeping, epic score and a timeless story of courage and hope.
Pork Roll, Lent, and Catholic identity

A few weeks before Ash Wednesday, an Associated Press squib with Lenten implications appeared in the Washington Post sports section:

* YANKEES: New York’s Class AA affiliate in Trenton, New Jersey, will change its name from the Thunder to the Pork Roll on Fridays this season. The pork roll is a New Jersey staple, served on breakfast sandwiches and as a burger topping.

For those unfortunate who didn’t grow up in the I-95 corridor between the Holland Tunnel and the southern outskirts of Baltimore, I venture to explain.

“Taylor Pork Roll,” also known as “Taylor Ham” south and west of the Delaware River, is a compound of the ground-up and sugar-cured bits of a pig of which the pig has no cause to be proud, tightly encased in a canvas wrapper. Fried or grilled, it’s salty and greasy and a lot of other wonderful things frown on by the food police. In my wild adolescence, I used to cut a half-inch slab off the loaf, impale it on a fork, and roast it over an electronic burner in my parents’ kitchen: the ideal post-school snacker before wrestling with Cicero’s Latin syntax and the mysteries of Algebra II. I still indulge in it occasionally, to my wife’s olfactory displeasure, and I always order it in a diner when breakfasting in the Garden State.

But only the perfidious Yankees – “the Yanqui enemy of mankind,” as the Sandinista national anthem of Nicaragua neatly put it – would have a farm team, the Trenton Thunder, that changed its name to “Trenton Pork Roll” on Fridays.

Ad primum, pork roll was always consumed as a post-Mass treat on Sundays and rigorously avoided on Fridays. Ad secundum, flaunting pork roll in the face of devout Catholics by emblazoning it on jerseys at Arm & Hammer Park on Fridays is an invitation to the divine wrath, to which the Thunder/Pork Roll’s management acknowledges its miscue and switches the name switch to Sundays. (If the Thunder wish to become the Trenton Fish Fry on Fridays, fine by me, although as a marketing tool, that would likely work better in Wisconsin.)

Friday abstinence was once a defining mark of the practicing Catholic, and Lenten pork roll raillyr aside, it ought to be again. The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales is not renowned for its traditionalism, but some years ago, the bishops mandated a year-round return to Friday abstinence south of Hadrian’s Wall, and good for them for doing so. If our baptisms really set us apart for Christ, then we should live a different temporal rhythm than the rest of the world: not to advertise our righteousness but to remind ourselves, each other, and those who might be curious about these Catholics and their ways that we’re, well, different. And at a moment in Western cultural history in which the tsunami of the Culture of Me threatens to overwhelm everything, putting down behavioral markers of difference is no small thing. From Friday abstinence, who knows what might grow?

Lent is the perfect time, or as Isaiah 49.8 puts it, the “acceptable time,” to begin a journey of Christian difference. As I explain in my book on a venerable Lenten tradition, Roman Pilgrimage: The Station Churches, the Forty Days should be an annual re-catechumenate for the entire Church: six-and-a-half weeks in which the already baptized join the catechumens who will enter the Church at Easter in walking the road to Calvary with the Lord, in order to be empowered for missionary discipleship in the Easter waters of baptism with which we are all blessed. Little things count along that pilgrim way, including small self-denials like eating differently on Fridays (and almsgiving, and intensified prayer, the other two great Lenten disciplines). Try it.

And, of course, Lent, which coincides with that other season of new disciples known as “spring training,” is the acceptable time for the Trenton Thunder to get with the program, do a mea maxima culpa, and agree to become the Trenton Pork Roll on Sundays.

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Columbus Catholic Renewal sponsors retreat

Columbus Catholic Renewal is sponsoring its annual men’s and women’s retreat, with the theme “Reflections on Our Journey in Faith,” from 6 p.m. Friday, March 16 to noon Sunday, March 18 at St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. The retreat will be led by Walter Matthews, who has been involved with the Catholic charismatic renewal for more than 40 years.

He will lead participants in a soulful search of their spiritual journey to a climactic session, “Encountering Jesus Christ in the Power of the Holy Spirit.”

The retreat includes Mass on Friday and a Saturday Vigil Mass, an opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation, five talks, prayer ministry, and fellowship. The cost is $150 for singles and $200 for married couples and includes overnight accommodations and five meals. The cost for commuters is $90 for singles and $160 for married couples with all meals included; with no meals, it is $50. Scholarships may be offered based on need and availability.

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ANKLAM, Barbara E. (Nuzum), 64, Feb. 7
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

APPLEGATE, Thomas W. Jr., 66, Feb. 4
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

BACHMANN, Marie V. (Ardolino), 81, Feb. 10
St. John Church, Logan

BEAMER, Robert, 78, Feb. 2
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

BRUCKELMEYER, Frances C. (Miceli), 92,
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

COURTNEY, John P., 90, Jan. 27
St. Mary Church, Marion

DONALDSON, Gretta M. (Barton), 79, Feb. 11
St. Mary Church, Marion

GEIGER, Patricia A. (Ahern), 81, Feb. 7
St. Leo Church, Columbus

KILMURRY, John M., 75, Feb. 8
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

LEMMON, Mary A. (O’Handlon), 83, Jan. 14
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

LOIBL, Patricia (Maurer), 71, Feb. 11
St. Joseph Church, Dover

MAUPIN, Beth E. (Weibacher), 58, Feb. 10
St. Leo Church, Columbus

McGLONE, Betty, 93, Feb. 9
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

NESBITT, William E., 67, Feb. 5
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

PASTOR-ARGUETA, Hermelinda, 17, Feb. 1
St. Joseph Church, Dover

PETRE, Mary A. (Demana), 94, Feb. 6
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

STILLWAGON, James R., 68, Feb. 3
St. Peter Church, Columbus

STORCH, Billie L. (Neville), 94, Feb. 8
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

VISINTAINER, Alphonse, 79, Jan. 19
St. John Church, Logan

WALTER, Genevieve M. (Tarjick), 82, Feb. 7
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Sister Anne Marie McCarrick, SNDdeN

Funeral Mass for Sister Anne Marie McCarrick, SNDdeN, 87, who died Tuesday, Feb. 6, was celebrated Monday, Feb. 12 at the Mount Notre Dame Health Care Center in Cincinnati. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on May 1, 1930 to the late Charles and Harriet (Bandy) McCarrick. She earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Ohio Dominican College in 1960; diplomas from the American Montessori Society in New York in 1965 and the Montessori International School in Bergamo, Italy, in 1974; a master’s degree in education administration from The Ohio State University in 1977; and a certificate of theological studies from the Institute for Spirituality and Worship in Berkeley, California, in 1991.

She entered the congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur on June 26, 1948, taking the name Sister Monica Marie, and professed her first vows on Jan. 27, 1951, and her final vows on Aug. 13, 1956.

She began her service in the Diocese of Columbus as a teacher at Columbus St. Augustine School from 1952-58. From 1968-73, she worked with the parents and staff of St. Joseph Academy to transform its elementary department into a Montessori school for children aged three to 12. She returned there in 1974 after studying in Italy and directed its preparatory and elementary department through 1979. During that time, she also founded the Columbus Montessori Center, an elementary teacher education program.

She was a consultant for the diocesan religious education department in 1981-82, co-administrator of the former Columbus Pope John XXIII School from 1982-83, and pastoral associate at Columbus St. Anthony Church from 1983-87. She served from 1987-95 as vice chancellor of the diocese and was the first woman in the diocese to hold such an administrative position.

From 1995 until her retirement in 2006, she was pastoral administrator of Columbus St. Stephen Church. During that time, Bishop James Griffin designated her to implement a three-year pilot program that was part of a diocesan pastoral response to the problem of a shortage of priests.

She was in community service at the sisters’ Motherhouse from 2007-12 and in a ministry of prayer at the Mount Notre Dame Health Center from 2012 until her death. She also taught at schools in Chicago, Dayton, and Cincinnati.

In 1992, Pope St. John Paul II honored her with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice award, the highest papal honor that can be conferred on the laity.

Survivors include two brothers, Charles (Mary Ann) and Patrick (Barbara), and a sister, Kathleen Kellison.

Officers Anthony Morelli and Eric Joering

Public visitation for Westerville Police Officers Anthony Morelli, 54, and Eric Joering, 39, will take place from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16 at Westerville St. Paul Church, followed by a memorial service at 1 p.m.

The two officers were shot to death on Saturday, Feb. 10, at a home when responding to a 911 hang-up call. The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio said they were the first Westerville officers killed in the line of duty.

Officer Morelli, a Westerville resident who was a 30-year police veteran, died at The Ohio State University’s Wexner Medical Center shortly after the shooting. He is survived by his wife, Linda, one son, and one daughter.

Officer Joering, a police officer for 17 years, died at the scene. He lived near Centerburg. He is survived by his wife, Jami, and three daughters.
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15, THURSDAY
Cenacle at Holy Name
6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus.

16, FRIDAY
Soup Supper at Ada Our Lady of Lourdes
5 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 222 E. Highland Ave., Ada.
Lenten soup supper, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6.
419-634-2626
Soup Supper at Corpus Christi
5:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Church, 111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus.
Lenten soup supper, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6.
419-643-2828
Soup Supper at Groveport St. Mary
6 p.m., St. Mary Church, 5684 Groveport Road, Groveport.
Lenten soup supper, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7.
614-497-1324
Soup Supper at Holy Redeemer
6:30 p.m., Holy Redeemer Church, 1325 Gallia St., Portsmouth.
Lenten soup supper, preceded by Stations of the Cross at 7.
740-354-2716

17, SATURDAY
Columbus Catholic Women’s Conference
8 a.m., Cardinal Building, State Fairgrounds, 771 E. 17th Ave., Columbus. 11th annual Columbus Catholic Women’s Conference, with talks by Lisa Hendey, Obianuju Ekecho, and Matt and Kristin Laboda. Mass with Bishop Frederick Campbell. Adoration, and Benediction.
8 a.m., Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.

18, SUNDAY
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.
Holy Hour at Holy Family
6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Holy Name societies, with refreshments.
614-221-4323
Soup Vespers at St. Margaret of Cortona
6:30 p.m., St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 360 N. Hague Ave., Columbus. Soup Vespers as part of parish’s weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7.
614-279-1690
Eucharistic Holy Hour at Sacred Heart
7 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour with the intention of deepened holiness and an increase in the virtue of foritude for the Holy Father, bishops, and priests, concluding with Benediction, social period, and refreshments.
637-522-5474
Abortion Recovery Network Group
7 to 8 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. 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.

19, MONDAY
Adoration and Reconciliation at New Philadelphia
5 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 139 3rd St. N.E., New Philadelphia. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with Reconciliation available, and Evening Prayer at 6:30.

20, TUESDAY
Adoration, Confession, Mass, Bible Study at Dover
5 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, followed by Mass at 6 and “A Biblical Walk through the Mass” at 7 in family life center.
330-364-6661
Soup Supper at St. Edward
6 p.m., St. Edward Church, 785 Newark-Granville Road, Granville. Soup supper, followed by Stations of the Cross.
740-587-3254
Soup Supper at St. Brigid of Kildare
6 p.m., Imme Room, Hendricks Hall, St. Brigid of Kildare Church, 7119 Avery Road, Dublin. Soup supper hosted by Family First, followed by Stations of the Cross.
614-761-3734
Soup Supper at St. Elizabeth
6:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Soup supper hosted by parish staff.
614-891-0150
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.

21, WEDNESDAY
Abortion Recovery Network Group
9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Westerville Area Resource Ministry, 1150 Heatherdown Drive, Westerville. 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.
614-721-2100
The man who came to dinner

The theater department of Columbus Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, will present a Broadway comedy classic, The Man Who Came to Dinner, by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23 and Sunday, Feb. 25, and at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24.

The man in the title is Sheridan Whiteside, critic, radio personality, and “the intimate friend of anyone worth knowing.”

After being injured by falling on a piece of ice during a cross-country lecture tour stop in Ohio, he has to take up residence with his host family to recuperate.

The family consists of wealthy factory owner Ernest W. Stanley and his wife, daughter, son, and eccentric older sister. Not unsurprisingly (after all, Whiteside is a critic), the convalescence does not go smoothly. His secretary falls in love and gives her notice, causing Whiteside to resort to every sort of chicanery to keep her in his employ.

Stanley’s daughter, meanwhile, is in love with a young union organizer of whom her father disapproves. All of this results in blackmail, deceit, and the appearance of a parade of fading celebrities, to great amusement for the audience. As for the ending, you’ll have to see for yourself.

For more information, call the school at (614) 276-5263.

In rehearsal for “The Man Who Came to Dinner” are (from left) John Pyles, Marie Pece, Julianne Pece, Richard Pittman, and Grace Larger.

Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School

The Odyssey

The drama department of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., will present its winter production, The Odyssey, adapted by Mary Zimmerman, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, Feb. 22 to 24 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25.

Adult tickets are $10, and student tickets are $5. Reservations may be placed by calling the school at (614) 252-6714 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

This dramatic adaptation of the Greek dramatist Homer’s myth begins with a modern young woman struggling to understand Robert Fitzgerald’s translation of the work. A classical muse appears, and the young woman becomes the goddess Athena, a tireless advocate for Odysseus in his struggle to get home.

With her trademark irreverent and witty twist on classic works, acclaimed playwright Mary Zimmerman brings to life the story of Odysseus’s 10-year journey, depicting his encounters with characters such as Circe, the Cyclops, Poseidon, Calypso, the Sirens, and others. St. Charles presented the central Ohio premiere of The Odyssey in 2007.

Photo: Cast members of “The Odyssey” include (from left): seated, Claire Ferguson, Matthew Turek, and Caroline Golonka; standing, Anna Turek, Mariel Trinidad, and Julia Kelley; on scaffold, Reed Williams, Lance Glenn, Isaac Krakowka, Will Morrison, Joseph Roe, Campbell Smith, Nathan Kuh, and Jarrod Hay.

Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School
The 11th annual Diocese of Columbus Catholic Schools Honor Choir concert, with the theme *Dic Nobis Maria* (Tell Us, Mary), will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road North.

Each year, students from all diocesan schools are invited to participate in this one-day choral event, led by artistic director and clinician Sheila Cafmeyer (pictured). Nearly 200 singers from 14 schools, representing diocesan grade schools and Ohio Dominican University, will take part.

Cafmeyer has been choir director at Ohio Dominican since 2012 and held the same position at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School from 2002 to 2010. She directs and performs in musicals for high school, college, and community theaters; teaches private voice lessons; is a wedding vocalist; and has been a member of the Lancaster Chorale since 2000. She earned a master’s degree in music education from Capital University.

With the support of diocesan music teachers, she has been artistic director and clinician for the Diocese of Columbus Catholic Schools Honor Choir since its inception in 2008.

“It is such a joy for me to have the opportunity, year after year, to work with the young singers of our diocese,” she said. “Our music teachers do the hard work of teaching the music to their select singers while juggling musicals, Masses, lesson plans, and classes. Under the clear guidance of the Holy Spirit, each performance promises to bless all participants and our audience.”

In addition to the honor choir performance, individual selections will be performed at the concert by ensembles including the youth choirs of Gahanna St. Matthew, Wellston Ss. Peter and Paul, and Dennison Immaculate Conception churches, and the Ohio Dominican University Chorus.

To order a copy of this year’s performance, go to http://soundwaves.org and search “Diocese of Columbus.”

This event was developed by diocesan music teachers to give their singers an opportunity to perform challenging music in a large ensemble setting. Singers prepare the music under the guidance of their music teachers and assemble for one afternoon rehearsal and evening performance.

Sacred music of all styles will be performed during this celebration of song in an effort to demonstrate our unity and Catholic heritage through music. A free will offering will be collected for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen in appreciation for the service it provides the community.

Daisy Scout troops at Westerville St. Paul School became the first Girl Scouts to participate in a Pinewood Derby at St. Paul School. Twenty-one kindergarten and first-grade girls and their parents had the opportunity to shape a block of pine into a car and enter it in the race.

Cars had to be weighed and measured to qualify for the race. The track had six lanes and a digitized finish line. Each car entered six heats, and averages for all six were taken to determine the winners.

Special awards were given for design features. There were cars with Minnie Mouse and *Frozen* themes, one “Fighting Irish” vehicle with a leprechaun hat on top, a paintbrush pallet car, watermelon cars, and everything in between. Father Charlie Klinger, pastor at St. Paul (pictured with Scouts), paid a surprise visit, offered a blessing to the Scouts, and sprinkled them with holy water.


Members of the leadership team were Tara Becker, Beth Klapp, Krista Whorton, and Boy Scout leaders Dave Klapp, Sean Morrissey, Carl Smerdel, and Jon Zygmunt. Photo courtesy St. Paul School.
The Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Road, Columbus, is the site of a variety of events each year. That versatility will be displayed on back-to-back days this weekend, when on Saturday, Feb. 17, it hosts activities related to human trafficking, followed the next day by a Black History Month program.

The human trafficking prevention outreach, known as “SOAP Up Columbus,” is sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace and ADAMH, the Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Board of Franklin County, and is supported by an ADAMH grant.

SOAP (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) is an outreach designed to fight human trafficking at large events. The Columbus SOAP event usually takes place a few weeks before the annual Arnold Sports Festival in Columbus, which draws about 200,000 people to the city.

Volunteers at the SOAP event will assist in wrapping hotel-size bars of soap with bright red wrappers printed with the phone number for the National Human Trafficking Helpline. Volunteers also may distribute the wrapped soap, along with posters of missing girls who may be involved in sex trafficking, to local hotels and motels. The program starts at 9:30 a.m., with lunch included before the soap is distributed around 12:30 p.m.

“Events like this draw so many men who are looking for sex,” said Sister Nadine Buchanan, OP, who has been recognized for her work with trafficked women. “Women and girls as young as 12 or 13 are bussed in to answer that demand. We are trying to help them find a way out of this life.”

For more information or to register for SOAP Up Columbus, go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soap-up-the-arnold-classic-2018-tickets-41824586464.

The Black History Month program will be a free presentation of “The Sound of My People,” by Through His Eyes Ministry, an arts ministry of the Columbus First Church of God, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18.

The Sound of My People offers viewers a glimpse into the history of African Americans from Africa to modern day America, told through music, drama, dance, and song. The production examines how faith in God and worship through music impacted the growth of the African American culture.

“We are honored to welcome Through His Eyes to the Martin de Porres Center,” said Yahaira Rose, center director. “This wonderful production offers something for everyone in the family, from music and dance to history.”

For more information, call the center at (614) 416-1910.

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**Martin de Porres Center to host events on trafficking, history**

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

**Spring Clean-up!**

*Cemetery* field workers will be removing winter-time and artificial decorations from graves and mausoleums at all Catholic cemeteries beginning March 1, 2018.

We request that families wishing to retain any personal keepsakes, to please remove them by March 1.

Due to the number of decorations involved, the cemetery staff can not be responsible for collecting or storing personal items. Thank you for your cooperation.

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