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Keep Christ At The Center Of Your Lives, Bishop Says At Annual Mass For Married Couples

Photos And Text
By Bruce A. Tomaselli

A bunch of giggling fifth grade girls approached Bishop Mark Bartchak at one of the diocesan summer camps, with a question.

Bishop Mark, who comes from a large family with a lot of nieces and nephews said, "I know enough to expect the unexpected from young kids."

"They asked me what I thought about Christmas in July. A few of the girls had been to the beach where there was a Christmas theme complete with Santa Claus in a Hawaiian shirt, and no manger or wise men in sight."

The girls were surprised and asked the Bishop, "Isn't Christmas about the birth of Our Lord Jesus?" Bishop Mark replied that it surely is and that Jesus should be the center of our lives all of the time. "I complimented them on their concern, and said that if you are going to celebrate Christmas, Jesus should be the center of attention."

Bishop Mark asked them if they had any ideas about keeping Jesus at the center of our lives, especially in the lives of young people.

We should read the Bible, pray, and receive the Sacraments, including the Sacrament



RENEW VOWS: Alex and Dawn Svirsko of Johnstown, renew their marriage vows at the annual Outdoor Mass Honoring Married Couples held Sunday, August 2 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The Svirskos are members of Saint Clare of Assisi Parish in Johnstown.

of Penance, they said. "I was especially happy to hear the young girls mention Penance," Bishop Mark added. "It's one of our greatest spiritual treasures. It's under - utilized, neglected, or ignored even though it's such an awesome expression of God's love and mercy."

Performing works of mercy is a good way to remain Christ - centered, and Bishop Mark recalled a story he read about a community that raised of 72,500 pounds of food during a Christmas in July food collection.

The Bishop told the story as part of his homily at the Annual Outdoor Mass Honoring Married Couples coordinated by the diocesan Family Life Office. The Mass was held Sunday, August 2 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto.

The Bishop spoke about the gospel reading, when Jesus warned his followers that they should not limit their faith in Him to looking for the material things of the world. They had witnessed the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst."

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BASILICA OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Loretto, celebrated Confirmation on Saturday, April 11 and First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 18. Pictured at left are (left to right) First row: Craig Eckenrode, Hayle Caretti, Kayla Davis, Stephanie Biter, Carly Grove, Michael Gresko, Caitlyn Sheehan, Michelle Pompa, Cheyenne Sutton, Jared Buck, Monsignor Timothy Swope (rector/pastor). Second row: Ethan Itle -Szapala, Emily Cretin, Casey Lee, Hannah Vena, Emily Dietrich, Mikaela Poorman, Halle Bachik, Erika Lantz, Elizabeth Phister, Jacob Landi. Third row: Chad Fitzsimmons, Jeffrey Barnett, Cole Crusciel, Ethan Rieg, Luke Mento, Mitchell Hogue, Jacob Will, Justin Krug, Caleb Ralph, Alex Lee. Pictured at right are (left to right) First row: Alivia Doyle, Riley Diehl, Declan Shrock, Adiranna Wilkinson, Kurtis Weakland, Izabella Sherbine, Nevaya Hoover, Jemma Davis, Marcus Eckenrode, Arah Harber, Alison Yahner, Hannah Taddy. Second row: Madison Kowalksi, Gavin Kick, Jaden Riley, Addison Hite, Nathan Zabrosky, Conner McMullen, Benson Davis, Brenna Phister, Cameron McMullen, Briette Hite, Hudson Farabaugh, Lauren Riley. Third row: Madison Coho, Nicholas Phister, Jack Eckenrode, Karli Shoop, Madison Lee, Alexis Shoemaker, Ava Russian, Gage Spielvogel, Austin Gray, Mason Mento, Isabella Zabrzeski, Ryan Handlovich. Fourth row: Danny Haigh, Issac McConnell, Ethan Benson, Monsignor Swope.



SAINT DEMETRIUS: Saint Demetrius Parish, Gallitzin, celebrated Confirmation on Thursday, April 23 and First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 26. Pictured in the left photo are (left to right) First row: Zachary Bukowski, Anastasia Clapper, Hope James, Tyler Lingafelt, Matthew Maruska, Stephen Sekerak. Second row: Cassidy Vincent, Hannah Cotchen, Jordan Woomer, Father Albert Ledoux (pastor), Derek Olsick, Renee Surma and Mary Colangelo (catechist). Pictured in the right photo are (left to right) First row: Gabrielle Lynch, Anthony Deangelo, Andrew Nagle, Zachery Novak, Zoe McMullen, Andrea Chislow. Second row: Brandon Rabish, Olivia McMullen, Halyee Singer, Thomas Plunkett, Kyle Szpala. Third row: Father Ledoux, Loren Stipanovich, Tagen McConnell, Colin Berkheimer, Avery Cox and Michelle Mentzer (catechist).



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Celebrating Confirmation at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Johnstown were (left to right): Andrew Konieczny and sponsor Michael J. Bernardy, Conventual Franciscan Father Anthony Francis Spilka (pastor), Alexis LaBuda and sponsor Mary Luna. Marcy Olek is Confirmation director.

SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI: Celebrating Confirmation at Saint Clare of Assisi Parish, Johnstown, on Thursday, April 9 were (left to right) Anthony Rosage (server), Father Matthew Misurda (pastor), Jenna Paratore and her sponsor, Barbara Frye; Joan Cammarata (director of religious education) and Dawn Svirsko (catechist).

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Family Life

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Lilly: The Family Life Office announces the scheduling of

the Annual Wedding Anniversary Masses honoring couples celebrating their 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ anniversaries within the 2015 calendar year.

Couples and their families may attend the Mass in John-

stown on Sunday, September 13 at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral or in Altoona on Sunday, September 20 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

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In The Alleghenies



SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, JOHNSTOWN: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Theresse of the Child Jesus Parish, Johnstown, were (left to right) First row: Aubrey Bigam, Adalin Matejovich, Chase Pollino, Jillian Miller, Aubrie Shingler. Second row: Margaret Hutchison (catechist), Kathy Goas (server), Franciscan Father Bernard Karmonocky (pastor), Faith Mascuch (server) and Sister Letezia of the Sisters of Saint Ann (director of religious education).



SAINT MATTHEW: Saint Matthew Parish, Tyrone, celebrated First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 25. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Hailey Wood, Allison Beeman, Sofia Cowher, Grace Corl, Rose McKernan, Nora Hoy, Marian Pownall. Second row: Landon Hamer, Celeb Lawson, Max Abernethy, Kolton Plummer, Ethan Dasher. Third row: Father Jozef Kovacek (pastor), Ian Gibbons, Seth Hoover and Quinn Cowher. Not pictured are Helen Quinn (catechist), Vanessa Haney (teacher) and Mark Raffetto (coordinator of religious education).

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Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be celebrant and homilist at both Masses, which will begin at 2:00 p.m.

A punch and cookies reception will follow the Masses for

celebrating couples and their family members.

Couples who wish to attend one of these celebrations should contact their home parish by Tuesday, August 25, to make reservations.

Parishes

Parish History Written

Spring Mills: Ralph Gray, a founding member of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, has written and published a history of the parish.



SCHOLARSHIP: Mason Beiswenger, a sixth grade student at Saint Michael School, Loretto, was named the 2015 winner of the Sister Theresa Nelen Scholarship Fund Award. The scholarship was established within the Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation in 2006 in honor of Sister Theresa's ministry in Catholic education. Mason and Sister Theresa are pictured at the presentation of the award.

Gray's book, **A Mission In The Valley**, is available for purchase on Amazon.com.

Prayer

Retreat

New Baltimore: Father Richard B. Tomkosky, pastor of Saint John the Baptist Church and Retreat Center will be conducting an overnight weekend retreat at the retreat center, Friday September 11 - Sunday September 13 on the topic of "The Steps to Growing in Holiness in the Catholic Spiritual Life."

Meals and Lodging are included. Reservations are required by Friday September 4. Space is limited. Call (814) 733 - 2210 for cost and information.

met in Chapter to elect the new Provincial leadership. During the week the friars discussed important issues related to their religious life and ministries. On Thursday, July 16 and Friday, July 17, the election of the new Provincial Leadership took place.

Father Richard L. Davis was elected Minister Provincial and Father Malachi Van Tassell was elected Vicar Provincial. Father Christopher Dobson is first councilor, Father Joseph Lehman is second councilor, Father Benedict Jurchak is third councilor, and Father Richard Eldredge is fourth councilor.

Religious Life

Provincial Chapter

Loretto: The friars of the Franciscan Third Order Regular, Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus gathered July 13 - 17, for a Chapter of the whole Province.

This was an historical moment for the Province, the first time since the foundation of the Province in 1910 that the entire membership of the Province



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Point Of View

Now wait, I seriously cannot believe we already arrived at the first week of August. Where, oh, where did our Summer go?

As Summer quickly starts to roll down hill, everything inside of me wants to put on the brakes, slow the pace down, relish every moment of these fleeting days. I love the sun, I love the lack of routine, and I love the seemingly endless days of time fettered away, time to simply bask in the moments of life.

At the beginning of Summer, my family and I make a so called "Bucket List" of things we want to do. This perhaps is one of our favorite nights together. A gathering of family, a list of ideas, a time slotted calendar and hopes to accomplish all before the first bell of the school year rings.

What was on this year's, "Summer Bucket List?" Here are a few things we actually got crossed off: Spend an evening sleeping under the stars, watch a movie at the Drive ins, make Home-made ice-cream from scratch, preserve and can blueberry jelly from our own berries, swim in a lake, run under the sprinkler, go horseback riding and sing silly songs around a campfire. A list of things to do, not for the mere fact of checking them off but intentional ideas that help us stay together as a family. These are simple activities that don't seem too noteworthy in the world eyes but precious times of togetherness that are priceless in ours.



Family Matters

By Amy Kanich
Family Bucket Lists

As Fall makes its debut, I soon know my family schedule is going to soon be at the mercy of school homework, sports practices, High School football games, as well as many other activities and commitments occurring this time of year. To be truthful, I feel I should ceremoniously hand over my life calendar to the school and sports schedulers, knowing full well it is like they own our life and we might just as well throw in the white flag of surrender!

But wait, how can Summer provide us with precious tender time to connect and then the craziness of the school year hold our time ransom. A simple answer to the question – Because our family does hand over control, we do surrender and to be honest, we also pay the price.

Okay, I am not going to debate if sports and activities are good for the kids, for I very much know they do have a place in their lives. Yes, I will be cheering at numerous football games and attending concerts, science fairs and forensics meets. But, this year, I am not going to just willingly surrender my family's most precious times together for the sake of the demands of the world.

This year, my family is go-

ing to have a Fall bucket list of tender, sweet, moments of togetherness, time to be a family, just as God desires. For the truth is families are not made stronger and whole being pulled in many different directions. In fact, they can be stressed and fragmented to the point of actually being torn apart. Families are not made solid by bits of time, haphazardly pieced together; they are made strong by solid, well built, carefully planned times of togetherness.

At the end of our lives, God is not going to ask us parents, how many activities we allowed our children to be involved in or what drawer our badge of honor of busyness is kept. But He may ask us how faithful we were to growing our family strong, how much we invested in solid time of togetherness, how intentional and purposefully we protected and cared for His domestic Church, our family.

Our culture is doing everything to collapse the foundation of family and perhaps one of its biggest tools it uses is busyness, a false sense of togetherness, a trap many of us fall into, a snare perhaps set by the devil himself.

A possible remedy: A Family Bucket List.

Give it a try!



Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
All Lives Matter

"Black lives matter," was the rallying cry uniting people in outrage over the course of the past year as our nation responded to tragedies in Ferguson MO, Cleveland OH, Baltimore MD and Charlotte SC.

Black lives mattered, it seemed, until the death of Cecil the Lion in Zimbabwe, at the hands of a hunter from the United States, on Wednesday, July 1. For the past month, cries of righteous indignation and moral outrage have echoed loud and clear across the planet, as tears have been shed for Cecil. Celebrities who are quick to jump on every bandwagon led the charge, with one late night TV host breaking down in tears as he paid tribute to the lion. Cecil's life mattered more than any other life we have heard about.

Give me a break.

Indignation and outrage are appropriate responses to the death of Cecil the Lion. In his encyclical letter "Laudato Si," Pope Francis makes it clear that all life is interconnected, and that we should be concerned about what happens to our fellow creatures, including those creatures that roam wild and free in forests and fields, in the brush and in the rivers and streams. Pope Francis reminds us that all lives matter, and respect must be shown for every life -- animal, vegetable or mineral. We and they all inhabit this globe together. There is a balance between all forms of life that must be respected and preserved. When that balance is upset, we are right to feel indignation and outrage, until it is righted.

But all of that having been said, Cecil was, in the end, just another lion. For his death to become the focus of headlines and newscasts around the world seems to me to be just a bit inflated, just a bit too much. Particularly so when reports of a federally – funded agency selling fetal body parts harvested from aborted babies have more or less been written off by the mainstream media and most of the celebrity advocates who never miss out on yelling about a good cause, as just more of the pathetic moanings of those mean old conservatives who want to deprive women of their "reproductive rights" or their "right to choose."

Again, give me a break.

I'm sorry that Cecil died, but no more sorry than I am for the fact that thousands of babies die every day by abortion. There is outrage over the hunter who paid big bucks to track down and shoot Cecil. Shouldn't we be just as outraged by those who track down abortion providers and pay them big bucks to harvest tissue and body parts from dead babies? The answer is pretty obvious, or at least it is to me. But then again, what do I know? The Cecil lobbyists would remind me that I'm just a conservative, middle – aged, celibate white man, and that I "don't know nothin' about birthin' babies." Come to think of it, I didn't cry when Bambi's mother got shot. How dare I care more about unborn babies than about cute, cuddly wild animals!

I care about unborn babies, and about newborn babies, and about people of all ages. I care about cute, cuddly wild animals too, and I care about the natural resources that sustain the lives of all of us here on planet Earth. But we've got to keep our indignation and outrage in a balanced perspective, because in the end, human lives, made in the image and likeness of our good and loving Creator God, redeemed by the blood of His Son, and sanctified by the gift of their Holy Spirit, matter most of all.



SAINT PATRICK, NEWRY: Saint Patrick Parish, Newry, celebrated Confirmation on Tuesday, April 14 and First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 3. Pictured at left are (left to right) First row: Kathleen McHugh, Maura Chandler, Emily Harker, Rebecca Frew, Emma Bushmore, Alissa Haduck. Second row: Jazlyn Claycomb, Matthew Delozier, Father Allen Zeth (administrator), Aidan Sweeney and Aaron Smith. Zachary Kovach is not pictured. Pictured at right are (left to right) First row: Linda Guiffre (director of religious education), Carl Leitenberger, Violet Yingling, Benjamin Bettwy, Lauren Garner, Brooklyn Becker. Second row: Father Zeth, Bella Vent, Lauren Leonard, Miranda Little, Hunter Dodson, Debbie Terchanik (teacher). Third row: Patricia Troutwein (catechist), Joan Keller (principal) and Sister of Mercy Rose Tomlinson (teacher).



Bishop's Appointments

REVEREND LEO F. ARNONE, appointed Pastor of Saint Aloysius Parish in Cresson, continuing as Pastor of Saint Francis Xavier Parish in Cresson, effective August 19, 2015.

VERY REVEREND JOHN D. BYRNES, JV, JCL, Pastor of Saint Aloysius Parish in Cresson, appointed Rector of the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish in Loretto, continuing as Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, effective August 19, 2015.

REVEREND DAVID H. ROESCH, Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish in Bellwood, granted Senior Priest status and retirement from administrative responsibilities, effective August 19, 2015.

REVEREND MONSIGNOR TIMOTHY J. SWOPE, VF, Rector of the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto and Dean of the Prince Gallitzin Deanery, granted Senior Priest status and retirement from administrative responsibilities, effective August 19, 2015.

REVEREND JAMES D. ZATALAVA, Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Altoona, granted Senior Priest status and retirement from administrative responsibilities, effective August 19, 2015.

Priests for the following parishes will be announced in the August 24, 2015, edition of **The Catholic Register**:

- Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Altoona
- Saint Augustine Parish in St. Augustine
- Saint Joseph Parish in Bellwood
- Saint Monica Parish in Chest Springs



SAINTS GREGORY AND BARNABAS: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saints Gregory and Barnabas Parish, Johnstown were (top photo, left to right) First row: Devin Chontas, Brewer Torok, Katelyn Martinec, Abby Kane, Jeremy Deitz, Matthew Pribish. Second row: Father Robert Ruston (pastor) and Sue Hall. Celebrating Confirmation were (bottom photo, left to right) First row: Eben Blaisdell, Gabby Vogel, Marina Sumrada, Alex Smith, Alyssa Washington, Brandon Galasso. Second row: Father Ruston, Daphne Moot, Ron Moot, Mary Helen Percinsky.



MAY CROWNING: May Crowning was celebrated Sunday, May 10 at Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Beans Cove. Mary Ketterman crowned the statue of Mary, assisted by Cathy Cessna. Father Derek Fairman is pastor.



PENTECOST: Transfiguration Parish, Conemaugh, celebrated Pentecost Sunday, May 24, by inviting parishioners to come to Mass dressed in red, and to place a red geranium in the sanctuary in honor of a deceased loved one. Pictured are Nick Reighard (left) and Joe Dremely, placing their flowers at the altar.

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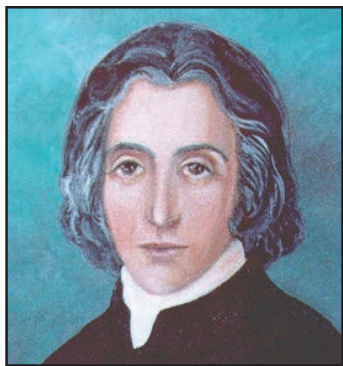
SAINT BENEDICT, CARROLLTOWN: Saint Benedict Parish, Carrolltown, celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 26. Taking part were (left to right) First row: Trey Trybus, Jaxxon Kline, Evelyn Warner, Leah Frederick, Madison McLaurin, Hannah Hite, Ayden Orosz, Luke Mulraney. Second row: Marshall Eckenrode, Ellie Bender, Kaitlin Duman, Meghan Wholaver, Mackenzie Rezk, Richard Kirsch, Christian Lihvarchik. Third row: Landen Baker, Preston Kirsch, Garrett Jasper, Leah Stanick, Ian Nagel, Thomas Kitchen, Marshall Farabaugh. Fourth row: Benedictine Brother Michael Miller (teacher), Jeffery Maucieri (principal), Benedictine Father Jude W. Brady (pastor), Nancy Lamont (catechist) and Sue Bills (director of religious education).



SAINT ANDREW: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Andrew Parish, Johnstown, were (left to right) First row: Charles (Hunter) Cypher, Alexa Hinterliter, Marly Teeter, Hannah Gregorich, Jaelyn McClintock, Ryleigh Seth, Izabel Slezak, Luke Kadas, Deborah Hite (teacher). Second row: Arlene Seesholtz (catechist), Ethan Volciak, Kira Ocheltree, Alivia Nikanow, Chloe Dixon, Lucas Turner. Third row: Maureen Clark (director of religious education), Cameron Slezak, Lauren Gregorich, Arianna Dixon, Gabe Slezak, Ellis Dixon (servers), and Father Angelo Patti (pastor).



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BELLEFONTE: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bellefonte, on Sunday, May 3 were (left to right) First row: Sadie Ripka, Autumn McCloskey, Sophia Scott, Caleb Yecina, Frederick Brezler, Elliot Miller, Parker Capparelle, Bohdan Mindziak, Morgan O'Toole. Second row: Ava Hockenberry, Madeline Soroka, Anna Dello Stritto, Alannah McNichol, Elijah Rowland, Peyton Vancas, Kyle Klimek, Ella Ladlee, Giuliana Nussmeier, Jordyn DuBois, Meadow Mindziak. Third row: Ruthann Smoyer, Sara McElhinny, Danica Blevins, Daniel Weaver, Brayden Dubbs, David Witmer, Haley Carlson, Alexandria Zanghi, Adrienne Hacker, Evelyn St. Amant. Fourth row: Sandy Rogus, Father George Jakopac (pastor), Deacon Tom Boldin and Michelle Davis.



A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

**The Servant Of God
Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin
1770 - 1840**

Ukrainian Church Leader Declared Venerable

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis has signed a decree declaring "venerable" Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, who led the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the tumultuous period of both

world wars and at the beginning of Soviet occupation.

The pope July 16 signed the decree recognizing that Metropolitan Sheptytsky heroically lived a life of Christian virtue. The recognition is an initial step in the sainthood process; the Vatican would have to recognize a miracle attributed to his intercession in order for a beatification ceremony to be scheduled.



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**VENERABLE ANDREY
SHEPTYTSKY**

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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Metropolitan Sheptytsky led the Ukrainian Catholic Church from 1901 until his death in 1944. During his leadership Ukraine and its people were ruled by seven different regimes: Austrian, Russian, Ukrainian, Polish, Soviet, Nazi, and finally, the Soviets again.

Ukrainian Catholic Bishop Borys Gudziak of Paris told Catholic News Service that while the process for his sainthood opened five decades ago, it was only with the independence of Ukraine in 1991 that church historians and theologians had access to all his archives. The study required for the sainthood process was not possible while Ukraine was still part of the Soviet Union.

"It was a rich file," Bishop Gudziak said. "Metropolitan Sheptytsky was involved in everything, so it took a long time to go through it all."

Metropolitan Sheptytsky lived in the house of the Lord and it had a high roof, open doors and open windows -- he lived outside the box," the bishop said. "He reached out to the Orthodox when ecumenism was not official church policy; he defended the Jews during the Holocaust; and he was close to artists, poets, intellectuals and writers."

"Like Jesus, Metropolitan Sheptytsky had a very clear sense of his identity and his God-given dignity, which allowed him to be non-defensive and non-aggressive with others," the bishop said.

Born Roman Aleksander Maria Sheptytsky July 29, 1865, in Prylbychi near Lviv, he took the name Andrey when he entered the Basilian Order.

Ukrainian Catholics around the world are celebrating the 150th anniversary of his birth, which Bishop Gudziak said, may explain the timing of the decree. Elected major archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church at the age of 36, he quickly became recognized as a social and cultural leader in a situation of great political uncertainty.

He died Nov. 1, 1944, just four months after the Soviets

took definitive control of Lviv. Bishop Gudziak said, "The Soviets did not liquidate the Greek Catholic Church while he was alive." The metropolitan's stature was such that they permitted a public funeral for him, but five months after his death, they arrested all the bishops and moved toward declaring the Ukrainian Catholic Church illegal.

"His social teaching, his fine, subtle and prophetic voice allowed the church to survive," the bishop said.

Father Peter Galadza, acting director of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario, also mentioned the metropolitan's efforts to save Jews during the Holocaust -- including by personally sheltering them -- and his efforts to promote reconciliation among Ukrainians, Russian and Poles.

"It is also important to recall Sheptytsky's commitment to the poor," he said in a statement. "Born into an aristocratic family, the archbishop used his resources to create a free clinic, provide countless scholarships and help victims of famine, flooding and war. He personally lived a life of poverty."

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Word of Life



The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis
A 'Jubilee Of Youth'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis was the first pilgrim to sign up for World Youth Day to be held in Krakow, Poland, launching the opening of registration.

Accompanied by two Polish teenagers who wore World Youth Day 2016 T-shirts, the pope had to make a couple of attempts pressing the screen of a tablet before his online registration went through.

"There. With this electronic device I have signed up for the day as a pilgrim," he told thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square July 26 for his Angelus address.

The pope said, "I wanted to be the one to open registration" in front of everyone gathered for the Angelus and in the company of two teens on the day sign-ups began July 26.

The celebrations July 26-31, 2016, will come during the Holy Year of Mercy, which Pope Francis proclaimed to invite people to follow the merciful example of God, the Father.

World Youth Day "will be, in a certain sense, a jubilee of youth" during the holy year, as its theme is also about being merciful toward others, the pope said.

God's merciful power through Jesus "heals every ill of body and spirit," the pope said before praying the Angelus.

Reflecting on the day's Gospel reading, St. John's account of the multiplication of loaves and fish, Pope Francis said the story shows how the disciples tried to find a "market"-based solution by calculating how much money they would need to feed the large, hungry crowd that had gathered by the Sea of Galilee.

"But Jesus substitutes the logic of buying with another logic, the logic of giving" when he points to the generous gift offered by the boy, Andrew, who offered to give all that he had: five small loaves and two fish.

Even though people could not see how such a small contribution could make a difference, "God is able to multiply our tiny gestures of solidarity and let us participate in his gift," the pope said.

Jesus offers "fullness of life for those who hunger. He satisfies not only material hunger, but also that deeper hunger -- the hunger for meaning in life, the hunger for God," Pope Francis said.

Complaining does nothing to solve the many problems in life, "but we can offer that little we have like the boy in the Gospel," he said.

Everyone has some kind of talent or skill as well as time, he said. "If we are willing to put them in the Lord's hands they will be enough so that there will be a little bit more love, peace, justice and above all joy in the world."



ONE MORE TIME: Celebrating the 90th anniversary of Saint Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Barnesboro (Northern Cambria) in 1996 were (left to right) Felician Sisters Mary Justice Przybocki, Mary Avila Pawlikowski, Theresa Marie Klimek and Gertrudis Shutty, and Monsignor Stanely B. Carson, Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Gerard Connolly, Father Charles Bodziak (pastor) and Monsignor Przybocki. The Sisters were all daughters of the parish, and Monsignors Carson and Przybocki were sons of the parish.

Over the past few months, I started reading a variety of biographies and nonfiction. I've been reading about World War II U.S. Army Gen. Lucian Truscott and "Animal House" actor John Belushi.

It is interesting to see to how often a parent or grandparent can strongly influence someone's life even after that older family member has died.

The foundation stones that are laid, the seeds that are sown have an incredible impact for the good and sometimes for the not-so-good.

We all know this on some level, of course. We've seen it in our lives or at play in the life of a relative or friend. Even so, it can be helpful to be reminded of it from time to time. We have to remember that just as toddlers seem to pick up language by "osmosis," they also can absorb attitudes and values. They mimic our opinions and ways of doing things. They can mimic our beliefs, blind spots, ethics and approaches to life. Some of what we do gives them a boost; some of it hobbles them.

In a sense, they see themselves as we see them and can love themselves as we love them.

The flip side of this coin is that having children or grandchildren can goad us into being



Your Family

By Bill Dodds

Our Role In Shaping Someone's Biography

better people because of those little eyes watching us and taking their cues from us. Those still-forming minds and consciences are absorbing what we do, how we do it.

In the biographies I've been reading that pivotal role isn't limited to a parent or grandparent. That role can be set by the example of an older sibling, aunt

or uncle, teacher, coach or mentor. It can be a dear friend who comes along late in our life.

In so many ways, both known and unknown, more than just playing a role in someone's story, we're helping another person shape his or her own story. In some of those lives we don't affect just a particular moment but a lifetime of actions. Those actions might extend beyond the life of one person. For some, we may be an answer to a spoken or unspoken prayer.

Throughout our time on earth, God sends people into our lives, and he sends us into the lives of others. He offers us opportunities to help fill a void, to nurture a virtue or talent, to offer a word of consolation, encouragement or wisdom, based on our experience.

He invites us to accept a hand from another person and to offer a hand to another person as well. And in doing so, we each continue on that journey home to our heavenly father.





Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle Weddings Of Cohabiting Couples

Q. My husband and I have an issue that we really struggle with. We are often invited to the wedding of a Catholic couple who have already been living together. We understand cohabitation before marriage to be very wrong in the eyes of God and of the church.

Should we go to these weddings? It seems to us that, by attending them, we are supporting what they have been doing. (Also, by living together, they are probably in mortal sin and should not be receiving the sacrament of marriage in that state.) (Indiana)

A. Another way to see this type of Catholic wedding is as a sign of the couple's desire to reinsert themselves into the church's graces and into fidelity to its teachings. Then your presence at their ceremony would show your approval of this new decision, not your acceptance of the way they had been living.

Whenever a couple who are already living together present

themselves to me to arrange a wedding, I welcome their wish for a Catholic ceremony, but I always speak with them about their present circumstance. I tell them that a Catholic wedding is meant to indicate a couple's presence in a certain community of faith with a defined body of teaching.

But by living together before marriage, before making a formal religious and civil commitment, their lifestyle is in conflict with what they are professing to believe. I encourage them strongly to go to confession (not necessarily to me, but to any priest) to ensure that they are in a position to receive the graces of the sacrament of marriage.

I would hope that the couples of your acquaintance have received similar advice and have acted upon it. I think that you might best give them the benefit of the doubt and attend the weddings.

Q. The pope will soon be visiting the United States and

will speak about the treatment of the poor. Before his visit, many millions of dollars will probably be spent to pretty up the churches in three cities, as well as the surrounding areas.

Could not this money be better spent for direct help to the poor and the homeless? (Little Rock, Arkansas)

A. No doubt there are considerable expenditures associated with papal trips -- both for the preparation of sites and for security. Those costs are shared by Catholic communities in the host areas and by municipal governments (as with welcoming any public figure or celebrity.)

The hope is that direct contact with the pope will produce notable benefits -- increased Mass attendance, growth in religious vocations, etc. -- and such results have regularly been documented with papal travel in the past (notably, during the pontificate of St. John Paul II.)

Now comes a new metric under the heading of "papal effect." A poll by Zogby Analytics has shown that one year into the papacy of Pope Francis, a fourth of American Catholics have increased their charitable donations during that 12-month period. Seventy-seven percent of those donors attribute their increased giving to the message and example of Pope Francis himself.

Concern for the poor has been a consistent highlight of the message of Pope Francis. (He said in "The Joy of the Gospel," for example, "Not to share one's wealth with the poor is to steal from them.")

Consistent with that emphasis, the pope has focused on poverty in scheduling his upcoming trip to the U.S.

In Washington he will meet with homeless people at a downtown church; in New York, he will speak with immigrant families at a school in East Harlem; in Philadelphia he will visit a prison.

The expectation of the Vatican -- and the hope of the Catholic world -- is that such visibility will be leveraged into increased concern for the poor and attention to their needs.



For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola Forgiveness And Grace In A Tragedy

Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart gave us a memorable quote about pornography. He couldn't define it, he said in 1964, "but I know it when I see it."

In an entirely different realm, I feel the same way about grace. It's impossible to explain grace, (although the Catechism of the Catholic Church gives a try), but we know it when we experience it.

Americans experienced grace this past June. When nine South Carolinians were gunned down at a Bible study grace was made manifest in the forgiveness offered to the killer by the victims' families.

College student Chris Singleton said he forgave Dylann Roof, his mother's alleged killer, just a day after Sharonda Coleman-Singleton was fatally shot. Families of the others murdered at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church followed suit, saying they would pray for Roof.

What could explain this generosity besides grace? Roof later made the heartbreaking comment that he almost didn't follow through with the killings because everyone at the Bible study group was so nice to him.

In 2006, we saw a similar outpouring of grace when 10 girls were murdered in an Amish school in Pennsylvania, and the Amish community found it in their hearts to forgive.

Not coincidentally, both tragedies occurred within strong faith communities. It's certainly possible for a single person to forgive, but how much more does the grace of community sustain and inspire us as we forgive? It's a lesson for our society. We need each other. Faith lives in community and is often where grace manifests.

Forgiveness isn't easy. I struggle with forgiveness. In light of the South Carolina killings, I'm embarrassed to think of the petty things I fail to forgive. I can conjure up old injustices from years back and let them poison an otherwise beautiful day. I can seethe about the person who cuts into line ahead of me, or dwell on an insult.

Forgiveness isn't a magic bullet to make hurt and anger disappear, but the grace that brings forgiveness offers us a way toward healing.

In my work for death penalty repeal, I meet people who have grappled with forgiving large hurts.

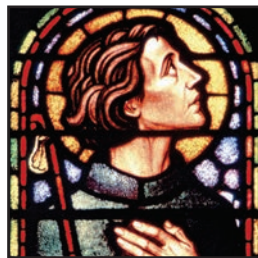
For some, Jesus -- who looked down from the brutality and pain of the cross and asked God to forgive his tormentors -- is the model to follow. That act of love bestowed grace not only on his executioners but provided Jesus himself with release and consolation.

In the wake of the massacre in Charleston, the Rev. Jonathan Newton, an AME pastor in Washington, said anger is a natural response.

"It makes some of us want to explode," he told The Associated Press. But forgiveness "is not about that person, it's about you. In order for you to be free, you've got to let it out."

We pray for grace as we struggle to forgive. Writer Anne Lamott says this about grace: "I do not at all understand the mystery of grace -- only that it meets us where we are and does not leave us where it found us."

Stanislaus Kostka
1550 - 1568
Feast - August 15



Born in the family castle in Poland, Stanislaus was educated privately, then at a Jesuit college in Vienna, Austria. After having visions during a serious illness, he decided to enter the Jesuits. His father, a Polish senator, opposed this; he wanted Stanislaus to become a diplomat. Rejected by the Vienna Jesuits, Stanislaus walked to the Upper Germany province, where Peter Canisius took him in, then sent him to Rome. In 1567, the father general accepted Stanislaus into the Society of Jesus; for the nine months before his death in Rome, he lived a life of mortifications, ecstasies and holiness. A patron saint of Poland, he was canonized in 1726 with another Jesuit novice, Aloysius Gonzaga.



MASS AT TWILIGHT: The twilight rays of the setting sun illuminate the altar at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto, as Bishop Mark L. Bartchak celebrated the annual Outdoor Mass Honoring Married Couples, Sunday, August 2.

Bishop Gathers With Faithful For Outdoor Mass Honoring Diocese's Married Couples

(Continued From Page 1.)

"If you pay attention to what Jesus is saying and doing, you will come to realize that in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the Lord Jesus fulfills his promise that he answers our needs," Bishop Mark reminded.

To the married couples at the Mass, the Bishop said it was a joy to be with so many men and women, husbands and wives; married couples who

have a share in the divine life of the Lord Jesus in the Sacrament of Marriage. "Your marriages are a living witness to the truth that human life and divine life are to be shared. You've given witness to the truth that there is always enough to be shared."

He said marriage is good not only for individual families. It is good for society and for the world. Pope Francis reminds us many of the problems in the world today including material, emotional, and spiritual poverty are worsened and even caused by the breakdown of marriage and a lack of appreciation for its true meaning and purpose as revealed by God in the very first book of the Sacred Scriptures.

"In our time and culture it seems the media, government, and higher education have been misleading people into thinking that in order to be happy and fulfilled, every person should be free to determine the meaning of marriage," Bishop Mark said.

"They overlook the constant teaching of Christ and His Church that marriage is intended by God to be for the good of

spouses: which means their happiness and well - being."

Bishop Mark said married couples know that their happiness remains secure because with the help of God's grace they are able to say life - giving words to each other: I am sorry, I forgive you.

"In order to speak and act in such a loving and merciful way," Bishop Mark instructed, "Christ must be at the center of that life

that is shared by husbands and wives in marriage."

Bishop Mark then invited the couples to face each other, join hands, and renew their marriage vows in the presence of Christ and His Church.

A nice crowd enjoyed the summer evening Mass on a day when the temperature was just right, and a soft breeze wended through the pines.

The clergy of the Diocese concelebrated the Mass, and Deacon Samuel Albarano assisted. The music was directed by Kevin Luke, and Carolyn Nickerson was the organist.

Lucy Nickerson served as cantor, and Gregory Tom, Psalmist. Rick and Evie Wess were readers, and the gift bearers included Pat and Barbara Dumm, and Donna and Darrell Dumm.

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SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE: On Sunday, April 26, Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in Bedford, celebrated First Holy Communion. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Austin Gorsuch, Madison Cotchen, Adam Wolfhope, Elle Wilson, Kyler Weyant. Second row: Shannon Letrent, Dominic Albus, Ava Penatzer, Joseph Huxta, Audreahana Whetstone. Third row: Elizabeth Letrent, Chris Kline, Father Donald Dusza (pastor), Marie Jorkasky and Ben Wolfhope.

‘Camp Z’ Campers Embrace Opportunities For Spiritual Growth, In Midst Of Fun And Games



LUNCH AND LAUGHS: Bishop Mark L. Bartchak enjoys conversation and lunch with a group of campers at Camp Zacchaeus during his Wednesday, July 22 visit. The Bishop also stopped by the second session of the camp on Wednesday, July 29. During both visits, he celebrated Mass and answered campers’ questions.

**Photo And Text
By Tony DeGol**

If you are a fan of the old TV series “Everybody Loves Raymond,” you might recall the episode during which Ray’s daughter unexpectedly asked her father “What is the meaning of life?”

An ill-prepared Ray struggled to find the right answer, and a lively debate over the correct response ensued among the Barone family.

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak recently handled the same inquiry with much greater ease and wisdom.

“The meaning of life is that God gave the world His only Son so that we may have eternal life,” said the Bishop in response to an inquisitive boy’s question at Camp Zacchaeus 2015.

The first session of Camp Z was held July 19-24; the second session occurred July 26-31.

Both were located at the Camp Sequanota grounds in Somerset County.

Open to students in grades 4-9, Camp Z offers a mix of spirituality and fun.

Activities include Eucharistic Adoration, Large Group Evangelization, nature hikes, arts and crafts, fishing, swimming and more.

Under the direction of Diocesan Youth Ministry coordinator Francine Swope and her team of adult staff members and counselors, about 230 students participated this year.

Father Brian Saylor, Pastor of Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Altoona, once again served as camp chaplain.

He and visiting priests celebrated Mass for the campers each day.

As usual, Bishop Mark stopped by each session to celebrate Mass, eat lunch with the students, and field their many thought-provoking questions.

This year’s theme was “Our Mission: The Ten Commandments,” and the Bishop wasted no time in stressing the importance of the Commandments in our lives.

During his visit to session one on Wednesday, July 22, the Feast of Mary Magdalene, the Bishop pointed out in his homily that Mary Magdalene was a disciple – someone who sits at the feet of a teacher.

“Obedience means to listen,” he noted. “As disciples, every one of us is supposed to listen to God. Once we understand that what He wants us to do is actually good, then it’s going to be a lot easier to obey and live by His commandments.”

Bishop Mark asserted that one of the reasons some people do not keep God’s commandments is because they do not listen or pay attention.

“Mary Magdalene is a good example of a disciple who listened to Jesus,” he added. “She listened to Jesus and, in a very special way, was blessed by God because she did pay attention to Him, and she kept her part, and Jesus kept His promise that after He rose from the dead He would never leave us.”

The campers seemed to embrace the many opportunities for spiritual growth throughout the week.

“We spent a lot of time teaching the kids about the Ten Commandments and what the Commandments mean in their lives,” Swope said. “They have been very open to being living examples of the Commandments. We’ve seen so much faith spilling out here. It’s heartwarming for anyone to witness.”

Camper Logan Gotshall, a member of Saint Francis Xavier Parish in Cresson, pointed out the benefits of the Large Group Evangelization and evening devotions such as Adoration.

“This camp was absolutely amazing,” he said with a big smile. “I enjoy this so much. We were able to expand our faith and have lots of fun playing games with friends.”

Fellow camper Aly Snyder was back for her sixth year.

“This week has been amazing,” she said. “I think what

helps me is it’s really cool to see how everybody practices the same faith, but in different ways. It’s everything. I just love camp.”

Besides Camp Zacchaeus, other summer camp opportunities in the Diocese include Camp Timothy, also sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry.

It is open to high school students and is held every June at Camp Sequanota.

Additionally, the Diocese’s Fulton County Mission sponsors the Tuscarora Summer Camp for youth in the Southeastern portion of the Diocese.

The camp was held the week of July 26 at Rhodes Grove Camp between Chambersburg and Greencastle.

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ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY: Two diocesan seminarians have taken another formal step in their priestly formation. Peter Crowe and Jonathan Dickson were admitted to Candidacy for Ordination to the Priesthood during Masses at their home parishes, with Bishop Mark L. Bartchak as celebrant and homilist. Crowe, who is entering his third year of theology studies at Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, was admitted during a Mass on Saturday, July 25 at Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College. Pictured in the photo at left is (left to right): Father Neil Dadey (pastor), Bishop Mark, Peter Crowe, Benedictine Father Edward Mazich (rector, Saint Vincent Seminary) and Father Matthew Reese (diocesan director of vocations). Dickson is entering his third year of theology studies at Saint Mary Seminary in Baltimore. His Admission to Candidacy came during a Mass on Sunday, August 2 at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish in Altoona. Pictured in the photo on the right: Father D. Timothy Grimme (pastor), Jonathan Dickson, Bishop Mark and Father Reese. Crowe and Dickson are scheduled to be ordained transitional deacons next Spring. Their anticipated date of ordination to the priesthood is Spring 2017.

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PROVINCIAL COUNCIL: Elected to leadership for the Third Order Regular Franciscan Friars, Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Loretto, during a June 13 - 17 Provincial Chapter held at Saint Francis Friary, Mount Assisi, Loretto, were (left to right) Father Christopher Dobson (first councilor), Father Benedict Jurchak (third councilor), Father Richard Davis (Minister Provincial), Father Malachi Van Tassell (Vicar Provincial), Father Joseph Lehman(second councilor) and Father Richard Eldredge (fourth councilor).

McCort Grad Joins Benedictines

A graduate of Bishop McCort Catholic High School, Johnstown, is one of nine men received as a novice by the Benedictine community of Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe on Wednesday, July 1.

Michael O'Reilly, who is now known as Brother Barnabas, is the son of Lawrence and Eileen Reilly. He has two brothers, Russell and Patrick, and two sisters, Shannon and Kathleen. He graduated from Bishop McCort Catholic High School in 2008 and from Saint

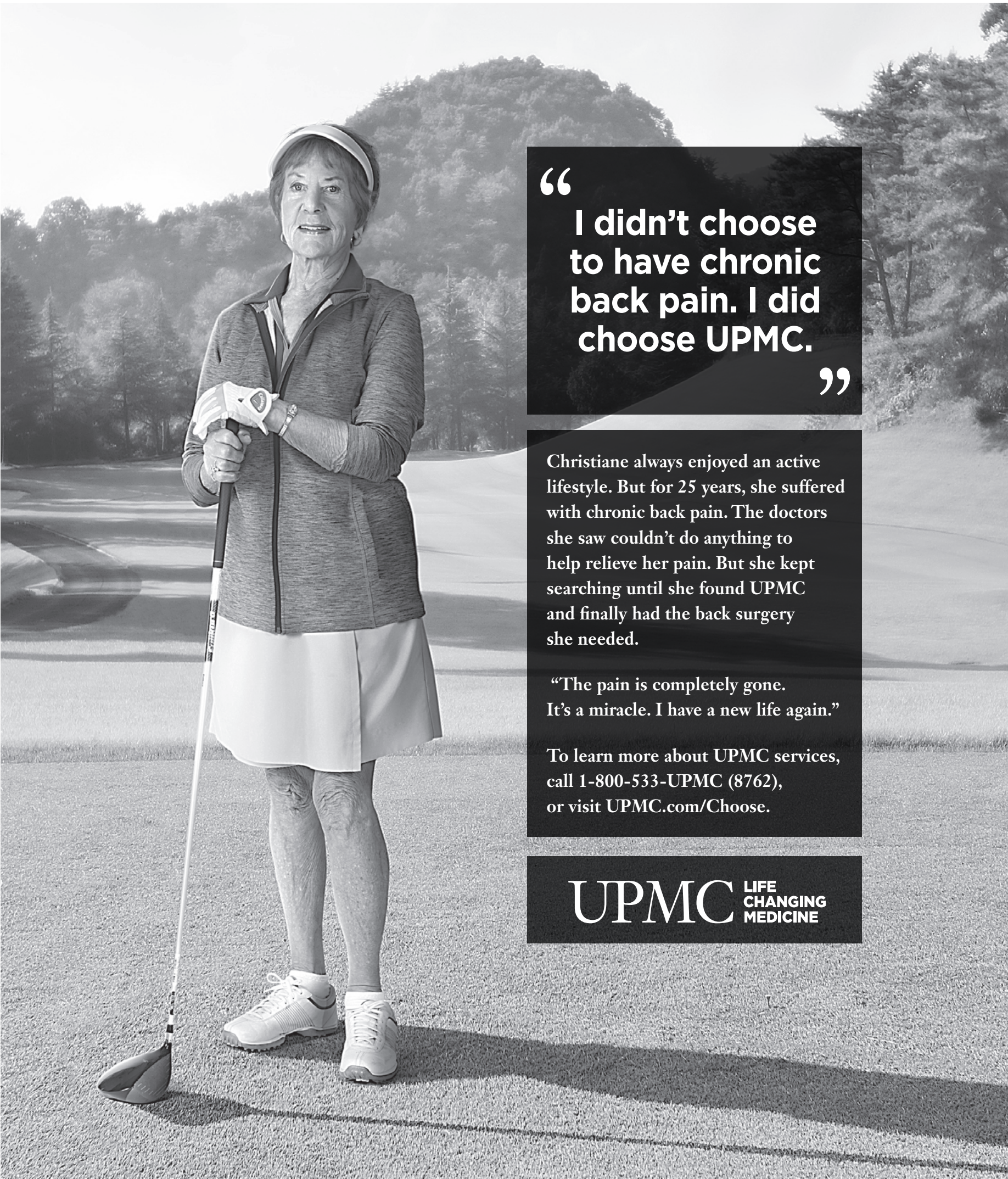


**BROTHER BARNABAS
O'REILLY O.S.B.**

Vincent College in 2012, majoring in biology and theology. He was employed as a laboratory technician at the University of Pittsburgh and then with a Catholic Missionary group known as "Saint Paul's Outreach" (SPO) at West Virginia University.

For the past two years the new Brother Barnabas has worked as an SPO Missionary at West Virginia University.

The nine new novices will now spend a year of further discernment before professing monastic vows.



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Even Seeing Can't Make You Believe Inane 'Pixels'

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- All those misspent hours of youth, spending quarters on mindless video games, are finally put to use in "Pixels" (Columbia), a manic comedy about an alien invasion of Earth by 3-D characters from the arcade.

This inane mash-up of

"Revenge of the Nerds" and "Wreck-It Ralph" envisions former players, now grown up, drafted by the government to defeat the enemy at their own games (literally).

The trouble starts in 1982, when NASA sends a probe into outer space, containing samples of human culture. Why include "Pride and Prejudice" when you can send "Pac-Man," you may wonder?

Alien baddies intercept, misinterpret the video games as attack plans, and decide to turn the tables, using monster (and mean-spirited) interpretations of the day-glo characters.

Thirty years later, after Guam is attacked by a swarm of cartoons, U.S. President Will Cooper (Kevin James) must come up with a plan to rescue the planet. Who better to vanquish evil than his boyhood nerdy pals: Sam (Adam



CNS Photo/Sony

PIXELS: Michelle Monaghan, Adam Sandler and Josh Gad star in a scene from the movie "Pixels." The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Sandler), Ludlow (Josh Gad), and Eddie (Peter Dinklage)?

As kids in the 1980s, this quartet saved the world thousands of times -- at 25 cents a game in the arcade. Now rebranded as the "Arcaders," they face their pixelated friends in real time, with a few modifications.

"Pac-Man's a bad guy?" Sam asks in amazement. And even the Smurfs are suspect.

Game on, big time, and Donkey Kong, Galaga, Centipede, and Space Invaders lay waste to much of London, Washington and New York. The president calls in backup, in the guise of a comely weapons specialist, Violet (Michelle Monaghan).

Smitten, Ludlow tells her, "You smell so nice, like the Book of Genesis," one of the script's many non sequiturs.

Actually, Violet only has eyes for Sam, as he unleashes his inner hero with proclamations like, "We got this! If we don't, the world ends."

Director Chris Columbus, famous for "Home Alone" and two Harry Potter films, juggles an uneasy mix of shtick and schlock. Regrettably, "Pixels" is short on fun and long on tasteless humor, making what should be a wholesome kids' movie

questionable for even mature teens.

By the time tennis star Serena Williams and domestic diva Martha Stewart make their appearance, viewers will wish for "Game Over."

The film contains bawdy humor, some sexual innuendo, and a few mild oaths. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

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

August 16 - - Parishioners from Saint Bartholomew in Wilmore join the Bishop to highlight festivities planned to celebrate the parish's 175th anniversary.

August 23 - -Mike Creavey, a teacher at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy in Boalsburg, shares his preparations as the new school year is about to begin.

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**SISTER ROSEMARY
MULAC A.S.C.**

Sister Rosemary Mulac, an Adorer of the Blood of Christ for 73 years, died Friday, July 24 in Columbia. She was 89.

She was the second of nine children born to the late Milan and Mary (Pecar) Mulac. She grew up in McKeesport, where she attended Sacred Heart of Jesus Croatian Parish and School.

Sister Rosemary entered the Adorers novitiate on Aug. 12, 1941, made her first vows on Aug. 12, 1942 and final vows exactly five years later. She earned a bachelor's and master's degree in education from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

Locally, Sister Rosemary served at Saint Rochus School in Johnstown. At the time of the 1977 Johnstown flood she helped organize flood recovery efforts.

Sister Rosemary also served her community of sisters as a provincial councilor and coordinator of ministries from 1977 to 1983, offering them support and encouragement. She worked to empower young sisters, encouraging them to look to the future, accept leadership roles and trust their gifts.

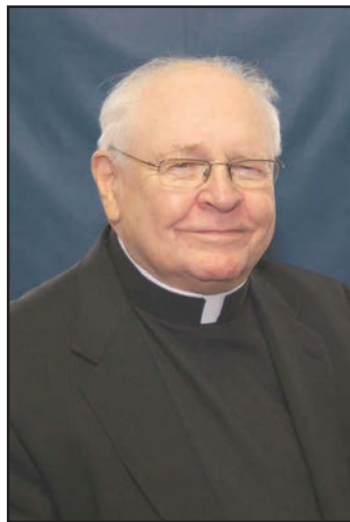
She also was instrumental in starting Saint Anne's Village, part of Saint Anne's Retirement Community, a ministry that the Adorers sponsor in Columbia, Lancaster County.

Preceding her in death were

her siblings John, George, Mark and Anthony. She is survived by her siblings Anna Mae Werber, Joseph, Milan and Bernadette DiAntonio, and a brother - in - law, nieces and nephews.

The funeral Mass for Sister Rosemary Mulac A.S.C. was celebrated in the chapel at Saint Anne's Retirement Community. Committal was in the Adorers' Community Cemetery, Columbia.

Memorials may be made online at Adorers.org or to the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, U.S. Region Mission Center, 4233 Sulphur Ave., St. Louis, Mo., 63109.



**MONSIGNOR
THOMAS K. MABON**

Monsignor Thomas K. Mabon, a senior priest of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown, died Tuesday, July 28 at Garvey

Manor, Hollidaysburg. He was 89 years old, and had been a priest for 58 years.

He was born July 14, 1926 in Johnstown, the son of the late Frank J. and Catherine (Kelly) Mabon. He was a graduate of Saint John Gualbert School and a 1944 graduate of Johnstown Catholic High School.

Preceding him in death were brothers, Frank J. Jr., and wife, Joan M.; and William B., and wife, Dixie H.; sisters, Sister of Saint Joseph Kathleen K. Mabon; Nancy M.; and Maree, and husband, William J.; and nephews, F. James Mabon, Patrick Mabon and Timothy Fitzpatrick.

He is survived by nephews, Michael Mabon, Utah; John T. Mabon, Massachusetts; Michael Fitzpatrick, Ohio; and William Fitzpatrick, Erie; nieces, Mary Ann Fike, Virginia; Marsha Critchfield, Johnstown; Colleen Hanson, Lock Haven; Judy Mabon, Virginia; Monica Leonard, Virginia; and Katie Foster, Hollidaysburg; and numerous great - nephews and - nieces.

Monsignor Mabon held a bachelor of arts degree from Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg MD (1951). He attended Georgetown University Law School, and completed his theological studies, earning a master of arts degree in systematic theology from Saint Vincent Seminary, Labrobe. He also held a master's degree in education from the University of Pittsburgh (1969).

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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Ordnained a priest May 25, 1957 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona by the late Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle, he served as parochial vicar at Saint Joseph Parish, Renovo and Saint Patrick Parish, Gallitzin, and served as a teacher and assistant headmaster at Aquinas Hall in Ebensburg, prior to being named assistant principal of Bishop Carroll High School in Ebensburg in 1963.

In 1967, Monsignor Mabon was named assistant superintendent of schools in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown with residence at Saint Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg. He was named superintendent of schools in 1969 and held that position until 1987.

In 1973 he was named pastor of Saint Boniface Parish in Saint Boniface, and in 1976 returned to Hollidaysburg as pastor of Saint Mary Parish. In 1993 he was named pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish and Saint Michael Parish, both

in Johnstown. He was a member of many statewide Catholic education associations and diocesan committees, most recently as member emeritus of Bishop McCort Catholic High School Board of Trustees. Monsignor Mabon retired from active ministry in 2001.

Monsignor Mabon was named a Chaplain to His Holiness by Blessed Pope Paul VI in 1974, and a Prelate of Honor by Saint John Paul II in 1983.

The funeral Mass for Monsignor Thomas K. Mabon was celebrated Friday, July 31 at Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Johnstown, with Bishop Mark L. Barchak as principal celebrant. Committal was at Grandview Cemetery, Johnstown.

Memorial donations may be made to Our Mother of Sorrows School, 430 Tioga Street, Johnstown PA 15905 - 2394, or to Hollidaysburg Catholic School, P.O. Box 599, Hollidaysburg PA 16648.

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Saint Bartholomew Parish, Wilmore, Marks 175 Years

A Cambria County parish that can trace its origins to the ministry of the Servant of God Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin, is celebrating the 175th anniversary of its foundation.

Saint Bartholomew Parish, Wilmore, will celebrate the milestone with a 1:00 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, August 23, the day prior to the feast of Saint Bartholomew. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be the principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass, joining pastor Father Sean Code and former pastors and visiting clergy for the celebration.

Also taking part in the liturgy will be two sons of the parish: Monsignor Timothy P. Stein, pastor of Saint Mary Parish in Altoona and editor of **The Catholic Register**, and Deacon Rick Golden, who ministers at the parish and at Most Holy Trinity Parish, South Fork.

The Mass will be followed by a dinner at the Royal Ballroom in Portage.

The original Saint Bartholomew Church was dedicated August 22, 1840 by Bishop Francis Patrick Kenrick of Philadelphia. The dedication of the forty by fifty foot stone structure came just three months after the death of Father Gallitzin, who had planted the seeds of the Catholic faith in the local community.

Wilmore was founded by a freed black man, Godfrey Wilmore, who built a home near the site of the present borough in

the early 19th century. Wilmore was a Baptist, and his wife, the Irish - born Mary Higgins was a Roman Catholic. Father Gallitzin visited their household frequently, and as a result of their many conversations, Godfrey Wilmore became a Catholic.

The small town that grew up around the Wilmore home was originally known as "Guinea - town," but Father Gallitzin, incensed by what he considered an insult to the Wilmore family, prevailed upon Godfrey's son, Bernard, who laid out the current site of the town in 1831, to change the name to "Jefferson" in honor of the third president of the United States. The name prevailed until the borough was incorporated with the name "Wilmore" in 1859.

Bernard Wilmore bequeathed property to Father Gallitzin for the construction of a church in the center of town; the property was sold by Father Gallitzin's executors, and the church was built on the hillside above the town, where the present church stands.

The cornerstone of the Gothic - style building was set on June 6, 1852, and two years later, the imposing church, built at a cost of \$11,000.00, was dedicated May 20, 1854, by Bishop Michael O'Connor of Pittsburgh. The contractor for the church was James Young, son - in - law of Godfrey Wilmore.

One of the earliest pastors of Saint Bartholomew Parish was Father Tobias Mullen, who



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served from 1845 - 1854, and who in 1868 became the Bishop of Erie. His successor as pastor of Saint Bartholomew Parish was Father Michael J. Mitchell, the first resident pastor.

The late Father James N.

Feehley served as pastor of Saint Bartholomew Parish from 1951- 1983, the longest pastorate of any priest serving at the Wilmore church. During Father Feehley's pastorate an extensive renovation of the parish church

was undertaken, and a rededication Mass was celebrated by the late Bishop James J. Hogan marking the 135th anniversary of the parish in 1975.

Successive pastors, including Father David H. Roesch, Father Robert L. Ruston, Father Charles F. Bodziak and Father Robert P. Reese also oversaw renovations of the church building, helping to maintain the integrity of the historic structure.

A number of religious vocations were fostered at Saint Bartholomew Parish. Notable priest sons of the parish include the late Monsignor Patrick D. Harkins, long - time pastor of Saint Matthew Parish in Tyrone and founding principal of Altoona Catholic High School (now Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School) and the late Father James J. Quinn, founding pastor of Saint John Vianney Parish in Mundy's Corner.

The parish was also the home of three women who as Sisters of Mercy were outstanding educators in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown: Sister Mary Cornelia Harkins, Sister Mary Bernard Shryock and Sister Mary Joan Werfel. All three are now deceased. Sister Mary Cornelia was the founding principal of Saint Therese School in Altoona, and Sister Mary Bernard was the Mistress of Postulants for the Sisters of Mercy in Dallas, Luzerne County.

Father Code, Saint Bartholomew's pastor, has served the parish since July 15, 2014.

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