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**MARRIED COUPLES HONORED:** The annual Outdoor Mass Honoring Married Couples was celebrated Sunday, July 23 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Pictured at left, Scott and Shannon Manning renew their wedding vows. Pictured at right, Dan and Mary Jane Rieg present the offertory gifts to Bishop Mark.

## Married Couples Offered Advice On Living In Peace

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

A young woman once asked her grandma, who was married for over 50 years, for advice she might take into her own marriage.

Her grandmother said she was a firm believer that she needed God's strength to make her marriage work.

"So, she wrote a prayer," said Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, "that she recited all her married

life. She asked for wisdom to understand her husband; patience; and merciful love to forgive him when things go wrong.

"The young girl wondered why her grandma didn't pray for strength. 'That's right,' said her grandma. 'If I pray for strength I will surely beat grandpa to death.'" The story got a great reaction from the large assembly.

Bishop Mark told that tale when he was the main celebrant of the annual Outdoor Mass Honoring Married Couples, Sunday, July 23 at the Shrine of

Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The mass is coordinated by the Family Life Office.

Bishop Mark continued that he was reminded of that story because of the reading from Saint Paul to the Romans. "It reminded the Romans that The Holy Spirit comes to the aid of our weaknesses; because we do not know how to pray as we ought."

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. "The

grandma found a way to embrace her husband in peace and love and mercy and forgiveness," said the Bishop.

"She didn't want to overcome her husband with strength and power. She wanted to live with him and grow old with him in peace through love and mercy and forgiveness," he said.

In today's world there is a fuss over how to have peace in our world that can only be achieved by strength and more power, including weapons of mass destruction. It's good to be

reminded by the Lord Jesus that we need to keep in mind how to live together.

Jesus teaches that the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that grows into a tree or like yeast that is mixed with flour which would never become bread without it.

"Our real bread is the Bread of Life, the very Body and Blood of Christ that we receive at this Altar," said Bishop Mark to the worshippers.

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**SAINT BENEDICT GRADUATES:** Celebrating Kindergarten graduation at Saint Benedict School, Carrolltown (left photo) were (left to right) First row: Mariah Ickes, Taylor Marsh, Evelyn Smithmyer, Madelyn Goss. Second row: Bryson Nagle, Sophia Cunningham, Emmitt Whited and Megan Commons (teacher). Celebrating eighth grade graduation (right photo) were (left to right) First row: Jade Snedden, Luke Lamb, Courtney Hilyer, Julie Westrick, Ethan Cunningham, Delia Morchesky. Second row: Benedictine Father Jude Brady (pastor), Edwin Maykovich, Abigail Baker, Gabriel Yahner. Third row: Jeffrey Maucieri (principal) and Kimberly Lallemand (teacher).



**SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS:** Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, Ashville, celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 30 and Confirmation on Wednesday, May 17. Pictured at left are (left to right) First row: Evan Farabaugh, Cameron Noel, Corbin Vinglish, Jack Sherwood. Second row: Donna Stoy (director of religious education), Father Robert Reese (pastor) and Millie Sherwood (catechist). Pictured at right are (left to right) First row: Donna Stoy, Marissa Vinglish, Alayna O'Donnell, Carlee Karabinos, Alyssa Martyak, Rebekah Murphy, Samantha Hilyer, Father Reese. Second row: Reneet Pettenati, John Slovikosky, Mason Ronan, Paul Kinney, Zach Bohrer, Kayleb Stoy and Jarred Stoy.



**SAINT MARY, NANTY GLO:** Saint Mary Parish, Nanty Glo, celebrated First Holy Communion Sunday, April 30, and Confirmation Tuesday, May 16. Pictured at left are (left to right) First row: Chayse Rachwalski, Raigan Myers, Harlie McKeel, Amelia Stiffler, Averi Yewcic. Second row: Cameron Luther, Bailey Pisarcik, Rhys Miller, Leah Szewczyk, Ben Reba, Charles Marcus. Third row: Father Leonard Voytek (pastor), Heather Rhine (catechist) and Tina Frank (elementary religious education coordinator). Pictured at right are (left to right) First row: Emma Simmons, Alivia Borlie, Kiona Diviney, Alexis Daughenbaugh, Lauren Fatula, Gina Miller, Karson Conrad. Second row: Dalton George, Jordan McEvoy, Joshua Scaletta, Dylan McCullough, Derek Kistic and Caitlin Henry. Not pictured is Montana Rummel.

# In The Alleghenies



**SAINT MICHAEL:** Saint Michael Parish, Saint Michael, celebrated First Holy Communion Sunday, May 7. Taking part were (left to right) First row: Carson Myers, Delilah Settle, Kiera Smith, Bryce Macy. Second Row: Wyatt Hritz, Cameron Vitez, Max Jacobs, Jackson Henderson. Third Row: Pauline Minor (catechist), Alexis Henderson, Father Brian Warchola (administrator), Kirstyn Vitez and Laurie Sloan (director of religious education).



**SENIOR SUNDAY:** Saint Michael Parish, Saint Michael, celebrated Senior Sunday Mass on May 28. All graduating seniors were presented with **The New Catholic Answer Bible** blessed by Father Brian Warchola as a gift from the parish. Those that returned and completed their 12th grade year of Religious Education and requirements were also presented with an application for a \$300 Higher Education Grant awarded through Saint Michael parish. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Elizabeth Burkardt, Sarah Blanchetti, Haley Cook, Ashley Cook, Elyssa Nagy. Second row: Laurie Sloan (director of religious education), Nathan Kundrod, Father Brian Warchola (administator), Garrett Kundrod and Missy Burkardt (catechist). Three of the students were also presented with an additional \$250 REACH Service Award funded through The Community Foundation of the Alleghenies in recognition for having the most cumulative service time in the parish's REACH Youth Ministry Program. They are Nathan Kundrod, Elizabeth Burkardt and Garrett Kundrod.

## Catholic Charities

### Grant Received

**Altoona:** Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown has received a \$37,000.00 grant from Catholic Charities USA to help fund the building of a new Saint Vincent DePaul Society food bank in Hastings. The funding came through a charitable grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation, Inc. and is intended to bring food to those living on the margins.

The grant was submitted as a collaborative effort between Catholic Charities, United Way of the Laurel Highlands, and the Cambria County Food Security Coalition as a way to expand food distribution services into rural northern Cambria County. The funding will be used to support the supply costs associated with building a new food pantry facility and central food supply hub in Hastings, and as a way to coordinate a more effective and efficient food distribution system for the entire northern Cambria County region.



**PROFESSION:** Brother Matthew D. Hershey made his solemn, final profession as a Benedictine monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Tuesday, July 11. He is the son of Bob and Mary Hershey of State College, and a graduate of State College Area High School. He earned a degree in special education from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2008. He became a novice of Saint Vincent Archabbey on July 1, 2013 and professed simple vows on July 10, 2014. He began studies at Saint Vincent Seminary in the fall of 2014.

## Family Life

### Anniversary Masses

**Lilly:** The Family Life Office announces the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgies honoring couples celebrating their 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ anniversaries within the 2017 calendar year.

Couples and their families may attend the Mass in Altoona on Sunday, September 10 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, or in Johnstown on Sunday, September 17 at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be celebrant and homilist at both Masses, which will begin at 2:00 p.m.

This public recognition of those who have faithfully lived the vocation to married life provides an opportunity for all to recall the value and importance of such commitments in today's world.

A punch and cookies reception will follow the liturgies for celebrating couples and their family members.

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## Point Of View

Thank you.

For the past 26 years - - September 1991, for crying out loud - - I've had the pleasure, privilege and sometimes panic of writing a monthly family column for Catholic News Service.

("Panic"? A little. "The copy's due when!")

Simply and sincerely put, I'd stop this one right here with a heartfelt "thank you" to a variety of CNS editors, diocesan editors and many, many readers. At least I always hoped many, many readers.

But!

Those editors, God bless them, have a word count that they want columnists to fill. Mine is 600. Give or take a little.

So!

No, I'm not in poor health. Yes, I'll continue to crank out material about family, God and love in a variety of Catholic publications, but let's be honest here. It's time for a younger person to write a family column for CNS. Someone on the front lines of raising little ones in the 21st century.

My children are ... well, yikes, two of the three of them are in their 40s. (Which, I'll admit, greatly amuses me.) When I began writing for CNS my youngest was 11. Now I have a grandchild who's 12.

"Tempus fugit." Latin for "Holy moly, where did those decades go?"

Some longtime readers may recall that it's only recently that I became a solo act. Only since my wife, Monica, died of uterine cancer in early 2013.



## Your Family

By Bill Dodds

### It's Time To Say Goodbye

Before that, years and years before that, David Gibson - - an editor at CNS at the time - - approached me and asked me if I'd be interested in writing a monthly column. He had a few topics in mind, but the only one I remember focused on family caregiving.

I knew just about nothing on that topic, but I knew someone who knew a lot: Monica, a social worker for the Seattle archdiocese's Catholic Community Services. Monica, my wife. We could work on it together. So we began "Your Aging Parent," which became a book and, when that went out of print, a website and a second book.

In the early 2000s, the column's focus broadened and became family life in general.

To sound like an old man here (which is not a stretch, since I'm not a young or middle-aged man and stretching isn't as easy as it used to be) ... By cracky when Monica and I began this column, we wrote it on a Radio Shack TRS - 80 computer, ran it off on a dot matrix printer and sent it in a stamped envelope to CNS. Later, going high tech, we faxed it in.

Because of CNS, because of

you dear diocesan editors and readers, in 2005, our website about family caregiving led to our beginning the Friends of St. John the Caregiver ([www.FSJC.org](http://www.FSJC.org)). It's an international Catholic organization that promotes care for family caregivers.

To Monica and me, it seemed that was what we had been moving toward all our adult lives. A ministry we were led to and, thanks be God, were able to do. One that, in 2013, became a core part of her legacy.

That year I wrote a lot of columns about widowhood because, although I thought I was prepared for Monica's death, I - - like most new widows and widowers - - was clueless. It was a blessing to me to be able to share a part of that journey. To receive emails from fellow "club members" telling me their stories and thanking me. To have so many people remembering Monica, me and our family in their prayers.

I'm nearing the 600-word limit. Feel free to visit me at [BillDodds.com](http://BillDodds.com). (Info on my books there.) Or contact me at [BillDodds@BillDodds.com](mailto:BillDodds@BillDodds.com).

(Wow, do columnists have big egos or what?)



## Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein  
**Mercy Me! What A Monday!**

Was it by chance, or by an act of Divine Providence that I forgot Monday, July 31 was the memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola? At any rate, I did forget, and when praying the Office of Readings, instead of a selection from the life of the Saint, I read from a sermon by Saint Caesarius of Arles (470 - 542), which set the tone for the rest of the day.

Saint Caesarius began with the words "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." What followed was a beautiful reflection on God's mercy and our need to show mercy to others. Caesarius has been described as a "popular preacher of great fervor and enduring influence," with some 250 surviving sermons in his corpus of writings. His sermon on mercy contains some very practical, down - to - earth advice:

"What do you wish for, what do you pray for, my dear brothers and sisters, when you come to church? Is it mercy? How can it be anything else? Show mercy then, while you are on earth, and mercy will be shown to you in heaven. A poor person asks you for something; you ask God for something. A poor person begs for a morsel of food; you beg for eternal life. Give to the beggar so that you may merit to receive from Christ. For it is He who says 'Give and it will be given to you.' It baffles me that you have the impudence to ask for what you do not want to give. Give when you come to church. Give to the poor. Give them whatever your resources will allow."

Divine Providence intervened again, a few hours later, when my secretary handed me an envelope, addressed to me, that had come in the Sunday collection basket. Usually, such envelopes bode no good; they're usually the means by which a disgruntled parishioner lets you know just what's wrong with the way you're ministering to the parish. I opened this one with trepidation, only to have a very generous, five - figure check fall out, and a note explaining that it was an offering to the parish in thanksgiving for all of God's good gifts. I doubt the donor had ever read, or much less heard of Saint Caesarius of Arles, but there, indeed, was an illustration of his words "Give when you come to church . . . Give whatever your resources will allow."

Not too long after I left my desk at the parish, I stopped at a convenience store on my way to my office at the **Register**. As I was going in, a man stopped me in the lobby. He explained that he was from out of town - - Florida - - stranded - - without money. "Would you pray for me," he asked, "and give me your blessing so I can find my way home?" I assured him that I would, and when I reached for my wallet, he said that he didn't need, or want a hand - out, just my prayers. I gave him the money, anyway, and once again found myself thinking of good old Saint Caesarius of Arles: "A poor person asks you for something; you ask God for something . . . Give to the poor."

That's how mercy works. We cannot expect to receive mercy without being willing to practice mercy. We have to give to others what we ask God to give to us. Saint Caesarius said it so well: "How can a man ask for himself what he refuses to give to another? If he expects to receive any mercy in heaven, he should give mercy on earth."

A few hours later, I saw the homeless man's picture on social media, with a warning that he is not stranded here, he is not from Florida, he lives locally, and pan - handles in order to get money to buy alcohol. Do I regret having given him that cash? No, not at all. He was still someone in need of mercy, as much as I am in need of mercy. I cannot expect to receive unless I am willing to give. Mercy means standing in solidarity with others - - mercy means letting the misery in my heart respond to the misery in someone else's heart. Mercy means we're all in this together. We'll only get to heaven by showing to others the mercy we hope and pray God will show to us.

# A Community Issue We Can All Work Against

By **Jacqueline Bilski**

Clinton County Women's Center

Ending sexual assault is individualistic issue as well as a community issue. It is a serious and widespread problem that has a lasting impact on individuals, families and communities.

The good news is that sexual violence is preventable—and prevention is happening. But more must be done. We need your help. We can all play a role by intervening in situations that can lead to sexual abuse.

Sexual assault (or sexual violence) includes rape, attempted rape, unwanted touching and fondling, and forcing an individual to perform sexual acts. Sexual assault is any contact forced upon a person without their consent. It does not have to involve physical force but may involve force through threat or coercion. Sexual violence is never the victim's fault and is unacceptable in every circumstance.

Sexual violence can be present across a spectrum of behaviors, including jokes, ridged gender roles, and over sexualized media messages. We can do better to prevent and stop these behaviors. Even things that may seem minor—like refuting jokes about rape--can play a role in

helping to create a community where sexual violence is not tolerated.

While we encourage the intervention in situations that could lead to sexual violence, you should first assess the situation to determine whether it is safe for you to intervene. Keep in mind that intervening does not always mean confrontation; you can also intervene through distraction, confusion, excuses, involving others, anonymously calling authorities, or even by moving closer. Our own personal safety is of the upmost importance, yet we all have a responsibility to intervene in situations to make sure others are safe from harm. How can you intervene in situations that may lead to sexual violence?

We also must recognize and question certain behaviors in other adults within their interactions with children. For instance, let's say a cashier at the grocery store is hugging some children before they exit the store. An active bystander can approach the cashier and ask, "Do you know these children?" and see if further intervention is needed depending on how they answer. They may also seek out the manager and talk to them about the situation, asking if they have a policy about touching customers. When it comes to sexual abuse against children, offenders seek out to earn the trust of a child

and make them feel like they are their friend. These can include, but are not limited to: adults spending much of their time with children or insisting on watching them for free; does not respect boundaries or listen when someone tells them "no" engages in touching that a child or the child's parents/guardians have indicated is unwanted; tries to be child's friend rather than filling an adult role in the child's life; talks with children about their personal problems and relationships; and makes up excuses to be alone with the child.

Here's another example to consider: Imagine your child is in a dance class and has a recital coming up soon. The costumes for this recital seem too revealing to you, and the song and the routine itself are too grown-up for young girls to dance to as well. This is an example of sexualizing children. Here is your opportunity to talk with other parents about this situation as well as the dance instructor in a questioning and non-accusatory manner.

If you would like to learn more about bystander intervention to help decrease the vulnerability of children and to help prevent childhood sexual assault, please call Jacqueline Bilski at the Clinton County Women's Center at (570) 748-9539. She is also free to come in and give presentations of various topics such as Healthy Relationships, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, and more.

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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
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## Reporting Child Abuse

Bishop Mark L. Barchak 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.

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Couples wishing to attend one of these celebrations should contact their home parish by Tuesday, August 22 to make the necessary reservations.

## Foundation

### Funds Distributed

**Altoona:** Due to healthy investment returns, the board of trustees of the Independent Catholic Foundation recently approved a distribution percentage of 4.5% for each of its 250 permanent endowments. This percentage translates into a record amount of \$1.1 million available to support specific beneficiaries designated by originators of each endowment.

"The board was happy to accept the finance and investment committee's recommendation to increase the annual distribution as a result of the remarkable growth experienced by the foundation portfolio. We know the increase in funding will be welcomed by the beneficiaries of our endowments," commented executive director Bill Hiergeist.

The Independent Catholic Foundation was established 27 years ago as a self-governing, non-profit organization to manage permanent endowments for the benefit of parishes, schools, diocesan ministries and other Catholic causes within and beyond the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown. The Foundation has grown as a result of ordinary Catholics making extraordinary planned gifts. The Foundation's portfolio investment policy is

based on socially - responsible Catholic values influenced by fiscal guidelines issued the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

To learn how to contribute to an existing parish, school or ministry endowment, or to create a named endowment of donor advised fund, contact the Foundation at (814) 201 - 2080, or visit online at [www.icfdaj.org](http://www.icfdaj.org).

## Higher Education

### Provost Named

**Cresson:** Mount Aloysius College President Tom Foley announced that John W. Mills, Ph.D., former president of Paul Smith's College, Paul Smiths NY, will serve as senior vice president of academic affairs and provost at Mount Aloysius for the 2017 - 2018 academic year. Dr. John Mills was president at Paul Smith's College from 2004 to 2014. At Paul Smith's, he also served as vice president of academic affairs and provost. Since 2015, Mills has served as program director of College for Every Student, a national non-profit organization that helps underserved youth in urban and rural schools throughout the United States get to college and through to graduation.

President Foley congratulated staff and faculty at the college who were involved in the search and vetting process for the important academic vice president/provost post. "At the end of our search process," said Foley, "there was near unanimous consensus that Doctor John Mills is the right choice



Photo By Bruce A. Tomaselli

**GENEROUS DONATION:** Officials of Rutter's Farm Store presented a check for \$25,000 at the grand opening of their new store in Duncansville. Pictured (left to right) are: Todd Rutter, president of Rutter's Dairy, Bishop Mark L. Barchak, Sister of Charity Donna Marie Leiden, director of education; and Scott Hartman, president and CEO of Rutter's Farm Stores. The money was donated to the Diocesan Second Century Scholarship Fund to help pre-schoolers in Blair County receive a Catholic Education.

for Mount Aloysius College at this time in our history. John was a college president for 10 years and served as provost and academic vice president prior to that. In addition," Foley added, "his considerable academic achievements mark him as a scientist with an international reputation, a true intellectual, and a successful administrator whose career has been made remarkable by common sense, approachability, scientific curiosity, and hard work."

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**EDUCATION CONTEST WINNERS:** Court Blessed Madonna Catholic Daughters of the Americas, at Our Lady of Victory Parish, State College recently recognized winners of their annual education contest. The theme for the 2017 CDA National Educational Contest was "Whatever you do for the least of my brethren, you do for me" or "Helping the Needy where I live." The local winners of the essay contest were Max Clement, Audrey Clement, Isabel Sicree, Grace Jacobs and Austin Ehrensberger. Winners of the poetry contest were Ava Longelann, Genevieve Sicree, Max Rossman and Chidere Oputa. Winners of the art contest were Jackie Li, Alyssa Packer and Brigid Scanlon. Several local winners went on to win at the state level: Jackie Li won second place in art, Genevieve Sicree took third place in poetry and Max Clement was the first place winner in essay and moved on to the national contest. Pictured (left to right) are Genevieve Sicree, Ava Longelann, Austin Ehrensberger, Brigid Scanlon and Isabel Sicree.

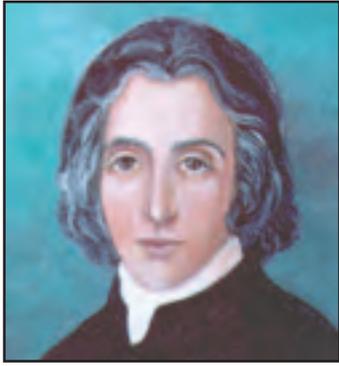
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# A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

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## French Priest Honored On Anniversary Of Martyrdom

By Junno Arocho Esteves  
Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** -- The martyrdom of a French priest killed a year ago while celebrating Mass was an event that "has transformed me as a

bishop," Archbishop Dominique Lebrun of Rouen said.

Father Jacques Hamel's life -- "simple and exemplary -- questions me as a pastor and shepherd on how to consider the life of priests, on what I expect from them in terms of efficiency. I must tirelessly convert, to pass from this request for efficiency to admiration for their fruitful-



CNS Photo/Paroisse Saint-Etienne Via EPA  
**FATHER JACQUES HAMEL**

**Father Hamel's life and martyrdom remains "an extremely powerful event" that has united the diocese, priests, the church in France, people within the territory and the Muslim community, Archbishop Lebrun said.**

ness," the archbishop said in an interview with the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*.

Father Hamel was murdered July 26, 2016, when two men claiming allegiance to the Islamic State stormed his parish church in Saint - Etienne - du - Rouvray near Rouen.

After taking several hostages, the attackers slit Father Hamel's throat and seriously injured another parishioner. Witnesses say that in his final moments, the beloved 85 - year-old parish priest tried to push away his attackers with his feet, saying "go away, Satan."

Following a standoff, police killed the attackers, ending the hostage situation.

Despite the violent nature of Father Hamel's death at the hands of terrorists claiming to be Muslims, his martyrdom instead has drawn the Catholic and Muslim communities in the diocese closer together, Archbishop Lebrun said.

"This tragic event shared by others has brought me closer to the local society in its diverse components: naturally to the town of Saint - Etienne - du - Rouvray and then to the other municipalities in the area," the archbishop said. "And from now on, I am bound to the Muslim community and to the other communities of believers in the territory of my diocese."

Father Hamel's martyrdom drew the attention of Pope Francis who celebrated a memorial Mass for him Sept. 14, 2016, with Archbishop Lebrun, Rose-

lyne Hamel, Father Hamel's sister, and 80 pilgrims from the diocese.

When Archbishop Lebrun presented the pope with a photo of Father Hamel, the pope asked him to place it on the altar and after the Mass told the archbishop, "You can put this photo in the church because he is 'blessed' now, and if anyone says you aren't allowed, tell them the pope gave you permission."

Archbishop Lebrun told *L'Osservatore Romano* that he then spoke with Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, regarding the opening of Father Hamel's sainthood cause and the possibility of accelerating "the process to take advantage of the elements of proof which are the testimonies of the other victims of the attack, who are mainly elderly."

The first meeting in the process for Father Hamel's sainthood cause took place May 20, and the results of the local investigation into his life should be completed and ready for Vatican review from one to three years from now, the archbishop said.

Meanwhile, Father Hamel's life and martyrdom remains "an extremely powerful event" that has united the diocese, priests, the church in France, people within the territory and the Muslim community, Archbishop Lebrun said.

"Father Hamel has sown peace," he said.

### Prayer For Father Gallitzin's Intercession

O God, light of the faithful and shepherd of souls, who sent Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin to serve God's people in the Allegheny Mountains, feeding your sheep by his words and forming them by his example, pour out your Spirit to sow seeds of truth in people's hearts and to awaken in them obedience to the faith.

May the Gospel continue to be preached and the Sacraments bring power and grace to the faithful. By the example of this man of faith, Demetrius Gallitzin, may your people advance in the path of salvation and love.

Confident of your faithfulness to us, we humbly ask you, our God, to grant us the favor of (name your intention).

May Christ's saving work continue to the end of the ages, and may we feel a more urgent call to work for the salvation of every creature. We pray this, as did your priest Demetrius Gallitzin, through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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# Word of Life



## The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis  
Prayers For Victims  
Of Human Trafficking



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**ANGELUS:** Pope Francis waves as he leads the Angelus from the window of his studio overlooking Saint Peter's Square Sunday, July 30 at the Vatican.

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** -- Human trafficking is "brutal, savage and criminal," Pope Francis said, but often it seems like people see it as a sad, but normal fact of life.

"I want to call everyone to make a commitment to seeing that this perverse plague, a modern form of slavery, is effectively countered," the pope said July 30, the U.N.'s World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.

After reciting the Angelus with thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis asked them to join him in praying a "Hail Mary" so that Jesus' mother would "support the victims of trafficking and convert the hearts of traffickers."

In his main Angelus address, Pope Francis focused on the parables from the day's Gospel reading: the treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of great price.

Both parables involve "searching and sacrifice," the pope said. Neither the person who found the treasure in the field nor the merchant who found the pearl would have made their discoveries if they were not looking for something, and both of them sell all they have to purchase their treasure.

The point of the parables, he said, is that "the kingdom of God is offered to all -- it is a gift, a grace -- but it is not given on a silver platter. It requires dynamism; it involves seeking, walking, getting busy."

Jesus is the hidden treasure, the pope said, and once people discover him they are called to put following him before all else.

"It's not a matter of despising all else, but of subordinating it to Jesus, giving him first place," the pope said. "A disciple of Christ is not one who is deprived of something essential, but one who has found much more, has found the full joy that only the Lord can give."



**ONE MORE TIME:** In commemoration of the 1957 golden jubilee of the parish's foundation, the altar boys at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Portage posed for a group photograph.

I looked for Dad's tools to fix up the house after his death. When they were nowhere to be found, I asked my mother, "Where are Dad's tools?"

"I gave them away," she replied, and then added, "As you get older, it's time to give stuff away, not amass it."

One of the many valuable meanings of almsgiving is found in her observation.

Almsgiving fosters letting go of possessions, teaching us nothing we own is really ours; everything is a gift from God. In encouraging us to give away belongings, we are reminded to avoid letting possessions control us. Equally important is the sense of freedom it gives us: less anxiety over protecting "stuff."

The Greek origin of the word "almsgiving" is "mercy," and in Hebrew it denotes justice.

Having a caring heart for others and sacrificing personal goods to help them is mercy par excellence and nothing is more joyful in life.

Practicing fairness creates solidarity, which is the essence of justice. Justice counsels us to put ourselves in the shoes of others to better understand their dire needs. In the Old Testament, God inspired the prophets to defend orphans, widows, the poor and imprisoned, those who were considered to be society's downtrodden.

St. Thomas Aquinas lists its



## The Human Side

By Father Eugene Hemrick  
The Spirit Of Almsgiving

six qualities of charity: joy, benevolence, peace, fraternal correction, mercy and almsgiving. When one quality is present, so are the others. For example, almsgiving is benevolence, which in turn causes joy and peace.

A closer look at these qualities reveals a disposition in which being well-disposed toward another, the world and God reigns. An even closer look uncovers the goodness and beauty they create echoing St. Peter during the Transfiguration, "Lord, it is good that we are here."

My boyhood pastor once

said, "Gene, the reason our country is blessed is our charity. When you share your goods with another, it returns to you tenfold." A truism that runs through the psalms states that as long as we share our goods with others in need, God blessings will always follow.

I have witnessed children playing with each other and then one child will reach out to another spontaneously and hand over a cherished toy. It is ever so heartwarming to experience -- one innocent child reaching out to another: almsgiving at its best.



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## Question Corner

### By Father Kenneth Doyle A Military Response To The Islamic State

**Q.** How does a Christian react to a terrorist group like the Islamic State group (IS)? Praying for their salvation is important, but it may not be sufficient.

Negotiating with them seems impossible, since IS is evidently determined to kill anyone who opposes their ideology. (We have seen this done by beheadings, bombings and other barbaric acts of violence.)

President Donald Trump has vowed to defeat IS through military means. Can a Christian support such a policy? (Edison, New Jersey)

**A.** Up until very recently, the traditional answer from the perspective of Christian morality would have applied the church's long-held "just war doctrine."

That teaching, first enunciated by the fourth-century theologian St. Augustine, is detailed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (No. 2309). The four conditions that would allow a military response to an unjust

aggressor are these:

"The damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave and certain; all other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective; there must be serious prospects of success; and the use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated. The power of modern means of destruction weighs very heavily in evaluating this condition."

But a Vatican conference in April 2016 has called into question the present validity of this just war teaching. That three-day symposium was jointly sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the Catholic peace organization Pax Christi International, and, at its conclusion, the 80 participants voiced their opinion that today "there is no 'just war.'"

That opinion seems largely based on the power of nuclear weaponry, which does not dis-

criminate between combatants and noncombatants, and on the final provision of the just war doctrine, which holds that any use of weapons of war must never result in even greater evils.

All of this seems to argue for making military response an absolutely last possible resort. It also brings into play what Pope Francis told journalists in 2014 on a flight back to Rome from South Korea. Asked about Islamic State militants in Iraq, the pope seemed to endorse the United Nations as the competent authority to determine the legitimacy of military action, saying, "A single nation cannot judge how to stop this, how to stop an unjust aggressor."

**Q.** I am wondering how the common representation of Mary in art form came to be. Whether in Nativity scenes, statues or paintings, she is usually shown as being Caucasian (or at least European), with a pale complexion and hair that is almost blond. Shouldn't she be depicted instead as dark-skinned, dark-haired and Jewish? (Corydon, Indiana)

**A.** For many centuries, the focal point of Christianity was Europe, and a heavy majority of the world's Catholics lived on that continent. (In more recent years that has changed rapidly; according to the Pew Research Center, in the year 1910, 65 percent of all Catholics lived in Europe, but by 2010 only 24 percent did.)

Because most religious artists were European, it is not surprising that they portrayed Mary as looking like the people they knew; they were trying to appeal to the religious sensibilities of those most likely to view their work.

Had they wanted instead an exact likeness, they would have known even in the Middle Ages that Palestinian Jews at the time of Christ had darker skin, with darker eyes and a dark hair color.

There is, of course, a range of artistic works that do portray Mary with non-European features. Probably the best known of these is the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



## For The Journey

### By Effie Caldarola The Tri - Faith Initiative: Omaha's Bit Of Heaven

It's not often that I visit a mosque. It's more unusual to visit Omaha's newest mosque and be directed to park in the synagogue parking lot. That's where a shuttle picked me up and drove me on the winding road that passed over -- I'm not joking -- Hell's Creek on its way to the mosque's open house.

Those are just a couple of wonderful ironies about the Tri - Faith Initiative in Omaha. The 35-acre site, a former golf course, holds Temple Israel, which was completed first; the mosque, whose official title is the American Muslim Institute; and a soon to be built Christian church affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Later, a walking trail and a community building will be added.

Here's another irony: The seed for the Tri - Faith Initiative was planted on 9/11. In the midst of that day of destruction and horror, a local rabbi organized a group of his congregants to visit area mosques to offer protection against misdirected anger. From this act of kindness was born a desire to bring all three Abrahamic faiths together on one campus.

I visited on a blistering Midwestern Sunday. I arrived early, but already cars were backing up onto the street. The mosque's parking lot was full and a man pointed folks toward the synagogue. Buses ran continually.

Smiling young folks in green T - shirts welcomed those in line at the door.

Estimates were that well over 1,500 of my neighbors showed up, out of curiosity, perhaps, but also out of support and solidarity. The Tri - Faith Initiative has been widely applauded in Omaha, and donations have made it a reality.

There are naysayers, of course, but they seem to be drowned out by the enthusiasm of Nebraskans who are proud of this unique effort. According to a July 9 article in the **Omaha World - Herald**, the mosque president said he knows of no other such effort in the world.

I had visited a mosque before. One of Omaha's mosques has suffered vandalism and crude acts like having bacon -- Muslims do not eat pork -- hung on the door handles of their facility, so many of us have visited their monthly open houses to show support.

To go into the new mosque's main prayer area, everyone respectfully took off their shoes and huge piles stacked up. Downstairs, a sunny social hall held tables laden with Middle Eastern delicacies and boxes of typical American supermarket cookies.

Some interesting points: The mosque will not sound the Islamic call to prayer five times daily, out of consideration for surrounding neighborhoods. It will attempt to serve all sects of Islam. An "ablutions area" provides a spot for purification, the washing of feet, face and hands, with hand dryers at hand and foot level.

I was especially intrigued that this mosque houses the only designated space in Omaha for body washing of the dead in the traditional way. Muslims bury their dead within 24 hours; bodies will be washed and prepared here, then shrouded for burial without embalming. A quick check of a local mortuary confirmed that there is no law in Omaha mandating embalming under most circumstances.

Omaha's Muslim community is growing rapidly. Students and academics came earlier, then those fleeing Afghanistan and other wars. In 2016, Nebraska accepted more refugees per capita than any other state, and many of them were from Muslim nations.

The Tri - Faith Initiative brings hope during a time of darkness in our nation. It's a public witness to peace, and as I passed back over Hell's Creek, named long ago, I thought a little bit of heaven was planted here.

### Saint Cajetan 1480 - 1547 Feast - August 7



Born in Vicenza, Italy, Cajetan earned a doctorate in civil and canon law at the University of Padua. He took an ecclesiastical office in Rome under Pope Julius II and was ordained in 1516, joining a local oratory. In Rome and other northern Italian cities, he focused on helping the sick. With three other Italians, one a bishop who later became pope, he founded in 1523 the first order of clerks regular, the Theatines, which took its name from the bishop's see. The priests of this reform congregation aided the Catholic Reformation, taking vows and living communally but also doing pastoral work. They served the sick, preached and studied the Bible. Cajetan died in Naples; he is patron of the Theatines and domestic animals.



**BASILICA OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:** Celebrating First Holy Communion (left photo) at Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Loretto, on Sunday, May 7 were (left to right) First row: Blake Seymour, Madden Farabaugh, Colin Beiswenger, Elliot Nagle, Kaden Hartline, Logan Hoover, Mason Wherry, Liam Statler, Bryce Mento. Second row: Belle Eckenrode, Corynn Bollman, Matalie Eckenrode, Molly Itle, Makenna Lee, Lilyann Strait, Emma Freidhof, Logan Krug. Third row: Alex Krug, Emma Tucker, Nathan McCloskey, Giovanna Canineu, Vincent Seymour, Benjamin Shoemaker. Fourth row: Chole Harber, Alison Weslager, Ralph Baughman, Kiley Gray, Kaylee Holmberg, Ethan Mento. Fifth row: Celeste Stolz (director of religious education), Eleanor Sutton (teacher), Deacon Rick Golden, Father John Byrnes (rector), Renee Phister (principal) and Emily George (teacher). Celebrating Confirmation on Wednesday, May 17 (right photo) were (left to right) First row: Father Byrnes, MacKenzie George, Sherry Hines, Morghan Krug, Kylie Guzic, Makala Little, Jody Caretti. Second row: Trista Bradley, Jared DeLauter, Neil Sutton, Gavin Link, Hannah Grace Wirfel, Katanna Yohn, Shane Seymour. Third row: Kage Spielvogle, Shane Grove, Adam McMullen, Andrew Crusciel, Nathan Butterbaugh, Matthew Hammond and Tanner Driskel.

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**SAINT NICHOLAS:** Celebrating Confirmation at Saint Nicholas Parish, Nicktown, were (left to right) First row: Katelyn Polenik, Emily Strollo, Paige Kirkpatrick, Sierra Gaston, Victoria Smith. Second row: Allison Nealen, Megan Kwisnek, Breanna Lieb, Courtney Eller, Garrett Krug. Third row: Austin Noll, Josh Nealen, Andrew Nealen, Andrew Weymer, Frankie Jones, Kenny Dumm, Alex Kirsch. Not pictured is Marty Krumenacker.

# Mass Honors Married Couples

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“Pay attention to the words in which we tell God that we want His Kingdom to come. The Lord Jesus taught us that prayer and it reminds us that wanting His Kingdom comes before asking for our daily bread.

“It’s not a question of which one. For us it’s both. It’s for our own good. The Lord Jesus wants only the best for us. And it’s for the good of all.

“Think about it. Pray about it. Do something about it in your daily living according to the Gospel.”

“And,” Bishop Mark concluded, “if you have questions and are still not sure about this, you might want to find a Grandma who has been trying faithfully to live the Gospel by seeking God’s kingdom. Find someone like that who takes it to prayer; someone who recognizes the Holy Spirit at work in her life.”

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**FUN AND GAMES:** In addition to opportunities for spiritual growth, Camp Zacchaeus allows plenty of time for fun and games. In the photo at left, Father Brian Saylor, pastor of Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Altoona, works with (left to right) Brandi Carmack, Katie Gearhardt, and Emily Lang in the crafts building. Carmack and Gearhardt are seventh grade students at Saint John The Evangelist School in Bellefonte. Lang is a member of Saint Thomas Parish in Bedford and a seventh grade student at Bedford Middle School. In the photo at right, it was the blue team vs. the red team in a spirited game of Capture - the - Flag in the camp's swimming pool.



**CAMP THEME:** Bishop Mark L. Bartchak explains the 2017 Camp Zacchaeus theme "We Are The Light Of The World," during his homily when he visited "Camp Z" and celebrated Mass, Wednesday, July 19.

## "Camp Z" Shines Bright Light

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The camp itself is nestled in the picturesque Laurel Mountains near Jennerstown. A Lutheran Conference Center, Camp Sequanota was established over

60 years ago. The camp is comprised of 395 acres, that includes a great swimming pool along with team building challenge courses for all ages, and many other activity areas.

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak attends all three sessions each year to celebrate Mass and to share and have some fun with the young people. On Wednesday, July 19, he also served as host for The Family Feud Game

Show, which he really enjoyed. Each cabin was pitted against each other for the bragging rights.

"This has been a great, great week," said Francine Swope with a smile. "The weather has been really nice, too," said the long - time camp director. The theme for this year's camp was "We are The Light of the World." She said the kids really responded to the theme.

"We must keep the light of Christ shining in ourselves so we can help others keep their light shining," she said.

Bishop Mark told the students during his homily that "every time we attend Mass we receive the light of Christ. We also receive His light when receive the Sacraments," he said.

He reminded the students of the Gospel reading that said God has revealed things to children that he hasn't shown to anyone else, and told them "You were filled with The light of Christ at Baptism."

Bishop Mark walked amongst the children as they discussed ways in which they we can all share the light of Christ. The young people told the Bishop that we can share the light in many ways. They offered to Bishop Mark that among the things we can do to share His light is to set a good example, and show kindness to others.

The Bishop reminded the group that they always have the ability to ask for God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance. "Don't forget that," he said. "Jesus - - the light of the world - - is in you, and in the people around you."

Swope said that managing these camps requires a group effort and she's very appreciative of her team.

She said one of her former campers developed a nature hike this year that involves prayer for all of God's nature. "As they

pray they are given time for reflections," Swope said. "They each plant a Forget - Me - Not flower to remember the time they spent at camp. It's been a lot of fun."

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**VISITATION:** Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Johnstown, celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 30 and Confirmation on Tuesday, May 8. Pictured at left are (left to right) First row: John Lee, Alissa Durst, Katerina Panek, Jayson Raco, Jacob Lee. Second row: Maureen Clark (director of religious education), Jonathon Maestra, Patrick Maestra (server), Brenk Swaltek (server), Father John Slovikovski (pastor), Patricia Balagusz (catechist) and Madison Durst (server). Pictured at right are (left to right) Jacob Corona, Father Slovikovski and Olivia Friday.

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Doctor Mills earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R.I. He earned his doctorate in Biology from Brown University, Providence RI. Mills' academic career includes professorships and teaching positions at Clarkson

University, Trudeau Institute, Dartmouth Medical School, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and Temple University School of Medicine.

Internationally, Mills served as visiting professor at August Krogh Institute at the University of Copenhagen, and

the University of Munich, (then) West Germany.

The new Mount Aloysius Provost has written several book reviews, chapters and symposia volumes on diverse topics in biology. He has presented nationally and internationally on a wide array of scientific issues including "The Challenge and Opportunity in Climate Change

Mitigation" at the Low Carbon Earth Summit held in Xi'an Qujiang, China.

While president of Paul Smith College, Mills authored a number of op - eds including "Make College a Reality for All," published in the **Albany Times Union**.

**Parishes**

**Alpha Course**

**Ashville:** An Alpha Course will be held at Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish beginning Monday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m.

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**CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Altoona, celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 30, and Confirmation on Thursday, May 11. Pictured at left are (left to right) First row: Jocelyn Ake, Lily Sapp, Leeda Mosey, Skylar Irwin, Peyton Hammond, Kaitlin Davis. Second row: Zachary Swank, Noah McCaulley, Hayden Laird, Nathan Simanski, Ethan Burkle, Donavyn Cassidy. Third row: Kathy Hughes (catechist), Lyla Steward, Ryann Lantzy, Hayden Settle, Nora Dangler, Grace Camberg, Troy Nachtman, Christina Laraia (director of religious education). Fourth row: Sarah Eckels, Dylan Echard, Aunyah Kennedy, DaRon Canaan, Devlin Miller, Nina Gingrich. Fifth row: Monsignor Robert Mazur (rector), Holly, Colin and Olivia Butler (servers) and Father David Roesch. Pictured at right are (left to right) First row: Katie McCloskey, Isabella Harpster, Rebecca Musselman, Aliyah Labriola, Kaelie Goss, Hannah Eberwein, Jean Koury (director of religious education). Second row: Father Dennis Kurdziel (parochial vicar), Mark Conrad, Daniel Ramsey, Benjamin Leberfinger, Anthony Labriola, Michael Drost and Monsignor Mazur.

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Alpha invites participants to come to know Jesus in a more personal way and to enter into a deeper relationship with Him. The deeper relationship energizes participants into their baptismal mission of sharing Jesus with others. Pope Francis often repeats that the best thing we have in our lives is to know Jesus and the best thing we can do in our lives is to share Him with others.

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**Carmelite Novena**

**Loretto:** The Discalced Carmelite Nuns announce their eighth Novena of the year to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Therese, the Little Flower. The Novena will be offered Tuesday, August 22 and conclude Wednesday, August 30.

All intentions submitted to the Nuns will be remembered with the special Novena prayer following daily Mass in Carmel's chapel.

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## ‘Dunkirk’ Relives Heroic Rescue Operation

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

**NEW YORK (CNS)** -- “Wars are not won by evacuations,” British Prime Minister Winston Churchill famously observed. As writer-director Christopher Nolan’s compelling historical drama “Dunkirk” (Warner Bros.) demonstrates, however, fine films can be made about them.

May and June 1940 were indeed, in Mel Brooks’ sarcastic phrase, “Springtime for Hitler.” Using blitzkrieg tactics and a surprise attack through the supposedly impassible Ardennes Forest, his forces rapidly defeated and encircled the British Expeditionary Force and its French allies. Eventually hundreds of thousands of troops were left trapped in a small pocket centered on the English Channel port of the title.

Though the Fuhrer called a halt on the land assault and assigned the Luftwaffe the task of finishing off the Allies from the air, the prospects for Britain remained dire. Were the vast bulk of its army to be taken prisoner in France, the outlook for defending against a Nazi invasion of Britain itself would be virtually hopeless.

In picking up the story at this point, Nolan takes an Everyman’s view of the situation. Dividing the action into events on land, sea and air, he apportions story lines among an ensemble cast, with sometimes confusing and dramatically diffuse results.

Representing the cornered forces on the beach is a trio of ordinary soldiers, Tommy (Fionn Whitehead), Gibson (Aneurin Barnard) and Alex (Harry Styles). Among the few officers portrayed in the film are the senior naval representative on the scene, Cmdr. Bolton (Kenneth Branagh) and his army coun-



CNS Photo/Warner Brothers

**DUNKIRK:** Soldiers are shown in a scene from the movie “Dunkirk.” 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.

terpart, Col. Winnant (James D’Arcy).

Embodying the many hundreds of British seafaring civilians who answered the call for fishing and pleasure craft to join in the rescue is small yacht owner Mr. Dawson (Mark Rylance). Dawson is accompanied by his teen son, Peter (Tom Glynn-Carney) and by Peter’s friend, George (Barry Keoghan).

In the middle of the Channel, they rescue an unnamed soldier, played by Cillian Murphy, whose shell-shocked condition and frantic determination not to return, however temporarily, to Dunkirk pose a fresh and distracting challenge for them, with ultimately grim results.

Up in the skies, a duo of RAF Spitfire pilots -- Collins (Jack Lowden) and his higher-ranking comrade, Farrier (Tom Hardy) -- battle the German fighters and bombers seeking to wreak havoc on both the hapless soldiers and the shipping below.

The perils of the desperate, against-the-odds operation are fully exploited for dramatic tension, with near-death experiences awaiting almost every character. The measures resorted to by some of them in their efforts to

survive seem questionable -- at least as viewed from a comfortable theater seat.

Yet these ethical lapses are balanced by a general sense of heroic pluck and by incidents in which humane justice and generosity of spirit are upheld. The altruism motivating Dawson and others to risk life and limb for the sake of strangers also elevates the moral tone.

While “Dunkirk” is not for the fainthearted of any age, the movie’s educational value and

relative freedom from objectionable content makes it probably acceptable for older teens.

The film contains intense stylized combat violence, brief gore, a couple of uses of profanity and rough, 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.

## Coming Up On ‘Proclaim!’

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

**August 13** - - Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament parishioners Gerald and Rita Kibler share the touching story of how a North Carolina woman managed to reunite them with their marriage license in time for their 65th anniversary.

**August 20** - - Individuals who traveled to Altoona - Johnstown’s sister Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, this summer reflect on the trip with Bishop Mark.

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**Broadcast Live from**  
**the Cathedral of**  
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**SAINT MARY, HOLLIDAYSBURG:** Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg (left photo) were (left to right) First row: Ethan Hammond, Evan Clingerman, Abigail Boston, Grace Muriceak, Trey Burgan, Patrick Naughton. Second row: Taryn Walters, Henry Dolphin, Adam McKillip, Jonathan Vu, Sage Capone, Morgan Ruggery. Third row: Connie Curfman (director of religious education, Deacon Chuck Ahearn, Father Anthony Legarski (pastor) and Cindy Shope (catechist). Celebrating Confirmation (right photo) were (left to right) First row: Sarah Sleeth, Erica Gottshall, Linzi Baker, Jenna Heim, McKenna Hurd, Elizabeth Catalano. Second row: Connie Curfman. Third row: Brittan Wesner, Nathan Connacher, Garrett Schultz, Conner Bryan, Marissa Smilnak, Sharon King (catechist). Fourth row: Genevieve Timm, Joshua Wolford, Trent Musselman, Christianna Bartel, Eden Taddei, Terry Curfman (catechist). Fifth row: Miles Drake, Father Legarski, Blake Slobodnik and Anthony Vasalotti.

## May They Rest In Peace



### Sister M. Canice Smialek S.C.

Sister Mary Canice Smialek, a member of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill since 1954, died Saturday, July 8 at Caritas Christi, the Motherhouse of the congregation in Greensburg. She was 82.

A native of Pittsburgh, she taught children in kindergarten and primary grades in the Dioceses of Altoona - Johnstown, Greensburg, Pittsburgh and Tuscon AZ. From 1973 - 1979 she ministered as a nurse at Assumption Hall, the former infirmary and retirement home for the Sisters of Charity. In 1979,

she was assigned to the support staff of Seton Hill University, Greensburg, and served there until 1987.

Sister Canice served at Elizabeth Seton Senior Center from 1988 - 1990, and worked as an administrative assistant and nurse in Greensburg from 1990 - 1994. She was site manager for the Stephen Foster Senior Center in Pittsburgh's Bloomfield neighborhood in 1994 - 1995, and served as secretary to the administrator of the Sisters of Charity Center in Greensburg until 1997.

Surviving are a brother, Michael Smialek, and a sister, Ruth Pruszyński.

The funeral Mass for Sister Mary Canice Smialek S.C. was celebrated Wednesday, July 12 in the Chapel of the Assumption at Caritas Christi. Committal was in the Sisters' Cemetery at Seton Hill.

requested to send their petitions to Mother Prioress, Discalced Carmelite Monastery, P.O. Box 57, Loretto PA 15940.

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

## Former Vatican Spokesman Dies

By Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** -- Joaquin Navarro-Valls, who spent 22 years as director of the Vatican press office, died at home in Rome July 5 at age 80 following a battle with pancreatic cancer.

The current director of the Vatican press office, Greg Burke, announced his death in a tweet.

In a statement to Catholic News Service, Burke said he did not always agree with Navarro-Valls, but his predecessor "always behaved like a Christian gentleman — and those can be hard to find these days."

"Joaquin Navarro embodied what Ernest Hemingway defined as courage: grace under pressure. I got to know Navarro when I was working for *Time*, and the magazine named John Paul II Man of the Year. I expected to find a man of faith, but I found a man of faith who was also a first-class professional."

Burke said he remembered watching Navarro-Valls closely during the 1994 U.N. Interna-

tional Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, which Burke described as "one of the best examples of what Pope Francis calls ideological colonization. It was fascinating to see someone who was defending the faith, but he wasn't on the defensive. He was leading the fight."

Born in Cartagena, Spain, Nov. 16, 1936, Navarro-Valls joined Opus Dei after meeting St. Josemaria Escriva.

He studied internal medicine and psychiatry before obtaining degrees in journalism and communications sciences. He moved to Rome in 1970, where he collaborated with the Opus Dei founder.

He became a correspondent for the Spanish newspaper ABC

and was elected twice as president of the Rome-based Foreign Press Association in Italy before becoming the first lay journalist to become director of the Vatican Press Office when he was appointed by St. John Paul II in 1984.

After leaving his post at the Vatican, he served as president of the advisory board of the Opus Dei-affiliated Campus Biomedical University in Rome until his death.

An author of books on the family and fluent in several languages, Navarro-Valls often provided colorful, picturesque details concerning St. John Paul's activities and daily life. He also acted many times as an adviser to the pope on the media impact of papal decisions.

## In The Alleghenies

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Those desiring to share in the graces and blessings of these nine days of prayer and in the private prayers of the Carmelite Nuns during the Novena are re-

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# Camp Shines Light On Bright Future For Diocese

Photos And Text  
By Bruce A. Tomaselli

“Excuse me, sir,” said a red-haired little boy as he flew past me like a shot out of a cannon. I was in a turnstile of kids all excitedly heading for the swimming pool.

Just about all of the little boys and girls had a smile for me as they continued in the midst of pure joy; they were going swimming!

It was a good reminder to me that there are a lot of good, young people among us. We need to remember that.

If the annual Camp Zacchaeus is any indication - - and it is - - we have a bright future to look forward to in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown.

Camp “Z” as it is affectionately referred to by the campers and counselors, is one of two camps sponsored by the Diocese. There are two week-long sessions in July, and a one-week session in June. Camp Zacchaeus is for younger students in grades four through nine. Camp Timothy hosts campers in grades 10 through 12, and recent high school graduates.



**BALL GAME:** Campers engage in a game of court ball at Camp Zaccacheus, Wednesday, July 19. The annual camp is held for two weeks in July at Camp Sequanota near Jennerstown.

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**If the annual Camp Zacchaeus is any indication - - and it is - - we have a bright future to look forward to in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown. The theme for this year's camp was “We Are The Light Of The World.”**

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