

At Sacred Heart Villa

'Fireside Chat' warms winter night with vocation stories

By TAMI QUIGLEY
Staff writer

"In some ways I feel I was born to be MSC," said Sister Rosemarie Sommers, first councilor on the Provincial Council and one of the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSC) who shared her vocation story in a "Fireside Chat" Feb. 3 at Sacred Heart Villa, Reading.

Much warmth and laughter filled the room as the sisters shared with visiting laity their heartfelt, heartwarming and sometimes amusing roads to the religious life.

The event was part of the MSC's "Sharing the Heart" series, explained Carrie



Left, Carrie Whitmoyer, standing, welcomes religious sisters and guests to a "Fireside Chat" on vocations Feb. 3 at Sacred Heart Villa, Reading. (Photos by John Simitz)

Below, Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSC), from left, Sister Mary Anne Bigos, Sister Rosemarie Sommers and Sister Lorraine Molchanow chat with guest Marie Pellish.



Whitmoyer, Sacred Heart Villa's mission advancement director.

The series includes "Fireside Chats," bimonthly gatherings on various topics. The February chat focused on the sisters sharing their vocation stories and asking their guests to share their vocation stories in light of the Year of Consecrated Life 2015 and National Catholic Sisters Week (NCSW) in early March.

Other MSC sisters sharing their vocation stories were Sister Marianne Baker, co-coordinator of the MSC Motherhouse; Sister Mary Anne Bigos, provincial superior; Sister Marie Janesch, Catholic chaplain at Country Meadows, Wyomissing; and Sister Lorraine Molchanow, spiritual director of the Lay MSC and former provincial.

Also, Sister Bernard Overkamp, who until this past year was one of the MSC Circus Sisters and is now a co-coordinator of the MSC Motherhouse; and Sister Nannette Wisser, pastoral care coordinator for Sacred Heart Villa.

Sister Marie is technically retired but continues to serve.

The sisters created the villa, formerly St. Michael Convent, in 2003 with the vision of providing a personal care home for the MSC sisters and other seniors of southeastern Pennsylvania. The villa incorporates the spirit, love and care that have been the foundation of St. Michael Convent, motherhouse of the MSC prov-

ince since 1908.

Sister Mary Anne Bigos.

"At first I was terrified," said Sister Mary Anne, a parish daughter of the former SS. Cyril and Methodius, Reading, of the

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Serving up faith and fellowship 'family style' March 22 in diocese

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"Faith Alive: The Family Fully Alive" is slated to serve up faith and fellowship "family-style" Saturday, March 22 at four locations throughout the Diocese of Allentown.

Families are invited to enjoy a day of faith, food and fun as the gift of family is celebrated throughout the diocese in unison. The event will include guest speakers, prayer and activities and a family meal.

The events are co-hosted by the diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (OYYAM) and Office of Marriage and Family Life Formation in preparation

for the World Meeting of Families in September.

Four locations will host the event on the same day so as many families as possible can participate:

Berks Deanery – St. Catharine of Siena, 4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading, 6 to 8 p.m.

Carbon-Schuylkill Deaneries – St. John XXIII, 266 Broad St., Tamaqua, 4 to 6 p.m.

Lehigh Deanery – St. Joseph the Worker, 1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield, 4 to 6 p.m.

Northampton Deanery – Holy Family, 410 W. Center St., Nazareth, 6 to 8 p.m.

"Our office is excited to be collaborating with the Office of Marriage and Family Life Formation to co-sponsor 'Faith Alive:

Family Fully Alive,'" said OYYAM Coordinator Sue Matour.

"This event initially began as a way to celebrate the importance and significance of a shared meal as a family. Through prayer and discussions guided by the Holy Spirit, we created four unique, but similar events, in an effort to gather as many families as possible to recognize and celebrate the family.

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common faith.

"On this day, the Diocese of Allentown will celebrate the fact that as 'adopted sons and daughters of God, we all have the same God as Father (Galatians 4:6-7)' and thus are one big family."

Matour noted that "each site will also

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Pa. governor announces moratorium on death penalty

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) – Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia praised the announcement by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf Feb. 13 that he is granting a reprieve for death-row inmate Terrence Williams, who was scheduled to be executed March 4.

In a memo, Wolf said he would extend the reprieve to each of the 186 inmates on the state's death row as their scheduled executions approach, all pending the outcome of a study of the use of the death penalty in Pennsylvania.

Archbishop Chaput said he was grateful to Wolf "for choosing to take a deeper look into these studies and I pray we can find a better way to punish those who are guilty of these crimes."

"Turning away from capital punishment does not diminish our support for the families of murder vic-

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Put the spark back into your marriage by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, April 10-12 at the Hilton Garden Inn Allentown West.

Just one weekend away can change your marriage for the better, forever. WWME is the original faith-based marriage enrichment experience that improves couple communication while focusing on your relationship.

The weekend starts Friday evening and ends Sunday at 4 p.m. Couples meet as a group to hear presentations related to the topic of marriage. After each presentation they are given a question to discuss

by themselves.

It is a private weekend with no group sharing. Each couple has their own room for private discussions.

For over 45 years married couples have gained a greater insight and have reached new levels of intimacy in their relationships through WWME.

Marriage Encounter is open to all married couples in a good marriage. Although this is a Catholic weekend, couples from other faith expressions are welcome to attend.

To sign up, call 732-904-9636 or visit website www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.



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For more info about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, visit www.wwme.org.



Episcopal appointments

Bishop of Allentown John Barres has made the following appointment.

Deacon Ricardo Reyes of Allentown

to diaconal service at Our Lady Help of Christians, Allentown, effective Feb. 5.

Our Lenten obligation

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who himself recommended it as necessary to his followers, and gave them the example of his prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Who must fast?

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

Who must abstain?

All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

What does fasting mean?

The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

What does abstinence mean?

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence?

Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Are there other obligations we should fulfill?

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (Feb. 22 until May 31, 2015). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.

Catholics also are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity. Parishes are encouraged to continue participation in Operation Rice Bowl.

Nuestra obligación de Cuaresma

La ley eclesial considera todos los viernes y el tiempo de Cuaresma como los días y tiempo de penitencia. La práctica de la penitencia es una parte de nuestra fe y vida cristiana. Cuando hacemos penitencia, imitamos a Jesús, Él mismo recomendó como necesario para sus seguidores y les dio el ejemplo de su oración y ayuno.

La obligación de Cuaresma, según lo determinado por los católicos en los Estados Unidos por nuestros obispos, requiere que se observe el ayuno el miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. La ley de la abstinencia se observa el miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de Cuaresma.

¿Quién debe ayunar?

Todos los católicos que están entre las edades de 18 y 59. La obligación cesa cuando se haya cumplido los 59 años.

¿Quién debe abstenerse?

Todos los católicos que tienen 14 años y mayores.

¿Qué significa el ayuno?

La observancia del ayuno significa que los obligados pueden tomar sólo una comida completa en el día de ayuno. Dos comidas más ligeras (Que no igualen a una comida completa) pueden tomarse para mantener la fuerza de acuerdo a las necesidades de uno.

¿Qué significa la abstinencia?

La ley de la abstinencia prohíbe el consumo de carne, incluidas las aves de corral. Abstinencia voluntaria se refiere a abstenerse de los placeres lícitos en un espíritu de penitencia.

¿Puede alguien ser dispensado o excusado de ayunar y/o la abstinencia?

Los individuos de una causa justa pueden ser dispensados por su párroco o un sacerdote con facultad para hacerlo. En nuestra diócesis todos los sacerdotes pueden dispensar las personas que están comprometidos con su cuidado pastoral. Los que están enfermos o tienen una razón similar seria están excusados de la observancia del ayuno y la abstinencia. Se les recuerda a los católicos que no deben excusarse a sí mismos de esta obligación.

¿Existen otras obligaciones que debemos cumplir?

Los católicos están obligados a cumplir con lo que se ha llamado su «deber de Pascua.» Ellos están obligados a recibir la Sagrada Comunión durante el tiempo de Pascua. En los Estados Unidos esta obligación puede ser cumplida a partir del Primer Domingo de Cuaresma hasta el Domingo de Trinidad (22 de febrero hasta el 31 de mayo 2015). Los que tienen conciencia de pecado grave se les recuerda de la obligación de confesar sus pecados al menos una vez al año durante este tiempo.

También se les anima a los católicos a hacer de la Cuaresma un tiempo de oración más intensa y de practicar la limosna y otras obras de caridad. Se anima a las parroquias a continuar su participación en la Operación Plato de Arroz.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Victim Assistance Coordinator Confidential Telephone Number (800) 791-9209

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" at top right.

COORDINADOR DE ASISTENCIA A LAS VÍCTIMAS

La Diócesis de Allentown provee asistencia a cualquier persona que, como menor de edad, fue abusado sexualmente por un sacerdote, diácono o empleado / voluntario de la Diócesis / Parroquia. Los padres, tutores, niños y los sobrevivientes de abuso sexual están invitados a contactar la Diócesis de Allentown para obtener más información sobre este programa. La plenitud de compasión debe extenderse a las víctimas por la Iglesia.

Coordinador de Asistencia a Las Víctimas Número De Teléfono Confidencial (800) 791-9209



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Lenten Pastoral Letter 2015

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the end of September, in Philadelphia, we will celebrate the World Meeting of Families, inaugurated by Pope John Paul II in 1994 and celebrated every three years since. We expect that this occasion will be graced by the presence of His Holiness Pope Francis.

Although that is still in the future, this season of Lent is a perfect time to turn our thoughts to the wonder of what family life really means. The importance of the family is not something that we should underestimate. It is within the family that we learn of the presence of God in our lives and in the world. It is in the family that we can come to a concrete and real appreciation of God's goodness.

It seems hard to believe that it is already 34 years since Pope John Paul II published the Apostolic Exhortation "Familiaris Consortio," in which he spoke with such depth about life and love within the family, which he envisioned as a believing and evangelizing community.

When a man and woman enter into the bond of marriage, it has little chance of success unless their promise is founded in faith in God and in each other. It is a profound commitment and response to God's call. That call does not end when the marriage ceremony comes to its conclusion, but must be renewed day in and day out as husband and wife live out their marriage.

When that bond of love results in the creation of children, it deepens even further. God's grace is then more necessary than ever, and the act of faith that the couple initially made in each other must now be deepened as well.

Parents give their children the precious gift of physical life, but that is just the beginning. They also provide the place where that life is nurtured and brought to completion. They offer their children the gift of a love and understanding that will bring them to maturity. But there is even more. Through their parents, children first come to experience the love of God. Through their parents, they are ultimately called to a gift of life that is intended to be eternal.

But there is more. When the family truly lives its faith – when it struggles with the daily difficulties that life brings, when it trusts in God and lives his commandments – it becomes a sign for others as well. Pope John Paul II saw this as a way in which the family, by its fidelity to God, takes up and defends and spreads the faith that gives the family its life.

He saw it as a form of missionary activity. It is exercised whenever a member of the family grows weak in the practice of the faith and the family, through its life and prayer, does what it can to bring that member back. Its missionary activity is also exercised in the very fact that the dedication and Christian life of the family become a source of inspiration and strength to other families as well, drawing them also to respond to God.

During these coming weeks, as you prepare for the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, try to take some time each day to reflect on how God has touched your family, on how your own love has continued to grow through both blessings and trials. Thank him for what he has done and think of how you can make that grace known to others.

As you pray for his continued blessing on you and your family, pray that he will bless other families as well. Pray that all of us may come to see the wonder of God in our lives and to rejoice as we put ourselves full of trust into his hands. May Lent be a time of blessings for you and may it lead to an Easter filled with Resurrection joy.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Allentown

Carta Pastoral de Cuaresma 2015

Mis Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

A finales de septiembre, en Filadelfia, vamos a celebrar el Encuentro Mundial de las Familias, inaugurado por el Papa Juan Pablo II en 1994 y se celebra cada tres años desde entonces. En esta ocasión esperamos la honrada presencia de su Santidad el Papa Francisco.

Aunque eso todavía está en el futuro, este tiempo de Cuaresma es un tiempo perfecto para convertir nuestros pensamientos a la maravilla de lo que significa realmente la vida familiar. La importancia de la familia no es algo que debemos subestimar. Es en la familia donde aprendemos de la presencia de Dios en nuestras vidas y en el mundo. Es en la familia donde podemos llegar a una apreciación concreta y real de la bondad de Dios.

Parece difícil de creer que ya hace treinta y cuatro años desde que el Papa Juan Pablo II publicó la Exhortación Apostólica Familiaris Consortio, en la que habló con tal profundidad sobre la vida y el amor dentro de la familia, que él concibe como una comunidad creyente y evangelizadora.

Cuando un hombre y una mujer entran en el vínculo del matrimonio, tienen pocas posibilidades de éxito a menos que su promesa esté fundada en la fe en Dios y el uno al otro. Es un compromiso profundo y una respuesta a la llamada de Dios. Esa llamada no termina cuando la ceremonia del matrimonio llega a su conclusión, pero debe renovarse día a día como marido y mujer viven su matrimonio.

Cuando ese vínculo de amor resulta en la creación de los niños, que profundiza aún más. La gracia de Dios es entonces más necesaria que nunca y el acto de fe que la pareja hizo inicialmente entre sí, ahora debe profundizarse también.

Los padres dan a sus hijos el don precioso de la vida física, pero eso es sólo el comienzo. También proporcionan el lugar en que la vida se nutre y llevado a su plenitud. Ofrecen a sus hijos el regalo de un amor y comprensión que les llevará a la madurez. Pero aún hay más. A través de sus padres, los niños primero vienen a experimentar el amor de Dios. A través de sus padres, se les llama en última instancia a un regalo de la vida que está destinado a ser eterno.

Pero hay más. Cuando la familia vive realmente su fe - cuando se lucha con las dificultades cotidianas que trae la vida, cuando se confía en Dios y vive sus mandamientos - se convierte en un signo para los demás también. El Papa Juan Pablo II vio esto como una forma en que la familia, por su fidelidad a Dios, asume y defiende y difunde la fe que da a la familia de su vida.

El lo vio como una forma de actividad misionera. Su ejercicio se realiza cada vez que un miembro de la familia se debilita en la práctica de la fe y la familia, a través de su vida y la oración, hace lo que puede para que ese miembro regrese. Su actividad misionera también se ejerce en el mismo hecho de que la dedicación y la vida cristiana de la familia se convierten en una fuente de inspiración y fortaleza para otras familias, así, atrayéndolos también para responder a Dios.

Durante estas próximas semanas, mientras se preparan para la celebración de la Resurrección de Jesús, trate de tomar un poco de tiempo cada día para reflexionar sobre cómo Dios ha tocado su familia, de cómo su propio amor ha continuado creciendo a través de ambas, bendiciones y pruebas. Agradecerle lo que ha hecho y pensar en cómo usted puede dar a conocer esa gracia a otros.

Al orar por su constante bendición sobre usted y su familia, ore para que él bendiga a otras familias también. Oremos para que todos nosotros podamos llegar a ver la maravilla de Dios en nuestras vidas y regocijarnos mientras nos ponemos llenos de confianza en sus manos. Que la Cuaresma sea un tiempo de bendiciones para usted y que le conduzca a una Pascua llena de la alegría de Resurrección.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Reverendísimo Juan O. Barres
Obispo de Allentown

Forgiveness and confession to be discussed at Feb. 20 'Upon This Rock'

"Forgive Me Father: The Other Side of the Confessional" will be the topic of the next "Upon This Rock," a young adult speaker series sponsored by the diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

The event will be Friday, Feb. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Newman Center at Lehigh University, Bethlehem. All young adults ages 18 to 35 are welcome.

Father Mark Searles, assistant pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Allentown, will present the topic followed by a Q&A discussion session.

The event is free of charge, and food and beverage will be provided.

For more information, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/ooyam or e-mail Alexa Doncsecz, adoncsecz@allentowndiocese.org.



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Rev. Mark Searles, Sacred Heart, Allentown

All are welcome
Ages 18—35

Family

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host a religious sister who will speak to those present on the theme for the World Meeting of Families, "Love is Our Mission."

Speakers will be:

Sister, Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Sister Mary Ann Spaetti, principal of Trinity Academy at the Father Walter Ciszek Education Center, Shenandoah at St. Catharine.

Missionary Sister of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSC) Sister Lisa Valentini, coordinator of mission appeals for the MSC sisters, at St. John XXIII.

Franciscan Sister Martha Zammatore,

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liaison with the diocesan Office of Prison Ministry, at St. Joseph the Worker.

IHM Sister Mary Margaret Rose, principal of Queen of Angels School, Willow Grove, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, at Holy Family.

Matour explained this interactive presentation to parents/guardians and their children will examine what the church teaches about the family and God's call for the family to be fully alive.

Themes from the World Meeting of Families Catechism "Love Is Our Mission" (Chapters 1 and 2) will be highlighted. Photographs and images shown through a PowerPoint presentation will help underscore these key themes.

The session will also offer suggestions to help families strengthen their Catholic homes – the domestic church.

The presenter will intersperse one or two questions for family reflection during the presentation.

The three-pronged, 30-minute pre-

sensation begins with "Love Is Our Mission – Overview of the World Meeting of Families Catechism."

Focal points will include: we are created for joy, created in love in the image of God (chapter one); what does it mean to be a family fully alive?; the mission of love, God's call to be a witness of his love (chapter two); what does it mean for your family to be created in the image of God?; and where does our hope and joy come from?

Also: but real love, love that endures and deepens and satisfies the human heart over a lifetime, grows from what we give to others, not what we take for ourselves (page 30, catechism); what does real love look like in your family – discuss ways in which you have or could show love by giving to others in your family.

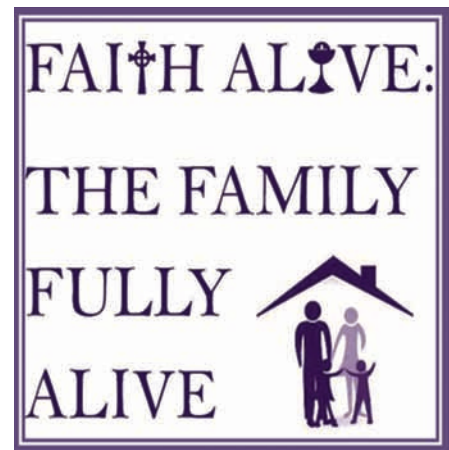
The second phase, "The Domestic Church," will highlight the example of the Holy Family – the family as the domestic church, praying as a family,

prayer at family meals and gathering as a family at the family table.

The third phase, "Strengthening the Catholic Home," will focus on attending Mass as a family, creating Catholic traditions in the home, celebrating liturgical seasons and holidays, praying the family rosary and how do others know you are a Catholic family.

If you are interested in being part of the planning committee for your region or helping with the events in any capacity, either in preparation or on the day of the event, contact Matour, smatour@allentowndiocese.org, or OYYAM Assistant Coordinator Alexa Doncsecz, adoncsecz@allentowndiocese.org.

The event is \$10 per family and registration materials are available at www.allentowndiocese.org/FaithAlive. Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 11.



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The Diocese of Allentown is placing increased emphasis on:

Hispanic Ministry and Evangelization: new regional coordinators have been appointed.

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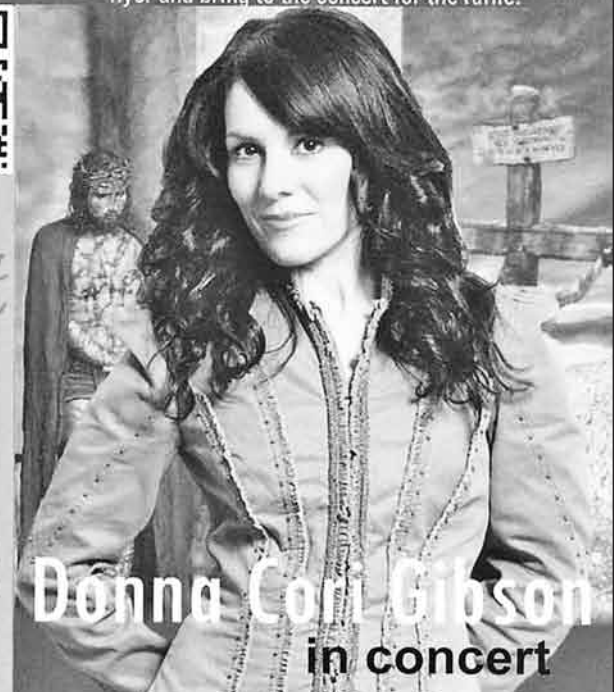
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Vocations

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MSC sister she had as her first teacher. "All you saw was her face from the eyes down and her hands," she recalled, noting sisters at the time wore a full habit, head to toe.

As a little girl, Sister Mary Anne wanted to be a WAC in the Navy like her aunt. "I didn't know what she did in the Navy, but she played softball and traveled." The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart took place in school when she was in fifth grade, introducing the future sister to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

"It's all about God's love leading you and leading me. If you just trust, amazing things will happen."

Then Sister Mary Anne was pretty impressed when her class took a bus to spend a day at Vistarama – an eight-day exhibit of the Roman Catholic Church's missionary work at Convention Hall, Philadelphia in 1956. "We didn't have class trips in those days, so that was it," she said, adding she came home with many holy cards.

The MSC sister who taught Sister Mary Anne in seventh and eighth grade had "a subtle influence" on her, as the teacher exhibited compassion, understanding and kindness – the virtues of Jesus.

"I started to think, why join the Navy and serve my country, why not serve the maker of our country?"

A sister asked Sister Mary Anne if she thought of becoming a sister, and after a visit to St. Michael, Sister Mary Anne enrolled in the high school. "Though I said prayers, in the novitiate I really began a personal relationship with God."

Though Sister Mary Anne wanted to be a sister, she never thought about what she'd do after professing her vows until a sister asked her. "I never realized I had to work," she recalled with a laugh.

Since Sister Mary Anne didn't want to be a nurse, she became a teacher. Subsequent positions included vocation director, novice directress and a member of the provincial council.



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Sister Rosemarie Sommers

Sister Rosemarie came to the former high school at St. Michael at age 13 in 1961. She recalled Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Michael Camilli – retired secretary of the diocesan Secretariat for Catholic Life and Evangelization – was the longtime pastor at Holy Family, Nazareth, her home parish.

Sister Rosemarie was taught by the MSC sisters, and her mother's brother became an MSC priest.

Recalling growing up in Nazareth, Sister Rosemarie said, "In our small town our whole life was centered on the parish and school. In second grade I decided I wanted to be a sister because I wanted to do what they do."

Sister Rosemarie felt called to teach, which she did for many years, including at her alma mater, Holy Family School. "When I was teaching I wanted the children to know God loved them."

Much warmth and laughter filled the room as the sisters shared with visiting laity their heartfelt, heartwarming and sometimes amusing road to the religious life.



Sister Rosmarie Sommers, far right, speaks to the group about the various ministries of her vocation.



Sister Nanette Wissner, right, speaks with guest Linda Seidel.

Sister Rosemarie was later assigned by the MSCs to community service, including a stint as novice director. Though the sister loved teaching, "I needed to respond to where God was leading me and trust him, and be open to it."

All of her experiences in various ministries have made Sister Rosemarie the person she is today, she noted.

After a sabbatical Sister Rosemarie felt drawn to the healing of mind, body and spirit – and asked the MSCs for permission to become a licensed massage therapist, which she is today. The sisters and villa residents avail themselves of the healing touch of Sister Rosemarie, who for 10 years also offered her services as a massage therapist to retreatants at the Jesuit Center, Wernersville.

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Sister Bernard Overkamp

Born and raised in Germany, Sister Bernard always felt called to religious life.

"Religious life runs in my family," said Sister Bernard, though she opted to pursue a different vocational path, to the MSCs. She learned domestic skills and even worked for a butcher while her mother wanted her to earn money and "see the world."

But at 21 Sister Bernard entered the MSCs – then told her parents, who were supportive. She went to do missionary work in Papua New Guinea in 1968 and stayed for 25 years before returning to Germany after asking for a sabbatical and

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"When I was teaching I wanted the children to know God loved them," Sister Rosemarie Sommers tells the group.



Sister Bernard Overkamp speaks about her days in circus ministry.



Sister Lorraine Molchanow, right, chats with Marie Pellish before the program begins.

Jack Schum, 70 years a knight in Diocese of Allentown

By TAMI QUIGLEY
Staff writer

The year was 1944. The World War II Battle of Normandy – Operation Overlord, commonly known as D-Day – began June 6. On Nov. 7, President Franklin Roosevelt became the only United States president elected to a fourth term. The St. Louis Cardinals won the World Series. And “Casablanca” snagged best picture at the 16th Annual Academy Awards.

Locally, John (Jack) Schum became a member of the Knights of Columbus, an organization that has been important to him for many decades. Recently, he celebrated 70 years as a knight.

“I owe my success in 70 years as a knight in big part from the backing and encouragement that I received from my wife Jo, who is the love of my life,” said Schum. The couple, who were married at St. Peter the Apostle, Reading, will celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary Monday, March 2.

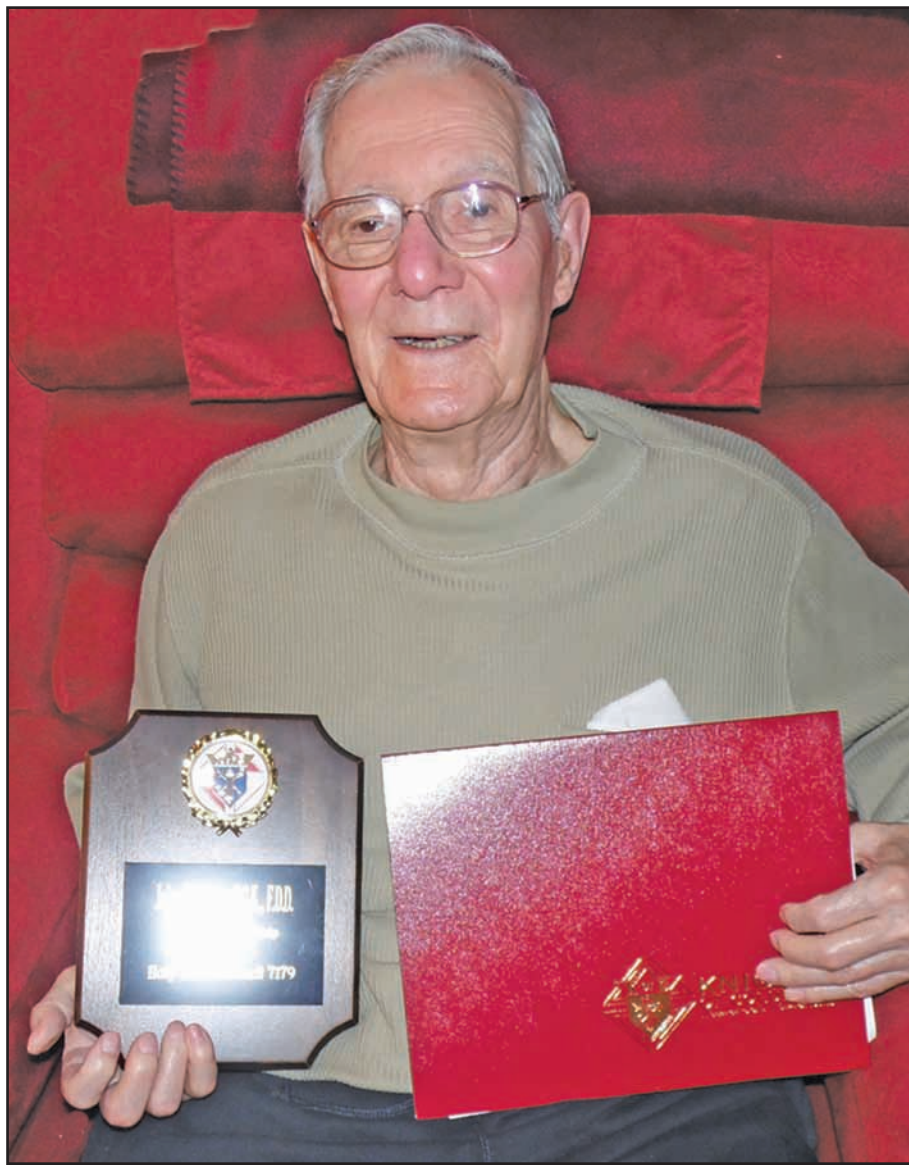
The Schums, parishioners of St. John Baptist de la Salle, Shillington, have two daughters, Judith Ann and Jacquelyn. They have one grandchild and two great-grandchildren, the second born this past New Year’s Eve.

“I’ve always been proud to be a knight,” said Schum, adding he’s enjoyed meeting a lot of nice people, participating in different events and charities, and meeting nice priests.

The highlight of Schum’s 70 years happened in 1979, when Schum and four other Sir Knights from Assembly 930 were cleared by the FBI and stood honor guard for St. Pope John Paul II during his visit to Philadelphia.

“That was my crowning achievement. I was only 20 feet away from the pope,” Schum said. “He’s the top banana, so when you’re close to the top banana, you don’t get higher than that.”

“I enjoyed my time spent with brother knights and their families in the many activities and celebrations,” said Schum. “My saddest moments were standing col-



Jack Schum smiles as he displays the plaque and certificate honoring his 70 years as a member of the Knights of Columbus during a visit from brother knights to his Reading home Nov. 11, 2014. (Photo courtesy Tommy Szurgot)

or guard for deceased knights who passed away.”

Schum, 88, was born Oct. 2, 1926 in a house across the street from St. Anthony, Reading. His humor would shine through at the spaghetti dinners at St. Anthony, as he was always sure to point out the window and show people the house where he was born.

Schum was enlisted in the Navy for two and a half years. During World War II he served in the Pacific and did double duty as signalman and quartermaster aboard the AM-123 USS Symbol, Raven/Auk Class Minesweeper.

He worked in the chemical division of Firestone – which is now Occidental Chemical – for 38 years, the last 10 as foreman. “I never touched a tire or tube in 38 years, I was always in the chemical division,” said Schum, who retired in 1990.

Schum took his first degree with Council 793 in Reading on Nov. 1, 1944.

During this time Schum reactivated “Nun’s Day,” organizing a trip for 120 nuns to enjoy an ice show at Hershey Park. Thanks to his negotiating with Her-

shey Park and the Reading Transportation Company, the show seats and bus trip were donated free of charge.

As he recalled being chair and co-organizer of “Nun’s Day” in the early 1970s, Schum said he and brother knights and their wives would assemble box lunches and take the nuns to places such as Hershey for the Ice Capades. “The nuns would be so looking forward to these trips that they would be waiting at the door for the buses to pull up, and no sooner would the buses stop, they would be full and on their way.”

The committee sponsored other events for the nuns, such as “Las Vegas Night”

and the “Bunny Hop.” The events ran for a dozen years.

For many years Schum chaired a Knights of Columbus and Masonic Order dinner dance, “Knights and Nobles.” He chaired the affair for 13 consecutive years. While with Council 793, Schum was involved with fellowship with the Masons, and in 1979 received an award in appreciation of that fellowship between the two organizations.

The joint activities and dances of the two groups raised funds for the Mason’s Boston Hospital, as well as replacing a fire-damaged floor at the former Holy Name High School, Reading.

Another highlight for Schum was being spokesman for the Berks County Knights of Columbus May 15, 1997 at the dedication of the monument “Memorializing the Unborn Victims of Abortion” at Alvernia University, Reading. The monument is now located at Holy Guardian Angels, Reading. The late Msgr. Felix Losito, longtime pastor of Holy Rosary, Reading, was the backbone to having the monument erected.

Schum became district deputy, and during his six-year tenure in that post formed Holy Name Council 7179, Shillington and Light of Christ Council 8726, Sinking Spring.

Because Schum worked shifts he was not able to reach fourth degree until 1963, and then joined the Color Corp and the Fourth Degree Exemplification Team in Philadelphia. He was the No. 1 speaker on the team for a quarter century.

Schum transferred to Council 7179 in 2003. Jack Giles was Grand Knight at the time and asked Schum to assist in celebrating the council’s 25th anniversary – the same council Schum formed when he was district deputy.

Schum has always been active in his parish, such as calling on the sick and working at many fund-raising carnivals at his former parish, St. Peter the Apostle. He was a cantor and lector at St. John Baptist de la Salle. Schum also worked with the John Paul II Center for Special Learning, Shillington and Dayspring Homes Inc., Reading.

His community involvement included organizing the “Midget Might Football

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Jack Schum and his wife Josephine (Jo) at the Bellvue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, in 1981 when Schum became a member of the First Team for Fourth Degree Exemplification. (Photo courtesy Thomas Gross)



Holy Name Council 7179 honors Jack Schum, left, and Thomas Gross, who together had over 120 combined years of knighthood in 2007. A dinner in their honor was held March 24, 2007 at the Green Valley Country Club, Sinking Spring. These brother knights have served God, family, community and country in a manner that should inspire us all. (Photo courtesy Francis Berletic)

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then requesting to go to the United States.

Once in this country, Sister Bernard spent five years working with MSC Sister Virginia Longcope, director of Stephen's Place, Bethlehem, a nonprofit residential community designed to meet the needs of adult nonviolent offenders with a history of substance abuse.

Then life became a circus – literally – when she joined MSC Sister Dorothy Fabritze in circus ministry. Though Sister Bernard was skeptical of life with the circus at first, "What you fall in love with is real."

"It's not the show but the people" who are important, said Sister Bernard, who's

official "job" was a seamstress in addition to her ministry. So for 14 years she lived in a trailer doing shows all over the United States. Sister Dorothy taught circus personnel and their children, and both sisters provided religious education, preparation for sacraments and the opportunity for Mass.

"The important thing is to be a religious presence among the people. To work with these people is wonderful," Sister Bernard said. "It's a special calling, and I never knew Stephen's Place would prepare me for it."

There was even an altar and religious education center in a trailer, and the sisters had to secure permission to have the Blessed Sacrament in a trailer. "Without Jesus there are no sisters on the road."

Sister Bernard was the co-director of Show Peoples Evangelization of Catho-

lics (SPEC) until 2014. Sister Dorothy and Mary Seibert are now co-directors of SPEC.

"The presence of sisters in the circus is an indescribable gift to people," Sister Marie offered. "I even see it at Country Meadows. People say, 'I'm not even Catholic and she smiles and talks to me.'"

The chat

"Thank you for arranging another wonderful gathering. I'm still blown away by the lives of the sisters, and I'm so blessed by their generosity to open their home, hearts and lives to share with us and so many," Linda Seidel wrote to Whitmoyer the next day.

"Gathering around the fireplace and engaging in conversation with friends was a gift on a cold February night. I'm looking forward to many more "Fireside

Chats." Thanks again, Carrie, to you and all of my sister friends."

"My friends and I are still talking about them. I'm so impressed with how they forged through challenges, language barriers, career changes and all in a man's world," Marcella Shaver wrote to Whitmoyer of the chat.

"The sisters seemed to be most active in the decades when women weren't viewed the same. In the mid '80s my mom had to start out on her own when my dad left, and it was quite the challenge for her. I can really appreciate how much the sisters have accomplished, and with so much grace and compassion for others."

Future topics will focus on growing the sisters' mission to be the heart of Christ for others. For more information, visit www.mscreading.org.

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League," working with the participating boys for 17 years.

Schum was feted the afternoon of Nov. 2, 2014, with a visit from Grand Knight Tony Farina and his wife Theresa; Rob Szurgot, district deputy and trustee of Council 7179; Mike Hall; Keith Worley, financial secretary; Francis Berletic; and Bob Peters.

"We honored Jack for his 70 years as a member of the Knights of Columbus. Our pastry chef Tommy Szurgot made a cake with the number 70 on top of the cake," said Farina. "We all had good conversation with Jack and Jo, and he was pleased with our visit."

Four brother knights paid another visit

to Schum Nov. 11. "On this evening we honored Jack with a plaque and a certificate from Supreme Headquarters in New Haven, Conn.," said Farina. Leading the group was Farina, Rob Szurgot, Worley and recorder Tommy Szurgot.

Joseph Cullen, senior communications specialist of the Knights of Columbus, New Haven, Conn., noted a person with 70 years of membership would have to be 88 years old, at least, as membership is open to men 18 and older.

"We have many hundreds – more like thousands – of knights that old and older, and many of them would have 50, 60 and 70 years of membership," Cullen said.

"While Mr. Schum is not alone in his longevity, his tenure is notable and most impressive. He and the members of his council should be very proud that among them is a man who has persevered, contributed and served for seven decades."

CRS speaker on Syrians March 3

The diocesan Office of Pro-Life and Social Concerns will present a Catholic Relief Services speaker on how Catholics are helping Syrians in the midst of the humanitarian crisis in their country and in the neighboring countries.

Half of all Syrian refugees are children. Soha Menassa will share the stories of people who have nothing left but their tremendous faith, gratitude and hope for their children's future.

The talk will be Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at the parish center of St. Stephen of Hungary, 510 W. Union St., Allentown.

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Jim Finnen: the golden voice of College Hill to retire

By TAMI QUIGLEY
Staff writer

Ecclesiastes tells us "To everything there is a season, and a time and purpose under heaven."

Indeed, to everything there is a season, such as football, basketball ... and retirement.

After 50 years as the "golden voice of Lafayette athletics" – and often called "the voice of God" – Jim Finnen, 82, is retiring at the end of the 2014-15 academic year, drawing to a close five golden decades of calling games for the Leopards of the school that sits atop College Hill in Easton.

Finnen and his wife Bea have been parishioners of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Easton since moving to Easton in 1961. All four of their children are graduates of St. Jane School and Notre Dame High School, Easton.

Finnen's distinct voice announced football games for 50 years, and basketball for 48 years. In addition, he has called many conference tournament and championship games. He is also the former "voice" of WEST Radio.

Finnen will serve as a fill-in announcer for college events, but plans on enjoying some extended vacations with Bea, with whom he has four children and three grandchildren.

When asked in a recent interview to share a particularly golden memory, without skipping a beat Finnen recalled the Lafayette men's basketball game against the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind. as a "special evening" on College Hill in 1988.

"Notre Dame had played in New York and agreed to come to Lafayette to play on the way home," Finnen said.

"Lafayette defeated Notre Dame soundly by 15 points to a packed house," he recalled with pride. "A young man named Otis Ellis who scored 35 points led the way."

Last fall Finnen was stadium announcer in one of the most hallowed halls of



baseball, as the 150th meeting of Lehigh-Lafayette in football was played Nov. 22 at a sold-out Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y.

"Adding to the importance of the game was that no two teams have played each other more than Lafayette and Lehigh. It's the most played rivalry."

Finnen recalled years ago he had the pleasure of being introduced to Bob Sheppard, the legendary former public address announcer for the New York Yankees and New York Football Giants. Sheppard died in 2010, just two months shy of his 100th birthday.

"Bob Sheppard is generally considered the pre-eminent sports public announcer," Finnen said.

Finnen visited Sheppard at his Long Island home, and thoroughly enjoyed the visit, deeming Sheppard gracious and "a real gentleman, a professional in every way."

Finnen was struck by how he and Sheppard shared similar backgrounds, both having studied English, speech and voice in their jour-

neys to be public address announcers. In addition, Sheppard graduated from St. John's University, New York City in 1932 – the year Finnen was born – and later taught speech there. Sheppard was also a lector at his home parish on Long Island.

The recent honors and accolades have underscored what the Lehigh Valley has long known: that Finnen announcing a

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Left, Jim Finnen enjoys a Maroon Club Hall of Fame dinner in Marquis Hall on the Lafayette campus as he is recognized by Cindy Linville, '80, Maroon Club president. (Photo courtesy Lafayette College)

Right, Jim Finnen is honored at half-time Jan. 24 during the Lehigh-Lafayette men's basketball game by Lafayette Athletic Director Bruce McCutcheon, right. (Photo by Ed Koskey)

Left, Jim Finnen, the "golden voice of Lafayette athletics," announces the Lehigh-Lafayette men's basketball game Jan. 24. Finnen, parishioner of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Easton, will retire from the Easton college at the close of the 2014-15 school year. (Photo by Ed Koskey)

Below, Jim Finnen is pictured at his 1998 induction into the Maroon Club Hall of Fame. (Photo courtesy Lafayette College)



game is an instant "touchdown."

He was honored by Lafayette in a special ceremony during the Sept. 13 game against Robert Morris at Fisher Stadium; was honored during halftime of the Lehigh-Lafayette men's basketball game Jan. 24; and will be honored again at the Lehigh-Lafayette women's basketball game slated for Saturday, Feb. 21.

In 1998 Finnen was inducted into the college's Maroon Club Hall of Fame, and is one of two inductees not a student-athlete, coach or administrator at Lafayette.

A native of Highland Falls, N.Y., Finnen and his wife are alumni of the 1954 class of the University at Albany State University of New York, where Finnen majored in English and speech.

The resident of Palmer Township began life in the Lehigh Valley when he accepted the position of news director of WEST Radio – 1400 on the AM dial – in 1961 and served as a play-by-play

announcer with former sports director Dick Hammer. The duo called games for Easton, Phillipsburg and Lafayette football and basketball games.

Finnen accepted the invitation to become Lafayette's public address announcer after leaving WEST.

He retired from the Stroh Brewery Co., Detroit, Mich. in 1999 after three decades as director of government affairs, working mostly out of his home.

The faith behind the voice

A man of faith, Finnen also uses his golden voice to serve his parish as a lector.

"I've been a lector at St. Jane as long as I've been the public address announcer for Lafayette," said Finnen, who has also served as an usher.

"I like the ability to participate in the

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liturgy," Finnen said. "I'm proud and humbled at the same time to be part of the procession to start each Mass."

"At St. Jane's we have been blessed that Jim Finnen has been a devoted parishioner and dedicated lector," said Msgr. Stephen Radocha, pastor of St. Jane.

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"A good lector's job is not merely to read the sacred Scriptures but to proclaim God's word. Jim's special talent, to-

gether with his deep faith, has a special effect: he is someone who truly makes the word of God come alive to the listener.

"I love when Jim is a reader at Mass. This is especially true when he reads on special occasions and on special feast



Jim Finnen serves as lector during the 5 p.m. Mass Feb. 7 at his parish, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Easton. (Photo by Ed Koskey)

days. His voice gives a special emphasis to God speaking to us through sacred

Scripture."

Finnen was lector at the First Synod of Allentown in 1968 and the Second Synod of Allentown in 2006. He and Bea celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary Feb. 2 – "you can't forget your anniversary when it's on Groundhog Day" – and Finnen served as lector of the annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass the years of the couple's 30th, 40th and 50th anniversaries.

Finnen was a dear friend of the late Bishop Emeritus David Thompson of Charleston, S.C., who was formerly from the Diocese of Allentown and served as founding principal of Notre Dame High School.

The Finnenes attended a Day of Tribute in honor of Bishop Thompson and the inauguration of "The Mentor and His Student: Writer's Scholarship Fund at Notre Dame" in honor of Bishop Thompson and Will Lonardo in September 2013 at the school. Finnen was lector at the Mass celebrated as part of the event.

"I was happy to see Bishop Thompson recognized that day for all he did for the Diocese of Allentown," Finnen said.

Finnen recalled meeting Bishop Thompson more than a half century ago, when Finnen worked at WEST and Bishop Thompson was pastor of St. Bernard, Easton.

"Our friendship grew and blossomed, and continued all the years of his life," Finnen said.

The Finnenes visited Charleston in 2010, and Bishop Thompson – who was "beloved" as the bishop emeritus – served as the couple's tour guide one day. "We greatly enjoyed ourselves. I'm so glad we were good friends all those years."

During that trip, Bishop Thompson in-

troduced the couple to Bishop of Charleston Robert Guglielmone, who ironically previously served at the parish where the Finnenes were married, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Wantagh, Long Island, N.Y.

Finnen described Bishop John Barres as a "dear friend." Bishop Barres was friends with the late Bishop of Harrisburg Joseph McFadden, who died in May 2013. Bishop McFadden, Finnen explained, grew up with Lafayette's basketball coach, Fran O'Hanlon.

So one day Finnen had lunch with Bishop Barres and O'Hanlon at Morici's – a well-known Italian restaurant in Easton owned by St. Jane parishioners. "I sat back while they reminisced. It was a delightful luncheon."

The basketball link between Bishop Barres and Finnen also passes through Pete Carril, the legendary Princeton University, N.J. basketball coach under whom Bishop Barres played junior varsity ball. Bishop Barres and Carril are great friends, Finnen is also friends with Carril and years ago Carril coached at Easton High School.

It's a small world after all.

Finnen also arranged for Bishop Barres to meet then-Lafayette President Dan Weiss.

"When not working for the diocese, I am Lehigh University football's radio play-by-play announcer," said Matt Kerr, secretary of the diocesan Secretariat for External Affairs.

"I have had the great privilege of working with Jim as part of the Lehigh-Lafayette rivalry. I also remember listening to him on the radio when I was growing up. He is a true professional and one of the nicest, classiest people I know."

Diocesan priests meet Pope Francis in Rome

While vacationing in Rome, Msgr. Nevin Klinger, pastor of Assumption BVM, Bethlehem, right, and Father Anthony Mongiello, pastor of St. Anne, Bethlehem, have the special and blessed opportunity to greet Pope Francis at his general audience Jan. 28. (Photo courtesy Father Mongiello)



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stances; CCC Group Insurance Trust, Law and Legislation and Management Committee; Liturgy Committee; Marketing and Public Relations Committee; Membership Committee; Committee on Modern Interment Practices; Technology Committee; Convention Program Committee; Ad Hoc Committee on Cemeterian of the Year; Ad Hoc Committee on Cremation; and Christian Burial Guidelines Awareness Campaign.

Since education is a key component, the Smaller Cemetery Seminar, which will be held this year April 23-25 at the Diocese of Albany, N.Y., will offer a review of the Rites, Rituals and Burial Guidelines; administrative/office procedures for small cemeteries; what to do when your last grave is gone; mobile technology; as well as fund raising through opportunities given through income sources and services provided.

The 58 parishes who operate the 121 geographic cemeteries in our diocese will receive a brochure concerning this learning opportunity.

Another educational initiative offered is the School of Leadership and Management Excellence offered June 8-12 at the University of Notre Dame, Ind.

Schools offered include: Land Management and General Operations; Management and Human Resources; Sales and Marketing; Finance; and the School of Theology and Psychology of Death and Dying.

These sessions provide management personnel networking and in-depth training in each area over four to five summers. In some dioceses' cemetery operations are totally distinct from the fiscal office of the diocese and other cemeteries are connected to the diocese for some of these topics. Most topics are for the cemeterian in a management capacity.

The third opportunity for education is at the annual convention this year Sept. 22-26 in San Diego, Calif.

By Msgr. William Bayer, pastor of SS. Simon and Jude, Bethlehem; director of the diocesan Office of Cemeteries; and secretary of the Catholic Cemetery Conference.



Diocesan directors (delegates representing their bishop) hold their annual meeting during the convention and install the board of directors (officers and at-large members).

Also, recognition is given for the newly Certified Catholic Cemetery Executives (CCCE) and those recertified every five years. Over 70 exhibitors (suppliers) of cemetery services – such as mausoleums, vaults, computerization, artwork, grounds maintenance equipment and services, bronze memorials, casket protection and memorials – provide cemeteryans tools in operating their cemeteries.

Networking with exhibitors and cemetery conference members provides an educational opportunity.

Also part of this annual experience are talks concerning preneed planning, endowed care, human resources, cremation, employee performance, safety issues; reflections from the episcopal moderator, Bishop John Quinn of Winona, N.M.; and the celebration of Mass each morning, remembering at one Mass our deceased members from the past year.


Cemetery directors and managers of the parish and diocesan cemeteries have ample opportunity to enrich their ministry through these educational initiatives and to become a member of the conference. Diocesan guidance has been given through the Chart of Accounts and Administration manuals presently in use.

To the parishioners who have family interred in our two diocesan cemeteries and the cemeteries operated by the 58 parishes, know that we are committed to your care and look forward to serving you at one of our Catholic cemeteries at the time of need.

Volunteers needed at Holy Family Manor

Holy Family Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Bethlehem is in need of volunteers to serve as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, offering Holy Communion to residents.

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How Do I Forgive You?

Joan M. Doherty, MA, LMFT, LPC, NCC

Most Blessed Sacrament Church - Fr. Schneider Hall - March 8, 2015



Please join us for our lenten program, "How Can I Forgive You?" and explore this challenging topic. Joan Doherty is an licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and licensed Professional Counselor in private practice in Bethlehem. Joan has grown in appreciation for the often difficult journey we all travel toward forgiveness and reconciliation. Joan welcomes the opportunity to share some practical thoughts and discussion on healing the interpersonal wounds from family members, friends, and those scars from life itself.

Where: Most Blessed Sacrament - 610 Pine St. Bally PA, 19503 in Fr. Schneider Hall
When: March 8, 2015 from 7PM - 9PM. Cancellation date: March 22, 2015 from 7PM - 9PM.
This program is free of cost but donations are welcome. To register for this event call Margaret @ 610-248-2171 or mchova@aol.com

La santidad del cuerpo

Por DR. PAULINO TEJADA

Es difícil hablar de la santidad del cuerpo cuando vivimos en una cultura erotizada, que constantemente busca el placer instantáneo, y en la cual predomina el relativismo moral (es decir todo es permitido y aceptable). El apóstol Pablo, nos advertía al respecto: "todo me he permitido, pero no todo me conviene" (1 Co 10:23).

Pablo era consciente de que el hombre goza de libre albedrío, es decir, la capacidad dada por Dios de elegir entre el bien y el mal; pero a su vez, de que esta libertad estaba encaminando hacia la búsqueda voluntaria del bien absoluto.

Al crear al hombre, el Señor lo dotó de un cuerpo físico, el cual es mortal y temporal; y dentro del cuerpo físico, un espíritu que es inmortal y trasciende nuestra existencia terrenal. Nuestro cuerpo puede ser comparado a un tirano, que constantemente reclama placeres. Es por eso, que debemos crecer en el amor de Dios, y alimentar nuestro espíritu para poder afrontar las tentaciones y santificar nuestros cuerpos para Dios.

Es evidente que en el mundo moderno, los deseos corporales quieren controlar la conducta humana, deshumanizándola, y llevándola hacia la satisfacción de deseos

primitivos, sin importar las consecuencias espirituales.

Podemos ver como conductas, tales como, la adicción a la pornografía, prostitución, adicciones a las drogas, encuentros sexuales casuales, e infidelidades dentro de la vida conyugal van en aumento; mientras el enemigo de nuestras almas nos hace creer que virtudes como la castidad, el dominio propio, y la fidelidad son cosas del pasado y de mentalidades obsoletas.

La ignorancia, falta de conocimiento de las sagradas escrituras, y la falta de entendimiento del plan de Dios para nuestras vidas, es sin lugar a dudas lo que lleva a muchas personas a vivir vidas vacías y a expresar "yo hago todo lo que quiero, y me doy todo los placeres, pues solo se vive una vez."

Las escrituras, por otro lado, nos enseñan que debemos respetar y honrar nuestros cuerpos, pues en la resurrección, nuestro cuerpos mortales y corruptibles serán transformados en cuerpos inmortales, incorruptibles y gloriosos, como el cuerpo resucitado de nuestro Señor Jesucristo (1 Co 15:53-54).

Pero ¿cómo lograr agradar a Dios, santificando nuestros cuerpos, en el mundo actual? Para responder a esta interrogante, debemos entender que sólo el



Espíritu Santo puede propiciar cambios en nuestra conducta y darnos la fuerza espiritual para resistir las tentaciones que nos ofrece el mundo.

Ofendemos nuestros cuerpos, directamente, cuando abusamos de drogas, o participamos en actos sexuales que ofenden a Dios; o de una forma indirecta, a través de lo que vemos y escuchamos. Es por esto que Jesús nos advirtió: "Tus ojos son la lámpara de tu cuerpo" (Lc 11:34-36). Así, que lo que vemos y escuchamos pueden ser el detonante de conductas encaminadas a ofender nuestros cuerpos.

Como cristianos, estamos llamados a santificar nuestros cuerpos, y crecer cada día en santidad. El mismo Dios, a través de Moisés, en el libro de levíticos nos advirtió: "sean santos, porque yo su Dios, soy santo" (Lev 19:2).

Sin lugar a duda, podemos lograr caminar en santidad, no contando con nuestras fuerzas humanas, pero contando más bien con la ayuda propicia que nos dejó Jesús; el paráclito, el espíritu de la

verdad, nuestro consolador.

Jesús sabía, que nuestra espera por él, no sería fácil, que nos dejaba en un mundo en control del maligno; pero no nos dejó desarmado, nos dejó al Espíritu Santo, y nos dejó armas espirituales para vencer la tentación y ser capaces de caminar en santidad.

Es por esto, que cultivar el don de la oración, acercarnos a Jesús a través de la eucaristía, y vivir en comunidad compartiendo el amor por Dios, son esenciales en nuestra búsqueda de la santificación de nuestros cuerpos y mente. Mientras más alimentos tu vida espiritual, más control tendrás sobre tu cuerpo físico.

El enemigo de nuestras almas, es un ser poderoso, un tentador y mentiroso, pero no es más que eso, un espíritu. Dios, en cambio, es todo poderoso, y todo lo puede, él te dará las fuerzas para resistir tentaciones en tiempo de prueba, caminar en santidad y ser algún día merecedor de la vida eterna. Amén.

USCCB online Lenten resources

A variety of resources to help Catholics observe Lent, which began Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, is being provided by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) at www.usccb.org/lent.

With the theme "Raise Up. Sacrifice. Offer," resources include video reflections on Lenten themes, a downloadable

Lenten calendar with quotes from Pope Francis' Message for Lent, and other teachings and suggestions for taking an active approach to the three traditional pillars of Lenten observance: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Catholics are encouraged to raise up the needs of the world in prayer, to sacri-

fice by giving up food and material wants, and to offer time, talent and treasure as good stewards of the God-given gifts.

The website also includes facts about saints whose feast days or memorials fall within Lent, a reflection on fasting and information on rediscovering the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.



Retiro de Cuaresma

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Oración de Cuaresma

Padre nuestro, que estás en el Cielo, durante esta época de arrepentimiento, ten misericordia de nosotros. Con nuestra oración, nuestro ayuno y nuestras buenas obras, transforma nuestro egoísmo en generosidad. Abre nuestros corazones a tu Palabra, sana nuestras heridas del pecado, ayúdanos a hacer el bien en este mundo. Que transformemos la oscuridad y el dolor en vida y alegría. Concédenos estas cosas por Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Amén.

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Courses on 'The Church' and 'Christian Morality' to start in March

The Institute for Catechesis and Formation will offer courses on "The Church" (ICF 106) and "Christian Morality" (ICF 105) beginning in March.

"The Church" is the place of encounter between God and his people. This course will provide a brief overview of the origins of the church; her identity as "One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic"; and what it means to be "the Body of Christ" on earth.

This informative four-week course will be offered at three locations:

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 7 to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Catholic High



School, 2133 Madison Ave., Bethlehem.

Saturdays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28, 9 to 11 a.m. at Berks Catholic High School, 955 Wyomissing Blvd., Reading and Nativity BVM High School, One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville.

"Morality" will provide an intro-

duction to the fundamental teachings of Catholic morality and its foundations in Sacred Scripture, Tradition and Natural Law.

Participants will examine virtue, conscience formation and make application to contemporary moral issues in the areas of health care, sexuality and social justice.

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More School, 1040 Flexer Ave., Allentown.

There is a \$30 charge for each course, payable to Diocese of Allentown. ICF courses

are meant for any adult Catholic looking to grow deeper and learn more about the faith. There are no prerequisites for these courses.

For a registration form, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/icf.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Easton collects socks for the needy

Ask the question of anyone you know.... How many pair of socks do you own? Most people have no idea because they have so many.

Ask a homeless person the same question and the answer may be, "The pair I have on my feet" or "I don't have any socks."

Foot health is one of the biggest problems among the homeless and lower income individuals.

This issue isn't usually addressed by donations. People graciously give used clothing and household goods, but certain items must be new, such as underwear and socks, and these items are usually overlooked.

After reading an article in a national magazine about the plight of homeless people and the increasing foot infections and diseases among that population, and how it was being addressed in some larger cities, officers of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Easton 358 decided to help locally.

Members of Court Easton have collected over 2,000 pair of socks over the past year from parishes in Easton: Our Lady of Mercy, St. Anthony of Padua and St. Jane Francis de Chantal.

The socks were then distributed to local shelters, such as Safe Harbor, Third Street Alliance, Hogar Crea, Lehigh County Council of Churches, Mary's Shelter and St. Vincent de Paul Society to be given to their clients.

Because the parishioners of those churches were so generous, and the project has been so successful, the court will be continuing their efforts again this year.

This is a project that is not costly for anyone. Socks are fairly inexpensive, and donating one pair or even a dozen pair is usually not a hardship for anyone.

Mary Marzen, district deputy for Court Easton, is a member of Court Ryan 911, Jim Thorpe. After seeing the success of the Easton collection, she approached the members of Court Ryan and decided to conduct a drive in their area. They took it one step further by involving the local Girl Scout troop and having them decorate the collection boxes. They also have seen great success in the event.

For more information on this project, contact Sally Lerch, regent, Court Easton, through Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 610-252-7381.



Current or former officers of Court Easton show some of the socks they have collected, from left, Sally Ann Lerch, Patricia Bleam, Mary Marzen, Mary Strucko, Deborah Starace and Marianne Williams.

Deaths

Religious sisters

Sister Miriam Patrice Hausman, 77, a Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia for 56 years, died Feb. 6 in Assisi House, Aston.

She was born in Allentown, and was a parishioner of Notre Dame of Bethlehem and a graduate of Allentown Central Catholic High School, from which she re-

ceived the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2005.

Her ministry was dedicated to elementary and secondary education, and in pastoral ministry—particularly in gerontology.

In the Diocese of Allentown she taught at Most Blessed Sacrament School, Bally 1961-62 and Allentown Central Catholic High School 1967-78, 1979-82.

She also ministered for 31 years in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and several

years in the Archdiocese of Seattle, Wash.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 13 at Assisi House, with burial in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Aston.

Sister Henry Filistowicz, 96, of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters Third Order Regular of St. Francis, died Feb. 10 at St. Joseph Hospital, Reading.

Sister served as an elementary teacher, organist, principal, superior, in retreat hospitality, hospitality ministry and local

minister in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Texas, Puerto Rico, and Liberia, West Africa. In the Diocese of Allentown she ministered at Sacred Heart, West Reading; SS. Peter and Paul, Lansford; and St. Joseph Villa, Reading.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Feb. 13 at Sacred Heart Convent Chapel, Reading, followed by interment in the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters' cemetery, Mount Alvernia, Reading.

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Sundays

Breakfast, parish center cafeteria, St. Michael the Archangel, Minersville, 7 a.m.-noon, \$7.
Interpreted Mass, for the hearing impaired, St. Columbkil, Boyertown, 9 a.m.

Latin Mass, St. Stephen of Hungary, Allentown, 10:15 a.m.
Children's Prayer Group, for children of any age, Perpetual Adoration Chapel, St. Patrick, Pottsville, 5 p.m.
Holy Hour for Our Families, Our Priests, and Our Country, Adoration Chapel, St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown, 7 p.m.

First Sundays

Divine Mercy Liturgical Service, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, 600 W. Mahanoy Ave., Mahanoy City, 3 p.m., confessions before liturgy, Anointing of the Sick after liturgy and benediction.

First and third Sundays

Interpreted Mass, for the hearing impaired, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bethlehem, 9 a.m.

Second Sundays

Breakfast, St. Elizabeth, Whitehall, 8:30-11:30 a.m., adults \$6, children \$3, 610-266-0695, Oct. 12 to April 12.
Youth Mass, students in PREP and Catholic schools asked to participate as lectors, greeters, ushers, etc., St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown, 10:30 a.m.

Third Sundays

Breakfast, St. Joseph, Summit Hill, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., adults \$8, children 7-11 \$4, under 7 free, no breakfast July or December.
Catholic Singles of Allentown Reflection and Fellowship, Finnegan Room, Assumption BVM, Bethlehem, 3-4:30 p.m., followed by dinner at restaurant of choice, cslv@me.com, 610-797-1970.

Fourth Sundays

Breakfast, Assumption BVM, Northampton, 8:30 a.m.-noon, adults \$7, children \$3, 610-262-2559.

Last Sunday

Breakfast, St. Stephen of Hungary, Allentown, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mondays

Eucharistic Adoration, Incarnation of Our Lord, Bethlehem, after 8 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m. followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet and concluding with benediction, also Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Eucharistic Adoration, chapel, St. Catharine of Siena, Reading, after 8 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m., 610-779-4005.

Scripture Classes, directed by Father Denet Jung, St. Francis Retreat House, Easton, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday Afternoon Bible Study, Coll Room, Assumption BVM, Bethlehem, 1-2:30 p.m., 610-867-7424, ext. 12, join anytime.

Scripture Class with Father Paul Marconi, Barnabite Spiritual Center, Bethlehem, 1-3 p.m., 610-691-8648.

Monday Evening Bible Study, Finnegan Room, Assumption BVM, Bethlehem, 6:30-8 p.m., 610-867-7424, ext. 12.

GriefShare Workshop and Support Group, St. Catharine of Siena, 2427 Perkiomen Ave., Reading, 7-8:30 p.m., 610-370-1174.

First Mondays

Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall, after 8 a.m. Mass, evening prayer and benediction 5 p.m., second Mondays if falls on federal holiday or holy day, 610-266-0695.

Fourth Mondays

"Kids Konnected," support group for children with a parent being treated for cancer, St. Joseph Medical Center, Reading, 7 p.m., registration required 610-378-2602, www.kidskonnected.org.

Last Mondays

Mass and Veneration of Relic St. Pauline Visintainer, Our Lady's Chapel, St. Patrick, Pottsville, 5 p.m.

Tuesdays

Eucharistic Day of Prayer, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Sinking Spring, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8 a.m. Mass until 7 p.m. Benediction, 610-678-3767.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study, rectory basement, St. Paul, Allentown, 9:30-11 a.m., join anytime, 610-797-9733, ext. 14.

Catholic Charities Services, Annunciation BVM, Shenandoah, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., appointments 570-628-0466.

Parenting Support Educational Series, Catholic Charities, Annunciation BVM, Shenandoah, 11 a.m.-noon, free, for parents and grandparents of infants through toddlers, register 570-628-0466.

Holy Hour with Mary for Religious Liberty, National Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Immaculate Conception BVM, Allentown, 1:30 p.m.

Scripture Class with Father Paul Marconi, Barnabite Spiritual Center, Bethlehem, 7-9 p.m., 610-691-8648.

First Tuesdays

"Simply Prayer" mornings of prayer, reflection and sharing, St. Francis Center for Renewal, Bethlehem, 9:30 a.m.-noon, 610-867-8890.

First and third Tuesdays

Catechism Classes for Men, Catholic Men of Good News, Franciscan Center (former convent), St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown, 7 p.m., 610-462-9700.

Second Tuesdays

Cancer Support Group, Msgr. Gobitas Meeting Room, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Easton, 7 p.m.

Hoagie Sale, Knights of Columbus Cardinal Francis Brennan Council 618, \$4, pickup 9 a.m. until sold out, 201 W. Cherry St., order 570-590-1188, 570-462-1430.

Rosary and Benediction, St. Joseph, Jim Thorpe, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Spiritual Book Study, directed by Pat and Rich Kane, St. Francis Retreat House, Easton, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Assumption BVM, Bethlehem, 10-11:30 a.m., 610-867-7424, ext. 12.

Rosary and Novena, St. Patrick, Pottsville, 7 p.m.

Bible Study, SS. Simon and Jude, Bethlehem, 7-8:30 p.m., bring your Bible.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study, rectory basement, St. Paul, Allentown, new time 7-8:30 p.m., join anytime, 610-797-9733, ext. 14.

Strudel Sale, deadline for orders, St. Stephen of Hungary, Allentown, cutoff noon, \$15-\$18, pickup Friday 3 p.m., www.buystrudel.com, 610-393-2806.

First and third Wednesdays

Joseph's People, support group for unemployed and under-employed persons, St. Catharine of Siena, Reading, 7-8:30 p.m., 610-385-3699, 484-651-0498, kaf8860@dejazzd.com or jsenick@ptd.net.

Women's Prayer Group, Sister Gertrude Room, Franciscan Center, St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown, fellowship and hospitality 6:30 p.m., prayer hour 7-8 p.m., 610-509-3167, gatheredin-grace@aol.com.

Second and fourth Wednesdays

God's Bountiful Table, soup kitchen open for disadvantaged and those in need, St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Matthew the Evangelist, Minersville, at Father Anthony Ricapito Annex, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., volunteers needed, 570-544-2739.

Young Adults Bible Study and Dinner, St. Stephen of Hungary, Allentown, 5:30 p.m., RSVP patrickfitzsimmons@saintstephenofhungary.net, <http://www.saintstephenofhungary.net/>.

Rosary, Marian Prayer Group, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Easton, 610-253-3553.

Thursdays

Bible Study, Wortmann Center, Holy Family, Nazareth, 9:30-11 a.m., bring your Bible.

"Prayer of the Heart – Contemplative Prayer," classes, St. Francis Retreat House, Easton, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Scripture Study, SS. Simon and Jude, Bethlehem, 10-11:30 a.m., 610-867-1649.

Musical Entertainment, Christopher's at Columbian Home, Knights of Columbus Calvary Council 528, Allentown, 7-10 p.m., 610-432-6333.

Faith Sharing, Allentown Bethlehem Catholic Young Adults, Assumption BVM, Bethlehem, 7:30-8:45 p.m.

First Thursdays

Holy Mass with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Barnabite Spiritual Center, Bethlehem, 7-9 p.m.

Second Thursdays

Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic, Chapter of the Expectation of the Blessed Mother, Notre Dame of Bethlehem, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 610-285-2288, 610-691-6761, 610-865-9236.

Second and fourth Thursdays

"On-Going Job Transition Workshop," job transition group for those seeking employment or career advancement, St. Francis Retreat House, Easton, 9-11:30 a.m., free, 610-258-3053, mikesfrh@rcn.com or www.stfrancisretreathouse.org.

Fridays

Holy Mass, Barnabite Spiritual Center, Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.

"Symbolon, the Catholic Faith Explained," catechetical program, Barnabite Spiritual Center, Bethlehem, 8:30 p.m.

First Fridays

Respect for Life Holy Hour, Adoration Chapel, St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown, 7 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Family, Nazareth, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturdays

Holy Hour for Our Country, Adoration Chapel, St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown, noon.

First Saturdays

Holy Hour for Vocations, Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, begins with 8 a.m. Mass (except May and June).

Devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown, 4:05 p.m.

Second Saturdays

Prayer Pilgrimage, Helpers of God's Precious Infants; Mass, Notre Dame of Bethlehem, 8 a.m., followed by 15 decades of the rosary at Allentown Women's Center, 31 S. Commerce Way, Bethlehem, 610-797-7403, hogpi@hotmail.com.

Second and fourth Saturdays

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Barnabite Spiritual Center, Bethlehem, 11 a.m.-noon.

Friday, Feb. 20

"Forgive Me Father: The Other Side of the Confessional," speaker Father Mark Searles, assistant pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Allentown, for young adults (ages 18-35) speaker series "Upon This Rock," Newman Center, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, 6-8 p.m., free, food and beverage provided, sponsored by Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, www.allentowndiocese.org/youngadults, adonsecz@allentowndiocese.org.

Saturday, Feb. 21

"Bernardine Bonanza," evening of fun, food, games, live music, benefit Bernardine Franciscan Sisters retired sisters, McGlinn Conference Center, Reading, 7-10:30 p.m., \$95, 484-334-6815, www.bfranciscan.org.

Sunday, Feb. 22

Spaghetti Dinner, Altar Rosary Society, Holy Family, Nazareth, at Holy Family Club, 515 W. Mauch Chunk St., seatings 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 3-6 p.m., adults \$9, children 6-12 \$4 (tickets at door \$1 more), tickets available after Masses until Feb. 15, also 610-759-4488.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

"We the Living" grief support group, Chapel, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bethlehem, 6-7:30 p.m., 610-861-4063, margo.lawless@rcn.com, Tuesdays through April 7.

"Value of the Diaconate," speaker Ronald Triani, Serra Club of Bethlehem, Monocacy Manor, Bethlehem, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

CURE-sader Awareness Night, speaker Liz Scott from Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, Bernadine Hall, Alvernia University, Reading, 6:30-8:30 p.m., donations collected to benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation.

Thursday, Feb. 26

Serra Club of Reading, dinner meeting, Riveredge Restaurant, Reading, 6 p.m., speaker Father Kevin Bobbin, www.readingserraclub.org.

Sunday, March 1

Holy Family Breakfast with Family and Friends, Holy Family Club, Nazareth, 7:30 a.m., last seating noon, adults \$7, seniors 65+ \$6, children 4-12 \$4, under 4 free, tickets must be pre-purchased at parish office, Holy Family Club or after Masses Feb. 21-22.

Catholic Charities Gala "Caring for Our Communities," DeSales University Center, Center Valley, 5 p.m., \$150 per person, honoring Msgr. John Murphy, pastor of St. Thomas More, Allentown, and Sister Virginia Longcope, founder and director of Stephen's Place Inc., Bethlehem, www.catholiccharityad.org, 610-435-1541, ext. 328.

Tuesday, March 3

Catholic Relief Services Speaker Soha Menassa, presented by diocesan Office of Pro-Life and Social Concerns, on how Catholics are helping Syrians in the midst of the humanitarian crisis in their country and in neighboring countries, parish center, St. Stephen of Hungary, Allentown, 7 p.m., free, registration not required, information 610-289-8900, ext. 228 or cle@allentowndiocese.org.

Wednesday, March 4

Women of Grace Foundational Study Series, rectory, St. Thomas More, Allentown, 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m., registration required 610-392-2659, 610-398-9096, bmbarski@gmail.com, fee required to cover materials, Wednesdays through April 29.

Allentown Serra Club Dinner Meeting, Econolodge, Allentown, hospitality 6 p.m., dinner 6:30.

Saturday, March 7

"Pink-Out Event," CYO, St. Anne School, Bethlehem, 9 a.m., free, five basketball games with St. Anne students, pink T-shirts available \$15 (XXL \$18), benefit local cancer patients and their families, 831rjs@gmail.com.

Sunday, March 8

Trinity Academy Family Bowling Day, Strike Zone Alley, Pottsville, 2-4 p.m., \$10 per person, tickets available in the school office or 570-462-3927.

Monday, March 9

"A Biblical Worldview: Needed Answers in a Cultural Shift Toward Indifference," Faith and Spirits Series, Part I, speaker Msgr. Andrew Baker, sponsored by diocesan Office of Adult Formation, Allentown Brew Works, 6:30-8:30 p.m., adultformation@allentowndiocese.org, www.allentowndiocese.org/aff, 610-289-8900, ext. 221.

Friendly Fifties, St. John the Baptist Byzantine, Northampton, 1 p.m., entertainment Ultimate Sound with Frank Godiska, canceled if Northampton schools are delayed or closed.

Tuesday, March 10

Low Impact Aerobics, parish hall, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall, 6-6:50 p.m., \$15, Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 23, registration deadline March 5, dirreled@sercc.org.

"How Catholics Read and Interpret Scriptures," speaker Father Bernard Ezaki, Serra Club of Bethlehem, Monocacy Manor, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 15

Mary's Shelter Bowl-a-Thon, Berks Lanes, Sinking Spring, 12:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-5 p.m., registration and sponsorship forms 610-603-8010, www.marysshelter.org.

Catholic Singles of Allentown Reflection and Fellowship, Finnegan Room, Assumption BVM, Bethlehem, 3-4:30 p.m., followed by dinner at restaurant of choice, cslv@me.com, 610-797-1970.

"The Way of the Cross" Concert, featuring Catholic singer Donna Cori Gibson, Notre Dame of Bethlehem, 7 p.m., free will offering.

Wednesday, March 18

Allentown Serra Club, St. Thomas More, Allentown, 7 p.m.,

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speaker Tony Muir on his trips to the Holy Land.

Saturday, March 21
“Warriors for Christ – Men After God’s Own Heart,” speaker Bishop of Harrisburg Ronald Gainer, Bishop McDevitt High School, 1 Crusader Way, Harrisburg, 8:15 a.m.-3:45 p.m., \$30, register www.hbgdiocese/men, information 610-217-1739.
Serra Clubs of the Diocese of Allentown, tour of Most Blessed Sacrament, Bally, the oldest church in the Diocese of Allentown, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. with rosary, Mass and lunch, 610-349-8176.
St. Patrick’s Day Party, Hanlon Center, Assumption BVM, Bethlehem, 6-9:30 p.m., \$15 per person, tickets must be purchased in advance, 610-867-7424.

Sunday, March 22
Parish Seder Meal, social hall, SS. Simon & Jude, Bethlehem, 4 p.m., adults \$13.50, no reservations without payment, 610-866-5582.
“Faith Alive: The Family Fully Alive,” regional event in preparation for the September 2015 World Meeting of Families, \$10 per family, includes guest speakers, prayer, group activities and a family meal; four locations: St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield, 4-6 p.m.; St. John XXIII, Tamaqua, 4-6 p.m.; St. Catharine of Siena, Reading, 6-8 p.m.; Holy Family, Nazareth, 6-8 p.m., registration materials www.allentowndiocese.org/faithalive, registration deadline Wednesday, March 11.

Lenten events

Fridays of Lent
Lenten Dinner, St. John the Baptist, Pottsville, at Russell Building, Ninth Street and Schuylkill Avenue, 4-7 p.m., adults \$13-\$16, children \$8, 570-622-5470, 570-628-3002, except Good Friday.
Fish Bake, Knights of Columbus Council 4050, Ruffenach Hall, Chestnut and South Ruch streets, Whitehall, 5-7 p.m., adults \$9, children 3-12 \$5, under 3 free, Feb. 27, March 6 and 13.
Lenten Fish Bake, Knights of Columbus Council Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Council 4282, Nazareth, at Holy Family Club, 515 W. Mauch Chunk St., Nazareth, 4-7 p.m., adults \$10, children 6-12 \$5, under 6 free, Feb. 27, March 6, 20 and 27.
Lenten Pierogi Sale, St. Mary, Reading, \$7.50-\$8 per dozen, 610-376-6321, except Good Friday.
Lenten Fish Dinner, Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council 15682, Father King Hall, Sacred Heart, Bethlehem, 4:30-7 p.m., adults \$9, children 6-12 \$5, under 6 free, except Good Friday.
Lenten Fish Dinner, Knights of Columbus Post 14464, church basement, Sacred Heart, Bath, 4:30-7 p.m., adults \$9, children 6-12 \$4, under 6 free; flounder special \$12, except Good Friday.
Lenten Fish Dinner, Knights of Columbus Council 345, Father Farrell Hall, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Easton, 4-7 p.m., adults \$11, seniors \$10, children \$6, 4 and under free, 610-330-2917, 610-252-3340, March 6, 13, 20, 27.
Fish Fry, followed by Stations of the Cross, Knights of Columbus Council 14880. St. Catharine of Siena, Route 562, 4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading, 5-7 p.m., adults \$12.50, grade school children \$5, tickets 610-926-7526, March 6, 13, 27.
Stations of the Cross with Benediction, St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 20
Lenten Fish Dinner, Men of St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown, 5-6:30 p.m., adults \$11, children \$6, tickets available until Feb. 16 after Masses or in parish office weekdays, 610-821-4947, stfrancischurch@ptd.net.
Fried Cod or Baked Haddock or Fried Shrimp, Knights of Columbus, cafeteria, St. Ann School, 435 S. Sixth St., Emmaus, 5-7 p.m., adults \$9, children 6-12 \$4, 5 and under free, www.koc12886.org.
Fish Fry, Knights of Columbus Council 14880, St. Catharine of Siena, Route 562, 4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading, 5-7 p.m., adults \$12.50, grade school children \$5, tickets 610-926-7526, followed by Stations of the Cross.
Lenten Fish Dinner, parish center, Annunciation BVM (St. Mary’s), Catasauqua, 4:30-7 p.m., adults \$9, children \$6, 610-264-0332.

Wednesdays of Lent
Lenten Devotion, Shrine of St. Therese Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, Nesquehoning, 6 p.m., includes Stations of the Cross, Novena Prayers to St. Therese of Lisieux and Benediction.
Book Discussion on “He Leadeth Me” by Father Walter Ciszek, led by Sister Mary Ann Spaetti, Trinity Academy at the Father Walter Ciszek Education Center, Shenandoah, 6:30-8 p.m., Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Friday, Feb. 27; Tuesday, March 10; Wednesday, March 18
Lenten Dinner, Divine Mercy, Shenandoah, at St. Stephen Church Hall, Shenandoah, 3-5:30 p.m., take-out only, \$8, deadline for orders a week before dinner 570-462-1968.

Saturday, Feb. 28
“The Value of the Charism of Consecrated Life in Today’s Church and Some Insights Into the Holy Season of Lent from the Eastern Church Perspective,” women’s Lenten morning of prayer, speaker Sister Natalya Stoczany, St. Matthew the Evangelist, Minersville, confessions 8:30 a.m., Mass 9 a.m., followed by breakfast and reflection, reservations 570-544-2211.

Sunday, March 8
Lenten Taize Service, night of prayer and meditation through music, Scripture and silence, St. Benedict, Mohnton, 6 p.m., questions 610-856-1006, andang@hgaschool.org.

“How Do I Forgive You?” speaker marriage and family therapist Joan Doherty, Father Schneider Hall, Most Blessed Sacrament, Bally, 7-9 p.m., free will offering, registration 610-248-2171, mchova@aol.com, cancellation date Sunday, March 22.

Thursdays, March 12, 19 and 26
“How to Pray Liturgy of the Hours,” Msgr. Ott Room, Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, 6:30-8 p.m., presented by Deacon Robert Young of St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown, register 610-433-6461.

Tuesday, March 17
“Catholicism 101,” an informative, informal night for questions about our Catholic faith, St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown, 7 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 29 and Good Friday, April 3
Living Stations of the Cross, St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown, 3 p.m.; Good Friday 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3
Collection for Shrines of Our Faith in the Holy Land, all parishes in the Diocese of Allentown.
Devil Crab/Fish Dinner, Knights of Columbus Council 618, 201 W. Cherry St., Shenandoah, 3 p.m.-sellout, \$9, preorder by Saturday, March 21, 570-462-1430, 570-590-1188, 570-462-0116, free delivery in Shenandoah.

Saturday, April 4
Blessing of Easter Food, St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown, noon.

Socials

Sundays
Bingo, St. Joseph, Summit Hill, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, Immaculate Conception School, Pen Argyl, 1 p.m., doors open 11 a.m., 610-863-4816.

Second Sundays
Bingo, Most Blessed Sacrament, Bally, 12:30 p. m., doors open 11 a.m.

Wednesdays
Bingo, Slovak Catholic Sokol, SS. Cyril and Methodius, Reading, at Slovak Catholic Social Hall, 411 Crestmont St., 6:30 p.m., doors open 5 p.m. (changed from Mondays).

Thursdays
Bingo, Knights of Columbus Home Association, Reading, 6:30 p.m., doors open 5 p.m., nonsmoking.
Bingo, St. Katharine Drexel, Lansford, 6:30 p.m., doors open 5 p.m.

Fridays
Bingo, St. Jerome, Tamaqua, 6 p.m.

Sundays, Feb. 22, March 8, 22, April 12, 26, May 10, 24, June 14, 28
Bingo, Knights of Columbus Council 618, Shenandoah at St. Stephen Hall, 2 p.m., doors open noon, accessible to handicapped.

Saturday, March 7
Casino Night, Mercy Special Learning Center, Allentown, 6:30-10 p.m., \$30 per person, \$50 per couple, tharper@mercy-speciallearning.org, 610-797-8242, must be 21 to attend.

Sunday, March 8
Chinese Auction, church hall, St. Vincent de Paul, Girardville, 2 p.m., doors and kitchen open noon.
Tricky Tray, St. Joseph Regional Academy, Jim Thorpe at Jim Thorpe Memorial Hall, 3 p.m., doors open noon, tickets 570-325-3186, www.sjracademy.org.

Sundays, March 8, April 12, May 17
Bingo, parish center, Assembled Men, St. Mary Annunciation BVM, Catasauqua, 1 p.m., kitchen open 11:30 a.m., 610-264-0332.

Thursday, March 12
Basket Bingo, St. Thomas More, Allentown, 7 p.m., www.stmchurchallentown.org.

Saturday, March 14
“Designer Bag” Bingo, St. Theresa School, Hellertown, 7 p.m., doors open 6 p.m., \$20, information 610-861-7399, theholub4@verizon.net; tickets 610-438-3345, cschupe@rcn.com.

Saturday, March 14 – Sunday, March 15
Basket Social and Bake Sale, St. Nicholas, Walnutport, Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-1 p.m., \$5, 610-767-3107, 610-767-9892.

Saturday, March 21
Pot of Gold, St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown, 7 p.m., doors open 6:30 p.m., \$20 (includes entrance ticket), \$10 (does not include entrance ticket), 610-433-6102, adult-only and smoke-free event.

Sunday, March 22
Chinese Auction, Men of Marian High School, Tamaqua, 2:30 p.m., doors open 11 a.m., browsing Friday, March 20, 6-8 p.m., 570-467-0641, 570-582-0021.
Longaberger Baskets, Vera Bradley and Coach Handbag Bingo, Bethlehem Chapter of Unico, cafeteria, Bethlehem Catholic High School, 1:30 p.m., doors open 12:30 p.m., tickets \$20, 610-866-8945.

Trips

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fax or mail church-affiliated trips to adtimes@allentown-diocese.org; fax 610-439-7694; The A.D. Times, P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538. Include sponsoring church/group, destination, cost, and contact e-mail or phone for more information. Because of space limitations, we cannot include times, dining locations and detailed itineraries. Items must be received by Thursday of the week before publication. Please type or print. Please notify The A.D. Times if trips are cancelled so they can be removed from the list. Please do not send items again after they are published. For more information, call 610-871-5200, ext. 264 or e-mail adtimes@allentowndiocese.org.

Newly announced

Wednesday, March 11
Golden Agers, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall to Mohegan Sun Casino, Wilkes-Barre, \$25, 610-264-3721.

Friday, March 20
Golden Agers, Holy Family, Nazareth to “Abie’s Irish Rose,” Hunterdon Playhouse, Hampton, N.J., \$82, 610-759-0576.

Thursday, March 26
55+ Club, Notre Dame of Bethlehem to Hollywood Casino, Grantville, \$25, 610-866-0360, 610-867-7341.

Thursday, April 9
Golden Agers, Holy Family, Nazareth to “Country Western,” Ehrhardt’s Resort, Hawley, \$78, 610-759-0576.

Thursday, May 7
Golden Agers, Holy Family, Nazareth to “Branson Fever and Crazy Elmer,” Penn’s Peak, Jim Thorpe, \$79, 610-759-0576.

Wednesday, May 13
Golden Agers, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall to “Ultimate Tribute to Elvis,” Penn’s Peak, Jim Thorpe, \$75, 610-266-2874.

Monday, May 18 – Tuesday, May 19
Golden Agers, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall to Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods Casinos in Connecticut, \$168, 610-264-3721.

Wednesday, Aug 26
Golden Agers, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall to “Country Connections.” Hunterdon Hills Dinner Theatre, \$79, 484-264-7723.

Previously announced

Tuesday, Feb. 24
Women’s Guild, St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield to “Tribute to Patsy Cline,” Mount Airy Casino, Mount Pocono, \$65, 610-392-2957.

Thursday, Feb. 26
55+ Club, Notre Dame of Bethlehem to Mount Airy Casino, Mount Pocono, \$25, 610-866-0360, 610-867-7341.

Wednesday, April 8
Assumption Travel Club, Slatington to “Abie’s Irish Rose,” Hunterdon Hills Dinner Theatre, Hampton, N.J., \$75, 610-767-3036.

Wednesday, April 8 – Sunday, April 19, 2015
St. Columbkil, Boyertown, Best of Italy Tour with Father Marty Kern, \$4,999, 610-367-2371.

Sunday, April 19 – Sunday, April 26
Travelers, Sacred Heart, Bethlehem to the Historic South, featuring Charleston, Amelia Island, St. Augustine and Savannah, \$1,649, 610-691-6054.

Tuesday, April 21
Golden Agers, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall to Neil Sedaka impersonator, Mount Airy Casino, Mount Pocono, \$62, 484-264-7723.

Wednesday, April 29
Assumption Travel Club, Slatington to “Inspire,” American Music Theatre, Lancaster, \$75, 610-767-3036.

Monday, May 11 – Thursday, May 14
Travelers, St. Matthew the Evangelist, Minersville to Virginia Beach, Va., \$479, 570-544-5231, 570-628-5413.

Friday, May 22 – Monday, June 1
Deacon Tony Campanell and St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield, pilgrimage to Lourdes, Avila, Fatima, Madrid, \$3,798, 610-395-0868, tonycampanell@yahoo.com, 404-467-8041, coordinator@catholicpilgrimoffice.com.

Wednesday, May 27
Assumption Travel Club, Slatington to “Giselle,” American Ballet Theatre at the Metropolitan Opera, New York, N.Y., \$99, 610-767-3036.

Sunday, May 31 – Saturday, June 6
Golden Agers, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Mahanoy City to Myrtle Beach, S.C., \$695, 570-773-1753.

Wednesday, June 10
Assumption Travel Club, Slatington to “The Fox on the Fairway,” Hunterdon Hills Dinner Theatre, Hampton, N.J., \$75, 610-767-3036.

Friday, July 3 – Sunday, July 5
Assumption Travel Club, Slatington to Boston Pops Tour, \$525, 610-767-3036.

Monday, July 6 – Wednesday, July 8
Travelers, St. Matthew the Evangelist, Minersville to Pittsburgh, \$429, 570-544-5231, 570-628-5413.

Meeting the tenderness of God

By SISTER MEG COLE

The Catholic Church over the past few years has been invited by Pope Francis to live and serve from a perspective of mercy, tenderness and forgiveness. The pope's most recent Christmas message at the midnight Mass of 2014 invited each of us to know we are loved and close to God, and God is close to us. The pope emphasized:

"On this holy night, while we contemplate the Infant Jesus just born and placed in the manger, we are invited to reflect. How do we welcome the tenderness of God? Do I allow myself to be taken up by God, to be embraced by him, or do I prevent him from drawing close? 'But I am searching for the Lord' – we could respond. Nevertheless, what is most important is not seeking him, but rather allowing him to find me and caress me with tenderness.

"The question put to us simply by the infant's presence is: do I allow God to

love me? More so, do we have the courage to welcome with tenderness the difficulties and problems of those who are near to us, or do we prefer impersonal solutions, perhaps effective but devoid of the warmth of the Gospel? How much the world needs tenderness today.

"The Christian response cannot be different from God's response to our smallness. Life must be met with goodness, with meekness. When we realize that God is in love with our smallness, that he made himself small to better encounter us, we cannot help but open our hearts to him, and beseech him: 'Lord, help me to be like you, give me the grace of tender-

ness in the most difficult circumstances of life, give me the grace of closeness in the face of every need, of meekness in every conflict'" (www.zenit.org).

The heartfelt message from the pope is one that speaks to all people. Those who are suffering, in particular, will hopefully not only hear the pope's message, but will also allow the message to provoke action, to fully engage in answering that poignant question, "Do I allow God to love me?"

One such group of individuals who at times are distant from God and who feel undeserving of God's love, are those who have experienced an abortion. These in-

There will be a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat the weekend of Friday, March 20 through Sunday, March 22. For more information or to register: confidential voicemail 1-866-3-Rachel; www.rachelsvineyard.org; Sister Meg Cole, 610-866-0581, ext. 19, mcole@allentowndiocese.org. Deadline for registration is Monday, March 9



dividuals often deny themselves God's tender love and caress because, in their mind, they have committed the unforgivable sin, one that has created a chasm that would be too deep and dividing to ever allow that tender caress of God.

This loving gesture from God toward them is beyond their imagination. However, it is to such as these that the presence of Jesus and the love of God are made known.

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Highlights on the diocesan website www.allentowndiocese.org



David Oyelowo, center, and Carmen Ejogo star in a scene from the movie "Selma." (CNS photo/Paramount)

Coming Friday, Feb. 20, Bishop Barres' video blog on the movie 'Selma' can be seen at www.allentowndiocese.org.

The bishop talks about the ecumenical and interreligious message of the civil rights march as it's depicted in the movie. "Selma" is a nominee for Best Picture at the 87th Academy Awards this weekend.

Other highlight on the website:

Pray the rosary with Bishop Barres – homepage.

World Meeting of Families – homepage.

Welcome to inactive Catholics – homepage.

The New Evangelization – homepage.

Bishop's Video Blog – updated at least weekly with latest topic highlighted on homepage.

Register for Marriage Prep Classes – www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/family-life/marriage-preparation/.

January School Notes – www.allentowndiocese.org/school-notes.


Bishop's Annual Appeal – www.2014baa.org.

2014 Catholic Charities Gala video – www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-charities/.

Father Ciszek page/documentary video – www.allentowndiocese.org/father-ciszek.

Hispanic events page – www.allentowndiocese.org/hispanic-events.

Transfer Grants page – www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-education/transfer-grants.



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Compassion, academics and sports lead Reading grad to success

By TARA CONNOLLY
Staff writer

When Jeff Benedict entered Reading Central Catholic High School – now Berks Catholic High School as the result of a merge with Holy Name High School – he was excited to meet new friends, engage in sports, face challenging academics and enjoy home before heading off to college.

He maintained his grades, joined the basketball team and developed a life-long love for the sport under Reggie Weiss, who led the team to a state championship.

"I had a great class and many friends who are very successful now in life. The discipline and structure was very important at that age of life," said Benedict.

But when junior year came around, he faced a crisis and his life changed forever.

"I lost my mother to cancer in my junior year, and the teachers, staff and student group were very supportive," said Benedict.

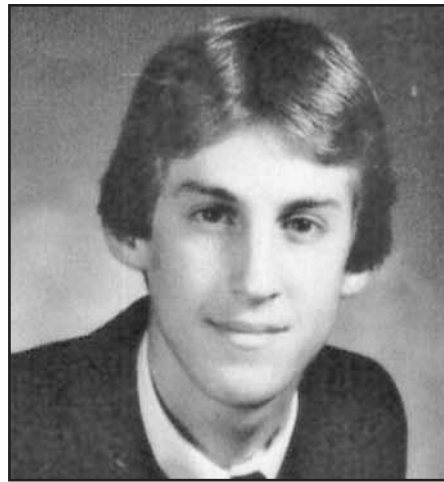
Following the guidance of faculty and staff, he remained engaged in sports and said Catholic education guided him on his

career path toward the military and pharmaceuticals.

"Being active in sports was a very key aspect during my high school years. Coach Weiss' focus, discipline, guidance and mentoring were key to my success in life. His drive created an atmosphere of winning and over-achieving, and believing that we could overcome anything in our path," said Benedict.



Jeff Benedict today, left, and as a student in the 1985 Berks Catholic High School (Reading Central Catholic High School) yearbook.



Crediting his high school education for teaching him time management and communication skills, Benedict said those two areas were crucial to his career success and offered advice to future graduates.

"Regardless of your education major, your career path will require you to manage your time, and you will need to be able to stand in front of people or manage groups or projects and be able to communicate to others. Sports, extracurricular activities, school plays, clubs and internships are so important," he said.

"To this day, I look back at that time and realize how fast it went but that for the rest of our lives, we will always have a bond. It also taught me that anything can be accomplished."

Benedict also credits the basketball program at his former high school for inspiring him to become a basketball official.

His 22-year career on the court includes officiating boys' state championship games, two division III Men's National Championship finals, and becoming an official for the National Collegiate Athletic Association men's basketball for the past 15 years in the NEC, Patriot and Ivy League Conferences.

In addition, he has volunteered to officiate basketball for the Special Olympics, including the World Games in 2003 in Ireland and the U.S. National Games in 2006 in Iowa.

Benedict is married to Joelle Benedict. They have two children – Jakeb, eighth grade, and Ellie Pat, second grade – who attend Sacred Heart School, West Reading.

Following the guidance of faculty and staff, Benedict remained engaged in sports and said Catholic education guided him on his career path toward the military and pharmaceuticals.

When the team made it to the state championship his senior year, Benedict said, his teammates supported one another on and off the court.

"To this day, I look back at that time and realize how fast it went, but that for the rest of our lives, we will always have a bond. It also taught me that anything can be accomplished," he said.

After high school, Benedict went on to study at Shippensburg University, where he joined Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and was commissioned at Fort Bragg, N.C.

He relied on life-lessons acquired through Catholic education while attending U.S. Army training school and becoming a paratrooper.

"I always remembered that 'anything can be accomplished,'" said Benedict.

During his time in the service, he also served at Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Bliss, Texas; and was assigned to rapid deployment Patriots Weapons unit in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

"I was also deployed for multiple

tours in the Middle East during the first Gulf War. I was a ground support platoon leader, executive officer, battery commander and a major general's aide de camp," he said.

Benedict ended his military career and accepted a job with Alcoa, a global leader in lightweight metals engineering and manufacturing, innovating multi-material solutions.

He worked for Alcoa for 16 years and spend half of his career there as director of sales for pharmaceutical and medical packaging products.

In 2008 he accepted the position of senior vice president of sales and marketing and global business development for Sharp Packaging Solutions, a public Irish company, which is a division of UDG Healthcare.

Benedict is responsible for the business group for pharmaceutical and biotech packaging for over 125 global clients, as well as all client activities at Sharp's two commercial sites in the United States and two in Europe.

Tenderness

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An experience of allowing God's love to embrace and heal a person who has had an abortion can be found in a Rachael's Vineyard Retreat weekend.

This private and sacred weekend for men and women who have had an abortion offers, for a time, the necessary grieving and forgiveness for the child who was lost from an abortion. This healing weekend invites individuals to articulate the pain associated with the abortion experience.

The retreat weekend is where the church offers condolences to these deep-

ly wounded individuals who miss their child. Their deep pain is often an invisible hurt that is known only by them and maybe one other person.

The purpose of the retreat weekend is in the service of healing those who may have lost hope in themselves, in God's love and acceptance ever again after the abortion, and in believing they can be forgiven, and return to a place of restoration in themselves and in their relationship with God.

God's desire is that each person holds the truth that "no sin is greater than God's mercy."

Very often a person who has participated in an abortion experience feels disabled in approaching God and requesting healing, a bottomless ache that is often

carried with an intensity that gets heavier and heavier as the years go on, and hinders them from pondering what it would be like to turn this pain over to God, and place their hurt and their child in the heart of God.

If you or someone you know has the wound of abortion, and would like to bring that wound to God, show the wound to God in its swollenness and hurt, in the emotional and psychological injury that may limit your experience of knowing you are unconditionally loved by God, then you are welcome to come to be restored.

Pray now for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to give you the inner strength and courage to attend this weekend. Listen

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St. Theresa parishioner 'musters' aid for Mustard Seed community

By TARA CONNOLLY
Staff writer

A parishioner of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Hellertown fulfilled one of her life's ambitions to visit Jamaica – but not for the island's white beaches, majestic waterfalls or tropical trails.

During her stay Glovas resided with an estimated 80 residents in the five-home community, and helped paint the homes and establish new gardens.

Rebecca Glovas, junior at Bloomsburg University and graduate of Notre Dame High School, Easton, experienced a different side of the Caribbean island last month by providing aid to abandoned young adults with disabilities.

Glovas embarked on the mission trip as part of Mustard Seed Communities, a project that began in 1978 for the impoverished community of Mona Common and has since grown to serve more than 500 children, young adults and families who belong to the most vulnerable groups in Jamaican society.

After receiving a flyer about the trip



A group from the Bloomsburg University's Newman House and Catholic Campus Ministry leave their mark on one of the homes they painted at Jacob's Ladder.

from the university's Newman House and Catholic Campus Ministry, Glovas said she knew she was going "one way or another."

Her next step was securing an estimated \$1,400 for travel expenses and a donation for the community that is fully funded through contributions.

Glovas turned to her parish family at St. Theresa, who were anxious to support her in her quest to bring relief to the community Jacob's Ladder located in Mo-

neague.

"I sold candy bars after Mass. The priests would mention me in their homilies. And before I knew it, the parish and the parishioners gave me full financial support," said Glovas.

With 10 classmates and Father David Hereshko, director of Catholic campus ministry, Glovas travelled to the community on 100 acres of land donated by a bauxite ore company.

"In Jamaica there is no housing for people over 18 with mental or physical disabilities. Most of the residents are abandoned after they become adults," said Glovas.

During her stay, Glovas resided with an estimated 80 residents in the five-home community and helped paint the homes and establish new gardens.

"They are a fully self-sufficient community. They grow their own vegetables and raise animals," she said.

Aside from physical tasks, Glovas said she spent a great deal of time with Mark, a resident with autism and seizure disorder.

"He loved when people would sit with him and just hold his hand. He was so grateful. He really taught me a lot," she said.

Glovas and the other volunteers also

Rebecca Glovas, left, enjoys her hair being braided by Michael, a resident with mental disabilities and abandoned by the Jamaican government.

befriended Michael, a resident with Down syndrome.

"He loved to hang out with us. Michael loved to do our hair and play with it. It is amazing how a small gesture – like letting a person play with your hair – can make their entire day," she said.

Although Glovas basked in the love and friendships she was forming through the mission work, she felt moments of cultural shock during her one-week stay.

"We wanted to make cupcakes one night, but they didn't have baking tins. We asked for aluminum foil and were told that was too expensive of an item to have," she said.

"I realized that I take a lot of things for granted. These people have nothing and they are very happy," said Glovas.

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The vision for Jacob's Ladder is to provide 500 young adults with mental and physical disabilities with a home where they can live out their lives. Upon completion, the community hopes to have 100 cottages for staff and residents and develop a sustainable agriculture program.

"I think that through my life this will always be one of the greatest and life-changing experiences that I will encounter. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to experience the ability to see God in all these residents," said Glovas.

"The hardest thing I had to do in a very long time was say goodbye to all those residents. This mission trip has truly given me a new outlook on life, and I am counting down the days until I can go back to Jacob's Ladder and see all the residents again," she said.



Evening reflection for separated and divorced March 24 or 25

"A Home for the Wounded Heart," a Lenten evening of reflection for the separated and divorced, will be offered at two locations in the Diocese of Allentown.

The first will be Tuesday March 24 at 7 p.m. at McGlinn Conference Center, 460 St. Bernardine Street at Alvernia University, Reading.

Presenter will be Father Patrick Lamb, assistant pastor of St. Catharine of Siena, Reading.

The second will be Wednesday March 25 at 7 p.m. at St. Francis Re-



reat House, 3908 Chipman Road, Easton.

Presenter will be Father George Winne, chaplain at Lafayette College and Notre Dame High School, both in Easton.

The events are being sponsored by the diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life Formation and are part of preparations for the World Meeting of Families.

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Gobind Daryanani: Evangelizing to all, for as long as he can

By TAMI QUIGLEY
Staff writer

As recently as last autumn, Dr. Gobind Daryanani wouldn't have thought there could be any comparisons between himself and Randy Pausch, author of the 2008 national bestseller "The Last Lecture," which Pausch wrote after being diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Pausch, the late computer science professor who taught at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, didn't lecture about dying, but rather about living as he discussed "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams."

Fast forward to December 2014. Daryanani, parishioner of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Easton, was diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer and given a prognosis of a few months.

Five days after his diagnosis, Daryanani was to give a lecture for Dr. Greg Kerr's class at DeSales University, Center Valley on "Atheism vs. Theism," but changed the title to "Atheism, Theism, Suffering and Death."

"It was geared for atheists from a multi-faith perspective, but the suffering part is for all. I have a new perspective now," said Daryanani.

"It's my last ministry in evangelization and I am trying to reach out to all."

Daryanani and Pausch offer different types of messages, but there are similarities. What sets Daryanani apart is that he is delving into his Catholic heart to evangelize to as many people as he can, especially atheists.

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Since his diagnosis Daryanani has been receiving spiritual counseling from Oblate Father John McGinley, assistant pastor of St. Jane.

Daryanani holds a doctorate in engineering, and spent most of his career in electrical engineering at Bell Labs, Murray Hill, N.J. He worked in financial engineering for a decade and retired five years ago from TD Ameritrade to formally study theology and philosophy.

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To date there have been 1,377 views from all over the world, including India, Singapore, Japan, Africa and Australia.



Above, Gobind Daryanani lectures in his YouTube video, "Atheism, Theism, Suffering and Death," the current lynchpin of his evangelization ministry. (Photos courtesy Gobind Daryanani)



Left, Gobind Daryanani, diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer in December 2014, is determined to continue evangelizing for as long as possible.

Below, Blessed Mother Teresa smiles as Carol Daryanani holds Previn in 1979. Gobind and Carol Daryanani adopted Previn – who died in 1999 – and their other daughter Shana from Mother Teresa's orphanage in India.



He is also selling DVDs on eBay and through his company e-mail. Daryanani is offering two-for-one DVDs until Sunday, March 1.

Daryanani said the YouTube video was changed to a 10-minute trailer when the DVDs became available.

The Daryanani family adopted two daughters from Blessed Mother Teresa's orphanage in India. Previn, born in 1979, died of a rare metabolic disease in 1999. Shana is now age 30.



All proceeds from the DVD, priced at \$9.95, will go to Blessed Mother Teresa's orphanage in Kolkata and in addition there will be a place for contributions. Daryanani met Blessed Mother Teresa many times, and included pictures of her at the end of the DVD.

"I have asked all prayers for a cure be made through Mother Teresa as intercessor so she gets canonized.... Many prayer groups have called, and even a Mother Teresa Missionaries of Charity in Bronx are praying," Daryanani said.

"For some reason I think others praying for me is more powerful than me praying for a miracle for me; I don't know, the latter feels selfish."

The Catholic Eucharistic Convention in Auckland, New Zealand invited Daryanani to speak this April as a result of seeing his YouTube video, though he won't be able to go as travel would be difficult.

Daryanani has three objectives in his presentation: communication with atheists, helping people see what is really important in life, and how his understanding of suffering has expanded since his diagnosis.

"We all know atheists, but how do we communicate with them? We cannot just bury our heads in the sand or ignore these

friends, but to converse we better know what and how to communicate," Daryanani said.

Daryanani said Canadian Jesuit Father Gerard Van Walleggham, 88, Daryanani's spiritual advisor since 1951, taught him a basic rule: "Listen with sincerity, true sincerity, and if asked, answer with simplicity."

"It took me years of fine tuning a methodology, and now my atheist friends and I have true discourse," Daryanani said.

After viewing Daryanani's video, one atheist told him, "How can I at least not believe in creator God if not organized religion?"

"He made progress," Daryanani said.

Father Van encouraged Daryanani, telling him, "Gobind, Jesus will welcome you with open arms and congratulate you for what you have done for him. You must keep doing this, and you must live as long as you can to do so."

"After that how can I not give anything but my very best," Daryanani said. "I suppose you could say it's a calling – I think it is much louder than that. This is what keeps me alive and motivated, despite my health, which of course oscillates, declining with time. I use much of my energy-up days on this. I hope it's many months and not a few I have left so I can."

"The will to live comes from somewhere for people – this is it for me."

Daryanani's diagnosis has propelled a dramatic change in his perspective. "Seeing death in the face now turns into a blessing, rather than a fear, and we can prepare – in my case by serving."

As Daryanani says in the video, "I see religion as not only being about how to live but also how to die."

"I'm not trying to pack my bucket list into the time left. My bucket list has changed – it's different."

"So my second objective is to have people see what is really important in life," Daryanani said, noting a student went to Kerr after Daryanani's lecture and said, "After the lecture I went home and called my mom to tell her how much I loved her."

Daryanani's third message is how his understanding of suffering has expanded. He recalled reading much about how Christians and other faiths question what kind of God allows such things as a tsunami or a child having cancer. Others, he said, feel they have been cheated by God, such as through the death of their child.

Daryanani believes once with God in the afterlife, "It all makes total sense. The balance comes later."

Daryanani presents unbiased debates on atheism and theism in his video, and it is only in the last three minutes that he exposes he is Catholic. He leaves it up to people to make up their own minds.

"That mellow approach leaves the atheists with their door still open and

DVDs may be purchased from eBay (under "Atheism Theism Suffering and Death") or from atsd-dvd@gmail.com. All proceeds and contributions will go to Blessed Mother Teresa's orphanage in Kolkata, India. Daryanani may also be contacted at rothirabook@gmail.com.

Blessed Mother Teresa with Shana Daryanani, now 30, in 1988.

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wanting to hear or think more. Anything stronger and they shut off and run," he said.

"Everyone suffers and this perspective may help them to make sense of it all."

"This is my last evangelization ministry and I live to serve in this, my life's ministry," Daryanani said.

"Gobind has spent his life in the search for truth," said Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Father Joseph Muller, filling in at St. Rocco, Martins Creek while Pastor Msgr. James Reichert is on sabbatical. Daryanani sometimes attends Mass at St. Rocco, where his wife Carol is a parishioner.

"In his search he has come to appreciate other people's search as well and has tried to build bridges between what he has discovered and their discoveries as well," Father Muller said.

"He encourages Catholics who have been blessed to know Christ as the way, the truth and the life, to approach other people's search for truth with respect, as they gently lead them to know and love our Lord who is the source of truth."

Father Muller has written eight booklets during the past year to deepen the faith of people: "Forgiven," "The Mystery of Salvation," "Why Christ Suffered Crucifixion," "Reflections on Life," "Real Answers to Our Secular Leaders," "Mary's Appearances," "The Holy Eucharist" and "An Ongoing Miracle That Has Changed the World."

"They are available on Amazon.com but I can supply interested readers as well at a lower cost. The ninth booklet, 'The Holy Spirit, Christ's Great Gift to His Church,' awaits the bishop's imprimatur before it is published," Father Muller said.

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Mr. Gobind's illness, Mother Teresa would say, "It's really the kiss of Jesus," who is sharing His Passion with you both to sanctify you. I have placed your names at our Mother's Tomb and assure you of our prayers that God will give you strength and courage at this point of your journey. May Mary, the Mother of Jesus, be a mother to you now and bring you comfort and peace. Trust in the Lord's love and mercy for you.

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(A piece of Mother Teresa's clothing)

'Lemonade Stand' speaker at Alvernia CURE-sader event Feb. 25

The CURE-sader Club of Alvernia University, Reading will hold its third annual CURE-sader Cancer Awareness Night Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Keynote speaker will be Liz Scott from Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, to share her family's story and why raising money and awareness is so important. Donations will be collected to benefit the foundation.

Participants will also hear stories from survivors, as well as family members who have lost their loved ones to this dreadful disease. This night is geared toward showing the community how horrible this disease is and involving them in the community event.

The event will also highlight the fourth annual CURE-sader Walk, this year Sunday, April 12 from 1 to 5 p.m. This year's walk will include a 5k for the first time. The goal for the walk is \$8,000.

The CURE-sader Club is a nonprofit, student-run club that was founded in 2012 to raise awareness about cancer. The main focus of the walk is to raise funds for pediatric cancer. The group has already raised almost \$15,000 for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Since the club was formed it has raised a total of \$19,000 for organizations such as the foundation, No Stomach for Cancer and the Karen M. Oldham Foundation for Breast Cancer Research.

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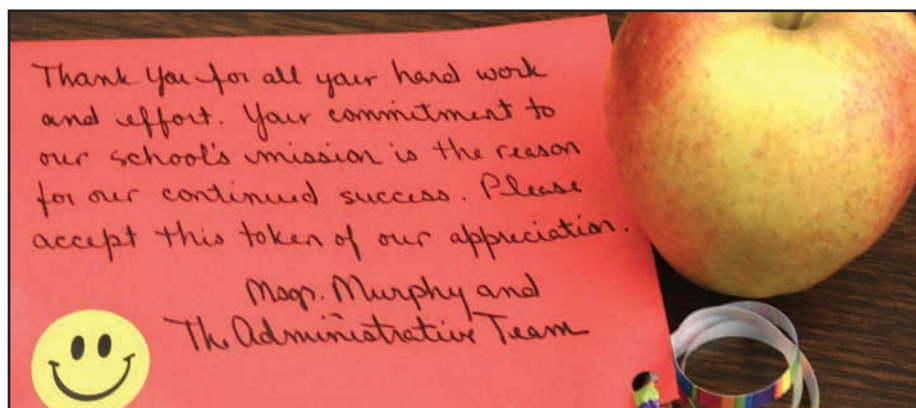


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Apple identifies St. Thomas More School as exemplary learning environment



A thank-you note and an apple express gratitude for the dedicated work of students and staff of St. Thomas More School (STMS), Allentown for their efforts in creating an iBook about their school leading to recognition as an Apple Distinguished School. Msgr. John Murphy, pastor, and the administrative team from the parish penned the note congratulating the school. (Photos by John Simitz)



Staff and families of STMS listen during the Feb. 18 presentation designating STMS as an Apple Distinguished School by Apple, Inc. Apple recognizes outstanding schools and programs worldwide for innovation, leadership and educational excellence. The Apple Distinguished School designation is reserved for schools that integrate Apple technology in education and meet criteria for the five best practices: visionary leadership, innovative teaching and learning, ongoing professional learning, compelling evidence of success, and a flexible learning environment.

Right, Tim McHugh, right, education account executive at Apple Inc., presents the award to Tracy Sell, left, director of education technology at STMS,



and Peter Schutzler, principal. In back are students Michael Mistler, and Natasha Kuklis. "This recognition shows that our school is willing to embrace change. Interestingly, one of the criteria for being awarded this recognition focused on our ability to clearly articulate our mission. In our case, like all Catholic schools, our mission is to lead our students to a Christ-centered life. This is evident in all aspects of our school. The educational technology is an extension of our school and the parish it serves," said Schutzler.



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Urge Congress to protect vulnerable people and promote peace

Catholic leaders from across the country gathered the week of Feb. 10 in Washington, D.C., to advocate with members of Congress to protect human life and dignity. The issues they raised with lawmakers include protecting poverty-focused international assistance that helps people who are poor and vulnerable, and promoting peace in the Holy Land.

You can amplify that message to Congress by contacting your senators and representative now and re-emphasizing the church's message to care for "the least of these."

Protect Vulnerable People: Our brothers and sisters who have had to flee conflict in Syria and violence in Iraq now face harsh winter conditions. In Lebanon, Catholic Relief Services and our partner the Good Shepherd Sisters have been distributing shelter materials, food, blankets and heaters.

In the Kurdistan region of northern Iraq, thousands of people who fled the violence and threats by ISIS are also facing tough conditions without adequate shelter, supplies or even clothes.

CRS and Caritas Iraq have worked in Erbil and Dohuk to provide safe shelter and other necessary supplies and services. Thanks to poverty-focused international assistance from the U.S. government, CRS and our partners are able to help those most in need.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and CRS support lifesaving programs funded by poverty-focused international development and humanitarian assistance.

These programs address child survival and maternal health; HIV and AIDS; Ebola prevention and treatment; agriculture and food security; water and sanitation; health; peacekeeping; migration and refugee services; and infectious disease control.

Contrary to popular misperceptions, poverty-focused development and humanitarian assistance represent just over 0.5%, or 0.6%, of the federal budget.

Promote Peace: The USCCB and CRS have long called for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that will build just and lasting peace for all people of the Holy Land.

Last month Pope Francis expressed "a confident hope that negotiations between the two parties will once more resume, for the sake of ending violence and reaching a solution that can enable Palestinians and Israelis alike to live at last in peace within clearly established and internationally recognized borders, thus implementing the 'two state solution.'"

As people of faith, we believe that peace is possible. Now is the time for strong U.S. leadership to help promote a two-state solution.

Take action today! Contact your members of Congress and let them know that you support the Church's message to protect human life and dignity at <https://secure.crs.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=879&AddInterest=1881> or call your members via the Capitol switchboard at 888-596-7030.

"Indifference towards those in need is not acceptable for a Christian." – Pope Francis, Nov. 6, 2014



Holy Family Manor resident turns 105

Margaret Yankovich celebrated her 105th birthday Feb. 6 with friends and family at Holy Family Manor (HFM) Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Bethlehem. From left are Barbara Kummer, HFM unit secretary in Yankovich's neighborhood; her niece Jo-Ellen Batarick; and great-nephew Colin Batarick. Yankovich exercises daily from her bed and takes no medication, but loves candy and sweets. Her family describes her as having been very active and engaged with people all of her life, which perhaps accounts for her longevity. She worked as a nurse and lived on her own until age 99. She first came to HFM for rehab at age 80, when she fell while trimming hedges at her home. Later she resided at Trexler Pavilion Personal Care Home, and then HFM. HFM provides skilled 24-hour nursing care, short-term rehabilitation, and outpatient therapy by a caring and compassionate team to older adults regardless of faith tradition. For more information, call 610-865-5595, ext. 522 or 409, or e-mail development@cshhcs.org.

In brief

Liberty and equality are not enough for the well-being of a nation, there must also be a strong sense of brotherhood that is first developed and nurtured in the family, Pope Francis said.

Without seeing each other as brothers and sisters, a nation's citizens may distort these values, letting freedom and equality "be filled with individualism and conformity," he said at his general audience Feb. 18.

The pope continued a series of talks on the family by focusing on the importance of brothers and sisters, and how Christianity places special emphasis on the fraternal ties that unite the whole human family.

The Catholic Church cannot call itself church if it is a "closed caste" where the sick, the wounded and sinners are shunned, Pope Francis told the 20 new cardinals he created.

"The way of the church is precisely to leave her four walls behind and to go out in search of those who are distant, those essentially on the outskirts of life," the pope said Feb. 15 as he celebrated Mass in St. Peter's Basilica with 19 of the churchmen who received their red hats the day before and with about 140 other members of the College of Cardinals.

"Total openness to serving others is our hallmark; it alone is our title of honor," he told the men often referred to as "princes of the church."

The Mass capped a four-day gathering of the cardinals. They met with Pope Francis Feb. 12-13 to review ideas for the reform of the Roman Curia and Vatican finances as well as the progress made in the work of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors.

In a Valentine's Day ceremony to create 20 new cardinals, Pope Francis offered a meditation on Christian love and, especially, what it means for those who guide and minister in the church.

"The greater our responsibility in serving the church, the more our hearts must expand according to the measure of the heart of Christ," he said Feb. 14 during the consistory, a prayer service during which he personally welcomed 19 churchmen into the College of Cardinals.

The 20th new cardinal, 95-year-old Colombian Cardinal Jose Pimiento Rodriguez, retired bishop of Manizales, was unable to attend the ceremony and was to receive his red biretta – a three-cornered hat – and his cardinal's ring in his homeland.

Retired Pope Benedict XVI attended the ceremony, sitting in the front row of St. Peter's Basilica alongside the already existing members of the College of Cardinals.

The 20 new cardinals come from 18 nations, including three – Cape Verde, Myanmar and Tonga – that had never had a cardinal before. Only one of the cardinals works in the Roman Curia: French Cardinal Dominique Mamberti, head of the Apostolic Signature, the Vatican's highest court.

With the creation of the 20 new cardinals, the College of Cardinals expanded to 227 members, 125 of whom are under the age of 80 and therefore eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope.



Pope Tawadros II of Alexandria, patriarch of the Coptic Orthodox Church, leads a Feb. 17 service at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral in Cairo for the Egyptians said to have been beheaded in Libya. A video released on social media Feb. 15 is said to show the beheadings. Pope Francis called for prayers for those beheaded and asked that God recognize these men killed for their faith. He offered morning Mass Feb. 17 in the chapel of his residence for the slain Christians he termed "our 21 brother Copts" whose throats had been slit "for the sole reason of being Christians," and he requested people pray for the victims so "that the Lord welcome them as martyrs." (CNS photo/Mohamed Abd El Ghany, Reuters)

Cardinals meeting at the Vatican discussed better ways to balance the responsibilities of local bishops and of the Roman Curia, said the Vatican spokesman.

A recurring theme in the cardinals' Feb. 12-13 meeting was "what is it that is done best where," Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi told journalists Feb. 13 during a pause in College of Cardinals' discussions.

Although no decisions were made and no vote was taken, he said, there was an emphasis on determining what tasks are best done where based on "competencies and knowledge of the situation" by either the Curia with its more "universal vision" or by dioceses and bishops' conferences with their direct experience, he said.

A three-judge panel's Feb. 11 ruling on a court challenge to the contraceptive mandate "says that the church is no longer free to practice what we preach," Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik said.

The panel of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a decision by a federal judge last November to grant the Pittsburgh and Erie, Pa. dioceses a temporary injunction against enforcement of the mandate.

Under the federal health care law, most employers, including religious ones, are required to cover employees' artificial birth control, sterilization and abortion-causing drugs, even if employers are morally opposed to such coverage.

The Pittsburgh and Erie dioceses filed suit against the government over the mandate citing the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The appeals panel ruling would require Catholic institutions, such as Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, to facilitate access to contraceptive coverage through its employee health care plans or else face massive fines.

Bishop Gerald Kicanas Feb. 11 urged Congress to

work for immigration reform but not through the path it is seeking with increased border enforcement, tougher criteria for immigrant families seeking asylum and a quicker return of immigrant children to their homelands.

"These bills would not fix our immigration system. Rather, they would make it less just and would undermine our moral authority domestically and globally," said the bishop, who heads the Diocese of Tucson, Ariz.

He spoke at a hearing on immigration enforcement held by the Immigration and Border Security Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee.

The bishop, one of four witnesses at the hearing, was the only one who spoke against the proposed immigration enforcement bills.

Retired Pope Benedict XVI has never doubted or regretted his decision to resign, knowing it was the right thing to do for the good of the church, said Archbishop Georg Ganswein, prefect of the papal household and personal secretary to the retired pope.

"The church needs a strong helmsman," and Pope Benedict was keenly aware of his own waning strength while faced with such a demanding ministry, the archbishop said in an interview published Feb. 12 in the Italian daily *Corriere della Sera*.

Two years after Pope Benedict's historic announcement Feb. 11 to step down as supreme pontiff, Archbishop Ganswein said the retired pope "is convinced that the decision he made and announced was the right one. He has no doubt."

Children are a blessing, not a burden, and are a sign of the confident hope of a couple and of society, Pope Francis said.

"If a family that has been generous in having children is looked upon as a burden, something's wrong," he said Feb. 11 at his weekly general audience.

"The generation of children must be responsible," as Blessed Paul VI wrote in his encyclical "Humanae Vitae," the pope said. "But having more children cannot be looked upon automatically as an irresponsible choice. What is more, not having children is a selfish choice."

Continuing a series of talks about the family, Pope Francis said birthrates are a clear indication of the optimism and hope of a couple and of the society in which they live.

A homily at Mass is not a mini-catechism class, the Vatican says in a new document on homilies, but it is an opportunity to explain church teaching using the Scripture readings and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

"In the broadest sense, the homily is a discourse about the mysteries of faith and the standards of Christian life," says the Homiletic Directory published by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments.

Dated June 29, 2014, and approved by Pope Francis, the directory was released at the Vatican Feb. 10, along with an appendix of passages from the catechism matched to each of the three readings for the three-year cycle of Sunday Masses and major holy days. It also includes notes on preaching at weddings and funerals, two occasions when, it says, many of the people present may not be regular churchgoers.

Pope Benedict XVI had asked the congregation to draw up the directory after many participants at the 2005 Synod of Bishops on the Eucharist and the 2008 synod on the Word of God requested a handbook to help priests with their homilies.

The Federal Communications Commission's proposed rules to regulate Internet traffic are in harmony with what Bishop John Wester of Salt Lake City and more than a dozen religious bodies asked the FCC to do in September.

Under the FCC proposal unveiled Feb. 4, there will be no paid prioritization of the Internet, the so-called "fast lanes" that allow Internet service providers like Verizon and Comcast to charge extra to companies like Netflix to carry their much-in-demand content unimpeded. The proposal also would clamp down on data sponsored by advertisers.

Moratorium

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times. They bear a terrible burden of grief and they rightly demand justice," said the archbishop. "But killing the guilty does not honor the dead nor does it ennoble the living. When we take a guilty person's life we only add to the violence in an already violent culture and we demean our own dignity in the process."

Wolf said there was no question Williams was guilty of the 1984 murder he committed at age 18 and for which he was convicted and sentenced to death in 1986. But the governor said he was granting the reprieve "because the capital punishment system has significant and widely recognized defects."

The governor cited the "unending cycle of death warrants and appeals," the cost to the judicial system for the appeals process and the surfacing of painful memories for victims' families in each step of the process.

He also noted instances of miscarried justice due to flawed convictions and sentencing in several cases.

In the 40 years since Pennsylvania reinstated the death penalty, governors have signed 434 warrants, but only three executions were performed.

"If the commonwealth of Pennsylvania is going to take the irrevocable step of executing a human being, its capital sentencing system must be infallible," Wolf said. "Pennsylvania's system is riddled with flaws, making it error prone, expensive and anything but infallible."

The reprieves would remain in effect at least until Wolf has reviewed a forthcoming report of the Pennsylvania Task Force and Advisory Committee on Capital Punishment.

"I take this action only after significant consideration and reflection," he said. "There is perhaps no more weighty a responsibility assigned to the governor than his or her role as the final check in the capital punishment process."

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the state's bishops, said it "welcomes Gov. Tom Wolf's announcement of a 'reprieve to inmate Terrance Williams, who was scheduled to be executed on March 4, 2015. Gov. Wolf will grant a reprieve – not a

commutation – in each future instance in which an execution for a death row inmate is scheduled, establishing an effective moratorium on the death penalty in Pennsylvania."

"The Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania have long advocated for an end to the death penalty because the modern penal system provides alternatives to taking the lives of the guilty. Punishment should reflect our belief in the inherent human dignity of each person, and taking a life to avenge the death of another does not create a culture of life.

"People convicted of capital offenses must be punished effectively and appropriately for their crimes. Family and friends of victims, and society as a whole, demand this. Just punishment, however, can be attained without resorting to execution. Even the most violent offenders who commit heinous crimes still have a dignity given by God.

"In 'Living the Gospel of Life,' the

U.S. bishops wrote, 'Our witness to respect for life shines most brightly when we demand respect for each and every human life, including the lives of those who fail to show that respect for others. The antidote to violence is love, not more violence.'

"In unity with Pope Francis and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, PCC reaffirms absolute respect and protection for every human life, from conception to natural death, even when one of those lives has been responsible for a heinous crime.

"Society will not benefit from imposing the death penalty, nor will it be harmed by showing mercy. By turning away from the death penalty, we are embracing hope, not despair. [The] announcement breaks the cycle of violence that so plagues our society. We hope that this spirit of respect for human life is shown throughout all laws and policies of the commonwealth."

To thank Gov. Tom Wolf for his decision, visit <http://www.pacatholic.org/statement-on-governor-wolfs-announcement-of-death-penalty-reprieve/>.

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Sunday Scripture

Sunday, Feb. 22
First Sunday of Lent

First reading
Genesis 9:8-15
Responsorial psalm
Psalms 25:4-9
Second reading
1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel
Mark 1:12-15

Sunday, March 1
Second Sunday of Lent

First reading
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Responsorial psalm
Psalms 116:10, 15-19
Second reading
Romans 8:31b-34
Gospel
Mark 9:2-10

In memoriam

Please remember these clerics of the Diocese of Allentown in your prayers during March, the anniversary month of their death.

2 – Father Michael Begany, 1962
2 – Father Joseph Andel, 1988
2 – Deacon Clement Musalavage, 1997
4 – Father Stanley Musuras, 1973
4 – Deacon Franklin Chiles, 2013
6 – Father Emeric Kucharic, 1963
6 – Msgr. Stephen Krystyniak, 1973
6 – Father John Dunajski, 1990
6 – Father Charles McNulty, 2003
7 – Father Cyril Birmelin, 1964
7 – Father Joseph Basovsky, 1992
8 – Father Joseph Mizak, 1968
10 – Father Robert Dougherty, 1992

10 – Deacon Richard Braun, 2010
12 – Msgr. John Baruch, 1995
13 – Deacon Joseph Costa, 2013
16 – Father William Mooney, 1988
18 – Father Frederick Fasig, 1963
18 – Father Richard Holzhauser, 1968
18 – Father Bruno Zietsch, 1976
18 – Msgr. John McPeak, 1993
18 – Father Leonardo Iacono, 2003
19 – Father Ladislaus Sarama, 1966
20 – Father James Sweeney, 2002
21 – Father Francis Adolf, 1968
24 – Msgr. James Sullivan, 1971
24 – Father Francis McNelis, 2005
25 – Msgr. Frederick Melley, 1993
27 – Father Paul Welkie, 2003
28 – Msgr. Joseph Baran, 1984
29 – Msgr. Thomas Birch, 2013
30 – Father William Nahn, 2013
31 – Father Joseph Feeny, 1993

Prayer requests for priests

Please pray for our Holy Fathers, our bishops and these priests serving in the Diocese of Allentown during each designated date of March.

1 – His Holiness Pope Francis
2 – Pope Emeritus Benedict
3 – Bishop of Allentown John Barres
4 – Bishop Emeritus of Allentown Edward Cullen
5 – Father William Campion
6 – Father Thomas Carney
7 – Msgr. Michael Chaback
8 – Msgr. John Chizmar
9 – Father Donald Cieniewicz
10 – Father Richard Clement
11 – Msgr. Robert Coll
12 – Father Edward Connolly
13 – Father James Connolly

14 – Father John Conte
15 – Deceased priests
16 – Msgr. Edward Coyle
17 – Father Joseph Currie
18 – Father Harold Dagle
19 – Father Thomas Dailey
20 – Sick and infirm priests
21 – Father William Davis
22 – Father Charles Dene
23 – Father William Dermott
24 – Msgr. Thomas Derzack
25 – Msgr. Joseph DeSantis
26 – Msgr. Edward Domin
27 – Father Bruno Dongo
28 – Msgr. Joseph Dooley
29 – Father Walter Downs
30 – Father Anthony Drouncheck
31 – Father Ladislaus Dudek

Recommended to your prayers by Pope Francis

Apostleship of Prayer Intentions for March

Universal Intention: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization Intention: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the church may be recognized always.

Free concert with Donna Cori Gibson

Notre Dame of Bethlehem is sponsoring a free concert, featuring world-renowned Catholic singer Donna Cori Gibson, Sunday, March 15 at 7 p.m. in the church.

Gibson will present a video/concert on her new CD, "The Way of the Cross." The concert is free but there will be a free-will offering at the concert.

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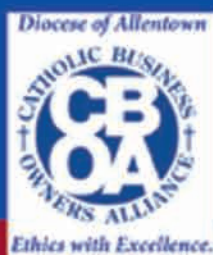
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