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Bishop Ordains Two Men To Permanent Diaconate

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Tony DeGol

Meeting people where they live, work, and gather. Talking with them about Jesus and his Gospel. Listening.

Deacons are called to carry out those actions in collaboration with priests and bishops in their shared role as evangelizers.

Pope Paul VI, who will be canonized later this year, knew that deacons play a critical role in animating people spiritually, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak reminded the two newest permanent deacons of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

"It has to do with stirring up in their hearts the thirst for something more," stated the Bishop during his homily at the Ordination Mass of Christopher Conner and John Roth on Saturday, May 26 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona.

To be animated is to be alive, continued Bishop Mark, and Pope Paul VI knew that the animating that is needed involves the very person of the evangelizer. As people hunger for truth, the evangelizer must be genuine.

"Just think of the challenges when the use of digital communication and social media results in manipulation of truth and the proliferation of so-called fake news," added the Bishop. "All of this reminds us that the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ and

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NEW DEACONS: The two newest deacons of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown celebrate their Ordination day with Bishop Mark L. Bartchak and others following the Mass. Pictured (left to right): Father Mark Reid, Administrator of Most Holy Trinity Parish in Huntingdon; Deacon John Roth; Bishop Mark; Deacon Christopher Conner; Benedictine Father Thaddeus Rettger, Pastor of Saint Bernard Parish in Hastings; and Deacon Michael Russo, Director of the Permanent Diaconate.

10 Awarded The Prince Gallitzin Cross

Photos And Text By
Bruce A. Tomaselli

"This is a remarkable event each year," expressed Bishop Mark L. Bartchak to those at the annual Prince Gallitzin Cross Awards Dinner held on Saturday, June 2 at the Calvin House in Hollidaysburg.

"I was at the Johnstown Bishop McCort Catholic High School graduation last night, and I saw so many young people, some visiting home from college. I was so pleased to see they had maintained such an interest in their Catholic faith."

He said each of the recipients this year's Prince Gallitzin Cross Award have been proclaiming the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ in so many joyful and patient ways within their families, their parishes and

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**BISHOP MARK PRESENTS AWARD TO
CAROLYN SYLVESTER**

Annual Faith Day Set For June 24

By Bruce A. Tomaselli

"We need to celebrate the importance of our families. They need to know how valuable they are to their parishes and to our diocesan-wide community," said Francine Swope chairperson for the Altoona-Johnstown Faith Day that will be held on June 24 at Del-Grosso Amusement Park in Tipton.

The event, sponsored by the Diocese, continues to grow and get better each year.

A 3 PM Mass, celebrated by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak at the main stage, is the first organized activity and always one of highlights.

The Park opens at 11:30 AM so everyone can take advantage of the water and ride activities before the Mass.

This year there will be a Family Faith Procession. A family from each parish will process around the stage area with a banner representing their parish. "This is to show the pride we have in each of our parishes," Francine added.

Each participating family unit in the procession will become eligible for four all-day Ride 'N Slide

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In The Alleghenies

Food Drive

Altoona: Bishop Mark L. Bartchak has requested parishes in the Altoona and surrounding communities to sponsor a cereal collection on June 16 and 17, Father's Day weekend. The collection will benefit the Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry in Altoona. For many

years, Judy Savine, a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, has collected cereal to benefit children through the Pantry. Students from Catholic and non-Catholic schools in Blair County assist in the collection. The donations drop dramatically during the summer months when school is not in session. As a way to fill that void, Bish-

op Mark has encouraged parishes to sponsor the Father's Day collection for the past several years. All cereal collected goes a long way in feeding children during the summer months.

Colleges

Loretto: Area High School



CDA CONTEST WINNERS: Catholic Daughters of the Americas Prince Gallitzin Court #2625 held an education contest for students in the Altoona area (top photo). An Awards ceremony was held at St. Rose of Lima Social Hall on February 10th, 2018. The contest winners Pictured (left to right) are: First row--Jennifer Crum-Waite, Youth and Education chairman, Payton Ronan, Connor Adams, Arden McKendree, and Lauren Himes Second row --Emily Miller, Marian Stephens, Isabella Frank, Meghan Norris, Logan Kline, and Alexander Lieb Third row -- Brianna Dawson, Judy Wood, Regent, and Rev. D. Timothy Grimme. Court Chaplain. In the bottom photo are the 2017 National winners. Pictured (left to right) are: First row--Jennifer Crum-Waite, Youth and Education Chairperson; Jaden Quinn, Patricia Gildea, C.D.A.; and Madelyn Myers. Second row--Marcus Lucas, Father D. Timothy Grimme, and Judy Wood, regent.



students participated in the Saint Francis University Pre-College Research Academy. It helps high school students better their understanding of research and learning in a college environment. By working closely with Saint Francis undergraduates and faculty members on research projects for 12 months, the high school students explore areas of interest and gain experiences and skills that will benefit them academically and professionally.

For the 2017-2018 school year, 29 high school students from Altoona Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, and Johnstown Bishop McCort Catholic High School, among others, participated in the pre-college research.

The first year was funded by a grant from the A.J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust. Donations by Doctor Peter Melotti ('50 Biology) and the Seffernick family provided funding for the second and third year of the academy.

Books

Reynoldsburg, Ohio: Remo Faieta the owner of Italian Heritage Tours, has written a book about his experiences with his tour groups over the years, titled, "Italian Heritage Tours: A Fun and Easy Way to Discover Italy." The book is a day-by-day overview of his escorted trips to Italy. Many groups from the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese have traveled with Faieta.

Among the places the book can be purchased are Amazon, and Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

High Schools

Johnstown: Bishop McCort Catholic High School has been awarded reaccreditation by the Middle States Association of Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools from May 1, 2018 to May 1, 2025. Thomas P. Flemming Jr., principal and chief administrative officer made the announcement.

Accreditation is a multifaceted process that schools voluntarily use to demonstrate they are meeting a defined set of performances and standards. The process begins with a self-study that is conducted by the school and requires input from teachers, administrators, parents and students.



FIRST COMMUNION: Michael Sotosky of Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish in Windber, made his First Holy Communion. Pictured with him is his pastor, Franciscan Father Roderick Soha.

Correction

It was incorrectly listed in the May 28, 2018 issue of **The Catholic Register** that Doctor Wayne Powell was stepping down as interim vice president of academic affairs at Saint Francis University. The name should have read, Doctor Wayne Powel.



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Point Of View

Amid The Fray

By Greg Erlandson

Cures For Chronic News Funk

I have been a news junkie almost all my life. I've read a daily newspaper since grammar school, progressing from comics to sports to the front page. I was the first one in my family to get up in the morning, so I was the first to fetch the newspaper from the driveway.

Since then, my addiction has only grown. These days I listen to radio news, watch television news and read multiple newspapers. I try to keep up on all the articles friends send me via email. I have excused all this by saying it's part of my work, that I am trying to get different perspectives and discover different stories.

I read a real ink-stained paper first thing in the morning, and I read a digital one last thing before bed most nights. In between is Twitter and news feeds and Lester Holt.

I tell you this so you can understand how unusual it was for me to take a news fast recently. I went for more than 48 hours without hearing the news, seeing the news, reading the news.

I felt great.

For 48 hours, my frustrations decreased and my mood improved. It was revelatory. The first day I'd twitch a bit every time my phone vibrated with a news alert, but I managed not to read any of them. The second day went even more smoothly. The question now is: Will I do it again?

More and more people I run



into are telling me they are taking steps of their own to prevent "chronic news funk," a first world pathology whose symptoms consist of anger, depression and despair generated by too high an exposure to current events.

This is not a new disease. Both a pastor and a family counselor told me several years ago that spouses (usually wives) were complaining that their husbands were in perpetually angry moods, and it was affecting their relationships. The reason: Obama-era news funk due to hours spent watching Fox News. After one election, the priest even preached on the dangers of all this anger.

Now we are seeing Trump-era news funk: hours upon hours of MSNBC and CNN, or The Washington

Post and The New York Times.

But it isn't just presidential upset. Stories about corruption, sex abuse and tortured children, police and civilian shootings, mingle with scientific studies predicting catastrophes on a personal or global scale. It feels as if our world is convulsing with disasters.

Worse still is that what passes for news is often commentary, and what passes for commentary is little more than ad hominem attacks. The sewer that is social media only makes all of this worse.

As I try to decide how far to take my news-free experiment, a Jewish friend suggested recovering the Sabbath. We Catholics can make Sunday a real day of rest. Pope Francis would agree. In the new documentary "Pope Francis: A Man of His Word," the pope says we need a day set aside to worship God and focus on those we love. "We are not machines," he tells us.

For other ideas, go to a website called itstimetologoff.com. It has lots of suggestions for freeing ourselves from technology, including a "five days on, two days off" approach.

Finally, ban all screens from the bedroom. This used to apply only to televisions, but now it includes phones, tablets and laptops. Who knows, maybe even newspapers too.

It's time to start dreaming again.

In Light Of Faith

By Elise Italiano

Lessons From Soon-To-Be Saints



Pope Paul VI's prophetic teaching on openness to life and responsible parenthood, expounded upon by St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, shaped a generation. It molded our commitment to creating a culture that welcomes life. And for me and many of my female peers, it formed our commitment to a pro-life feminism.

Likewise, Blessed Oscar Romero of El Salvador played a significant role in shaping my generation's commitment to Catholic social teaching and the preferential option for the poor. I can think of no shortage of peers who engaged in long-term service at home and abroad, who saw Archbishop Romero as their hero in working to alleviate human rights abuses and social injustices.

On a service immersion trip to Guatemala during graduate school, I got a firsthand look at the oppression of an indigenous population and the devastating poverty in which some are forced to live. The people of the village survived the genocide of the Mayan people that peaked between 1981-1983. Because of persistent discrimination, the government officials withheld clean water, sewer systems and electricity. The children I met were severely malnourished. Many would die of preventable bacterial infections from bathing alongside of wild pigs and dogs.

And yet they celebrated Mass with more joy than I have ever seen. That experience made me think of Archbishop Romero's comment that "the most profound social revolution is the serious, supernatural, interior reform of a Christian."

And that's the point. Conforming one's life to the church's teachings should not signal what "type" of Catholic you are. It should make you a saint. Maybe the canonization of these men will help to move our church beyond tired divisions to a radiant, integral witness. That would be a fitting miracle for them to share.

I was thrilled to see the announcement that Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Paul VI and Blessed Oscar Romero during the upcoming synod on "Young people, the faith and vocational discernment," and I was even more elated that their canonizations will take place on the same day.

I read Pope Francis' choice for this timing as a subtle signal that it's time to turn the page on the tired division between "pro-life" and "social justice" Catholicism. Millennial Catholics intuitively grasp the integrity of the church's sexual, social and sacramental teachings. Perhaps, then, this dual canonization is more for established Catholic leaders still caught up in culture wars than for emerging leaders engaged in missionary activity.

Both of these men played critical roles in my own understanding of the unity and harmony of the faith. It was in an undergraduate course on Catholic bioethics that I first encountered Pope Paul VI's encyclical "Humanae Vitae." Before then I had an oversimplified understanding of the church's sexual teaching, which essentially boiled down to: "Don't have sex before marriage or outside of it."

The stunning revelation of what marriage and sexual love could be made it across my desk during the critical period of emerging adulthood when I was solidifying my identity, values and commitments. In it, I found what was lacking in the women's studies course I was taking at the same time -- an appreciation of women as women and a rich understanding of the complementarity of the sexes.

How Do You See A Safe Environment?

By Cindy O'Connor



All of our experiences and challenges in life creates the 'lens' or perception on how we view the world. It is personal and reflects the way we were raised, the culture we grew up in, our relationships with parents, families and friends, entertainment we were exposed to, our education and our worship.

Over time, our perceptions change naturally or due to circumstances of life. During big transitions or times of change we may take a step back and examine our lives. We may ask questions about our family, how we parent or how we live our day to day lives. We need to be intentional to ask ourselves the important questions and try to see things through others 'lenses'. How would our kids, our spouse, and our co-workers or friends respond to those same questions?

As a newer addition to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, I see the way we are currently providing and implementing safe environment efforts through many lenses. I consider the history of abuse, the former lack of safeguards and the communication roadblocks. I examine our growing culture of creating safe environments and attention to the details with youth protection and prevention programming. I seek ways on how our Diocese can improve by seeking out details that may be overlooked. I advocate for a shared language and responsibility where everyone in our Diocese has a role in making safety the highest priority in programs and activities.

With the new ARISE Together in Christ initiative, our Diocese is inviting us to look at our faith in different lenses and deepen our relationship with Christ and grow

in community. As a community of faith, looking forward to the future and not forgetting where we came from, I continue to ask you to be a part of the movement of creating safe environments.

Here are some ways you can examine whether your parish, school and diocese programs are safe. As a faith community, are you:

- Making sure everyone knows who the site safe environment/youth protection point of contact is?

- Reinforcing required and supplemental learning for all volunteers and leadership who have contact with children?
- Considering the vulnerable persons within your faith communities and providing safety measures for them?
- An advocate raising awareness on youth protection and safe environments for your school, parish and Diocese program and services?

Each year, Dioceses within the United States undergo an external audit by Stonebridge Business Partners, an independent auditing firm. The purpose of the annual audit measures compliance with the guidelines of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The results of the external audits are published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection.

Over the next few months, the Office of Child and Youth Protecting will be reviewing parish and school youth protection processes and protocols. Results will assist in improving diocesan policies and understanding how safe environment is currently perceived. As they are examining us, so too should we be looking through our lenses to make sure we are seeing the whole safety picture for every member of our parishes.

For questions or inquiries on youth protection and safe environment efforts within our Diocese please call (814) 695-5579, extension 2621 or email at coconnor@Dioceseaj.org.

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:

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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)
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- 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.

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Faith Day

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passes. The drawing will be held as the families check in at 11:30 AM.

In a tradition that began last year, The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Best Desert Contest returns. The wildly successful baking competition was certainly one of the highlights last year. "If you have a desert that has become one of your family specialties, enter it in the contest," said Francine. Each entry must be pre-registered. Registration forms can be found on the Diocesan website at www.dioceseaj.org.

It's day of fun and giving and DelGrosso's is very charitable each year. "We are so grateful to the DelGrosso Family for their continued generosity," said Tony DeGol, co-chairperson for the event.

"Each year they offer a reduced ticket price. For one special day their Fun Passes are reduced from \$29.95 to \$19.95. In addition, they donate \$3.00 from every ticket purchased, back to us." The money benefits the Angel Fund, which helps students attend the diocesan summer camps, Zaccaheus and Timothy.

The picnic, featuring Murph's famous potato salad and DelGrosso's delicious chicken dinner, will follow the desert contest.

"What I really enjoy about Faith Day is that provides and opportunity for Catholics from all parishes throughout the diocese to come together as one diocese," said DeGol.

"It's important for us to realize that our Catholic faith is not only linked to our own parish life, but that we are one, big diocesan church made of eight counties. This is a fun way to meet people and create bonds outside our own parish community," he said.

Swope said that every year after the Faith Day is over, people regret not attending. "Come to the Faith Day and find out what it's all about for yourself," Francine urged. "It's really a fun, relaxing day."

Gallitzin Cross Awards

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their communities.

He said he spoke to one of those returning college students at the high school graduation, who reminded him of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*. Pope Francis repeated the words of Saint John Paul II who wrote: "If the church is to fulfill its providential destiny, evangelization as the joyful, patient, and progressive preaching of the saving death and resurrection must be your absolute priority." Pope Francis clearly stated that those words apply to all of us.

Bishop Mark said that Prince Gallitzin would have identified with the message of Pope Francis: Evangelizing is all about encouraging, giving hope, and strengthening others on the way to God's Kingdom. He discussed 10 things that Pope Francis wants us to know about Evangelization.

"The Joy of the Gospel says everyone is meant to Evangelize," said Bishop Mark. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in Evangelization.

"If you want authentic personal fulfillment, Evangelize. When we Evangelize, we discover a profound law of reality: that life is attained and matures in the measure that is offered up in order to give life to others." "The Pope said that everyone must be joyful and thankful and not look like someone who has just come back from a funeral," Bishop Mark added. "Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ should lift the spirits of everyone, including yourself. You've got to get out and encounter people to Evangelize. Evangelizers start with the basics: Jesus Christ loves you; He gave his life to save you, and now He's living at your side every day, to strengthen, enlighten, and free you." Pope Francis said we must get out of our comfort zone. He said he much prefers a Church that is bruised, hurting and dirty because

it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church that is unhealthy from being confined and clinging to its own security. He reminded that Evangelizers love people.

"The Pope says everyone needs to be Evangelized," said Bishop Mark. "Jesus teaches us the Good News, which He brings, is not reserved to one part of humanity, it is to be communicated to everyone."

"These Prince Gallitzin Cross Award winners are awesome witnesses to all of us." Ten persons were awarded the Prince Gallitzin Cross. They are:



GALLITZIN CROSS WINNERS: Ten people received the 2018 Prince Gallitzin Cross Award. Pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Angela Zinobile, Jane Stoltz, Pauline Minor, and Carolyn Sylvester. Back row--John Rita, Michael Fedele, Deacon Thomas Buige, Bishop Mark L. Bartheak, Franciscan Father Bernard Karmanocky and James Seiler. Absent from the photo is Joseph Masciangelo.

--**Jane Stoltz** has been a religious education teacher for 30 years at Saint Augustine Parish in Dysart and has served as director of Religious Education for the past 20 years. Included among her parish ministries she is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a lector, choir member, and Altar and Rosary Society member.

--**Carolyn Sylvester** is a member of Saint Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin. She has dedicated herself to working with the elderly, has her own "Meals on Wheels," runs errands for seniors, gives them rides, helps them with their household chores and shovels their sidewalks in the winter. She also finds time to visit the sick and homebound.

--**Michael Fedele** of Saint Joseph Parish in Renovo. A member of the parish since birth, Michael performs many ministries. He's an altar server, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, leads the weekly Rosary before Mass, serves on the Parish Council, Cemetery and Maintenance Committees. That's just a smapling of his work with the parish.

--**Franciscan Father Bernard Karmanocky**, pastor of Saint Therese of The Child Jesus and Saint Anne Parishes in Johnstown. He is described as a priest who "truly acts as the hands and feet of Christ." His parishioners have credited him with

--**Deacon Thomas Buige** of Saint John Vianney Parish in Mundy's Corner. He is recognized for his work with Confirmation candidates, retreats, and Baptismal preparation with expectant parents.

--**John Rita** of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Altoona. A professional artist, John painted the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church building in 1978, and spearhead the restoration project in 2000. He also helped restore and clean the frescos.

--**James Seiler** of the Cathedral of Blessed Parish in Altoona. He's been a fixture at the Cathedral for the past 50 years and a member of the choir and a cantor at SUNDAY Masses. He's a member of the Parish Council and Liturgy Committee, and as a carpenter has created many items for the parish.

being "an incredible witness and leader of the Catholic Church."

--**Joseph Masciangelo** of Most Holy Trinity Parish in Huntingdon. He is extremely active with the Saint Vincent DePaul Society. He assists with the distribution of food baskets to the needy at Christmas and help with the Mayfest Haitian Market. He brings Holy Communion to the sick and nursing home parishioners, and much more.

--**Pauline Minor** has helped shape the faith formation for young people for nearly 50 years at Saint Michael Parish in Saint Michael. She has taught religious education for 48 years. She is a member of the REACH Youth Ministry Team and has helped prepare students for their Confirmation. She's an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and a Christian Initiation team member. Those are just a few of her parish activities.

--**Angela Zinobile** is a member of Saint Mary Parish in Shae Gap. She's been a youth counselor at the Tuscarora Catholic Summer Camp, facilitated by the Diocese's Fulton County Mission. Zinobile is involved in a variety of parish activities. Among them she organizes fundraisers so children from the parish can further their religious education. She has served as a chair of the parish Pastoral Council, and is a soloist at Mass.

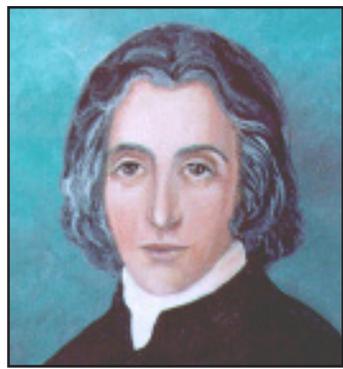
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Saints Shine God's Light Through Darkness

By Junno Arocho Esteyes
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY-- Like stained glass windows, the saints allow the light of God to permeate the darkness of sin in the world, Pope Francis said on the feast of All Saints.

Just as light enters a church through multi-colored windows, the

lives of saints shine forth "according to their own shade," the pope said Nov. 1.

All the saints "have been transparent, they fought to remove the stains and darkness of sin so that the gentle light of God can pass through," the pope said. The day's Gospel reading from St. Matthew, in which Jesus proclaims the beatitudes, contains the road map for "a

blessed and happy life," which the saints followed through in their own lives and deeds, he said.

"Happiness is not in having something or in becoming someone," the pope said. "No. True happiness is being with the Lord and living for love."

The beatitudes, he continued, do not require "extravagant gestures" or superhuman strength, but are for those "who live through the trials and hardships of daily life."

"That is how the saints are," Pope Francis said. "Like everyone, they breathe the polluted air of evil that is in the world, yet they never lose sight of Jesus' footsteps along the way."

Departing from his prepared remarks, the pope said the feast of All Saints also is "a family feast" that celebrates the lives of people who deserve recognition for helping further God's work in the world.

"Today, there are so many," the pope said. "Thanks to these unknown brothers and sisters who help God bring the world forward, who live among us. Let us greet them all with applause."

Recalling the first beatitude from St. Matthew's Gospel, Pope Francis said Christians should emulate the lives saints who while "poor in spirit," believed their true treasure was in God and not "in power or money."

"At times, we are unhappy because we lack something or we are not recognized as we would like to be," the pope said. "Let us remember: Our beatitude does not lie here but in the Lord and in love. Only with him, only loving others can we live a blessed life."

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.

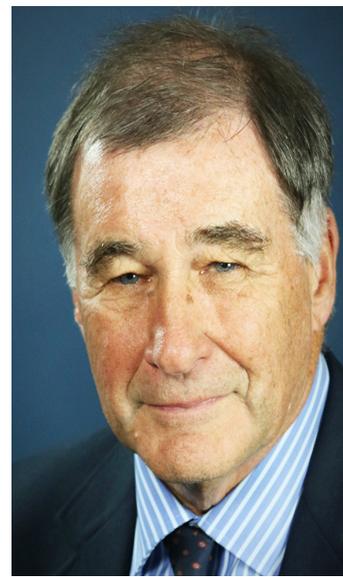
Confident of your faithfulness to us, we humbly ask you, our God, to grant us the favor of (name your intention).

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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DR. JOHN MILLS

Mount Names Interim President

Mount Aloysius Board Chairman, Philip Devorris has announced that John W. Mills, Ph.D., former interim Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost at the College, will serve as Interim President for the 2018-2019 academic year. Dr. Mills was president of Paul Smiths College, Paul Smiths N.Y., from 2004 to 2014. At Paul Smiths, he also served as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost. After leaving Paul Smiths, Dr. Mills was program director of College for Every Student — a national non-profit organization that helps underserved youth across the country earn a college degree.

Mills came to Mount Aloysius last summer after a national search for an interim academic vice president and provost. The entire Mount Aloysius community was involved in the vetting process for the position

and Dr. Mills was the overwhelming favorite among faculty and staff at the College. He brings to Mount Aloysius 10 years of experience as a college president as well as service as a provost and academic vice president. Mills has internationally recognized academic achievements as a scientist and researcher. His career has been marked by intellectual rigor, administrative success in an academic environment, common sense, approachability, and hard work.

Doctor John 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, R.I. 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.

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MOUNT CARMEL CONFIRMATION CLASS: Members of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Altoona, Confirmation class pictured (left to right) are: First row-- Julia Gonsman, Alauna Feathers, Paige Baker, Marissa Amerine. Second row--Jacob Weigand, Brady Haun, Adyson Pellegrine, Madison Evans, and Luke Ciampoli. Third row-- Aaron Foose, Mrs. Dona Baughman, director of Religious Education; Adam Sinisi, Franciscan Father Frank Scornaienchi, pastor; Alex Snowden, Franciscan Father Carl Vacek, parochial vicar; and Daniel Carrieri. Absent from the photo is Brandon Evangelisto. Pictured below are the members of the Mount Carmel Parish First Communion class. They pictured (left to right) are: First row--Joseph Inman, III, Natalie Baker, Sophia Beiswenger, Dorothy Servello, and Owen Wasovich. Second row--Mayson Pellegrine, Morgan Ebersole, Jude Hockenberry, Michael Hofer, and Dominic Ianuzzi. Third row--Franciscan Father Carl Vacek, parochial vicar; Sharon Vaughn, catechist; Trevor Fortson, Andrew Johnston, Audrey Douglas, Tremaine Fortson, Karen Snowden, Dona Baughman, director of Religious Education; and Franciscan Father Frank Scornaienchi, pastor.

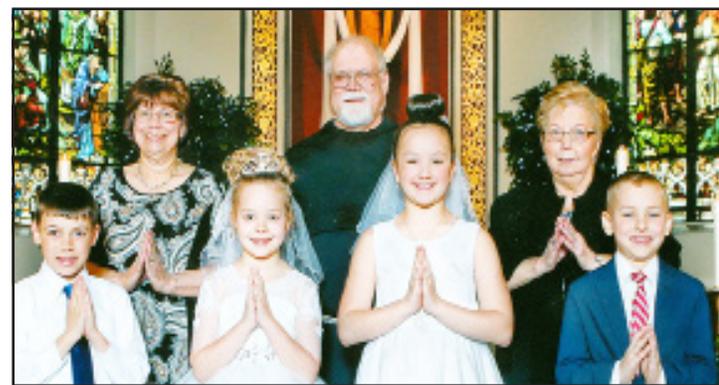


**Discalced Carmelite
Nuns Of Loretto Will
Open Novena
In June**

The Discalced Carmelite Sisters of Loretto will offer the sixth Novena of 2018 to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Therese (the Little Flower) on Friday, June 22 through Saturday, June 30. All intentions submitted to the Nuns will be remembered with special prayers following the daily Holy

Sacrifice of the Mass.

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



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: Members of the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Windber, First Communion class pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Shane Caron, Adelynn Culp, Kiya Wise, and Jacob Leibfreid. Back row--Kathy Trusch, catechist; Franciscan Father Roderick Soha, pastor; and Violet Bunk, director of religious education. Absent from the photo was Joanne Kot, catechist.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Members of the Saint John Vianney Church, Mundy's Corner, First Communion class pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Sawyer Devlin, Giles Westrick, and Keagan Amenti. Middle Row--Hayden Kelly, Giannia Grimaldi, Olivia Zahoran, Jillian Garrity, and Coreigh Anderson. Back row--Deacon Thomas Buige, Alisha Gorman, catechist; and Franciscan Father Andrew Draper, pastor.



FIRST COMMUNION: Members of the Saint Joseph Parish, Williamsburg, First Communion class pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Peyton Hileman, Kooper Booher, and Ava Ritchey. Second row--Deacon Kevin Nester, Benedictine Father Stephen Honeygosky, and Jennifer Reffner (catechist)

Willet To Coach Mock Trial Team

Attorney Aimee Willet has been named head coach of the Mount Aloysius College Mock Trial Team beginning with the 2018 fall semester. Attorney Willet is co-founding partner of the Altoona-

based Fanelli Willet Law Offices. She has served as an adjunct professor at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson, since 2004. The competitive world of intercollegiate Mock Trial is structured around the rules established by the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA). Founded in 1985, the AMTA serves as the governing body for intercollegiate mock trial competition.



Attorney Willet serves as solicitor and special counsel for various public schools districts and municipalities. She also serves as hearing officer and prosecutor for disciplinary hearings, a Mental Health Review Officer and Court Appointed Guardian Ad Litem.

Since 2015, Attorney Willet has served as the mock trial attorney advisor for the Tyrone Area School District. She also advised mock trial competition at the Altoona Area School District.

ATTORNEY AIMEE WILLET



GALLITZIN CONFIRMATION CLASS: Members of the Saint Demetrius Parish Confirmation class pictured (left to right) are: First row--Mary Colangelo, teacher; Marlena Chislow, Rachel Soison, Alexis Lingafelt, Breanna Lynch, and Abigail Mulraney. Second row--Stephen Nileski, Jonathan Saylor, John Surma, Zane Fowler, Nathan Wahl, and Devin Dorman. Third row--Father Albert Ledoux, pastor.



FIRST COMMUNION: Members of the St. Rose of Lima First Communion class pictured (left to right) are: First row--Josephine Gates, server; Sophia Fiore, Kaitlyn McCulley, Bryce Johnson, Theo Lawson, Sophia Condrin, Layla Settlemyer, Jenna Zeak, Hamilton Gates, server; and Bernice Shoenfelt, director of Religious Education. Second row--Matthew Ronan, Alex Krimmel, Camden Bush, Monroe Gates, Michael Condrin, Mateo Gonzalez, Anthony Stiver, and Jess Brunner, catechist. Third row--Deacon James Woomer, Father Brian Saylor, pastor; and Father Carl Spishak, senior priest in residence.



CONFIRMATION CLASS: Members of the Saint John Vianney Parish, Mundy's Corner, Confirmation class pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Deacon Thomas Buige, Jayden Sechrengost, Sadee LaRose, Cassidy Bezek, and Dalton Baker. Second row--Steven Westrick, teacher; Anna Rieg, Chelsea Novitski, Ryan Meckley, and Franciscan Father Andrew Draper, pastor. Absent from photo is Ashley Grimes.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO A LIFE OF SERVICE AS A DEACON?

All those interested in learning about the Formation, Ministry and Life of the Permanent Diaconate, are invited to join Deacon Michael Russo, Director of the Permanent Diaconate, at a special get together on Saturday, August 18th at the Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin from 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Married men are expected to attend with their wives. **Space is limited. Reservations are required.**

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Deacon Ordination

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the inspiration that people need and long for is depending on witnesses of Jesus Christ who are authentic in what they say and what they do.”

The Bishop’s comments were a reminder for Conner and Roth of the awesome responsibility they now carry as deacons in service to the Church.

Deacon Conner is a member of Saint Bernard Parish in Hastings. He and his wife, Vickie, have four children: Josiah, Aubriannah (deceased), Lukas, and Avery. He is a Vice President/Small Business Portfolio Manager at First Commonwealth Bank.

A parishioner at Most Holy Trinity in Huntingdon, Deacon Roth and his wife, Lisa, are the parents of four children: Danielle, Jessica, John, and Samantha. He is a physician in the Emergency Department at Tyrone Hospital and at the Broad Top Area Medical Center.

Bishop Mark has appointed Deacon Conner to Diaconal Service at Saint Bernard and Deacon Roth to Most Holy Trinity.

They join 37 other permanent deacons serving in various ministries



HELP FROM DAD: Deacon John Roth accepts a little help vesting from his father, John.

throughout the Diocese.

The deacon is the specific sacramental sign in the Church, of Christ the Servant, explained Deacon Michael Russo, Director of the Permanent Diaconate. Within the work of the Church, then, the deacon stands as the one who serves and is called to the ministry of Word, Liturgy and Charity. “During their formation years, Chris and John have learned through study and practice, the various ministries that make up the life of the permanent deacon,” commented Deacon Russo. “God’s call to the permanent diaconate also involves the family. The deacon’s family is also formed as a unique outreach from Jesus who

came to serve and not be served. Both these families have been truly blessed by responding with a resounding “yes” to God’s call and we are thrilled to welcome them into the diaconate community of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese.”

In offering advice to the newly ordained, Bishop Mark told the story of a deacon who encountered a woman at a store. He was wearing a shirt with the embroidered deacon insignia and a cross on a chain around his neck.

The woman asked, “What kind of preacher are you?”

Realizing that the woman did not recognize the insignia on his shirt, he responded, “I hope that I’m a good preacher.”

The Order of Deacon is inseparably oriented toward the ministry of the word and the ministry of service, noted the Bishop.

“The kind of preacher you will be depends on the way you follow the example of the Lord Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve; to lay down his life so that others may have God’s life in them,” he advised. “That’s what is at stake when you hear the words of the ordination ceremony, ‘Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.’”

Continued Bishop Mark: “John and Chris, thank you for taking the risk to trust in the Holy Spirit, to listen to the Church, and to respond to the people who ask ‘What kind of preacher are you today and for the rest of your life?’”

The deacons’ spouses, families, friends, and parishioners are ready to support them, reassured the Bishop.

“They all want, and they all need you to be the kind of preacher who has the heart of Jesus, who came to lay down his life for all of us.”

Catholic Charities

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to assist in repairing homes. She also helps the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus maintain their grounds, visits nursing homes, and helps out with children’s programs.

A junior at Altoona Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, **Sarah Zakrzwski** was nominated by Lana Conrad, assistant director of the Tyrone-Snyder Public Library. Sarah has been a teen volunteer at the library for many years. She serves the underprivileged, making sure that everyone has access to the same resources, and helps with children and adult programs.

Lucas Frederick is a junior at Mount Union Area High School. His nominator, Mary Cubbison, Confirmation teacher, says he’s been organizing donations to the local Humane Society since he was a

grade school student. He goes out of his way to make his fellow students comfortable such as the transfer student he brought into his own circle of friends. He’s a friend to everyone, Cubbison said, and you don’t have to ask him twice to perform tasks.

A ninth-grade student at Huntingdon High School, **Nathaniel McClain** is a member of Most Holy Trinity Parish. Rita Martinez, director of Faith Formation at the parish, nominated him for the award. He’s involved in a variety of volunteer activities such as assisting in food drives and preparing baskets for the Saint Vincent DePaul Society. Nathaniel is working on his Eagle Scout Badge and enjoys entertaining others through music.



HONORED: Three persons were honored with the Monsignor William M. Griffin Humanitarian Award at the Catholic Charities Annual Recognition Dinner held on Wednesday, May 30 at the Casino at Lakemont. Pictured (left to right) are: Bishop Mark L. Barchak, Jean Johnstone, Catholic Charities, executive director; Dolores Spinos, C. David Kimmel, and Randy Tarpey.



FATHER AND SON: Deacon Christopher Conner offers the Precious Blood to his son, Lukas.

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2018 CONFIRMATION CLASS: Members of the Most Holy Trinity Parish Confirmation class, Huntingdon, pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Mallory Sellers, Emily Walters, Chrislyn Patrick, Jacky Gaugler, and Sierra Hanlon. Back row--Quinn Zinobile, William Sulesky, Bryant Speck, Lucas Frederick, Dakota Weglarz, and Jack Zurybida.



COLVER FIRST COMMUNION: Members of the Holy Family Parish, Colver, First Communion class pictured (left to right) are: Saint Ann Sister Anna Maria Lorenzo, religious education coordinator; Mara Mae Public, Allyson Marie Vranka, Serenity Haizus, Anastasia Kubat; and Saint Ann Sister Lourdes Gunao, teacher.



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: Members of the Saint Anthony of Padua, Windber, First Communion class pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Dane Manges, Dominick Chippie, Gabrielle Telfer, Sadie Pallo, Delaney Baumgardner, and Cavan Skinner of Saint Benedict Parish. Back row--Kathy Trusch, catechist; Franciscan Father Roderick Soha, pastor; Joanne Kot, catechist; and Violet Bunk, director of religious education.



FIRST COMMUNION: Members of the First Holy Communion class at Saint Mary's Parish in Hollidaysburg pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Connie Curfman, director of religious education; Ava Clingerman, Gabe Seiler, and Cindy Shope, teacher. Back row--Deacon Chuck Ahearn, and Father Anthony Legarski, pastor.



CONFIRMANDS: Members of Saint John the Evangelist, Bellefonte, Confirmation class pictured (left to right) are: First row--Morgan Young, Lissi Przybys, Sheldon Knepp, Grace Files, Malina Grieb, Lindsey Carmack, Aniston Barnhart, Victoria Suhy, Alyssa Brezler, and Ashley Bell. Second row--Dante Nelson, Corby Koleno, Carolyn Helms, Amelia Miller, Kailee Replogle, and Alyssa Nastase. Third row--Noah Badger, Father George Jakopac, pastor; Nathan Tice, Andrew Bucha, Max Kroell, Brianna Dyke, Vanessa Stasko, Annika Bjalmé, Meredith Albright, and Zebulen Smoyer.



ALL SAINTS PARISH: Members of the All Saints Parish, Boswell, First Communion class pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Louis Lepley, Luka Lane, Olivia Riek, and Michael Riek. Back row--Deacon Jay Pyle, Sherry Dzieriski, director of religious education; Amanda Hoffman, teacher; and Capuchin Franciscan Father John Voytek, administrator.

Word of Life



The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis

Marriage Is Good For Whole Church

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)

-- Marriage is a sacrament not only for the bride and groom, but for the entire Catholic Church, because it proclaims that "love is possible," Pope Francis said. "It is true there are difficulties, there are problems with the children or with the couple themselves -- arguments, fights," he said May 25 at morning Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae. Seven couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries were among those present at the Mass.

But the witness of couples who continue in love, who overcome the difficulties, he said, proclaims the beauty of God's plan for humanity. In the day's Gospel reading from St. Mark, Jesus is asked by the Pharisees if it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife.

Most members of the crowds who followed Jesus listened to him because they were thirsting for truth and for help in growing in faith, the pope said. But he said the Pharisees were interested only in trying to trip up Jesus by trying to reduce religion to a list of "yes you can" and "no you can't" items.

But Jesus raises the bar, talking about creation and describing "marriage as if it were the most beautiful thing" that God made at the beginning of the world, he said. Jesus tells them: "From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and

be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

Jesus "leaves aside the problem of separation and goes to the beauty of marriage, to the beauty of the couple who are united," the pope said. "That which is one must remain one. That is what the Lord says."

"Sometimes there is the misfortune that it does not work and it is better they separate to avoid a world war. But that is always a tragedy," the pope said.

So often, he said, people seem to want to talk about separation and divorce, like the Pharisees did, but Jesus' approach is to talk about the beauty of marriage and how it is a reflection of God's love for humanity.

Pope Francis ended his homily praying that "the Lord would give the church and society a deeper, more beautiful awareness of marriage."

The pope had begun the Mass with special prayers, too, prayers for the "gift of tears" for each individual's sins and "for all the calamities that make the people of God and the children of God suffer."

For the morning Mass, Pope Francis had placed a special reliquary on a small table to the left of the altar. The reliquary holds a cotton ball with the liquid from the famous Weeping Madonna of Syracuse, Sicily.

A Rome parish was hosting the reliquary for a special celebration, and Pope Francis had asked that it be brought to the Vatican for a day, reported L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper.



ONE MORE TIME: At one time retreats were popular for the men and women of our diocese. In the photo, men from the dioceses Altoona-Johnstown, Greensburg, Erie, and Pittsburgh, participated in a retreat number on July 27, 28 and 29, 1979 at the old Saint Francis Seminary in Loretto.



WILMORE MAY CROWNING: Saint Bartholomew Parish in Wilmore held May Crowning at Sunday morning Mass. Pictured (left to right) are: Morgan Miller, Tricia Sauter (queen), Calla Miko, Helaina Graessle and Vanessa Spaid.



GRADUATES: All Saint Catholic School in Cresson celebrated eighth-grade graduation. Members of the class pictured (left to right) are: Father Matthew Reese, temporary administrator; Cody Falger, Ethan Schilling, Alayna Przybys, Alexis Ditosti, Brandan Fitzsimmons, Colton Eger, Kathy Maurer, principal; and Robin Zavada, teacher.

Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle Substitute Godmother Needed

Q. In 1995, I was godmother at the baptism of my brother's daughter. A few years later, it turned out that I adopted her and have raised her as my own. (She is now 27.) Then, in 2010, I served as godmother for my sister's daughter and, the following year, wound up taking custody of her as well and eventually adopting her. (She is making her first Communion this month.)

I took my role as godmother very seriously -- sending both girls to Catholic schools -- but it seems that they've been "cheated" out of having godmothers. I'm just "Mom" to them now, and it would be nice to have someone else take an interest in their Catholic upbringing. (Sometimes a mom's voice just becomes "white noise.") Actually, they are both fine, but I've always wondered about this and would appreciate your suggestions. (Frederick, Maryland)

A. There is wisdom in the church's rule that parents may not serve as baptismal godparents for their own children. This ensures that someone else will serve as a proxy, looking out for the child's religious and spiritual development if the parents fail or are unable to do so.

But a godparent is much more than a "fallback" -- and more than a ceremonial accessory on the day of baptism. Being a godparent involves a lifelong commitment to spiritual support, encouragement and mentoring.

For this reason, it is required in canon law that the godparent be "a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on" (Code of Canon Law 874.3). A godparent, then, should not be selected simply to placate family members

or to honor a friend who may not be religiously committed.

There is no provision in canon law for the formal replacement of a godparent. The godparent's name has been inscribed in the parish's baptismal registry, and history cannot be undone. But in the letter-writer's situation -- and I admire her concern for her children's continued guidance -- why not do this?

Choose a trusted friend or family member who is an example of religious fidelity and might be willing to step in and help guide your daughters' growth as Catholics. Additionally, when it comes time for your younger daughter to be confirmed, that same person might well be an ideal confirmation sponsor.

(Editor's Note: Recently, a reader asked whether motorists should stop to give money to those begging on street corners. While acknowledging the traffic safety concerns, I confessed that I myself find it difficult, especially as a priest, to pass someone by and so I regularly offer a few dollars. Responses to the column arrived immediately -- and varied widely, as seen in the sampling below.)

Q. I disagree with your willingness to give out of "kindness." Public safety is of foremost importance and should be the priority. I consider myself a generous person, but I try to find other ways to help the homeless and the needy. (City of origin withheld)

Q. I could not agree with you more. Even minor help could mean the difference between life and death, especially in adverse weather. (I cannot obsess over how the recipient chooses to use the donation.) (Albany, New York)

Q. I disagree vehemently with your answer. My family had firsthand knowledge of a drug-addicted friend who used this method to support his habit. (He would stand on the highway median with a cardboard sign and collect hundreds of dollars each day.) If, as you say, you would prefer to err on the side of kindness, you could do what we do and carry granola bars and bottled water in your car. (Elkton, Virginia)

Q. In a recent column, you were asked about panhandlers. Our pastor has suggested giving out gift cards for Subway. No cash, but a nourishing meal. (Baton Rouge, Louisiana)

For The Journey

By Effie Calderola Home To Alaska



You know you're boarding a flight to Alaska when one attractive, well-dressed woman in line ahead of you says to another, "I love your Sorels."

In case your familiarity with that brand extends only to their stylish sandals, that's not the kind of Sorels this lady was referencing. No, these were the original waterproof boots for which the brand, with its polar bear logo, became famous.

These are boots that come in handy during "break-up," the spring season in Alaska when voluminous mounds of snow melt and some of the state is a muddy pool. Then, Sorels are advisable -- and acceptable -- with your dress-for-success suits.

Another overheard-on-the-airplane indicator of our destination: the conversation in the row behind us. "We just have so many bears around our cabin," lamented the woman to her friend, adding "Fortunately, our dog has only been chased once." Ah, Alaska.

My husband and I were heading for a break-up visit to Alaska, where we had lived for over 30 years and raised three kids.

The 49th state is often misunderstood. Those maps that show a tiny little Alaska in the left hand corner above the U.S. are an irritant to many in my former home. If they put Alaska in its actual size atop a map of the "Lower 48," the Aleutian chain would spread down to Baja, California. Southeast Alaska, where the state capital is located, veers off toward Florida.

Alaska is one-fifth the size of the contiguous U.S. When we first moved there, it had four time zones (now consolidated to one) and its many weather systems make a mockery of anyone who asks the simplistic question, "What's the weather like in Alaska?"

We moved away from Alaska in 2011. At the time, an old friend who had moved from Fairbanks to

Washington told me that in the beginning, "wave after wave of loneliness would wash over me." I found her remark fit my mood perfectly then. When I thought of "home," I continued to think of the streets of Oceanview, my neighborhood in South Anchorage, and the memory would cause a tightening in my chest.

Our visit was great, with lots of time with our son, who still lives there, and many coffees, lunches and dinners with old friends. But, for me, one aspect was the healthy realization that I had finally, emotionally, moved on.

Sometimes, it's good to reflect on the people and places that have influenced us. On my closet door, I still have the simple wooden cross that I was given as a Jesuit volunteer who taught school in the Alaskan bush. It's what first brought me, rather reluctantly, to the place where I would spend so much of my life.

In the wonderful prayer book, "Hearts on Fire, Praying with Jesuits," there's a prayer by Jesuit Father John Morris, usually called "Father Jack." He was instrumental in founding the original Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

He asks God to "bless every person I have met, every face I have seen, every voice I have heard, especially those most dear."

He goes on to ask God's blessing on every city, town and street he has known, on the sights, sounds and objects he's encountered.

"In some mysterious way these have all fashioned my life; all that I am."

A trip back, whether in memory or in person, to a place that held deep significance can be a blessed event, a pilgrimage of sorts. It helps me recall the faces of those who touched me along the way, challenged me, led me in faith or, by their example, guided me.



Ursula Ledochowska

1865-1939

FEAST May 29

Born into a distinguished Polish family in Austria, Julia Maria entered an Ursuline convent in Poland at age 21, taking the name Maria Ursula of Jesus. She taught in a girls' school for 20 years, and in 1907 went to St. Petersburg to supervise a new school. Expelled from Russia at the beginning of World War I, she spent the war in Sweden and returned to Poland in 1920. In 1923, she founded the Ursulines of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus, known as Grey Ursulines. As the order expanded, the Vatican asked her to live in Rome, where she died. Grey Ursulines now minister in 12 countries. Ursula was canonized in 2003; her older sister, Blessed Maria Theresa Ledochowska, is also a foundress.

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Brief but excessively graphic scenes of bloodletting mar this otherwise mildly interesting sci-fi thriller, set in a recognizable version of the future. Left a widower and a quadriplegic after a seemingly random attack by a group of thugs (led by Benedict Hardie), an auto mechanic (Logan Marshall-Green) agrees to let a wealthy inventor (Harrison Gilbertson) implant an artificial intelligence chip into his body that will cure his paralysis. But the device, which has a Siri-like voice (Simon Maiden) only he can hear, not only restores his normal abilities, it endows him with superhuman fighting prowess, enabling him to embark on a trail of investigation and revenge along which he must stay one step ahead of the police detective (Betty Gabriel) assigned to his case. Much gory, occasionally gruesome, violence, mature themes, including vengeance and suicide, a scene of marital sensuality, a handful of profanities, numerous rough and crude terms. The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted.



PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR ST. PADRE PIO: On May 16th, 86 pilgrims, escorted by Father David Peles, pastor of Saint Benedict Parish, Geistown; and Deacon Michael Russo, director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate; traveled to the National Center for St. Padre Pio in Barto, PA. The Calandra family both hosts and staffs the National Center which educates and ministers to tens of thousands of devotees who yearly visit the center. The National Center for Padre Pio has been recognized by the Holy See for its spiritual work and houses an actual confessional that was used by Padre Pio at San Giovanni Rotondo. Pictured (above) the group was personally met by Julia, the daughter of the late founder Vera Calandra and included lunch, a visit to the Cultural Center, Our Lady of Grace Chapel (pictured below). Museum and a conference given by Julia on the life and spirituality of St. Padre Pio. To learn more about the center visit www.padrepio.org.



Coming Up On Proclaim!

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

June 17 -- In celebration of Father's Day, Mike Peachey of Saint Michael Parish in Hollidaysburg reflects on his love of being a dad to two young children.

June 24 -- Rachel Hall, a parishioner at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown, talks about her involvement in the Diocese's youth ministry programs and the recent honors she has received.

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May They Rest In Peace



Catholic schools in Minneapolis, Minn. Sister tutored students in St. Petersburg, Fla., before returning to Dallas in 2013.

Throughout her life, Sister focused on her ministry of teaching and her desire for contemplative spirituality. During these past five years at Mercy Center, Mariella enjoyed what she yearned for most. Her focus was her spiritual life. Her peacefulness and living simply inspired many residents and staff.

Sister was buried at the Sisters of Mercy cemetery at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. Memorial contributions in the name of Sister Mariella may be made to Mercy Center, P.O. Box 370, Dallas, PA 18612.



**SISTER MARIELLA CROWE,
R.S.M.**

Sister Mariella Crowe, RSM, 100, formerly of Cresson, a member of the Mid-Atlantic Community of the Sisters of Mercy, died peacefully on Friday, May 18, 2018 at Mercy Center, Dallas, Pa., after a long and beautiful life.

She was born in Canton, Ohio, daughter of the late Edmund and Ester Eberhart Crowe. Orphaned at an early age, she and her sisters, Kathleen and Virginia, resided at Mount Aloysius Academy in Cresson.

Surviving are a niece, Suzanne Carlton and husband, Charles, of Pinehurst, N.C.; and the Sisters of Mercy. She was preceded in death by two sisters: Kathleen and Virginia.

After graduating from the Academy in 1936, she entered the Sisters of Mercy in Dallas and professed her vows in September 1941. Sister graduated from Misericordia University, where she received her degree in piano. She also graduated from Catholic University, receiving her degrees in French and Spanish, and from the University of New Hampshire, where she received a degree in German.

Fluent in six languages, Sister Mariella had the opportunity to study in France and was well prepared for her 39 years of teaching at Mount Aloysius College. For several years, Sister taught in



**FATHER FABIAN H.
SHEGANOSKI, T. O. R.**

Fr. Fabian H. Sheganoski, T.O.R., 79, Saint Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg, PA, died May 27, 2018. He was born October 10, 1938, in Kulpmont, PA. Son of the late Henry A. and Jeanne C. (Yeager) Sheganoski.

He entered the Franciscan Community on September 5, 1952, and professed his first vows on June 24, 1957. He was ordained at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, on June 5, 1965.

He ministered in various parishes and schools which included St. Anthony Church, Johnstown, PA, James Barry-Robinson High School, Norfolk, VA, Local Minister at St. Thomas More Friary, Washington, DC, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Altoona,

PA, and retired to St. Bernardine Monastery in 2006.

He is predeceased by his brother, Paul Shegan. He is survived by sister-in-law, Betty Shegan, nephew, John Paul Shegan and by his Franciscan Community. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Mount Carmel Church on Wednesday, May 30. Committal followed at the Franciscan Cemetery at St. Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg, PA. Arrangements by Santella Funeral Home, Altoona.



**FATHER JAMES DAMIAN
'J.D.' ZATALAVA**

The Rev. Father James Damian "J.D." Zatalava, Master of Divinity, 74, Catholic priest of the Altoona Johnstown Diocese for 48 years, and former pastor of many parishes, most recently at Our Lady of Fatima, died Wednesday at UPMC - Altoona.

Father Zatalava also ministered at Saint Mark Parish in Altoona, Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Saint Patrick and Saint Rochus Parish in Johnstown; the former Holy Cross, in Spangler, Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Mount Union, and Our Lady of Victory in State College.

He was born in Johnstown, son of the late Francis and Mae (Gulash) Zatalava.

Surviving are his brother, Francis (Marilyn) Zatalava of Somerset; and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John.

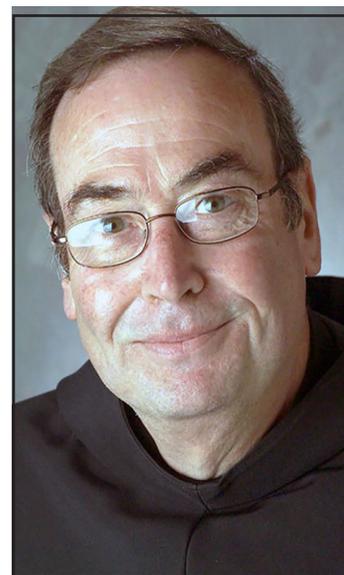
Father J.D. graduated from Bishop McCort High School in 1962, and entered Our Lady of Loreto Seminary where he received his

Master of Divinity in 1970 and was ordained a Catholic priest by Bishop James J. Hogan on May 16, 1970.

Committal was held at Ss. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Cemetery, Altoona. Arrangements are by Stanley J. Krish Funeral Home Inc., 1204 17th St., Altoona.

In Lieu of flowers, kindly make donations to Our Lady of Fatima Church or Ss. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Cemetery Endowment Fund, 2010 12th Ave., Altoona, PA 16601.

Brother James A. Boyle, T.O.R., 71, of the Third Order Regular Franciscans of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, died unexpectedly May 30, 2018 at UPMC St. Margaret Hospital, Pittsburgh. He resided at Queen of Peace Friary, Pittsburgh where he served in the ministry of prayer and temporalities. He was born in Philadelphia, PA, on September 29, 1946 to James A. and Edith Marie (Bowes) Boyle. He was baptized at Holy Name Catholic Church on October 13, 1946.



**BROTHER JAMES A. BOYLE,
T.O.R.**

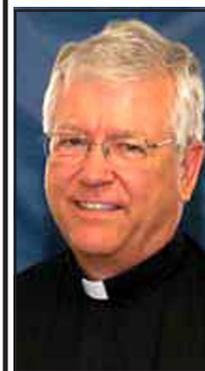
He professed his solemn vows on July 1, 1970, at the Immaculate Conception Chapel, Loretto. At this time, he returned to his baptismal name, Brother James.

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'We Share Our Humanity With The Poor', Says Bishop Mark

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOLDS ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER

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Bishop Mark L. Bartchak shared part of a conversation he had in February with Cardinal Luis Tagle, archbishop of Manila in the Philippines and president of Caritas International, a global agency that reaching out to the poor and vulnerable.

Bishop Mark said he could not imagine the magnitude of the poverty and problems that the Cardinal encounters worldwide. Cardinal Tagle said dealing with poverty and hunger comes down to the work of the local people in your area. Bishop Bartchak spoke to those attending the annual Catholic Charities Recognition Dinner. The event was held on Wednesday, May 30 at the Casino at Lakemont.

This year Catholic Charities of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, recognized the humanitarian efforts of three adults with the Monsignor William M. Griffin Award, and six young people with The Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award.

Bishop Mark continued that the Archbishop told him that the poor are a gift with who we share our humanity. "We need to live God's love and share it with others," the Bishop added.

"The archbishop said that when we're in need we should go to church. We need to be proactive. You'll find the care that you need in the Church.

"I'm very proud and grateful

for the good work that is done by Catholic Charities. I thank all of you for your support. I thank all of you for your efforts. It's about making a difference in peoples' lives," Bishop Mark said.

Jean Johnstone, executive director of Catholic Charities said, "We're always excited for the nominations because it's surprising to see how much these people accomplish."

"By performing these acts of kindness, we see Jesus' image in the faces of the poor and marginalized. Thank you for helping us take care of others and heeding the words of Matthew 25. These are the things we can all do."

The Monsignor William Griffin Humanitarian Award is given to individuals demonstrating a significant, long-term commitment, professional or volunteer, to serving the poor, the marginalized, and most vulnerable within our diocesan community.

C. David Kimmel of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament has been a member of the Catholic Charities Board since 2009. He came to the board with a wealth of marketing, development and communication experience with Mercy Hospital/Bon Secours-Holy Family Hospital, Penn State Altoona, and the American Cancer Society. He's devoted a major part of his life to helping the sick. He was nominated by William Hanelly.

Dolores Spinis is a member of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Windber. She was nominated by



AWARD RECIPIENTS: Six students were awarded the 2018 Matthew 25 Award at the Annual Catholic Charities Recognition Dinner held on Wednesday, May 30 at the Casino at Lakemont. Pictured (left to right) are: Lucas Frederick, Nathaniel McClain, Carolyn Telfer, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, Kaitlyn Kasisky, Rachel Hall, and Sarah Zakrzewski.

Roxann Newcomer, a member of the Parish Council and director of Religious Education. She is a nurse and volunteer at the Church of the Brethren Home Campus. She has organized many programs at the home. Activities such as cookie and pie socials, ice cream parties, and Christmas tree decorating with music and singing.

Randy Tarpey of Tyrone was nominated by Ellen Konkle of Affinity Connections. As a Certified Public Accountant he has donated much of his professional experience. His biggest passion is working as a volunteer for the Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund, assisting donors and other charities navigating through the PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC). As a volunteer he oversees the program that provides

millions of dollars to students in financial aid.

The Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award is presented to elementary and high school students for demonstrating exceptional service to their communities, specifically to the poor and needy.

A senior at Johnstown Bishop McCort Catholic High School, **Rachel Hall** was nominated by Michelle Riveti, religion teacher. She works as a counselor each summer at the diocesan camps, among many other activities. Riveti said she routinely extends herself above and beyond what's asked of her.

Kaitlyn Kasisky is an eighth-grade student at Divine Mercy Academy in Johnstown. She was nominated by Nadine Golias, a theology teacher at Divine Mercy Academy and Johnstown Bishop McCort Catholic

High School. She does expanded hours of community service and works every Sunday on the The Proclaim Television Show crew at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral. Among many other activities she helps younger students, and performs Christ-like service to teachers and students on a daily basis by assisting those around her.

Carolyn Telfer is a 12th grade student at Windber Area High School, and is a member of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish in Windber. Roxann Newcomer, the director of Religious Education at the Parish, nominated her because she says "she lives the beatitudes-the teenage mission version."

She's been to rural Appalachia

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