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Addressing difficult issues

This week’s Catholic Times includes several news stories addressing issues that weigh heavily on the hearts and minds of many people in our diocese and throughout the world.

First, Bishop Frederick Campbell spoke at length last week during his From the Chair program on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820 about the clergy sex abuse crisis that has rocked the Church in the United States in recent weeks. Our story highlights Bishop Campbell’s thoughts and guidance on this very serious situation.

A second story provides insights into the opioid crisis in America, and more specifically in Ohio, from the perspective of journalist Sam Quinones. He was the featured presenter on Friday, Sept. 7 at Catholic Social Services’ annual fundraising breakfast at the Columbus Renaissance Hotel.

The former Los Angeles Times reporter’s 2015 book, Dreamland: The True Tale of America’s Opiate Epidemic is based in part on his examination of the devastation the crisis has wrought in southern and central Ohio, particularly in Portsmouth and Columbus. The St. Francis Center, located in Portsmouth and run by Catholic Social Services, has seen how the scourge of drug addiction has impacted families – from children dying at a young age to addicted parents abandoning their kids and, sadly, leaving grandparents, relatives, friends and agencies to care for them.

If you haven’t read the book, you should pick it up at a library or a local bookstore. Quinones, a veteran reporter and skilled journalist, digs deep into the issue to provide a realistic account of what led to the epidemic and how it has wreaked havoc in communities.

In his presentation at the Catholic Social Services breakfast, he said he is encouraged by recent actions at the local level, with community members coming together to recognize the problem and working to find solutions.

Also worthy of mention is the passing of the oldest priest in our diocese. Father Saulius Paul Laurinaitis passed away peacefully on Friday at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor in Columbus at age 96. Father Laurinaitis was born in Lithuania, lived through the devastation of World War II, and came to Columbus in 1951 at the invitation of Bishop Michael Ready.

Father Laurinaitis served the people of the diocese throughout his priesthood in parishes, schools and various ministries. He would have celebrated the 70th anniversary of his ordination on Dec. 18.

His funeral Mass will take place Friday, Sept. 14 at Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator Church, where he assisted in retirement.

This good and faithful servant has gone home to be with the Lord. Pray for him and give thanks for his willingness to serve Christ and His Church. In these troubled times, when scandal has tarnished the priesthood, we ask God to inspire more holy men and women to answer the call to serve the Church without fear.

And continue to remember in your prayers anyone touched by the clergy scandals and opioid epidemic.

Father Saulius Paul Laurinaitis passed away on Sept. 7, 2018

Funeral Mass for Father Saulius Paul Laurinaitis, 96, who died Friday, Sept. 7, will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14 at Hilliard St. Brendan Church, with Bishop Frederick Campbell as celebrant and homilist, and Bishop Emeritus James Griffin and priests of the Diocese of Columbus as concelebrants. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus. Calling hours will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 and from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Father Laurinaitis, the senior priest of the diocese in age and length of service, was born in Kaunas, Lithuania, on April 2, 1922 to the late Jonas and Elena (Mazelyte) Laurinaitis.

He was ordained as a priest of the Diocese of Kaunas on Dec. 18, 1948, in Brixen, Austria by Bishop Johannes Geisler of Brixen. Much of his studying for the priesthood was done in secrecy because of occupations of his homeland by both the Soviet Russians and the Nazis. He became a refugee from his homeland after the Soviets occupied it for the second time in 1944 and completed his theological studies in Germany, Italy and Austria.

He arrived in the United States in 1951, when he began his service in the Diocese of Columbus. He became an American citizen in 1959 and was incardinated as a Columbus diocesan priest in 1986.

He was pastor of Newark Blessed Sacrament and Bremen St. Mary churches, associate pastor at Kenton Immaculate Conception, Columbus Corpus Christi, Columbus St. Andrew, Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, and Columbus St. Cecilia, administrator at the Johnstown Church of the Ascension and the Utica Church of the Nativity, and in residence at St. Therese’s Retreat Center in Columbus.

In addition, he served at Columbus St. Vincent Orphanage, Columbus St. Joseph Academy, and Granville Our Lady of Mercy School, taught at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, was a member of the diocesan Priests Senate, was active in the Cursillo and Cum Christo movements, was the bishop’s liaison to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, and was a chaplain at Doctors Hospital West and for the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in Columbus. He also was on the faculty of Francisca University of Steubenville and served as associate pastor of St. Patrick Church in Providence, Rhode Island.

He retired in 1987, lived at Hilliard St. Brendan Church for many years, and resided in his final years in the assisted living section of the Villas at St. Therese and at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor, both in Columbus.

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BISHOP ANTICIPATES INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY

By Tim Puet, Catholic Times Reporter

Bishop Frederick Campbell says recent events related to abuse of minors and vulnerable adults by members of the clergy will lead to a greater sense of accountability in the Catholic Church, particularly among bishops.

“In this whole terrible situation, the question is going to be ‘How do we attend to episcopal accountability?’” the bishop said on Tuesday, Sept. 4 during a special edition of his weekly program on St. Gabriel Radio in Columbus.

“Every bishop is accountable to the pope,” he told program host David Martin. “How do we activate that accountability if what happens in a case of sexual abuse is an abuse of authority, as well as abuse of the victim?”

The Catholic Church in the United States has been devastated recently on two fronts by allegations related to abuse. A investigation by a grand jury empowered by the Pennsylvania attorney general’s office found widespread sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy members in six dioceses in that state. This has led to similar inquiries in six other states.

In addition, former Washington Archbishop Theodore McCarrick is awaiting a Vatican trial on allegations that he abused seminarians. Pope Francis ordered him to live a life of penance and prayer until the trial occurs and accepted his resignation from the College of Cardinals on July 28.

Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, former apostolic nuncio to the United States, wrote a letter published on Aug. 26 in which he accused Church officials, including Pope Francis, of failing to act on accusations of abuse of conscience and power by Archbishop McCarrick. Archbishop Viganò also has said now-retired Pope Benedict XVI earlier placed sanctions on Archbishop McCarrick, but neither he nor Pope Benedict were able to enforce them.

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, archbishop of Galveston-Houston and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said that the questions raised by Archbishop Viganò “deserve answers that are conclusive and based on evidence” and that he was “eager for an audience” with the pope to present a plan that the conference’s executive committee has formulated in response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis.

The plan, among other things, calls for an apostolic visitation by Vatican officials and for creation of a national commission of laypersons with independent authority to investigate all aspects of the clergy sexual abuse crisis.

Author says community efforts are key to fighting addiction

By Tim Puet, Catholic Times Reporter

The author of a landmark book on opioid addiction says the problem can’t be addressed through one large, dramatic solution, but through people working together in many small ways.

“We have to stop believing there’s an easy way out of the situation, that we have no need for each other,” Sam Quinones said. “We have to form communities that will work with each other. That’s how all innovation happens – through small, incremental changes.”

Quinones was the principal speaker at Catholic Social Services’ annual fundraising breakfast on Friday, Sept. 7 at the Renaissance Hotel in Columbus, attended by more than 600 people, the largest crowd ever for the event.


The book’s title comes from the name of a former Portsmouth swimming pool that once served as the symbolic center that brought the community together, then began to fall apart – much like the community itself – as a result of economic difficulties.

Quinones said a “perfect storm” of events, including easier availability of heroin, aggressive marketing by pharmaceutical manufacturers, and changing attitudes in the medical profession toward pain control, led to a situation in which more than 42,000 people died of opioid-related deaths nationwide in 2016 – 2,000 more than the number killed in auto accidents.

Opioids are a class of drugs that include the illegal drug heroin, legally available pain relievers such as oxycodone (OxyContin) and hydrocodone (Vicodin), and synthetic products such as fentanyl, all of which are designed to relieve pain but can led to addiction through excessive use.

“Heroin became more readily available through a change in the heroin market,” Quinones said. “It used to be that heroin came from opium poppies grown in the Far East. They came through New York City and were spread much closer to the United States. This was very cheap and very potent, and the Colombians and Mexicans began flooding the market with it. They outcompeted the Far East.” In time, drug dealers and distributors developed a marketing strategy through which Quinones’ book said heroin could be sold like pizza, and the system flourished throughout the United States.

Meanwhile, around the mid-1990s, what Quinones said was “a revolution in pharmaceutical sales” to physicians was occurring. Until that point, most pharmaceutical representatives were middle-aged and older, had many years of experience in the medical profession, and based their relationships with doctors on being reliable sources of information about drugs and their effects.

“All of a sudden, that all changed,” he said. “Pharmaceutical companies decided to become more aggressive.”
of the abuse question.

“Cardinal DiNardo has taken leadership in this issue,” Bishop Campbell said. “We are going to put together a new program, and he will be visiting the Holy Father about this whole situation. I have known Cardinal DiNardo and I trust him about this, but it is a problem that needs to be clarified. … It’s also a problem that revolves around the personal identity of the bishop, as it revolves around the identity of the priest. What is an effective priestly identity? What is an authentic episcopal identity? Those are questions we are going to have to work out.”

“A priest is ordained to act ‘in persona Christi’ – in the person of Christ,” Bishop Campbell said. “Is that happening? Do people see the person of Christ in the actions of a priest? That’s what’s so devastating about these abuse cases.”

The bishop noted that in the past two years, cases related to allegations of abuse have been filed in the Diocese of Columbus. “A case means some kind of legal action,” he said. In both instances, the allegations involved priests who are dead.

One of those priests is Msgr. Thomas Bennett, who died in 2008 and who taught at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School for more than 40 years. A lawsuit was filed in Franklin County Common Pleas Court on July 5 against the diocese, the bishop, and the school by a man who said Msgr. Bennett molested him while he was a freshman at St. Charles during the 2002-03 school year.

“It caught us off guard,” Bishop Campbell said. “It came out of the blue. We did not have any earlier allegation against him. We did not hear from the victim until a lawsuit was filed.”

The bishop reviewed diocesan procedures regarding abuse allegations against clergy members and lay employees of the diocese, saying that in all such cases, the proper civil authorities are notified immediately and the diocese initiates its own investigation.

“We interview the one who is making the allegation, then we put together a dossier on it,” he said. “When we come to some sort of understanding that this indeed is a credible allegation, we present it to a lay review board to study the case and give its conclusion on how to go forward.”

The bishop said he does not attend meetings of the board, which consists of 11 representatives of various professions related to the care of children.

Cases are presented to the board by Msgr. Stephen Moloney, diocesan vicar general and victim assistance coordinator. If an accused priest is alive, he is asked to come before the board with a canon lawyer and a civil lawyer to represent him and to hear the allegations against him. If the board determines an allegation is credible, it places him on administrative leave and suspends his faculties as a priest until the case can be more thoroughly investigated.

“If further investigation establishes a deeper truth about the allegation, we present the case and all the material we have gathered to the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and there the decision is made” on whether to laicize a priest, Bishop Campbell said. He described procedures related to cases involving allegations of clergy abuse as “a balancing act between concern for the alleged victim and concern for the accused.”

The bishop said that if an abuse allegation were made against a lay employee of the diocese, the case would be pursued as diligently as a case against a member of the clergy would be, but in a different manner. A case involving a layperson would mostly involve civil law, while one against a cleric would deal with aspects of both canon and civil law, he explained.

He also pointed out that all diocesan and parish employees and volunteers who work with children are required to undergo a background check and to complete the Protecting God’s Children program, which is designed to ensure that parishes offer a safe, protective atmosphere for young people.

Because he is bishop of Columbus, Bishop Campbell also is vice chancellor of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy, which educates seminarians from across the nation, including nearly all of the 41 men studying to be priests of the Diocese of Columbus. The only Columbus seminarians not at the Josephinum are those attending the Pope John XXIII National Seminary in Massachusetts, which serves candidates for the priesthood age 30 and older.

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After detailing the lengthy process required before someone is admitted to the seminary, the bishop said it then takes six years to complete studies for the priesthood because “We want to be absolutely certain the call to a priestly vocation is authentic. In a vocation, there is a kind of 50-50 balance. Fifty percent must be authenticated within an individual’s heart and mind, and 50 percent is the Church examining and preparing a person and saying we think the vocation is authentic.”

He said he was glad that nearly all the diocese’s seminarians are studying at the Josephinum because they are going to be working together as members of the same community of priests in the diocese. He also said he was impressed by the devotion of all members of the Josephinum faculty, whether lay or clergy, to what they teach and to the atmosphere of teaching at the seminary level.

In another comment concerning the Vigano allegations, Bishop Campbell said, “Very few of us have a complete knowledge of the information that he possesses. One of the things that Cardinal DiNardo is going to do is try to get to the bottom of all this. … We know that something went wrong within the system that needs to be looked at and corrected. Before we do anything, we need to know what is true.”

“What we need to deal with is how to win back the trust of the members of the Church in this terrible situation,” the bishop continued. He cautioned against using the occasion to push a personal agenda, saying that doing so would only create deeper divisions.

He said that he often is asked why he is a Catholic, and that his response is “I am a Catholic because I know it to be true, and I believe that it is fundamental to my life. I’m not a Catholic because the only people I meet in the Church are saints. I am Catholic because I know evil exists, and that through Our Lord Jesus Christ, it can be overcome if we cling to him. We have to be very serious about sin and evil. It is present.”

He concluded the hourlong program by saying, “We are called here to understand and to realize and to know, love and serve the presence of Jesus Christ. That’s the heart of the Church. It is not in worldly success and influence. I think the Lord sent us a chastisement to remind us of that.”

And he recalled Simon Peter’s words in John’s Gospel, as read on the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.”
Ohio Dominican University receives accreditation

Ohio Dominican University has been reaccredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) for a 10-year period, the maximum amount of time possible. The regional accreditation agency validates the overall quality of institutions and has affirmed ODU’s mission and responsibility.

As part of the accreditation process, a team of HLC peer reviewers visited the university for two days in late March. This visit occurs every 10 years.

“I am pleased that the Higher Learning Commission’s team of peer reviewers was impressed during their visit, both with the outstanding quality of education our students receive, as well as the commitment of the faculty and staff who strive to serve our students each and every day,” said Dr. Robert A. Gervasi, ODU president.

“I’m exceedingly grateful for the thorough, tireless and exceptional work of our reaccreditation committees and the entire campus community for their thoughtful and enthusiastic participation during this important process.”

Planning for the visit began in the fall of 2015, when the university’s leadership formed a reaccreditation committee consisting of faculty and staff. The committee and its subcommittees spent more than two years preparing an assurance argument that was submitted before the visit. The HLC team conducted a comprehensive evaluation of ODU to ensure it meets the criteria for accreditation, is pursuing institutional improvement, and complies with requirements set by the U.S. Department of Education.

The criteria for accreditation are as follows: the institution’s mission is clear, articulated publicly and guides the institution’s operations; the institution acts with integrity and its conduct is ethical and responsible; the institution provides high-quality education, wherever and however its offerings are delivered; the institution’s resources, structures and processes are sufficient to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its educational offerings, and respond to future challenges and opportunities; the institution plans for the future.

The guiding values to receive accreditation include a focus on student learning; education as a public purpose; education for a diverse, technologically, globally connected world; a culture of continuous improvement; evidence-based institutional learning and self-presentation; integrity, transparency and ethical behavior or practice; governance for the well-being of the institution; planning and management of resources to ensure institutional sustainability; mission-centered evaluation; and accreditation through peer review.

Regional accreditation agencies are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and accredit degree-granting postsecondary educational institutions. The HLC, one of six regional institutional accreditors, accredits degree-granting postsecondary educational institutions in a region that includes 19 states. Accreditation is required for universities to receive federal funds for student financial aid and research. ODU has been accredited by the HLC since 1934.

ODU’s Wehrle Gallery art exhibitions celebrate Year of the Print

Ohio Dominican University’s Wehrle Gallery plans a variety of exhibitions during the 2018-19 academic year to celebrate Year of the Print.

Exhibitions will include:

Celebrating Twenty Years of the Phoenix Rising Print Cooperative Sunday, Aug. 26 to Friday, Oct. 26

New Work by Nicholas Hill Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 to Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019
Opening reception: 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11
Artist talk: Noon Tuesday, Nov. 27.
Hill is an internationally recognized printmaker, curator, and 2017 Guggenheim Fellow whose work explores history, other cultures, and the creative processes of artists in those cultures.

Wehrle Holiday Art Market
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4

Handmade cards, candles, textiles, pottery, and more from Ohio Dominican artists and others will be available for purchase.

With Careful Scrutiny: Anne Cushman and the Art of the Print
Sunday, Feb. 3 to Sunday, April 7, 2019
Opening reception: 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3
Artist talk: Noon Tuesday, Feb. 12.
Cushman, a prolific and technically masterful printmaker and educator and a co-founder of Columbus’ nationally recognized Phoenix Rising Print Cooperative, focuses on designs and patterns in nature and how our presence imposes itself on the environment.

2019 Senior Exhibition
Sunday, April 28 to Friday, June 14, 2019
Opening reception: 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28, 2019
An exhibition by ODU’s graduating seniors featuring a range of content and media.

The Wehrle Gallery, on ODU’s campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission is free.

ODU partners with Catholic Foundation

Ohio Dominican University has partnered with The Catholic Foundation to engage with alumni and friends of the university who are considering supporting ODU through a planned gift.

A planned gift is any major gift made in one’s lifetime or at death as part of a donor’s overall financial and/or estate planning. The Catholic Foundation offers expertise in the areas of endowments, planned giving and bequests.

This partnership allows ODU’s advancement team to focus on gift cultivation and annual giving efforts, while providing donors with access to the resources and knowledge of the Foundation’s staff as donors consider future gifts and long-term planning to benefit the university.

“As Central Ohio’s only Catholic university, we are proud and honored to partner with The Catholic Foundation to steward the planned giving intentions of alumni and friends,” said Mark Cooper, ODU’s vice president for advancement and external relations. “I look forward to our partnership with The Catholic Foundation’s talented staff in using their expertise and experience to shepherd our donors through the giving options that best fit their individual philanthropic goals.”

For more on how to support Ohio Dominican University, visit ohiodominican.edu/Give.
**Dementia and the sacraments?**

**QUESTION & ANSWER**

*Father Kenneth Doyle*

*Catholic News Service*

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I bring holy Communion to a local nursing home. Of the 66 Catholics there, many of them have no visitors. Those with dementia are asked whether they would like to receive the Eucharist, and if they say “Yes,” I give them the host.

It saddens me that Jesus suffered to give us his mercy in confession and in anointing, and yet I don’t feel that I can ask a priest to bring these sacraments because I don’t know whether the people were attending church prior to their dementia. Am I correct, and what can be done for these individuals other than praying for them to the Lord? (City of origin withheld)

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Helpful guidance is available on these matters in *Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities* – published by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and revised most recently in June 2017.

You are right to ask residents with dementia whether they would like to receive the Eucharist; according to the guidelines, all that is required is that they simply be able to distinguish holy Communion from ordinary food – and sometimes that is shown not by words but by a gesture, even by reverential silence.

The guidelines note, too, that “cases of doubt should be resolved in favor of the right of the Catholic to receive the sacrament.”

As for confession and anointing of the sick, why would you demand as a prerequisite that the person had been attending church prior to the onset of the dementia? What’s essential, I would think, is not history, but the current state of the person’s soul – and who are we to measure that?

By all means, try to line up a priest to come to offer these other sacraments. The priest will ask Catholics if they would like to go to confession, and, according to the guidelines, “as long as the individual is capable of having a sense of contrition for having committed sin, even if he or she cannot describe the sin precisely in words, the person may receive sacramental absolution.”

And finally, the anointing of the sick has, as one of its effects, “the forgive-ness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 1532).

Yes, I know that for forgiveness to take effect, one must be properly disposed (i.e., sincerely contrite), but I would always give the person the benefit of the doubt and let God sort it out!

At my parish, the Eucharistic ministers wear jeans and T-shirts with printed messages having nothing to do with religion. The lectors wear Bermuda shorts and casual shoes. (The priest and servers wear regular altar attire.) The snare drummer plays the cymbals so loud that the choir cannot be heard when they are singing.

I am a lifelong Catholic, and are these changes I must accept as the new norm for the celebration of the Mass? (I have not spoken yet to our parish priest about this, because I wanted to see your answer first.) (Hawaii)

There is nothing in the church’s universal *Code of Canon Law* that regulates the specific apparel of the Eucharist – wisely, I would think, since standards of dress differ somewhat throughout the world.

The website of the bishops of the United States says simply that “all ministers of holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the most holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine.”

Some Catholic parishes do publish their own guidelines with varying specificity. (One, from a Catholic parish in Texas, says: “MEN: First Choice: suit and tie; Second Choice: sports coat, dress slacks and tie; Least Choice: dress shirt, dress slacks and tie. WOMEN: First Choice: a dress, skirt/blouse, or dress pants suit; Second Choice: there is none.”)

I would suggest that you speak to your pastor about your own feelings. (You might mention the snare drummer, too.)

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**Transitus to be celebrated October 3**

The Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi traditionally is celebrated by Franciscans all over the world on Oct. 3. This is the vigil of the Feast of St. Francis and is a night to commemorate his death.

Transitus is a Latin word that means “passage” or “crossing over.”

In every account written about St. Francis’ death, it is remembered that he was full of great joy and song as he embraced death. The Transitus ritual inspires participants to richly live the Gospel until the end of their days.

The Secular Franciscan Fraternity of St. Catherine of Bologna will be celebrating Transitus at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3 at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Bottles Ave.

Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall after the Transitus ritual.

**Red Wagon Fare luncheon scheduled**

The Christ Child Society of Columbus will host its annual Red Wagon Fare Luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus. Shopping will begin at 10 a.m.

The luncheon features a style show with clothing from Von Maur. Author and fashion consultant Jackie Walker will be master of ceremonies. Products from area merchants and artists, along with homemade sweets and treats, will be featured in the marketplace.

All proceeds go directly to the society’s projects throughout central Ohio. Tickets are $60 per person. Make checks out to Christ Child Society of Columbus, and send them to Red Wagon Fare, in care of Diane Giffin, 6558 Tantallon Square, Dublin OH 43016. Tickets also are available online at www.christchildsociety.org.

**Sister Bonzena to speak at Serra luncheon**

Sister Bozena Tyborowiska, LSIC, will be the featured speaker at the annual Serra Club of North Columbus vocation luncheon for high-school age girls, which will take place Tuesday, Nov. 6 in the Jessing Center at the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus.

Sister Bozena is a member of the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. She came to the United States from Poland after being called at an early age by God to serve him in a special religious vocation. In spite of many years of resistance by her family, moving to a new nation and living in a new culture, with a job, and even becoming engaged to marry, she was able to open her heart and answer God’s call with an enthusiastic “Yes.”

Her story provides the young women of the diocese with an inspirational and beautiful example of how we can overcome the pull of society and find our individual call from God, whatever it may be.

The event will begin at 11:30 p.m. A tour of the Josephinum will follow lunch and Sister Bozena’s talk.

Students at diocesan high schools can register at their school to attend the event. Home-schooled and public-school students are invited to register by calling Tim Perrin at (614) 507-2037. Students, faculty, and adults accompanying home-schooled students will be guests of the Serra Club.
Judi Engel of Columbus was one of three women formally accepted as Associates of the Adrian Dominican Sisters during a ritual of acceptance last month at the congregation’s Motherhouse in Adrian, Michigan.

Engel, an Adrian Dominican sister from 1964 to 2006, is an artist, educator and consultant. She taught in inner-city schools and was involved in a variety of other ministries for the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Diocese of Columbus. While beginning her retirement, she anticipates remaining involved in spirituality and art — drawing, watercolors and photography.

Associates are women and men, married or single, who are at least 18 and committed to sharing the mission and vision of the Adrian Dominican Sisters. While maintaining their independent lifestyles, Associates share in the sisters’ mission and vision and participate in congregational, spiritual and social events with the sisters.

If you are interested in becoming an Adrian Dominican Associate, contact Lach at (517) 266-3531 or mlauch@adriandominicans.org. Being Catholic is not a requirement for Associates. If you are a single Catholic woman interested in discerning vowed religious life with the Adrian Dominican Sisters, contact Sister Tarianne DeYonker, OP, at (517) 266-3532 or Sister Mariane Fahlman, OP, at (517) 266-3537.

The Adrian Dominican Sisters, a congregation of about 600 vowed women religious and more than 200 Associates, trace their roots to St. Dominic in the 13th century. The sisters minister in 22 states and the Dominican Republic, Norway and the Philippines. The congregation’s vision is to “seek truth, make peace, reverence life.”

There were 35,000 drug sales representatives in 1995 and 100,000 by the end of the decade, and almost all of them were young. They didn’t know what they were selling, but they knew how to sell.

“They gave a lot of things away, they bought lots of free, expensive lunches for doctors and their staffs, and the marketing worked. Pfizer alone had 12,000 new representatives. Purdue Pharma had 1,000, but it was the only company selling a narcotic (OxyContin) as if it were non-addictive. OxyContin is an opiate. It was a game-changer,” because its widespread use in prescriptions created a market for the cheap, potent heroin from Mexico. “There was no conspiracy involved, just the progression of events,” Quinones said.

One reason why so many more pharmaceutical sales personnel were showing up in doctors’ offices and so many more prescriptions were being written for pills to relieve pain was that the medical profession had come to define pain as a fifth vital sign, joining blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate and temperature. With that came a belief that it was a doctor’s duty to minimize pain as much as possible.

“It used to be that for pain management treatment, there wasn’t one individual method, but many strategies — things like watching what you eat, exercising more, and stopping smoking — but insurance companies stopped reimbursing for that,” Quinones said. “And we began treating doctors like auto mechanics — saying ‘You fix me up, not by telling me that I eat, drink and smoke too much, but by giving me a pill.’ Doctors were under more pressure, and pills were an easy answer.”

Portsmouth in particular became known as a capital of “pill mills” — clinics where hundreds of people might come each day and be seen just long enough to get a prescription for more pain pills, to which they had become addicted.

Quinones began hearing of this while in Mexico, where he was a Los Angeles Times reporter for 10 years, and where he began the research that led to the interviews in Mexico and the United States on which the book is based.

“I thought I was writing about drug trafficking, but I found that I was dealing with a bigger story that told of who we are and what we have become,” he said. “At the root of the opioid crisis is that we had spent about 35 years destroying community — exulting the private sector; admiring the wealthy whether or not they did anything positive; laughing at government and its efforts to keep some things at bay. All this has resulted in a drug nightmare created almost exclusively by the private sector.”

Quinones noted that one aspect of opioid addiction is the desire it creates for the addict to withdraw from society to pursue a euphoria that doesn’t last. “It’s the final expression of the deluded conviction that we can go it alone, of the fetish for the private over the public, for isolation over community, for consumption as the path to happiness, turning every addict into the ultimate consumer,” he said.

“We have to rediscover a different kind of self-reliance, the kind that requires depending each other,” Quinones said. “I’m starting to see this happen all across the country, through parents submitting obituaries that tell the truth about why their children died too young, through watching communities form groups of ordinary citizens — not just police and public health people, but clergy and service clubs — that are starting to fight back. They’re leveraging their talents and energies, coming together in beautiful ways, coming together naturally, organically, not because anyone is pushing them, but because they want to.”

He urged employers to hire recovering addicts, saying that “when you give people a second chance, they almost always become enormously grateful and energetic. … The process will be messy, and we need to realize that we don’t have a way to solve all our problems, but we can start where we are. Collaboration leads to innovation.

“Your effort probably won’t be recognized, because real change happens in a piecemeal way,” he said. “Find groups, lend your expertise, leverage your talents, and your towns, your counties, your states and your country will thank you.”

Rachel Lustig, president and chief executive officer of Catholic Social Services, said her agency is in a unique position to help others not just because of the programs it offers for families, senior citizens and young people, but because of the added dimension of being an agency of the Catholic Church, regardless of the difficulties the Church is undergoing.

She talked about how a women’s prayer group at her parish had opened its hands and hearts to one of its members who had learned her daughter had become addicted. “When we come together, we make it harder for addiction to happen,” she said. “This reminds us that we can be love for one another.”

“In the Catholic tradition, CSS takes God’s love and shares it with the poor and the vulnerable, one person, one family, one community, one neighbor at a time,” she said. She had talked earlier about simple, but binding written pledges that had benefited the agency, and after showing a video of people talking about the impact of CSS on their lives, she displayed a similar promise to lead Catholic Social Services to the best of her ability and asked everyone present to help her fulfill that mission.
St. Gabriel Radio, Inc. has entered into an agreement to purchase 88.3 FM in Scioto County.

St. Gabriel Radio’s EWTN broadcasts are expected to begin on that frequency in Scioto County by the end of the year, after Federal Communications Commission approval is received.

This acquisition will enable St. Gabriel Radio to expand its coverage into the southernmost portion of the Diocese of Columbus. The new Catholic radio station will reach more than 150,000 people and 11 parishes in Waverly, Portsmouth and Ironton with a strong day and night signal.

Marc Hawk, president of the St. Gabriel Radio board of directors, said: “It has always been our mission to provide the members of the Diocese of Columbus with high-quality Catholic programming to aid them in their journey of knowing, loving and serving Jesus Christ. Our current signal on AM 820 covers most of Ohio and over four million people, but it’s always been a goal for us to reach the southern area of the diocese. We are excited about the addition of 88.3 FM in Scioto County.”

Starting in December, St. Gabriel Radio will simulcast its AM 820 radio programs on 88.3 FM, along with local breaks that will include Portsmouth-area parish and school news. Bill Messerly, St. Gabriel Radio executive director, is excited to see how this new station will “support the unity of a deeply faithful Catholic population that is spread out geographically.”

St. Gabriel Radio, Inc. is a non-profit EWTN affiliate, headquartered in Columbus, that is dedicated to reaching souls with quality Catholic programming that is faithful to the teaching of Jesus Christ and presented in a way that inspires conversion of heart and a deepening of faith, while building up the local faith community.


Bishop Campbell and the Josephinum’s new and returning students were welcomed by Msgr. Christopher Schreck, now in his seventh year as the institution’s rector/president.

During the Mass, new members of the faculty made a profession of faith and took an oath of fidelity, as required by any person assuming an office to be exercised in the name of the Catholic Church.

The seminary welcomes five priests to its full-time faculty for 2018-19. They are Father Bernard Mulcahy, OP, associate professor of systematic theology; Father Peter Totleben, OP, lecturer in theology; Father Eric Wagner, CR, assistant professor of sacred Scripture; Father Marek Kasperczuk, associate professor and director of sacred liturgy; and Father Ervens Mengelle, IVE, visiting professor of sacred Scripture.

The Josephinum looks forward to welcoming the public to a variety of special events, in particular to its annual lecture series. This year’s presentations will feature Dr. Brad Gregory of the University of Notre Dame on Thursday, Nov. 8; Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, archbishop of Galveston-Houston and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, on Wednesday March 20, 2019; and Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM Cap, of Philadelphia on Wednesday March 27.
Having faith in weakness

J. P. Leo Thomas

When you drive by a field covered in stalks of ripened corn or by a field colored by the landscape of the season, what types of things do you recall, or better yet, what memories come to mind as you go past and reflect? Or do you see only shapes and movements in the beautiful picture that is laid out before you? Do you allow your senses to overshadow what could have been a remarkable moment?

God tests us in subtle ways. Is this one of those times where He is adjusting our barometer? Life throws many challenges at us, and we need a slow break every now and then. I believe it is His way of allowing us time to reflect and remember when things were a little simpler and much less complicated. During these months of fall, we tend to worry about what is ahead and feel contemplative about leaving summer behind.

The sun gets a little less bright, the days grow shorter and time seems to go a little faster. We go to great lengths to try and stop time, but God reminds us that it is fleeting and that today is what we must live for. A gentle nudge in the right direction, with a degree of intrepidity, can make a world of difference to someone searching for elusive answers. Each of us is given a perspective on which to base our thoughts, and it is here we find the courage to choose to follow the smaller, narrower path and to have faith in the ability not only from God Himself, but in the people that surround us, that they will come to our aid whenever and wherever we need them.

Have you ever saw or heard of the psychological test of letting family, friends or even a complete stranger catch you as you fall back behind them? Having confidence in someone you hardly know is the biggest challenge. For at the time this occurs, all the doubts, all the fears seem to well up inside us. We think of what may happen, of what could happen, instead of letting go for a split second, allowing God and life to take over.

That is the quintessential obstacle we must overcome: to have faith in the ability of people around us to be as good as their human nature will allow them to be. Jesus taught us that we must remember the past and embrace the unknown. Do not fear what you do not understand. It may be in these critical moments of indecision that we make the most awesome discoveries. Look back on these colorful days and remember what Jesus said to us so long ago.

“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

Just think about this when you are getting ready to do something silly, or better yet, something truly remarkable. Your best life is ahead of you, so enjoy the scenery and the memory.

Seize this moment to be the most forgiving and loving person you can be. Do not be afraid to fall; have faith that someone will catch you. And maybe, just maybe, we can change the world, one good Christian at a time.

May God bless you and keep you. May the wind be forever at your back, and may His peace be with you always.

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

Order of Malta clinic is one year old

The Order of Malta Center of Care has entered its second year of serving the community. The clinic at the St. John Center in Columbus opened on Aug. 24, 2017. The order conducted an open house last month to mark the occasion.

In partnership with the Catholic Medical Association of Central Ohio, the order’s Columbus Region runs the center, which is free to everyone. It is fully funded by donations from people who care about helping the sick and poor.

It was open every second and fourth Thursday of the month in 2017. In its first four months of operation, it had 82 patient visits, for an average of nine per day of operation. It provided general checkups, foot care, blood pressure and blood sugar monitoring, and offered flu shots.

In addition, several homeless men came to the clinic not for medical care, but in search of basic supplies. Clinic volunteers responded by handing out more than 100 backpacks filled with hygiene supplies, toiletries, socks and gloves.

The center increased its times of operation at the beginning of 2018. It has been open every Thursday this year. In that time, there have been more than 330 patient visits, and more than 225 homeless people have been given supplies.

Since its inception, the center has provided an opportunity for volunteers to fulfill their mission of caring for the sick and the poor in solidarity with Catholic teaching. Volunteers have included members of the Order of Malta, the Catholic Medical Association, other medical professionals, medical students, a dentist, and members of the Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church community.

In 2017, the center had 15 volunteers, including eight members or candidates of the Order of Malta, who gave more than 300 volunteer hours. So far this year, 38 volunteers, including 10 members or candidates of the Order of Malta, donated more than 1,000 volunteer hours. Volunteers assist in completing medical intake forms, obtaining vital signs, completing vision exams, helping medical professionals, and being present for people.

Patients come for evaluation and treatment of diabetes, hypertension, asthma, bronchitis, primary foot care and dental care. Meeting basic needs for clean socks, toiletries, glasses, over-the-counter medications, and vaccinations accounts for a large part of the center’s work, but the most important service it provides is its caring presence for often-forgotten people.

The order is considering expanding the clinic’s services by providing prenatal care through midwives and offering increased podiatry and dental care services.

The Order of Malta, formally the Sovereign Military Hospitaler Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta, is one of the oldest institutions of Western civilization.

Pictured at the Order of Malta Center of Care in Columbus are (from left): Jason Thomas, chair of the center’s steering committee, and volunteers Shirley Hairston, Kathy Kuhn and Dr. Bill Milly.

Photo courtesy Order of Malta Center of Care

Founded in Jerusalem around 1050, it is a lay religious order, traditionally of military, chivalrous and noble nature. Its members include confessed friars who have taken the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, while others take a special promise of obedience. However, the great majority of the 13,500 Knights and Dames of Malta are lay members devoted to serving the poor and the sick in more than 120 nations.

To learn more about the Order of Malta, go to www.orderofmaltafederal.org. For more about the Center of Care, visit www.centerofcare.org, or follow both on Facebook.
YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS GROUP BEING FORMED IN DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

By Tim Puet, Catholic Times Reporter

A group representing parishes from throughout the Columbus area is making plans to form a Young Catholic Professionals organization that hopes to create a citywide Catholic community for young adults.

The group also has goals of bringing lapsed Catholics, Protestants, atheists, and non-Christians into the Church and of providing business networking opportunities among Catholics in their 20s and 30s.

A kickoff reception for the group, with free food and drinks available, will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17 in the banquet center of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 555 N. High St., Columbus.

Lauren Manson, the organization’s marketing director, said that based on responses received so far, she anticipates about 200 people will be on hand. Although YCP is a group for young adults, people of all ages are invited to attend the event to learn more about the organization.

“I have found in the months since the idea for the group began to take shape that many Catholic young people in the diocese are looking for faith-based friendship and community support at a different level than what’s available in parish young adult groups,” she said.

“While each of these groups do an excellent job in their communities, and there are other organizations in the diocese that work with young adults from many parishes, there is no singular group or event that unites them. That’s what Young Catholic Professionals hopes to do,” Manson said. “It’s not a singles group, but an organization for all young Catholics. Socializing is part of what we do, but YCP’s main purpose is helping young Catholics grow strong in the faith and be witnesses to the community.”

YCP was founded in 2010 and has 17 chapters in urban areas throughout the nation, including one in Cleveland, where the group’s national convention took place this past weekend. Its national website says the organization’s mission is “to challenge, train and inspire young adults working in various professions to work in witness for Christ.”

Manson said the idea to form a YCP chapter in Columbus began with a Facebook post by Joseph Zaino, who later became president of the core group that’s organizing the chapter.

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We will begin to develop more plans based on what we learn on that evening. YCP chapters have been successful elsewhere, and we’re confident the same thing will happen in Columbus.”

Manson said one of the things she and others in the YCP leadership group share is a concern for other young Catholics who may be considering leaving the Church.

“One of the things we emphasized in our presentation to the bishop was the need for an organization like YCP to help young adults maintain their faith,” said Manson, a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church. “My own experience is that the Church has plenty of groups for mothers, senior citizens and men, but not so much for young adults. I know many others in my age group feel the same way.”

A 2014 report by the Pew Research Center titled America’s Changing Religious Landscape said the total number of Catholics in the United States declined by nearly three million from 2007 to 2014.

“That’s more than 1,600 per day, and a large majority are people in their 20s and 30s,” Manson said. “Many of them aren’t finding the sense of community in the Catholic Church that they’re looking for, and are moving to other...
COLUMBUS GROUPS WORK TO INTEGRATE BUSINESS AND SPIRITUALITY

By Tim Puet, Catholic Times Reporter

Columbus executive coach Jim Gernetzke says he’s trying to build good companies. But his definition of “good” doesn’t involve only financial success.

“Of course, a company has to make a profit, but there’s more to business than just making money,” he said. “To me, a good company is one that is profitable and follows the principles of Catholic social teaching — promoting the dignity of the individual, the common good, and the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity.”

For the past two years, Gernetzke has been helping men and women in business through two groups that attempt to unite the business world with the Catholic faith. He founded one of those groups, Nos Lumine, in 2016, and was instrumental in forming a Columbus chapter of the other group, Attollo, earlier this year.

“Both have mutual goals,” he said. “Nos Lumine is for businesspeople at every level of a business and meets weekly for about an hour. Attollo is mainly for people at the ownership level, and its monthly gatherings last for an entire morning. It’s like Nos Lumine on steroids.”

A document issued by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in 2012 and titled Vocation of the Business Leader: A Reflection has provided inspiration for both groups and often is referred to at their gatherings. “It does a great job of distilling the essence of Catholic social teaching as it relates to business into 87 paragraphs,” Gernetzke said.

“Businesspeople have been given great resources and the Lord asks them to do great things,” he said. “The document says in its opening paragraph: It concludes by declaring, “Entrepreneurs, managers, and all who work in business should be encouraged to recognize their work as a true vocation and to respond to God’s call in the spirit of true disciples.”

Gernetzke said the works of John Maxwell also are frequently discussed by the groups. Maxwell has written a number of books on leadership, with the best-known being The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership.

“Both of our models have proven to be worthy responses to Pope Francis’ words in (his 2013 apostolic exhortation) Evangelii Gaudium,” Gernetzke said. In that document, the pope said business is a “noble vocation” provided that businesspeople “see themselves challenged by a greater meaning in life” and “serve the common good by striving to increase the goods of this world and to make them more accessible to all.”

Gernetzke, 62, a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church, was in the executive search field for 30 years, helping companies find talented people to hire and promote. He worked for Federated Department Stores, Kohl’s, and The Limited for 10 years before deciding to form his own recruiting firm, which in 20 years grew to employ 23 people.

“That business blew up along with the economy in 2008 and 2009,” Gernetzke said. “So I decided to reinvent myself as a certified executive coach. A few years later, a client of mine who was a parishioner at Columbus St. Andrew Church wondered how we might be able to connect Catholics in the business community in a way that might both strengthen our faith and make us better businesspeople.

“After much prayer and consideration, the idea for Nos Lumine popped out. Those two words stand for ‘We are light’ in Latin. I wanted to give the group a Latin name specifically to emphasize that the group is grounded in Catholic teaching, differentiating it from other Christian-oriented business groups which are more broadly based.”

Gernetzke said Nos Lumine has four principal intentions: to engage Catholic businessmen and businesswomen on a weekly basis; to equip them through weekly lessons that look at how to join practical leadership skills with Catholic social teaching; to empower them through facilitated conversations related to those lessons; and to enlarge their circles of influence by expanding their professional networks.

Nos Lumine chapters consist of eight to 12 people on average. Because the program is not parish-based, weekly meetings usually take place in a restaurant, coffee shop or conference room. The meetings begin with prayer, followed by a seven- to 10-minute video in which Gernetzke focuses on a specific topic. Participants then spend about 45 minutes discussing questions related to the topic, and the meeting ends with prayer.

Gernetzke said six Nos Lumine groups have been formed in the Columbus area — two downtown, two in Gahanna, and one each in Worthington and Upper Arlington. There also are groups in Cincinnati and Denver, with additional groups being formed in Westerville and Lancaster.

The original Nos Lumine group began with six people. Membership in the eight groups currently existing has grown to about 65. Gernetzke’s vision is to have the organization grow nationwide and ultimately have about 1,500 chapters in the nation’s 100 largest markets.

While Gernetzke was working on the concept for Nos Lumine, a Denver business consultant named Paul Winkler had just gotten the Attollo program under way. Its first gatherings took place in 2014.

Neither man knew of what the other was doing until Gernetzke, curious to see if other peer-to-peer Catholic business coaching groups existed in the United States, learned about Attollo through the LinkedIn social networking site for business professionals.

“Once I made a connection with Paul, we talked for about a year,” Gernetzke said. “In time, I saw that Nos Lumine and Attollo complemented each other, and I made the decision to bring Attollo to Columbus.”

Attollo takes its name from a Latin word meaning “lift.” Its Columbus chapter has five members, with
The national organization offers a $150 annual membership that includes benefits such as a personal spiritual director, career counselor, and members-only events, but people do not have to be paid members to take part in the happy hours, retreats, or monthly meetings.

Father Anthony Davis, pastor of Columbus St. Matthias Church, a priest himself for just three years, is chaplain of the Columbus YCP chapter.

"I think the Young Catholic Professionals group is important because it meets the members within the context of their careers," he said. "The context of life is so important in that it grounds our faith in reality and forbids us from using religion as an escape from the world."

"As Pope Francis said in 2013 at World Youth Day, we meet young people, ‘but not in isolation from their lives’—I would rather meet them within their social context, in society. Because when we isolate the young, we do them an injustice; we take away their belonging. The young do belong, they belong to a family, to a homeland, to a culture, to a faith." I hope YCP can help its members bridge the growing gap between faith and life.”

The diocese’s Catholic Foundation formed a young professionals group in 2015 and conducted several events for young adults during the next three years, but the foundation’s vice president for development, Scott Hartman, said that group has been disbanded and the Foundation is providing support to the new YCP group.

“We mostly work with older people, and wanted to broaden our range when we started the young professionals group because we felt that Catholic young adults provided a largely untapped resource,” he said. “We had networking events four times a year, usually at a restaurant. It was all formal—no fees, just food and fellowship. These usually drew about 200 people, sometimes close to 250, but attendance was starting to wane. After learning about YCP and its national organization and evaluating what it does, we were happy to offer our support to it.”

Another organization that invites Catholic (and non-Catholic) young adults from throughout the Columbus area to attend its meetings is Theology on Tap, which meets on the second Thursday of every month except June and July in the event room of the El Vaquero restaurant, 3230 Olentangy River Road, Columbus.

The gatherings include socializing, a meal, and a chance to listen to a speaker talk on various topics from a Catholic perspective.

Speakers for its coming meetings include Beth Vanderkooi of Greater Columbus Right to Life on end-of-life issues on Oct. 11; Father Michael Lumpe, rector of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, on surviving cancer on Nov. 8; and professional counselor Laura Lewis on suicide prevention on Dec. 13.

Parishes in the Columbus area with young adult groups include Columbus St. Patrick Church, whose Frassati Society for young people honors Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, who died at age 24 of polio.

He lived a short but active life, combining work among the poor of his hometown of Turin, Italy, with enjoyment of mountain climbing, swimming and other social activities with his young friends.

This weekend, some Frassati Society members are going on a hiking and backpacking trip to the Zaleski State Forest in Vinton County, while others are taking part in a four-mile run/walk at Glacier Ridge Metro Park to benefit the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Dublin St. Brigida of Kildare Church’s young adult fellowship has several activities planned in October, including a potluck and board game night on Tuesday, Oct. 2; a visit to the Dublin Retirement Village’s Halloween spooktacular on Thursday, Oct. 25; a parish cleanup on Sunday, Oct. 14; and viewing of Cincinnati Archbishop Emeritus Daniel Pilarczyk’s Thinking Catholic series on Tuesdays from Oct. 9 to 30.

Sunbury St. John Neumann Church’s young adult ministry has Theology on Tap events featuring food, fellowship and talk from 7 to 9 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the Firehouse Tavern on the square in downtown Sunbury, following Mass at 6 p.m. in the parish chapel.

Parish youth and young adult minister Kate Kriegel said the group will host a Christmas party at the church from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, plus at least one more social event this fall.

The parish also has two discipleship groups for young adult women. Details are in the young adult ministry section of the parish website, www.saintjohnsunbury.org.
Gernetzke hoping that number will reach 15. It meets once a month at a downtown Columbus conference room, with each member eligible for an additional one-on-one executive coaching session between the monthly meetings.

Attollo meetings begin with prayer, then breakfast, followed by an accountability session of 60 to 90 minutes in which members share their professional and often personal concerns. After a short break, there is a “faith and business” section of about an hour, which uses *Vocation of the Business Leader*, principles of Catholic social teaching, encyclicals, books, articles and case studies to examine one or more specific topics. Prayer concludes the meetings.

“Attollo uses what’s known as a facilitated peer advisory board model of shared accountability,” Gernetzke said. “As members open up about the issues concerning them, they develop trust in each other and a willingness to hold their peers accountable to make tough decisions.

“All of this is focused on creating a greater sense of integrity and harmony in members’ personal, professional and spiritual lives through both a catechetical and a professional approach.

“It’s not easy for the men and women in our Attollo chapter to leave the office for a half a day each month, but they appreciate the need to get away from their daily activities so they can focus on shaping their businesses with an eye on a bigger picture,” Gernetzke said. “When they come to a meeting, they’re not just watching videos and taking notes, but examining their businesses piece by piece to see how they need to evolve and how they can create companies that will meet the goals of both being profitable and serving the common good.”

“Jim often uses the phrase ‘an integrated life’ in describing the mission of Nos Lumine and Attollo,” said George Harvey, who belongs to both organizations. “People think there’s a division between the business world and the Catholic faith, but it doesn’t have to be that way.”

Harvey said one of the keys to the two groups is their small size. “We don’t want Nos Lumine chapters to have more than about a dozen members because the individual impact of being able to relate to each other and having meaningful conversation is so important,” he said. “We’ve already formed additional groups when a Nos Lumine chapter got too big, and hope we’ll be successful enough to continue doing this.”

“Attollo is a deeper group than Nos Lumine. When I experienced a big change in my professional life, I turned to Attollo for direction, and I found it — more so than I ever could have imagined,” Harvey said. “Realizing how faith and business can work together has sharpened my perspective in both areas and given me a renewed sense of purpose.”

Both Nos Lumine and Attollo have membership fees. Nos Lumine members pay either $75 per quarter or a one-time annual fee of $240 to cover the cost of operations and content creation. “Since Attollo uses a coaching model, its monthly fee for a particular member is consistent with that of executive coaching,” Gernetzke said.

Attollo also has a “right-fit” guarantee that allows members to receive their money back after three months if they have fulfilled membership requirements, but are dissatisfied with their experience.

For more information about either organization, contact jim.gernetzke@noslumine.com or jim.gernetzke@attollousa.com or call (614) 352-1191.

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**Participants in Sunbury St. John Neumann Church’s young adult ministry on a mission trip to Guatemala.**

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**A women’s group that is part of the Sunbury St. John Neumann Church young adult ministry.**

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Angry at God

By Kevin Perrotta
Catholic News Service

Isaiah 50:5-9a
Psalm 116:1-6, 8-9
James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

About a week after my wife, Mary, died of breast cancer, I took her wedding dress out of the closet where she had kept it, and laid it on the bed and looked at it. Rage welled up in me. I stormed at God: “How could you ever have let this happen? How could you do this to me?”

After shouting for a while, I sat down and cried, and then hung up the dress in the closet and went on with the day. I didn’t feel that God had answered my questions (although were they really questions, exactly?). But neither did I sense that he was offended by my being angry at him.

I’m reminded of this as I read today’s Gospel. Here, too, someone is angry about suffering and death. The angry one is Peter, and he gets right in Jesus’ face and protests. “No!” he cries. In this case, there is indeed a response. “Get behind me, Satan,” Jesus tells Peter – just about the harshest thing he ever said to anyone.

But the suffering about which Jesus doesn’t want to hear Peter protest is not Peter’s suffering, but Jesus’ suffering. Peter wants to stop Jesus from letting himself be seized by his enemies, tortured and put to death. It is Peter’s attempt to obstruct Jesus on his path to suffering that Jesus finds absolutely intolerable.

As the rest of the Gospel narrates, despite Peter’s protests and disloyalty, Jesus goes ahead with his plan – which is really his Father’s plan – to undergo an excruciatingly painful death in order to clear away our sins and reconcile us to God.

Mary’s death many years ago wasn’t the last time I got angry at God. The suffering of people close to me has sometimes driven me to rage at – and plead with – him. A little like Peter, I get right in Jesus’ face. An icon of Jesus hangs on a bedroom wall, and I stand close up to it and tell him my thoughts.

And then I find myself looking into his eyes and thinking, “Here is the one who would not be deterred from suffering the most awful destiny for me and those I pray for.” It doesn’t mean I don’t still feel angry, let alone that I understand. But there is something in his face that is greater than my anger and incomprehension.

Reflection question:
When you’re angry at God, what do you say to him?

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Bishop Murry, ‘cancer-free,’ details action against abuse in Youngstown diocese

Catholic News Service

On his first day back at work Sept. 4, Bishop George V. Murry of Youngstown spoke happily of his return, but he also addressed the somber subject of the sex abuse crisis now in the news.

In April, he was diagnosed with acute leukemia and admitted to the Cleveland Clinic, where he received aggressive chemotherapy for a month. After his discharge, he received follow-up treatment and spent time resting and recovering.

Speaking to reporters at St. Columba Cathedral’s parish hall, Bishop Murry said he was “100 percent cancer-free” following a bone marrow scan.

He thanked all those who supported him and provided his medical care. “My energy level is almost back to normal. I look forward to returning to work and reconnecting with the people of the diocese -- part-time for a short time, then, later, full-time,” he said.

The next day, he presided at a weekly prayer service for diocesan staff, expressing gratitude to all for their prayers. The session began after his diagnosis.

“Prayer is powerful. That is what got me through,” he said.

The bishop also thanked diocesan leaders and staff for keeping the diocese running smoothly.

While speaking to reporters, he addressed the recent controversies related to the clergy sex abuse scandal. He called for greater openness in the church and promised more concrete action from the Youngstown Diocese.

Specifically, he said the diocese would release the names of diocesan priests removed from ministry because of a credible accusation of abuse, and he welcomed county prosecutors in the six-county diocesan area “to review our files on priests who have been credibly accused.”

Bishop Murry also noted the Youngstown Diocese’s track record in dealing compassionately with victims and acting decisively to remove priests from ministry who face credible accusations.

Bishop Murry, taking questions about his health, expressed gratitude for all who supported him and said the experience strengthened his faith.

He said he was overwhelmed by the many people “who sent any cards, letters, emails, books, prayer chains, homemade gifts and food,” citing one letter from an 18-year-old and another from a 10-year-old girl who sent a picture of herself and her cat and a $5 bill “to help with your medical expenses.”
Saving Synod 2018 from itself

They might challenge the IL’s oft-repeated claim that young people want a “Church that listens.” That is so obvious as to be a thumping banality: no one, young or old, wants a Church that’s a nagging, unsympathetic nanny. And yes, young people (and the rest of us) want a “Church that listens” in spiritual direction and confession to the difficulties we all experience in living and sharing the Gospel and in obeying God’s law. But above all, and perhaps especially in this time of grave troubles, what young people want (and what the rest of us want, at least in the living parts of the Church) is a Church that lives joyfully, teaches clearly, manifests holiness, offers comfort and support to the needy – and answers our questions clearly and honestly. Young people (and the rest of us) do not want a pandering Church, but an evangelically-vibrant Church that manifests and offers friendship with Jesus Christ.

Synod participants might also emphasize that the clarity of Catholic teaching on life issues attracts many young people today, precisely because that clarity is in sharp contrast to the incoherence about what makes for human happiness that people of all ages increasingly detect in the lifestyle libertinism of contemporary Western culture. Someone at Synod 2018 should, for example, talk about the experience of the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., which for years now has become both larger and younger.

Success stories in youth ministry should be persistently, even relentlessly, lifted up at Synod 2018. The IL betrays a soured sense of incapacity, even failure. Yet the past 30 years or so have seen a renaissance in young adult ministry. So let someone at Synod 2018 talk about the impressive record of Christian formation compiled by campus ministries like that at Texas A&M University. Let someone at the synod tell the world Church about the intellectual and spiritual achievements of orthodox, academically vibrant Catholic liberal arts colleges and universities in the United States. Let someone bear witness to the great work being done on over a hundred campuses by FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, which singularly embodies the “Church permanently in mission” of which the pope speaks. And let’s hope there’s room at Synod 2018 for churchmen to learn about the work of the World Youth Alliance, an international network of pro-life young adults on all continents, whose work is explicitly based on the Church’s teaching about the dignity of the human person.

Synod 2018’s IL contains no reflection on why St. John Paul II was a magnet for millions of young people, which surely had something to do with both his compassion and his clarity about the truth. Father Karol Wojtyla, who later became John Paul II, led a young adult ministry of challenging spiritual accomplishment a half-century before “accompaniment” became code in some Catholic circles for “This (hard teaching) is really a goal or ideal.” So let Synod 2018 rescue “accompaniment” and link it to the truth that liberates.

That’s the least the Church deserves in this time of purification. Weigel is distinguished senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington,
**Father Blau to speak at women’s silent retreat**

Father Thomas Blau, OP, will be the presenter at a women’s silent retreat sponsored by the Catholic Laywomen’s Retreat League from Friday, Oct. 5 to Sunday, Oct. 7 at St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. His topic will be “Our Blessed Mother, Mary.”

The retreat league will be trying something new for this weekend. Over the years, it has received many requests for a weekend without lectures and more time for quiet reflection. This retreat will be an attempt to accommodate those requests by offering more time for individual prayer. Father Blau will speak during the first part of the retreat, and the rest of the time will be set aside for group prayer and silent individual reflection. The hope is that this will be an opportunity for participants to disconnect from the noise of everyday life and to connect with God.

Father Blau, a member of the Dominican Order, is a native of Cleveland and has been a priest for 19 years. Since then, he has been assigned to Dominican outreaches at colleges in Virginia and Rhode Island. Before becoming a priest, he was in Honduras and Guatemala on an extended service mission. He currently is an itinerant preacher who presents missions throughout the year in the Diocese of Columbus, and is in residence at Columbus St. Patrick Church.

The offering for the retreat is $140, with a $50 deposit due by Saturday, Sept. 29. Registration will be from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Friday, with the retreat concluding at around noon Sunday after Mass. Send a check with the $50 fee to Terry Norris, 3518 Bremen St., Columbus OH 43224. If you have questions, contact Norris at (614) 595-1972 or send an email to norris.m@sbcglobal.net. Do not call or send anything to the retreat center.

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**Sandra Rains**

Funeral Mass for Sandra Rains, 64, who died Friday, Sept. 7, was celebrated Tuesday, Sept. 11 at Columbus St. Ladislas Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She grew up in Columbus, and was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Kathleen Frebault, and a brother, Michael. Survivors include her husband, Eugene “Geno” Rains; sons, Father Paul Shelton, SJ, a Jesuit priest who teaches at Cleveland St. Ignatius High School, and Ronald Shelton; stepdaughters, Shelby, Genie, Lori, Lindee, and Lisa; brother, John; and sisters, Kathy and Paula.

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**Student receives Foresters award**

Jacqueline Kirkland of Reynoldsburg has received the Tuition Assistance Program award from the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Kirkland, 15, and her parents are members of All Saints Court 52 of the Foresters, located in New Riegel in Seneca County. Her favorite organization is the Make-a-Wish Foundation. She said her favorite subject is math because she enjoys the challenge.

The Catholic Order of Foresters, established in 1883, is a not-for-profit Catholic life insurance company helping members achieve financial security while supporting the Catholic community through spiritual, social and community service projects. It is based in Naperville, Illinois, has more than 114,000 members nationwide, and is licensed in 32 states and Washington, D.C.

Annually, the order gives away 125 $250 tuition assistance awards to members attending a Catholic kindergarten, elementary or high school. Student members may apply once every year they are enrolled in a Catholic school, whether or not they received an award the previous year. Eligibility to apply is immediate upon becoming a member.

For more information about the order, visit www.catholicforester.org.

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**PRAY FOR OUR DEAD**

**BERRY, Paul G., 86, Aug. 27**
Holy Family Church, Columbus

**BLANCHARD, Clarence L., 94, Aug. 31**
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

**CAPRETTA, Janet M. (Tarini), 76, Sept. 2**
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

**CAVE, Carol E., 70, Sept. 6**
Holy Family Church, Columbus

**DeMATTEIS, Francis C., 90, Sept. 1**
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

**DONALDSON, Floyd L. Jr., 90, Sept. 5**
St. John Church, Logan

**FACTOR, Joan M., 82, Aug. 30**
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

**FARRELL, Richard, 67, Sept. 6**
St. Joseph Church, Dover

**HAMILTON, Juanita C. “Carlene,” 87, Aug. 29**
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

**HOCTER, Shirley E. (Dennis), 73, Sept. 1**
St. Sylvester Church, Zaleski

**HOFFMANN, Phyllis E. (Teeters), 85, formerly of Columbus, Sept. 7**
Christ the Servant Church, Canton

**KLAUSMAN, James P., 51, Sept. 2**
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

**LUCAS, Timothy J., 76, Sept. 7**
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

**MEUSER, Eileen (Breslin), 89, Sept. 8**
St. Mary Church, Groveport

**MORRIS, Jane (Chappell), 71, Aug. 30**
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newcomerstown

**QUINN, Edward L., 85, Sept. 8**
St. Michael Church, Worthington

**SHUMAKER, Regina A. (Schmelzer), 83, Sept. 3**
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

**SKUFCIA, Thomas J., 52, Sept. 6**
St. Edward Church, Granville

**SWARTZ, Charles W., 92, Sept. 6**
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

**ZORNES, Ann R., 47, Sept. 6**
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

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**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COVERAGE ON AM 820**

CCL Football Coverage begins at 6:00 PM on AM 820

Doug Lessells, Randy Rhinehart, Ryan Baker, and Larry Wolf bring you all the CCL action!

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**CENTRAL CATHOLIC LEAGUE GAME-OF-THE-WEEK**

Friday August 24 Dublin Scioto at St. Charles
Friday August 31 Bishop Watterson at Oldentangy Orange
Friday September 7 Bishop Ready at Bishop Hartley
Friday September 14 Chillicothe at Bishop Hartley
Friday September 21 Newark Catholic at Licking Heights
Friday September 28 St Charles at St Francis DeSales
Friday October 5 Academy Y Bishop Ready
Friday October 12 Bishop Hartley at St Francis DeSales
Friday October 19 Whitehall Y Bishop Ready
Friday October 26 St Francis DeSales at Bishop Watterson
14, FRIDAY
Foundation Professional Advisers Group 7:30 a.m., Coffee social with members of The Catholic Foundation’s professional advisers group, which includes estate planning lawyers, financial planners, insurance professionals, accountants and trust officers. Call for location. 614-443-8893
Open House Honoring Sister Sharen Baldy 1:30 to 3 p.m., Join Organization for Inner-City Needs, 578 E. Main St., Columbus. Open house honoring Sister Sharen Baldy, SCN, as she returns to her community of sisters after more than 16 years with JOIN. 614-241-2540
15, SATURDAY
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City 9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.
Josephinum Four-Miler Run/Walk 9 to 11 a.m., Glacier Ridge Metro Park, 9801 Hyland-Croy Road, Dublin. Four-mile run/walk sponsored by Friends of the Josephinum to benefit Pontifical College Josephinum seminarians. Participants will receive gifts of wine or jam and bread. Entry fees $5. Register at www.mspsports.com. Click “Coming events;” then “Josephinum 4-Miler.”
Frassati Society Brunch at Sunny Street Cafe Sunny Street Cafe, 7042 N. High St., Columbus. Mass of Healing at Cathedral 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 614 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass of Healing, followed by healing service including Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and an act of veneration of relic of the True Cross. Priests will be on hand for discussion and prayer and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available. 614-224-1295
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.
19, WEDNESDAY
Abortion Recovery Network Group 9:30 a.m., Women and Family Resource Center, 150 Heatherdowner Dr., Westerville. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a miscarriage and want to stay connected. 614-721-2100
Surviving Divorce’ Program at St. Joan of Arc 7 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. First session of 12-week “Surviving Divorce” program sponsored by Non Solum Columbus ministry for separated and divorced Catholics. Includes video presentation and small-group discussion. $10 workbook charge. Advance registration requested. 614-778-0736
20, THURSDAY
Cencal 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.
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 fortitude for the Holy Father, bishops, and priests, concluding with Benediction, social period, and refreshments. 614-372-5249
PDHC Celebration of Life 7 p.m., Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus. Celebration of Life fundraiser sponsored by Pregnancy Decision Health Centers, with multi-talented entertainer George Dennehy. No charge for meal. Registration deadline Sept. 10. Go to SupportPDHC.org/celebratealive.
Abortion Recovery Network Group 7 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 the recovery program and wants to stay connected.
21, FRIDAY
Catholic Singles on Fire for Christ 6 p.m., Chapel of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Monthly meeting of Catholic Singles on Fire for Christ, for anyone older than 35 who is single in the eyes of the Catholic Church and seeks to grow in faith, bring hope to others, and share the love of Christ. Begins with prayer and adoration, followed by dinner at a restaurant. 614-855-1400
Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd’s Corner 7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk with theme of “walking with the darkness,” led by John Seryak. Suggested donation $5. Minimum five participants. Registration deadline Sept. 17. 614-866-4302
22, SATURDAY
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City 9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.
Birthright of Columbus Luncheon Noon, Mozart’s Cafe, 4784 N. High St., Columbus. Annual luncheon and style show sponsored by Birthright of Columbus pregnancy support service. Fashions from Dress Barn will be modeled. Raffles, silent auction. Tickets $35 ($15 for children). Registration deadline Sept. 17. 614-889-0917 or 614-235-7465
Field Day at Shepherd’s Corner 1 to 4 p.m., Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center’s third annual field day. Participants can explore the gardens, walk the trail and labyrinth, take a hayride, see local artists, and get close to a fire truck. Produce grown at the center and craft items will be available for sale. Those attending may bring a picnic lunch. 614-866-4302
Ascension Barbecue and Square Dance 4 to 10 p.m., Church of the Ascension, 355 S. Main St., Johnstown. Dinner from 4 to 7 featuring barbecued chicken and pork sandwiches and various sides, followed by square dance from 7 to 10. Includes basket raffle, 50/50 drawing, $30 families, $10 individuals ages 12 and up, $5 ages 5 to 14, younger than 5 free. 740-867-7971
23, SUNDAY
Frassati Society Brunch, Museum Visit 10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Church, 2777 E. Broad St., Columbus. Parish’s Frassati Society for young adults masses, followed by brunch and viewing of exhibitions at Columbus Museum of Art.
St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 306 Buttes Ave., Columbus. Prayer formation, including rosary, devotion, and 1 p.m. Mass. 614-995-7792
Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry 2 to 4 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus. Second of six consecutive weekly meetings of Seasons of Hope bereavement ministry, a support group sponsored by the churches of the North High Deanery for all who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Contact Michael Julian at mjulian@columbus.rr.com. 614-898-8266
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter 7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054
24, MONDAY
Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry 6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus. (Christ the King convent, first building west of church). 614-718-0227, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157
Our Lady of Peace Men’s Bible Study 7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday’s readings.
25, TUESDAY
Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist 12:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 168 E. Lincoln Ave., Columbus. Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting, including rosary, devotions, and 1 p.m. Mass. 614-294-5339
Greater Columbus Right to Life Film Screening 6 p.m., Grove City AMC 14, 4218 Buckeye Parkway, Grove City. Greater Columbus Right to Life Film Festival screening of “The Passion of the Christ.”
26, WEDNESDAY
Diocesan Suicide Prevention Summit 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7701 N. High St., Columbus. Diocesan suicide prevention and intervention summit for parish and school teams and individuals. Sponsored by several diocesan departments; includes speakers from several agencies which deal with suicide. Not a training session, but a chance for parishes and schools to address their suicide prevention and response plans. Cost $10 per person, includes lunch.
DeSales Friends in Christ Program 6:30 to 10 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 421 Karl Road, Columbus. School’s annual Friends in the Courtyard wine tasting and auction, with food catered by Carafaglio’s. Tickets $40. 614-267-7808
‘Reboot’ at Newark St. Francis de Sales 7 to 9:30 p.m., St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., Newark. ‘Reboot’ event featuring Catholic author and speaker Chris Stefanick. Tickets $22. 740-345-8974
27, THURSDAY
Ohio Dominican Series on Justice 3:30 p.m., Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, Columbus. Dr. Julie Hart, ODU associate professor of sociology; Rev. Joe Mas, immigration attorney; Austin Kocher, immigration activist; and Edith Espinal, undocumented immigrant, speak on “Justice for Immigrants: I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me” as part of university series on crime and justice. 614-251-4453
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The second-grade classroom at Lancaster St. Mary School is turning into a garden spot. Teacher Chris Kemmerer applied for a grant through the Fairfield County Health Department and Mount Carmel Hospital and received an indoor garden tower, which grows plants in an aeroponic growing system.

Aeroponics is a way of growing plants without soil and with very little water. Plants are put into a special frame, and the gardener sprays a nutrient-rich mist on the plants on a regular basis. The system is contained and the water is recycled, so there is less runoff and waste. No soil means the system is lighter and more portable than traditional gardening methods, with less mess.

Students decided to plant lettuce, Swiss chard, kale, arugula, tomatoes, cucumbers and eggplant seeds. They began work on Aug. 24 during the first week of school and were rewarded with sprouts less than a week later. They plan to transfer them into the tower when the sprouts are three or four inches tall.

The class hopes to keep the garden tower full of vegetables and possibly add some flowers in the spring.

“Our goal is to provide fresh vegetables to the St. Mary’s Cafe (lunchroom) and give the students a better understanding of how plants grow and the process involved in getting food to our dinner table,” Kemmerer said.

She said growing a garden fits within a second-grade curriculum because it allows her students to fulfill the following second-grade educational standards: observing and asking questions about the natural environment; planning and conducting simple investigations; employing simple equipment and tools to gather data and extend the senses; using appropriate mathematics with data to construct reasonable explanations; communicating about observations, investigations and explanations; reviewing and asking questions about the observations and explanations of others; and applying Catholic values to development and application of science concepts.

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Several students at Columbus Trinity Elementary School have formed a euchre club, putting personal technology aside in favor of more traditional pursuits at recess.

Gahanna St. Matthew School students gathered in front of the school for an aerial photo to mark the school’s 55th anniversary. The building at 807 Havens Corners Road was opened on Sept. 11, 1963, for first- through fourth-graders. Like many other school buildings in the diocese, it also served as the parish’s first permanent location for celebration of Masses. St. Matthew’s original church building was dedicated six years later on the parish’s 11.5-acre campus. When that building was torn down in late 2003, Masses again took place in the school until the current church was dedicated in December 2004. St. Matthew School currently has 601 students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Principal Susan Maloy said the pre-kindergarten program, which has a waiting list each year, has been offered since 1975, and there also is an after-school latchkey program. All students spend time in the church’s adoration chapel each month. The school’s regular activities include Friends Across Time, in which parishioners spend time each month with fourth-grade students, and Manna in the Morning, with students packing lunches to be taken to the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center for the Friends of the Homeless. It offers an intervention specialist program and has a teacher for special-needs students.

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Bishop Watterson off to 2-1 start

By Doug Bean, Catholic Times Editor

Asked before the last scrimmage who Columbus Bishop Watterson’s starting quarterback would be in 2018, coach Brian Kennedy wasn’t ready to provide an answer.

But there were strong indications that Jacob Hoying was going to be the guy. Just a sophomore, Hoying wound up being named the starter, and he has proved more than capable of handling the all-important position after three games.

Last Friday night, Hoying completed 19 of 27 passes for 354 yards and three touchdowns in a 25-20 victory over winless Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit at Ohio Dominican University that boosted Watterson’s record to 2-1.

The Eagles appear to be on their way to bouncing back from a string of subpar seasons. They are off to their best start since they were 3-1 in 2015, the last time they qualified for the state playoffs.

“So far, so good,” Kennedy said. “With having young guys, you’re not quite sure what to expect. I’ve been very impressed with our come-from-behind wins late in the fourth quarter.

That’s not something you practice. You talk to kids about mental toughness. They’re not giving up.”

Junior Tommy Bair caught six of Hoying’s passes for 160 yards against Walsh Jesuit, which had edged Watterson in double overtime a year ago. One of those receptions, a 58-yard touchdown, gave the Eagles a 19-14 lead in the third quarter.

Bair, who has emerged as a surprise contributor after dealing with a hamstring injury last season, scored the winning touchdown on a 21-yard run with 13 seconds remaining. He accounted for 240 total yards, including 80 yards rushing on 14 carries.

“He’s been phenomenal,” Kennedy said. “His vision is extraordinary. He sees things developing. He’s really intelligent.

Part of Watterson’s early success can be traced to its efforts on the offensive and defensive lines. The Eagles’ experienced offensive front -- anchored by seniors Grant Holsinger, Drew Davis, Max Balyeat and Nate Johnson -- has given Hoying time to pass for 721 yards in three games. Though records are inconclusive, Hoying’s 354 yards against Walsh Jesuit is believed to be among the top three passing performances in school history.

Going into the season, Kennedy wasn’t sure what to expect in his second year as head coach. With a varsity roster of only 35 players that includes a nucleus of senior leaders and six sophomore starters, at one point during the preseason there were 11 players sitting out, making practice a challenge.

“You don’t know what you’ve got,” Kennedy said. “But they’ve done everything we’ve asked and they’re going to continue to get better.”

With Hoying’s ability to throw the ball, Watterson’s offense has evolved from its traditional reliance on a strong ground game.

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game to a more multifaceted attack.

Hoying’s last name might sound familiar to football fans in Ohio. His father, Bob, was an All-Big Ten quarterback at Ohio State in the 1990s and went on to play in the NFL. He’s now part of the coaching staff at Watterson.

“Just as you would expect, (Jacob) has a lot of quarterback intangibles for the lineage,” Kennedy said. “He’s a good kid, a good leader. Just some of the things he does you wouldn’t expect from a sophomore.”

After a rough start in the opening game against Dublin Jerome, Watterson rebounded to avenge a 2017 loss to Olentangy Orange, beating the Pioneers 17-14 on Aug. 31.

The schedule doesn’t get any eas-

Concerts in a Country Church enters sixth season

The Concerts in a Country Church series at Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne Church begins its sixth season at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14 with Beethoven’s Mass in C Major, featuring chorus, soloists and orchestra.

Members of the St. Colman choir, along with invited guests, will provide the chorus. Soloists will be Beth Cram Porter and Mark Spencer of Cedarville University, Janelle Criner Rogers of Columbus, and David White of Hillsboro. They will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra of 22 players, all professionals and mostly from the area near the parish.

The second concert in the series, titled “Playing With the Big Boys, Part Two,” will feature parish organist and music director Craig Jaynes in a program of solo organ works by major composers, plus some lighter fare. It will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, 2019.

The concert series has featured a variety of music and instruments, including strings, brass, woodwinds, chorus, various soloists and organ. Last year’s featured work was Mozart’s Requiem, which was received with great enthusiasm.

Season tickets for both of this season’s concerts are $25 each and guarantee ticketholders seats in the reserved section of the church, where seating is limited to 200. Checks may be made out to St. Colman/Concerts and mailed to the church, 219 S. North St., Washington Court House, OH 43160.

For additional information, contact Jaynes at (937) 675-7055.

Right to Life to sponsor movie screening

Greater Columbus Right to Life and Citizens for Community Values will be co-sponsors of a special screening of the movie Gosnell: The Trial of America’s Biggest Serial Killer at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25 at the Grove City AMC 14 theater, 4218 Buckeye Parkway, Grove City.

The film tells the story of the investigation and trial of notorious Philadelphia abortion provider Dr. Kermit Gosnell. His clinic originally was investigated for illegal prescription drug sales, but a raid by federal and local law enforcement agencies revealed that for decades, Gosnell also had been performing abortions, many of them in horrific and gruesome ways.

He was found guilty in 2013 on several criminal charges, including the deaths of three infants born alive after failed abortions.

The film is based on the New York Times best-seller Gosnell: The Untold Story of America’s Most Prolific Serial Killer. It stars Dean Cain, best-known for playing Superman, as the lead detective in the case, with Nick Searcy and Cyrina Fiallo as co-stars. It is rated PG-13. “This is the film that the abortion industry and their Hollywood allies do not want you to see, but you should,” said Beth Vanderkooi of Greater Columbus Right to Life. It will be released to the general public later this year.

After the showing, the film’s producer, Ann McElhinney, will talk about some expected and unexpected things that happened during the production process. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at www.gcrtl.org/gosnellmovie or by calling (614) 445-8508. Tickets must be purchased in advance.