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Families Looking Forward To Opening Of Holy Trinity Catholic School

By Tony DeGol

Like all parents, Joe and Betsy Lehman want the best education for their children.

Their daughter, Lauren, and son, Joey, attended a private school until they decided to move the kids to Hollidaysburg Catholic School during this past academic year.

The switch was a success, and now the family is looking forward to yet another chapter – the new regional school in the Altoona quadrant.

Holy Trinity Catholic School will open in August.

Lauren will enter third grade, and Joey will be in second grade, both at the school's Hollidaysburg campus.

Joe, Betsy, Lauren, and Joey were among dozens of Holy Trinity families that attended an outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak on Sunday, June 5 at the Brush Mountain Sportsman Club in Altoona.

A picnic followed the Liturgy.

The gathering, designed to bid farewell to the old school year and celebrate the new regional school, showcased the enthusiasm and support for Catholic education.



SCHOOL SPIRIT: Lauren (left) and Joey Lehman (right) show off their t-shirts imprinted with the name and logo of their new school, Holy Trinity Catholic School, to Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, at a picnic for the school community held Sunday, June 5. The new school for the Altoona quadrant will open in August.

“As parents who both experienced Catholic education, we knew Holy Trinity Catholic

School was the place for our children to learn, appreciate, and respect the same core reli-

gious, family, and civic values which we were taught,” said Joe Lehman. “We are very pleased

that all of our concerns are being met by the teachers, support staff, and Monsignor Carson (pastor of Saint Michael Parish/Hollidaysburg Catholic School) on a daily basis.”

The Lehmans are not the only ones looking forward to the new regional school.

According to Holy Trinity principal Elaine Spencer, enrollment continues to grow.

While these may be the lazy days of summer for students, the next couple of months will be anything but a vacation for educators and staff.

The teachers have been assigned their campus location and grade level. They are in the process of attending meetings and choosing text books.

In July and August, they will attend professional development workshops on the new science, reading, and language arts programs.

The language arts program, called “Wonders,” will be part of the elementary curriculum, while the new “LabLearner” science program will be at the middle school.

“Both enhancements, especially the science program, will feed right into our STREAM curriculum,” Spencer noted.

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Higher Education

Military Mail

Cresson: Last fall, the Mount Aloysius College campus-wide “Mail for our Military Campaign” gathered nearly 3,000 packages, letters and cards for US service men and women. The effort, aimed at brightening up the Holiday Season for the military, was organized by the College’s Service Learning Office. Appreciative of the College’s generosity, the Missouri-based Friends of Our Troops organization informed Mount Aloysius that their support placed them third in the nation among educational institutions for the amount of well-wishes

coming from faculty, staff, and students last fall.

Mount Aloysius College was the only college in the State of Pennsylvania, and one of only two in the country to demonstrate such generosity to US service personnel during that special time of year, according to Friends of Our Troops.

Christina Koren, executive director of mission integration and community outreach at Mount Aloysius commended the College’s Service Learning Office which organized the effort. Koren thanked the many individuals at the College who stepped up to remember the sacrifices of so many US service women and men far from home during the Holidays.

“Our Mail for our Military” campaign, while certainly aimed at letting service personnel know that they are remembered and their contributions are valued, was also a teaching moment for our community,” said Koren. “Mail for the Military gives us the gift of gratitude as we pause now and reflect on the gifts of family, friends, home and hearth that we might so easily take for granted. This recognition from Friends of Our Troops reminds us to be grateful, both for what we hold dear and for the sacrifices of those who secure it.”

Open House

Cresson: The Mount Aloysius College admissions team invites prospective students and their parents to their Open House on Friday, July 15 at 10:00 a.m. The entire campus will be open to the community as students and parents visit the campus to learn more about the College.

Mount Aloysius President Tom Foley noted that decisions about college often focus on affordability. “We’ve been able to keep college affordable,” he said. “Mount Aloysius remains one of the most affordable private colleges in the northeastern U.S. We encourage students and



SAINT CLEMENT: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Clement Parish, Johnstown, on Sunday, April 24 were (top photo, left to right) First row: Abigail Schiffauer, Katerina Kovalchik, Makenzie Jerin. Second row: Allie Schiffauer, Ian Lamia, Cameron Kaputa and Evan Kaputa. Celebrating on Sunday, May 1 were (bottom photo) First row: Mary Koval (catechist) Sophie Lamia, Madysen Billow-Berchick, Ella McKee, Elizabeth Veranese, Mandy Vigna (director of religious education). Second row: Father William Rosenbaum (pastor), Grady Pfeil, Rocco Fetzko, Dominic Canniazzaro and Matthew Gaborek (catechist). Not pictured is Piper Robison.

their parents to talk with our experts about financial aid and to explore academics directly with our first-rate and caring faculty. Talk to students too, and get their impressions about their decision to come to Mount Aloysius College,” added Foley.


Frank Crouse, vice president of enrollment management urged students and parents to register now for the Mount Aloysius College July 15 Open House. “This is the best opportu-

nity to get both a comprehensive look at Mount Aloysius College, and also enjoy a personal tour of our beautiful 193-acre campus,” he said. “Join us and see our facilities, meet faculty and students and get your questions answered face – to – face. We’re all looking forward to meeting you – our student tour – guides, and Mount Aloysius faculty and staff. We’ll have all members of the admissions team available to answer any and all questions re-


garding academics, student life, and financial aid,” he said.

Students at Mount Aloysius pick from over 70 academic programs which statistically earn good jobs or a ready pathway to grad school. Mount Aloysius also recently signed an early acceptance agreement with the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dental and Pharmacy school.


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In The Alleghenies



OUR LADY OF VICTORY: Celebrating Confirmation at Our Lady of Victory Parish, State College, were: Christopher Bagley, Sophie Brandimarte, Alex Bucknavage, Nika Bucknavage, Noah Catalano, Brian Cawley, Saige Cestone, Liam Clarke, Grace Cousins, Ruthie Dangelo, Sophia DeNezza, Katherine Fiochetta, Abby Fortin, Noah Garrett, Grace Gilpatrick, Laura Guay, Katelyn Heist, Gregory Hopp, Robert Hort, Colin Hough, Kristen Kerr, Cole Klima, Caylan Kowalski, Emma Lusk, Andrew Mader, Ryan Maholtz, Madelyn Mattivi, Graham Millar, Lauren Mobley, William Musick, Katherine Nachtman, Ann - Marie Pase, Michael Peters, Maria Rodriguez Hertz, James Rohan, Terrence Saylor, Rian Scanlon, Joe Sepich, Samantha Sheaffer, Nicholas Shearer, Nathan Shunk, Isabel Sicree, Connor Smith, Hannah Straub and Audrey Thomas. Members of the Confirmation team were Deacon David Lapinski, Lincoln Kennedy, Diane Lapinski and Dr. Tracy Sepich. The directors of high school religious education are Brendan and Kristy Bagley. Father Neil Dadey is pastor. Celebrating First Holy Communion were: Paige Adams, Ivanna Amill-Fabregas, Owen Anderson, Stella Brannen, Gianna Cestone, Amiri Clark, Nathaniel Cherinka, Adrienne Costello, Lauren Dawson, Tess DeNezza, Samantha DiStaso, Gabriel Flynn, Liliana Fuller, Joseph Gallo, Leo Garlicki, Max Herculane, Marek Horgas, Victor Hulburt, Alessandra Hoover, Kaige Hutchings, Devon Jackson, Caitlyn Kramer, Mary Kris, Patrick Kris, Haden Lingle, Adam Leskovicz, Jake Lukac, Jacob Lusch, Margaret Lutz, Jeremiah Manno, Camryn MacNeely, Katherine MacZura, Collin Mikesic, Luke Milito, Adam Miska, Matthew Morningstar, Kalii Nicolas, Virginia Paterno, Monika Peters, Malia Petrarca, Michael Powell, Noah Radio, John Razzano, Bethany Regan, Jacob Rizzo, Thomas Rokita, Sydnee Royer, Kaitlyn Ruffing, Anthony Shue, Mark Sicree, Jack Snyder, Aaron Spak, Frank Statham, Kevin Stolberg, Elizabeth Stoner, Maria Straub, Lukas Sunderland, Ethan Swauger, Paisley Taylor, Oliver Thornburg, Revin Tomich, Owen Viglione, Austin Webber, Brandon Webber, Lilyana Williams, Sarah Williams, Mackenzie Wilson and Aubrey Yartz. Father Michael Wolfe is parochial vicar. Eva Corsaro is director of religious education for grades K - 8, and Jim Hoy is the assistant director.



RAISE FUNDS: Mary Ann Oravis (left) and Linda Lowes of the Johnstown Saint Vincent DePaul Society's Thrift Store helped raise \$1,700.00 for the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community held Saturday, June 18. Funds raised benefitted the Society's Food for Families program in Johnstown. In the background are the sneaker posters Mary Ann prepared for each donor to sign and hang in the store.

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Mount Aloysius College's NCAA Division III athletic status and the developing campus continues attracting students looking for a "next level" college experience. Mount Aloysius students compete in 14 NCAA Division III sports.

Register through email at admissions@mtaloy.edu, online at mtaloy.edu/admissions or call (814) 886 - 6383.

Service Milestone

Cresson: Mount Aloysius College students, faculty and staff set an ambitious goal for themselves early in the 2015 - 2016 academic year. The Mount Aloysius College Campus Compact is to graduate students who are career - ready, technology - ready and community - ready; and during the previous year the college logged over 15,000 hours of community service. Serious about giving back to the community, Mount Aloysius officials focused on what more they might do to help neighbors of the college and organizations across the state, around the country, and even overseas. Their campus-wide commitment to caring and giving back translated into increasing their community service goal by 25

percent. And so, early in last fall's semester Mount Aloysius College set a goal of donating 20,000 hours of caring back to the community.

The results are in. They crushed it!

For the 2015 -2016 academic year Mount Aloysius College students, faculty and staff exceeded 20,000 hours of community service.

Individual efforts of the college community accounted for nearly 8,000 hours during the year. Organized employee service totaled an additional 2,000 hours. Mount Aloysius student - athletes alone gave the community 3,400 hours of service, and the college's various groups and clubs gave more than 7,550 service hours.

A small sample of community service activities performed by the Mount Aloysius College community includes neighborhood cleanups throughout central and western Pennsylvania, organizing a softball clinic, putting smiles on disabled neighbors during Night To Shine in Johnstown, Mercy Youth Initiative events helped several communities through a variety of projects.

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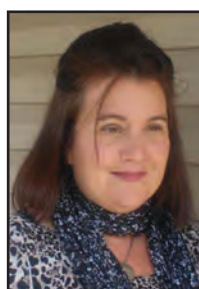
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Point Of View

Our conversation goes like this, "Can you just do it for me mom?" "No, I can not sweetheart." "But it is way too hard...." "I know it is hard but you got to push through it and learn to do this on your own." "But, mom I can't, it is just way too hard!" As tears pour down his face and mine, my heart breaks. Maybe just this time I should just do it for him, I think to myself, but down deep I know better. The more I rescue him, releasing him from the struggle, the more it will hurt him in the long run. As I wipe his tears and kiss his forehead, his strength seemingly returns but it would be months before he conquers this feat.

Although, the circumstances were different for each of my children, the conversation was almost always the same when they were faced with the struggles of childhood. As a mom I find myself wanting to step in and make it all better, but the stark reality is every time I rescue them, they will need to climb that same mountain again by themselves. In reality, I wasn't helping them by solving their problem; actually I was holding them back! Children need to struggle, feel the pain and the frustration in order to experience the thrill of the victory! But, boy is it hard!

As life goes on, our childhood struggles soon turn into teen struggles, young adulthood struggles, parenting struggles, mid-age struggles, old age struggles etc. Struggles have no preference for young or old, thick or thin, degrees or no degrees, the



Family Matters

By Amy Kanich

Butterflies

right side of the tracks or not, faith or no faith. Struggles in life are inevitable. However, when we realize the value of going through the struggle, not escaping it by taking the path of least resistance, is when we finally obtain our true reward.

At a recent Family Life Conference, I was reminded of the much familiar analogy of the caterpillar whose very insides are liquidized beyond recognition as it makes its journey inside the cocoon to become a butterfly. Once these now gooey guts are completely disassembled, the Master creator not only slowly puts every part back together but reconfigures this old being into something totally brand new.

As the newly formed, but still fragile butterfly, struggles and wrestles to be set free of it's stronghold, it has to push and push it's wings against the cocoon, pumping the much needed life fluid into the small vessels of its wings, the very thing needed to fly. Although, the butterfly, would probably love for someone to come and help him out in a hurry, that mere offering, although good intentioned, would actually harm the but-

terfly weakening him until the point of death.

The butterfly needs to experience this struggle in order for it to fulfill its original plan for God's design. The butterfly was meant to fly and when the time is right, it takes off just as its Creator planned.

This analogy reminds me that God has every little detail of our life planned and He promises in the end all things, both good and bad, will work out for those who love the Lord.

This is especially true for those who feel the struggle of life. God can take our struggles and turn them into something beautiful but we must remember there is a process and change that needs to take place.

Believing we will be transformed by the pain and reassembled by God's very own hand helps us realize we were not meant to stay there helpless in the liquid gooey messes of our life. We were born to fly!

As summer makes it full debut and butterflies flutter about, stop and look for these beautiful intricately designed creatures for they are a message from God Himself!

Blessings!



Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
Patience . . .

Patience may be a virtue, but it isn't mine.

Simply put, I hate to wait. It's ironic then that some of my favorite words from scripture are two verses from the Second Letter of Saint Peter: "The Lord does not delay His promise, as some regard 'delay,' but He is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance," (3:9) and "Consider the patience of the Lord as salvation" (3:15a).

It's lucky for me - - for all of us - - that the infinite Lord God, someone who exists beyond the bounds of space and time, shows us limitless, infinite patience. God waits patiently for me - - and for you - - to get the message of salvation through my thick skull, and to respond to Him with sincere repentance and an active conversion. We're told that cleanliness is next to Godliness, but if patience is next to Godliness, then heaven help me; I'm sunk.

My patience is tested every morning as I drive to work at **The Catholic Register** office. I have spent so much of my life sitting at the corner of First Avenue and 17th Street in Altoona, waiting for the light to change, that I have asked the funeral director to have me buried there. I hate getting into the line for the drive - through window at the drugstore and getting behind someone who wants to discuss their whole medical history with the pharmacist. Why don't I just go into the store to pick up my prescriptions, you might ask? The answer is simple: the lines inside are too long! I'm in a hurry. My time is valuable! I just don't want to wait.

My patience is most severely tested when going through the drive - through lane at my friendly, neighborhood fast food restaurant. "Fast" food is a real misnomer for that experience. One local burger joint used to have a clock mounted to the wall counting down the time you were waiting, from the time your order was placed until you actually picked up your food. I always felt like that clock was mocking me - - like that confounded traffic light on 17th Street - - mocking me and laughing at me, and taking delight in my mounting frustration.

About a week ago I decided one Friday morning to pick up breakfast at the drive - through. Sure enough, I got behind a lady who seemed to have ordered a 20 course meal. Finally, I watched her hand her payment in to the cashier. I prepared to pull ahead, when I saw the two of them in earnest conversation. I slammed on the brakes and sat back. More money was being exchanged. "Great," I fumed. "Now she's ordering up more food, and it will be lunch time till I get out of here." But then, lo and behold, the car ahead of me pulled forward, and I got my wallet out as I approached the cashier's window.

As I prepared to hand the money over, the cashier smiled and said "Oh, that's okay honey. The lady ahead of you paid for your breakfast this morning." The expression "Egg on my face," took on new meaning as I moved up to the delivery window, and thought of what a silly twerp I'd been, and usually am.

If the Lord can show me, infinite patience, why can't I show a little more patience to the people, known and unknown in my life? The Lord's patience will only bring me something good, some unexpected gift of grace. As I sat impatiently fussing in that fast food drive - through lane, an unexpected gift was waiting for me. God can reveal Himself in the most surprising ways and places! That morning He was driving the car just ahead of mine, teaching me an important lesson about the value of patience. If I'm as patient with others, and with myself, as God is with me, then good things will come!



REFUGEE CHILDREN: A volunteer from a humanitarian organization hugs refugee children June 13 during a police operation at a makeshift camp in Polykastro, Greece.

CNS Photo/Nikos Arvantidis, Pool Via EPA

World Refugee Day

Pope Francis: Renew Efforts To Build Peace And Help Refugees

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Assist and accompany refugees while working to build peace in the world, Pope Francis urged on the eve of World Refugee Day.

"Refugees are people like everyone, but war took away their home, work, relatives and friends," he said in the run-up to the United Nations-sponsored day June 20.

Seeing the faces and hearing the stories of refugees should lead Christians "to renew our obligation to build peace through justice," he said after praying the Angelus with people

gathered in St. Peter's Square June 19.

"This is why we want to stand with them -- to encounter them, welcome them, listen to them -- in order to become together with them artisans of peace, according to God's will," the pope said, referring to the day's theme, "We Stand #WithRefugees."

The pope's appeal followed a joint effort by the Vatican police, the Greek government and Rome's Sant'Egidio Community to bring a group of Syrian refugees to Italy.

The Vatican police accompanied nine refugees -- six adults and three children -- from Athens to Rome June 16. The community of Sant'Egidio, a

Catholic lay organization, was arranging their housing.

The Syrian citizens, including two Christians, had been living in a refugee camp on the island of Lesbos -- the same island Pope Francis visited in April to highlight the dramatic situation of the people there. He brought three refugee families on his flight back to Rome.

Pope Francis' appeals and concrete actions tell the world that it is feasible to offer real help to refugees, said Jesuit Father Thomas Smolich, international director of Jesuit Refugee Service.

Leaders and everyday people "get a pretty good model" from Pope Francis about the Catholic and humanitarian duty

of welcoming, advocating for and assisting refugees, Father Smolich told Catholic News Service June 20.

"I would encourage people, especially on World Refugee Day, to contact the part of the church that works with refugees," for example, Catholic Charities in the United States or Jesuit Refugee Service in Europe, he said, or ask and find out who else is helping in their community.

"There are so many things to do," he said, such as visiting refugees, helping with free meals, doing advocacy work,

"Refugees are people like everyone, but war took away their home, work, relatives and friends."

becoming part of a long-term coordinated effort or just helping out when time allows. "The possibilities are endless."

"People are doing this" in spite of what some political leaders say, he said, "so it is a question of bringing it to light" and inspiring more people to help rather than be paralyzed by fear.

While many fears can be legitimate, "fear often translates into anxiety," which "warps our understanding" of what is really happening and what can be done, he said.

Becoming familiar with or getting to know "real people who share our fears," but have experienced the difficulties of having to flee their homes, the Jesuit said, helps change the discussion from being centered on "What am I afraid of" to "How can we build solidarity?"

While global estimates say more than 60 million people are fleeing violence, conflict or persecution, the best way to digest such a statistic is "to meet people one-on-one or hear them speak" so they don't remain an abstract number, the priest said.

JRS was urging people to meet with refugees or watch interviews on the JRS YouTube channel in order "to enable refugees to speak out about their hopes, their future" and help others learn about their lives, Father Smolich said.

Similarly, the International Catholic Migration Commission was commemorating World Refugee Day by sharing stories from resettled refugees around the world "as a witness to their strength and determination despite the hardship they have endured," the commission said.

It said it hoped the stories would encourage those still on the move and call attention to the benefits refugees bring to host countries.

People were also invited during the Year of Mercy to continue sending messages of hope on social media using the #HandsOfMercy hashtag and share personal stories with #StoryOfMercy or #WithRefugees.



MASS OF BLESSING: Saint John the Evangelist School in Bellefonte, a K - 5 school, celebrated a Mass of Blessing Tuesday, May 24 for fifth grade students who are leaving the school to move on to the next step in their education. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Brandi Carmack, Faye Dubin. Second row: Jayden Capparelle, Nathan Capparelle, Max Rossman, Peter Rose IV, Madison Mindziak, Caleb Stock. Third row: Ruby Bjalmé, Abigail Weiser, William Gay, Erin Cronin, Olivia Smith. Fourth row: Deacon Thomas Boldin, Dominic Capperella, Allison Berkey, Pauline Alterio, Cecilia Stanton, Maura Cingle, Emma Simmon, Ermalinda Stephens (teacher), Isaac Dechow and Father George Jakopac (pastor).

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MAC basketball players helped out a local team after school, the annual Pink Out Volleyball Game raised needed funds for the Joyce Murtha Breast Cancer Center in Windber, students staffed booths during Ebensburg's PotatoFest, and MAC student - nurses held numerous blood drives. Mount Aloysius service trips took students and others to Guatemala, Honduras, Puerto Rico, and Camden NJ, and Mounties were familiar faces in regional senior centers, the local Saint Vincent DePaul Thrift Shop, food pantries and much, much more.

Prayer

Charismatic Mass

Altoona: There will be a Charismatic Mass this evening, Monday, June 27, at 7:00 p.m., at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Bob Hilz will be the celebrant. Music will be led

by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group. All are welcome.

Carmelite Novena

Loretto: The Discalced Carmelite Nuns announce their novena in anticipation of the July 16 Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The novena will begin Friday, July 8 and conclude Saturday, July 16, Our Lady's feast day.

During these nine days the nuns will recite a special novena prayer following vespers asking for the intercession of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face.

Those desiring to share in the graces and blessings of these spiritual exercises and in the private prayers of the Carmelite Nuns are asked to send their petitions to Mother Prioress, Carmelite Monastery, P.O. Box 57, Loretto PA 15940.

Every Sunday, and every First Friday of the month, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is given in the public chapel at Carmel, followed by veneration of the relic of Saint Therese.



Photo By Tony DeGol

JUBILARIANS: Bishop Mark L. Bartchak hosted his annual dinner for men and women religious who are marking jubilee anniversaries on Wednesday, June 8 at the Blairmont Club in Hollidaysburg. Pictured (first row, left to right): Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Cletus Watson, 50 years; Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Robert Hilz, 50 years religious profession; Sister Servant of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Mary Andrew Hooper, 25 years; Conventual Franciscan Father Anthony Francis Spilka, Bishop's Vicar for Religious. (Back row, left to right): Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Joseph Markalonis, 50 years; Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Adrian Tirpak, 60 years religious profession; Bishop Mark; Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Terrence Smith, 50 years religious profession; Benedictine Father Nathan Munsch, 25 years.



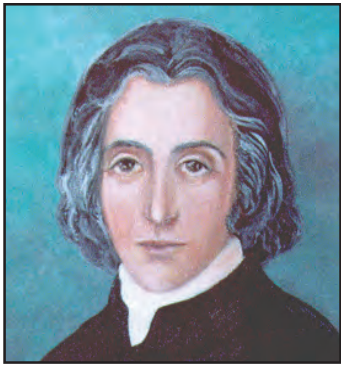
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Cursillo Reunion

Loretto: The Cursillo Community of the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese will celebrate its 40th anniversary

Sunday, July 10 with a 2:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

Following Mass a covered dish reception will be held in the school hall.



A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

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Pope Elevates Memorial Of Saint Mary Magdalene To Feast

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Recognizing St. Mary Magdalene's role as the first to witness Christ's resurrection and as a "true and authentic evangelizer," Pope Francis raised the July 22 memorial of St. Mary Magdalene to a feast on the church's

liturgical calendar, the Vatican announced.

A decree formalizing the decision was published by the Congregation for Divine Worship June 10 along with an article explaining its significance.

Both the decree and the article were titled "Apostolorum Apostola" ("Apostle of the Apostles").

In the article for the Vatican



**SAINT
MARY MAGDALENE**

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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significance, such as the Twelve Apostles.

In his apostolic letter "Dies Domini" ("The Lord's Day"), St. John Paul II explained that the "commemoration of the saints does not obscure the centrality of Christ, but on the contrary extols it, demonstrating as it does the power of the redemption wrought by him."

Preaching about St. Mary Magdalene, Pope Francis highlighted Christ's mercy toward a woman who was "exploited and despised by those who believed they were righteous," but she was loved and forgiven by him.

Her tears at Christ's empty tomb are a reminder that "sometimes in our lives, tears are the lenses we need to see Jesus," the pope said April 2, 2013.

Pope Francis also mentions her specifically in the prayer he composed for the Year of Mercy: "Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured paradise to the repentant thief."

Archbishop Roche explained that in giving St. Mary Magdalene the honor of being the first person to see the empty tomb and the first to listen to the truth of the resurrection, "Jesus has a special consideration and

mercy for this woman, who manifests her love for him, looking for him in the garden with anguish and suffering."

Drawing a comparison between Eve, who "spread death where there was life," and St. Mary Magdalene, who "proclaimed life from the tomb, a place of death," the archbishop said her feast day is a lesson for all Christians to trust in Christ who is "alive and risen."

"It is right that the liturgical celebration of this woman has the same level of feast given to the celebration of the apostles in the general Roman calendar and highlights the special mission of this woman who is an example and model for every woman in the church."



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newspaper, Archbishop Arthur Roche, secretary of the congregation, wrote that in celebrating "an evangelist who proclaims the central joyous message of Easter," St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is a call for all Christians to "reflect more deeply on the dignity of women, the new evangelization and the greatness of the mystery of divine mercy."

"Pope Francis has taken this decision precisely in the context of the Jubilee of Mercy to highlight the relevance of this woman who showed great love for Christ and was much loved by Christ," Archbishop Roche wrote.

While most liturgical celebrations of individual saints during the year are known formally as memorials, those classified as feasts are reserved for important events in Christian history and for saints of particular

Word of Life



The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis

Restore The Beauty Of Peace In The World

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Like an art restoration, Christians are called to restore the beauty of Christ's peace in a world that is dirtied by war, violence and persecution, Pope Francis said.

The agencies that provide support and financial help to the Eastern Catholic churches and Christians in the Middle East, he added, can help with this "restoration so that the face of the church visibly reflects the light of Christ, the word made flesh."

The pope spoke June 16 during a meeting with members of a Vatican coordinating body, known by its Italian acronym ROACO, which operates under the auspices of the Congregation for Eastern Churches. The funding agencies include two based in the United States: the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and the Pontifical Mission for Palestine.

Greeting the new "custos" or head of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, which oversees many of the pilgrimage sites associated with the life of Christ, Pope Francis prayed for peace and for the success of ecumenical restoration work at the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem.

The restoration work on a mosaic in the nave of the Bethlehem basilica, he noted, has brought to light a seventh angel in an angelic procession toward the place of Jesus' birth. The discovery, the pope said, is a reminder of the "encrustations" on the church "due to various problems and sins."

ROACO's work, he said, "always must be guided by the certainty that underneath the material and moral encrustations, even underneath the tears and blood caused by war, violence, persecution -- underneath this seemingly impenetrable layer there is a luminous face like that of the angel in the mosaic."

Members of ROACO also spoke about the Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Catholic churches in India and ongoing discussions about how best to provide pastoral care to members of the Eastern churches living outside the region of Kerala.

Catholics of the Eastern and Latin traditions must work together "without a spirit of division," and give a common witness to Jesus Christ, the pope said.

"This communion, in every part of the world where Latin and Eastern Catholics live side by side, needs the spiritual wealth of both the West and the East," the pope said.

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ONE MORE TIME: The 1957 First Holy Communion class at Holy Rosary Parish in Juniata, Altoona, is pictured with Father Francis A. McNelis, pastor, and Sister of Charity Rose Bernadette, teacher.

Cellphone obsession has become a serious epidemic and one that threatens our spiritual well-being.

Please give me a minute to explain. A neighbor gave her 14-year-old daughter a birthday party, and noticed how quiet the girl's friends were, until she went into the room and found them all on their cellphones.

She was shocked and immediately reacted, "Put down those phones right now, this is supposed to be a party. Have some fun." Later, after her daughter's initial embarrassment, they all became normally boisterous and had a happy time.

Then there's the recent practice some of us have witnessed, of zoning out during family meals. Focusing on the cellphone instead of on people in the room is discourteous and unacceptable.

Dinner is family time. It should be a loving exchange of ideas, and a sharing of feelings. Today, the family meal is treated by some as a pit stop. Youngsters have more important things on their minds than family unity.

I argue that there should be a rule in every home: no cellphones for one hour during the family meal. Family comes first and courtesy should be extended to all its members. Courtesy is politeness. It is having an at-



Spirituality For Today

By Father John Catoir

Put Down The Phone And Open The Door To Civility

titude of respect toward others. This implies good manners, civility and respect.

But there are also other reasons to put the phone down. One of the more serious repercussions of cellphone obsession involves automobile accidents. Some throw caution out when driving and decide to text while on the road.

Texting while driving is taking a needless risk, and we are not just risking our lives when we do it, but the life of others. In this sense, it is a sin.

Some may question my use of the word sin in this context, but all sin involves actions that are displeasing to God. However, God loves you, and sin is doing something that hurts the one God loves. But there are things we can do to stop this. To start, parents who have allowed their children to have cellphones need to assert their authority. They have to insist upon courtesy in all things, which means the fol-

lowing: No cellphones during the dinner hour.

The rest of us have to pay attention to our own behavior. We don't want to become like the type of people we sometimes encounter at the doctor's office -- focused more on record keeping than on the patient.

I've had the experience (several times) of having a medical professional open up a laptop, or click a few times on a computer mouse, type in some statistics, and while still looking at the screen, ask a few questions without looking up. Eventually they say a few words, but before you know it, the visit is over.

We are diminishing our sensitivity to the feelings of others. We may not be able to control the behavior of others in the world but we can begin to change the behavior of those at home. And we can also examine our past actions in this matter and then begin to change ourselves.



Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Our Pastor's
Liberal Politics

Q. My pastor has very liberal political convictions, and he often uses his Sunday homilies to promote the latest liberal agenda. I feel this is an abuse of his pastoral position and I resent his doing this, particularly because my own political beliefs are rather conservative.

Recently, after the pope's message on the modern family, our pastor said this from the pulpit: "All relationships must be honored." He wanted us to honor same-gender marriage despite the fact that the pope had said that it was not acceptable.

After the first Republican presidential debate, he made the following comment in his sermon: "One of the candidates wants to build a wall to keep illegal Mexicans from coming to America. Isn't that a crazy idea?" Other parishioners have also noticed this and are concerned about it. I have seriously considered changing parishes if this continues. (Southern Illinois)

A. The Catholic Church's guidance to its priests is clear: As public representatives of the church, they should neither endorse nor oppose political parties or particular candidates for office. (Not incidentally, this also matches the law of the land as applied to tax-exempt institutions.)

At the same time, as the U.S. bishops said in their 2015 document "Faithful Citizenship": "The church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a

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Irenaeus
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This early Christian theologian passed on the apostolic tradition to a new generation as he helped evangelize France. Born in Asia Minor, possibly at Smyrna, Irenaeus was taught by Saint Polycarp, a pupil of Saint John the Apostle. Sent to Gaul as a missionary, he served as a priest under Saint Pothinus of Lyons, a martyr whom he succeeded as bishop of the large market city on the Rhone. Irenaeus continued to spread the Gospel and opposed the gnostic heresy, writing a five-book treatise that is extant. During a 20-year episcopate, he spoke the language of Gaul instead of his native Greek, and worked hard to identify with his people. Little else is known about his life or death.

requirement of our faith." So the Catholic Church -- rightly and necessarily -- takes positions on a host of public policy issues, among which are: care for the poor, the sick and the elderly; protection of human life at every stage; opposition to the death penalty; attention to "just war" principles; and support for a living wage. Obviously, such advocacy will often intersect with the viewpoint of one or another political party or candidate.

On immigration, for example, the position of the Catholic Church is clear. In a 2003 pastoral letter entitled "Strangers No Longer," the U.S. bishops stressed that "when persons cannot find employment in their country of origin to support themselves and their families, they have a right to find work elsewhere in order to survive" and that "more powerful economic nations ... have a stronger obligation to accommodate immigration flows."

In my mind, though -- if you are quoting accurately -- your pastor went beyond what is discreet (or permitted) by relating his views on immigration to a particular candidate. The focus must be always -- and solely -- on the issue itself.

What he said about Pope Francis and same-sex marriage might simply be a matter of emphasis and of how you heard him. In his April 2016 exhortation "Amoris Laetitia," the pope did say that homosexual unions do not match God's plan for marriage and family, but he also said that "every person, regardless of sexual orientation, ought to be respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration."

Before you decide to change parishes, perhaps you and some like-minded parishioners might seek to meet with your pastor and discuss your concerns. Failing that, if you think that he is clearly violating the church's guidelines, you always have recourse to the chancery office in your diocese.

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



For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola
A Good Christian Is
Someone With Compassion

Years ago, in the mid-1980s, my younger brother Bill and I sat alone in the tiny kitchen of my mom's house. It was very late.

We were a family that didn't confront issues head-on. We walked around the elephant in the room, and if that meant sometimes we had to take turns cleaning up after the big fellow, we did so silently and in a way that wouldn't offend anyone.

So it was with fear and faltering tones that my brother confided to me that he was gay. I had long suspected -- no, I assumed -- as much. His "roommate" was practically a member of the family whom everyone loved, even while we tiptoed around the nature of their relationship. We feared my mother learning the truth, although later we all realized she'd always known it.

Nevertheless, we'd continued our private version of "don't ask, don't tell."

So, the revelation was not startling. The stinging memory of that evening came in another way. My brother told me he had confided in a few other family members but had feared telling me because I was such a "good" Catholic.

I have spent the past 30 years trying to recast the image of a "good" Catholic. I want to be the Catholic who offers compassion and a listening ear. I do not want to be the judgmental, self-righteous Christian. I want to be the Catholic to whom another brings his story to share in safety and love. I want to be part of a church that welcomes and comforts the marginalized.

I want to be part of the church that knows God's name is mercy.

The other night, I watched a 2013 documentary called, "God Loves Uganda." This film, broadcast on public television's "Independent Lens" program, produced an almost physical revulsion in me. In it, Uganda debates and passes a bill to criminalize homosexuality and even considers the death penalty for repeated gay behavior.

Throughout the film, we see American evangelical Christians preaching in Uganda a strident anti-gay message, helping to stir up the crowds. We see the inevitable violence against gay people go without condemnation by the "good" Christians.

There are American Christians who do wonderful work in African nations. Many build hospitals and schools and preach and live a loving example of Jesus Christ.

But those who allowed themselves to be filmed in "God Loves Uganda" were hateful and dangerous, even while their young fresh-faced youth workers sang sweet Jesus songs. It occurred to me that evening that homophobes aren't getting very far in the U.S., so they ply their hate in far-off lands.

Then I awoke two days later to the slaughter at the gay bar in Orlando, Florida. Although the issues were complex, including anti-American extremism and our crazy romance with assault rifles, it was also, clearly, an anti-LGBT assault.

Catholic leaders spoke out with sympathy for victims. But not everyone addressed the elephant in the room: who these victims were. Those who did acknowledge the LGBT community deserve our applause.

For example, Bishop Robert Lynch of St. Petersburg, Florida, wrote on his blog the Monday after the attack, "Sadly it is religion, including our own, that targets, mostly verbally, and also often breeds contempt for gays, lesbians and transgender people. Attacks today on LGBT men and women often plant the seed of contempt, then hatred, which can ultimately lead to violence."

And Chicago Archbishop Blase Cupich wrote to an archdiocesan gay and lesbian outreach immediately after the massacre, "Know this: The Archdiocese of Chicago stands with you. I stand with you."

Thank you to these leaders.



SAINT JOHN VIANNEY: Saint John Vianney Parish, Mundy's Corner, celebrated Confirmation on Sunday, April 10 and First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 1. Pictured in the photo at left are (left to right) First row: Aaron Rieg, Katlyn Novitski, Heather Hendrickson, Breanna Hoffman. Second row: Steve Westrick (catechist), Father Andrew Stanko (pastor) and Deacon Thomas Buige. Pictured in the photo at right are (left to right) First row: Alexander Wingard, Faith Long, Mara Brosch, Katelyn Baker, Gianna Alexander. Second row: Father Stanko and Alisha Gorman (catechist).



SAINT MARY, HOLLIDAYSBURG: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg, on Sunday, April 3 were (left photo, left to right) First row: Kiarra McCosar, Brooke Miller, Christine Diaz, Trenton Weymer, Jordyn Waddell, Julia Wesner, Tauren Consiglio. Second row: Sebastian Diaz, Gavin Muldoon, Westley Baumgartner, Gavin Weymer. Third row: Connie Curfman (director of religious education), Deacon Chuck Ahern, Father Anthony Legarski (pastor) and Cindy Shope (catechist). Celebrating Confirmation were (right photo, left to right) First row: Connie Curfman, Katie Norris, Carly McGarvey, Emily Sosnowski, Jaden Parker, Sharon King (Confirmation team). Second row: Jacob Schultz, Terry Curfman (Confirmation team), Ciara Consiglio, Dalton Long, Harrison Perrin. Third row: Father Legarski, Isaac Cipric, Kenneth Brumbaugh and Colton Holzworth.



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER: Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Cresson, celebrated Confirmation Thursday, April 7. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Father Leo Arnone (pastor), Madeline Swires, Megan Rabish, Riley Anderson, Mariah Myers. Second row: Tyler Smolko, Richard Prostejevsky, Spencer McElheny, Lucas LeComte and Jeremy Kost. Tracey Ingold is director of religious education.

SAINT MARY, ALTOONA: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Mary Parish, Altoona, on Saturday, April 30 were (left to right) First row: Michael Buckreis, Delaney Lechner, Mason Lynn. Second row: Kaitlin Burley (server), Jacob Pattie, Lilly Butterbaugh, Cooper Lovrich, Kyla Hatch (server). Third row: Mary Rose Poorman (catechist), Monsignor Timothy P. Stein (pastor) and Sarah Zeak (catechist). Jim Mock is director of religious education.



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Johnstown, celebrated Confirmation on Tuesday, April 19 and First Holy Communion Sunday, May 1. Pictured in the left photo are (left to right) First row: Apryl Wincer, Lana Lee, Julius Thomas, Rebecca Scarff, Alysia Stanton, Amanda Johns. Second row: Conventual Franciscan Father Anthony Francis Spilka (pastor and Confirmation catechist). Pictured in the right photo are (left to right) First row: Dravyn Fabina (server), Sara Maggs, Kaley Migut, Eliot Deskevich, Kassiday Newman, Haley Eckenrod. Second row: Alexis LaBuda (server), Georgetta LaBuda (catechist), Alice Havers (aide), Carol Pisula (director of religious education), Father Anthony Francis, Allison Koch (catechist) and Jordon Burns.



SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Windber on Saturday, April 30, were (left to right) First row: Rebecca Fetchko, Cailin Jablon, Emma Klahre, Kaylie Gaye, Morgan Boyer. Second row: Derek Prince, Tyler Caron, Jude Mugerwa, Gavin McCoy, Brody Symchynsky, Michael Dusack. Third row: Violet Bunk (director of religious education), Kathy Trusch (catechist), Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Roderick Soha (pastor) and Joanne Kot (catechist).

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BELLEFONTE: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bellefonte were (left to right) First row: Ethan Roland, Tave Price, Grace Novosel, Max Jennings, Lauryn Culley, Blake Houck - Leitzell, Julia Weiser, Eli Rushton, Alyna Basalla, Trevor Torres. Second row: Brooke Swanger, Jack McHail, Delaney Badger, Joshua Niemann, Linsey Darnay, Cole Uadiski, Zoey Merlino, Aiden Reed, Ella Novitsky, Logan Blevins. Third row: Neil Alterio, Maura Sharer, Gavin Chafala, Anna Tyson, Owen Dechow, Lara Oden, Nicholas Rados, Brody King, Logan Rarrick, Alexander Stanton. Third row: Michelle Davis, Deacon Thomas Boldin, Father George Jakopac (pastor) and Sandy Rogus.



SAINT MONICA: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Monica Parish, Chest Springs on Sunday, April 24 were (left to right) First row: Julia Farabaugh, Brynn Link. Second row: Kaiden Ivory, Michael Watt, Joshua Wolfe. Third row: Deacon Steve Luke, Bonnie Hite (catechist), Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Christopher Lemme (pastor), Father Donald Boslett (senior priest in residence) and Carmelite of the Word Sister Linda LaMagna (director of religious education).

MOUNT CARMEL GRADUATES: The 2016 high school graduates from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Altoona, were honored by the Family Life Committee at Mass on Sunday, May 22. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Madison Bowser, Sophia Vellone, Jenna Gonsman, Marina Shover, Antoinette DelGrosso. Second row: Alyson Stevens, Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Frank Scornaienchi (pastor), Kaisha Singer, Jacqueline Servello, Jamison Bittner, Domenic Ciambotti, Allison Bare, Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Terrence Smith (parochial vicar) and Marina Scipioni.

Florida Catholic Charities Support, Console Victims' Families

By Catholic News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. (CNS)

-- Since the worst shooting attack in America occurred June 12, Catholic Charities of Central Florida has been working in the background to help victims, survivors and family members in whatever way possible.

Just hours after the shooting at a gay nightclub called the Pulse in Orlando that left 50 dead (including the gunman) and more than 50 wounded, six bilingual staffers from Catholic Charities arrived at the Hampton Inn in downtown Orlando, a meeting place for family and friends of the victims.

Deacon David Gray of the Diocese of Orlando was coordinating a pastoral response to the crisis and spread the word about the need for Spanish-speaking translators. The team of six didn't think twice about going where they were needed.

Maria Torres, one of the team members, is an accredited representative for Comprehensive Refugee Services at Catholic Charities of Central Florida. She was on the scene as families arrived to find out if their loved ones had survived or had been killed after the gunman opened fire at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando. Torres was on hand to help translate for Spanish speakers and offer support and consolation to victims' families.

"It was something I needed to do. It could have been me. I could have been the parent, sibling or friend searching for their loved one. This realization gives me sensitivity for others. When I received the call to help from our leaders at Catholic Charities, I did not hesitate to go and help," she said.

Torres saw the raw emotion unfold among family and friends of the victims and felt called to be the face of Christ's mercy to grieving family and friends.

"I was there to support, console and gather in prayer with the victims' families and friends waiting for the news about their loved ones. I was there to help them hold onto hope," Torres told the **Florida Catholic**, newspaper of the Orlando Diocese. "I was there when officials began to announce the names of people going to the hospital. There was screaming and crying as families and friends heard or didn't hear their loved one's name.

"I helped console a man and his family while they waited for news about his brother. Together we held hands and prayed in a circle."

Catholic Charities continues to fill a need in the community. Orange County officials have called on Catholic Charities Immigration Services to help families of victims who are out of the country to arrive in the U.S. for funerals. Their Family Stability program also is providing funds to help with funeral costs for family members.

"We are serving in the background. We are the mortar that connects the bricks to help people put their lives back together. You can't rebuild without mortar. We are trying to help each family with their individual needs," said Gary Tester, executive director, Catholic Charities of Central Florida.

Catholic Charities has established a fund with \$20,000 to help the victims and also are asking for donations to help meet the needs. To donate, visit www.cflcc.org and visit the donate page. In the comments box, indicate "support victims of shooting."

In the midst of tragedy, the Catholic Charities office has received calls of support from people around the country. Supporters from Maryland have knitted prayer shawls and are sending them to Orlando for distribution to victims and loved ones so they know that many are praying for them in their time of need.



OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES: Confirmation was celebrated by Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish, Lilly, on Thursday, April 21. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Monsignor John Sasway (pastor), James Martino, Melanie Wilkinson, Dustin Hartline, Deacon Sam Albarano, Sacred Heart Sister Theresa Marie (director of religious education). Second row: Bailey Prebish. Not pictured: Jonah Diehl.



SAINT AUGUSTINE: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Augustine Parish, Dysart on Sunday, May 1 were (left to right) First row: Braden McIntyre, Josephine McMullen, Jackie McMullen, Matthew Senko. Second row: Gabriel Smithmyer, James Holtz, Harlie Racz, Paisley Cavelet, Brandon Krise. Third row: Barb Lewis (catechist), Deacon Steve Luke, Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Christopher Lemme (pastor), Carmelite of the Word Sister Linda LaMagna and Jane Stoltz (director of religious education).



CONFIRMATION: Saint Augustine Parish, Dysart and Saint Monica Parish, Chest Springs, celebrated Confirmation Saturday, April 9. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Taylor Hoover, Lauren Hite, Courtney Forsythe, Tia Kirby, Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Christopher Lemme (pastor), Lydia Drass, Shayna McMullen, Kyla Holtz, Sierra Beiswenger. Second row: Lynn Holtz (catechist), Alyssa Fliz, Victoria Boland, Chad Link, James Baum, Christopher Weakland, Emily Fox, Moran Maslonik, Deacon Steve Luke, Jane Stoltz (director of religious education, Saint Augustine), Roy Holtz (catechist) and Carmelite of the Word Sister Linda LaMagna (Confirmation director).

Canonization Pilgrimage

(Continued From Page 16.)



SAINTS GREGORY AND BARNABAS: Saints Gregory and Barnabas Parish, Johnstown, celebrated Confirmation Thursday, March 31 and First Holy Communion Sunday, May 1. Pictured in the top photograph are (left to right) First row: Daphne Moot, Katie Pribish, Allison Toth, Megan Ponczek, Mary Helen Percinsky, Father Robert L. Ruston (pastor). Second row: Ron Moot, Alec Lovejoy, Nathan Roberts, Logan Reese, Scott Rykala and Seth Roberts. Pictured in the bottom photograph are (left to right) First row: Logan Weaver, Carson LaBar, Alyssa Amenti, Maddie Beiter, Kristin Stiles, Emma Preuss, Matthew Grasso, Jacob Kohler. Second row: Becca LaBar, Father Ruston and Mary Beth Rykala.

Holy Trinity Catholic School

(Continued From Page 1.)

STREAM, an acronym for Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math, will be heavily emphasized at the middle school, and Spencer pointed out that the older students will have the opportunity to mentor the elementary students in this curriculum.

“As time moves closer to the beginning of the new school year, we are very excited for the opportunities that lie ahead,” said Spencer, who meets with vice principals Sherry Buck, Cathy Damiano, and Tabatha Griffin at least twice a week.

The regional school board continues to meet weekly.

Sister of Charity Donna Marie Leiden, diocesan director of education, is grateful for the contributions of so many people who are coming together to make Holy Trinity Catholic School a reality.

“I am also overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of the parents,” she stated. “They have embraced the opportunity to serve on various committees, which have been instrumental in this transition to a regional school. Even at the picnic the other day, more parents were signing up for committee work. Their support has been phenomenal.”

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The canonization ceremony is just one part of the pilgrimage.

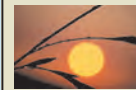
“The Catholic Register is happy to be sponsoring a special pilgrimage to Rome and other holy shines in Italy during the Jubilee Year Of Mercy,” said Monsignor Timothy P. Stein, editor, adding “I look forward to welcoming you to this holy journey, and praying with you at the sites that are so special to our life of faith.”

For more information on the Jubilee Year Of Mercy Pilgrimage, contact Marianna at UNITOURS at 1 - 800 - 777 - 7432.

An informational brochure with the full itinerary of the pilgrimage can be obtained by contacting The Catholic Register at (814) 695 - 7563; 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg PA 16648.

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Now Showing

‘Finding Dory’ A Dandy Treat For Moviegoers

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

NEWYORK (CNS)-- Fans of the 2003 animated adventure “Finding Nemo” have reason to rejoice: The long wait for a sequel is over, and the follow-up, “Finding Dory” (Disney), once again turns vast expanses of salt water into tasty taffy. The result is a dandy treat for moviegoers of almost all ages.

The buoyant new film’s entertainment value, moreover, is moored to solid morals.

Working with co-director Angus MacLane, writer-director Andrew Stanton sets the earlier picture’s trio of main characters on another epic journey. This one is undertaken to reunite the absent-minded blue tang of the title (voice of Ellen DeGeneres) with her long-lost parents, Jenny

(voice of Diane Keaton) and Charlie (Eugene Levy).

Accompanying Dory on her eventful quest are Marlin (voice of Albert Brooks) and Nemo (voice of Hayden Rolence), the father-and-son duo of clownfish she befriended in the first outing. In fact, this can be seen as a tale of two families since Dory’s bond with widowed worrywart Marlin goes deeper than mere friendship, while the care she provides sprightly Nemo is distinctly maternal. All of that is left largely unspoken however.

Dory’s hunt eventually leads to the Marine Life Institute, a fictional aquarium on the coast of California. There she gains the help of three more pals: curmudgeonly octopus Hank (voice of Ed O’Neill), Bailey (voice of Ty Burrell), a beluga whale with defective sonar skills, and nearsighted whale



CNS Photo/Disney

FINDING DORY: Animated character Dory, voiced by Ellen DeGeneres, appears in the movie “Finding Dory.” The Catholic News Service classification is A-I -- general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

shark Destiny (voice of Kaitlin Olson).

Through it all, Stanton conveys life lessons about family loyalty, teamwork and the proper balance between courage and caution via a script full of gentle humor and appealing personalities. But his most impressive achievement is the use to which he puts the various disabilities on display. While these challenges are sometimes milked for comedy, at a more basic level

Stanton portrays them to send an implicit anti-bullying and pro-life message to youthful viewers.

Objectionable elements are virtually absent. During an underwater schoolroom scene, Dory -- mistakenly believing that one of the kids has asked her about the birds and the bees -- launches into a boilerplate explanation that only patrons of a certain age will understand. She’s quickly cut off.

At a moment of danger, Hank instinctively releases a wave of black ink. Dory tries to relieve his subsequent embarrassment about this with a brief

verbal reaction that the strictest might insist on identifying as a bit of potty humor.

On the other hand, the dangers lurking in the deep lead to brief incidents of jeopardy for our buddies on screen that may prove too intense for small fry.

The film contains scenes of peril, a distant reference to clichés about the facts of life and equally vague bathroom humor. The Catholic News Service classification is A-I -- general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

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Coming Up On ‘Proclaim!’

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

July 3 -- In advance of a Mass Bishop Mark will celebrate for those coping with infertility, miscarriage, or the passing of an infant, Sharon Felson, a counselor with Catholic Charities, discusses the pain of individuals and couples facing those tragedies and the help that is available.

July 10 -- Barb Bundy and Rita Kibler of the Altoona - Johnstown Cursillo join the Bishop to celebrate 40 years of the movement in the Diocese.

May They Rest In Peace



Father Jude L. Molnar T.O.R.

Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Jude Molnar, 81, died Wednesday, June 1, in Fairmont WV, where he lived for many years.

He was born October 20, 1934 in Cleveland OH, the son of the late Louis and Mary (Riley) Molnar.

Father Jude graduated from Cathedral Latin High in Cleveland in 1954 and entered the Franciscan Preparatory Seminary in Hollidaysburg in 1957 and professed first vows in 1959. He continued graduate studies in Philosophy and Theology at The Catholic University of America in Washington DC. He was ordained in 1966 and served in the Franciscan Missions in Paraguay. While there he built and sustained seven one - room elementary schools. He later taught high school in St. Cloud MN and Warren OH. He served as the chaplain at Fairmont State University in Fairmont WV for 38 years. He also served as a professor at West Virginia University in Morgantown WV.

He is survived by a brother and his wife, Thomas and Julie Molnar of West Farmington OH, a sister and her husband, Mary Elizabeth and Louis Lamatrice of Columbus OH, and several nieces and nephews, and his Franciscan community. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Louis and Karl Molnar and one sister, Margaret Kurczek.

The Funeral Mass for Father Jude Molnar T.O.R. was celebrated Saturday, June 18 in the chapel of Saint Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg. Committal was made in the Saint Bernardine Monastery Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Franciscan Friars T.O.R. Retirement Fund, 788 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg PA 16648.

Anna Ruth Thomas

Anna Ruth Thomas, 80, of Meyersdale, died Sunday, June 12, at home. She was the mother of Father Alan Thomas, vicar general of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown and pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Bellwood.

Mrs. Thomas was born November 19, 1935 in Meyersdale, the daughter of the late Edward S. and Miriam E. (Hillegas) Knepper.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Adrian; and her five sons: Father Alan; Alex (Nicole) Thomas, Aurora IL; Aaron (Rita) Thomas and Andrew (Stephanie) Thomas, both of Meyersdale; and Adam (Cheria) Thomas, LaVale MD; grandchildren: Shana, Henry, Aiden, and Geneva. She was preceded in death by her sister, Bernice Dunfee; and brother, Bruce Knepper Sr.

Prior to her marriage, Anna Ruth was a member of the Meyersdale Church of the Brethren, where she was an organist and accompanist for the Men's Chorus. Anna Ruth was a well-known musician in the Meyersdale area and gave private piano and organ lessons. She played her first wedding when she was 11 years old and played from hundreds of weddings during her long career. She was the accompanist for many groups, including the Casselman Valley

Choral Society, and performed in the pit band for Meyersdale Area High School musicals from 1981 to 2012.

A longtime volunteer for the PA Maple Festival, she was also the accompanist for the Maple Queen Scholarship Pageant and the "Legend of the Magic Water." Anna Ruth was a substitute teacher for 30 years and also a partner in and bookkeeper for the family business, F.B. Thomas Drug Store. She received the Meyersdale Lions Club Citizen of the Year Award in 2007 and was a Somerset County Salute to Women Award honoree in 2010. She was a noted philanthropist in the Meyersdale area.

Anna Ruth was a member of Saints Philip and James Church, Meyersdale, where she was an organist, pianist, and choir director for many years and also taught religious education.

The Funeral Mass for Anna Ruth Thomas was celebrated Thursday, June 16 at Saints Philip and James Church, Meyersdale, with Bishop Mark L. Bartchak presiding and Father Alan Thomas, celebrant. Committal was at Saints Philip and James Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in her name to Saints Philip and James Catholic Church, 247 High St., Meyersdale PA 15552 or Pennsylvania Maple Festival, PO Box 222, Meyersdale PA 15552.

Pope Sets Canonization Date

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis will declare four men and one woman -- Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity, a French Discalced Carmelite mystic and writer -- saints at the Vatican Oct. 16.

The date was announced June 20 during an "ordinary public consistory," a meeting of the pope, cardinals and promoters of sainthood causes that formally ends the sainthood process.

In addition to Blessed Elizabeth, he approved the canonizations of Blesseds Manuel Gonzalez Garcia, a Spanish bishop known for his devotion to eucharistic adoration; Guillaume-Nicolas-Louis Leclercq, a Christian Brother martyred during the September Massacres in Paris after refusing to swear allegiance to the new government following the French Revolution; Lodovico Pavoni, the Italian founder of the Sons of Mary Immaculate, now commonly known as the Pavonians; and Alfonso Maria Fusco, an Italian priest who founded the Congregation of the Baptistines of the Nazarene.

At the same consistory, Pope Francis also took care of some internal business of the College of Cardinals, approving the promotion of four cardinal deacons to the rank of cardinal priests.

Martyrs Are Witnesses Of Faith, Not Just Victims Of Genocide, Says Pope

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)

-- Using the word "genocide" to describe the persecution of Christians in the Middle East risks downplaying the courage and witness of those who boldly profess faith in Jesus Christ even in the face of death, Pope Francis said.

"I want to say clearly that I do not like it when people speak of a 'genocide of Christians,' for example in the Middle East," the pope said, responding to questions June 18. Calling the persecution "genocide," he said, is using a juridical and sociological category to speak of "something which is a mystery of the faith: martyrdom."

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said Pope Francis "was not speaking about the use of the term 'genocide' on a political level, but on a level of faith. When applied to the persecution of Christians in the Middle East, the dimension of faith is essential," particularly when victims are murdered for not renouncing faith in Christ.

Pope Francis spent more than an hour responding to questions during an afternoon visit to Rome's Villa Nazareth, a residence for university students and headquarters of a foundation dedicated to helping gifted students who do not have the financial resources to continue their studies.

Asked how young people can find courage to live their faith, Pope Francis said the Gospel calls Christians to give witness to their faith in Christ and to the reality that he died to redeem sinners "but is alive," working in the lives of individuals and communities.

Martyrdom is the fullest expression of Christian witness, he said. "It's the maximum, heroic."

Recalling the Islamic State's martyrdom of 21 Egyptian Christians on a Libyan beach

in 2015, Pope Francis said none of them were theologians, "but they were doctors of Christian consistency; they were witnesses of the faith."

Fidelity to Christ and being living witnesses requires sacrifice, though usually not to the point of death, he said. It requires many little acts of martyrdom, "the martyrdom of honesty, the martyrdom of patience, of raising your children, of fidelity in love when it's easier to take another path."

"We are sinners who Jesus loves and has healed, or who are in the process of being healed," the pope said. Recognizing one's own sinfulness and the unfathomable depths of God's mercy are essential for being an authentic witness.

Asking forgiveness in advance, Pope Francis said those who strut around like peacocks may look impressive, but from behind you see the mess they leave. "Pardon me," he said, "but that's the truth of the peacock."

A young man with a question about facing doubts in one's faith life, asked the pope if he ever struggled with his faith.

"This is a question you ask the pope? What courage!" Pope Francis said with a smile.

"Many times I've found myself in a crisis with the faith," either asking God why he lets something happen or even wondering if it's all true, he said. "This happened as a young man, a seminarian, a priest, as a religious, as bishop and as pope."

A Christian who has never felt this once in a while, one whose faith never entered in crisis, is missing something" and is probably too content, the pope said. A crisis brings questions and growth.

"I've learned that a Christian should not be afraid to experience crisis. It's a sign that one is moving forward, that one is not anchored to the shore, but has set out and is moving forward," he said.



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BLESSED TERESA TO BE CANONIZED: A nun from the Missionaries of Charity holds a picture of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata during a Mass to remember her in Kolkata, India, Sept. 4, 2011. Blessed Teresa will be canonized at the Vatican September 4, an event that pilgrims from the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese will attend.

Canonization Will Be Highlight Of Pilgrimage

Attendance at the Sunday, September 4 canonization of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata will be the highlight of **The Catholic Register's** Jubilee Year Of Mercy Pilgrimage to Italy, August 29 - September 8.

The local pilgrims will be among tens of thousands of people filling Saint

Peter's Square at the Vatican when Pope Francis declares the beloved servant of the poorest of the poor to be a Saint.

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