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Faith Day 2016

Annual Event A Sign Of Hope In Tough Times

Photos And Text
By Bruce A. Tomaselli

Alison McElheny was named “The Fun Boss” by her pastor, Father Leo Arnone, conspicuous by the shirt she wore that said just that. She was having a great time with her parish family, and said with a big smile as she greeted everyone, “this is our ninth straight year here at DelGrosso’s as members of Saint Francis Xavier Parish in Cresson.”

Father Arnone and Sacred Heart Sister Mary Joseph were in a festive mood, and it was apparent they were proud to be part of the Annual Faith Day sponsored by the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese.

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak was pleased by the crowd, “It’s good to see all of you here,” he said as he began his homily at the 3:00 p.m. Mass held on the main stage. Priests of the Diocese concelebrated.

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FAMILY FUN: The Tornatore family of Saint Joseph Parish, Bellwood, enjoyed a good meal and lots of family fun at the Diocese’s annual Faith Day celebration held Sunday, June 26 at DelGrosso’s Amusement Park in Tipton. Pictured left to right are Andrew, Darin, Miranda and Dana.

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SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI: Confirmation was celebrated by Saint Clare of Assisi Parish, Johnstown on Thursday, March 31. Pictured are (left to right) Father Matthew Misurda (pastor), Marla Kelley, Trina Smolko, Vincent Andolina and Joan Cammarata (director of religious education).

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL: First Holy Communion was celebrated Saturday, May 7 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Altoona. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Aubriana Berardinelli, Sean Ratchford, Gia Adams, Jace Black, Dante Diehl, Myah Bennett, Carson Frye, Caden Fiore, Martin Marasco III. Second row: Kaydynce Baney, Greyson Miller, Lilly Barr, Jaxon Pellegrine, Gage Carpenter, Isabella Jones, Autumn Baker, Reese Storm, Matthew Bennett, Ty Shultz, Nicholas Kraft. Third row: Gavin Smith, Kendall Cogan, Gunar Steinbauer, Maddox Stultz, Noah DiVentura, Amelia Orr, Annalise Casillo, Leah Snyder. Fourth row: Karen Snowden (director of religious education), Third Order Regular Franciscan Fathers Frank Scornaienchi (pastor) and Terrence Smith (parochial vicar) and Sharon Vaughn (catechist).

Adult Enrichment

Classes Scheduled

Johnstown: The Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry has announced its schedule of classes for 2016 - 2017.

Beginning in September and continuing through May, classes for both Year I and Year II of the Lay Ecclesial Ministry certification cycle will be offered at locations in Altoona, Johnstown, Duncansville, Hollidaysburg, Mundy's Corner and Saint Michael.

The schedule may be ob-

tained by contacting Marybeth Heinze at mheinze@dioceseaj.org; or by calling (814) 361 - 2000.

More information can be found online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry.

Ecumenism

Summer Discussion Series

Altoona: The Ecumenical Conference of Greater Altoona will hold its Matter Of Faith Summer Series at Saint John the Evangelist Church in Lakemont on three Tuesday evenings in July.

The theme of this year's series is "Caring For Our Common Home," a topic based upon Pope Francis' encyclical letter "Laudato Si."

Each session will begin at 7:00 p.m. The topics for each panel discussion will be:

- - July 12: "Humanity and Nature: Sacred Text and Tradition";

- - July 19: "Earth, Air, Fire and Water: Symbolism and Civilization";

- - July 26: "Creating Partnerships: Faith, Earth, and Science."

Refreshments and fellowship time will follow each program.

For more information call Cindy at (814) 695 - 6580, or by e - mail at ecga1967@gmail.com.



SAINT ANTHONY: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Windber on Sunday, May 1 were (left to right) First row: Cole Shaulis, Nicole Costlow. Second row: Sean Telfer, Ava Voeghtly, Marco Flori, Olivia Hiteshew, Conner Marsh. Third row: Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Roderick Soha (pastor).

Family Life

Married Couples Mass

Loretto: The Family Life Office announces that the general public and married couples are invited to an outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak to honor married couples Sunday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m.

at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies.

Participants are asked to bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

Families are encouraged to come early and picnic on the Shrine grounds.

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Travel with Msgr. Stanley Carson to Lourdes and Fatima; June 24th-30th, 2017; \$3,000

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In The Alleghenies



SAINT ROSE OF LIMA: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona, were (left to right) First row: Ryan Breton, Jayden Wolfe, Xavier Rogers, Xander Rogers, Bernice Shoefelt (director of religious education). Second row: Corey Draw (catechist), Nathan Breton (server), Grant Peters, Hailey DeGol, Chase Christe, Olivia Price, Alessandra Knott (server), Lori Stephens (catechist). Third row: Deacon James Woomer, Father Brian Saylor (pastor), Robert Howsare - Palacios, Adelyn Himmelwright, Brock Patel, Logan Riley, Father Carl Spishak (senior priest). Fourth row: Payton Martin, Jacob Kissell, Payton Ronan and Samantha Harpster.



SAINT BARTHOLOMEW: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Bartholomew Parish, Wilmore on Sunday, May 15, were (left to right): First row: Kaley Williamson, Vanessa Spaid, Logan Gentile, Helaina Graessle. Second row: Diana Frantz (catechist) Calla Miko, Brock Miko, Morgan Miller and Father Joseph Nale (pastor).

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Higher Education

15 Study Abroad

Loretto: Dedicated to its commitment to Catholic education, Saint Francis University recently hosted 15 high school students from Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg, and Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, Altoona, as part of its annual Summer in

France program. The program gives students entering their junior or senior years the opportunity to earn college credits while experiencing the wonders of the southwestern region of France first-hand.

During the nine - day program, which ran from June 11 through June 19, students stayed at Saint Francis' own monastery in Ambialet, France, home of the university's Semester in France program. Students were able to become acquainted with the cul-

ture and people of France and to see, taste, feel and marvel at the wonders of the region. The students visited castles, cathedrals, ruins, and medieval hill-top villages through excursions to cities such as Albi, Toulouse, Cordes-sur-Ciel, and Carcassonne, and explored Ambialet through a kayak tour on the Tarn River.

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BREWING THE FAITH: Brewing the Faith, sponsored by Our Lady of Victory Parish, State College, has concluded its Spring presentations which addressed themes connected with the Church's Jubilee Year of Mercy. Pictured is Father Neil R. Dadey, pastor, speaking to participants who came from throughout the Northern Deanery. Brewing the Faith is a speaker program modeled after Theology on Tap, but for those 40 years of age and older. This season's themes were What is Catholic/Christian Mercy?, Mercy and the Unborn/New Born, Mercy and the Dying/Elderly, Mercy in Our Church and Community. Presentations were held at the Ramada Conference & Hotel, State College. For information on future presentations contact Ron & Denise Quinn through Our Lady of Victory Parish.



Bishop's Appointments

Effective July 30

REVEREND DONALD W. DUSZA, appointed to Pastor at Saint Joseph Parish in Renovo.

VERY REV. RONALD V. OSINSKI, V.F., appointed to Administrator at Holy Rosary Parish in Altoona, continuing as Pastor of Saint Mark Parish in Altoona and Dean of the Altoona Deanery.

REVEREND MARK R. REID, appointed Administrator at Most Holy Trinity Parish in Huntingdon.

REV. MSGR. MICHAEL E. SERVINSKY, appointed to Senior Priest status.

REVEREND RICHARD B. TOMKOSKY, appointed Pastor at Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in Bedford, continuing as Pastor of Saint John the Baptist, New Baltimore.

REVEREND CHARLES C. UGO, released to service for the Archdiocese of Military Services.

REVEREND BRIAN L. WARCHOLA, appointed Administrator of Saint Michael Parish in Saint Michael, continuing to serve as Parochial Vicar at Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown.

REVEREND MICHAEL WOLFE, appointed Administrator at Queen of Archangels Parish in Clarence, as well as Chaplain of Saint Joseph Academy, Boalsburg and Chaplain of Mount Nittany Medical Center, State College.

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Point Of View

“Summertime, Summertime, Sum – Sum – Summertime,” what a wonderful verse from oldie but goodie, a delightful song singing about the carefree days of summer’s past. Summer is finally here, Hooray! I thought it would never come. This past weekend, while I laid on a hammock with my two year old daughter and three of my sister’s young children, we swung in the open breeze, singing silly songs about everything we wished to do this summer. Our song went something like this.....

“We are going to slide down rainbows, eat cotton candy clouds, we are going to catch a million and one fire flies and sing our hearts aloud.

We are going to go fishing and catch a few fish, we are going to blow giant bubbles and grab a few frogs, to kiss (YUCK!)

We are going to dance in puddles, and make a fort or two, and we are going to fly kites from here to Timbuktu.

We are going to build a fire, and share some smore’s together, and we are going to sleep under falling stars, life doesn’t get much better.....” I couldn’t agree more! The minds of children are so care-free and innocent, reveling in the beauty of the simplest things of life. They delight in the everyday pleasures of God’s world, filling their days with a true sense of wonder and unforgettable laughter. Oh, to be a kid again! Jesus, says in



Family Matters

By Amy Kanich
Summer Days

the Bible we should become like little children, and believe me there are days I would love to go back to my childhood summers, and do just that - be a kid. But, I am sure that is not what Jesus really means in this verse of scripture. Although, theologically, there are many teachings on this scripture with many of them being complex, I believe one simple lesson Christ is trying to impress on us, involves the simplicity of small children and their approach to life. Young children marvel at life, seizing every opportunity to delight in the world about them. They are not hindered by endless thoughts of the past or the future, they simply live in the now, in the present today. Children take every opportunity to explore the beautiful world about them, thinking only of the moment, rarely focusing on anything else, especially not time itself. If we minus the agendas, appointments, and never ending to do list, what we have left, is actually what children delight in, life itself! Children remind us life is good, and more importantly our God is good. Although, you may think this phrase is trite

and worn out, the truth is “Our Present is a Present”, and it is wrapped and lovingly presented to us daily by our Creator. It is truly a great gift which children always unwrap with eager enthusiasm. It is also a gift many adults unfortunately never find time to open. If you have a child, grandchild, or a neighborhood child in your life then you are blessed. Spend some time looking at the world from their eyes, get down on their level and learn from them. Marvel at the lush facets of the raspberry, delight in the snowy burst of the seeding dandelion, stop to feel a bubble burst on your finger, color your world with sidewalk chalk.... Learn from those who are so fresh from God Himself.

Summer is the perfect time, to reveal in God’s glory, to slow down and bask in the goodness of the Son! So, yes, it’s okay to jump in the puddles, run through the sprinkler and share a popsicle or two. For me, although I am not really sure how to climb a rainbow or how the cotton candy clouds may taste, I do know one thing for sure, it is going to be wonderful summer! Just ask the beautiful kids in my life!!!

Blessings!



Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
One Nation, Under God

Last week’s July 4 Independence Day observance was touted by some as the 40th anniversary of the 1976 Bicentennial celebration.

I don’t ever remember being asked to celebrate the anniversary of an anniversary, but perhaps such a reminder is not out of place this year. The Bicentennial of American Independence, celebrated 40 years ago in 1976 was a wonderful, hopeful time in the history of our nation. I particularly remember it as the year in which I graduated from high school. We took great pride in being the Bicentennial class. The Watergate era had come to a close, the Vietnam conflict had ended and the draft had been abolished. It might have been appropriate to have sung “Happy Days Are Here Again” every time we sang a chorus of “God Bless America.” The tall ships that filled New York harbor were like a visible sign of all that ships that brought our ancestors to these shores. Those were halcyon days, indeed.

Our bicentennial year, was like this year, a presidential election year. I followed the campaign closely because I had celebrated my 18th birthday in March, and was able to vote for a president for the very first time. The two candidates - - the mild - mannered incumbent, Gerald Ford, and the devoutly religious Jimmy Carter conducted campaigns that were minus the bitterness and downright nastiness that have marked this year’s race. We knew we had two people of integrity to choose between. I cast my first vote with the conviction that I had chosen a good person to lead our nation forward.

Fast forward 40 years, and 2016 bears little resemblance to the bright year that was 1976. Ships bringing immigrants to our shores would probably be turned away, at sea. Our presidential candidates are putting forward sharply differing pictures of what life in the United States of America should be like. We face threats from terrorist foes both foreign and domestic. We will always remember that the terrorists struck far too close to home when they brought down a plane in a field near Shanksville, Somerset County, on September 11, 2001. We fought a long and horrific war in response to the 9/11 attacks, and many of our service men and women remain in harm’s way on battlefields far from home.

Yes, 1976 seems a golden age in comparison.

In 1976 we stressed the “United” in the name of our country. We looked back on 200 years, many of those years marked by conflict and division, and celebrated the fact that we had emerged stronger and more united than ever. And in the midst of it all, we were not ashamed to give the credit for it all to almighty God. We were glad to declare ourselves to be “one nation, under God.”

It is up to people of faith to bring back that sense of hope, of peace and prosperity as we continue to make our way through this 240th year of the great American democratic experiment. We have to be willing to give God the glory and the credit, and to acknowledge that without Him we are nothing and are capable of nothing. We need to remind ourselves of what Jesus taught, what He suffered and died for, and how He entrusted His saving mission into our hands.

And then, maybe someday, people will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the 40th anniversary of our nation’s bicentennial with hope renewed in their hearts.

In Anniversary Address, Pope - Emeritus Benedict Says He 'Feels Protected' By Pope Francis

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- In his first public address in almost a year, retired Pope Benedict XVI expressed his sincere gratefulness to Pope Francis, saying that his goodness "from the first moment of your election, in every moment of my life here, touches me deeply."

"More than the beauty found in the Vatican Gardens, your goodness is the place where I live; I feel protected," Pope Benedict said June 28.

Pope Benedict also conveyed his hope that Pope Francis would continue to "lead us all on this path of divine mercy that shows the path of Jesus, to Jesus and to God."

Pope Francis led a Vatican celebration for the 65th anniversary of Pope Benedict's priestly ordination. The two were joined by the heads of Vatican offices and congregations and several guests, including a delegation from the Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

Those gathered gave Pope Benedict a standing ovation as he made his way into the Clementine Hall and took his seat to the right of the pope's chair.

A few minutes later, Pope Francis entered the hall and made a beeline for his predecessor, who respectfully removed his zucchetto before greeting him. Pope Francis has made no secret of his admiration for the retired pontiff, often comparing him to a "wise grandfather at home."

During his return flight to Rome from Armenia June 26, Pope Francis praised Pope Benedict for "protecting me and having my back with his prayers."

Recalling Pope Benedict's promise of obedience to his successor in the days leading up to the conclave, Pope Francis said he had heard that some people have been "sent away" by the



CNS Photo/L'Osservatore Romano, Handout

FRATERNAL GREETING: Pope Francis greets retired Pope Benedict XVI during a June 28 ceremony at the Vatican marking the 65th anniversary of the retired Pope's priestly ordination.

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retired pontiff after complaining "about this new pope."

"If (the report) isn't true, it is well-founded, because this man is like that: a man of his word, a righteous man!" Pope Francis exclaimed.

Speaking at the anniversary celebration, Pope Francis praised Pope Benedict's life of priestly service to the church and recalled his writings on Simon Peter's response to "Jesus"

definitive call: "Do you love me?"

"This is the hallmark dominating an entire life spent in priestly service and of the true theology that you have defined -- not by chance -- as 'the search for the beloved.' It is this that you have always given witness to and continue to give witness to today," he said.

Even in retirement, he said, Pope Benedict continues to

serve the church and "truly contributes with vigor and wisdom to its growth" from the "little 'Mater Ecclesiae' monastery in the Vatican."

The monastery, Pope Francis continued, is the complete opposite of those "forgotten corners" society often assigns to those who have reached old age.

Instead, like the Porziuncola where St. Francis spent his final days in prayer, the Mater

Ecclesiae monastery "has become a 'Franciscan' place that emanates tranquility, peace, strength, faithfulness, maturity, faith, dedication and loyalty which does so much good for me and gives strength to me and to the whole church," Pope Francis said.

Congratulating his predecessor, Pope Francis expressed his hope that Pope Benedict "would continue to feel the hand of the merciful God that sustains him" and that he may "experience and give witness to God's love."

When Pope Francis finished speaking, Pope Benedict clasped his hands together and signaled his thanks to the pope. With a bit of effort, he rose to his feet and stretched out his arms to embrace Pope Francis.

After short speeches by Cardinal Gerhard Muller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and Cardinal Angelo Sodano, dean of the College of Cardinals, the retired pontiff slowly stood up once again to express his gratitude.

Despite his frailty, Pope Benedict vividly recalled his ordination 65 years ago, remembering a Greek word a priest ordained with him wrote on the remembrance card of his first Mass: "Eucharistomen" ("We give you thanks").

"I am convinced that this word, in its many dimensions, has already said everything that can be said in this moment," the retired pope said.

The word "eucharistomen," he added, can bring everyone closer toward that "new dimension" of thanksgiving given by Christ, who transformed the cross, sufferings and the evils of the world "into grace and blessing."

"We want to insert ourselves in this grace of the Lord and thus truly receive the newness of life and help in the transubstantiation of the world. May it be a world not of death but of life, a world in which love has overcome death," he said.



HOLY NAME: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg on Saturday, May 7, were (left to right) First row: Barb Frye, Brayden Baker, John-Bickford, Madison Delauter, Dakota Link, Angelo Persio, Nicholas Oravec, Noah Smith, Landon Semelsberger, Samuel Tremel, Lyla Knee, Caleb Shutty, Adella Monborne, Sara Link, Laura Gressick. Second row: Doreen Braniff, Zackery Shaffer, Brady Yesenosky, Breanna Banfield, Lily Street, Xavier Lieb, Marley Kephart, Kenneth Billings, Andrew Lucko, Madeline Doyle, Kaitlyn McMullen, Ava McMullen, Jenna Neighbors, Jacob Kirsch, Paris Smith, Diane Bopp. Third row: Monsignor David Lockard (pastor), Robin McMullen, Dustin Becquet, Lydia Paskowski, Sarah Tremmel, Mikayla Oblinsky, Emma Kasecky, Ryan McCarthy, Liam O’ Brien, Andrew Lubert, Cael Grimes, Aidan Ligas, Sophie Becquet, Victoria Griffiths, Deacon Michael Condor. Fourth row: Timmy Welsko, William Heinrich, Sophia Jones, Samantha Papcunik, Chloe Meier, Claire Long, Addison Misner, Alaina Long, Kaylee Venslosky, Daniel Schweitzer, Anthony Rossman and Connor Garrity.

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“Studying abroad helped me see how beautiful opportunity is, and that we should take advantage of every adventure that life has to offer,” said Tessa Crider, a student from Bishop Guilfoyle in Altoona.

Completion of the Summer in France program allows students to earn three credits in Fine Arts 102: Culture and Values through the university’s Adult Degree & Continuing Studies program.

The high school study abroad program is hosted for students of area Catholic high schools as Saint Francis strives to cultivate its partnership with those schools who share similar missions and values. Saint Francis University shares a common vision with Catholic high schools to educate students holistically and prepare them for their next step in life.

In addition to the Summer in France program, Saint Francis also offers other benefits to the area Catholic schools including the Professor in Residence program which allows students to enroll in face-to-face courses taught by Saint Francis University faculty in subject areas such as business, statistics, and education; the Career Exploration programs during which students attend an Exploration Day on campus where they attend hands-on classes and interact with current students in various subject areas; the Achieving Success workshops for junior and senior students on topics like faith in college, financial aid, college prep, study abroad, and choosing a major; as well as many other campus activities and events.

The continued supporting of the Catholic high schools is something that Saint Francis values as part of the university’s strategic plan, Francis 2020.



VOLUNTEERS: Members of the Starling Avenue Baptist Church of Martinsville VA Outreach Program are spending six weeks in the Altoona area this summer, and spent a full day volunteering at the Society of Saint Vincent DePaul’s Thrift Store.

Prayer

Saint Ann Novena

Ebensburg: The Sisters of Saint Ann announce their annual Novena to Saint Ann will be held Monday, July 18 through Tuesday, July 26, the feast day of Saints Joachim and Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mass will be celebrated each evening at 7:00 p.m. at the outdoor shrine at Mount Saint Ann, 1120 North Center Street.

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be the celebrant for the

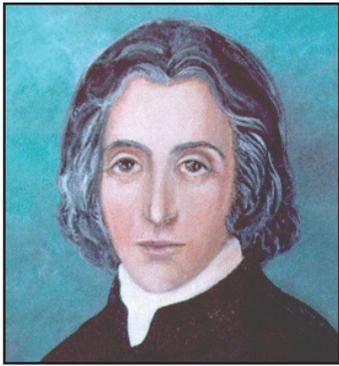
closing Mass of the Novena on Tuesday, July 26.

The public is invited to attend all Novena devotions.

Correction

The names of two class members were not listed with the Confirmation photograph from Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Cresson. Emily King and Cody Boreck were also confirmed.

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A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

**The Servant Of God
Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin
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Sheen Family Petitions Court To Move Archbishop's Body

By Tom Dermody
Catholic News Service

PEORIA, Ill. (CNS) -- The family of the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen has petitioned the Supreme Court of the State of New York to allow the transfer of the sainthood candidate's remains to Peoria.

Joan Sheen Cunningham, 88, Archbishop Sheen's niece and his oldest living relative, filed a petition June 13 asking that the trustees of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City -- where Archbishop Sheen has been entombed in a crypt following his death on Dec. 9, 1979 -- and the Archdiocese of New York allow his remains to

be disinterred and transferred to Peoria for interment in a crypt at St. Mary's Cathedral.

According to a June 14 press release from the Diocese

of Peoria, Cunningham -- who resides in New York -- has the support of other living relatives of the famed orator and media pioneer who was born in El Paso and ordained a priest of the Diocese of Peoria.

Peoria Bishop Daniel R. Jenky is "immensely grateful" for the family's action and looks forward to the resumption of Archbishop Sheen's beatification and canonization cause, which has been suspended for nearly two years since the Archdiocese of New York denied the bishop's request to move the body to Peoria.

The Diocese of Peoria similarly greeted the news with "great joy" and said with the progress already made in the cause, a beatification could be celebrated shortly after the ar-

rival of the remains in Peoria and with the approval of Pope Francis. The diocese has been a promoter of Archbishop Sheen's canonization cause for 14 years. The Congregation of the Causes of the Saints at the Vatican reportedly has no objection to the transfer of the body.

"I am confident that the Archdiocese of New York will cooperate fully with the request of the family of Archbishop Sheen," said Msgr. James Kruse, vicar general of the Diocese of Peoria. "I cannot imagine that the archdiocese would oppose the family's petition presented to the court. It is our hope that the archdiocese will offer their consent to this petition in order to expedite these matters," he added.

Prayer For Father Gallitzin's Intercession

O God, light of the faithful and shepherd of souls, who sent Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin to serve God's people in the Allegheny Mountains, feeding your sheep by his words and forming them by his example, pour out your Spirit to sow seeds of truth in people's hearts and to awaken in them obedience to the faith.

May the Gospel continue to be preached and the Sacraments bring power and grace to the faithful. By the example of this man of faith, Demetrius Gallitzin, may your people advance in the path of salvation and love.

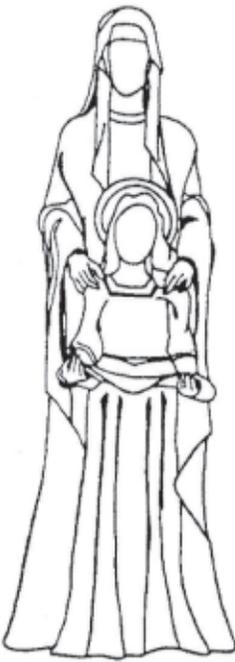
Confident of your faithfulness to us, we humbly ask you, our God, to grant us the favor of (name your intention).

May Christ's saving work continue to the end of the ages, and may we feel a more urgent call to work for the salvation of every creature. We pray this, as did your priest Demetrius Gallitzin, through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Word of Life



The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis
Shared Faith Should Lead
To Join Action

YEREVAN, Armenia (CNS) -- Applying the common faith they professed publicly earlier in the day, Pope Francis and Armenian Apostolic Catholicos Karekin II urged common action on behalf of persecuted Christians, welcome for refugees and defense of the family.

The pope and the Oriental Orthodox patriarch signed their joint declaration at the end of Pope Francis' June 24-26 visit to Armenia.

Earlier in the day, at an Armenian Divine Liturgy, both had spoken of their unity as believers in Christ and of their conviction that Christians are called by God to assist the poor, the persecuted and the needy.

While their joint declaration mentioned the progress made in the official Catholic-Oriental Orthodox theological dialogue and their hopes for its continuation, the heart of the text focused on common Christian action to relieve suffering.

"We are witnessing an immense tragedy unfolding before our eyes," the two leaders said. "Countless innocent people" are "being killed, displaced or forced into a painful and uncertain exile by continuing conflicts on ethnic, economic, political and religious grounds in the Middle East and other parts of the world."

"Religious and ethnic minorities have become the target of persecution and cruel treatment to the point that suffering for one's religious belief has become a daily reality," they said.

The Christians being martyred for their faith belong to different churches and their suffering "is an 'ecumenism of blood,' which transcends the historical divisions between Christians."

The two leaders prayed that the terrorists waging war on Christians and other minorities would convert, and they also prayed that "those who are in a position to stop the violence" would hasten to do so.

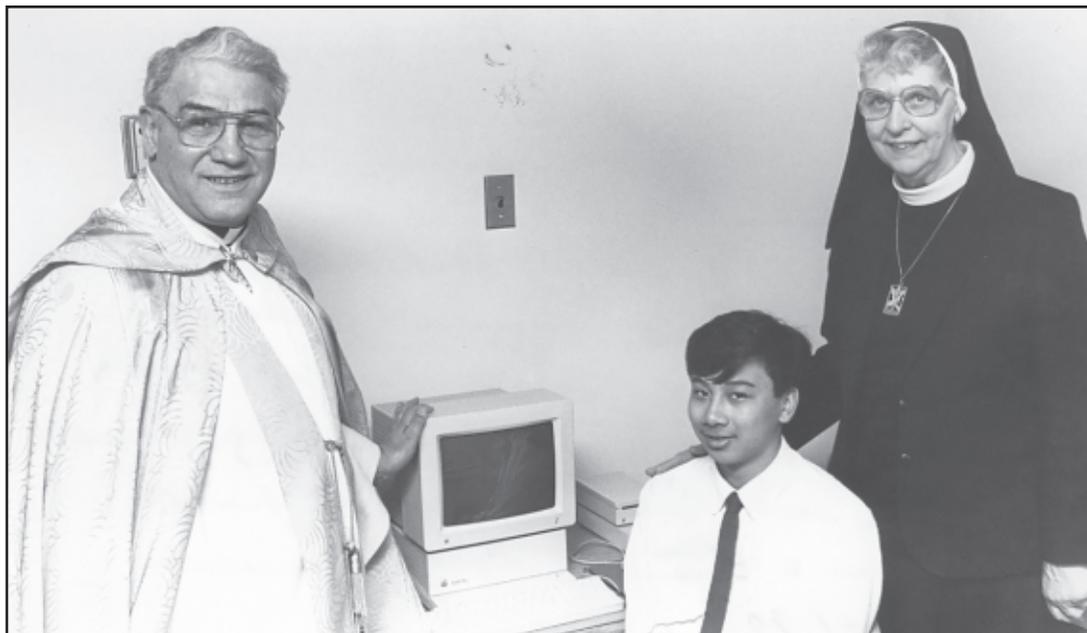
"We implore the leaders of nations to listen to the plea of millions of human beings who long for peace and justice in the world, who demand respect for their God-given rights, who have urgent need of bread, not guns," the declaration said.

The two denounced the use of a religion "to justify the spread of hatred, discrimination and violence."

While focused on the headline-grabbing war in Syria, the two leaders did not ignore the tensions between Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh, an enclave in Azerbaijan where the majority of people are ethnic Armenians and had voted for independence. The joint declaration urged "a peaceful resolution" of the conflict.

"We ask the faithful of our churches to open their hearts and hands to the victims of war and terrorism, to refugees and their families," they said. The Christian faith demands concrete acts of charity, Pope Francis and Catholicos Karekin insisted.

Looking at the spread of secularization, the pope and patriarch noted how heavily cultural change is impacting the family. "The Armenian Apostolic Church and the Catholic Church share the same vision of the family, based on marriage, an act of freely given and faithful love between man and woman," they said.



ONE MORE TIME: On May 1, 1990, a new computer room, made possible by a bequest of Ann E. Feeney, was dedicated at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Altoona. Pictured are (left to right) Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Bonaventure Midili (pastor), student Ike Au, and Franciscan Sister Mary Martina Morgan (principal). Sister Mary Martina, who left the Dicoese in 1990 to become the superior general of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in Glasgow, Scotland, died in Glasgow Saturday, June 18.

More and more people in the U.S. are becoming caregivers for family members. A 2015 report by the National Alliance for Caregiving and the AARP Public Policy Institute notes, "The estimated prevalence of caring for an adult is 16.6 percent, or 39.8 million Americans."

As more people grow into this role, it is important for them to realize that there are stages in the caregiving process. Here are the stages of caregiving that some researchers have identified, although each individual caregiver won't necessarily follow this exact sequence.

-- Pre-caregiving. The caregiver sees himself or herself as a helper, beginning to lend a hand with a limited number of tasks, but doesn't identify as a "caregiver."

-- Self-identifying. Those caregiving tasks have increased to the point where the caregiver realizes and says, "I am a caregiver." The caregiver now defines the role or continues to "just do it."

-- Studying and researching. Adopting the role of a student, the caregiver wants to know and understand a loved one's condition or illness, including the symptoms and prognosis. The caregiver begins to look for re-



Your Family

By Bill Dodds
Recognizing The Stages
Of Caregiving

sources for stress management and for informal support, such as family and friends.

-- Acting like a caregiver. The caregiver is actually doing the work, increasing the number of tasks and their frequency, learning new skills and improving on others. As the family member's health deteriorates, the caregiver begins to feel more stress.

-- Recognizing challenges. The caregiver sees the impact of the situation: the emotional strain for both the family member and the caregiver, the family member's resistance to accepting help and the caregiver's own exhaustion, anxiety and anger.

-- Getting help. The caregiver acknowledges the need for help. The spirituality of the role of caregiving becomes more apparent and the caregiver incorporates prayer and the awareness of God into daily activities. The caregiver locates and accepts formal support from social

services and expands informal help to include the extended family, more friends and the parish community.

-- Managing the role of caregiver. With that added help, the caregiver begins to be more proactive in approaching the role. The caregiver may decide on a "game plan," learn about and use new coping strategies and begin to feel more in control and more confident.

-- Preparing for the end of caregiving. The caregiver understands that the role of caregiving will end with the death of the loved one. In many ways, the caregiver begins to grieve the loss of both the "once healthy beloved" and the person needing care that family member has become.

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Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Hospice Care

Q. Please tell me how Catholics justify hospice care, especially withholding food and water from the patient. Doesn't this starve the patient to death? And doesn't the heavy medication they use actually cause death? (Illinois)

A. Patients are typically admitted into hospice care when curative treatment has been deemed futile and the prognosis is that death will occur within six months if the disease takes its normal course. The primary medical goal in caring for the dying person then becomes the relief of pain and suffering.

Catholic moral principles for the treatment of the dying are set forth in a document (available online) published by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops entitled *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*.

Those directives provide that "in principle, there is an obligation to provide patients with food and water, including

medically assisted nutrition and hydration for those who cannot take food orally," because, as you rightly state, it would be morally wrong to "starve the patient to death" (No. 58).

But that same section of the directives goes on to explain that medically assisted nutrition and hydration become "morally optional" when there is no reasonable expectation of prolonging life or when such means would be "excessively burdensome" for the patient or cause significant physical discomfort.

As for medication, the directives address your question

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directly: "Medicine capable of alleviating or suppressing pain may be given to a dying person, even if this therapy may indirectly shorten the person's life so long as the intent is not to hasten death" (No. 61).

Since hospice care is offered both by religious and secular institutions, it would be best to seek that care in a Catholic facility, thus ensuring that Catholic moral guidelines would be observed.

An important aspect, too -- and sometimes families and even physicians might overlook this -- is that, when possible, dying patients themselves should be consulted about the morally legitimate treatment options available.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at ask-fatherdoyle@gmail.com and 40 Hopewell St., Albany, N.Y. 12208.



For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola
Listening
Is A Sacred Art

The Downtown Transit Center in Anchorage, Alaska, sits in the heart of downtown. Framed in bright red metal, its walls of windows reflect light in a city stingy with winter sunshine. Noisy buses spew fumes all day, serving a sprawling town.

Like many city bus terminals, Anchorage's center largely serves the poor. In our car-obsessed culture, public transportation is often inconvenient, time-consuming and neglected by all but those who have no other choice.

So, Anchorage's center is often a gathering place for street people, kids, the homeless, the out-of-town visitor from Alaska's bush communities. Because of that, social services agencies gravitate to offices in the center's upper level.

Pope Francis reminds us that grace is to be found among the poor. So, not surprisingly, on the second floor of the center, grace is made manifest in a place called The Listening Post.

The Listening Post was the brainchild of two Anchorage women, both spiritual directors: one a Catholic, one a Lutheran minister. They had heard of a similar project in a northwestern city and were inspired to bring the idea to their hometown.

It's a simple but profound idea: simply listening to another person's story. Just drop in to The Listening Post. No appointments, no referrals. Someone there wants to hear your story. It's a cathartic, human, spiritual, life-giving idea.

Avie Campala, one of the directors of The Listening Post, explains that listening means opening oneself to another in a way that exposes and respects the vulnerability of each.

"I often feel I'm someone's confessor," she said. "What an honor it is to be in that role."

But only listen? It's so basic that one is tempted to ask, But isn't there more? In our wordy, advice-laden world, it's hard to grasp the concept of listening as ministry. We want to help, suggest, refer, counsel, advise.

I understand the feeling. I was the big sister in my family, and I'm a mom, two roles brimming with the urge to instruct. And we who have been teachers and pastoral ministers are nurturing people -- we want to help. It takes a while to understand that truly listening is sometimes the greatest help we can give.

The Listening Post is a warm, inviting place, with couches, coffee tables, soft lighting. Its doors are open four days a week and one evening. The Post moves to an "outpost" at a homeless shelter two evenings a week, and a food kitchen two afternoons a week. Well over 2,000 people come yearly to seek a listening ear.

With about 30 regular volunteers, only one is actually a trained therapist. But everyone goes through training in listening. Although volunteers are not trained as extensively as a spiritual companion or director, the concept is much the same. One listens with the heart.

"The volunteers are really present," said Campala. "They pay attention. They may ask an open-ended question that lets someone go deeper."

Examples might be, "Do you have a plan?" "Is there anything that gives you hope?" Such simple questions often produce profound reflection.

Campala says there are moments when "you know the rules so you can break them wisely." A suicidal situation, for example, would constitute a time to intervene. But in general, "you can't 'fix' someone else," said Campala. People don't come to The Listening Post to be "fixed." They come to be heard, possibly for the first time.

The longer I've been listening, the less those moments of advice-giving arise," Campala said.

Although The Listening Post is not religiously affiliated, Campala said there is a sacredness permeating it.

"Listening is a sacred act," she said.

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This is the time the caregiver most clearly sees the true value of caregiving and the love and respect he or she has for the one who has needed care.

-- Moving on after death. The caregiver experiences shock, even if death was expected, and grieves the loss of his or her loved one. There may be a period of empty time in the day, a feeling of "now what do I do?" This is a good time to rest and reminisce, to find and use professional help and/or a support group for dealing with grief. Acceptance and appreciation of the experience will gradually come.



Veronica
First Century
Feast - July 12

Veronica does not appear in the Roman Martyrology, the church's official list of feasts. According to legend, she was the woman who took pity on Jesus as he carried his cross, wiped his face with a cloth and was left with an image of the suffering Christ. Many such images, known as "veronicas" and "vernicles," existed in the Middle Ages. Veronica was sometimes associated with other New Testament women, but there is no evidence that she was real. Her name may come from a combination of Latin ("vera" for true) and Greek ("eikon" for image) words. Her story was included in the Stations of the Cross in the 19th century.

Faith Day Celebrates Diocese's Family Spirit

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"This day is a great opportunity for individuals and families from throughout the eight-county Diocese to come together as one."

He said he was very grateful to the DelGrosso family, their staff, and the generosity they've extended to the Diocese.

Dana and Darin Tornatore, along with their children, Andrew and Miranda, always have a good time at Faith Day. They are members of Saint Joseph Parish in Bellwood. Father Alan Thomas is their pastor. Of course the kids enjoy the rides and food. They have an older son, Dominic, who works at the park. "We've been attending the past three years. We really enjoy the outdoor Mass," said Dana. "It's nice to sit down and have a meal with the parish community. Faith Day also gives us the

opportunity to see people from across the Diocese that we don't get to see very often."

Francine Swope, co-chairperson for the event was delighted with the turnout and the sunny weather. "It was great once again to join Catholics from across the Diocese for Faith Day at DelGrosso's Amusement Park."

She says it's important that we gather as Catholics to celebrate and show our unity in faith at events like Faith Day to show that even in challenging times, there are still good things happening in our Diocese.

"I love seeing families join us to celebrate Mass, and enjoy a day in a great amusement park that has something for everyone!"

Bishop Mark said we live in trying times, but on his final walk to Calvary, Jesus continued to preach the Gospel, and our



PROCESSION: Clergy join Bishop Mark L. Bartchak in procession to the main stage at DelGrosso's Amusement Park in Tipton for Mass at the annual Faith Day celebration.

ultimate goal that is the Kingdom of God.

"He told his disciples to keep preaching - - stay the course, even if they don't believe you.

"Twelve apostles followed Him on his journey to the Kingdom. If we are on that same journey we need to stop looking backward. Let go of your own personal desires and fears. All of those things slow us down. Christ set us free for the sake of the Kingdom."

The Bishop said as we move forward we will face many challenges in our lives. "But, I see many faithful here today who are guided by the Holy Spirit.

"I know it's not always easy," Bishop Mark reminded. "We want to follow Jesus because there is no one else who can lead us to eternal life.

"Jesus wants us to be with Him in our journey on the way to the Father."

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BASILICA OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: The Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Loretto, celebrated Confirmation Saturday, April 9 and First Holy Communion Sunday, May 1. Pictured above are (left to right): Crystal Byrne, Olivia Wirfel, Erin Link, Heather Rieg, Emily Diehl, Jordyn Novak, Lauren O'Neill, Madalyn Phister, Nicole Weakland, Lyvia Toth, Tyler Weakland, Duane Biller. Second row: Alex Link, Patrick Kirby, Andrew Adlesberg, James Wylan, Father John D. Brynes (rector/pastor), Michael Motchenbaugh, Jacob Wilkinson, Joshua Landi, Brittany Krug, Morgan Storm. Third row: Blake Weyandt, Ethan Lantz, Jared Beck, Kurtis Driskel, Nicholas Hite, Jacob Wyland, Zachary Lantz, Dylan Driskel, Nathan Krug. Pictured below are (left to right) First row: Levi Baker, Tyler Bollman, Danielle Farabaugh, Trevor McMullen, Marley Shaffer, Nataly Smyntek - Castillo, Alivia Nagle, Noah Beck. Second row: Thomas Corcoran, Travis Kubat, Meghan McMullen, Alena Nagle, Allie Dziabo, Meghan Andersen, John Seymour, Cody Farabaugh, Taylor Diehl, Matthew Eckenrode, Makenna McCory, Jackson Rice. Third row; Deacon Rick Golden and Father Brynes.



Photo By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein

PRAYER FOR LIBERTY: Bishop Mark L. Bartchak lead a Prayer for Liberty Holy Hour Thursday, June 23 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, as part of the Fortnight For Freedom observance. The theme of this year's event was "Witnesses To Freedom," highlighting the contributions of 15 individuals or groups.



Photo By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein

SISTERS SING: Members of the Carmelite Community of the Word (left to right) Sisters Linda La-Magna, Celeste Ciesielka and Theresa Nelen, join in singing a hymn during the Prayer for Liberty Holy Hour. Among the Witnesses To Freedom honored at the service were a number of women religious, including the martyred Discalced Carmelite Nuns of Compiègne, France, and Saint Edith Stein, a Discalced Carmelite Nun martyred in a concentration camp during the Second World War.

Fortnight Calls People Of Faith To Respond To Challenges

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Observed annually since 2012, the Fortnight For Freedom, celebrated from June 21 to July 4, was initiated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as a response to perceived threats to religious liberty in the contemporary United States. In his June 23 homily Bishop Mark said "Much of the time the discussion of religious freedom is limited to describing it as a right.

"In that discussion concerning the right to religious freedom some would argue - - including the American Civil Liberties Union - - that it is a right that is provided for in the Constitution of the United States.

"However, the Catholic Church teaches that religious freedom is a divine truth that transcends the temporal order. It is a God - given right."

Pointing out that "religious freedom is not simply a right to be claimed with great patriotic enthusiasm," Bishop Mark said "The Decree on the Dignity of

the Human Person issued at the Second Vatican Council, explains that it is the traditional Catholic teaching that individual persons and societies, and not just the Church, have a duty, an obligation to evangelize; to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and thereby infuse the true Christian spirit into the mentality, the mores, the laws, and the structures of communities everywhere.

"The social duty of Christians is to respect and awaken in each human person the love of the true and the good.

"As believers, as people of faith, that means that you and I, every one of us in virtue of our baptism in Christ, have the duty to be the light of the world." The Popes, he said, have continually taught that "we are to show forth the kingship of Christ over all creation and in particular over human societies."

Bishop Mark stated that the Fortnight For Freedom helps focus attention on "a number of challenges that deserve our attention and call for an appropri-

ate response," including:

- - Observance of laws that safeguard the dignity and safety of children and those who are vulnerable;
- - Respect for other faiths in the face of radical expressions that use violence and terrorism in the name of religion;
- - And the more insidious indifference that comes from a secular view in which God, faith, or important truths such as the eternal destiny of every person are considered to be irrelevant."

The Bishop said "It's not easy to deal with those challenges. Often we struggle to change peoples' minds; yet the Gospel of Jesus Christ reminds us that the way to change a person's mind is first to assist that person with a change of heart."

The 15 groups and individuals featured in the worship aid - - including the Little Sisters of the Poor, Saint John the Baptist, Saints Felicity and Perpetua, Saints Peter and Saint Paul, Blessed Oscar Romero and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha - - knew that "That change of heart involves the kind of inspiration in which

persons can come to recognize the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ.

"I have learned from the Saints that we can find amazing expressions of the heart of Jesus Christ through the example of people who were challenged and struggled to live according to His Gospel."

And our faith tells us, Bishop Mark concluded that "In this Jubilee Year of Mercy we

are reminded that the religious freedom we seek is not simply the right, or the privilege, or opportunity to pray to God in our homes or within the walls of our churches.

"We are reminded that at the heart of religious freedom there is a solemn duty to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ everywhere, even in the public forum."

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Diocese To Relocate Offices

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is announcing its intention to relocate its Administration Center offices in Hollidaysburg to the school building at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Altoona, pending zoning approval.

The Diocese has been in conversation with Garvey Manor Nursing Home and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence concerning its visionary plans to expand. The conversation has included a potential sale of the Diocesan property, which is adjacent to Garvey Manor.

The Lily Pond Child Development Center currently leases the Our Lady of Lourdes school building, 2317 West Chestnut Avenue.

The lease ends in October. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and the Diocese are committed to working with Lily Pond, which will continue to operate at its present location until arrangements are finalized. The Diocese plans to then lease the school building from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Parents and staff at Lily Pond and Diocesan staff have been informed of the proposed changes. The Finance Council of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and the Finance Council of the Diocese have approved these plans. The Diocesan College of Consultors will also be involved in the process.

As with the sale of the Bishop's residence two years ago, Bishop Mark Bartchak

noted that these steps are appropriate given the current financial circumstances of the Diocese as it responds to past cases of sexual abuse of minors. In addition to being good stewards of available resources, the proposed sale will also help the Diocese to refocus its mission to parishes and parishioners. The Diocese is also continuing to strengthen its programs to protect children and youth.

A number of other Dioceses around the country have sold their headquarters in recent years, including Boston, Saint Paul - Minneapolis, Tucson, and Spokane.

The current Diocesan Administration Center, 927 South Logan Boulevard, is comprised of four buildings



that house various offices and departments including the Bishop's Office, Liturgy, Evangelization, Propagation of the Faith, Permanent Diaconate, Vocations, Education, Tribunal, **The Catholic Register**, and others. The complex has served as the

central administration site of the Diocese since 1972.

The complex opened in 1964 as the Catholic Child Care Center, replacing the former Saint Joseph Infant Home in Ebensburg, and the Saint John and Saint Mary Homes in Cresson.



HOLY FAMILY, PORTAGE: Confirmation was celebrated by Holy Family Parish, Portage, on Saturday, April 9. Pictured (left photo, left to right) are: First row: Nicole Coukart, Taylor McCloskey, Emily Kunko, Emily Krisko, Ryan Myher, Chad Scoran. Second row: Jake Tarachko, Julianna Wright, Nathan Teno, Courtland Corrente, Bradeon St. Clair, Erin Segado and Servant of the Sacred Heart Sister Theresa Marie (director of religious education). First Holy Communion was celebrated Sunday, May 8. Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Andrew Draper is pastor. Class members included Tomas Lee, Britton Myher, Kaidance Noel, Isabella Scarton, Kyla Sciko, Lauren Sciko, Breyonna Shaffer, Mackenzie Teno, Adasyn Trusik, Brayden Young. The altar servers were Nathan Teno, Jenna Teno and Mackenna Young. The catechists were Maryellen Young and Susan Shevock.

SAINT THERESE, ALTOONA: First Holy Communion was celebrated Sunday, May 1 at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, Altoona. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Taryn Carruthers, Adrianna Levri, Lauren Himes, Natalie Eppers, Isabelle Miller, Emerson Snare. Second row: Mary Beth Schmidhamer (director of religious education), Father D. Timothy Grimme (pastor), Colin Eppers, Brody Gartmann, Adin Yarnell, Lincoln Dom, Kimberly Eppers (catechist). Not pictured: Isabella Casanave.





SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST, SUMMERHILL: Saint John the Baptist Parish, Summerhill, celebrated Confirmation Thursday, March 31 and First Holy Communion Saturday, April 16. Pictured (left) are (left to right) First row: Benedictine Father Leon Hont (pastor), Mary Mognet, Nicole Pisarski, Luke Plummer, Rhonda Smith (director). Second row: Scott Smith (director), Jonathan Knobloch (director), Troy Krupa, Toni Smay, Rachel Konsavich (director). Pictured (right) are (left to right) First row: Paxtyn Pcola, Ella Wise, Anna Knobloch, Jessica Poldiak, Julia Felix, Maggie Latrshaw. Second row: Father Leon, Corey Brown, John Kleinfelter, Jacob Singer, Connor Ray and Shawn Ray (catechist).



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, DUNCANSVILLE: Celebrating Confirmation at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Duncansville on Tuesday, April 5 (left) were (left to right) First row: Jennifer Boal, Allison Zeth, Grace Watson, George Smith. Second row: Alec Bernard, Justin Detwiler, Alyssa Rosamilia, Nicole Castellucci. Celebrating First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 15 were (right photo, left to right) Debbie Terchanik (director of religious education), Sierra Hazentab, Kylee Newfield, Monsignor Robert Saly (pastor). Second row: Mary Paoli (catechist), Jonathan Keefer and Hunter Harshberger.



SAINT PATRICK, NEWRY: Saint Patrick Parish, Newry, celebrated Confirmation Tuesday, April 5 and First Holy Communion Sunday, May 1. Pictured in the left photo are (left to right) First row: Matthew Unpingco, Elliot Dutil, Leilani Dutil, Karlee Mauro, Megan Burger, Brittany Frank, Alexis Dodson. Second row: Joseph Frew, Nathan Imler, Father Allen Zeth (administrator), Jarod Piper and William Troutwein (catechist). Pictured in the right photo are (left to right) First row: Ryanne Lanzendorfer, Trevor Beckov, Anna Bettwy, Brayden Zonts, Mallory Dodson. Second row: Sister of Mercy Rose Tomlinson (catechist), Kiri Dougherty, Gavin Boslet, Leya Hazenstab, Donald Miller, Katie Snively. Third row: Father Zeth, Sarah Little, Jace McIntosh, Kiaya Smith, Brody Mellott, Tatum Shoeman and Debbie Terchanik (teacher).

Friday, July 15 is the deadline for the submission of First Holy Communion, Confirmation, May Crowning and Graduation photographs for publication in The Catholic Register. No exceptions to this deadline will be made. Hard copy photos may be mailed to The Catholic Register, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg PA 16648. Digital images, in the jpeg format may be sent to tstein@dioceseaj.org or to btomaselli@dioceseaj.org.

Now Showing

Earnest And Riveting, 'Free State Of Jones' Is Good Cinema

By John P. McCarthy
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) — The ambitious historical drama "Free State of Jones" (STX) considers a little-known aspect of the Civil War: armed dissent within the South born of opposition to how the war was being conducted and to the principal reason it began.

Earnest and frequently riveting, the movie revolves around Newton Knight, the Mississippi farmer who led a group of runaway slaves and fellow army deserters in a guerrilla campaign against the Confederacy. It also looks at the tumultuous early years of Reconstruction and traces the bitter legacy of slavery and racial segregation into the middle of the 20th century.

Although the material is

complex and often harsh, "Free State of Jones" is suitable for mature adolescents. It ought to kindle (or reignite) awareness that precisely because racism in America is an issue fraught with pain and controversy, it warrants responsible treatment in myriad formats. One truth animates this particular effort, written and directed by Gary Ross: the absolute immorality of slavery, plainly expressed through a recitation of the biblical proscription against buying or selling any "child of God."

Matthew McConaughey is charismatic as Knight, a hero possessing the attributes of an inspirational preacher, brave civil rights activist, and sanguine militiaman. The role gives McConaughey ample opportunity to orate and emote, and he does so with a bridled gusto that proves durable and affecting.

Knight is working as a battlefield medic when his 14-year-old nephew is killed. Already bristling at the war's inequities -- in particular the law exempting the sons of wealthy planters from fighting based on the number of slaves their families own -- he deserts.

Back home in Jones County in southeast Mississippi, he sees the degree to which the army exploits the women and children who remain on small farms.

After helping several resist the confiscation of their crops, livestock and provisions, he's forced to flee and with the help of a handful of runaway slaves takes refuge deep inside local swampland. As the war rages, more and more Confederate soldiers -- unwilling to die fighting "a rich man's war" -- go AWOL. Scores from Jones County and environs join Knight. Using the swamp to evade capture, the Knight Company lashes out against the army and plantation owners. Knight becomes a Robin Hood figure who denounces slavery and, in effect, fights for the Union against the South.

After the war, he champions the right of blacks to vote and pushes back against efforts to circumvent the Emancipation Proclamation. Several times during the main action, which takes place between 1862 and 1878, the movie flashes forward to the 1948 trial of Knight's great grandson, Davis Knight (Brian Lee Franklin), who was prosecuted for violating Mississippi's laws against mix-race marriage.



CNS Photo/STX Entertainment

FREE STATE OF JONES: Matthew McConaughey and Jacob Lofland star in a scene from the movie "Free State of Jones." The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian

Many viewers will be unable to overlook two blots on Knight's moral character. The first is his savage murder of a Confederate officer, inside a church no less. The second concerns his personal life. When he goes on the lam, his wife, Serena (Keri Russell), has little choice but to leave Mississippi with their son. A slave named Rachel (Gugu Mbatha-Raw), who once saved his son's life and who helped Knight when he first fled into the swamp, becomes his common-law wife. They have a son together and when Serena and her boy return at war's end, they all live together on the same parcel of land.

Filmmaker Ross ("Seabiscuit," "The Hunger Games") spent a decade researching the project and consulting with various scholars. He painstakingly provides historical context using screen titles and other slightly less obvious guideposts, which

can give the movie a lumbering feel. There's a sense that every emotional reaction and cognitive response has been calculated in an attempt to craft a rousing, informative Hollywood narrative. That said, the picture hangs together seamlessly enough, and the production values are uniformly good, with first-rate cinematography, music and design work giving it a subdued aura of realism and authenticity.

The film contains frequent graphic war violence including some grisly images, several hangings, the brutal execution of a wounded soldier, off-camera sexual exploitation of a woman, many racial epithets, and one use of crude and one of crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

Upcoming guests on "Keeping The Faith," Bishop Mark L. Bartchak's segment of "Proclaim!" will include:

July 17 - - Bill Haner of Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College and Cody Kelly of Saint Mary Parish in Altoona, both recent honorees of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, share their stories of service to others.

July 24 - - In honor of the Year of Mercy, Dorothy Baron and Susan Rumpf, members of Most Holy Trinity Parish in Huntingdon, discuss their works of mercy through their parish conference of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society.

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**Sister M. Martina Morgan
O.S.F.**

Sister Mary Martina Morgan, former superior general of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Glasgow, Scotland, died Saturday, June 18 in Glasgow. She was 88, and was in the 64th year of her religious profession.

From 1977 - 1990, Sister Mary Martina ministered in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown, at Saint Thomas the Apostle School in Bedford, and in Altoona at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School in Altoona. She left the Diocese upon being elected to head her religious community.

The Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Martina Morgan O.S.F. was celebrated Friday, June 24 at Saint Teresa Church, Glasgow. Committal was at Saint Peter Cemetery, Dalbeth.

**Sister Madeleine Merritt
I.H.M.**

Sister Madeleine Merritt, of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary died Saturday, June 25, at Our Lady of Peace Residence in Scranton. She was 87.

The former Margaret Edna Merritt was born February 10, 1929, in Providence RI, the daughter of the late Raymond and Mary (Donahue) Merritt. She entered the Immaculate



Heart Congregation on September 7, 1947, and made her temporary profession of vows on May 8, 1950, and her final profession of vows on August 2, 1953.

Sister Madeleine served locally at Saint Bernard Elementary School in Hastings, from 1963 to 1969.

From 2015 until the time of her death, Sister Madeleine served as a prayer minister at

Our Lady of Peace Residence.

She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in education and a Master of Science degree in religious education from Marywood College, Scranton.

She is survived by a sister, Rita Carbon of Cumberland RI; a niece, Kathleen Keaney of Norton MA; and nieces and nephews. She is also survived by the members of the Immaculate Heart Congregation.

The Funeral Mass for Sister Madeleine Merritt I.H.M. was celebrated Wednesday, June 29, in the chapel of Our Lady of Peace Residence. Committal was at Saint Catherine Cemetery, Moscow.

Memorial contributions to support the retired Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters may be made to I.H.M. Center, 2300 Adams Avenue, Scranton PA 18509.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.



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83rd Annual Reunion
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7:00 - 10:00 The Boomers
8:00 - 10:00 Gordy Haluska (Gym-Beer & Wine Sales)

Saturday 5:00 - 7:00 The Rhythm Masters
7:00 - 10:00 The Three of Hearts (Lower stage)
7:00 - 10:00 Denise Baldwin (Gym)
5:00 - 10:00 Gym Beer & Wine Sales

Sunday 12:30 - 3:00 The Irish Pretenders
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Bishop Cites Men And Women Of Faith As 'Witnesses To Freedom' At Fortnight Prayer Service

By Msgr. Timothy P. Stein

"Witnesses To Freedom" was the theme of this year's Fortnight For Freedom observance, and from a list of 15 individuals and groups listed in the worship aid at a Thursday, June 23 Prayer For Liberty Holy Hour at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak cited three as special examples of what he called "the heart of religious freedom: a solemn duty - - and obligation - - to proclaim the gospel of Jesus everywhere and at all times; to make Christ real and present to people."

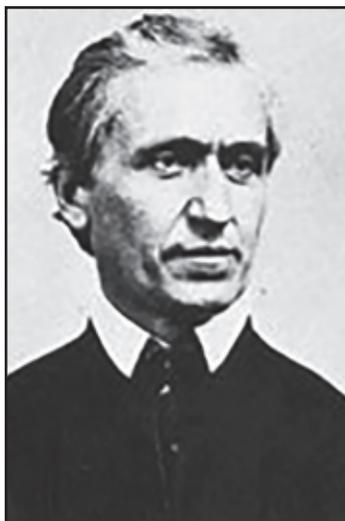
The three that Bishop Mark focused on his homily were:

- - Jesuit Father John Bapst;
- - Venerable Henriette DeLille;
- - Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin.

"They were people of faith," Bishop Mark stated, "and for people of faith, nothing is impossible if we have faith the size of a mustard seed.

"Faith," he said "is not just our holding on to God. It is God holding on to us, and He will never let us go.

"And in His never letting go, you and I are most free," said the Bishop to the approximately 25 worshippers who took part in the annual event.



**JESUIT FATHER
JOHN BAPST**

Jesuit Father John Bapst (1815 - 1887) came to the United States from Switzerland in 1848 and was assigned to serve as a missionary to Native Americans in Maine. He was later assigned to a large pastoral charge where he came up against the anti-Catholic bias of the public school board in the town of Ellsworth. He protested the forcing of a Protestant translation of the Bible on Catholic children. When he moved to Bangor, the Ellsworth town council passed a resolution threatening him with bodily harm if he should ever return. When he did visit Ellsworth he was kidnapped, stripped, beaten, tarred and feathered and left for dead. Eventually, he was restored to



**VENERABLE HENRIETTE
DELILLE**

health and became the first president of Boston College. The attack on Father Bapst was met with outrage by Catholics and Protestants, with many Protestants eventually acknowledging him as "a devoted disciple of Jesus Christ," said Bishop Mark.

Venerable Henriette DeLille (1813 - 1862) was a New Orleans born free woman of color who "with immense love and courage," stood up against the evils of slavery, and who worked to share the faith with others of African-American descent, and to provide them with access to education and health care. She was joined in her efforts by other African-American women and founded the Association of the Holy Family, which even-



**SERVANT OF GOD
DEMETRIUS GALLITZIN**

tually became a community of religious Sisters, even though Henriette's efforts were opposed by some in the Church, who did not approve of her work to affirm "the God-given dignity of persons of African-American descent," the Bishop explained, adding "In the midst of struggle, Henriette persevered."

Servant Of God Demetrius Gallitzin (1770 - 1840) "is someone you already know," Bishop Mark told the congregation. "He gave up a life of wealth and opportunity in Europe to come to these Allegheny Mountains as an evangelizer, missionary and pastor." Bishop Mark noted that Father Gallitzin found time in his busy life to publish several tracts in defense

of the Catholic faith. Said the Bishop "One of the amazing things about his witness to religious freedom is the way in which Father Gallitzin upheld the human dignity of others, even when they were his detractors. This is reflected in a quote from one of these defenses he published:

"Whatever differences on points of doctrine may exist amongst the different denominations of Christians, all should be united in the bonds of charity, all should pray for one another, all should be willing to assist one another; and, where we are compelled to disapprove of our neighbor's doctrine, let our disapprobation fall upon his doctrine only, not upon his person."

"Charity toward all, praying for and assisting one another are works of mercy," Bishop Mark concluded.

Bishop Mark reflected "It's hard to comprehend what it takes to be courageous and bold like John Bapst, Henriette DeLille, or Demetrius Gallitzin, as they experienced public ridicule, opposition, danger, or persecution.

"But what I do know is that they were all people of faith.

"Hopefully, their stories might inspire us in our attention to religious freedom in the context of our present circumstances."

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