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Prince Gallitzin Cross Awards

Bishop Says Diocese Blessed To Have People Who Continue To Display Father Gallitzin's Spirit

Photo And Text
By Bruce A. Tomaselli

Today as Christians and Catholics we face many difficult circumstances. "Prince Gallitzin had challenges in his life," reminded Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, "but he did not run from them. He always understood his priorities and stayed on the path of discipleship." He said this is not a time when we should run away from challenges we face in view of certain circumstances.

The Bishop was pleased as he looked out over the crowd of people that filled the Calvin House in Duncansville to celebrate the 2016 Prince Gallitzin Cross Award recipients. The event took place on Saturday, June 4.

Ten persons were presented the award for the "spreading of the Gospel in word and deed like modern - day 'Apostles of the Alleghenies,'" said the Bishop.

The winners are:

Paula Clemens, a member of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. She is a Liturgical minister, launders altar linens, and is the director of the Cathedral's funeral luncheon ministry, among other services.



PRINCE GALLITZIN CROSS AWARD: Ten persons received the Prince Gallitzin Award at a banquet held Saturday, June 4 at the Calvin House in Duncansville. They are (left to right) First row: Andrew and Katharine Solomon, Christine and Steven Stoner, Mary Burgoon. Second row: Viola T. Najjar, Paula Clemens, Clement Durachko, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, Stanko P. Popich, and William Lingle.

Clement P. Durachko is a life - long member of Queen of Archangels Parish (formerly Saint Michael Parish) in Clarence. Among other ministries, Clement is a Sacristan, Altar Server, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, and Lector. He also gives generously of his professional skills as a plumber.

William Lingle is a member of Holy Spirit Parish in Lock Haven. He is chairman of the

Parish Finance Council, school Finance Council, co - chairperson of the Expansion Committee for Lock Haven Catholic School, and is an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.

Mary Burgoon is a member of Saint Mary Parish in Holidaysburg. Mary has served in many capacities. She has been a religious education teacher to special needs high school student, is a founding member of

the Cursillo apostolate, an active participant in the Rite of Christian Initiation, and is an associate member of the Sisters of Mercy. She's been active in many other ministries in her faith community and community at large, too numerous to mention.

Andrew and Katharine Solomon are members of Transfiguration Parish in Conemaugh. Their ministries involve them in parish council, finance council,

religious education, fundraisers, and charitable activities. Andrew is an active member of the Knights of Columbus and serves on the board of directors of the diocesan Knights Seminarian Education Fund, while Katharine has served as president of the Ladies' Columbian Circle.

Viola T. Najjar is a member of Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown. She serves as an altar server, lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, assists at daily and weekend Liturgies and at Funeral Masses. She works behind the scenes with the Christian Life and Service Group, among several other ministries.

Stanko P. Popich is a life-long member of Saint Mary parish in Nanty Glo, and has been active there his entire life. He is a choir member and cantor, lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, altar server, member of the parish Liturgy Committee and a member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, among many other activities.

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SAINT JOSEPH, WILLIAMSBURG: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Joseph Parish, Williamsburg, were (left to right) Father Matthew Reese (pastor), John Sukala III, Tanner Refner, Evan Zehner and Ricci Michelone (catechist).



SAINT JOHN GUALBERT: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown were (left to right) First row: Alexandra Mock, Gracie Dixon, Summer Leckey, Hayleigh Rietscha, Darik Elliot. Second row: Father James Crookston (rector), Carlie Jezeskie, Zachary King, Joan Cammarata. Third row: Heather Jezeskie, Jenna Paratore, Nancy Sottile and Karen Fink.



SAINT BARTHOLOMEW MAY CROWNING: May Crowning was held Sunday, May 1 at Saint Bartholomew Parish, Wimore. Crowning Mary was Alexis Korin (right) and the attendant was Victoria Spaid.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Altoona, celebrated Confirmation on Wednesday, March 30, and First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 1. Pictured above are (left to right) Lauren Betar, Riley DeVecchis, Kayla Van Ormer, Connor McCloskey, Scott Meintel, David Luther, Patryk Donnelly and Father David Rizzo (pastor). Kim DeVecchis is director of religious education, and Jordan Luther was the catechist. Pictured below are (left to right) First row: Vincenzo Figurelle, Sadie Steiner, Annalyse Yost, Zoe Podelco, Erinn Wertz, Dominick DeVecchis. Second row: Father Rizzo and Cindy Shuma (catechist).

Community

Cereal Collection

Altoona: For many years, Judy Savine, a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish has collected cereal to benefit

children through the Saint Vincent DePaul Society Food Pantry.

Throughout the school year, students from Catholic and non-Catholic schools in Blair County assist greatly in the collection. The donations drop dramatically during the summer months when school is not in session.

As a way to fill that void, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak has once again requested that each parish in Blair County sponsor a cereal collection at all Masses on Father's Day weekend, June 18 - 19.

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OUR LADY, QUEEN OF ANGELS: Our Lady, Queen Of Angels Parish, Central City, celebrated Confirmation Sunday, May 1. Pictured are (left to right) Christopher Mabon, Machala Gibbons, John Mauer, Alexis Medva, Myah Koleszarik and Mitchel Napora. Father Aron Maghsoudi is administrator.



SAINT STEPHEN: First Holy Communion was celebrated Saturday, May 7 at Saint Stephen Parish, McConnellsburg. Taking part were (left to right) Finn Lorson, Father Matthew Baum (administrator), Carter Elbin and Suzanne Elbin (catechist).



SAINT ANDREW: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Andrew Parish, Johnstown were (left to right) First row: Lexia Sanders, Madison Roman, Carson Brotz, Van Gontkovic, Leanna Matse, Kaitlyn Hillegass, Samantha Oswalt, Mario Hunt, Cate Baumgardner, Baylee Karcher. Second row: Deborah Hite (teacher), Donald Hillegass and Stashu Matse (altar servers), John Thompson, Jacob Stutzman, Jesse Miller, Arlene Seesholtz (catechist) and Father Angelo Patti (pastor).



HOLY SPIRIT: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Holy Spirit Parish, Lock Haven on Saturday, April 30, were (left to right) First row: Joseph McCluskey Jr., Remington Veltri, Lucille Engel, Jaggar Pardoe. Second row: Hunter Fisher, Ryleigh Sox, Vivian Hale, Kendall Veltri, Thomas Klopp, Deacon Calving Young. Third row: Father Joseph Orr (pastor), Frank Wolyniec IV, Dane Hanna, Elizabeth Nestor, Grace Hanson, Vivian Wilt, Mario Serafini, Fourth row: Deacon Philip Gibson.

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Individuals may also drop off cereal donations at the pantry throughout the summer or contact Savine at (814) 931 - 4919.

Family Life

Mass For Healing

Ebensburg: The Family Life Office of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese is sponsoring a Mass with Bishop Mark L. Barchak for people who are experiencing the heartbreak of infertility, miscarriage and early infant death recently or in the past.

The Mass will be held Thursday, July 14, at 6:30 pm at Holy Name Church, 500 North Julian Street.

A light reception will follow the Mass in the church narthex.

Contact Family Life at (814) 886 - 5551; email family-life@dioceseaj.org.

Parishes

Retreat

Altoona: The Christian Mothers & LCBA of Saint Mary Parish held a retreat Friday May 13 and Saturday, May 14 at the

parish camp in Pincroft. The theme of the retreat was "Growing in a Year of Mercy."

The retreat opened on Friday afternoon with games and refreshments. At mid - afternoon, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy was recited. Sister Linda LaMagna of the Carmelite Community of the Word gave a talk on the power and need for forgiveness.

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Point Of View

Sitting with a friend one day at lunch, I listened to her heart-felt concerns regarding making a huge decision about her life. As she shared with me all of the questions of her heart, the associated practical concerns, the multitude of opinions and suggestions from others she asked my advice. I added, "Since you have done all of your research, I guess all you can do now is pray about it!" As quickly as she nodded in acknowledgement of my response a sudden and firm conviction began to rise deeply in my heart. Yes, the Holy Spirit lovingly corrected me at length with the following conviction. "What do you mean all she can do now is pray about it? Praying is not a second hand option to do after everything else is exhausted. Prayer must be the first option. Please always guide people towards me first when they come to you with difficulties. The world has so many questions and I am the one who desires to answer them." I felt guilty as charged.

I can honestly admit the Holy Spirit conviction that day at lunch not only hit hard for this particular moment of consolation between friends but the Holy Spirit's correction sank much deeper into the recesses of my very own soul.

My scenario goes something like this - When a decision needs to be made, my mind gets caught up in a whirlwind of spinning questions. What should I do? What is the best decision to make? What would they think of me? Will my children be



Family Matters

By Amy Kanich

All You Can Do Is Pray About It

okay? Will my husband agree? And after my mind is exhausted from this flurry of activity, I pick up the phone and seek guidance from my family and friends. I find myself asking them the following questions... What do you think? What would you do in this situation? Can you help me think this through? After those conversations are checked off my list, I pick up my cell phone to search the internet attempting to Google the answer, even to the point of considering what complete strangers have done in similar situations. I pace the floors. I zone out. I worry. I fret and then after exhausting all other sources, I pray. Yes, and then, only then, after I completed my wheel of crazy frenziness of questioning, I step off for a moment and pray!!!

I have never remembered reading of any account of Jesus in the Gospels ever putting Himself through this hamster wheel of questioning to obtain an answer to the questions of life. Yes, I know He was God and probably had all of the answers but I also know He was human and because of this He also probably had a question or two about the His journey ahead. No, Jesus never paced the mud filled streets of Naza-

areth, wringing his hands to find an answer to His questions. Jesus never sought out His friends asking for their advice and He never relied on the sources of the world to answer the questions of His heart. Jesus did one thing, the most important thing, He prayed. He prayed. He prayed and prayed. Prayer was never an afterthought. Prayer was not His last resort. Jesus considered prayer the only option and because of this Jesus was able to walk confidently the path ahead.

While Googling the internet one day probably looking for an answer to my head full of questions I came across a profound reflection, "Thinking about your problems. Talking about your problems. Is NOT the same as Praying about your problems." Guilty as charged a third time. Yes, we will always earnestly seek the answers to the questions of life ut the first source we go to find them does matter. Prayer should never be our last option; it should always be our first. Perhaps when we intentionally take the time to step off the noisy wheel of restless questions, we can still ourselves to hear the voice of God within, the very voice that will provide all the answers we need.

Blessings!



Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
You're Invited!

Have you heard?

The Catholic Register is going on a Holy Year of Mercy pilgrimage to Italy, and you're invited!

Since announcing this trip in January, interest has been running high, and with good reason. Our pilgrimage will find us in Rome on Sunday, September 4, the day that the beloved Mother Teresa will be canonized. I cannot imagine anything more wonderful, than to be there to witness the canonization of a new Saint. It is always an incredible experience to be in Saint Peter's Square, and to look around at the crowds and to see at first - hand how truly universal our Catholic Church is. I am sure that on that September Sunday we will see crowds like we have never seen before, with people drawn from all four corners of the globe, coming together to celebrate the sanctity of this great servant of the poorest of the poor. This is an event that you will not want to miss.

Before we arrive in Rome, our pilgrimage will be visiting other Italian cities, starting with Pisa, the fabled home of the Leaning Tower. We will spend two nights in the near vicinity of Florence, and then have two nights in Assisi. This is a part of the pilgrimage that I am particularly looking forward. I have been to Assisi several times, but I have never spent the night there. Assisi is a town that draws you in with its palpable feeling of holiness, as you walk the same streets that Saint Francis and Saint Clare once walked. I cannot wait to actually sleep in that blessed town and to really and truly feel at home there for the space of those 48 hours. As we travel on, visiting the shrine of Saint Catherine in Siena, and the hilltop city of Orvieto where a great Eucharistic miracle is remembered, I expect that we will all feel as if we were flying on angels' wings by the time we get to Rome.

And what can I tell you of Rome and of the wonders that await you, there? You will encounter shrines on literally every corner of the city, shrines ranging from great churches to simple statues or pictures affixed to a wall. You will see the ruins of Imperial Rome, and rising from those ruins the churches that were built in their place. A thought that will come to mind as you gaze upon the Forum or the Colosseum will be "Sic transit gloria mundi" - - "so passes the glory of the world" - - words once used at the Papal coronation Mass, and a potent reminder that while earthly splendors pass, the Kingdom of God will endure. The sights and sounds of Rome will remind you of all of this.

And of course, in Rome, we will see our Holy Father, Pope Francis. On previous visits to Rome I have seen Saint Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. I came within arm's length of Pope Francis on my last visit. No matter how stoic you might be, I guarantee you will feel a shiver of excitement when you find yourself in the presence of the Pope, the Vicar of Christ.

Every pilgrimage I have made to Rome reminds me of each of my previous pilgrimages to the Eternal City. I first went there in 1985 with my father, and returned there eight years later with both my parents. I had the wonderful privilege on that trip of going with Mom and Dad to Pope John Paul II's private morning Mass in the Apostolic Palace, and then introducing them to the Holy Father at an audience after Mass. Photos from that encounter adorn the walls of my Register office. It was the proudest and happiest moment of my life.

My last pilgrimage to Rome was in October 2014, when I traveled with my best friend, Father Barry Baroni. It was a trip we had long anticipated, and we enjoyed every moment of our time there, together. When Father Barry died the following August, I was grateful that we had been able to be in Rome together, and to celebrate Mass at so many special places. Like my trip with Mom and Dad, it's a memory I'll long treasure.

I cordially invite you to come with me to Rome in September, to make some beautiful memories of your own. The graces of a Holy Year pilgrimage will be yours as you pass through the Holy Doors at the four Major Basilicas. Those are graces you can share with the folks at home. And while you're at it, you can invite them to come along! We'd love to have you all travel with us!

Plans Being Finalized For Johnstown Quadrant Catholic Elementary School

Name Will Commemorate Year Of Mercy; Middle School Site To Be At Bishop McCort

The Regional Board of the Johnstown quadrant is continuing to finalize plans for Catholic education in Johnstown beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. As previously announced, the four current Catholic schools – Cathedral Catholic Academy, Our Mother of Sorrows School, Saint Andrew School, and Saint Benedict School – closed as parish-based schools at the end of this academic year, and a new regional school will open for students in grades pre-k through eight. In honor of this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the new school will be named Divine Mercy Catholic Academy. The regional school will operate three campuses. Students in grades pre-k through six will attend classes at either the current Our Mother of Sorrows School building or the current Saint Benedict School site. A middle school campus for students in grades seven and eight will be located at Bishop McCort Catholic High School.

The original plan called for a middle school at the current Saint Andrew School

site, but after input from the Diocesan Finance Council, the Board decided that the McCort site presented a better opportunity. The Board believes that the Bishop McCort building, which is already well-equipped for science and technology, can better accommodate students, thus avoiding tuition increases to pay for upgrades at the current Saint Andrew School building. A significant tuition increase could make the cost of Catholic education out of reach for many families. The new middle school curriculum and the administration team previously announced will remain the same.

Tuition for Divine Mercy Catholic Academy students (grades kindergarten through eight) will be \$2,450 per year for Catholic students and \$4,800 per year for non-Catholic students, along with the \$800 per family fundraising requirement and a comprehensive fee of \$125.

Parents are being invited to informational meetings with the pastors of the four current schools and an open house at Bishop McCort Catholic High School.

Catholic schools in the Altoona and Johnstown quadrants are facing declining enrollment and rising costs, thus placing a great financial burden on parishes. Regionalization in those areas is part of an effort by Bishop Mark Bartchak to ensure that Catholic education remains available, accessible, and affordable in Altoona and Johnstown for years to come.



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BENEDICTINE DEACON: Brother Canice McMullen (center) a native of State College and a Benedictine monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, was ordained a deacon Saturday, May 28 by Bishop Edward C. Malesic of Greensburg (right), at the Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica. They are pictured with Saint Vincent's Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki. Brother Canice (Daniel) is the son of Craig and Ruth McMullen of State College. He is a 2006 graduate of State College Area High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Pennsylvania State University in 2010. He entered the novitiate at Saint Vincent Archabbey in 2010 and made simple profession of vows in 2011. He began studies at Saint Vincent Seminary in 2011.



RELICS VENERATED: The relics of Saint Maximilian Kolbe were venerated at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Johnstown, the weekend of May 14 and 15, as the Church celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost. Conventual Franciscan Father Anthony Francis Spilka is pictured (above) with a portrait of the Saint and the reliquary containing hairs from Saint Maximilian's beard. At left he is shown presenting the relic for veneration by a young parishioner. Saint Maximilian Kolbe was a Conventual Franciscan Friar born in Poland in 1894. He died as a martyr in the Auschwitz Concentration Camp on August 14, 1941 and was canonized in 1982.



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MOST HOLY TRINITY, HUNTINGDON: Celebrating Confirmation at Most Holy Trinity Parish, Huntingdon were (left to right) First row: Alyssa Podrasky, Kendall Hudy, Kathleen Colton, Samantha Roth. Second row: Trevor Frederick, Jonathan Cunningham, Andrew Watson, Michael Dell - Heaton and Deacon Kevin Nester.

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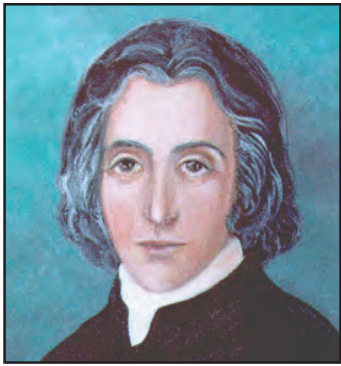
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Sometimes Sainthood Means Biting Your Tongue, Says Pope

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Holiness doesn't depend on superhuman powers, but rather demands a heart filled with courage, hope and grace that strives for conversion each and every

day, Pope Francis said at his morning Mass.

In fact, holiness is reached by taking tiny steps, like biting your tongue every time there is the urge to gossip or demean somebody, he said May 24 during the Mass in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

"Bite your tongue a little. Your tongue will swell up a bit,

but your spirit will be holier," the pope said.

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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"Holiness is a journey. Holiness cannot be bought, it is not sold" and it is not given away as a reward, he said. It is "walking in God's presence in an irreproachable way."

Every person is responsible for striking out on a path of holiness, he said. "I have to do it, someone else can't do it in my name. I can pray for someone else to be a saint, but he has to take that path, not me."

This journey first demands courage, "the courage to move forward," he said.

That courage is inspired by hope -- the hope "in an encounter with Jesus."

However, people cannot live holy lives on their own. "It


is a grace of God and we must ask for it" and be open to receiving it, he said.

Christians must not conform themselves to the world, but must "change one's own heart from within -- in an ongoing, daily intense activity within."

The process of conversion requires small concrete steps, he said. For example, "If you are able to not speak badly about someone else, you are on the right path for becoming a saint. It's that easy."

Tackle the little things and "don't turn back, always move forward" with hope and strength, he said.


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The Catholic Register is happy to be sponsoring a special pilgrimage to Rome and other holy shrines in Italy during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. I look forward to welcoming you to this holy journey, and praying with you at the sites that are so special to our life of faith.

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Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
Editor



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The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis
**God Has A Weakness
 For Humble Hearts**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- While the prayer of a proud person isn't strong enough to reach God's heart, the prayer of a humble and contrite heart is capable of opening wide the door to his mercy and love, Pope Francis said.

"God has one weakness: He has a weakness for the humble ones. In front of a humble heart, God opens his heart fully," the pope said June 1 during his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square.

The pope continued his catechetical series on prayer, focusing on Jesus' parable of the Pharisee, who prayed with arrogance of his own assumed righteousness, and the tax collector, who would "not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'"

The Pharisee "prayed to himself," and his prayer was a display of his own merits and sense of superiority disguised as a "prayer of thanksgiving toward God," the pope said.

"Instead of having the Lord in front of his eyes, he had a mirror," he said. "His attitude and his words are far from the way to act and speak to God, who loves all men and women and does not reject the sinner. This one rejects the sinner; he even points to the (tax collector) who was there."

Jesus' parable, he continued, is a reminder for all Christians that it is not enough to "ask ourselves how much we pray, but we must also ask ourselves how we pray." Although life may run at a frantic pace, the tax collector's humble prayer shows "the value of intimacy and silence" which "allows God to meet us and speak to us."

After inviting the 15,000 pilgrims gathered in the square to recite the tax collector's prayer three times, Pope Francis told them the parable teaches the valuable lesson that a person is determined to be just or a sinner not by their social standing, but by his or her relationship with God and neighbor.

"If the Pharisee did not ask for anything because he already had everything, the tax collector can only beg for God's mercy. And this is beautiful: to beg for God's mercy. In presenting his 'empty hands,' with his naked heart and recognizing himself as a sinner, the tax collector shows us all the necessary conditions to receive God's forgiveness," he said.

As the tax collector is an image of a true believer, he added, so is the Pharisee an "image of the corrupt one who pretends to pray" and in exulting his own good deeds delivers an empty prayer that distances him from God and from others.

"If God prefers humility, it is not to debase ourselves. Humility is rather the necessary condition in order to be raised up by him so as to experience the mercy that comes to fill our emptiness," the pope said.



ONE MORE TIME: An undated photograph shows members of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish in Windber carrying a statue of the Saint in procession on his June 13 feast day.

In 2003, my wife and I had been married for 29 years when we wrote a column on marriage that offered tips for newlyweds.

Remember, we wrote, that the sacrament is called "marriage," not "wedding." Also, continue to transform your wedding day promises into everyday compromises. Be fiscally prudent. Avoid being a "shopaholic" or a miser. When the hard times arrive, be on the same team. Make it "us against them."

Keep in mind that thoughtfulness and generosity remain the keys to happy romance. Don't hesitate to get professional help (for your car, your health or your marriage).

Also important is praying for each and praying with each other. Stay friends, we said, and laugh whenever possible but never at the expense of another, especially your spouse. Celebrate your anniversary! One year is a big deal. And, finally, don't eat the top tier of the wedding cake that has been in the freezer for a year. Ick.

Then later in 2009, a couple of months after our 35th anniversary, we wrote: We're not saying you don't already know these things, but, when you're tired, when you're frustrated, when you're angry -- and all those things happen to every husband and wife -- it can help to return to some of the basics.

Remember that you're not competitors. If one person "wins," both lose. Part of your



Your Family

By Bill Dodds
Marriage Advice That Lasts

role is graciously to help your spouse become a better person, and part is to accept your spouse's help graciously, to grow toward becoming the person God created each of you to be: his beautiful son or daughter.

Nagging is not gracious, and exactly who you think your spouse should be may not be who God created him or her to be.

Like a fire or a garden, marriage is a "living" thing. It

needs to be tended regularly and that takes deliberate effort. Left alone or ignored, it can turn into nothing but ashes or weeds, accompanied by the deep regret of what might have been.

Laugh with each other, not at each other. Pray with each other and for each other. Talk to each other every day of every week of every month of every year of every decade of every half century and more. At some point in the distant future, smile, shake your heads and offer a little advice when there's a new bride and groom in your family, your parish, your neighborhood or workplace.

Now, in 2016, the year of our 42nd anniversary, I look at those two lists and I think, "Yes, we got it right. Those are solid, practical suggestions."

And it comforts me to realize that even though Monica has died, over those many years we learned that a happy marriage is a bit of heaven on earth. We experienced that. And now I know that makes widowhood a bit of purgatory on earth. It's only temporary and it's nothing that a loved one in heaven can't fix.



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Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle Our Parish Is A Dictatorship

Q. Could you explain to me why Catholic parishes are run as dictatorships and are not democratic? Priests who act as dictators are driving young people to go to non-Catholic services or to quit altogether. Priests are 9-to-5 employees who do not earn their salary; if they were in the real world, many of them would be fired.

As parishioners, we do not have any say in how the parish is run, how parish revenue is spent or how much the priest should be paid. At parish council meetings, we spend a lot of time discussing issues, only to have the pastor veto what we had voted on. And rectories are being remodeled to look like palaces. I wish I could sign my name to this, but I fear my parish would suffer the consequences. (Wisconsin)

A. Let me take your litany of complaints one by one -- a list, by the way, which I needed to shorten to fit the limits of this column. First, you are right: The

Catholic Church is hierarchical, not democratic, and has been so since the time Jesus gave to Peter the heavy burden of primacy. That chain of command is reflected today, with the responsibility of leadership conferred on popes, bishops and pastors.

One reads with interest the sad saga of "trusteeism" in the 19th century church in America, when lay trustees held title to church property and assumed a host of other powers, including the hiring and firing of pastors. (One priest in Louisiana was beaten by ruffians with the tacit approval of parish trustees; among his "sins" was that he had approved distributing catechisms to blacks.)

At the same time, though -- and especially since the Second Vatican Council -- the church has been calling for an increased role for the laity in guiding the plans and programs of a parish, so a pastor's role should by no means be a "dictatorial" one.

If laypeople really "have no say" in how your parish is run,

that is an abuse and your grievance is valid. A lay finance council for each parish is mandated by canon law and helps to draw up the parish budget. Many parishes also have a parish council to address the pastoral and other administrative concerns.

As to rectories that "look like palaces," that, too, would be an abuse. Jesus said (in Matthew 25) that each of us will be judged finally by how we treated those in need, and Pope Francis said (at Christmas time in 2013) that, "In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it."

And last, as to a priest's schedule, I have been a pastor now for 24 years, the only priest assigned to a parish with 2,000 families and a school; and I can honestly say that an 11- or 12-hour workday is the norm, weekends included. So to your contention that priests are "9-to-5 employees," my only response is, "Where do I apply?"

Q. I am curious as to the church's definition of suicide and how it may apply to my situation. I am an 85-year-old male Catholic, and I have been diagnosed with third-stage kidney disease. When the disease progresses to the point of requiring dialysis, I do not want to undergo that treatment. (Baltimore)

A. The Catholic Church does not require a patient to undergo every medical procedure imaginable just to stay alive, particularly if that treatment might be excessively burdensome. It depends on someone's medical condition, the treatment itself and the prognosis.

In your case, dialysis would be considered an "extraordinary means" and would not be required. It would only prolong your life for a short period, and the risks might well exceed the benefits. If, on the other hand, a teenager with a kidney condition were in an auto accident and needed dialysis for a short period of time to transition back to relative health, that would be a different matter.



For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola Welcoming The Stranger With Familiar Food

Although I've purchased plenty of groceries in a lifetime, last week was the first time I searched for halal meat.

My Ignatian faith-sharing group is once again sponsoring a refugee family, and part of our welcome to them -- besides a furnished apartment, bus passes and friendship -- is a well-stocked kitchen. The resettlement agency, Lutheran Family Services, gave us an extensive grocery list, and I was tasked with the shopping. Included on the list for this Muslim family was halal lamb, beef and chicken.

When I was a kid growing up in Nebraska, I'd guess you couldn't have found halal meat in Omaha to save your life. Today, a Google search reveals plenty of places in this city that sell halal products, and several restaurants that prepare it. If you don't think the country is rapidly changing, check your local listings.

In case you don't know, "halal" is an Arabic word that means "permissible." The method of butchering is important -- God's name is invoked and very sharp knives make the process humane. The animal must be conscious, the throat slit. Pork and certain cuts like the hindquarters are not permissible. The animal must have been fed a natural diet without animal byproducts, and is bled dry, as Muslims do not eat blood.

If it sounds a lot like kosher meat, it is, and apparently some Muslims will purchase kosher in a pinch, a fact I found comforting.

I visited the only halal shop selling fresh meat -- the others all sold frozen. However, entering the store, I encountered two large meat cabinets, completely empty. Fresh meat, I was told by the young man behind the counter, arrived on Thursday. I was shopping on Monday.

But he did have some frozen chicken, so I left with one scrawny chicken and little information on where to go next. Google led me to a shop just a few miles from my house. This time, I called first to check availability.

When I arrived at the tiny store, a woman in a traditional head covering was chatting animatedly to the proprietor in a language I didn't recognize. When she left, I told him I was the person who had called needing halal meat for some friends.

After piling up ground beef, stew meat, and lamb on the counter, he looked at me -- into my blue Irish eyes -- and asked, "Your friends?"

Perhaps he couldn't imagine me going home to throw some halal lamb on the grill as I popped open a Guinness. I explained that I was buying food for some refugees, future friends. He nodded knowingly. Omaha has many refugees, although in some parts of town they're invisible.

He told me he was originally from Lebanon. "I've heard it's very beautiful there," I said, wanting to say something. "All of God's earth is beautiful," he replied. "It's what we do with it ..."

Before I left the store, I purchased some imported date cookies that had Arabic writing on the packaging. Perhaps the sight of a familiar pastry would be reassuring, I reasoned.

Later, I chuckled at how preposterous this sounded. If I were fleeing from a refugee camp where I'd been sequestered for two years to a country where I didn't speak the language, how much comfort would an Oreos offer?

Still, I realized, we do the little things we can. The cookies were an offering of hospitality and hope from my group to this family. When Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me," he didn't issue any big guidelines. He just asked us to try.

Anthony Of Padua
1195 - 1231
Feast - June 13



This doctor of the church was born in Lisbon, Portugal, and joined the Augustinians at age 15. In 1220 he entered the Franciscans to become an African missionary and was sent to Morocco. However, poor health forced his return to Europe and a storm at sea deposited him in Sicily. He traveled to Assisi, where his gift for preaching was recognized and put to use in Italy and France. St. Francis appointed him the order's first "lector in theology"; he also was the superior of several communities. Many believers seek his intercession when something is lost.

Ten Honored With Prince Gallitzin Cross

(Continued From Page 1.)

Steven and Christine Stoner are members of Saint Matthew Parish in Tyrone. They are heavily active in their parish and the community of Tyrone. They have assisted the Carmelite Community of the Word at Saint Matthew Convent, and volunteer in numerous parish ministries. Steve is instrumental in coordinating Liturgical decor of all seasons of the Church year, organizes coffee and donut Sunday's, and has assisted the Saint Matthew Home School Committee and Religious Education Committee. Chris is involved in many ministries, including the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and parish Bible studies.

Bishop Mark said in a

sense, the recipients of this award could be considered stay-at-home Catholics. They live out their Catholic lives without much fanfare within their families and faith communities.

"Prince Gallitzin was a homebody in Loretto," Bishop Mark said. "He ministered to the parishes he began in these Allegheny Mountains. He enjoyed being home."

We face many challenges in our daily lives just as these recipients do, the Bishop reminded. "One of the big challenges I faced after I was named Bishop of the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese, was developing vocations. I'm very happy that we have ordained two transitional deacons this year, who will go onto the priesthood next year.

"I asked Prince Gallitzin to

provide us with vocations and he continues to come through for all of us."

Bishop Mark reported that the cause for Prince Gallitzin's Sainthood continues to move along. He spoke with Father Luis F. Escalante, Roman Postulator for the Cause of Servant of God Demetrius Augustine Gal-

litzin in Rome, recently. Father Escalante will write the official document for the sainthood process.

Bishop Mark said that the cause for Prince Gallitzin is well known in Rome. After the confirmation of a miracle attributed to Prince Gallitzin's intercession, the Bishop feels Pope

Francis will put him on the fast track. "I would bet that upon confirmation of the miracle, The Holy Father will give Prince Gallitzin special attention."

To the recipients of the 2016 Prince Gallitzin Awards, he said, "you have my thanks and gratitude. We are blessed with your spirit of Prince Gallitzin."



SAINT MICHAEL: Saint Michael Parish, Saint Michael celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 1. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Calvin Blough, Adalynne Webb, Benjamin Penrod. Second row: Landon Fisher, Edward Raptosh, Caden Roberts, Colson Tokarsky. Third row: Laurie Sloan (director of religious education), Deacon David Hornick, Benedictine Father Bonaventure Curtis (sacramental minister) and Pauline Minor (catechist).



SENIOR SUNDAY: Saint Michael Parish, Saint Michael celebrated Senior Sunday Mass on April 24. All of the seniors were presented with The New Catholic Answer Bible blessed by Benedictine Father Bonaventure Curtis as a gift from the parish. Those that returned and completed their 12th grade year of Religious Education and requirements were also presented with an application for a \$300.00 Higher Education Grant awarded through Saint Michael parish. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Ian Wieczorek, Robert Bambino, Julia Gully, Alexandra Maurer, Shannon Kudlawiec and Isabella Yacicic. Second row: Laurie Sloan (director of religious education), Terri Leach (coordinator of religious education), Missy Burkardt (catechist). Third row: Anthony Hribar, Dominic Panick, Andrew Pinkas, Joel Barton, Erik Kudlawiec, Garrett Bunn and Nicholas Lineman. Seniors not pictured were Kathryn Jordan and Danielle Mickus. Three of the students -- Ian Wieczorek, Isabella Yacicic and Garrett Bunn -- were also presented with an additional \$250.00 REACH Service Award funded through The Community Foundation of the Alleghenies in recognition for having the most cumulative service time in the parish's REACH Youth Ministry Program.

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'Hidden Treasures' Honored By Catholic Charities

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William E. Haner Jr. has been active with the Saint Vincent DePaul Society and Meals on Wheels since 2000. He has served the Saint Vincent DePaul Society in State College as both president and vice-president, and manager of the thrift shop. At Meals on Wheels he has worked to develop endowments to meet the agency's future needs, expanded deliveries to five days a week instead of three, and recruited a new volunteer base.

Laura Housel began her involvement at Saint Thomas More Parish by organizing Vacation Bible School and a pre-school program. As the parish's director of religious education and youth ministry she has initiated many programs that involve young people reaching out to meet the needs of the less fortunate in their community, including clothing drives, and winter coat and mitten giveaway programs.

Eileen Bohensky was nominated for 15 years of service to Catholic prisoners incarcerated at facilities in the Diocese. She is the volunteer leader of the Catholic prison outreach program Prison Christian Growth Group, and visits five state prisons several times each month, as well as visiting prisons closer to home.

The youth award winners also represent a variety of interests and acts of mercy.

Cody Kelly was cited for many hours of volunteer ministry to the community and the parish, and was recognized in particular for his service with Dreams Go On Inc., a therapeutic horseback riding program for riders with emotional and/or physical challenges.

Nicole Fuschio, who was not present at the dinner, is active in school and community

service programs including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Windber Area Community Kitchen, the Somerset County Mobile Food Bank, the Goodwill Mentoring Program and Relay for Life. She is involved in children's liturgy ministry at her parish, and has shown particular care for her special needs aunt.

Bishop Mark said the types of service provided by the award winners and the staff of Catholic Charities "is where the Church best shines." Calling Catholic Charities "a gem for our Diocese and the communities it serves," the Bishop said the agency "has a stellar name. It is a true manifestation of God's love and mercy."

As Catholic Charities moves on from its 75th anniversary year, Johnstone said it the agency's Advisory Board will help it "take a new and revitalized look at what Catholic Charities is doing, developing a vision of hope for tomorrow - - and hopefully for until we hit 100 years.

"We are going to examine who we are, who we serve, what we do, where we do it and why we do it.

"This is not a challenge," Johnstone said, "but an opportunity for us to really say 'How can we best meet the needs of our eight counties? What is God leading us to do?'"

But she noted, the Annual Recognition Dinner is not a celebration of the accomplishments of Catholic Charities.

"Tonight is all about the men and women who carry out our mission of service - - the people who are the hidden treasures of our Diocese," Johnstone said.

"We honor tonight the silent, hidden, caring, passionate people of our Diocese," she added.



SAINT PATRICK, JOHNSTOWN: Saint Patrick Parish, Johnstown, celebrated First Holy Communion Sunday, May 8. Pictured are (top photo, left to right) First row: Donavin Clark, Chance Washington, Cohen Stahl, Nicholas Dressick, Anna Stofko (server). Second row: Father Walter Moll (pastor), Deacon Joseph Dalla Valle and Marge Sindleri (catechist). Confirmation was celebrated Sunday, May 15. Pictured below are (left to right) Barb Thiel (sponsor), Shelby Craig, Dora Duncan (director of religious education) and Father Moll.



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, DUDLEY: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Immaculate Conception Parish, Dudley, were (left to right) First row: Matthew Flasher, Madison Schenck, Tucker Straley. Second row: Julie Goodman (catechist), Cody Flasher, Father Matthew Baum (administrator) and Cyndy Maletta (director of religious education).



Two Saints Canonized

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)

-- Even in the midst of suffering and death, Christians can become witnesses of the resurrection and the power of God's compassion, Pope Francis said as he proclaimed two new saints.

In the Sunday Gospel reading, Jesus' raising of a young widow's child was not a magical performance but rather a reminder that he takes death upon himself to restore the suffering to new life, the pope said June 5.

"Jesus is no wizard! He is God's tenderness incarnate; the Father's immense compassion is at work in Jesus," the pope said.

At the beginning of the Mass in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis canonized St. Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad of Sweden, who re-founded the Bridgettine sisters in the early 1900s, and St. Stanislaus Papczynski of Poland, founder of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception.

Banners bearing the image of the two new saints hung from the facade of St. Peter's Basilica as some 40,000 people joined members of the two saints' religious orders for the outdoor Mass.

Born in Sweden in 1870 and baptized into the Lutheran Church, St. Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad had immigrated to the United States in 1886 to earn money for her family back home. After working as a nurse, she became a Catholic in 1902. Moving to Rome, she dedicated her life and her religious order to prayer and work for Christian unity. St. John Paul II beatified her in Rome in 2000.

In the 17th century, St. Stanislaus Papczynski founded the first Polish religious order of men at time of seemingly endless war, famine and disease when many Poles, especially soldiers, did not prepare themselves for death. The order promoted social justice and prayers for the dying while establishing clinics and shelters for the suffering.

Reflecting on the day's first reading and the Gospel, the pope noted that both dealt with "amazing signs of death and resurrection" involving the deaths of young children of widows "who were then given back alive to their mothers."

In the Gospel, Jesus asks a widow to give him her son as he sees her accompanying the body for burial. In doing so, the pope said, Jesus "takes our death upon himself to free us from it and to restore our life."

SAINT MICHAEL, HOLLIDAYSBURG: Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Hollidaysburg, celebrated First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 9 and Saturday, April 16, and Confirmation on Tuesday, April 5. Pictured in the top photo are (left to right) First row: Jacob Mellott, Rylan Carney, Luca Waibel, Adrian Diaz, Aaron Dively, Laila Panaro. Second row: Sophia Waibel, Bailey Stoehr, Clare Padamonsky, Lucy Hanlon, Noah Kirsch. Third row: Ben Zimmerman, Michael Waibel and Shaelyn Webber. Pictured in the middle photo are First row: Grace Long, Brody Duey, Leah Byrne, Rylee Foor, Kayla Hoang, Andrew Williams, Jesse Georgiana, Addison Lewis. Second row: Korbyn Horon, Ella Sheetz, Josh Banks, Blaise Nedostup, Nathaniel Zitzisperger, Braden Shaw, Jack Peterson. Third row: Eve Jessie, Nathan Trumbour, Violet Loya, Lauren Lehman, Bailey Henry and Lola Garner. Pictured in the bottom photo are First row: Ally Bihary, Maggie Nosek, Nick Nale, Jason Adams, Michael Elder, J.J. Collins, Reghan Fitch, Victoria Grigg, Dylan DiSabato, William Lozinak Gabriel Hayes. Second row: Corey Patterson, Lauren Montecalvo, Caitlyn Lieb, Clair Rhodes, Anna Hollingshead, Christian Kendziora, Adam Rosenbaum, Matt Hines, Noah Mincin. Third row: Devyn Yingling, Tyler Treese, Bronson Woodring, Cory Storm, Frank Montecalvo and Dillon Lance. Not pictured are Michael Epolito and Kyle Whitaker. Monsignor Stanley B. Carson is pastor.

In The Alleghenies

Prayer

Carmelite Novena

Loretto: The monthly Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Therese, the Little Flower, offered by the Discalced Carmelite Nuns, will open Wednesday, June 22 and end Thursday, June 30.

All intentions submitted to the Nuns will be remembered in the special Novena prayers following daily Mass in the monastery chapel.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is given every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and every First Friday of the month, followed by veneration of the relic of Saint Therese.

Those desiring to share in the graces and blessings of these nine days of prayer, and in the private prayers of the Carmelite Nuns are requested to send their petitions to Mother Prioress, Discalced Carmelite Monastery, P.O. Box 57, Loretto PA 15940.



SAINT MICHAEL, JOHNSTOWN: Alexis Holko has received her First Holy Communion at Saint Michael Parish, Johnstown. She is pictured with Father Anthony Petracca.



SAINTS CYRIL AND METHIDIUS: First Holy Communion was celebrated Saturday, April 30 at Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish, Windber. Taking part were (left to right) First row: Lilah Andrews, Nicholas Silvis. Second row: Violet Bunk (director of religious education) and Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Roderick Soha (pastor).

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Following her talk, Sister Linda led the women in centering prayer.

Mass was celebrated at the outdoor shrine altar by Monsignor Timothy P. Stein, pastor. The evening concluded with a home cooked meal and s'mores around the campfire.

Saturday morning the women heard a witness talk by Rita Kibler underscoring the power of mercy and the importance of reaching out to others. Josie Stitt, a parishioner and Blair County Garden Club member helped the retreatants identify native Pennsylvania plants.


Forty Hours

Dudley: Immaculate Conception Parish, and Saint Stephen Parish in McConnellsburg, will jointly hold a Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotion Tuesday through Thursday July 12 - 14.

Tuesday Night will include a 7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception. On Wednesday there will be a 7:00 p.m. Mass at Saint Stephen, and on Thursday Solemn Vespers followed by a Eucharistic Procession at 7:00 p.m. will be held at Immaculate Conception's Outdoor Shrine to Our Lady of the Broad Top.


Joining the celebration will be priests and deacons from throughout the Diocese. Each evening will include guest musicians and a guest homilist. Confessions will be heard each evening after the devotion. Adoration will take place from 1:30 p.m. until the service on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Adoration will be at Saint Stephen on Wednesday.

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Now Showing

'Alice' Feels Forced, Mechanical

By John P. McCarthy
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- The heroine of "Alice Through the Looking Glass" (Disney) is not Lewis Carroll's curious 7-year-old girl but rather an intrepid sea captain with an entrepreneurial streak.

A young woman who refuses to bend to the will of a patriarchal society, Alice overcomes obstacles in both the real world and the fantasy realm of Underland thanks to her courage, empathy and appetite for risk.

More compelling in theory than in practice, the central figure in this follow-up to Tim Burton's "Alice in Wonderland" (2010), does not contradict Carroll's vision so much as supplant it. Viewed through a decidedly contemporary prism, presumably to satisfy a modern insistence on gender equality, she conforms to present-day social,

political and cultural norms.

It's no wonder the resulting picture feels forced and mechanical.

Despite exciting visuals, a talented ensemble, and glittery costume and makeup designs, this 3-D fantasy-adventure is inert -- managing to feel audacious and tediously familiar at the same time. As for its suitability, there are enough frightening action sequences and examples of cruelty to render it inappropriate for young or impressionable children.

In the swashbuckling opening scene, Alice Kingsleigh (Mia Wasikowska) is at the helm of a ship named "Wonder," racing to elude pirates during a fierce storm. The vessel, we learn, belonged to her late father.

Upon returning to London, however -- the year is 1875 -- Alice learns that her former suitor, Lord Ascot (Leo Bill), owner of the rapacious shipping company for which she's been plying the

seas, will evict her mother from their home unless he can take possession of the "Wonder."

After receiving this ultimatum at the Ascot residence, Alice passes through a mirror into Underland, where she reunites with a gaggle of friends that includes the Cheshire Cat, the White Rabbit, as well as Tweedledee and Tweedledum.

Her pals are worried about the Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp), who has grown increasingly despondent over reports that his estranged family was killed by the Jabberwocky. Vowing to help Hatter find out precisely what befell his relations, Alice undertakes a dangerous mission that involves time travel and the pilfering of an essential device, the Chronosphere, from Time himself (Sacha Baron Cohen).

In the course of discovering what happened to the Hatters, Alice learns what caused the rift between the White (Anne Hathaway) and Red (Helena Bonham Carter) Queens. Evidently, the latter's enormous head and volatile temperament resulted from a traumatic brain injury, an event triggered by the surreptitious consumption of tarts.

After completing her task in Underland (and rousing the Hatter from his morbid depression), Alice re-emerges in Victorian London where she is promptly branded a hysteric and put in an insane asylum. Without the aid of magic, she must find a way to protect her father's legacy and ensure her mother's welfare. When last seen, Alice is embarking on a career that combines seafaring and commerce.

Tim Burton serves as producer but has handed over directorial duties to James Bobin. And so, while the movie has dark shadings, it's not overtly macabre. Nor is it satisfyingly warm and fuzzy, owing in large measure to the two lead performances.

Wasikowska is so adept at projecting stoicism, she keeps sympathy at bay. Alice's limited interaction with the animated creatures -- voiced by the late Alan Rickman, Michael Sheen, Stephen Fry and Toby Jones, among others -- doesn't soften that impression; and she's a formidable presence alongside



CNS Photo/Disney

ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS: Anne Hathaway, Johnny Depp and Mia Wasikowska star in a scene from the movie "Alice Through the Looking Glass." The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

the seasoned actors playing her live-action adversaries, namely Bonham Carter and Cohen (who, forgive the pun, gets more screen time than his role warrants).

Wasikowska's most significant hurdle is appearing opposite Mr. Depp's distractingly mannered Hatter -- a creepily simpering, elaborately painted, infantile figure. Anyone would come across stone-faced and emotively challenged next to this fey and feckless chap.

Adding to viewer fatigue, Depp keeps recycling the same character, with only minor variations, in film after film -- not even counting his Hatter from this franchise's original.

Screenwriter Linda Woolverton shapes Carroll's diffuse second book into a relatively sophisticated and fairly lucid story, yet doesn't adequately convey Carroll's fascination with logic and wordplay. As much as her script, and other aspects of the production, may gesture toward the bizarre and exotic, moreover, she cannot forgo inserting formulaic epigrams meant to con-

vey salubrious life lessons. It's unclear if they're being offered with any sincerity or conviction.

One has similar suspicions regarding the filmmakers' outlook. Do they think Carroll's foray into surreal fantasy and make-believe is consistent with a Christian worldview?

Could it be that a key image at the climax of "Alice Through the Looking Glass" -- namely, an obvious reference to Michelangelo's "Creation of Adam" on the Sistine Chapel ceiling -- has been included to counteract these niggling doubts? If so, it's unconvincing and only highlights how far this adaptation has drifted from its moorings.

The film contains frequent, moderately intense fantasy action, several instances of cruel behavior, and a couple of mild oaths. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

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

June 19 - - On this Father's Day, Deacon John Concannon and his daughter, Monica Kendera, join Bishop Mark to discuss their unique father - daughter relationship.

Sunday Mass Broadcast Live from the Cathedral of

the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona
10:00 a.m. WFBG Radio, 1290 AM

Sunday Mass Telecast

Live from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral
Downtown Johnstown
11 a.m. - Noon WATM - TV ABC Channel 23

Proclaim!

10:30 a.m.

A half - hour of local Church news and features

May They Rest In Peace



Sister M. Jeannine Parry I.H.M.

Sister Mary Jeannine Parry, of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary died on Monday, May 23, at Our Lady of Peace Residence in Scranton. She was 92.

She was born on January 10, 1924, in Pittston, and given the name Marion. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Rose Ann (Donahue) Parry. She entered the Immaculate Heart of Mary Congregation on September 8, 1941, and made her temporary profession of vows on May 8, 1944, and her final profession of vows on August 2, 1947.

In the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown, Sister Jeannine served as a teacher at Saint Mary School in Patton, from 1944 to 1945 and Saint John the Evangelist School in Bellefonte, from 1945 to 1948.

From 2012 until the time of her death, Sister Jeannine served as a prayer minister at Our Lady of Peace Residence in Scranton.

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

She was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph.

She is survived by two sisters, Sister M. Celeste I.H.M., of Scranton, and Rose Ann McGrath and husband, Paul, of Edgewater, FL; and nieces, grandnieces and grandnephews. She is also survived by the members of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Congregation.

The Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Jeannine Parry I.H.M. was celebrated Friday, May 27 in the chapel of Our Lady of Peace Residence, Scranton. Committal was at Saint Catherine Cemetery, Moscow.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 2300 Adams Avenue, Scranton PA, 18509.

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The Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown will join other dioceses around the country in observing a 14 - day period of education and prayer for our religious liberty.

The annual Fortnight for Freedom will once again be held Tuesday, June 21 through Monday, July 4. Sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the observance highlights the importance of defending our religious freedom.

In honor of the Fortnight, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will preside at a Holy Hour on Thursday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The Holy Hour will include Evening Prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, and a homily by the Bishop. All are

invited to join Bishop Mark and others in prayer before the Holy Eucharist.

This year's theme for the Fortnight is "Witnesses to Freedom." The USCCB is spotlighting 14 individuals or groups who bear witness to authentic freedom in Christ. Among them are the Little Sisters of the Poor, who sued the federal government following a mandate that would force the sisters to provide coverage of contraceptives and abortion-inducing drugs or face huge fines.

More information about Fortnight for Freedom 2016 is available on the Diocesan website at www.dioceseaj.org.



PRINCE OF PEACE: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Prince of Peace Parish, Northern Cambria on Sunday, May 1 were (top photo, left to right) First row: Shreey Delosh (catechist), Lukas Prasko, Stephanie Kirsch, Tyler McCreery, Emilee Depetro, Nathan Nelson. Second row: Dee Zernick (director of religious education), Matthew Allen, Julie Dumm, Alyssa Yahner, Lillian Statler, Olivia Stivanelli, Sadie Feighner and Father Larry Lacovic (pastor). Celebrating Confirmation were (bottom photo) First row: Lindsey Prasko, Alexis Franks, Caitlin Rippin, Jackie Barrett, Christopher Rippin, Nathan Dumm. Second row; Trent Franks, Jacob Prasko, Cassidy McCall, Elizabeth Shaffer, Bryan Shaffer and Christian Hoover (catechist).



July 15 is the deadline for submitting First Holy Communion, Confirmation, May Crowning and Graduation photos for publication.

Catholic Charities Celebrates Contributions Of 'Outstanding' People Serving Throughout Diocese

**Photo And Text
By Msgr. Timothy P. Stein**

"Tonight is all about celebrating outstanding men and women throughout the Diocese, who truly live out our mission of serving, informing and advocating for the least among us."

Jean Johnstone, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown spoke enthusiastically as she introduced the six winners of the Monsignor William M. Griffin Humanitarian Award and the two winners of the Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award at the agency's Annual Recognition Dinner held Wednesday, June 1 at the Altoona Grand Hotel.

The dinner, she said, gave those in attendance a chance to learn about the "exceptional work" of the award winners, who came from parishes throughout the eight counties of the Diocese.

Receiving the Monsignor William M. Griffin Humanitarian Award were:

- - Joyce Cunningham, Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Lakemont, Altoona;

- - Donna and George Wasilko, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Philipsburg;

- - William E. Haner Jr., Our Lady of Victory Parish, State College;



HONORED: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown honored six persons with the Monsignor William M. Griffin Humanitarian Award, and two young people with the Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award at the Annual Recognition Dinner held Wednesday, June 1 at the Altoona Grand Hotel. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Eileen Bohensky, Laura Housel, Donna and George Wasilko. Second row: Jean Johnstone (executive director, Catholic Charities), William E. Haner Jr., Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, Cody Kelly (Matthew 25 Award) and Joyce Cunningham. Not present at the dinner was Matthew 25 Award winner Nicole Fuschio.

- - Laura Housel, Saint Thomas More Parish, Roaring Spring;

- - Eileen Bohensky, Holy Family Parish, Hooversville.

Honored with the Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award were:

- - Cody Kelly, Saint Mary Parish, Altoona, a 12th grade student at Altoona Area High School;

- - Nicole Fuschio, Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Windber, a 12th grade student at Windber Area High School.

The Monsignor William M. Griffin Humanitarian Award is named for the first director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown, incorporated as a not - for - profit agency in 1940. The Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award

takes its name from the verse in the 25th chapter of Saint Matthew's gospel where Jesus says "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

"The process of selecting the award winners is one of the most satisfying duties of the members of the Advisory Board of Catholic Charities," said Fa-

ther Sean Code, board chairman.

The service provided by the awardees is indicative of "God's mercy reflected in the simple, daily acts of mercy that all of us can do," said Bishop Mark L. Bartchak prior to the presentation of the honors.

The awardees were recognized for actions that included feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and visiting prisoners.

Joyce Cunningham is a retired social worker who has been active for many years in Saint John the Evangelist's Samaritan Committee. She coordinates the parish's participation in the monthly "Love Feast," a free meal served to the general public at the Simpson - Temple United Parish in Altoona, and also works with Saint John's Second Sunday Food Collection for local food banks.

- - Donna and George Wasilko are active with the Back Pack Program at the Philipsburg YMCA which provides lunches to needy children in the Philipsburg - Osceola area; they help pack 300 lunches, and deliver them to the schools.

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