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## First - Ever Dessert Contest Is Icing On The Cake Of Annual Faith Day Celebration

Photos And Text  
By Bruce A. Tomaselli

The first diocesan Best Dessert Contest made the annual Faith Day that much sweeter.

The contest proved a great success, and was one of the highlights of the annual Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown Faith Day held Sunday, July 2 at Del-Grosso Amusement Park in Tipton.

Barb Bundy's Summer Layer Dessert, Charleen Thompson's Three Layer Fudge, and Elizabeth Miller's Cinnamon Buns were tied for the Best Dessert title at the end of the first round of judging.

Bundy, of Saint John The Evangelist Parish in Lakemont, won first place after Tony De-Gol sampled the delicious dessert to break the tie. "They were all excellent," he said, "I hated to have to choose one." He managed to make all three desserts disappear.

Bundy won a gift basket of kitchen items, and a gift card.

Thompson's fudge entry finished in second place, and Elizabeth Miller won third place.

At the end of a hectic two weeks of travel, Bishop Mark L. Barchak was delighted with the crowd he greeted prior to the

Mass. Bright sunshine, low humidity, and a gentle breeze made it a comfortable day to celebrate the Catholic faith with others from throughout the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese.

In his homily, Bishop Mark told the story of Frank, a father who prayed to win the lottery so he could pay for his daughter's college tuition. He didn't win the lottery, and he asked the Lord why He didn't help him. The Lord replied, "Frank, you want to me give you a break? Why don't you give me a break? At least buy a lottery ticket!"

A humorous ending to the story, but the Lord reminds us He's already given us many gifts. "We tend to think of God as someone primarily who hands out rewards and favors; like the prize of winning the lottery," reminded Bishop Mark. The Lord Jesus told us in the Gospel that those who love the temporal things of this world more than Him are not worthy of Him.

Bishop Mark said there are two commandments that summarize everything:

- - Love your God with all your mind, heart, soul, and strength;

- - Love your neighbor as yourself.

God loves us even when we act against His will, even when we offend Him, or ignore



**WINNERS:** The winners of the first Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown Best Dessert Contest are: Barb Bundy, first place, of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Lakemont, Altoona; Charleen Thompson, second place, of Holy Rosary Parish in Juniata, Altoona; and third place, Elizabeth Miller of Saint Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin.

Him. "The ultimate gift of God's love," reminded the Bishop, "is that He wants us to be like Him so we can one day live forever with Him in the Kingdom."

He said each time we receive the Body and Blood of

Christ in the Holy Eucharist, we are already receiving his eternal life here and now.

The Lord asks us to take up our cross and follow Him. "We all have crosses," said Bishop Mark. "And we are reminded

that in order to take up our cross, we must first embrace the cross of Jesus Christ who is present to us today in this celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

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**SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI:** Two children were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil celebration at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Johnstown, on Saturday, April 15. Pictured at left are (left to right) Laila Herdman, Georgetta LaBuda (catechist) and Caleb Morris. First Holy Communion was celebrated Sunday, May 7. Pictured at right are (left to right) First row: Anna Glennon, Piera Britt, Kayla Lee, Kylie Durst, Annika McClintock, Lucas Kimmel. Second row: Allison Koch (catechist), Conventual Franciscan Father Anthony Francis Spilka (pastor), Carol Pisula (director of religious education) and Elyse Anderson (catechist).



## Family Life

### Mass For Married Couples

**Loretto:** Bishop Mark L. Barchak will celebrate a Mass to honor married couples Sunday, July 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies.

In case of rain the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

Participants are asked to

bring a lawn chair. The public is encouraged to bring a picnic meal and to enjoy dining on the shrine grounds.

## Higher Education

### College Of Distinction

**Cresson:** Mount Aloysius College has been notified that three of its academic areas are deemed exceptional by the "College of Distinction" organization. The College's Business, Education and Nursing majors have all been awarded the recognition for the 2017-2018 academic year. Already recognized as a College of Distinction, a Catholic College of Distinction, a Pennsylvania College of Distinction, and a Best Value College; the three new designations focus on specific areas of academic excellence at Mount Aloysius. All three, Business, Education and Nursing have earned recognition for academic rigor and excellence in preparing students for promising careers.

Mount Aloysius President Tom Foley commended the three department chairs responsible for the academic areas recognized. "Congratulations to the Chairperson of Business and Information Technology,



**OUR LADY OF VICTORY GRADUATES:** Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, State College, celebrated eighth grade graduation at Mass Friday, June 2. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Deacon Jack Orlandi, Cooper Gilham, Paige Alexander, Sami Magro, Zach Witmer, James Saylor, Noah Straub, Josh Rogan, Emily Tobias, Sammy Jo Watkins, Alyssa Packer, Elizabeth Marchini, Father Neil Dadey (pastor), Father Antony Sudherson (parochial vicar). Second row: Mason Risha, Camryn Eby, John Thomas, Brendan Scanlon, Nathan Cross, Adam Navarra, Austin Ehrensberger, Garrison Famiglio, Andrei Tolmachev, Jake Gulley. Third row: Adrianna Fegley, Maddie Koehle, Reign Scott, Cato Legaspi, Charlie Driscoll, Leland Calistri, Max Pase, Sean Kelly. Fourth row: Abby Serefine, Chidere Oputa, Andrew Chirieleison, Thomas DeNezza, James Sicree, and Peter Serefine.

Ms. Kimberly Asonovich; to the Chairperson of Education and Sign Language, Dr. Marilyn Roseman; and to our Dean of Nursing, Dr. Julie A. Lutschwager, as well as faculty and support staff throughout the College," he said. "Business, Education, and Nursing faculty offer our students outstanding engagement in the classroom and exceptional personal support outside the classroom," added President Foley. "That same kind of commitment to students is found campus-wide.

It engages the entire faculty and staff and makes Mount Aloysius a great college choice."

College of Distinction recognition is reserved for colleges and universities that excel in "student-focused" education. This citation of excellence allows Mount Aloysius to be featured on CollegesofDistinction.com, a website dedicated to honoring schools across the country for excellence in higher education. Colleges and universities are nominated for Colleges of Distinction recognition by high

school counselor recommendations and quantitative research.

### Dental Missions

**Loretto:** Students from Saint Francis University helped give people in need something to smile.

MOM - n - PA Dental Missions hosted their 5th annual clinic this year at Gannon University in Erie, June 17 and 18.

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# In The Alleghenies



**SAINT AUGUSTINE AND SAINT MONICA CONFIRMATION:** Saint Augustine Parish, Dysart, and Saint Monica Parish, Chest Springs, celebrated Confirmation Wednesday, May 17. Taking part were (left to right) First row: Deacon Steve Luke, Jane Stoltz (director of religious education), Courtney Burgoon, Elizabeth Manley, Mikayla Lansberry, Brooke James, Angela Wharton, Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Christopher Lemme (pastor). Second row: Alex Hite, Adam Bobak, Lucas Fox, Caleb Duclos, William Hoover, Devin Bills, Carmelite of the Word Sister Linda LaMagna (Confirmation director). Third row: Roy Holtz (catechist), Martin Storm, Miranda Stasko (catechist).



**SAINT MICHAEL, HOLLIDAYSBURG CONFIRMATION:** Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Hollidaysburg, Monsignor Stanley B. Carson, pastor, celebrated Confirmation Tuesday, April 25. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Jessica Hayes, Kaitlyn Cappella, Abigail Betar, Taylor Valente, Kristin Singer, Maura Gildea, Alyssa Brozenich, Abigail Bettwy. Second row: Parker Grigg, Nick Fleming, Michael Day, William Tyndall, Noah Frank. Third row: Nick Viduya, Joseph Corey, Charles Patterson, Jarrid Adams, Dominic Frucella, Mason Marks and Matt Valente.

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The MOM - n - PA mission is a two - day large scale dental clinic where dental treatment is provided at no cost to individuals who cannot afford dental care. Over 700 dental, medical and pharmacy professionals, students and lay volunteers freely donated their time to help at MOM - n - PA 2017. The two-day clinic provided dental care to nearly 1,000 patients.

They did 3,677 procedures and donated \$581,000 worth of dental services. Patient procedures included cleanings, x-rays, fillings, root canals and extractions at the clinic.

Seven students majoring in Biology, Chemistry and Health Sciences at Saint Francis University volunteered at the clinic in Erie. Volunteer roles ranged from checking patients in at registration to assisting the dentists during the procedures. Most

volunteers were ambassadors to make sure the patients were accompanied at all times throughout the day. As a volunteer, the clinic stressed four main rules in helping patients throughout the day. Volunteer safety, child safety, patient safety, and have fun/interact with patients. The most memorable volunteer experiences were from meeting new people, learning of their experiences and ending the day with a few new smiles.



**SEVEN DOLORS MAY CROWNING:** Our Lady of the Seven Dolors Parish, Bean's Cove, celebrated May Crowning, with Ann Logue (left) crowning the statue of Mary, and Alexis Twigg bearing the crown.

## Ordination Broadcast

The May 27 Ordination of Father Peter Crowe and Father Jonathan Dickson was a time of great joy and celebration for the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown. It was the first Ordination to the Diocesan Priesthood since 2011. Video of the entire Mass is available on the Diocesan website, [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org). Several broadcasts of the Liturgy are also scheduled on local public access channels in the coming weeks. The Mass will air on the Atlantic Broadband Public Access Channel 9 on three consecutive Saturdays - - July 8, 15, and 22 - - at Noon. The Altoona Public Access Channel 14 will also broadcast the Ordination Mass on five consecutive Tuesdays - - July 11, 18, 25, August 1, and 8 - - at 8:00 p.m.

Most patients hadn't been to a dentist in years. A visit to a traditional dentist office for a panoramic X - ray and extraction would cost \$600 to \$800. The services MOM - n - PA provided were free. Biology/Pre-Med student, Taylor Keiper, reflected "All the patients were so grateful, and it was very heart-

warming to hear their stories and appreciation".

Chemistry major, Mitchell Hogue, gained a lot from the two - day service experience. "I learned the value of helping others.

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# Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein  
We Are The Church

It's almost a cliché to say that the church is not a building; the church is the people of God. This summer, more than ever, I am learning the truth of that cliché!

Our church building at Saint Mary Parish in Altoona is undergoing renovation. A new floor with new carpet is being installed, and the pews are being refinished. With everything torn up and torn out our beautiful, stately, 1860 church building looks like a vast roller skating rink - - bare, silent, the heart and soul removed. It's a disconcerting sight, and I've not gone in too often to look at it. I prefer to remember it as it was, and to think of what it will soon look like.

During these summer months, we are worshipping in Memorial Hall, the big, hulking building on the corner of 15th Street and Fourth Avenue built at the end of the Second World War. The hall was built as a memorial to all those parishioners who fought and died in the war. It might also be thought of as a memorial to our long - closed parochial school. A logo on the center of the gymnasium floor bears the letters SMS, for "Saint Mary School," though I find myself thinking of my mother's cousin Vito's business in Richland "SMS Furniture Barn," whenever I see it. In the vestibule, there hangs a portrait of the hall's builder, Monsignor Donald Wagner, and above it the words "Home Of The Dutchmen," the name of our school's athletic teams, and reminder that our parish is firmly rooted in Altoona's "Dutch Hill" neighborhood.

There's a wonderful blurring of the lines between the sacred and the secular as we worship in Memorial Hall this summer. The building holds many memories for our parish community. It has served as a church before, during previous renovations. This is where we hold our annual Lenten seafood buffets, and where we gather every few weeks for covered dish parish family dinners. We feel at home in this space, which makes a wonderfully prayerful temporary church. A tabernacle was borrowed from one of our Diocese's closed churches. The altar came from our former convent. Small statues of Our Lady of Fatima and of Saint Joseph give a devotional look to the space. The candlesticks and altar crucifix from the church fit right in. We're at home.

But what makes us really at home this summer in our summer home is that we are together - - a community of believers, doing what our parish family has been doing on that same block on Dutch Hill for 117 years; praising God in word and sacrament. And as we worship in such close quarters, I have the sense, more than ever, that we are the church, we are the people of God, we are the body of Christ. I very much like that feeling!

Daily Mass goes have mentioned to me that they find the experience to be cozy and intimate. They like the experience of being so close to the altar. This summer we are building closer bonds with each other. We are living the mystery of the Mass in a new way. It's all good!

By Labor Day we will be back in our beautiful church. The stained glass windows that tell the story of Our Lord's life will again shine radiantly upon us. The lovely old Stations of the Cross with their titles written in German will look down on us. The beautiful life - size statues of Mary and Joseph will again gather us into their embrace. When we come back to that sacred space we will know ourselves to be what we have always believed ourselves to be: the Church of God together in prayer. For this, we are grateful!

# Point Of View

My mother - in - law used to point out that, as a young girl, she never told her mother, "There's nothing to do."

Her mother was a widow running her own boarding house in the middle of the Great Depression. My mother - in - law knew her mother would answer, "I'll give you something to do."

Probably not an arts and crafts project. Or money for a movie. Or permission to download a new app for her cellphone. A new what for her what! No, that's a 21st - century solution.

Then or now, at about this point in a young student's summer vacation, the days can start to drag. The options and activities that were new and exciting for a few weeks or so after the school year finally ended, seem

.....  
Shrug.

Sometimes there are no words. His or her life has become ...

Shrug.

You know.

And you do. Whether you're 10 or 40 or 80. Whether you're a child, a middle - ager or a senior. At the extremes of that spectrum, with more free hours in the day, day after day, it's not unusual for a lack of purpose, a lack of joy, a lack of oomph to creep in and begin to take over.

In the middle years - - busy, busy, busy all the time, even when taking "time off" from work - - the daily grind can do the same. Oh, sure, you can think of a million things you'd like to do (sleep in, sit on the patio and have a cup of coffee,



## Your Family

By Bill Dodds

### Summer Boredom And The Workplace Grind

make a sizable dent in the shows you've recorded ...) but there's no time for them.

And your job, your vocation, your calling - - your meal ticket - - that had been exciting and challenging and rewarding in so many ways in the past, has become punch in, work, punch out.

Not completely. But sometimes. Sometimes a lot of sometimes.

With all of that in mind, a few points to consider:

- - Mom and Dad: Unless your children are still preschoolers, your job as a parent doesn't include being an always - on - call entertainment director. Yes, it's good to help them come up with some suggestions, some options, for things they can do. (Safely!)

Then, too, beginning to sprinkle in some age - appropriate household chores actually helps them. (And, eventually, you.)

Those "little ones" don't stay little for very long. Suddenly that 8 - year - old is 12, that 12 - year - old is 16, that 16 - year - old is 20. During those years, their "boredom" is like a garden and your suggestions (your demands) and example are

ways of planting seeds of how to find good things to do, including good ways to help others.

- - Middle-ager: Even a small break, with the cellphone off (be strong, you can do it!), makes a difference. When the apostles felt the grind, Christ told them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mk 6:31).

And keep in mind that joy (one of boredom's opposites) is a grace from God. Often it involves an appreciation of the gifts he's given you. Sometimes it's rooted in realizing where he's put you, right here, right now. With whom he's put you. And what he's asking, what he's inviting you to do.

Then it's keeping your eyes, ears and heart open and responding to those nudges from the Holy Spirit. Even at, ugh, work.

- - Senior: See the last part of No. 2. There are nudges in retirement and even in, ugh, a nursing home. Nothing to do? What would your mama say? Go on now. Find something. Do something. You can always pray for others!

(WebMD has good tips on getting kids to do chores. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ToDoList-ForKids>)

# Disclosing Sexual Assault: Barriers Unique To Men

By Brie Depcrymski, CA, MS, Victim Services, Inc.

While everyone will react differently, some common reactions to sexual assault include feelings of fear, shame, guilt, embarrassment, anger, helplessness, and hopelessness. Other common reactions are loss of appetite, trouble sleeping, nausea, headaches, pain related to the injury, and psychological reactions (such as trying to block out the memory of the assault, reliving the assault, thinking about it constantly, trouble focusing, flashbacks, depression, anxiety, and low self-esteem). This is only a short list of possible reactions that are common in the aftermath of a sexual assault, and may prevent someone from reporting the assault or receiving the treatment they need.

Male survivors face a unique set of challenges when reporting sexual assault, and encounter specific barriers to seeking counseling or therapy. Societal norms and standards tell men they must be masculine, tough, and strong, and a sexual assault can make a man feel emasculated, vulnerable, and weak. A male survivor may feel too embarrassed or ashamed to report a sexual assault or rape. Not only does society expect men to be strong

enough to protect themselves from an assault, they are also encouraged not to talk about their feelings or express their emotions. They may downplay the assault, or engage in unhealthy behaviors to cope with the trauma, rather than report or seek treatment.

Even if a male survivor does not feel emasculated, vulnerable or weak, he may fear being perceived that way by his partner, children, parents, siblings, friends, boss, or coworkers, and worry that they might find out if he reports the assault or seeks treatment. Men may also struggle with the fear of not being believed, understood, or supported. Sexual assault and rape of men is rarely discussed in society or the media, which perpetuates the myth that men are never sexually assaulted or raped.

Another commonly believed myth that prevents men from reporting is the perceived myth that being sexually assaulted or raped implies that a man is homosexual or gay. This is NOT true. While gay men can be raped, a man getting raped by another man says nothing about his sexual orientation before or after the assault. Heterosexual men who are assaulted may avoid reporting or seeking treatment out of worry and fear that others will perceive them as gay. Gay men might avoid report-

ing or seeking treatment out of shame or self-blame that they did something to provoke the assault, or deserved to be assaulted because of their sexuality.

Many of the male clients served by Victim Services Inc. in the Cambria and Somerset counties can attest to struggling with issues like these. One male survivor stated that his reluctance to report and seek counseling came from extreme feelings of shame and embarrassment. He did not have a good support system and was not initially believed when he first admitted what happened to him. This kept him from seeking treatment for many years. He was also worried about being labeled as a 'victim,' which implies powerlessness and pity. "Once you're a victim, you're always a victim," he stated. The label 'victim' may deter some men from seeking services at a place called Victim Services, Inc. Instead, it is important we try to refer to these men as survivors. Surviving refers to the strength, stamina, and resiliency that all men who have seen sexually assaulted or raped possess.

If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted or raped, you can call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-4673 or find your local rape crisis center at 1-888-772-7227.

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## Support For Survivors

Support for survivors of sexual abuse is always available throughout the Diocese of Altoona-Johnston. Survivors are encouraged to seek help for recovery through any of the sexual assault centers in their area. All of the sexual assault centers offer:

- \* 24/7 Hotline Services
- \* Crisis Intervention
- \* Case Management
- \* Individual Counseling
- \* Legal Advocacy and Accompaniment
- \* Medical Advocacy and Accompaniment
- \* Prevention and Awareness Education Programs
- \* Sexual Assault Response Team (emergency medical care, emotional support, and medical/ legal examination)
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## Reporting Child Abuse

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak and the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown are firmly committed to protecting children and young people. If you have any information concerning suspected sexual or other abuse of minors, you are urged to report it immediately to:

- PA Child Line 1 - 800- 932 - 0313 (intake is available 24/7)
- Pennsylvania Attorney General Hotline (888) 538 - 8541
- Pennsylvania State Police Headquarters (717) 783 - 5599 or your local Pennsylvania State Police Station
- Your local police department

If there is an indication of imminent danger, you should call 911 immediately.

The Diocese reports all information regarding sexual abuse of minors to law enforcement. You are urged to do the same. Anyone may and should report suspected child sexual abuse.

To report to the Diocese any suspected abuse of a minor, please call Jean Johnstone at (814) 944 - 9388.



# Bishop's Appointments

**FATHER ANGELO J. PATTI**, appointed administrator of Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Johnstown while the pastor, Reverend John J. Slovikovski, is on temporary medical leave. The appointment is effective June 29. Father Patti will continue as pastor of Saint Andrew Parish in Johnstown.

Having received the presentation of Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, OSB, and recognizing the needs of the Diocese, **FATHER ALFRED PATTERSON, OSB**, appointed pastor of Saint Nicholas Parish in Nicktown. The appointment is effective July 17.

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"I learned a spirit of simplicity and joy because the simple help I provided brought great joy to many, including myself. I learned that dentistry is exactly what I need to do for the rest of my life."

SFU students are looking forward to participating as volunteers at the 6th annual MOM-n-PA in 2018. The location and dates are yet to be finalized.

## Missions

### Haiti Mission Trip

**Gallitzin:** Thirteen individuals took part in the annual Mission Trip to Haiti sponsored

by the Carmelite Community of the Word Hands & Hearts Haiti Ministry.

From Monday May 1 through Thursday May 11, 2017 they spent time with the Little Sisters of the Incarnation visiting several of their ministry locations. The first stop was travelling to an orphanage for young girls operated by the Little Sisters which was established to provide education and training to girls from a very early age to become "good citizens and leaders" for the country of Haiti. Playground materials which had been sent earlier by sea container were assembled for the children.

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Photo By Tony DeGol

**HAPPY CAMPERS:** Camp Timothy, the annual Diocesan summer camp for high school students, was held June 18-22 on the grounds of Camp Sequanota in Jennerstown, Somerset County. Bishop Mark L. Barchak visited the camp on Tuesday, June 20. He presented a group evangelization focused on the 2017 theme for Camp Timothy, "Be the Light." The Bishop also celebrated Mass and enjoyed lunch with the campers. Francine Swope, Diocesan coordinator of Youth Ministry, Religious Education, and Sacramental Preparation, is the director of Camp Timothy.



**SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, DUNCANSVILLE:** Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Duncansville, on Sunday, May 21 were (left to right) First row: Ethan Shoaf, Chloe Rush, Billy Rush, Lydia Desort. Second row: Debbie Terchanik (director of religious education), Katie Fulton, Joseph Keefer, Alexandrie Hanley, Cole Hartman and Monsignor Robert Saly (pastor).



**SAINT PATRICK, JOHNSTOWN:** Saint Patrick Parish, Johnstown, celebrated Confirmation Sunday, June 4. Pictured are left to right) First row: Kyleigh Way, Mary Kathryn Majercsik, Alexa Stephens, Dora Duncan (director of religious education). Second row: Deacon Joseph Dalla Valle, Lucas Stofko, Michael Wilks, Riley Holsinger and Father Walter Moll (pastor).



## St. Benedict Parish

### 84th Annual Reunion

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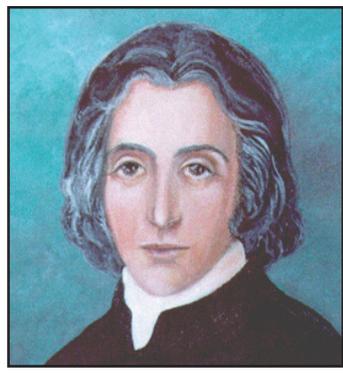
**Saturday 5:00-7:00** Tom Katz  
**7:00-10:00** Blackhorse

**Sunday 12:30-3:00** The Irish Pretenders  
**1:30-2:00** The Irish Dancers  
**3:00-6:00** The Three of Hearts

Shuttle Service from the former St. Benedict Religious Gift Shop and Former Geistown Fire Hall  
 Friday: 3:30PM-10:30 PM; Saturday: 4:30 PM-10:30 PM; Sunday: 10:30 AM-7:00 PM

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**





# A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

The Servant Of God  
Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin  
1770 - 1840

## Documentary Tells Story Of Martyred Oklahoma Priest

By Catholic News Service

**OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS)** -- The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City has released a three-minute trailer to a forthcoming documentary on Father Stanley Rother, a U.S. priest who worked in Guatemala for

14 years until he was brutally murdered in 1981 and who will be beatified in September.

The documentary is titled "The Shepherd Cannot Run: Father Rother's Story." According to the archdiocese, it will be shown immediately prior to his beatification Mass September 23 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

### 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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Celebrating the Mass will be Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes and Pope Francis' personal representative. The pope recognized Father Rother's martyrdom last December, making him the first martyr born in the United States.

The trailer is in English and Spanish and can be viewed at <http://stanleyrother.org/documentary>. It was shown to the U.S. bishops during their spring assembly in Indianapolis June 14 - 15.

Father Rother, born in rural Oklahoma, was nearly expelled from the seminary because he had a hard time learning Latin, the language in which all classes were taught at that time. He transferred to another seminary, overcame his language difficulties and was ordained a priest in 1963 for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

He went to the archdiocesan mission in Santiago Atitlan,



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**MARTYRED PRIEST:** Father Stanley Rother, a priest of the Oklahoma City Archdiocese who was brutally murdered in 1981 in the Guatemalan village where he ministered to the poor, is shown baptizing a child in this undated photo. The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City announced the North American priest will be beatified September 23 in Oklahoma.

Guatemala, five years later and helped translate the Bible into Tz'utujil, one of more than 20 distinct Mayan languages spoken in Guatemala, and one that had previously not been put into writing.

From 1960 to 1996, the Guatemalan government led a military campaign against the country's indigenous peoples, whom it considered as guerrillas. By some estimates, as many as 200,000 were killed -- including a U.S. ambassador by rebel forces in 1968 -- or disappeared.

Father Rother's name appeared on a death list after a member of an Oklahoma parish complained about him to the Guatemalan Embassy, saying

he was advocating for the overthrow of the government in his preaching and by supporting his local residents.

Although the priest returned to Oklahoma, it was only temporary. He flew back to Guatemala and was gunned down at age 46 in the rectory of his church in 1981 by three men believed to be from the Guatemalan military. Three men tried for the crime had their convictions overturned on appeal.

While his body was returned to Oklahoma, his family gave permission for his heart and some of his blood to be enshrined in the church of the people he loved and served. A memorial plaque marks the place.

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# Word of Life



## The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis  
Fight Evil With Love

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** -- Christians are called to detach themselves from power, reject violence and sacrifice themselves for God and others out of love, Pope Francis said.

Christians must live the way Christ chose to: not as “persecutors, but persecuted; not arrogant, but meek; not as snake-oil salesmen, but subservient to the truth; not impostors, but honest,” he said June 28 during his weekly general audience.

In fact, “Christians find repugnant the idea that suicide attackers might be called ‘martyrs’ because there is nothing in their purpose that can come close to the behavior of children of God,” who are called always to act out of love, he told the estimated 12,000 pilgrims in St. Peter’s Square.

High temperatures and scattered sprinkles prompted the pope to tell guests in the Vatican audience hall that he was about to head outside to a “Turkish bath.”

In his weekly catechesis, the pope continued his series on Christian hope by focusing on what gives Christians strength and perseverance in the face of opposition, hatred and persecution.

Jesus dispelled all “mirages of easy success,” the pope said, and he warned his disciples that proclaiming the kingdom of God would come at a high price as “you will be hated by all because of my name.”

“Christians love, but they are not always loved,” the pope said.

Because the world is marked by sin, selfishness, injustice and hostility, he said, it is “normal” that Christians are expected to go against the current and live the way Christ lived and taught.

The Christian lifestyle must be marked by “poverty,” he said, noting how Jesus talks to his disciples more about “stripping” themselves than about “getting dressed.”

“Indeed, a Christian who is not humble and poor, detached from wealth and power and, above all, detached from himself, does not resemble Jesus,” he said.

Christians journey forth into the world with the bare essentials, except their heart, which should be overflowing with love, he added.

In the Gospel of Matthew (10:16-22), Jesus warned his disciples that he was sending them “like sheep in the midst of wolves.” They could be shrewd and prudent, the pope said, but never violent because evil can never be defeated with evil.

That is why Jesus sent his people into the world like himself, as sheep -- without sharp teeth, without claws, without weapons -- Pope Francis said. In fact, “true defeat” for a Christian is to succumb to the temptation of responding to the world’s resistance and hatred with violence, revenge and evil.

The only weapons Christians possess are the Gospel and the hopeful assurance that God is always by their side, especially in the worst of times.



**ONE MORE TIME:** A 1995 book published to mark the centennial of the construction of Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown noted that a room to the left front of the church was designated a “carriage house” on early plans, but was soon known as a chapel. Decoration of the space in 1903 and 1925 transformed the space into the Shrine of Saint Anne, the center of devotion, each July, to mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandmother of Jesus.

After the rain, I checked my garden and found everything I planted had jumped up significantly. Not only did I jump with joy, but I took a second look at the word “up” to learn why it often connotes delight.

The dictionary defines it as going from a lower to a higher place, to be away from or to be out of the ground. In the Bible, it can signify heavenly thoughts and spaces: Elijah is taken up in a fiery chariot and Christ ascends in a cloud to heaven.

In the encyclical “Charity in Truth,” Pope Benedict XVI states “the whole church, in all her being and acting -- when she proclaims, when she celebrates, when she performs works of charity -- is engaged in promoting integral human development.” In other words, charity is best when its aim is to raise up another’s humanity.

This insight brought back memories of my upbringing and those who constantly worked at raising up my humanity. At dinner, my parents often passed on wisdom aimed at making us good human beings: “Always play with those who can better you.” “Be a gentleman at all times.” “Thank God for the food on our table.”

Lessons aimed at making us a better person hygienically in-



## The Human Side

By Father Eugene Hemrick  
Looking Up  
And Raising Up

cluded: “Brush your teeth, wash your hands before eating and keep your room clean.”

Others responsible for improving my humanity were teachers who strived to make us good students so we would have a more fruitful and enjoyable life. Among those teachers



Photo By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein

were religion teachers imbuing us with moral lessons and reverence for God.

When I worked various jobs, there was always someone looking out for me. “This is how you can do it better and save yourself extra work.” “Watch me and try to follow my example.” Oh yes, I had my ups and downs, but more ups than downs, thanks to caring people.

Charity is envisioned helping someone, and at its best, this translates into raising up their humanity. It is one thing to give money to a homeless person, yet another to see him or her as a human person whose humanity needs repairing and to connect with them heart to heart to make this happen.

We have to believe if there was a little more “promoting integral human development,” we would see an increase in people who were once downtrodden walking tall with heads held high.

## Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
No Heaven?!?!?

**Q.** I am 86 years old. I was baptized as a child, educated for 12 years in Catholic schools and am still a regularly practicing Catholic. Some weeks ago, I read a column of yours that absolutely floored me and my family as well.

Since I was very young, I have always been taught to believe that St. Peter is at the "Golden Gate" to meet us, but you say that there is no "specific" heaven. Then what have we been aspiring toward, waiting for, longing for all these years if there is no place called heaven?

Has my faith all been in vain? And if one can't go to heaven, then why not sin? Shame on you, Father Doyle, for what you wrote. Can you even imagine all the damage that your column did? (Richmond, Virginia)

**A.** The temptation is to dismiss such a letter quickly, to assure myself it was just this one particular reader who had misread the column. But I wish it

were that easy; instead, a letter like this one prompts some distress on my part, together with a fair amount of reflection.

I went back and reread the column in question, asking myself if I might have expressed anything differently. Faith is a precious and a fragile thing; I want, of course, always to treat it with reverence and not threaten it.

The writer of the letter has a certain picture of heaven, which includes St. Peter greeting arrivals at a golden gate, and that is fine. But the futility comes with trying to express transcendent ideas in human pictures and words.

I did say in the column that heaven is not "some remote geographic corner of the physical universe." I quoted the Catechism of the Catholic Church, that heaven "does not mean a place ('space') but a way of being," and St. John Paul II, who said that heaven is "neither an abstraction nor a physical place in the clouds, but a living, per-

sonal relationship with the Holy Trinity."

I want to assure the letter writer that I believe with all my heart that heaven does exist -- and that my highest hope is one day to reach that goal, to be united with God in everlasting and perfect joy. What exactly that will look like, I do not know; I only know that it will be a whole lot better than I could ever dream it to be.

**Q.** I live in a large parish and find my affiliation with my church meaningful and positive -- except for one thing. One of our regular song leaders is difficult to listen to -- and that is an understatement.

I understand that he is a volunteer and I don't expect professional musicians, but he is always half a step flat, cannot read music and sings very loudly. Parishioners are visibly cringing (and/or laughing) as he sings. Attending Mass at a different time is usually not an option for me, or I would try that.

Recently, when our parish surveyed us on what we thought about parish programs and services, I tried as tactfully as possible to address this situation -- but several months have passed since, and this gentleman continues to lead us in song. (Columbia, Missouri)

**A.** First, I should say that there's a fair amount of subjectivity when judging singers and musicians. If, though, parishioners' discomfort is as universal as you suggest, the time has come for action. Since you've already tried raising the issue individually -- apparently without result -- the next step would be a more concerted effort.

I'd suggest that you find a couple of other parishioners who feel as you do and go together to see your pastor. This would create, of course, a certain awkwardness for him -- the difficult thing about volunteers is that they are hard to fire -- but it goes with the job. Worship is a pastor's highest responsibility, and the experience of worship must always be prayerful, not distracting or distressing.



## For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola  
'Are Not Two Sparrows Sold For A Small Coin?'

A violent windstorm ripped through my town the other night, the kind that leaves you mesmerized yet humbled at your own powerlessness. A tornado wreaked damage nearby, with 76,000 homes left without power, and 80 mph winds were the norm.

We were lucky at my house. Some bushes were partially uprooted, but we were able to sink them back into the soil and they're doing well.

The morning after the storm, I strolled to the elm tree to check on a robin's nest I'd been watching. Expecting it to have vanished in the maelstrom, I was amazed to see the mother robin sitting there, resolutely doing her duty.

How could that nest have survived? What architectural brilliance anchored that nest to the branch? I know that after storms, nests and dead birds can blanket the landscape. How much wind could this nest take?

Recently, the Gospel reading saw Jesus counseling people on fear and trust. "Fear no one," he tells his followers. "Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge."

As I read those words, I thought of my robin's nest. What kind of God do we have, who is conscious of a little robin? What kind of God permeates our lives and our world with such love and awareness? With such a God, how can I ever feel unloved or unappreciated?

Often, like most people, I want to be acknowledged, to be recognized for my gifts, my aches and pains, my needs. Instead, I realize my own smallness and lack of importance in this world.

On better days, I turn this realization toward an awareness of others, of their pains, their needs, their effort. I seek compassion rather than honor. I rest in the assurance that as God watches the sparrow, God watches me.

But why would someone want to buy two sparrows for a small coin anyway, I wondered. A little research augmented my best guess. Poor people might find a sparrow or two could cheaply supplement a meager meal with a little protein. Similarly, in a world where offerings were made at the temple -- pigeons, for example, or a lamb or larger animal if you were wealthy -- two sparrows might be a sacrificial offering from the poor.

So, the little sparrow of which the Creator is so aware meets his end just like all of us. It's not that we believe in a God who saves us from everything we fear. It's that we believe in a God who is with us through all things, and therefore we should fear nothing. There's a big difference there, and it's where we make our leap of faith.

Years ago, I interviewed a good friend who was part of a program called "No One Dies Alone." He was on call to come to the hospital or hospice if someone was in imminent danger of death and had no loved ones. Perhaps homelessness or distance prevented anyone's presence.

My friend witnessed many a death, sometimes saying a rosary with a dying Catholic, sometimes merely holding a stranger's hand as he left this life.

But what happens, I wondered. What is this mystery of death? "I don't know," responded my friend.

"All I know," he said with certainty, "is that I see people fall into the hands of a merciful God."

The honors and attention and wealth of this world fade away. But we believe the presence and mercy and love of God remains. This belief sustains us through life's storms.



Saint Mildred  
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Feast - July 13

The daughter of an Anglian ruler on the Welsh border and a princess from Kent, Mildred was educated at a French nunnery. After refusing a marriage offer from an unwelcome suitor, she entered the convent at Minister-in-Thanel, England, founded by her mother. She, too, became its abbess and died there, but was remembered as gentle and kind, "a comforter to all the poor and afflicted." Two of her sisters also were nuns, and the family's women, including Mildred's mother and aunt, were popularly regarded as English saints.



**PRIZES:** Two-year-old Alex (left) and six-year-old Abbey, gaze at prizes and candy at the Faith Day pavilion.

## Annual Faith Day Proved To Be A Sweet Treat For All

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“The reward is found in the very reason we come here today.”

Following the Liturgy at the main stage, attention turned to the diocesan pavilion, and the first ever dessert contest.

“This has been a wonderful, sunny day to come together with old friends and new, from other parishes throughout the Diocese to share a common bond, our faith!” said Francine Swope, one of the chairpersons, along with Tony DeGol, for the event.

“The day began with a wonderful Mass. It was a fun atmosphere, including our first DAJ Dessert Contest,” she said with a smile.

**JUDGES:** Deacon Jack Orlandi and Sister Frances Clare were judges in the Best Dessert Contest.

The crowd was clearly excited with the dessert contest held prior to the picnic supper.

Judges for the event were: Bishop Mark, Father Alan Thomas, vicar general and pastor of Saint Joseph Parish in



Bellwood; Father Jonathan Dickson, newly-ordained and parochial vicar at Our Lady of Victory in State College; Neil Brett, diocesan seminarian and member Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in Johnstown; Deacon Jack Orlandi of Good Shepherd Parish in Port Matilda; and Servant of the Sacred Heart Sister Frances Clare.

Swope said that many at the picnic told her they would be entering their favorite recipe in the Best Dessert Contest next year. “The dessert contest really was a lot of fun,” she said.

As the Mass concluded Bishop Mark urged everyone to have a good time. “Thanks for coming to this annual Family Faith Day,” he said. “Enjoy the food, fun, family, and friendship. They are signs of God’s love which is the only reward we need.”



**GREETING A FRIEND:** Bishop Mark L. Barchak greets three-year-old Brandon Burkle, following the Faith Day Mass. Brandon is the son of Jason and Nicole Burkle of the Cathedral Parish in Altoona. His brother, Ethan, 9, also attended Faith Day. Jason is a recent initiated Catholic, and was baptized by Bishop Mark



**PRAYING TOGETHER:** Dozens of families from throughout the eight county Diocese joined together in prayer at the annual Faith Day celebration, Sunday, July 2.



**WILLIAM D. STASKO**

ing from Saint Vincent College, Latrobe. A certified public accountant since 1986, and a registered financial representative since 2004, Stasko owns his own CPA firm in Westmont, and previously served as controller of retail accounting for Glosser Brothers Inc.

He and his wife Trudi have been married for 31 years and are the parents of four children. They are members of Saint Clement Parish. Stasko is active in the parish, with the Knights of Columbus, and serves as president of "Mom's House."

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## Named Trustee

William D. Stasko of Johnstown has been named a trustee, for a three-year term effective July 1, to the Board of Trustees of the Independent Catholic Foundation.

A native of Johnstown, where he attended Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary School and Bishop McCort Catholic High School, he holds a bachelor of science degree in account-

# Smith Is Principal Of Divine Mercy Catholic Academy

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"We're excited to have Tom here," said Jo-Ann Semko, diocesan assistant director of education. She says Smith is the type of person the Diocese is looking for to "advance community outreach, develop partnerships with business organizations, universities, and civic organizations."

Smith says they will continue the faith-based program and provide a safe school climate that will be exciting for the students and their parents. Excellence in their fine arts programs will continue, and he's looking to build strong athletic programs

that stress sportsmanship and teach kids how to compete.

"I'd like us to work with student assistance programs that will help students who are experiencing problems in the school or at home," Smith said, which is very important to him.

"We want all students to exceed their full potential, which will allow our teachers to use their creativity during instruction to keep the students interested."

Said Semko, "We provide a well-rounded educational system as opposed to a system that teaches to tests."

**Saturday, July 15 is the deadline to submit First Holy Communion, Confirmation, May Crowning and Graduation photos for publication. No exceptions will be made to this deadline.**



**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER:** Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Cresson, on Saturday, May 13 were (left to right) First row: Rocco Resick, Tessa Buck, Isaac Luther, Joscelyn Jones, Kaylee Rickens. Second row: Olivia Gregg, Emily Olienyk, Adison Myers, Josephine Della. Third row: Father Leo Arnone (pastor) and Tracey Ingold (director of religious education).

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# In The Alleghenies

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The group then travelled to Pandiassou which is the Mother-house location for the Little Sisters. The group had the opportunity to assemble chapel benches which had been also shipped in advance and perform several other tasks. An entire day was devoted to craft classes for the Little Sisters who utilize their talents to make and sell items to visitors as well as to teach others how to create saleable items. The most important part of the time in Pandiassou is simply spending time with the Little Sisters, sharing stories, enjoying recreation through games and even enjoying dancing Haitian folk dances.

The final stop on this visit was to the seaside retreat center

of the Little Sisters and Brothers. The Sisters and Brothers have worked hard to develop a center for the religious men and women of Haiti to come and spend time in prayer, retreat and education. They related that hundreds of religious have taken advantage of the facility. While the group visited an opportunity arose to join hands with local Haitians by assisting in packaging bread which was destined to be sold in Port au Prince.

The CCW Hands and Hearts Haiti Ministry is in the process of planning their January 2018 visit. In anticipation, items are being collected to ship to Haiti in early October. Sewing groups are making items of clothing, diapers and dolls for the children under the care of the Little Sisters. Items that are

needed include: new or gently used children's summer clothing and shoes, sheets, towels, household cleaning supplies, school supplies, paper products such as toilet paper, paper towels, soap, hygiene products and canned food. A more complete list of collection items can be obtained by sending a self-addressed envelope to CCW Hands & Hearts Ministry, 394 Bem Rd, Gallitzin PA 16641. A listing is also posted on ccwsisters.org.

## Prayer

### Carmelite Novena

**Loretto:** The Discalced Carmelite Nuns announce their annual Novena for the July 16 Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The novena



**CENTRAL CITY MAY CROWNING:** Gabrielle Nelson crowned the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary when May Crowning was held Sunday, May 14 at Our Lady, Queen of Angels Parish in Central City. Father Aron Maghsoudi is pastor.

began Saturday, July 8 and will conclude on Our Lady's feast day, Sunday, July 16.

The special novena prayers for all intentions submitted to the Nuns will be prayed by them following Vespers (Evening Prayer) each day, invoking the intercession of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Therese of the Child Jesus of the Holy Face.

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

Every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is given in the public chapel at Carmel, followed by veneration of the relic of Saint Therese.

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Altoona:** Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 2010 12th Avenue, is commemorating the Centennial of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima by holding Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction for two hours on the following dates of the original Apparitions:

- Thursday, July 13;
- Saturday, August 19;
- Wednesday, September 13;
- Friday, October 13.

The Holy Hours will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Each holy hour will start with praying the rosary for peace in the world as Our Lady requested and the time in between will be spent in quiet meditation.

### Saint Ann Novena

**Ebensburg:** The Sisters of Saint Ann announce their annual novena in honor of Saint Ann will be held Tuesday, July 18 - Wednesday, July 26, the feast day of Saints Ann and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mass will be held daily at 7:00 p.m. at the outdoor shrine at Mount Saint Ann, 1120 North Center Street. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be the principal celebrant of the closing Mass on July 26.

### Ladies Retreat

**Ebensburg:** A retreat for ladies will be held August 11 - 13 at Mount Saint Ann Retreat Center, 1120 North Center Street. Third Order Regular Franciscan Father James Mormom, local minister at Saint Francis Friary at Mount Assisi, Loretto, will be the retreat master.

The retreat is open to commuters.

Reservations may be made by calling the Sisters of Saint Ann at (814) 472 - 9354, or by e-mail at sistersann35@gmail.com.

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#### **Northern Cambria, Nicktown**

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#### **St. Michael, Loretto**

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### Johnstown Quadrant

#### **Divine Mercy Catholic Academy**

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#### **Holy Trinity Elementary, Altoona**

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**SAINT JOHN VIANNEY:** Saint John Vianney Parish, Mundy's Corner, celebrated First Holy Communion Sunday, May 7 and Confirmation Tuesday, May 16. Pictured at left are (left to right) Father Andrew Stanko (pastor), Seth Brosch, Hallie Amenti, Benjamin Garrity and Alisha Gorman (catechist). Pictured at right are (left to right) Samantha Baker, Steve Westrick (catechist), Casey Hoffman, Father Stanko, Justin Bezek, Deacon Thomas Buige, Danika Polka and Samantha Schilling.



**HOLY ROSARY:** Holy Rosary Parish in Juniata, Altoona, celebrated First Holy Communion Sunday, May 7 and Confirmation Thursday, May 11. Pictured at left are (left to right) First row: Madison Brown, Alec Layton, Braydon Andros, Talan Palladini, Hannah Homan. Second row: Gracie Gioiosa (server), Adriana Myers, Jack Gioiosa, Riley Ferguson, Jonah Balog, Aleah Layton. Third row: Cathy Vorndran (catechist), Leah Homan, Father Ronald V. Osinski (pastor), Samuel Homan (server) and Suzanne Barry, (director of religious education). Pictured at right are (left to right) First row: Hannah Daugherty, BreAnna Lord, Theresa Dodson, Elizabeth Kowalski, Kyra Kelly, Samuel Riccio. Second row: Joseph Stevens, Father Osinski, David Pleva, Tyler Petucci and Jarod Marasco.

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By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

**NEW YORK (CNS)** -- Grown-ups who yearn to connect with their inner 11-year-old boy are given a two-and-a-half-hour window of opportunity to do so in “Transformers: The

Last Knight” (Paramount).

As for the literal preteens who might somehow enjoy this long, loud and dumb production, however, a steady stream of swearing and some muddled supernatural motifs make it inappropriate for them.

The fifth franchise entry for a series based on a line of Hasbro toys, and dating back to



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**TRANSFORMERS - - THE LAST KNIGHT:** Samuel Parker, Isabela Moner, Benjamin Flores Jr., Juliocesar Chavez and Daniel Iturriaga star in a scene from the movie “Transformers: The Last Knight.” 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.

2007’s “Transformers,” director Michael Bay’s ponderous sci-fi action flick, like its immediate predecessor, centers on small-time inventor Cade Yeager (Mark Wahlberg).

Unlike most humans, Cade distinguishes between the good shape-shifting robots of the title, represented most prominently by Optimus Prime (voice of Peter Cullen), and their evil counterparts. For those keep-

ing score, the former group are called Autobots, the latter Decepticons.

This time out, Cade is scrambling to save Earth from being destroyed in a collision with the automatons’ home planet, Cybertron. It seems that Quintessa (Gemma Chan), the evil sorceress who created the Transformers, has a scheme to revive their dying orb by desolating ours. And she manages to coerce Optimus into switching sides and abetting her based on the rather unanswerable argument that she is his “god.”

Along with that little non-scriptural nugget, the sinkhole of a plot drags in prehistory, via a set of Dinobots allied with the Autobots, King Arthur (Liam Garrigan), the biblical apocalypse and Viviane Wembly (Laura Haddock), an English

professor in present-day Oxford who becomes Cade’s antipathy-at-first-sight love interest. Sir Edmund Burton (Anthony Hopkins), a loopy historian, explains all these connections in detail but unconvincingly.

As boredom sets in, viewers may take to counting the number of times Cullen pompously intones “I am Optimus Prime ...” Once is too often.

The film contains occult themes, much harsh but mostly bloodless combat violence, at least one use of profanity, a few milder oaths and much crude and crass language. 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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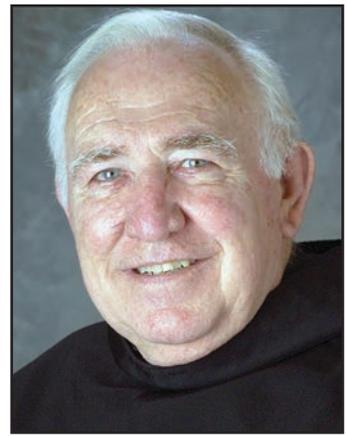
## Coming Up On ‘Proclaim!’

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

**July 16** - - Michael Simanski, a member of Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Altoona, reflects on his years of Catholic education, celebrates his recognition in the arts community, and looks ahead to his college career.

**July 23** - - Our “People from the Pew” series spotlights Anna Kelly, a member of Saint Benedict Parish in Carrolltown.

## May They Rest In Peace



**Father Robert T. Sisk  
T.O.R.**

Father Robert T. Sisk, 84, of the Third Order Regular Franciscan Friars of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, died Friday June 23, at Saint Francis Friary - Mount Assisi, Loretto.

He was born March 21, 1933 in Johnstown the son of the late Edward J. and Geraldine (Canary) Sisk. He attended Saint Benedict School, Johnstown, and graduated from Bishop McCort Catholic High School in 1951. He worked as a clerk in his father's grocery store for one year after graduation, before entering the postulancy at Mount Assisi, Loretto on September 2, 1952.

He entered novitiate at Portiuncula Monastery, Washington DC on July 4, 1953, and received the religious name Dunstan. Brother Dunstan pronounced first vows on July 5, 1954, at Portiuncula Monastery; he pronounced his solemn vows on July 5, 1957, at Mount Assisi.

Father Robert was ordained to the priesthood on May 27, 1961, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona by the late Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, D.D., Bishop of the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese.

He received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from St. Francis University, Loretto in May 1957. He completed his Theological Studies at Saint Francis Seminary, Loretto in 1961.

Father Robert ministered

in various works of the Province. His major ministry was in the foreign missions. From 1962 until 1979, Father Robert served in Brazil in pastoral, formation, and leadership roles. He was commissary provincial from 1969 until 1975; and was president of the Conference of Religious of the Amazon from 1970 until 1975.

From 1979 until 1990 Father Robert served once again in the foreign missions in South Africa. He was commissary provincial from 1982 until 1990 in South Africa. When he returned to the United States in 1991, he did a sabbatical program at Oblate College, San Antonio TX, before becoming pastor of Saint Maria Goretti Parish, Arlington TX.

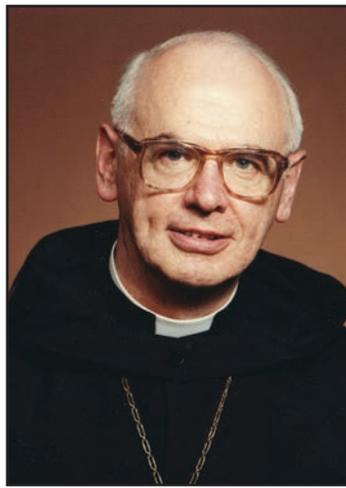
He served on the Provincial Council of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and was elected in 1995 to the General Council of the Third Order Regular Franciscan Friars and resided in Rome.

Father Robert served as pastor of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Baltimore MD from 2002 until 2012 and remained there until 2015 as pastor emeritus. In 2015, he moved to Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Parish, Sarasota FL as priest in residence. From January 2016 until the present, he was at Saint Francis Friary - Mount Assisi, in the ministry of prayer.

Father Robert is survived by his brothers: Kenneth, Monaca; Edward, Gaithersburg MD; Patrick, Reading; and Daniel, Pacific Palisades CA; his sister, Judith, in Hawaii, and nieces and nephews and his Franciscan brothers. He was preceded in death by a sister Sarah.

The Funeral Mass for Father Robert T. Sisk T.O.R. was celebrated Thursday, June 29 in the chapel at Saint Francis Friary - Mount Assisi, Loretto, with Father Richard L. Davis, minister provincial, as principal celebrant. Committal was in the Franciscan Friars' Cemetery, on the campus of Saint Francis University, Loretto.

Memorial contributions may be made to support retired T.O.R. Friars, c/o Saint Francis Friary, P.O. Box 137, Loretto PA 15940.



**Archabbot Paul R. Maher  
O.S.B.**

Benedictine Archabbot Paul R. Maher, the tenth Archabbot of Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, died Thursday, June 29, 2017. He was 91 years old. A native of Latrobe, he served as Archabbot from 1983 until 1990.

As Archabbot of Saint Vincent, he served as chairman of the Benedictine Society of Westmoreland County, chancellor of Saint Vincent College and Seminary, chairman of the Saint Vincent College Corporation and member of the Saint Vincent College Board of Directors.

In 1991 he was awarded the Saint Vincent College Presidential Medal of Honor for his lifelong service to the Saint Vincent Community.

Archabbot Paul received his early schooling in Latrobe, where he attended Holy Family School and was an altar server in Holy Family Parish. Having completed elementary school, he went to Saint Vincent Preparatory School for his secondary education. He graduated from Saint Vincent Prep in 1943, in the middle of the Second World War, and having just turned 18 years old, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. For the next two years he served in the European Theater as tail gunner on a B-24 bomber. He flew 21 combat missions over southern Germany and Austria and was honorably discharged at the end of the war.

In 1945 he returned to Saint Vincent and began his studies at Saint Vincent College as a candidate for the Benedictine Order. In 1947 he was admitted to the Order as a novice and made his

simple profession of monastic vows on July 2, 1948. He professed solemn vows three years later, on July 11, 1951.

Archabbot Paul received his A.B. Degree from Saint Vincent College in 1950 and immediately began his studies of theology in Saint Vincent Seminary. In 1951 Archabbot Denis Strittmatter, sent the young Benedictine brother to Rome to complete his theological studies at the Pontifical Atheneum of Sant' Anselmo. Two years later, he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Placido Nicolini, O.S.B., at the Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi on June 21, 1953. After ordination, he continued graduate studies at Sant' Anselmo for another four years, earning a Ph.D. in philosophy in 1957.

Upon completion of his doctorate, Father Paul returned to Saint Vincent, where he taught philosophy in the College and Seminary from 1957 to 1966, serving as chairman of the College's Department of Philosophy from 1961 to 1966.

During his years of teaching at Saint Vincent, he also served as moderator of one of the College's residence halls (1958 to 1960), socius (superior) of the monastery's junior monks (1960 to 1963), and vice rector of Saint Vincent Seminary (1963 to 1966).

In 1966, Archabbot Paul was named prior (superior) of Saint Vincent's mission to China and a member of the faculty of Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan. He remained in Taiwan as monastic superior and university professor for seventeen years.

In 1983, Father Paul had returned home to Saint Vincent from Taiwan for what he thought

would be "a routine summer visit." His visit coincided with the abbatial election, and to his astonishment his confreres at Saint Vincent elected him tenth Archabbot of Saint Vincent.

On June 30, 1983, Archabbot Paul received the abbatial blessing in the Archabbey Basilica from Bishop William G. Connare of Greensburg

Following his retirement in 1990, Archabbot Paul became a parish assistant at Saint Benedict Church, Carrolltown, where he resided until 1996. He returned to the Archabbey that year to serve as guestmaster and archivist until 2009.

Archabbot Paul was the son of the late William A. Maher and Edna G. (Hunt) Maher. He was one of twelve children, two of whom are currently residing in Latrobe: Robert A. Maher and Joseph Maher. Six brothers: Monsignor William J, John F., Edward, J. Roger, Richard, and Leon Maher; and three sisters: Regina Atkinson, Mercy Sister Rita Maher and Loretta Maher, are deceased.

The Funeral mass for Archabbot Paul R. Maher O.S.B. was celebrated by Archabbot Douglas Nowicki O.S.B. on Monday, July 3 in the Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica. Committal was in the Saint Vincent Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Benedictine Health and Welfare Fund, Saint Vincent Archabbey, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe PA 15650 - 2690.

**May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

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# Divine Mercy Catholic Academy

## Newly - Appointed Principal, Tom Smith, Brings Wealth Of Experience To Position

Photo And Text  
By Bruce A. Tomaselli

The old cliché says it's hard to go home again.

It's certainly doable under the right circumstances, and as a matter of fact, some might consider it a blessing.

Tom Smith does.

Smith, who spent nearly 18 years being educated in Catholic schools, has been named principal of Divine Mercy Catholic Academy in Johnstown.

The school system is comprised of three entities - - Divine Mercy East and West campuses, with the seventh and eighth grade students in middle school at Bishop McCort Catholic High School.

In addition to his educational responsibilities he will also direct efforts in marketing and development in the Johnstown area. "I like to be busy," he said energetically. If that's not enough he is also the assistant head football coach and strength coach at Bishop McCort.

Smith pursued his education in the Johnstown Catholic schools. He is a graduate of the former Saint Benedict Grade School, Bishop McCort Catholic High School, and Saint Francis University, Loretto, where he

earned a Master's of Education degree.

He also received a Bachelor Degree in Social Studies Secondary Education from Saint Francis University, and teaches night classes at the college. He completed his Principal Papers status at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

"I think this is a natural fit for me since I've spent so much time in Catholic schools," said Smith, who comes to the diocese from the Richland School District, where he was principal of the elementary school since 2012.

"I know the system well from growing up in it and I have kids in Catholic school," he said. Smith, and his wife, Sherry, have two children. Keylie, 17, and Mikayla, 15, both students at Bishop McCort Catholic High School.

Smith brings a lot of experience to the diocesan position. He developed the "Become Someone's Hero Initiative" in the Johnstown School District. The program celebrates student diversity and creating cultural change in the district. Under his leadership he played a big part in academics, which led Richland to be recognized as one of the top public schools in the state of Pennsylvania.



**PRINCIPAL:** Tom Smith, newly - appointed principal of Divine Mercy Catholic Academy, Johnstown, signs his contract, witnessed by Jo - Ann Semko, assistant diocesan director of education.

He's led an anti - bullying program that has gained national recognition. The program has been identified by the NAACP for promoting tolerance and building positive relationships among students.

He rebuilt the wrestling program at Richland, and has coached football in The Greater Johnstown and Richland School Districts. As a student athlete at Saint Francis University, he was a member of the Dean's List, and captain of the football team,

where he made the All Conference Team.

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