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## Catholic Charities Recognizes Young People, Adults Who Have Served Those Most In Need

Photos And Text  
By Bruce A. Tomaselli

Even living in the greatest democracy in the world, our freedoms are capricious.

“As many of you know we will celebrate the Fortnight for Freedom on June 24,” reminded Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, as he spoke at the Annual Catholic Charities Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, June 4 at the Blairmont Club in Hollidaysburg.

“We have freedom, freedom to serve the poor and vulnerable, according to Divine Revelation,” he reminded.

The dinner is held to “recognize a dozen individuals who have quietly done God’s works ‘for the least of these,’” explained Father Sean Code, chairman of the Catholic Charities’ Advisory Board of Directors, and master of ceremonies for the event.

Father Code said six adults were being honored with the Monsignor William M. Griffin Humanitarian Award. Their ministry to help others has spanned decades. Monsignor Griffin was the first executive director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown. Six students were also honored with the Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award for



**MATTHEW 25 YOUTH HUMANITARIAN AWARD WINNERS:** Pictured (left to right) are: Paul Enderle, Aubrey Vena, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, Teresa Smith, Rachel Kwisnek, Matthew Poorman, and Jean Johnstone, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown. Absent from the photo is Thomas Feather. The awards were presented at the annual Catholic Charities Recognition Dinner held Wednesday, June 4 at the Blairmont Club in Hollidaysburg.

their volunteer service and living a life of charity.

The 12 honorees have dedicated their time to aid the sick, the poor, and all that might be in need of compassionate care. Among them is Teresa Smith, just a third - grader at Huntingdon Elementary School, who has shown compassion way beyond her years.

She was nominated by Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Kate O’Neil, who discovered that Teresa is a regular visitor

to the Huntingdon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where she reads and visits with the residents.

Sister Kate said she was surprised to discover that Teresa reads to “my mom, Helen Christian.”

In her own words Teresa wrote, “Once a week I go to visit Mrs. Marko’s mother. Her name is Helen. She has a bad sickness called Alzheimer’s. She doesn’t know people anymore. I read to her. She likes colorful

books with lots of pictures. We talk, too. She always says, “You got that right.’ I visit others and give them hugs.” Teresa lives Matthew 25:35 - 36, 40. “Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least of brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Bishop Mark noted that in today’s world it can sometimes be a challenge to carry out corporal works of mercy. “Thankfully, we have Catholic Charities that perseveres.

“Thank God for all of our

honored guests that live the fundamentals of Catholic teaching. We are blessed by the example of all of you tonight.”

Catholic Charities Executive Director, Jean Johnstone, said she gets excited for these awards every year. “Each year I’m amazed with what these adults and six outstanding youths accomplish. I can’t believe what all of these kids do.”

The Matthew 25 honorees include: Paul Enderle of Bedford High School; Thomas Feather of Windber Area High School; Rachael Kwisnek and Matthew Poorman, of Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg; Smith; and Aubrey Vena of Bishop McCort Catholic High School, Johnstown.

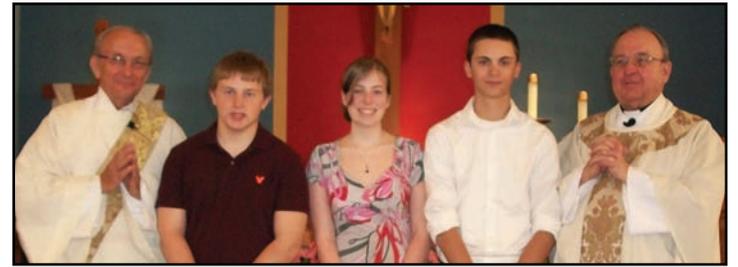
- - Enderle was nominated by Dorothy Weyant, director of Religious Education at Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in Bedford.

Too young for a driver’s license, Paul walks to the grocery store and does lawn and other work for elderly neighbors. He’s also joined the Saint Vincent DePaul Society and asked to establish a Young Vincentians group on the high school level to help the poor and visit the sick.

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**SAINT MICHAEL:** Saint Michael Parish, Saint Michael celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4. Pictured are (left to right), First row: Zander Sarka, Toby Tokarsky, Madalynn Stiffler, Gaven Plummer, Michael Kresic. Second row: Brady Nugent, Sydney Myers, Emily Myers, Julia Diaz, Alexis Henderson, Kaden Christ. Third row: Laurie Sloan (director of religious education), Ian Dobbins (altar server), Deacon David Hornick, Father Charles Bodziak (pastor), Griffin Christ and Andrew Martin (altar servers) and Ann Marie Martin (catechist).



**SAINT MARY, NANTY GLO:** Saint Mary Parish, Nanty Glo, celebrated Confirmation on Sunday, May 18. Pictured are (left to right) Deacon James Janosik, Luke Galko, Tyler Hegedus, and Father Leonard Voytek (pastor).



**QUEEN OF ANGELS:** Celebrating First Holy Communion at Queen of Angels Parish, Central City were (left to right) Father Joseph Maurizio, Madalyn Rapsky, Alena Dabbs and Tara Kozlick (catechist).

**Community**

**Hahn To Speak**

**Cresson:** The Saint Vincent DePaul Society, Peter Lemke Council announces that Dr. Scott Hahn, an internationally renowned lecturer / theologian and Professor of Biblical Theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio will be at Mount Aloysius College on Saturday, September 13.

The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Hahn will have two sessions in the morning, followed by lunch and an

afternoon session (topics will be announced at a later date.)

There will be a \$5.00 charge, and lunch is included. Reservations are required. For inquiries or reservations please contact: sandrainzana@comcast.net or call Sandy at (814) 472 - 8814.

**High Schools**

**Foreign Study**

**Altoona:** Eleven students will participate in Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School's Summer in France Study Abroad program run through Saint Fran-

cis University, Loretto. The students include Allison Bare, Jared Bender, Jared Barber, Benjamin McConnell, Rebecca Kasun, Brayley Lewis, Danielle McFarland, Alyson Stevens, Emily Yanoshak, Drake Patel and Adam Horell.

This is the first year that Bishop Guilfoyle has offered this Study Abroad Program.

The students left June 7 for France and spent 10 days at Ambialet at a former monastery where Saint Francis operates its study abroad program. Ambialet is located in southwestern France and the SFU facility is perched on a hilltop overlooking



**SAINT FRANCIS:** Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Johnstown, celebrated Confirmation on Tuesday, May 20. Pictured are (left to right) Conventual Franciscan Father Anthony Francis Spilka (pastor), Abigail Teresa Selan, Ryan Michael Cover, and Marcy Olek (Confirmation coordinator).

the village of Ambialet and the Tarn River.

The Summer in France program offers three Saint Francis University credits in Early and Medieval Church History and Architecture. The dual enrollment course will allow students a hands-on opportunity to study castles, chateaux, ruins, quaint medieval hilltop villages and cathedrals.

“With Saint Francis University and Bishop Guilfoyle expanding our Professor in Residence curriculum to include this study abroad program, our students are able to take advantage of experiencing the world and their education through valuable cultural immersion,”

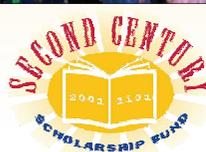
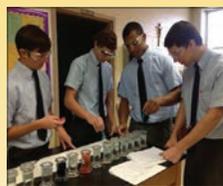
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# In The Alleghenies



**MOST HOLY TRINITY, SOUTH FORK:** Most Holy Trinity Parish, South Fork, celebrated Confirmation on Thursday, April 24 and First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 3. Pictured at left are (left to right) First row: Father Robert Reese (pastor), Anthony Maticic, Nicole Fisher, Michael Fisher, Deacon Rick Golden. Second row: Amber Zimmerman, Teresa Yuhas and Alisa Zimmerman. Pictured at right are (left to right) Xavier Yuhas, Father Reese and Mackenzie Johns. May Crowning was celebrated at the First Holy Communion Mass.



**SISTER MARK HONORED:** Sister of Saint Agnes Mark Plescher, director of elementary education in the Altoona - Johnstown diocese, is pictured with a handmade quilt. The diocesan principals celebrated Sister Mark's many faithful years of service to the Diocese at a special surprise luncheon on Tuesday, May 20. Each patch represented one of the twenty elementary schools. Additionally the principals brought cards and spiritual bouquets from the students of the diocesan elementary and high schools to celebrate and honor Sister Mark's dedication to the schools of the Diocese. Sister Mark will be leaving the education office June 30.



**SAINT JOSEPH, RENOVO:** Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Joseph Parish Renovo on Sunday, April 27 were (left to right) Brett Mason, Jeremy Zuback, Giada DeMarte, Dalton Perry and Maddox Smith, pictured with Father Charles Ugo (pastor).

going to be a lot of hands on learning where we get to visit the places we learn about. It's also not every day that I have the chance to stay in an 11th century monastery. That should be an experience in itself."

"It is great that Saint Francis University is opening this program to us here at BG," said sophomore Jared Bender. "I hope to gain many things from this trip. The biggest thing I am looking forward to is the college credits. Another thing I'm looking forward to is interacting with the village people of Ambialet."

Starting with the 2014 - 15 school year, Bishop Guilfoyle will debut its Professor in Residence program in conjunction with Saint Francis. BG will offer three college classes taught by visiting SFU professors, including Stats 101 (college stats), Business 101 (business in the global society), and RLST 390 (early and medieval history and architecture).

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Bishop Guilfoyle principal Joan Donnelly said. "In addition to the significant life experience of traveling to a foreign country, earning college credit and hav-

ing high school study abroad on their high school transcripts gives these students a competitive edge in the college entrance process."

Bishop Guilfoyle students are excited for the opportunity.

"It's a once in a lifetime chance, and I knew I couldn't pass it up," said sophomore Ally Stevens. "This trip is a unique opportunity to learn about France while being fully immersed in the culture. From what I've heard, it's

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## Point Of View

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

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

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

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

“We are going to build a fire, and share some smore’s together, and we are going to sleep under falling stars, life doesn’t get much better.....”

I couldn’t agree more! The minds of children are so care - free and innocent, reveling in the beauty of the simplest things of life. They delight in the everyday pleasures of God’s world, filling their days with a true sense of wonder and unforgettable laughter. Oh, to be a kid again! Jesus, says in the Bible



## Family Matters

By Amy Kanich  
**Summertime, Through The Eyes Of A Child**

we should become like little children, and believe me there are days I would love to go back to my childhood summers, and do just that - be a kid. But, I am sure that is not what Jesus really means in this verse of scripture.

Although, theologically, there are many teachings on this scripture with many of them being complex, I believe one simple lesson Christ is trying to impress on us, involves the simplicity of small children and their approach to life.

Young children marvel at life, seizing every opportunity to delight in the world about them. They are not hindered by endless thoughts of the past or the future, they simply live in the now, in the present today. Children take every opportunity to explore the beautiful world about them, thinking only of the moment, rarely focusing on anything else, especially not time itself. If we minus the agendas, appointments, and never ending to do list, what we have left, is actually what children delight in, life itself!

Children remind us life is good, and more importantly our God is good. Although, you may think this phrase is trite

and worn out, the truth is “Our Present is a Present”, and it is wrapped and lovingly presented to us daily by our Creator. It is truly a great gift which children always unwrap with eager enthusiasm. It is also a gift many adults unfortunately never find time to open.

If you have a child, grandchild, or a neighborhood child in your life then you are blessed. Spend some time looking at the world from their eyes, get down on their level and learn from them. Marvel at the lush facets of the raspberry, delight in the snowy burst of the seeding dandelion, stop to feel a bubble burst on your finger, color your world with sidewalk chalk.... Learn from those who are so fresh from God Himself.

Summer is the perfect time, to reveal in God’s glory, to slow down and bask in the goodness of the Son! So, yes, it’s okay to jump in the puddles, run through the sprinkler and share a popsicle or two.

For me, although I am not really sure how to climb a rainbow or how the cotton candy clouds may taste, I do know one thing for sure, it is going to be wonderful summer! Just ask the beautiful kids in my life!!!

Blessings!



## Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein  
**Families Pay The Price Of War**

The Holy Father’s Peace Prayer Summit at the Vatican Sunday, June 8, came two days after the 70th anniversary of the D – Day landings by Allied Forces on the beaches of Normandy, marking a turning point in the Second World War, and 20 days prior to the 100th anniversary of the first shots fired in the First World War.

Joining Pope Francis in prayer were Israeli President Shimon Peres and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. During their shared prayer, President Peres spoke of the high price of war, saying “Never will I forget the bereaved families, parents and children, who paid the cost of war.” He pledged to continue to seek peace “for the generations to come,” the same thought that Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II had expressed in a speech in Paris on the evening of the D – Day anniversary, when she said that “everything we do, we must do for the young.”

The dead were counted in tens of thousands on June 6, 1944. Add to those numbers the wives and children, the mothers and fathers, the brothers and sisters who were left to mourn the dead, and the human cost is incalculable. Bereaved families do indeed pay the cost of war.

That truth is most powerfully brought home when considering the first two victims of the First World War, who met their deaths at Sarajevo on June 28, 1914. Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of the Austro – Hungarian Empire, and his wife Sophie, Duchess of Hohenberg, were an unpopular couple in the Dual Monarchy. Politically, the Archduke was at odds with almost everyone in the Empire; personally, the couple was looked down upon because theirs was a “morganatic” or “unequal marriage.” Because Sophie was not royal by birth, she was not considered a fitting wife for the heir. She was not permitted to take the Archduke’s name, title or rank. She could never be crowned Empress, by his side. The only ones who truly mourned this luckless pair were their three children - - Sophie, Maximilian and Ernst. No matter what their other shortcomings, Franz Ferdinand and Sophie were devoted spouses and loving parents. Their three children were the very center of their lives. Unlike most royal or aristocratic parents of that era, the Archduke and the Duchess had their children with them constantly and involved themselves in everything that concerned the children. All the snubs and slights the couple endured in their official lives were more than compensated in their happy family life. The Archduke’s dying words were “Sophie, Sophie! Don’t die! Stay alive for our children!”

Theirs was but one family that paid the high price of war. Thousands upon thousands of others endured similar bereavement. We can think of the Frank family living in hiding in an attic in Amsterdam during the Second World War as another example of how war hits at the heart of our civilization - - the family. When the family is threatened, we all are threatened. When one family is torn apart, the human family is the poorer.

On June 28, our prayers marking the anniversary of the First World War should include special prayers for the safety, the peace and the harmony of all families. Families have paid too high a price for the wars of the past. They continue to pay that price today. On June 28 may we all pledge “Never again. The price has been paid in full.”



**SAINT BENEDICT, CARROLLTOWN:** Saint Benedict Parish, Carrolltown, celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4 and Confirmation on Thursday, May 15. Pictured at left are (left to right) First row: Nathan Marana, Grant Hayes, Natalee Haycisak, Mikayla Stanek, Tricia Venesky, Megan McGowan, Sidney Nihart, Alexander Weber. Second row: Parker Farabaugh, Shane Kane, Leah Behe, Lauren Behe, Julie Dotts, Isabella Farabaugh, Vincent Borutto, Lukas Conner. Third row: Darin Himmel, Gary Farabaugh, Jude Gabrielson, Mackenzie Mulraney, Sophia Hoover, Olivia Deckard, Noah Farabaugh, Cameron Drahnak. Fourth row: Jeffery Maucieri (principal), Grant Sherry, Benedictine Father Jude W. Brady (pastor), Dylan Warner, Benedictine Brother Michael Miller (teacher), Seth Cunningham, Gabriel Barrett, Suzanne Bills (director of religious education), Richard Zalznock, Nancy Lamont (catechist) and Christian Swander. Pictured at right are: First row: Catherine Bender, Nicole Mihalow, Madison Lamb, Jennifer Phillips, Amanda Trinkley, Heather Harbrige. Second row: Robert McGowan (catechist), Dominic Carruba, Kylee Farabaugh, Morgan Scott, Ashley Morchesky, Carrie D'Andrea, Jamie Witham, Nicholas Veneskey. Third row: Adam Prohonic, Dominic Sottile, Jason McDevitt, James Gresko, Michael Gmitter, Kraig Cunningham, Levi Niebauer and Eric Ford.



**SAINT ANDREW:** Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Andrew Parish, Johnstown were (pictured at left, left to right) First row: Emma Zimmerman, Nicholas Jeffreys, Hunter Smith, Olivia Smith, Eden Rapp, Donald Hillegass, Ian Jeffreys, Julia Clement. Second row: Arlene Seesholtz (catechist), Emilee Roman, Abigail Kinsey, Madalyn Lee, Deborah Hite (teacher), Maureen Clark (director of religious education). Third row: Jacob Jeffreys, Troy Wills, Father Angelo Patti (pastor) and Shannon Booth. Class members also participated in a May Crowning ceremony. Pictured at right are (left to right) First row: Emma Zimmerman, Julia Clement. Second row: Madalyn Lee, Eden Rapp. Third row: Nicholas Jeffreys, Ian Jeffreys, Father Patti. Fourth row: Donald Hillegass and Abigail Kinsey.



**RESURRECTION:** Resurrection Parish, Johnstown, celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4 and Confirmation on Tuesday, May 20. Pictured at left are (left to right) First row: Kyleigh Duranko, Ashley Koontz, Lindsey Anderson, Hannah Miklos. Second row: Father Alan Thomas (pastor), Jennifer Gardenhour (catechist), Logan Oswald, Brayden Dean, Carmyne O'Connor and Marcy Olek (director of religious education and sacramental formation). Pictured at right are (left to right) First row: Sarina Emma Duris, Molly Clare Garver, Ryley Titus Vogel, Lauren Elizabeth Zajdel, Marcy Olek. Second row: Father Thomas, Brandon Robert Flowers, Sarah Lillian Knapp, Nicholas Michael Kasisky, Adam John Paul Britton and Martin Blaise Dean.

**Tuesday, July 15 is the deadline for submitting First Holy Communion, Confirmation, May Crowning and Graduation photos for publication in The Catholic Register. No submissions will be accepted after that date, but all photos submitted prior to the deadline will be published.**

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★ JUNE 21 to JULY 4, 2014 ★  
**FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM** **FREEDOM TO SERVE**  
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The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will once again sponsor a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 to July 4. The theme for this year's Fortnight will focus on the freedom to serve the poor and vulnerable in accord with human dignity and the Church's teaching.

In observance of the Fortnight for Freedom, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will preside at a Holy Hour on Tuesday, June 24, 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, and a homily from the Bishop. All are invited to join Bishop Bartchak and others in prayer for the preservation of our religious liberty.

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## Prayer

### Carmelite Novena

**Loretto:** This year's sixth novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Therese, the Little Flower, conducted by the Discalced Carmelite Nuns in their monastery chapel, will open Sunday, June 22 and conclude Monday, June 30.

All intentions will be remembered by the nuns in the special novena prayer recited after daily Mass.

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

Every Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. and every First Friday of the month, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is given in the public chapel at

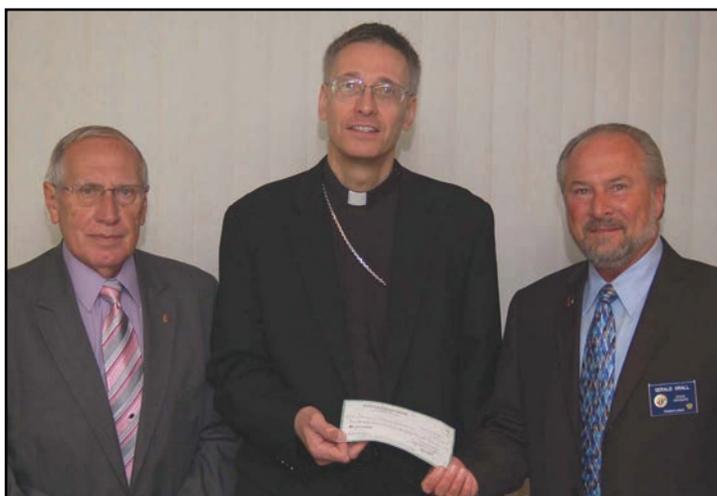


Photo By Bruce A. Tomaselli

**CHECK PRESENTATION:** The State Council of the Knights of Columbus, presented Bishop Mark L. Bartchak with a \$5,000.00 check. The donation comes from the Council's Annual Christopher Fund. Presenting the check (left to right) are: Joseph J. Kadas of Johnstown (past state deputy), Bishop Mark and Gerry Krull of Harrisburg (state advocate).

Carmel, followed by veneration of the relic of Saint Therese.

### Mass For Vocations

**Loretto:** A Mass for the intention of an increase of vocations to the diocesan priesthood

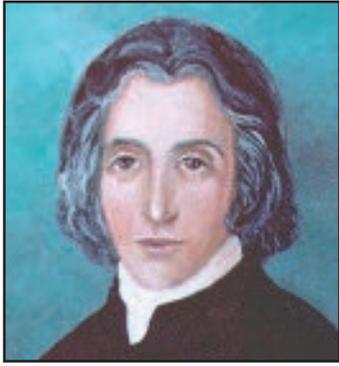


**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Altoona, celebrated First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 10. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Nadia Balestino, Laura Woomer, Jennie Jo Merilli, Laney Yost, Lucas Rosamilia, Isabella Hewitt, Angelina Rhoades, Landon Baker. Second row: Gina Pulcinello, Ethan Strawmire, Caleb Friley, Anthony Caracciolo, Elise Schimming, Kathryn Persing, Evan Holtslander. Third row: Joseph Hofer, Leah Hostler, Ryan Hostler, Aurik Steinbauer, Rayna Colombo, Owen Hoover, Dominic Dunio. Fourth row: Third Order Regular Franciscan Fathers Terrence Smith (parochial vicar) and Frank Scornaienchi (pastor) and Dona Baughman (director of religious education).



**VOUCHERS:** The diocesan Education Office will soon mail financial assistance vouchers to 1,500 Catholic school students for the 2014 - 15 school year. The scholarships are a result of business contributions received through the PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit program. Businesses interested in filing an initial EITC tax credit application on Tuesday, July 1, are encouraged to contact the diocesan development office at (814) 695 - 5577 for program details.

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## A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

The Servant Of God  
Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin  
1770 - 1840

### New York Martyrs Shrine Fighting To Survive

By Angela Cave  
Catholic News Service

**AURIESVILLE, N.Y. (CNS)** -- A popular New York pilgrimage site where Jesuit missionaries were martyred has launched a \$1 million fundraising campaign to stay open.

The National Shrine of Our

Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville since the late 19th century has commemorated the site of a 17th-century Mohawk village called Ossernenon. There, Jesuit missionaries Saints Isaac Jogues, Ren, Goupil and John Lalande were martyred in the 1640s and St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656.

But attendance dropped by more than 50 percent during

the shrine's 2013 season. Collections brought in less than \$100,000.

That was despite a deluge of 20,000 pilgrims the weekend in 2012 that St. Kateri was canonized. The crowds even forced law enforcement agencies to close part of the New York State Thruway while the Mohawk maiden's sainthood was celebrated.

The martyrs' shrine is not supported by the Albany Diocese, so it relies on its 100 Masses per 24-week season and periodic novenas to support its staff and operate its 400-acre facility. The property includes five chapels, two museums, a candle shrine, a Jesuit cemetery, a visitor's center and gift shop, outdoor Stations of the Cross and a 10,000-capacity coliseum.

In September, wind and water damaged a two-ton crucifix, 230 windows and the three-tier roof of the coliseum, as well as pews and paneling. Repairs and upgrades will cost \$500,000.

"It's a very serious situation. This is not a scare tactic," said Joey Caruso, a retired radio broadcaster and shrine volunteer who is overseeing the fundraising campaign.

If the coliseum problems aren't addressed, he explained, mold could create health hazards and the roof could cave in.

The St. Kateri Chapel, public bathrooms and water system also need repairs and upgrades.

"It's the most holy grounds in New York, the best-kept secret upstate," Caruso said. "There are many private miracles that take place there. As (retired Albany)



**COLISEUM CHURCH:** This is the interior of the Coliseum at the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs, Auriesville, New York, showing the sanctuary and high altar. Built in 1930, thus becoming one of the first circular churches built in the United States, the Coliseum's design allows for the efficient seating of approximately 10,000 worshippers. In September 2013 wind and water damaged the two-ton crucifix, 230 windows and the three-tier roof of the coliseum, as well as pews and paneling. Repairs and upgrades will cost \$500,000. The Coliseum church is the centerpiece of the 400 acre facility that was founded in 1885.

Bishop (Howard J.) Hubbard said not too long ago, we have more saints than any other place in the western hemisphere."

The martyrs' shrine was founded in 1885 by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), who also at one point operated the National Shrine of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in Fonda, N.Y., and the Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha in Kahnawake in Quebec, Canada. The Jesuit community has been the shrine's largest benefactor, staffing it with three priests.

Caruso said it is uncertain whether the Jesuits will keep a priest there if the coliseum can't open.

"It would behoove us, the Catholic community, to get these repairs done," he said. "We need to rely on Catholics who will claim ownership of the shrine. Generations of Catholics have gone there.

"In the silence of that place, you can almost hear a holiness," Caruso added. "It's such a special place that we cannot afford not to save it. It's up to us, the laity. We're confident that we're going to raise the money."

"This is my way of giving back," he said of the shrine campaign. "God has blessed me in

so many ways. The shrine can't run on nickels and dimes anymore. I will invite the pope or the cardinal if I have to.

"I've got to believe that God is going to make this thing work," he continued. "It's not my shrine. It's the Catholic shrine. It we can't pass down the saints to the next generation, who will?"

Donations by check may be sent to: Building fund drive, c/o Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, to 136 Shrine Rd., Fultonville, NY 12016. Online donations may be made at: [www.martyrshrine.org](http://www.martyrshrine.org).

### 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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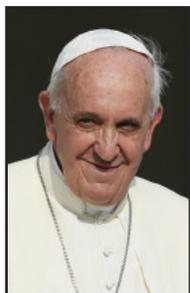
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# Word of Life



## The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis  
Pope At Charismatic Rally

**ROME (CNS)** -- Meeting more than 50,000 Catholic charismatics in Rome's Olympic Stadium, Pope Francis admitted he was not always comfortable with the way they prayed, but he knelt onstage as they prayed for him and over him by singing and speaking in tongues.

"In the early years of the charismatic renewal in Buenos Aires, I did not have much love for charismatics," the pope said June 1. "I said of them: They seem like a samba school."

Little by little, though, he came to see how much good the movement was doing for Catholics and for the church, he told a gathering organized by the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services and the Catholic Fraternity of Charismatic Covenant Communities and Fellowships.

Pope Francis invited them to come to St. Peter's Square for Pentecost in 2017 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the movement. The Catholic charismatic movement traces its origins to a retreat held in 1967 with students and staff from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

The celebration in Rome's Olympic Stadium began with the song, "Vive Jesus, El Senor," ("Jesus, the Lord, Lives") a Spanish-language song which Pope Francis -- who claims he is tone deaf -- joined in singing with his hands open like many in the crowd. The pope said he likes the song, which charismatics in Argentina also sing.

"When I celebrated the holy Mass with the charismatic renewal in the Buenos Aires cathedral, after the consecration and after a few seconds of adoration in tongues, we sang this song with such joy and strength," he said.

At another point, when the crowd prayed that the Holy Spirit would fill Pope Francis, he knelt on the bare floor of the stage, while they sang with their hands raised toward him.

Responding to a married couple, who spoke about the renewal's positive impact on their family life, Pope Francis said the family is the "domestic church," the place where Jesus' presence grows in the love of spouses and in the lives of their children. "This is why the enemy attacks the family so hard; the devil doesn't like it, and tries to destroy it."

"May the Lord bless families and strengthen them during this crisis when the devil wants to destroy them," the pope prayed.

In a speech, Pope Francis told the charismatics that their movement was begun by the Holy Spirit as "a current of grace in the church and for the church."

He pleaded with charismatic groups not to try to organize everything or create a bureaucracy that attempts to tame the Holy Spirit.

The temptation "to become 'controllers' of the grace of God" is a danger, the pope said. Group leaders, sometimes without even meaning to, become "administrators of grace," deciding who should exercise which gifts of the Holy Spirit. "Don't do this anymore," Pope Francis said. "Be dispensers of God's grace, not controllers. Don't be the Holy Spirit's customs agents."

From the beginning, he said, charismatics were known for their love of and familiarity with the Scriptures; the pope asked those who lost the habit of carrying their Bible with them everywhere to "return to this first love, always have the word of God in your pocket or purse."

Pope Francis also said Catholic charismatics have a special role to play in healing divisions among Christians by exercising "spiritual ecumenism" or praying with members of other Christian churches and communities who share a belief in Jesus as lord and savior.



**ONE MORE TIME:** Mary Elizabeth Lewis (center) was the May Queen when May Crowning was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Parish in Dudley in 1935. She is pictured with Helen O'Brien (left) and two Sisters of Mercy who were teaching religious education in the parish that summer.

This week I had one of those marvelous occasions when prayer arrived for me.

This has been a terribly busy time. You know the feeling. Your gut suddenly clinches up with a frantic thought: Can I get all this done?

It was one of those moments when you feel the tightening muscles in the abdomen, the feeling of being overwhelmed. I regret to say that in those instances, I'm not always the best at giving time to prayer. And those times, of course, are when I need prayer most.

Breathe, close your eyes, let your mind empty, place your trust in the other, experience presence.

I wasn't doing very well at any of that. I was constantly putting off my prayer time until later. I sat at the dining room table, laptop before me, nervously trudging along at my "to do" list as if it were of great importance.

Suddenly, I glanced out at the neighbor's house across the way and noted a very bright light, a gleaming orb, in their bedroom window. I did a double take and realized it must be a reflection of a full moon, a really big full moon.

I hurried out the patio door and around the side of the house. I was having trouble spotting it, until there, far above me, in the light blue sky of early evening, was the moon. Its valleys and craters, the "man in the moon" were clearly demarcated. It was



## For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola  
Putting Life, Old And New,  
Into Perspective

too early for stars. It was simply a spring moon on a cool evening, shining on a city about to bloom into summer.

I was brought to my knees. Well, not literally, not in the thick damp grass. But my mind suddenly emptied of all those "important" things. I felt awe, and then I thought of one thing only. A few days before I had found out that I am going to be a grandmother (for the first time) in November.

In the busyness of my week, I hadn't taken much time to reflect on this momentous occasion, but as my eyes were lifted to the heavens, I felt a deep sense of gratitude. I felt a sense of presence, not just the presence of the eternal holy One, but the presence of a new family member.

Around me, I sensed the "thin places" that Irish writer John O'Donohue describes, when a veil seems to lift between you and those who await you in eternity.

In the early evening, I felt tears sting my eyes. I thought of the book **Famine** by Liam

O'Flaherty, which I had just finished rereading. **Famine** is a classic of Irish literature, the re-counting of three generations of a family who endured the Great Irish Famine of the mid-19th century.

**Famine** is a riveting and painful read, especially for me because my great-grandfather was a child of the famine who escaped to America after his parents died. Much like the Kilmartins in O'Flaherty's book, my great-grandfather discovered that survival was for the young.

If he had not made that desperate voyage on a famine ship, this little grandchild -- his great-great-great grandchild -- would not be.

For a few graced moments, that full moon brought me such a sense of continuity, of hope against the frightful perils of this world, of assurance that a mysterious presence guides us through troubled times.

If our faith is how we walk with mystery, I was grateful that on this spring night, mystery had knocked on my door and walked with me.



## Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
The Legionaries Of Christ

**Q.** Recently, some new priests were ordained for the Legionaries of Christ. I had thought that this order was being dissolved due to the scandals created by its founder, Father Marcial Maciel, who committed everything from fraud to pedophilia.

Why is the order continuing when its founder was a sociopath whose life was a lie to everyone? (Virginia)

**A.** First, a bit of background. The Legionaries of Christ is a religious order of men, founded in Mexico in 1941 by Father Marcial Maciel Degollado. Only a few years ago, it numbered nearly a thousand priests and 2,000 seminarians and was embraced by the Vatican for its success in attracting young men to the religious life.

Disaster struck, however, when investigations showed that its founder had, over the years, been guiltily of wide-ranging immorality, including (in the words of the order itself) "abuse

of minor seminarians," "immoral acts with adult men and women," "arbitrary use of his authority and of material goods" and "indiscriminate consumption of addictive medicines."

In 2006, the Vatican disciplined Father Maciel, sentencing him to a "life reserved to prayer and penitence, renouncing all public ministry." Father Maciel died in 2008.

Following these reprehensible disclosures, the question you raise, "Why not disband?" was advanced by critics of the order, including by some former members. Instead, in 2010 Pope Benedict XVI installed a papal delegate and placed the order under a Vatican-supervised reform.

That process culminated in the election in early 2014 of the order's new general director, Father Eduardo Robles Gil, who said that the mandated reform had filled the members with "hope, enthusiasm (and) optimism."

However, the awkwardness

of the founder's moral disgrace is apparent in the new director's words. Following his recent election, Father Robles Gil explained that, although Father Maciel's writings are free from doctrinal error, they are no longer assigned to be read by the order's seminarians. And he admitted that, although canon law calls on religious orders to be faithful to their founder's spirit, Father Maciel can no longer serve as such a "reference point."

**Q.** The Confiteor prayer, which we often recite at the beginning of Mass, contains these words: "Blessed Mary, ever-virgin." Yet in New American Bible (written especially for Catholics) we read (Mt 1:24-25): "(Joseph) did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus." Wouldn't this indicate that Joseph and Mary did have sexual relations after Jesus' birth, meaning that she was no longer a virgin? (Terre Haute, Indiana)

**A.** The perpetual virginity of Mary has been held by the church since its earliest centuries. It was perhaps most strongly expressed by St. Augustine in 411, namely, that Mary was "a virgin conceiving, a virgin bearing, a virgin pregnant, a virgin bringing forth, a virgin perpetual."

As to the argument you raise from Matthew 1:24-25, you have imposed a modern meaning upon an ancient word. The use of the word "until" in biblical times (Matthew's Greek word was "heos") simply meant that some action did not happen up until a certain point.

It did not imply anything about what happened after the time indicated. A good example is 2 Samuel 6:23, which is sometimes translated, "Michal the daughter of Saul had no children until the day of her death." Are we to understand that she had children later?

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## Consider This

By Stephen Kent  
Natural Law  
And Same - Sex Marriage

The prospect for continuing to define marriage as between one man and one woman in this country may appear to be dim as one state after another finds its laws rejected by federal judges.

In less than a year, state bans on same-sex marriage have been struck down about a dozen times. Pennsylvania and Oregon were the last two states to do so.

At first glance, it would appear that the proponents of traditional marriage -- including the Catholic Church -- have failed to influence public opinion.

Decisions favoring same-sex marriage are received by a society that greatly relies on "it's not fair" to make its judgments. Proponents of traditional marriage, between one man and one woman, have a more complex concept to sell.

The philosophers and the lawyers are passing in the night on different levels. The courts are treating the meaning of marriage as a matter of due process and equal protection.

"Marriage is rooted in nature: two people of the same sex are no more being denied the 'right' to marry than a man is 'denied' the 'right' to gestate and nurse a child," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says on its website.

"Authentic human rights flow from the nature and the dignity of the human person, a nature that includes sexual difference," the bishops say.

Their statement continues: "The 'right to marry' is not the right to enter a relationship that is not a marriage, and then force others by law to treat that relationship as if it were a marriage."

Last year, the Supreme Court of the United States declared unconstitutional the federal Defense of Marriage Act, defining marriage between one man and one woman, for violating the equal protection clause. The case involved federal benefits, and the court did not rule that all states must allow such marriages to take place.

However, same-sex marriage proponents were encouraged by the decision. In Pennsylvania, U.S. District Judge John E. Jones cited due process and equal protection in striking down that state's law. His decision came with his opinion as well. "In future generations the label same-sex marriage will be abandoned to be replaced simply by marriage," he wrote. "We are a better people than these laws represent, and it is time to discard them into the ash heap of history."

No, it is precisely because of laws recognizing marriage that we are a better people. In Texas, where the ban also was ruled unconstitutional, U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia said explaining his ruling that "without a rational relationship to a legitimate government purpose, it [the ban] denies same-sex couples the benefits, dignity and value of celebrating marriage."

The USCCB says "The government has the responsibility of promoting the common good and the best interests of all people, especially the most vulnerable, and upholding authentic marriage does precisely that."

The Constitution originally didn't address many things because they were self-evident. If there is ambiguity which makes natural law seems unconstitutional, change the Constitution. It has been amended for purposes much less grave.

Change the paradigm to recognize the conflict but insist that it be resolved in favor of natural law. Natural law is immutable, man-made law is not.

Aloysius Gonzaga  
1568 - 1591  
Feast - June 21



Born to a noble Italian family, Aloysius served as a page in Spain and Italy. His father opposed a religious vocation, planning instead a military career for his oldest son. But Aloysius joined the Jesuits in Rome in 1585, taking his vows two years later. His health had been compromised by kidney disease, but he served in a Jesuit hospital opened in Rome when plague struck the city. He died of plague while ministering to the sick. St. Robert Bellarmine, his spiritual director, said the young Jesuit's austere religious practices and penances were so extreme that others should not follow them. Canonized in 1726, Aloysius later was declared protector of young students and patron saint of Catholic youth.

## Catholic Charities Honors Twelve

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- - Feathers was nominated by Roxann Newcomer, director of religious education at Saint Anthony of Padua Parish in Windber. Among a variety of charitable acts, Thomas' Eagle Scout project led him to renovate an abandoned cemetery. He places flags on the graves of veterans, and helps collect and distribute hundreds of bags of food to area food banks. He's also worked with the parish Mission Team in rural Appalachia.

- - Kwisnek was nominated by Barbara Condor, a teacher and coordinator of Campus Ministry at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School. According to Condor, "Rachel has exhibited the Catholic social teaching principles of respect for human life and the dignity of all people." Among her numerous activities she visits nursing homes and assists at Vacation Bible School.

- - Poorman, a member of the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto, was nominated by director of religious education, Celeste Stolz. Among his many achievements is his design, fabrication, assembly, and installation of the Stations of the Cross located on the walking path from Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine to the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House.

- - Vena was nominated by Father Alan Thomas, pastor of Resurrection Parish in Johnstown. Father Thomas said Aubrey is not afraid of hard work or power equipment, and he clearly marvelled at her talents. He said on a mission trip to West Virginia she had no trouble using floor jacks, air guns, or power saws, and she got down and dirty, too. She's also made a mission trip to Costa Rica, and was a parish youth representative to the National Catholic Youth Convention in Indianapolis. She's involved in much more.

The Independent Catholic Foundation generously donated scholarships to the students.

Those bestowed the Monsi-



**GRIFFIN AWARD WINNERS:** Six people were the recipients of the 2014 Monsignor William M. Griffin Award. Pictured (left to right) are: Rodolfo Furigay, M. D.; Francis and Charleen Thompson, Bishop Mark L. Barchak, Ronald and Mary Ann Weakland, Jean Johnstone, executive director of Catholic Charities; and Monsignor Robert Saly.

gnor William M. Griffin Award included:

- - Rodolfo Furigay, M.D. of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish in Windber. A deeply spiritual man, wrote Dr. Furigay, "I firmly believe that I am an instrument of the Divine Physician, a loving God in Jesus Christ." For the past 12 years he has been a member of the Philippine American Society of Western Pennsylvania a medical surgical mission team. Each year the team completes 200 to 300 surgeries and provides consultations for nearly 2000 more. He prays with his patients prior to their surgeries.

- - Monsignor Robert J. Saly, pastor of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Duncansville, was nominated by Paula Raynar of the Bellefonte Office of Catholic Charities. Said Raynar, "He would best be described by Christ's words in Matthew 6:4... 'But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that giving will be in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.'" Monsignor Saly is the former executive director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown.

- - Francis "Hezzie" and Charleen Thompson of Holy Rosary Parish, Altoona, are well known throughout the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese for their charity and volunteer work.

"Their litany of service does not do justice to them," said Father Anthony Petracca, who nominated the pair. "I think Monsignor Griffin would be honored to have his name associated with theirs."

- - Ronald and Mary Ann Weakland of Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College, were nominated by Mary Anne Hanelly. They've given much of their life to the prison population at Rockview. Said Hanelly,

"They have been going to the prison for 55 years. They say in the prisoners they see the face of Christ, and they like to see the face of Christ. They truly believe they receive more from their experiences than they give."



**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA:** Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Winder, celebrated Confirmation on Sunday, June 1. Pictured are (left to right): Kara Kosnosky, Alyssa Sheehan, Molly Verostick, Jared Maurizio, Cassandra Wentz and Holly Mishler. Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Roderick Soha is pastor.



**SAINT BERNARD:** Saint Bernard Parish, Hastings, celebrated Confirmation Thursday, May 15. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Taylor Hoyt, Bethany Gray, Allyson Becker, Alexandria Dvorchak, Sara Minemyer. Second row: Matthew McMullen, Brandon Soltis, Dalton Waksmunski, Jonathan Galinis, Samuel Williams, Zachary Lieb, and Joshua Serafin. Benedictine Father Thaddeus Rettger is pastor.

# Excitement Building For Matthew Kelly Retreat

## Noted Speaker, Author Will Visit Diocese September 27

By Tony DeGol

“When 70 percent of Catholics don’t go to Church on Sunday, isn’t it time someone did something?”

### Garvey Lauded By State

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She said the second reason is that every single staff person is responsible for the goal of excellence everyday. “Every department, every person, every volunteer, every task no matter how big or small - - is a shared commitment,” Sister Joachim said. “It is only through this unity of the whole that we are who we are and can achieve what we have achieved. You cannot buy, demand or fake this level of commitment. It has to come from the heart.”

The third reason is the most important factor, Sister Joachim said. “The focus, the motivation behind all that we do is each individual resident. If we lose sight of the individual, person-centered approach, we fail.

“Among our core values are the beliefs in the sanctity of life - - each life, at any stage being sacred - - God - given and worthy of the utmost dignity and quality of life. Our commitment to each resident is the fiber of our being.”

Sister Joachim praised the staff and department heads throughout her acceptance speech. “The biggest thank you goes to our incredible department heads and staff, standing here with me and those on duty throughout the facility. You are Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies. This award is an affirmation of your commitment.”

That sobering question is posed on the website of internationally - recognized speaker and author Matthew Kelly.

The answer, according to Kelly, is re - introducing Catholics to what he calls “the genius of Catholicism.”

Kelly will bring his message to the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown on Saturday, September 27 at Saint Francis University, Loretto.

The 40 - year old native of Australia is the author of more than a dozen books.

He is also a motivational speaker and founder of a foundation that aims to re - energize the Catholic Church in America.

Carmelite of the Word Sister Linda LaMagna, ministerial coordinator of evangelization for the Diocese, became an enthusiast of the Matthew Kelly message after reading his book **Rediscover Catholicism** and listening to his CD “Becoming the Best Version Of Yourself.”

“When I read that book and listened to that tape, there was something about that message,” Sister Linda said. “He convinced me that we have a story to tell, and we can’t let that story just be in books on the shelf. We’ve got to get it out there. There was something in the way he worded it that just made my heart leap.”

More than a year ago, Sister Linda began laying the groundwork for a Matthew Kelly visit to Altoona - Johnstown.

After meeting with Bishop Mark for his approval, she reached out to Kelly’s organization to work out details for a retreat sponsored by the Diocesan Parish Life Office.

She assembled a planning committee of about three dozen people representing different elements of Diocesan life, and a marketing/sponsorship committee also began meeting regularly.

A series of television and radio commercials to promote the event aired earlier this spring.



MATTHEW KELLY

Clearly, support for Kelly’s visit is building.

As of early June, about 600 tickets for the event were sold, said Sister Linda, noting that some pastors are buying blocks of tickets to give to the youth in their parish or to catechists.

While it may seem early to buy tickets for an event in September, Sister Linda cautioned that Kelly’s events often sell out.

The tickets also make a great gift for students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this year or graduated from high school or college, she added.

The theme for Kelly’s September 27 retreat will be “Living Every Day With Passion and Purpose,” said Sister Linda.

“It’s a message that all of us Catholics need to hear again so we can get a fire going in us again,” she added. “Everybody that has faith and wants their faith to be deepened should come. Any Catholic who has faith and feels that it is not strong enough or deep enough or wide enough should come and have the opportunity to step up their faith a few notches.”

Kelly’s upcoming visit will not be his first to Altoona - Johnstown.

He spoke at the annual Men’s Conference at Saint Francis University more than a decade ago.

Jerry Kibler, one of the attendees, remembers Kelly light-

ing up the room.

“I came home telling my wife, family, and friends, ‘Wow! I never heard such a powerful speaker - - I wish everyone could hear him,’” recalled Kibler, a member of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Altoona. “It just gave me the idea that I should try to spread my Catholic faith as much as I could and just go out and tell people how important my faith is.”

Lynn Holtz, a member of Saint Augustine Parish in Saint Augustine, had the opportunity to see and hear Kelly in person last fall in Collegeville.

“He talks of family and his voice really captures your attention,” said Holtz. “He’s very personable - - like Bishop Mark.”

Holtz is not only encouraging people to attend the September 27 event, but to do so with friends so the experience can spark discussion among them in the future.

Sister Linda hopes the Matthew Kelly event sets the stage for the faithful of the Diocese to answer Pope Francis’ call to build a more beautiful Church and a better world.

“With all of us hearing the message together, when we see each other afterwards, there will be some spiritual message in our hearts that will connect,” she said. “It’s not just about bringing a good speaker to the Diocese. I hope it’s going to lay some fertile ground.”

Matthew Kelly’s retreat on September 27 will begin with Morning Prayer with Bishop Mark at 8:15 a.m. Matthew Kelly’s presentations will begin at 9:00 a.m. Tickets are \$39.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students. For more information or to order tickets, please visit the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org). You can also contact Sister Linda at (814) 674 - 3712 or [llamagna@dioceseaj.org](mailto:llamagna@dioceseaj.org).

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# By Popular Demand, Faith Day Returns To DelGrosso Amusement Park

**Photo And Text  
By Bruce A. Tomaselli**

What could be better fun than a Faith Day celebration complete with Liturgy, food, rides, and swimming, and all at a special park rate?

Not much, so you better take advantage.

The annual Faith Day Celebration will be held, again by popular demand, on Sunday June 29 at the DelGrosso Amusement Park in Tipton.

"This is a great opportunity for Catholics from across the Diocese to meet people from other

parishes," said Tony DeGol, diocesan secretary for communications, and co - chairperson for the event.

Francine Swope, co - chairperson, added, "people approached me during the event last year and for a time afterwards, to tell me it was a great day and how much they appreciated being able to share a faith-based day." Swope is director of youth ministry, and coordinator of religious education and sacramental preparation.

DelGrosso's has again this year generously offered a reduced rate Ride and Slide Pass for just \$11.95. They have also graciously agreed to donate back \$3.00 of that money to the Diocese to supplement the Angel Fund.

"Every year more and more children want to participate in our summer camps. Camp Zachaeus and Camp Timothy are week - long camps," Swope said. "The Angel Fund helps make camp possible for children that can't quite meet the registration fee." Swope said the fund is also augmented through personal donations.

The park picnic area opens at 8:00 a.m. for the day. The remaining attractions open at 11:00 a.m. At 2:00 p.m. Faith Day activities will begin with entertainment by Johnstown's Cathedral Catholic Academy Youth Chorale on the Park Stage.



**SINGERS:** (Left to right) Catherine Horner, Jennifer Kist, and Anna Brizill warm up their voices prior to the Faith Day Mass, Sunday, June 30, 2013. The girls are members of the Cathedral Catholic Academy Chorale of Johnstown, directed by Evonne Yanzetich - Homway. The Chorale will be taking part in this year's Faith Day celebration set for Sunday, June 29 at DelGrosso Amusement Park in Tipton.

The same stage will also be the site for the 3:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak and priests of the Diocese. The Mass will satisfy the Sunday obligation. Following the Mass a 5:00 p.m. picnic supper will be served in the nearby Pavilion 2.

The price of adult meals is \$7.95, and children 12 and under

\$6.95. The meal includes: chicken, a choice of a hamburger or hot dog, baked beans and potato salad, and dessert.

As part of Faith Day the Diocese will be collecting non - perishable food items or a free will offering to aid those in need.

Meal ticket order forms are available at local parishes, on the diocesan web site ([www.aj-diocese.org](http://www.aj-diocese.org)), or by calling the Youth Ministry Office at (814) 693 - 9605. Meal tickets must be purchased before June 20.

All - day Ride N' Slide vouchers can be obtained from the local parish, on the diocesan web site, at the Park in Pavilion 2 on Faith Day, or the Youth Ministry Office.



**CARROLLTOWN GRADUATES:** Celebrating Eighth Grade Graduation at Saint Benedict School, Carrolltown, were (left to right) First row: Samantha Hilyer, Mariah Farabaugh, Avery Lamason. Second row: Sam Cunningham, Lauren Dvorchak, Taylor Eckenrode, Matthew Behe. Third row: Jeffrey Mauceri (principal), Benedictine Fathers Thaddeus Rettger and Jude Brady (pastor) and Kim Lallemand.



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**OUR LADY OF VICTORY:** Members of the First Holy Communion Class at Our Lady of Victory parish, State College (pictured above) are: Joella Alvarez, John Baggett, Christopher Bahnsen, Shannon Baldwin, Travis Bechtel, Ava Bevilacqua, Mariella Bleil, Hannah Bloom, Helena Burchill, Mary Capriani, Evan Casper, Aidan Clarke, Maximilian Clement, Adam Corson, Ethan Crum, Teah Doan, Amber Fisher, Garret Fitzgerald, Lilian Fitzgerald, Sarah Fleury, Gabriella Fuller, Liam Gallagher, Isabella Gallo, Ana Lu Garza, Isaac Gindhart, Hannah Grossman, Skyler Hampton, Tara Hershbine, Jackson Heverly, Luca Hipp, Maureen Hulburt, Sean Kenney, Andrew King, Hope Kotary, William Koppmann, Sophie Kratter, Hannah Langer, Tanner Ligetti, Elliot Lingle, Christopher Laskowski, John Paul Leskowitz, Mia Lombardi, Aiden Lulis, Megan Maher, Neil Maguire, Justin Monzillo, Olivia Nelson, Jason Okafor, Chiadika Oputa, Isaac Parks, Emma Pennabaker, Amalia Romero, Sadie Rosengrant, Charles Ruffing, Logan Shannon, Matthew Shue, Logan Shannon, Emma Shunk, Christopher Smerbeck, Helena Sicree, Ian Tallyen, James Tucker, Aaron Weaver, Lindsey Weaver, Brad Wertz, Riley Whittaker, Grace Witmer, Hannah Workman, Samantha Wrbican, Samantha Zally, Hannah Zaritski and Cara Zuech. Members of the Confirmation Class (pictured below) are: Michelle Alvarez, Seth Balkey, Thomas Biggs, Grace Billy, Molly Bosak, Brianna Bosak, Austin Brown, Katrina Burka, Larissa Burka, Michael Casciola, Zachary Driver, James Ellis, Brandon Fideli, Bryton Fegley, Liam Geleskie, Mark Henry, Kelly Jedrzejewski, Ryan Karstetter, Natalie Kerr, Joe Kolarik, Olivia Lusk, Frank Mader, Samantha Mathews, Sydney McNulty, Joseph Mobley, Kathryn Mullin, Nathan O'Brien, Rachel Roy, Morgan Sapia, Caroline Shearer, Tyler Smith, Gus Snyder, David Solano, Makenzie Sullivan, Whitney Swenson, Peter Tittmann, Abigail Tomczuk, Alexandra Treglia, Samantha Washell, John Weakland, Kenzie Weyant and Nicole Zimmerman. Father Neil Dadey is pastor.



**SAINT BARTHOLOMEW:** First Holy Communion was celebrated Sunday, May 11, by Saint Bartholomew Parish, Wilmore. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Tricia Sauter, Lydia Myers. Second row: Tammy Graessle (catechist), Thomas Korin, Connor Letzo, Trenton Miller. Third row: Father Robert Reese (pastor) and Deacon Rick Golden.



**SENIORS HONORED:** Graduating Seniors at Most Holy Trinity Parish, South Fork, received Bibles from the Activities and Christian Mothers Organizations on Sunday, April 27. Pictured are (left to right) Cassidy Dodson, Jennifer Rosmus, Kayla Maticic, Donella Loughran. Absent from photo: Nicole Fisher, Anthony Gibson, Kelsey Richardson, and Marissa Williams.



**GRADUATES:** On Sunday, May 18, the Family Life Committee of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Altoona, honored the parish high school graduates. Taking part were (left to right) First row: Brittany Haun, Kira Piccerillo, Morgan Sabatino, Nicole Carrieri, Afton Dunkle, Amber Ciccarella. Second row: Victoria Ivory, Nicholas Wilkes, Patrick Grier, Christopher Fulare, Robert Luciano Jr., Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Frank Scornaienchi (pastor), Nicholas Servello and Diana DeBernardis.

# Now Showing

## 'Maleficent' Proves There's Good In Everyone

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

**NEW YORK (CNS)** -- Even an iconic villainess may not be all bad.

That's the message of "Maleficent" (Disney). This live-action, feminist retelling of the Magic Kingdom's 1959 animated feature "Sleeping Beauty"

seeks to rehabilitate the original film's thoroughly wicked fairy godmother.

Along with its moral shadings, however, director Robert Stromberg 3-D fantasy introduces other novelties that may not sit well with romantics -- or with those committed to the traditional family. His picture also has enough dark imagery and bloodless battling to make it un-



CNS Photo/Disney

**MALEFICENT:** Angelina Jolie stars in a scene from the movie "Maleficent." 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.

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A half - hour of local Church news and features

suitable for the smallest moviegoers.

Angelina Jolie takes up the title character once voiced by Eleanor Audley. As opening scenes show us, Maleficent -- portrayed in youth by Isobelle Molloy -- was initially a good sprite. In fact, she served as the principal protectress of her enchanted homeland, The Moors, a territory bordered by -- and under constant threat of conquest from -- a human kingdom full of aggressive warriors.

But an unlikely romance with Stefan (Toby Regbo), a solitary human intruder into The Moors, was to end in a cruel, ambition-fueled betrayal that would change Maleficent's whole character, leaving her bitter and vengeful.

Maleficent's opportunity to mete out her longed-for retribution comes when Stefan (now Sharlto Copley), whose act of treachery toward her has placed him on the throne of the human realm, becomes the father of a baby girl.

At the infant's christening, Maleficent places a curse on the child, dooming her to fall into an endless slumber on the day before her 16th birthday. Only "true love's kiss" -- a phenomenon Maleficent believes does

not exist -- will be able to awaken the lass.

Yet, as Princess Aurora (Elle Fanning) grows up, her grace and innocent goodness melt Maleficent's heart. So much so, that -- aided by Diaval (Sam Riley), the shape-shifting crow who serves as her assistant and scout, the repentant Maleficent strives to thwart the fulfillment of her own malediction.

As scripted by Linda Woolverton, "Maleficent" can be viewed as an honorable conversion story warning against

a hunger for power and a thirst for revenge. Yet it startlingly subverts its source material in a way that can't be specified for fear of a spoiler but that registers as vaguely anti-male and anti-marriage.

The film contains some harsh action violence. 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 22** - - Amanda Walker, Director of Marketing and Enrollment at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, and two BGCHS international students discuss the school's international program.

**June 29** - - 2014 Prince Gallitzin Cross honorees Margaret Moschella of Saint Mark Parish in Altoona and David Madden of Saint Mary Parish in Hollidaysburg talk about their service to their parishes.

# Pope Tells Presidents Only God Can Bring Peace To The Holy Land

By Francis X. Rocca  
Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** -- Praying for peace in the Holy Land alongside leaders of long-antagonistic nations, Pope Francis called on God to act where human efforts had failed, to end what he described as violence inspired by the devil.

"More than once we have been on the verge of peace, but the evil one, employing a variety of means, has succeeded in blocking it," the pope said June 8 at an evening ceremony in the Vatican Gardens. "That is why we are here, because we know and we believe that we need the help of God."

The pope addressed his remarks to Israeli President Shimon Peres and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas during an "invocation for peace" in the Holy Land, to which he had invited them during his visit to the region two weeks earlier.

"I was young, now I am old. I experienced war, I tasted peace," Peres said in an English portion of his statement. "Never will I forget the bereaved families, parents and children, who paid the cost of war. And all my life I shall never stop to act for peace for the generations to come. Let's all of us join hands and make it happen."

According to an official translation of Abbas' prepared Arabic text, the Palestinian president said: "We want peace for us and for our neighbors. We seek prosperity and peace of mind for ourselves and for others alike."

The event, at which Christians, Muslims and Jews prayed in each other's presence, was almost certainly the first of its kind at the Vatican, according to Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, director of the Holy See Press Office.

The starting time of 7 p.m. had been chosen in part to avoid the midday heat, yet temperatures were still in the mid 80s less than an hour earlier, when Peres arrived by car at the Vatican guesthouse, where the pope lives. Abbas arrived at 6:30 p.m., and 15 minutes later the two presidents embraced in the presence of the pope.

"Nice to see you," Peres and Abbas told each other in English.

Joining the group was Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, whom Father Lombardi had described as one of the event's "four protagonists," and Franciscan Father Pierbattista Pizzaballa, custos of the Holy Land and the principal coordinator of the event.

The five men rode together in a white minivan the short distance to the site of the ceremony, a triangular swath of lawn walled off by tall hedges along two sides. The setting had been chosen, according to Father Lombardi, because of its "neutral" appearance, lacking in religious imagery.

Pope Francis and the two presidents sat at the corner of the triangle where the two hedges met.

Along the hedge to to their left sat what the Vatican described as "political" members of the Israeli and Palestinian delegations, including both nations' ambassadors to the Holy See; Christian religious leaders, including Patriarch Bartholomew, Greek Orthodox Patriarch

Theophilus III of Jerusalem and Palestinian Lutheran Bishop Monib Younan; and musicians who performed between prayers during the ceremony.

Along the other hedge sat various Muslim, Jewish and Druze religious figures, including Rabbi Abraham Skorka and Omar Abboud, longtime friends of the pope from Buenos Aires and leaders respectively in their city's Jewish and Muslim communities, who accompanied Pope Francis during his visit to the Holy Land.

Members of the Palestinian and Israeli delegations and guests of Pope Francis read a selection of Jewish, Christian and Muslim prayers, in order of their religions' historical precedence. Each set of prayers praised God for creation, begged forgiveness of sins and asked for peace in the Holy Land.

Patriarch Bartholomew read in English from the Book of Isaiah: "The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent -- its food shall be dust."

At the end of the ceremony, which lasted about an hour and 45 minutes, the pope, patriarch and the two presidents kissed each other on both cheeks, then took up shovels and added dirt to the base of a newly planted olive tree. They then spent about 15 minutes speaking privately inside the nearby Casina Pio IV, a 16th-century villa which now houses several pontifical academies.

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**PRESIDENTS EMBRACE:** Pope Francis looks on as Israeli President Shimon Peres, left, and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas embrace during an invocation for peace in the Vatican Gardens Sunday, June 8.

## May They Rest In Peace



Father J. Clark George

Father J. Clark George, a senior priest of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown, died Tuesday, June 3 at Dmitri Manor, Hollidaysburg. He was 83.

He was born December 19, 1930 in Newry, son of the late Thomas A. and Anne E. (Clark) George.

He was preceded in death by sisters and brothers: Gertrude Sell, Madeline Campbell, Sherman, Patrick, Alma Tomlinson, Jean Riley, twins Martha and Mary Segrist, Ruth and Ronald. Surviving are numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ordained May 26, 1956 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, by the late

Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle, Father George completed his elementary education at Saint Patrick School, Newry; graduated from Altoona Catholic High School in 1948; and after receiving a bachelor of arts degree from Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, completed his theological studies at Saint Vincent Seminary.

From 1956 to 1959, Father George was in residence at Saint Patrick Parish, Johnstown, while teaching at Bishop McCort High School. While continuing to teach at the high school, he served as chaplain at Mercy Hospital from 1959 to 1962. In 1962 he was named vice - principal at the high school, and principal in 1963, holding that position until 1967, while residing at Saint Clement Parish.

Father George was named pastor of Saints Philip and James Parish, Meyersdale in 1967. In 1984 he became pastor of Saint Monica Parish in Chest Springs, retiring from active ministry in 1996. He then became a resident of Dmitri Manor, the diocesan priests' retirement home.

The funeral Mass for Father J. Clark George was celebrated by Bishop Mark L. Barchak, with the priests of the Diocese concelebrating, at Saint Monica Church, Chest Springs, on Friday, June 6. Committal was in Saint Monica Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Saint Jude Childrens Hospital, or to Saint Monica Parish, Chest Springs.

# Garvey Manor Lauded By Commonwealth For Excellence In Health Care

**Photo And Text  
By Bruce A. Tomaselli**

People have a tendency to see personal care homes as an end. But, there are those who see personal care as an opportunity, too.

“Before I came to Garvey, I lived a sheltered and protected life,” said Angie Smith. “I have been here for four years now and have met many caring people. During this time, I have found out who I am.”

There could not be a higher or more heartfelt tribute to Garvey Manor Nursing Home in Hollidaysburg than that by a resident.

The tribute continued as the State Health Department of Pennsylvania presented Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Personal Care Home with an Award for Health Care Compliance during a recent ceremony at the Manor.

Smith, the resident representative, continued, saying “The staff accepts and cares for all of the residents like members of their own family.

“The residents have been richly blessed to live at Garvey Manor. I feel the presence of God here which has brought us much joy and peace.”

Garvey Manor is the only facility west of Harrisburg and one of only six long - term care



**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:** Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Personal Care Home in Hollidaysburg, was honored by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with an award for Excellence in Health Care Compliance. Pictured (left to right) are: Michael Wolf, Pennsylvania Secretary of Health; Susan Williamson, Director of Nursing Care Facilities for the Department of Health; Carmelite Sister Sister Joachim Anne Ferenchak, administrator; and Angie Smith, resident representative. Garvey Manor is the only facility west of Harrisburg and one of only six long-term care facilities of the 710 regulated by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, to receive the award.

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State Health Secretary Michael Wolf, and other officials, attended the recognition gather-

ing. He said the award speaks highly of the work being done at Garvey Manor. It means that

residents are getting very good care and it means they should be very happy about what they receive.

The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm sponsor the home along with the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese. Carmelite Sister Joachim Anne Ferenchak, is the administrator. She was very pleased with the award.

“I cannot tell you how proud I am to receive this award on behalf of our staff and residents,” said Sister Joachim.

“This award is an affirmation of our ministry - - an affirmation that at Garvey Manor we strive to achieve the exceptional in providing care and services to our residents.”

Sister Joachim said there are three reasons why she felt the award was achieved. She said Garvey Manor is faithful to its mission to provide and promote personal and professional quality care and service in an atmosphere which reflects Christ’s compassion, love and concern for the elderly. “This is not our work,” Sister Joachim added, “we have been selected by God to care for and serve those He entrusts to our care.”

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