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## Family Faith Day Picnic Continues To Grow

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

In and of itself the title “Family Faith Day 2018” taken at face value is a benign sort of name. But, what it represents is of great importance to the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese.

To the large crowd that attended the Mass and picnic, it be-

came apparent that names can represent much, much more.

The annual celebration of our Catholic Faith and families was held on Sunday, June 24 at Del-Grosso Amusement Park in Tipton.

During his homily, Bishop Mark L. Barchak told the story of how important names can be through a story about a little boy whose school name tag was pinned on his shirt backwards. It had the word fruit stand on the front. So, naturally the teacher addressed

him as “fruit stand” all day because that’s what his tag read.

At the end of the school day when the teacher was helping the children get on their buses, she discovered that the boy’s name tag was on backward. His name was Anthony and the word fruit stand indicated where he was to get off of the bus for home. As the crowd laughed the Bishop explained that names are very important.

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## Campers Are Reminded That God Is Always Speaking To Them

Photos And Text By  
**Tony DeGol**

According to an old proverb, no one is as deaf as the man who will not listen.

If that is true, how many of us Catholics need a hearing aid?

Following a week-long camp experience, the ears of teens in Altoona-Johnstown are hopefully more open to listening to God’s message – no audiologist necessary.

Camp Timothy, the diocesan summer camp for students entering grades 10-12 and those who just graduated from high school, was held the week of June 17 at Camp Sequanota in Jennerstown, Somerset County.

The theme for the 2018 session was “Speak Lord Your Servant is Listening,” which is based on the bible story in which the Lord was calling Samuel in his sleep.

Samuel did not recognize it was God, and instead thought it was his master, Eli. When Eli realized it was the Lord calling Samuel, he instructed Samuel to go back to sleep and, if God called again, respond by saying, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”

The message, said Camp Timothy Director Francine Swope, is that we should constantly be open to the Lord.

“God is always talking to us,

God is always present to us every time we go to Mass, every time we go to Adoration, every time we receive the Eucharist, we know that He is always present and ready to speak to us, but we are His servants always listening,” added Swope, also the coordinator of Youth Ministry, Religious Education, and Sacramental Preparation for the diocese.

One of the many ways in which Swope and her team drove home the point to campers was through a series of group evangelization sessions breaking down various aspects of the theme.

Among the presenters was Bishop Mark L. Barchak who visited the camp on Tuesday, June 20.

After celebrating Mass for the campers and enjoying lunch with them, the Bishop explained what it means to be a servant of the Lord.

He highlighted six characteristics, with the first being thankfulness.

He pointed out something that should be painfully obvious: individuals sometimes focus their prayers on what is wrong, what they do not have, and what needs fixing in their lives.

“How often do we hear someone start a conversation with ‘This is what I’m thankful today?’,” he asked. “Everybody should have something that they’re thankful for at any given moment of our life every single day. Everything that we

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**DESSERT CONTEST WINNERS:** One of the highlights of Family Faith Day is DAJ’s Best Dessert Contest. The winners pictured (left to right) are: Father Robert Reese, second place; Heather Leskovansky, third place; Bishop Mark L. Barchak; and Mary Gebhardt, first place. The judges enjoyed all of the entries, but chose Gebhardt’s Coconut Creme Ice Cream Cake as the overall winner.

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Baptism, Reconciliation, the Eucharist, Confirmation, Holy Matrimony, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick—as Catholics we are familiar with the sacraments, and see them as mileposts in our lives.

Pope Francis energetically reminds us, they are not simply observances; they are portals through which the Lord brings us all the power and graces that flow from his death and Resurrection. And wonderfully, each sacrament opens us to a personal encounter with Jesus. (Introduction of *Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments* by Pope Francis)

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# In The Alleghenies



Photos By Tony DeGol

**40 HOURS:** The Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish in Loretto celebrated 40 Hours Eucharistic Devotions beginning on Sunday, June 24 and concluding on Monday, June 25. The observance included Evening Prayer inside the Basilica and a Eucharistic procession around the grounds of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies. At left, the Very Reverend John D. Byrnes, JCL, JV, Rector of the Basilica, leads the procession along with the servers and the Knights of Columbus. At right, Father Matthew Baum, Administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish in Dudley and Saint Stephen Parish in McConnellsburg, carries the Holy Eucharist in the procession with the Basilica choir following in song. Father Baum was the guest celebrant and homilist.



**INSTALLATION:** The Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto installed a group of boys and girls in the ministry of altar serving on Monday, June 25. The ceremony was part of the parish's 40 Hours Eucharistic Devotions. Pictured in the front row (left to right): Alena Nagle, Molly Itle, and Alivia Nagle. Second row: Mason Wherry, Colin Beiswenger, Logan Hoover, Elliot Nagle, Levi Baker, Giovanna Canineu, Belle Eckenrode, and Ralph Baughman. Third row: Meghan McMullen, Hannah McMahon, Travis Kubat, Kiley Gray, and Logan Krug. Back row: Very Reverend John D. Byrnes, JCL JV, Rector of the Basilica, and Cambria County Serra Club members Susan Brett, Margaret Zidak, and Eugene Gorman. Absent from the photo: Thomas Corcoran, Dane Van Horn, and McKenna Lee.

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## In Light Of Faith



By Sarah Yaklic

### Evangelizing Along The Digital Highways

Connection vs. isolation? Perfection vs. authenticity? Addiction vs. balanced use? Mention use of digital media, and I'm sure you will find people on either side of the spectrum. Regardless of where you stand, I know one thing is certain -- the power of digital networks cannot be underestimated in the lives of today's young people.

Young people are obsessive consumers of all things digital, and

the secular world uses this to its advantage. Brands, advocacy organizations and news outlets maximize use of social networks to extend their influence and transform the way young people look at the world.

Young people know this and are looking to the church to help them reclaim their presence along the digital highways. Are we willing to meet young people in the digital sphere to become their companions

along the journey?

I hope our answer is yes -- with a desire to run and not walk. We can no longer sit in our churches and wait for young people to come back to us. We must travel to the digital spaces in search of young people who are trying to navigate this complex life.

We must make the journey, knowing it will require much of us. It will stretch us, make us discern new ways of using today's tools to offer insight into eternal truths. It will challenge us to look at language in a new way. It will require a commitment of resources to ensure our digital presence can mirror the quality and quantity of secular outreach.

Further, we must go to these spaces not only with a desire to share faith-filled digital content, but to model healthy use and consumption. This means we need to create social campaigns that teach young people how to use digital media in service to those in need and to give voice to those who are voiceless.

Young people are experiencing a crisis in mission and witness. Out of fear of publicly sharing faith on their personal social media platforms, many resort to one-on-one private sharing via text or email.

If our missionary disciples fear retaliation for sharing their faith online, how do we expect people who are away from the church to engage in public dialogue or explore the beauty of what the church offers?

These challenges are real, but the power of the Holy Spirit is stronger. Over 2,000 years ago, the disciples left that Upper Room and taught us how to go out and communicate a message of hope. They went to their respective ends of the earth, and through word and witness spoke a message of truth, goodness and beauty.

Today's digital highways are our ends of the earth. Use of digital media is not the only answer in helping to reverse the decline in religiosity of today's young people.

# Vocation View



By  
Father  
Matthew Reese

Diocesan  
Director Of  
Vocations

Free will. It is an interesting thing given to human beings by our God. Free will is something that allows us to make our own choices in life. Some of those choices can be good while other choices can be bad. Some of those choices can make us happy while other choices can make us sad. Some of those choices can be to follow what God asks of us while some of those choices can reject what God asks of us.

Embracing a priestly vocation is heavily dependent on how one utilizes his own free will. One suggestion I stand by and make to all the faithful is that if you see a young man whom you think has the qualities that make for a good priest, tell him. That is a great sign of encouragement, to have someone randomly yet sincerely tell a man "You would make a good priest." However, after you do that free will takes over.

In my job as Director of Vocations it is so easy to become disheartened by having many young men say that they do not want to become a priest. However, no matter how often anyone of us may point out to a young man that he may make a good priest and may in fact have a vocation, we must allow them to have free will. We must allow them to say "no".

This same free will is applicable to God directly calling a young man to a priestly vocation. God may call very clearly, but if a man does not want to follow that call, even God will not force him to do so. Sometimes it hurts when a person uses their free will to say no to God, especially when God is asking them to embrace a priestly or religious vocation. However, you who are parents know that there comes a time when you must allow your children to make their own decisions, good or bad. God knows that there comes a time when one has to make a decision to follow or to not follow the plan He has for him or her in life.

For us, clergy and laity, who keep trying our best to encourage priestly vocations, it is hard to keep positive when we are continually met with answers of "no". We must allow each young man the ability to use his free will though. We cannot force anyone to be a priest, nor should we. The best we can do is continue to pray that hearts be opened to God and that young men have more courage to explore the possibility that God may in fact be calling them to this vocation.

Father Matthew Reese is the  
Diocesan

## Novena In Honor Of Saint Anne, Mother of Mary



**July 18 - 26, 2018**  
**7:00 PM Mass each**  
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# Keep It Cool When It Gets Hot



By Cindy O'Connor



School is out and there is more time for family fun in the sun! It is prime season for family-friendly activities, whether it is overnight travel or day trips, our region has much to offer for outside adventures.

Summer blessings include an abundance of sunshine that brings with it warm summer heat waves. As parents and caregivers partake and support family events and activities, we encourage everyone to take precautions to stay hydrated and cool during rising temperatures.

Staying cool from the heat also includes watching the rising temperature of our own temperaments. When the heat index rises, it becomes unbearably uncomfortable. This can interfere with our daily lives, raising our internal temperature, resulting in losing our cool towards our loved ones.

Parenting is difficult with or without the heat. While trying to manage day to day schedules should an unexpected crisis arise, we can all regrettably 'loose it'. We may not always portray the parent we want to be.

Please know your triggers and recognize the signs that may occur when you think things may start getting challenging. When you start feeling frustrated do you feel flushed, hold your breath, panic and feel helpless?

A few suggestions to keep in mind and to assist you with undesirable moments might include: walking away from the situation and take a time out, BREATHE (a lot if you need to), drink a glass of water, cry, call someone to help to calm you down and one of the best offering of advice is to pray.

We also suggest that during the next few summer months with expected increased temperatures, we ask that you please consider checking in on your senior neighbors and folks that have chronic conditions. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers suggestions

for protecting the vulnerable groups from extreme heat please check out: <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/specificgroups.html>.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offers information for parents on their website ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)) under the 'issues and action' tab, category: marriage and family, topic: parents and parenting. The following articles listed are currently available on the USCCB website:

- Balancing family and work
  - Caring for children while you care for aging parents
  - Help for empty-nesters
  - Books on Parenting: For Your Marriage
- Recommendations
- How to Take Young Children to Mass
  - Surviving the First Year of Parenthood
  - Marriage and a Special Needs Child
  - A Lesson in Love From Our Dying Son
  - The Blessing of "Unanswered Prayers": An Adoption Story
  - Grandparents: Models, Mentors and

## 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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- \* Crisis Intervention
- \* Case Management
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- 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.

Memory-Makers

I enjoy listening to talk radio shows during my commute to and from work. For years I have favored broadcasts of several Christian-based organizations that offer tools on a variety of topics for every member of a family; each providing web-based resources and podcasts. I invite you to visit my favorites and explore their recommendations for your needs:

- Focus on the Family ([www.focusonthefamily.com](http://www.focusonthefamily.com))
- Intentional Living ([www.theintentionallife.com](http://www.theintentionallife.com))
- Dr. James Dobson, Family Talk ([www.drjamesdobson.org](http://www.drjamesdobson.org))

Stay as cool as you can and when life tests your patience, allow Reinhold Niebuhr's Serenity Prayer to offer peace in prayer:

*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as the pathway to peace. Taking as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen*

For inquires on youth protection and safe environment efforts within the Diocese of Altoona-Johnston please contact Cindy O'Connor at (814) 695-5579, extension 2621 or via email at [coconnor@dioceseaj.org](mailto:coconnor@dioceseaj.org).

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**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Members of the 2018 Confirmation class at Saint Mary Parish in Hollidaysburg pictured (left to right) are: First row--Terry Curfman, Confirmation Team; Connie Curfman, director of Religious Education; Kaelyn Perrin, Olivia Pietrolungo, Sophia Kelly-Riley, Megan Hagg and Sharon King, Confirmation Team. Second row--Maria Murphy, Sergio Slebodnik, Rachel, Lishinsky, Carson Bryan, Payton Ruggery, and Audrey Westley. Third row--Bradley Shaffer, Angela McGarvey, Claire Sauerland, Father Anthony Legarski, pastor; Hannah Snyder, and Noah Anneski. Absent from the photo is Andrew McMullen.



**FIRST COMMUNION:** Members of the Saint Benedict Parish, Carrolltown, First Communion class pictured (left to right) are: First row--Emma Bender, Reilly Deckard, Michaela Wallen, Carter Bradley, Kara Valeria, Benjamin Valeria, Morgan Yeckley, Anthony LaMark, and Caitlyn Bishop. Second row- David Burskey, Amelia Bertram, Autumn Groer, Alixandra Baker, Madison Rezk, Taylin Trybus, Brayden Patterson, Gerek Hollis, and Gwendolyn English. Third row--Ty Gwizdak, Roxxie Westrick, Evan Thomas, Adisyn Thomas, Olivia Walls, Delilah, O'Leary, Father Jude W. Brady, O.S.B., pastor. Fourth row- Jeffery Maucieri, Principal, Nolan Clawson, Dylan Bodek, Brother Michael J. Miller O.S.B., second grade teacher, Wyatt Johnston, Gavin Farabaugh, Arianna Jasper, Kennedy Greene, Nicholas Zaliznock, Suzanne Bills, director of Religious Education; and Nancy Lamont, second grade catechist.



**RESURRECTION FIRST COMMUNION:** Members of the Johnstown Resurrection Parish First Communion class pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Ethan Delia, Mallory Carbaugh, Sydnee Madden, and Mason Dugan. Back row--Francine Findley, catechist; Father George Gulash, pastor; and Christine Babik, director of Religious Education.



**ARCURIO CONFIRMED:** Roman Arcurio of Saint Clare of Assisi Parish in Johnstown received Confirmation. Pictured with him are Father Matthew Misurda, pastor; and Joan Cammarata, director of Religious Education.



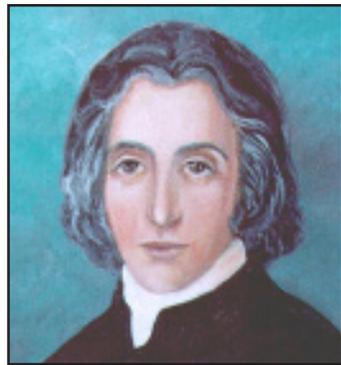
**RECEIVE FIRST COMMUNION:** Three students from Saint Joseph Parish in Renovo received their First Holy Communion. Pictured (left to right) are: Father Joseph Orr, administrator; Jason Zuback, Hunter Jarrett, Thomas Tarantella, and Angela Lavelle, second grade catechist.

## The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

### Executive Program Assistant For The Diocesan Education Office

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## A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

The Servant Of God  
Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin  
1770 - 1840

## St. Frances Cabrini Is Model For Handling Modern Migration, Says Pope

By **Cindy Wooden**  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- St. Frances Cabrini, the missionary to Italian immigrants in the United States in the late 1800s and early 1900s, "teaches us the path to handling the epochal phenomenon of migration by joining charity and justice," Pope Francis said.

The nun, who died Dec. 22, 1917, in Chicago, "understood that modernity would be marked by

these enormous migrations and by human beings who were uprooted, in a crisis of identity, often desperate and lacking the resources needed" to make a new life in a new land, the pope said.

Pope Francis wrote about the nun, the first U.S. citizen to become a saint, in the preface to a new Italian biography of her. Lucetta Scaraffia, a historian and frequent contributor to the Vatican newspaper, wrote the book, "Tra Terra e Cielo" ("Between Earth and Heaven").

L'Osservatore Romano, the

Vatican newspaper, published the pope's preface Nov. 8.

St. Frances Cabrini wanted to be a missionary in China, but Pope Leo XIII asked her to go instead to the United States to care for Italian immigrants. "Frances obeyed," Pope Francis wrote, "and a world was thrown open before her: that of hundreds of thousands of human beings who sought work and bread far from their homelands, risking long voyages that were often dangerous in lands that were unknown and hostile."

Sister Cabrini set up "large, beautiful and lasting" schools, hospitals, orphanages and centers for welcoming and assisting refugees, the pope said. When the large wave of Italian immigration ended, she and her sisters focused on whatever group of newcomers needed their help most.

But she "knew that it wasn't enough to help them materially, teach them the language of their new country and cure them when they were sick," the pope wrote; she also knew that their self-respect and identity needed support and that the roots of both were found often in their faith.

"Insertion into a new country meant accepting its rules and laws" and being treated with dignity, the pope said. "These objectives are still valid today" and include "the recognition of and respect for one's religious roots and those of others."

The very concrete, but all-encompassing outreach of St. Frances Cabrini, he said, is why it was "precisely a woman who became the patron of migrants."

"She was a woman who knew how to unite great charity with a prophetic spirit that understood modernity in its less positive aspects, those aspects that involved the earth's poor whom intellectuals and politicians did not want to see," 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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Kindly send information about favors granted to:

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## Professes First Vows



SISTER PHILOMENA ANNE

On June 9, 2018, the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm witnessed Sister Philomena Anne's profession of First Vows of Obedience, Poverty and Chastity in the Order of Carmel. It was held at Saint Teresa's Motherhouse in Germantown, New York. Very Rev. Michael Kissane, O.Carm. was the principal celebrant and Very Rev. Mario Esposito, O.Carm. was Master of Ceremony.

Concelebrating at Mass were other Carmelite Friars- Rev. James Hess, O.Carm., Rev. Justin Cinnante, O.Carm., and Rev. Nicholas Blackwell, O.Carm. Sister Philomena's family from Lynchburg, Vir-

ginia and West Milford, New Jersey came to attend. Sister Philomena Anne arrived at Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Center, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, on June 18 to begin her mission assignment.

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**CONFIRMATION:** Members of the Resurrection Parish in Johnstown Confirmation class pictured (left to right) are: First row--Emily Knapp, Kate Knapp, and Nick Gorschak. Second row--Kate Isenberg, Tara Vatauvuk, and Trent Karalfa. Third row--Brendan Veney, Laura Bach, Zach Coleman, and Jesse Plowchin.



**SENIORS HONORED:** The Family Life Committee of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Altoona, honored the high school graduates at a parish Mass. The graduates honored and pictured (left to right) are: First row-- Coby Bernhart-Horton, Gabriella Petrarca, Emily Stevens. Second row--Franciscan Father Carl Vacek, parochial vicar; Masen Nartatez, Ryan Berger, Braeden Burchfield, Noah Murray, and Franciscan Father Frank Scornaienchi, pastor.

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**RECEIVE FIRST COMMUNION:** Emma Jo Summers and Avery Wallace of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Altoona, made their First Holy Communion. Pictured (left to right) are: Chris Laraia, Summers, Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, administrator; Wallace, and his mother Erika Smithmyer.



**SAINT BARTHOLOMEW FIRST COMMUNION CLASS:** Members of the Saint Bartholomew Parish, Wilmore, First Communion class pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Troy Miller, Lily Horvath, and Jacob Fisher. Back row--Father Joseph C. Nale, pastor; and Diana Frantz, director of Religious Education.



**THREE CONFIRMED:** Three members of Saint Catherine Parish in Duncansville have been Confirmed. They pictured (left to right) are: Aaron Reed, Shayna Helsel, and Caden Hazenstab. Monsignor Robert Saly is their pastor.



**SCHOLARSHIP WINNER:** McKenna Dugan is the 2018 recipient of the Labriola Scholarship given to a high school senior from Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Altoona. Attending the presentation and pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Anthony Labriola, Dugan, and Father Brian Saylor, pastor. Back row--Charlene Labriola, Judy Rossi, Kate Labriola, James Dugan, Michele Dugan, and Patrick Labriola. The award represents outstanding academic achievement and service to the community.



**\$20,000 DONATED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:** First Commonwealth Bank presented \$20,000 to the Diocese's 14 elementary and four independent high schools for need based student scholarships. The award was facilitated through the PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program. Pictured (left to right) are: Sister of Charity Donna Marie Leiden, director of Education, Altoona-Johnstown Diocese; Bryan Fisher, First Commonwealth Bank senior vice president/Market Leader; Bishop Mark L. Bartchak; Dana Peo, First Commonwealth Bank Financial Solutions Center manager/Logan Valley Mall; and Pam Seasoltz, director of Stewardship and Development, Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. For the 2017-2018 school year, 1,107 students received EITC funding awarded through the Diocese's Second Century Scholarship Fund.



Photo By Tony DeGola

**VENERATING RELIC:** Saint Aloysius Parish in Cresson celebrated the feast of its patron, Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, on Wednesday, June 20 and Thursday, June 21 with 24-hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass. Following the Liturgy, the faithful had the opportunity to venerate a relic of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga. Sister of Mercy Eric Marie Setlock is shown venerating the relic held by Father Matthew Reese, Temporary Administrator of the parish.

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# Serra Club Celebration



**2018-2019 SERRA CLUB OFFICERS:** The Serra Club of Cambria County celebrated its 52nd anniversary with installation of officers at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark L. Barchak at Saint Therese Church in Johnstown. Deacon Michael Russo served as chaplain. Officers and Serra Club members pictured (left to right) are: First row--Father Angelo Patti, Serra Club chaplain; Jean Hammer, Patricia Balagusz, trustee; Helen Balagusz, Barbara Bartkovich, president; Fran Yetsko, vice-president of Programs; Mary Beyer, Mary Danyluk, and Georgene Dubovecky, treasurer. Second row-- Louise Fisher, vice-president of Communications; Richard Blaschak, Margaret Zidak, trustee; Susan Brett, vice-president of Vocations; and Joanne Johnson. Third row-- Bernard Smith, Rose Eckenrod, Eugene Gorman, trustee; Bishop Mark Barchak, Marjorie Lechene. Absent from the photo are: Patricia Falcone, secretary; Joan Stofko, vice-president of Membership; and John Cordell. Concelebrating the Mass were: Monsignor Michael A. Becker, Franciscan Friar Father Bernard Karmanocky, Father Robert Oravetz Father Angelo Patti, Serra Club chaplain; and Father Francis P. Balestino. Altar Servers were: Seminarian Michael Pleva; Matthew and Joshua Bence, Fred Galiole, and Sue Wachs.

## May They Rest In Peace



**FATHER PATRICK GEORGE, T.O.R.**

Fr. Patrick George, T.O.R., 89, formerly Fr. Isadore, of the Third Order Regular Franciscans of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, died early Saturday morning, June 30, at St. Francis Friary-Mt. Assisi, Loretto Pennsylvania, after an illness. He was born on May 9, 1929, in Pitcairn, PA, and was the

son of the late James George and Loretta Kintz George. Father Patrick entered postulancy at Mt. Assisi Friary on September 4, 1947. On July 1, 1948, he entered novitiate at Bonaventure Hall, Loretto, PA, and pronounced his first vows on July 1, 1949 at Mt. Assisi Friary, Loretto. On July 1, 1952, he pronounced his solemn vows at Mt. Assisi Friary, Loretto, PA. Father Patrick was ordained to the priesthood on May 2, 1955 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, by the late Bishop Richard Guilfoyle, D.D., Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. He completed Theological Studies at St. Francis Seminary, Loretto, PA, in 1955.

In 2005, Fr. Patrick was assigned to St. Francis Friary-Mt. Assisi, Loretto, PA and served in the ministry of prayer. Fr. Patrick was preceded in death by brothers: Donald, Thomas, Arthur, Paul, Daniel, Lawrence, James and Gerald; sisters Dorothy George and Rose Marie Mansell. He is survived by his brother Leo, in Florida, and his sisters Bernadette Tenney, Lima, Ohio, and Loretta Bills, Meadville, PA, and numerous nieces and nephews and cousins, and his Franciscan brothers. Memorial contributions may be made to support retired T.O.R. Friars, c/o T.O.R. Retirement Fund, St. Francis Friary, P.O. Box 137, Loretto, PA 15940.



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	<b>7:00-9:00 PM</b>	<b>"The '97 Gang" Johnny Cash/Lure Carler</b>
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12:30-3:00 PM</b>	<b>Neil Greenberg and Jackie Hopps</b>
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- Saturday, September 8 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Administration Center in Hollidaysburg
- Saturday, September 22 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Saint Patrick School Building in Johnstown

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# Supreme Court Ends Busy Year

By Carol Zimmerman  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- "That's a wrap" could have been said late morning June 27 at the U.S. Supreme Court after the court issued its last two decisions of the term. Except that it was not a wrap by a long shot.

Just a few hours after the court released its final decisions, longtime Justice Anthony Kennedy announced his retirement, which immediately got wheels of speculation spinning about his potential replacement and what that would mean for the future balance of the court.

Almost immediately, President Donald Trump said he would move quickly to fill the spot, saying he already has a list of candidates in hand. And the day after this announcement, the court released another handful of cases on the docket for its next term that begins Oct. 1. But before all attention shifts to the next session, there is still plenty to review from the court's term that just ended -- a busy nine months

with more than 75 cases argued, and decided on, by the court.

Big cases this year involved the president's travel ban, a same-sex wedding cake, gerrymandering, sports betting, cellphone tracking, union dues and pro-life pregnancy centers.

Catholic Church leaders weighed in on many of these cases, submitting friend-of-the-court briefs and issuing statements after the decisions were announced. Catholic newspaper editorials addressed sports betting and Catholic advocates spoke up on the court's actions on the death penalty.

The court, near the end of this term, announced its 5-4 decision upholding Trump's travel ban preventing people entering the U.S. from some Muslim-majority countries.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Legal Immigration Network expressed disappointment with the ruling and also had filed a combined friend-of-the court brief with harsh criticism of the president's order, saying it showed "blatant religious discrimination" and was a major threat to religious liberty.



**BELLEFONTE FIRST COMMUNION:** Members of Saint John the Evangelist First Communion class pictured (left to right) are: First row--Jennifer Gill, Isaac Johnson, Thomas Floravit, Alexis Winters, Madelyn Williams, Charlotte Coslo, Megan Weiser, James Wierbowski, Eric Burns, Stella Puhala, Reagan-May Merlino, Ava McNichol, Liam Bendel, Brogen Waite, and Adrienne Masullo. Second row--Jonathan Gasper, Cody Gehringer, Nolan Hockenberry, Bridget Dechow, Mindo, Estrella, Emma Roland, Wesley Cooke, Teagan Toner, Madison Bohn, Leah Warren, Riley Hoy, William Hoover, Samuel Witmer. Third row--Deacon Tom Bolden, Father George Jakopac, pastor; and Michelle Davis.

## Bishops Begin Trip To Border With Mass

By Rhina Guidos  
Catholic News Service

**MCALLEN, Texas (CNS)** -- The bishops of the Catholic Church in the United States have for weeks expressed outrage and condemned the government's recent practice of separating children from a parent or a family member if they're caught crossing the U.S.-Mexico border without legal documentation.

On July 1, led by the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, a delegation of prelates from around the country physically stepped into the ground zero of the immigration debate when they arrived in the Brownsville-McAllen area near the southern border to meet with those affected by the policy.

"This is a sign that the bishops of the United States are concerned about the situation and the circumstances affecting people, not just those who live in Brownsville but all along the border," said the local bishop, Bishop Daniel E.

Flores of Brownsville during a July 1 interview with Catholic News Service. Bishop Flores welcomed the delegation led by the president of the USCCB, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, during a morning Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle-National Shrine near McAllen.

Auxiliary Bishop Robert J. Brennan of Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, and Bishop Joseph C. Bambera of Scranton, Pennsylvania, also were present during the Mass. Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, who is vice president of the USCCB, is expected to join the delegation.

Referring to the Sunday Gospel readings from the Book of Mark, in which Jesus heals the daughter of the Biblical Jairus, Bishop Flores, who delivered the homily, said that what the bishops were doing near the border was similar. Jesus was attentive to the woman who touched him and wanted to be healed. Jesus was capable of stopping for a moment and listening to her and tending to her so he could heal her. The story provides the people of God

an example of what God wants, he said.

"Let's ask the Lord to allow us to see with open eyes to respond with compassionate hearts," he said. "We can be a country of laws without being a nation that lacks compassion."

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# Word of Life



## The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis  
**Communication Question  
 Must Be Decided By  
 Local Bishop**

The question of allowing Protestants married to Catholics to receive Communion at Mass in special cases has to be decided by each individual bishop and cannot be decided by a bishops' conference, Pope Francis told reporters after a one-day ecumenical journey to Geneva.

During an inflight news con-

ference June 21, the pope was asked about his recent decision requesting the Catholic bishops' conference of Germany not publish nationwide guidelines for allowing Communion for such couples.

He said the guidelines went beyond what is foreseen by the Code of Canon law "and there is the problem." The code does not provide for nationwide policies, he said,



**FIRST COMMUNICANTS:** Members of the Prince of Peace Parish in Northern Cambria First Communion Class pictured (left to right) are: First row--Abigail McMullen, Carter Orosz, Ileigh Hassen, Ady Goodlin, Ella Carpinello, and Blake Orosz. Second row--Logan Rouse, Emma Carpinello, Simon Rounsley, Aubrey Hood, Haylee Nelson, Alexander Kosh, and Sophia Fry. Third row--Father Donald Dusza, pastor; Deacon Gary Gill, Sherry Delosh, catechist; and Dee Zernick director of Religious Education.

but "provides for the bishop of the diocese (to make a decision on each

case), not the bishops' conference."

"This was the difficulty of the debate. Not the content," he said.

Cardinal-designate Luis Ladaria, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, had written the bishops that "the Holy Father has reached the conclusion that the document has not matured enough to be published."

Pope Francis expanded on that by saying it will have to be studied more. He said he believed what could be done is an "illustrative" type of document "so that each diocesan bishop could oversee what the Code of Canon Law permits. There was no stepping on the brakes," he said.

The bishops' conference can study the issue and offer guidelines that help each bishop handle each individual case, he said.

When asked about countries' recent reluctance to take in refugees, the pope underlined the basics every

nation should provide, "welcoming, accompaniment, (help with) settling in, integrate."

He added that each government must act with "prudence" and understand how many people it can educate and integrate and help.

In response to another question the pope said human rights are in a serious state of crisis today, having become relative or unimportant in the eyes of some parts of the world.

Today there is a "crisis of hope, a crisis of human rights, a crisis of mediation, a crisis of peace," he said.

Pope Francis said he and leaders of the World Council of Churches discussed this crisis during a private lunch, and one Protestant pastor commented that "perhaps the first human right is the right to have hope."

The lack of belief in and enthusiasm for basic human rights is a serious concern, he said, and "we have to look for the causes for how we got here -- that human rights today are relative, even the right to peace is relative. It is a crisis of human rights."

Recounting remarks he had heard, he said: "If a Third World War is waged, we know what weapons will be used. But if there were to be a fourth, it will be waged with sticks, because humanity will have been destroyed."

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## Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle

### Organ Donation, Flags On The Altar

Q. I would like to donate my remains to medical science. Does the Catholic Church approve or disapprove of this action? (Chesapeake, Virginia)

A. The Catholic Church not only allows this but encourages it. Your donation could enable doctors, nurses and medical researchers to understand the human body better and save lives in the future.

The U.S. Catholic bishops in their policy document Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services state that Catholic health care facilities should provide the means for those who wish to donate organs and bodily tissue both for transplant and for research (No. 63). Likewise, St. John Paul II in his 1995 encyclical "The Gospel of Life"

called organ donation an act of "everyday heroism" that nurtures a genuine culture of life (No. 86).

A couple of cautions are in place, though. First, a Catholic funeral Mass may and should still be held, even without the presence of the body (i.e., a memorial Mass), to entrust the deceased person to the Lord and to allow the family to mourn and pray together.

Next, following the medical research, any bodily remains should be entombed or buried in consecrated ground. And finally, it is wise for someone intending to donate his or her body to communicate that desire to family members well in advance to avoid surprise or family friction at the time of death.

Q. Our parish is meeting in temporary quarters for Mass be-

cause we are building a new church. This place has the American flag and the Arkansas state flag flanking the altar. Should those flags be removed during the Mass? (Jonesboro, Arkansas)

A. Perhaps surprisingly, the Catholic Church has no binding regulation on the placement of flags within a church building -- neither in the Code of Canon Law nor in any of its liturgical books. It is left to the judgment of the diocesan bishop, who most often leaves it to the discretion of the local pastor.

Having said that, it is true that the U.S. bishops' Committee on the Liturgy has encouraged Catholic parishes not to place a national flag in the sanctuary itself and so, more often, it is displayed in a church's vestibule. Underlying that suggestion is the fact that Catholics belong to a universal faith community that transcends national borders and that, as St. Paul tells the Philippians (3:20), our primary citizenship is in heaven.

This same thinking guides the placement of flags on a casket during a funeral Mass, and here there actually is a rule that governs. The Order of Christian Funerals provides that "any national flags or the flags or insignia of associations to which the deceased belonged are to be removed from the coffin at the entrance of the church. They may be replaced after the coffin has been taken from the church" (No. 132). During the Mass itself, a white funeral pall normally covers the casket as a symbol of the person's baptism.

It sounds to me from your question, though, that you may be borrowing a Protestant worship space while your own new church is being built. If this is the case, I think that as a grateful guest I would be cautious about doing any "structural rearrangement" and might be tempted to leave the national and state flags just where they are.



## For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola

### Sacraments As A Door To The Sacred

It was near the end of a long East Coast visit, a road trip that took us to visit a priest friend at the University of Notre Dame, the sights at Niagara Falls and an Italian cousin who was visiting my husband's extended family.

We had driven hundreds of miles, but this day we were merely out doing errands, picking up household necessities for a daughter moving into a new apartment.

The crash came, like they all do, suddenly. We must have been in the lady's blind spot, the lady who suddenly threw on her blinker and turned directly into our path. Taking evasive action, my husband swung the car dramatically to the right.

Like a movie car chase, we bumped roughly over a curb and came to an abrupt stop. Unlike a movie, we did not slam the car into reverse and speed off merrily down the street. Two tires were collapsed and fluid leaked ominously.

The other driver was irritatingly nonchalant. I don't think she realized that our car was close to being totaled from this misadventure.

When events like this happen, we often wonder, where was God in all this? Of course, we were very grateful that we and the other driver and her passenger walked away safely.

But still, I recalled that at the beginning of our road trip, I had taken a little vial of holy water that I had obtained on a recent trip to Ireland and blessed our car with it. The water came from the site at Knock where an apparition of Mary was said to have occurred in the 19th century as the country was recovering from famine.

I examined my motivations for this act of private devotion. I love the sacramentals of our faith -- the symbols that the Catechism of the Catholic Church defines as "sacred signs that ... signify effects, particu-

larly of a spiritual nature, which are obtained through the intercession of the church."

I have a lively Catholic imagination, and love the bells and whistles -- the medals, pilgrimages, the candles lit in dusky churches, the relics, the holy water. If it's not your cup of tea, that's OK. But for me, it's a source of solace and closeness to the sacred.

The important thing is to remind myself that these sacramentals open my heart to God and are not superstitious assurances that I am somehow magically protected from the world's threats.

In his new book, "Barking to the Choir," Jesuit Father Greg Boyle, who has made a career out of helping ex-gang members reclaim their lives, offered a comment I have meditated over.

"God does not protect (us) from anything," Father Boyle said, "but he sustains (us) through everything."

Father Boyle was remembering how, during the World Trade Center bombings, many people were killed in the towers but many, for reasons as mundane as oversleeping or stopping to buy doughnuts on the way to work, were spared death. No, God's grace was operating with all those who died and with those who lived. We have a natural inclination to ask God to protect us. In tight situations, I say the Hail Mary like a mantra. I believe, if anything, God offers us protection from the evil one, the very real presence of wickedness that pursues us.

But we're all going to suffer and we're all going to die. We don't ask to be spared this, just as Jesus was not spared, but we ask to trust the will of God who sustains us.

Josemaría Escrivá  
de Balaguer  
1902-1975

Born in Barbastro, Spain, Josemaría was ordained a priest in 1925. In 1928, he founded Opus Dei, Latin for "God's work," as an apostolate in the ordinary circumstances of life, especially work, focusing on the universal call to holiness. It includes laypeople, priests and seminarians. Msgr. Escrivá died in 1975 in Rome, where he had lived, directing the international organization, since 1946. In 1982 Opus Dei was given the status of a personal prelature, the equivalent of a nonterritorial diocese. Its founder was beatified in 1992 and canonized in 2002.

# Now Showing

## “Jurassic Park: Fallen Kingdom” Has Little To Offer



Follow-up to the 2015 reboot of a franchise that began with Steven Spielberg's blockbuster 1993 screen version of Michael Crichton's 1990 novel "Jurassic Park." With the last of the cloned dinosaurs at the heart of the series facing extinction due to a volcanic eruption, the former head (Bryce Dallas Howard) of the theme park that once featured them and an ex-trainer (Chris Pratt) from the same facility agree to help transport them to an isolated sanctuary. But there's a conspiracy afoot to abduct the outsized critters and use them as weapons. Beyond the refreshingly innocent, on-again, off-again romance between the two leads, and the dubious appeal of watching dinos run amok and chow down on the occasional extra, director J.A. Bayona's action adventure has little to offer. Much animal violence with occasional gore and a few gruesome images, some gunplay, a couple of profanities and milder oaths, a single rough and several crude and crass terms. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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A half - hour of local Church news and features

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## Faith Day

“In today’s Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80, we read about Saint John The Baptist. At his birth there are those that wanted to name him Zechariah. But, his mother, Elizabeth, said he will be called, John, as directed by an angel to Zechariah,” said Bishop Mark.

He would live on to become John The Baptist and carry God’s message to His people, reminded Bishop Mark. He said the name, “John,” means God Shows Mercy.

“We all have a name tag. On one side we are all the same, Christians and Disciples of Christ,” he said.

In the preface of the Family Faith Day program, Bishop mark recalled the words of Pope Francis who said that family is the most beautiful thing God created.

“I really thought Family Faith Day was wonderful this year,” said

Francine Swope one of the coordinators of the event. Tony DeGol is also a coordinator.

Said Francine, “Seeing the families in our first ever Family Faith Day procession was a great addition to our celebration. It made a clear statement of how important our families are to our diocese and parishes.”

The families and children had an enjoyable day at the park. The humid day was perfect for cooling off in the Water Park Laguna Splash that includes the Lazy River and Wave pool. The children and adult rides are equally refreshing. There are also midway games and Del-grosso food, for which the park is known.

Evonne Yanzetich-Homway led the Greater Johnstown Youth Chorale in a performance that preceded the annual Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark and priests of the diocese.

New this year was the Family Faith Procession, which led the Bishop and clergy to the Altar. All

corners of the diocese were well-represented.

Following the Mass, the Second Annual DAJ’s Best Dessert Contest was held. The judges chose Mary Gebhardt’s Coconut Creme Ice Cream Cake as the best. Father Robert Reese, came in second place with a Hot Fudge Peanut Butter Pie. Father Robert is the pastor at Saint Joan of Arc Parish in Frugality and Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish in Ashville. Third place went to Heather Leskovansky of Saint John The Evangelist Parish in Bellefonte, who entered a Cherry Dump Cake.

“This day is an opportunity for parishes from all across the diocese to see that their church is bigger than just their parish,” Francine said

“There are lots of parishes and people just like them in the eight counties of our diocese. We all share the importance of the faith in our lives and this provided an opportunity to share it with each other.”



**FAITH DAY PARADE:** Parish representatives carrying banners led the 2018 Family Faith Day Procession to Mass. The annual Faith Day celebration was held on Sunday, June 24 at DelGrosso Amusement Park in Tipton.

## Coming Up On Proclaim!

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

July 15 -- Prince Gallitzin Cross honorees John Rita of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Altoona and Angela Zinobile of Saint Mary Parish in Shade Gap will discuss their commitment to serving the Church.

July 22 -- Father Mark Pattock, OFM Cap., newly-appointed Pastor and Retreat Center Director at Saint John the Baptist Parish in New Baltimore, will share his vision for the retreat center.

  
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## Camp Timothy

are, who we are, what we're about, we owe it all to God."

Prayerfulness is another characteristic, he continued, which involves not only speaking to God, but listening. One can listen to God through the Bible.

"We all know who Jesus is," he mentioned. "It's the same Jesus who speaks to us when we hear the Word of God."

Other characteristics of a servant include devotion, giving to others, humility, and being ready to act, emphasized Bishop Mark.

"I think it's important for us to know exactly how to be a servant because how are we supposed to continue to listen to the Lord and do what He wants us to do if we don't understand how to be a servant?," posed camper Brendan Veney, a member of Resurrection Parish in Johnstown. "I think it was helpful for Bishop Mark to lay that out for us so we're able to go into the world and apply these six characteristics that he gave us to be a servant so that we're servants to everyone we meet – not just when we come to camp, but out in the world every time we're interacting with people."

Other visitors to Camp Timothy included Diocesan Director of Vocations Father Matthew Reese and Father Jonathan Dickson, Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College. Like Bishop Mark, they also celebrated Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Besides a heavy dose of spirituality, Camp Timothy offers recreational opportunities including swimming and hiking. Another highlight was a day trip for white-water rafting at Ohio-pyle.

That adventure experience was one of many highlights for camper

Zelie Eger.

"You're just around people who are really serious about their faith, and we're all eager to learn more about our faith, so it's really an enriching experience," stated the parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish in Central City.

Sarah Farabaugh loved having the opportunity to attend daily Mass, during which she ministered as a cantor and altar server.

"It's just great to have daily

Mass, and it's very cool to have so many other young people that are as serious in their faith as you are," stressed Farabaugh, a member of Saint Nicholas Parish in Nicktown. "Sometimes when you're surrounded by all the negativity in the world, it's great to come together with teens your own age who think the same as you about your faith, that are so serious and are really eager to learn more and love to listen and be at daily Mass."

## Bishop's Appointments & Announcements

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

**REVEREND MARK PATTOCK, OFM Cap.**, appointed Pastor and Retreat Center Director at Saint John the Baptist Parish in New Baltimore, effective July 1, 2018.



**HAPPY CAMPERS:** Bishop Mark L. Bartchak visited Camp Timothy on Tuesday, June 19. Pictured in the front row (left to right): Anastazia Hall, Counselor; Joe Eger, Counselor; Isaac Yahner; Gabriel Shaffer-Merriman; Emily Cunningham; Kaylee Schall; Megan Friedof; Genny Sicree; Jonathan Eger; Tim Morris, Counselor; and Jason Morse, Adult Staff. Second Row: Emily Burgo, Counselor; Kimmy Deighan; Bishop Mark; Ashlea Eaton; Ava Fuller; Maddy Gottshall; Rylee Zeak; Grace Callahan; Victoria McElheny; Rachael Hall; Sarah McElheny; Hope Callahan; and Ashley Kubat. Third Row: Aidan Kirwan, Counselor; Jimmy Burke; Counselor; Jonathan Jerome, Adult Staff; Francine Swope, Camp Director; Sarah Farabaugh; Zelie Eger; Brendan Veney; Katie Moore; Garrett Nicewonger; Eugene Figurelle; James Sicree; Cole Lowe; Jonathan Barnhart; Sam Cunningham; Erin Koehle, Counselor; and Patrick Melvin. Absent from photo: Theresa Morse, Adult Staff.

## Camp Openings Available

Francine Swope, director of Camp Zacchaeus, said there are openings still available for some lucky children who would like to attend either session of the camp. Camp Zacchaeus is held from July 22 to 27 and July 29 to August 3 at Camp Sequanota in Jennerstown. More information can be obtained by calling Swope at the Youth Ministry Office: (814) 317-2646. The camp is sponsored by the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese.



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# Diocesan Family Life Office Will Celebrate Marriage With Outdoor And Anniversary Masses

By Tony DeGol

The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is saying “I do” to upcoming events celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage.

Once again this year, the Family Life Office will sponsor an outdoor Mass for married couples with Bishop Mark L. Bartchak as celebrant and homilist. It is scheduled for Sunday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto.

All husbands and wives – no matter how many years they have been married – are invited to this beautiful Liturgy during which they have the opportunity to receive a blessing for married couples.

Couples, their family, and other attendees are asked to bring their own lawn chairs. If it rains, the Bishop will celebrate the Mass inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel, which is located next to the Shrine.

The Family Life Office is also getting ready for its annual Wedding Anniversary Masses in September. Couples marking milestone anniversaries – first, fifth, tenth, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, and 60<sup>th</sup>+ – are invited to register through their parish by August 21. Parishes must provide the registration information to the Family Life Office by August 23.

Husbands and wives may attend either the Sunday, September 9 Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona or the Sunday, September 16 Mass at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown. Both celebrations begin

at 2:00 p.m. with Bishop Mark as celebrant and homilist.

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wedding Anniversary Masses, according to Donna Cook, Manager of the Family Life Office.



MARRIAGES ARE HONORED EACH YEAR WITH MASSES AND SPECIAL BLESSINGS

The first celebration was held in Johnstown in 1969, and the next two were in Altoona. Because of the large number of couples attending, two separate Liturgies began in Altoona and in Johnstown in 1972, noted Cook, a tradition that continues to this day.

The golden jubilee of the Wedding Anniversary Masses is not

only a milestone for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, but also one for Jim and Mary Agnes Roccio.

The Roccios, members of Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown, have been a host couple all 50 years.

in Altoona, and then in Johnstown ever since.

A host couple greets the anniversary couples, seats them, and introduces them to the Bishop.

some of them were friends that we knew, and some of them were very important people in the diocese who were involved in other things,” remembered Mary Agnes Roccio.

While the diocese has valued the consistency of the Roccios, other aspects of the Masses have changed.

For the first 23 years, only couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries were invited, according to Cook. Since then, additional milestone anniversaries are recognized – including the first.

In fact, couples marking the most years of marriage are often the ones applauding the loudest for the first year honorees – an acknowledgement that sometimes the first year of a marriage can be the most challenging.

Another big change, noted Cook, is that 25<sup>th</sup> anniversaries far exceeded the number of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries in the early years.

“After 17 years, the number of 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries started evening out and continued to be even for 10 years,” she added. “From 1996 to the present, the number of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries are double the number of 25<sup>th</sup> anniversaries.”

Couples and their families are invited to a reception with light refreshments following both Masses in September.

The Roccios encourage couples to participate.

“We want them to come and enjoy it because it’s wonderful,” remarked Mary Agnes.

“And it will enrich your marriage by participating in this event,” added Jim.

The Roccios have fond memories of their five decades of ministry.

“Just to see that marriages have been able to be maintained and spiritually grow over that many years, that’s been the most rewarding part,” Jim Roccio said.

“Some of (the anniversary couples) were people we had taught,

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