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## Federal court denies motion to dismiss Archdiocese's headstone case

ARLINGTON, VA — A federal judge denied the state's motion to dismiss the Archdiocese of Newark's constitutional challenge to a law that makes it illegal for the archdiocese to sell headstones to its parishioners. On April 30, the court ruled that the archdiocese's case deserves a full hearing.

The Virginia-based Institute for Justice and the archdiocese filed suit last July, arguing that the new law violated the archdiocese's economic liberty because it forbids religious cemeteries from selling headstones and other monuments to parishioners.

The State Assembly passed the law at the behest of the Monument Builders Association of New Jersey, the lobbying arm of the tombstone-dealer industry. Gov. Chris Christie signed the bill on March 23, 2015.

"Contrary to the government's view, judges are not just rubber stamps for the legislature," said Greg Reed, an attorney with the Institute for Justice. "We intend to get this anti-competitive law struck down not only for the benefit of the archdiocese, but also to set prece-

dent that will protect entrepreneurs and consumers everywhere from special interests, like the monument builders here."

The court noted that the Archdiocese of Newark's challenge resembled another case out of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which struck down a Louisiana law that prevented the monks of Saint Joseph Abbey from selling their caskets to the public because they were not licensed by the state as funeral directors.

"We are grateful for the court's

wisdom and outcome for allowing this to proceed in hopes that we will once again be permitted to offer an option and valuable service that benefits many of the Catholic families we serve," said Andrew Schafer, executive director of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark.

The court ordered the parties to create a schedule for gathering and submitting evidence and legal briefs. The archdiocese expects the process to be completed by the end of the year and for the court to make a decision in early 2017.

## Immaculate Heart Academy selects new leadership

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP—Effective July 1, Patricia Molloy, current principal of Immaculate Heart Academy, will assume the role of president, and current Vice Principal Jason Schlereth will assume the role of principal.

The academy will be instituting the president/principal model of governance in order to reflect the changing and more complex educational and fiscal needs of Catholic secondary education in the 21st century.

Archbishop John J. Myers approved both the recommendation of the school's Board of Governors to adopt this new model and the selection of Molloy and Schlereth for the newly created positions. Under the model, the president serves in a role similar to that of chief executive officer, responsible for strategic planning, financial and facilities management, alumni development, admissions, and public relations. The principal, similar to that of a

chief operating officer, is responsible for academic affairs and daily operational management of Immaculate Heart Academy.

Molloy has been a member of the Immaculate Heart faculty for 43 years. She served on the administrative team for 35 of those years, 10 of them as principal.

"Having dedicated my career to Immaculate Heart Academy, I hope to continue to contribute to this outstanding school in a new and challenging role," she said. "My history at Immaculate Heart has provided me with a perspective on the institutional history of the school that is invaluable in mapping its progress forward. The academy is my home, my family, and the focus of my life. My 43 years here have been a blessing."

Schlereth started at the academy as athletic director. He became a member of the administrative team in 2010 and was promoted from assistant principal to vice



Jason Schlereth and Patricia Molloy

principal in 2013.

"It is an honor to be tasked with leading an institution as prestigious as Immaculate Heart Academy," Schlereth said. "I am very much looking forward to the opportuni-

ty to work with such a dedicated, talented faculty and a wonderful student body. Immaculate Heart is a special place filled with tremendous people, and I am thrilled to begin my new position at the school."

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# Archdiocese of Newark actively monitoring water in its schools

NEWARK—Following news reports about high levels of lead in the drinking water in the public schools of Newark and other New Jersey municipalities, Archbishop John J. Myers directed the five Catholic elementary schools and three Catholic high schools in the city of Newark cease using tap water while testing is conducted, and use only bottled water for drinking or cooking. The archdiocese also implemented a monitoring program of the water in those buildings.

Data collected to date on the Newark school sites indicate the level of lead in the water is safe in more than 95 percent of all water spouts tested. Even with this significant positive result, the archdiocese is maintaining caution and requiring the schools and parents continue to use bottled water until all outlets prove to be 100 percent safe. The results of all tests are being provided to parents as part of regular school communications.

In addition, Archbishop My-

ers has directed that monitoring and testing of drinking water be expanded to all of the 67 Catholic elementary schools and 29 Catholic high schools within the four counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union. The first phase of this expanded monitoring will involve testing of some 10 outlets in each school by a state-certified laboratory. Any positive readings will be remedied immediately.

If all 10 results come back at safe levels, the next sampling will be scheduled to coincide with the time of the next asbestos inspection (within six months) at the schools. The sample records will be archived in a manner similar to the AHERA plan used to document asbestos inspections.

Every archdiocesan school must have the water tested in a systematic fashion using licensed engineers and laboratories certified by the state. While state law and directives are evolving on an almost daily basis, the archdiocese is looking for

all of its schools to have some sampling performed prior to reopening in September.

Although the emphasis is the long-term safety of drinking water for students, Archbishop Myers has also encouraged pastors within the archdiocese to consider having the water

checked in parishes, rectories and parish centers.

There are 67 elementary schools and 29 high schools operating within the Archdiocese of Newark. They serve 17,775 students in Pre-kindergarten through Grade 8, and 12,787 students in Grades 9-12.



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Saint Vincent Academy presented awards to two students from Saint Michael School in Newark in its first Women's History Month essay contest. Rosslyn Cueva, left, took first place for her essay on Mother Teresa. Emelyn Avila, right, received an honorable mention award for her essay on her teacher, Nancy Haug. Haug, center, a teacher at Saint Michael's for 27 years, received the inaugural Woman of Distinction Award from Saint Vincent Academy at a ceremony on April 21.



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The fifth grade students at Saint Thomas the Apostle School in Bloomfield recently learned about immigration and Ellis Island in their social studies class. Students were randomly assigned a country of origin by teacher Michael Petrillo, and completed the literacy test given to immigrants in the 1900's. "The students were enthralled and excited during this lesson," Petrillo noted. Students also gathered information from their own backgrounds.

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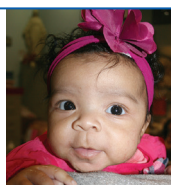
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## Day of Prayer for mariners, people of the sea

WASHINGTON—The National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for mariners and people of the sea will be celebrated May 22. The day is observed in conjunction with National Maritime Day in the U.S., which, since 1933, has recognized merchant mariners and others in the maritime industry.

The Apostleship of the Sea ministry is active in 48 dioceses in the country, including the Archdiocese of Newark. The ministry provides pastoral outreach in nearly 53 maritime ports in 26 states with a network of about 92 chaplains, priests, religious, deacons and lay ministers.

“In this Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis, may we bring the opportunity of encountering the mercy of God to our brothers and sisters who are seafarers, fishermen, and those whose occupations require them to spend most of the year away from their families, on the high seas, and sometimes facing dangerous situations,” said Bishop J. Kevin Boland, retired bishop of Savannah, GA, and Apostleship of the Sea promoter. “They too are our brothers and sisters with spiritual needs, may we accompany them in their joys and trials in life,



so they may also grow in faith and understanding of God's love.”

Special Masses will be celebrated in observance of the National Day of Prayer on Friday, May 20, at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and May 21, at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

Bishop Boland also encouraged dioceses to mark the national day by remembering the men and women of the sea in homilies and by including special petitions during Mass. When Mass is celebrated May 22, the text for the Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of the Sea, is encouraged.

The National Day of Prayer and Remembrance was designated in 2005 to encourage the faithful in the country to support, remember

and pray for merchant mariners, fishermen, port personnel and those in the maritime industry.

Ninety percent of the world's goods are transported by water. There are approximately 1.2 million seafarers worldwide in 10,000 com-

mercial ships and other vessels. The Apostleship of the Sea is a worldwide Catholic maritime ministry of spiritual and practical assistance to seafarers, fishermen, their families and all who work and travel by sea and the waterways.

## 2020 project seeks to advance protection of unborn

Column by Jennifer Ruggiero  
Diocese of Metuchen

In May 2015, the House of Representatives approved HR 36, a bill that would ban abortion at 20 weeks and later in all 50 states. Unfortunately, the bill was blocked by a Senate filibuster this past September. The U.S. is one of only seven countries in which elective, late-term abortions are legal, putting us in the same company as North Korea, China and Vietnam.

Known as the “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act,” the proposed bill includes congressional recognition that an unborn child of 20 weeks has developed pain receptors and responds to painful stimuli. This is the first step to banning all abortions and attaining equal rights for all babies in the womb.

If passed, the bill would create exceptions in cases of risk of death or permanent injury of the mother, rape, and incest against a minor. In cases of either rape or incest, it would require that the offense must be reported to law enforcement prior to the abortion. Under these circumstances, a woman who undergoes an abortion could not be prosecuted.

To promote the passage of this important piece of legislation on the state level by the year 2020, members of pro-life groups from across the state including the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, and LIFENET recently established the 2020 Project, a collaborative ongoing effort to ban abortion past 20 weeks, post-fertilization.

The 2020 Project is intended to be a multifaceted approach to advance the protection of babies in the womb including advocacy, community outreach and public education and prayer.

In New Jersey, abortion is legal throughout all three trimesters of pregnancy and, sadly, third trimester abortions are routine. This occurs despite the fact that there is a wealth of anatomical, behavioral and physiological evidence that shows that the developing baby in the womb is capable of experiencing tremendous pain by 20 weeks post-fertilization.

In November 2014, a Quinnipiac University poll found that 60 percent of Americans would support a bill like the “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.”

In the words of Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Chairman of the Pro-Life Secretariat of the United States Bishops' Conference, “the proposed ban on abortion at 20 weeks after fertilization is a place to begin uniting Americans who see themselves as ‘pro-life’ and as ‘pro-choice.’” It is promising, too, that as we continue to push for a federal ban, a five-month ban on abortion has successfully become law in 13 other states to date.

And now, in New Jersey, the 2020 Project is an effort to educate our fellow citizens about the humanity of the unborn child and the inhumanity of abortion by promoting and passing the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act by 2020.

The New Jersey version of the bill has been introduced in the Assembly, A3452, and was referred to the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee. An identical bill was introduced in the Senate, S2026.

For more information about the 2020 Project visit [www.LikeUandMe.com](http://www.LikeUandMe.com).

## Bishops support Conscience Protection Act

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops joined 25 other major pro-life, religious, and health care organizations on April 19 urging the U.S. House of Representatives to pass the Conscience Protection Act of 2016 (H.R. 4828). Signatories include 10 medical groups representing tens of thousands of health care professionals who object to abortion and are seeking legal protection to serve their patients in good conscience.

“Federal laws protecting conscientious objection to abortion have been approved for decades by congresses and presidents of both parties. Even many ‘pro-choice’ Americans realize that the logic of their position requires them to respect a choice not to be involved

in abortion,” they wrote. “Yet it is increasingly clear that the current laws offer far less protection in practice than in theory.”

The Conscience Protection Act, introduced on March 22 by Reps. John Fleming, M.D. (R-LA) and Vicky Hartzler (R-MO), addresses what they say are several loopholes in current federal laws. The letter cites a recent California mandate for almost all health plans in the state to pay for elective abortions, and the government's failure to vindicate the rights of New York nurse Cathy DeCarlo after she was pressured to assist at a late-term abortion.

The joint letter said the bill, “would mean almost no change in the substantive policy of Congress” but “would be an enormous step forward in assuring Americans who serve the sick and needy that they can do so without being forced by government to violate their most deeply held convictions on respect for innocent human life.”



## May 12

**Sacred Heart Parish**, Lyndhurst, Divine Mercy documentary screening, at AMC Clifton Commons theater 7:30 p.m., no tickets sold at the box office, call (201) 438-1147.

## May 14

**St. Agnes Parish**, Clark, parish yard sale, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., rain or shine, includes bake sale, (732) 388-7852.

## May 15

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish**, Ridgewood, career resources ministry workshop, 1 p.m., call Carol Shea at (201) 447-4215 or Tom Lewis at (201) 445-1864.

## May 16

**Metropolitan Tribunal**, Archdiocese of Newark, Marriage Canon Law training for Tribunal pastoral advocates, through May 20, at Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Kearny, (201) 997-3220 or e-mail [Pas.Avv.Training@gmail.com](mailto:Pas.Avv.Training@gmail.com).

## May 18

**Our Lady of Peace Parish**, New Providence, country fair, also on May 19, 6-10 p.m., from 6-11 p.m. on May 20 and 1-11 p.m. on May 21, includes raffle, rides and games, (908) 464-7600.

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish**, Wallington, "An Evening with Mary," featuring hymns, prayers, recitation of the rosary and candlelight procession, 7 p.m., call (201) 715-2087 or (201) 939-8576.

## May 20

**Community of God's Love**, Rutherford, "The Life of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit," light supper at 7 p.m., video at 8 p.m., followed by dessert and discussion, (201) 935-0344 or e-mail [secretary@thecgl.org](mailto:secretary@thecgl.org).

## May 24

**Serra International, District 22**, 2016 Archbishop's Vocation Fund Dinner; at Nanina's in the Park, Belleville, 6 p.m., cost: \$100, contact Rose Marie Deehan at (973) 762-

6180 or [rjdeehan@gmail.com](mailto:rjdeehan@gmail.com).

## May 25

**Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry**, Archdiocese of Newark, annual gathering on youth ministry, at Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny, for pastors, clergy, staff and volunteers, 7-9:30 p.m., contact Rich Donovan (201) 998-0088 ext. 4150 or [donovari@rcan.org](mailto:donovari@rcan.org).

## June 1

**Guardian Angel Parish**, Allendale, annual carnival, through June 4, 6-10 p.m., \$25 in advance/\$30 at the gate, includes rides, raffles, games and food, (201) 327-4359.

## June 3

**Caritas Chamber Chorale**, concert, benefiting the Adorno Fathers' St. Francis Caracciolo Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, performance at All Saints Episcopal Parish in Scotch Plains, 8 p.m., and at St. Joseph Parish, Lodi, on June 4 at 7:30 p.m., contact Barbara Sanderman

at (732) 718-0775 or [director@caritaschamberchorale.org](mailto:director@caritaschamberchorale.org).

## June 11

**Office of Family Life**, Archdiocese of Newark, natural family planning information day, at the Archdiocesan Center, 9:30 a.m.-noon, contact Jill Cherrey at (973) 497-4325 or e-mail [jillc@joyfilledmarriageenj.org](mailto:jillc@joyfilledmarriageenj.org).

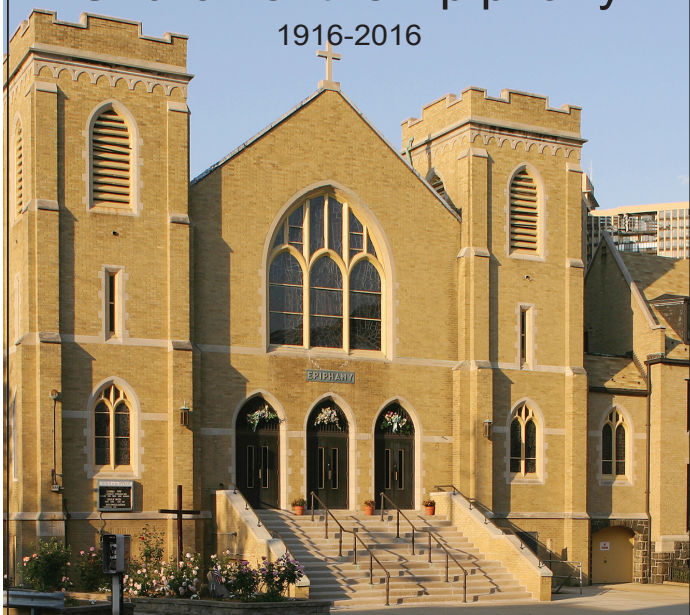
## June 11

**Holy Name Medical Center**, Teaneck, 9th annual Walk for Mom, at New Overpeck Park, Ridgefield Park, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., benefits breast cancer research, call (201) 833-7116 or visit [holyname.org/walkformom](http://holyname.org/walkformom).

## June 30

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish**, Bloomfield, summer directed retreat by the ocean, at the Upper Room Spiritual Center in Neptune, June 30-July 3 or July 7-July 10, cost: \$285, contact Anna Graziano at (973) 338-9538 or [annagraziano08@gmail.com](mailto:annagraziano08@gmail.com).

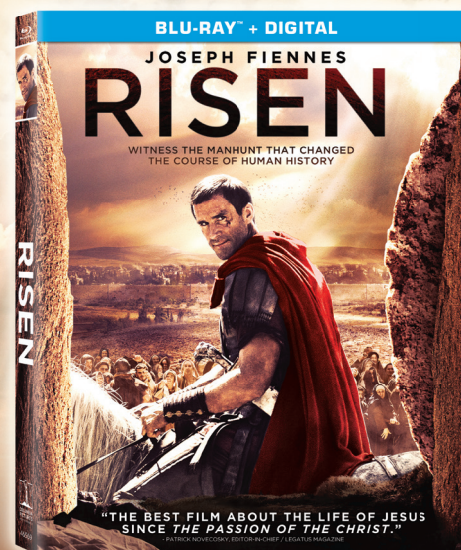
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## ***Oak Knoll student earns gold medal in national arts competition***



**"Sheep" by Emily Goncalves**

SUMMIT—Oak Knoll senior Emily Goncalves recently joined the likes of artist Andy Warhol, author Sylvia Plath and filmmaker Ken Burns, when she was awarded a National Gold Key in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Competition.

The annual competition includes 320,000 entries from across the country with only 1 percent—roughly 2,400—earning the distinction Goncalves was awarded for her picture "Sheep," which she took while performing with the Ensemble, Oak Knoll's select female vocal group, during its spring break performance trip to Ireland last year.

Goncalves' photo was among nine by Oak Knoll students that were recognized at the regional level of the annual competition in February. The students' work, which was recognized among 19,000 other regional honorees nationwide, were automatically entered into the national round of the competition.

Jennifer Breitenstein, Upper School photography teacher, praised Goncalves, noting she is the first Oak Knoll student to earn such a distinction.

"Emily's recognition signifies her steady commitment to her photography, whether she is working at home or traveling," Breitenstein said.

In particular, Breitenstein said Goncalves has developed a gift of close and quiet observation of

subjects during what was dubbed "the decisive moment" by French humanist photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson.

"In this moment, an interaction happens between a person or animal and their surroundings that will not be recorded unless the photographer captures it, without interrupting the moment, at that exact time," Breitenstein said.

Goncalves, of Elizabeth, said the award was, in part, the result of the support and encouragement she's received at Oak Knoll.

"This recognition highlights the fact that Oak Knoll has given me the opportunity to enrich myself artistically and academically. Ms. Breitenstein has always challenged me creatively, while encouraging me to enter these types of competitions, so I'm definitely grateful to have her as my teacher," Goncalves said.

"The fact I took this photograph while traveling on Ensemble's singing tour in Ireland further emphasizes the tremendous opportunities that Oak Knoll presents as well as its promotion of the arts," she said.

Goncalves' photo will be on display at the Sheila Johnson Design Center at the Parsons School of Design in New York City from June 2-12. Goncalves and her family have also been invited to the organization's annual national event at Carnegie Hall in New York City on June 2.





Submitted photo

The Parents Guild of Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, recently held a gift auction to benefit the school. In addition, donations were accepted from guests at the auction and sent to Josephine's Place in Elizabeth. The women's center was established by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth to provide a safe haven where women can connect and develop the skills they need to succeed.



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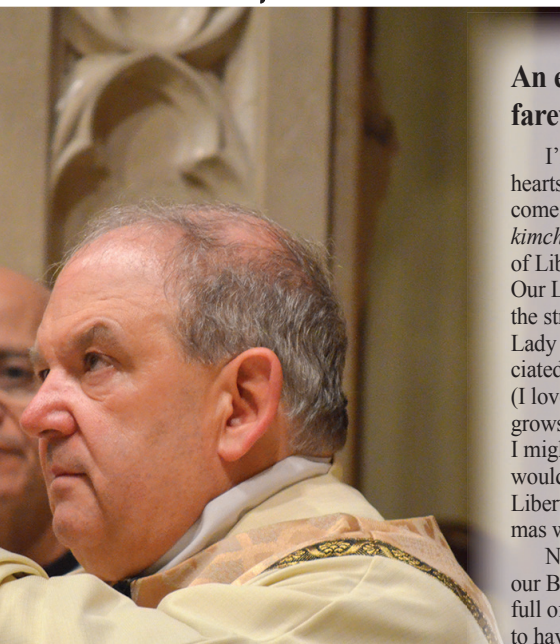
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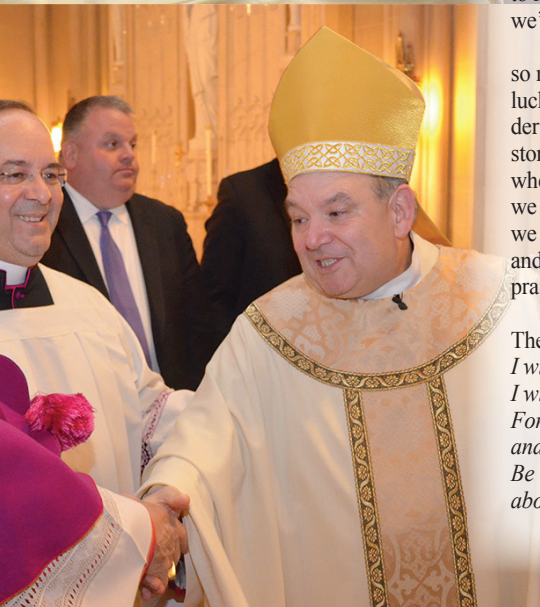
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I'm certainly grateful to all of you for opening your hearts to me and sharing your lives with me. If I hadn't come here, I would have never had a *pastel de nata*, or *kimche*, or *pancit*. I would have never heard of Our Lady of Libera or San Ciro or waved a white handkerchief at Our Lady of Fatima. I would have never processed through the streets behind a pick-up replete with an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and bearded rapping friars—or appreciated the power of St. Gerard as a prayerful intercessor. (I loved the *fiesta* of S. Gerardo, by the way, because he grows in girth faster than I did—and much more profitably, I might add). Had the Lord not brought me to Newark, I would have never begun my Ash Wednesday in a blustery Liberty State Park or spent the days leading up to Christmas with line-dancing Filipinos celebrating *Simbang Gabi*.

Not long after I came to the archdiocese I visited one of our Blue Ribbon Schools and was greeted by a young boy full of potential and joy. As I told him that we were lucky to have such a fine school, he reluctantly corrected me.... we're not lucky, archbishop, we're blessed.

Tonight as we gather in this beautiful basilica among so many friends and colleagues, I realize that I'm not lucky. I've been blessed. I've been blessed to rub shoulder with you and learn from you, you who are those living stones recognized by a 20th century saint who sat just where Archbishop Myers is sitting, Saint John Paul. As we together embrace the mission that the Lord give us, as we go where we're sent like Catherine (of Siena) and Paul and Barnabas, let us be sure to keep one another in prayer, praising the merciful God who knows just what we need:

The words of our responsorial psalm are in my heart:  
*I will give thanks to you among the peoples, O LORD,  
 I will chant your praise among the nations.  
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 Be exalted above the heavens, O God;  
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# Caldwell honors outstanding alumni with Veritas Award

Caldwell—Thanks to Skype, Caldwell University connected overseas with United States Army Col. Christopher Doneski '90 to recognize him with the Veritas Award for Excellence in Military Service. The award is the highest honor Caldwell bestows on graduates for professional excellence.

Doneski's mother, Mary Louise Donnelly Doneski '56, received the Veritas Award for Excellence in Leadership and Service, and Eileen Curtis '68, received the Veritas Award for Excellence in Cultural Programming. Family members and friends of the honorees, along with the Caldwell University community, gathered for a celebratory dinner on April 1 at the Essex Fells Country Club.

Christopher Doneski recalled his days at Caldwell, the people who made a difference in his life, and how he honed his leadership skills during his college career. "Caldwell (University) will always feel like home," he said.

Doneski has 25 years' experience in the Army is part of the Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent

Resolve, which is responsible for running counter-ISIL operations in Iraq and Syria. In 2015, he was selected to serve as the director of the Armored Warfighting Forum, which was established to enhance the professional and leadership development of the Army's maneuver warfare community.

Mary Louise Donnelly Doneski has been a trailblazer for women in the military. She was the first woman to be commissioned as a naval officer directly from a college or university in New Jersey. As a lieutenant, Doneski was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. She raised five children through nine family moves and her husband's two deployments to Vietnam and Korea. Doneski also served on the campaign staff for President John F. Kennedy and worked to turn out the military vote while stationed in West Germany.

Curtis is a former music director at WGMS Radio in Washington, D.C., where she produced cultural documentaries that earned a Peabody Award and a silver medal for the arts from the government of Austria. She



Submitted photo

Caldwell University President Nancy Blattner is flanked by Mary Lou Doneski, left, and Eileen Curtis, right, who were honored with alumni professional excellence Veritas Awards.

holds a bachelor's degree in music from Caldwell College, a master's in musicology from the Catholic University of America and a certificate from the Mozarteum.

Sophomore Dennis Brady said it was an honor to be invited to the dinner and to be in the presence of successful alumni. "I thought it was great to connect with alumni and explain to them my experiences of Caldwell University today."

Senior Shyam Sharma said the honorees were an inspiration to stu-

dents. "It was amazing to see how, as an institution, we've grown so much over the years, yet the values and foundation of the university remain consistent with our beginnings."

At the award reception, it was announced that the university established a scholarship fund in honor of Curtis. The Doneski family also announced the establishment of the Mary Louise Donnelly Doneski Scholarship, which will be awarded annually to a student interested in military or other public service.

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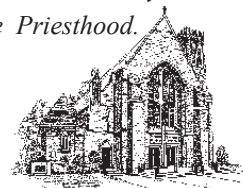
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# The Class of 2016—United in faith

**T**en men will be ordained priests of the Archdiocese of Newark by Archbishop John J. Myers on May 28 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. This year's class includes several foreign-born priests from countries including Colombia, South Korea and Poland. The majority of the ordinandi had successful careers before entering the seminary, including a bankruptcy lawyer, a restaurant owner and a banker.

From diverse backgrounds, the Class of 2016 will join some 700 other priests in serving the Archdiocese of Newark's 1.5 million Catholics in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties. Various factors influenced the new priests in answering God's call to serve His people, whether it was an elementary school teacher or a devout family member. United in faith, the men ranging in age from 26 to 50, will share the light and love of Christ with the Church in Newark.



## Father Gabriel J. Curtis

Age: 32

Place of birth: Managua, Nicaragua

B.A. and M.A. from Universidad Católica Redemptoris Mater, Managua; M.Div. and M.A. from Immaculate Conception Seminary

Home parish: Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Garfield

"The Pastoral Formation Program at Immaculate Conception Seminary has transformed my life into a journey of discipleship and listening, where the other person is truly Jesus Christ himself. During the summer of 2014, seminarians participated in the clinical pastoral education program at Saint Joseph's Medical Center in Paterson. This experience allowed me to bear witness to the love of God for His people. While visiting the different units in the hospital, I touched the face and body of Jesus in many patients who were suffering terminal illness, and in particular through their agony, I was able to suffer with them. In addition, I had the chance to console their families. This opportunity was given to me at just the right time, and marked my vocation and formation to the priesthood."



"At our house in the Dominican Republic, every Wednesday night for the past 30 years, my parents have held a charismatic prayer group to which many people from the community come to sing, to praise God, and to listen to the good news of Christ. Growing up in such an environment allowed me to fall in love with God from a very early age, and although I did not know it yet, the seeds of the priesthood had been planted in my life. I was about 18 when I started to give serious consideration to entering the seminary to discern a vocation to the priesthood, and my parents have supported me every step of the way with their love and their constant prayers."

## Father Andrew Jung

Age: 36

Place of birth: Seoul, South Korea

B.A. from Suwon Catholic University

Home parish: Saint Peter the Apostle, River Edge

"I believe that taking care of others based on love and communion with Jesus Christ through celebrating the sacrifice of the Mass and administering the sacraments are key points as a priest. That is, I want to cure souls based on sacramental life. Furthermore, a good shepherd takes care of a flock of sheep with no discrimination. That is why I strive to become a generous priest and a good shepherd."



## Father Vincent Anthony D'Agostino

Age: 50

Place of birth: Newark

B.A. from Rutgers University

Home parish: Holy Family, Nutley

"I discerned my vocation to the priesthood for many years. It was my mother's illness and the priests who were most influential in confirming our faith and most involved in our lives who rekindled my vocation. It was a very sad event that ended up being the impetus for confirming my decision to enter the seminary."



## Father Juan Jose Esteban

Age: 26

Place of birth: Dominican Republic

B.A. from Saint Mary's Seminary and University

Home parish: Saint Aloysius, Caldwell



## Father Francisco Maria Cordeiro Mendonca

Age: 46

Place of birth: Portugal

B.A. from Felician University

Home parish: Our Lady of Fatima, Newark

"I was in grammar school when I first started thinking about the priesthood. By my last year of high school I couldn't get it out of my mind. However, as much time as I spent thinking about it I just could not commit. *Twenty years later, he reentered the seminary.* "I sold my restaurant in the Ironbound section of Newark and entered the seminary a year later. It was definitely the best decision—to let God lead, instead of trying to lead God. I look back at all these years fondly, for they were not wasted years. For every experience that I lived and for every adventure I undertook, I believe these will make for a richer and more blessed priesthood. Praise be God."





## Father Bogumil Misiuk

Age: 26

Place of birth: Lublin, Poland

B.A. from Seton Hall University; M.Div. and M.A. from Immaculate Conception Seminary

Home parish: Saint Casimir, Newark

As a junior at Seton Hall Prep, he was asked to teach religious education at Saint Casimir. "Even though the teenagers I would teach were only a few years younger than me, without the slightest hesitation I said yes because I saw it as a sign from God that I was called to help them have as profound an experience of the sacrament of Confirmation as I had. For the past eight years, I have faithfully taught Confirmation preparation at Saint Casimir, and nothing has brought me greater joy than the ability to share my faith with my students. Many of them I also recruited to be altar servers and to be more involved in the life of the parish, and I have been proud to serve with them at Mass all these years."



grow, not only in my pastoral ability, but also in my own faith. In respect to my faith, I was blessed to witness firsthand how Jesus is able to work in the lives of parents who are facing some of the most difficult situations anyone could ever experience in life. Often times, their children were dying, and there was nothing that could be done to help them, medically speaking. Nonetheless, in the midst of their pain and turmoil, these parents remained strong and faithful, always trusting in the Lord."



## Father Daniel Raymond Peterson

Age: 31

Place of birth: Poughkeepsie, New York

B.A. Seton Hall University

Home parish: Guardian Angel, Allendale

"To pursue a vocation is to grow in a relationship with the Lord. Just like human relationships (husband and wife for example) there are ups and downs, challenges and blessings. One experience I remember is late in college when I was sitting in the chapel. I heard a voice in my heart saying 'I'm calling you to be a priest.' I was stunned, 'me, really, I think you're mistaken, God.' As I journeyed with the Lord I became more confident in my vocation and learned to discern the will of God in my life. I also think about the community that has journeyed with me."



## Father Jesus Ramos Gutierrez

Age: 29

Place of birth: Inzá Cauca, Colombia

B.A. Catholic University, Rionegro Antioquia

Home parish: Saint Mary, Dumont

He credits elementary school teacher Isabel Gutierrez for sparking his interest in becoming a priest. "(Isabel) came into the classroom one day and said 'there is a retreat for boys at the minor seminary for those who want to become priests, so if you would like to go I will excuse you for missing classes.' The idea of a priest saying Mass came to my mind right away, so I raised my hand and I went to the retreat the next day. As a little kid this event changed my life. I have to say this event is always on my mind. It reminds me of who I was, who I am and who I will be."



## Father Danny Santos Rodriguez

Age: 31

Place of birth: Livingston

B.S. from Kean University

Home parish: Our Lady of Fatima, Elizabeth

"One priest in particular I really credit with 'pushing' me into the seminary is the late Father Antonio Bico. No matter how busy he would be Fr. Tony was always there for me and the so many people who called on him. His example of holiness, patience, concern, care, love and so on has left a great impact on the lives of all those who had the privilege to call him 'father' and 'friend.' When I had abandoned the idea of being a priest while in high school, he never stopped believing in my vocation and always encouraged me to continue to pray about it. Fr. Tony really knew how to bring God into any situation and help bring those he met along his way closer to Jesus who he loved so much. I pray that his example will guide me in my future ministry."



## Father Danny Alexis Pabyn

Age: 28

Place of birth: Itagüí, Colombia

B.A. from Gregorian University in Rome

Home parish: Saint Aloysius, Jersey City

"During my first year and a half here in Rome, I was assigned to do pastoral ministry at a nearby children's hospital, Ospedale Bambino Gesù (Hospital of the Child Jesus). I am most grateful for this opportunity, because it helped me



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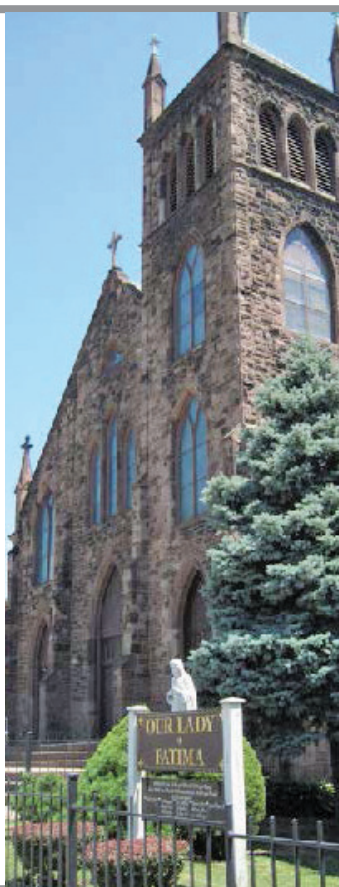
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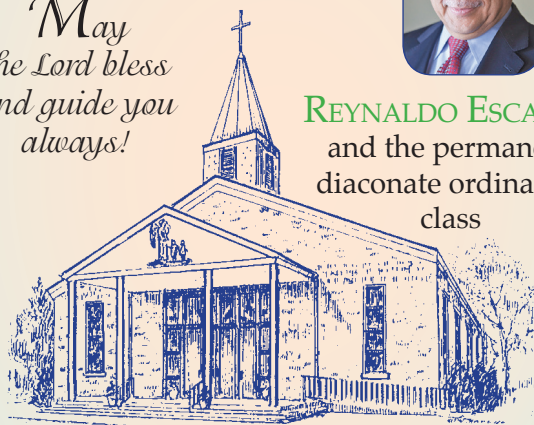
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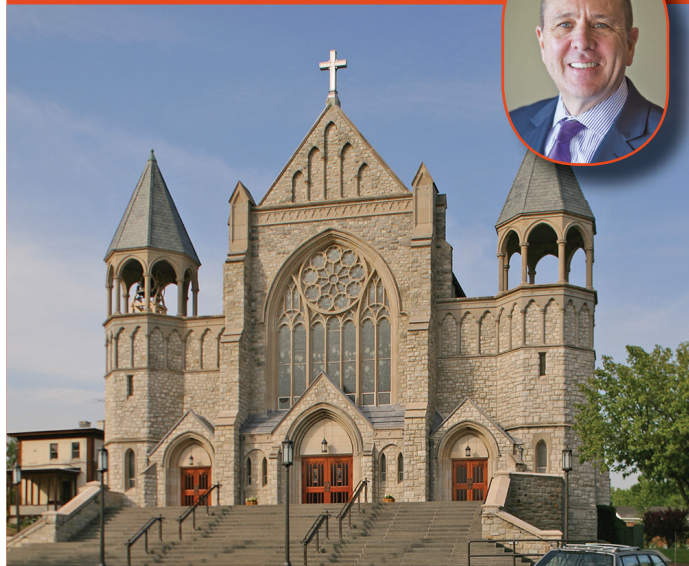
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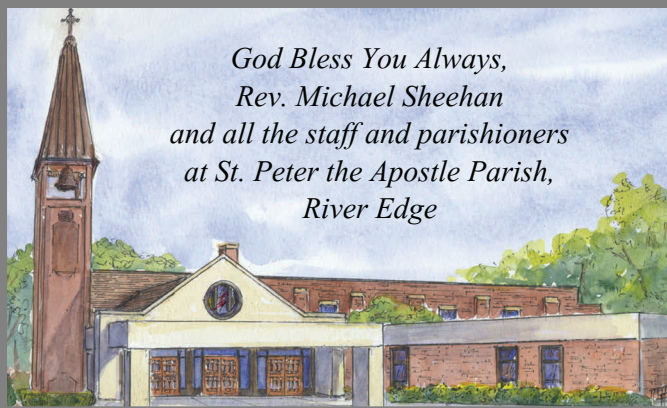
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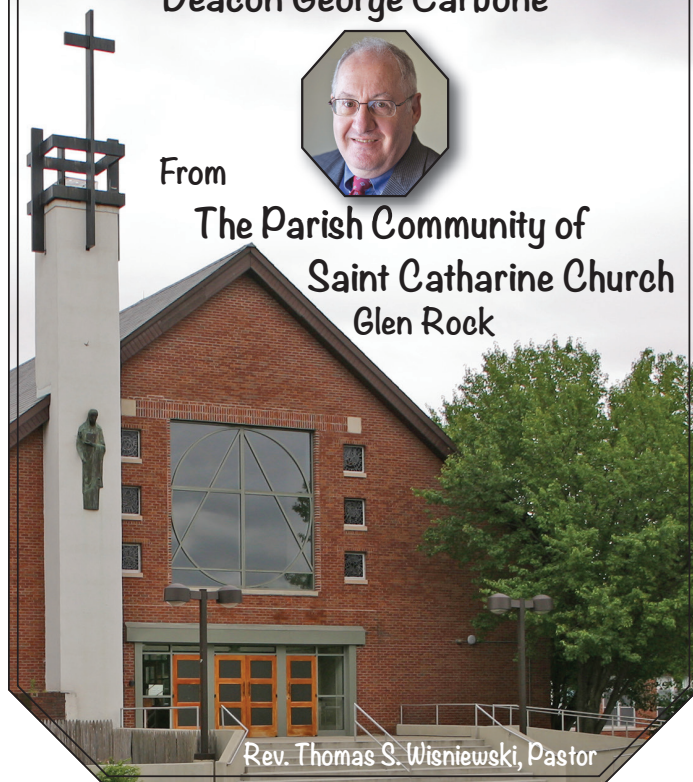


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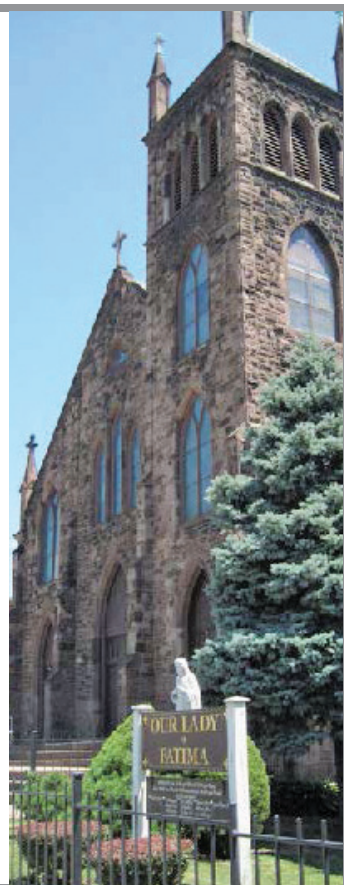
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# Class of 2016—United in service

**T**wenty-two men will be ordained permanent deacons June 7, the first class to be called to the order since 2011. During the last five years, a new formation program took effect that included a 16-course curriculum of theological studies that led to the men earning master's degrees in theology from the seminary at Seton Hall University.

Other dioceses, like Paterson and Metuchen, have implemented similar programs to enhance the efficacy and professionalism of men who have already proven themselves as capable husbands, fathers and leaders in their parishes, communities and places of work.



## Laurence C. Bonnemere

Age: 65

Home parish: Saint Anastasia, Teaneck

Wife: Gilda

Assistant Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

B.A. from Boston University

"Father Dan O'Neill, O. Carm. recognized the evolving face of the parish and saw its clerical face needed to evolve as well. He saw me as a face of that change. It has been humbling to take on the mantle of deacon knowing that so many have expressed their faith and trust in me. I could not have done it any other way without the guiding hand of Father Dan."



"Some 20 years ago, during a vacation at the Shore, I was pulled out by a riptide. *Exhausted after a prolonged struggle to get back to the beach, he said a prayer and gave up, only to be thrown onto a jetty.* When an incident like this happens, it makes one wonder why was I saved? What did the Lord want from me? I sensed He was saying 'you're not done here.' I came to believe that this incident was at the core of my call to become a deacon."

## Brian W. Burke

Age: 61

Home parish: Saint John the Evangelist, Leonia

Wife, Bridget; children: Bob, Tony and Christina and a grandson

Vice President National Accounts, Armada Health Care

M.B.A. Pace University; B.S. from Seton Hall University

"My biggest challenge was the academic preparation. It was not so much the courses themselves; the real struggle was with time management, preparing for exams or finishing papers. This had to be balanced with church activities, work commitments and family functions. This balance was too often (achieved) at the expense of something my wife Bridget wanted to do, but gladly sacrificed for my calling. I owe her a nice vacation somewhere warm."



## Douglas H. Christmann

Age: 54

Home parish: Saint Francis of Assisi, Hackensack

Wife: Leanne

Logistics Manager, Ermenegildo Zenga

B.S. from New Jersey City University

"During our discernment year, my wife Juliet and I had an opportunity to join a Jerusalem pilgrimage. One morning at the Sea of Galilee, our chaplain celebrated Mass and the Gospel was from John 21, when Jesus asked Simon Peter, 'Do you love me?' In the middle of the homily, I started crying, literally sobbing aloud. I just could not stop. I realized God was calling me!"



## Reynaldo Serad Escalon

Age: 62

Home parish: Guardian Angel, Allendale

Wife: Juliet; children: Hazel, Sheryl, Liezl, Julius Rey

Certified Public Accountant

B.S. from University of San Carlos in the Philippines

"In the late 1990's a friend invited us to attend a Christian Life Seminar and I refused because I was busy. I refused two more times until the evening I saw the Verizon 'Can you hear me now?' commercial. It hit me that the Lord was telling me, 'Rey, this is the third time I am inviting you to listen to my words – can you hear me, now?' Right then I phoned my friend."



## George Carbone

Age: 60

Home parish: Saint Catharine, Glen Rock

Wife: Joan; children: Jenna, Courtney, Kevin, Matthew

Business Teacher, Northern Highlands Regional High School

M.B.A. from New York University; B.A. from Rutgers University





## Meynardo G. Espeleta

Home parish: Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City

Age: 61

Wife: Josefina

Medical Laboratory Technologist

"After so many invitations, I relented and attended a Life in the Spirit Seminar and I had an experience which became a turning point. It was a Mount Tabor experience I now describe as a 'foretaste of heaven.' Sometime after this, I began to feel that I wanted to pursue a vocation. After some years of discernment, I decided it was the diaconate."



## David J. Farrell

Home parish: Assumption, Roselle Park

Age: 64

Wife: Linda

Retired Supermarket Executive

M.B.A. from Saint John's University, B.S. from Rutgers University

"I have been extraordinarily blessed in so many ways, from the camaraderie of my classmates, to our formational leadership, our brilliant professors, my spiritual director, pastoral support and guidance, the prayers of my parish, and the love and support of my family - all have made this difficult journey much easier."



## Tom Flanagan

Home parish: Saint Paul, Ramsey

Age: 52

Wife: Karen; children: Steve, Mary, Mike

Account Executive, Timberland

B.S., Saint John's University

"I often thought 'the calling' would be a profound revelation, but that didn't happen in my case. It was more like a quiet whisper, or a soft elbow. Once I decided to formally discern I began to embrace the call to deepen my faith and realized, as did Saint Augustine, 'Lord, my heart is not at rest until it rests in you.'"



## Michael Giuliano

Home parish: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tenafly

Age: 60

Wife: MaryBeth; children: Michael, Christopher, Matthew, Katie, John

Neonatal Physician

M.D. from State University of New York; master's degrees from University of Illinois and Saint Peter's University

"I became convinced of my vocation not by any specific encounter but by the little things that have changed. I'm more patient and willing to listen, which has opened up a few deeper conversations with people, especially at work. I can almost feel the Spirit working in these deep conversations."



## Steven D. Greydanus

Home parish: Saint John, Orange

Age: 47

Wife: Suzanne; children: Sarah, David, James, Anna, Nathan, Catie, Matthew

Web Developer, Quest Diagnostics

Master's degree from Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary; bachelor's degree from School of Visual Arts

"Whatever understanding of service and sacrifice I bring to my life as a deacon has been shaped, above all, by my wife Suzanne. Her whole life is one of service and sacrifice for me and for our seven children, and her vocation has been to make it possible for me to achieve mine. Without her constant support, encouragement and faith in me, the service I hope to offer to the Church in the years to come would be unthinkable."



## Paul Kazanecki

Home parish: Saint Peter the Apostle, River Edge

Age: 59

Wife: Linda; children: Stephanie, Alexander

Legal Assistant, Belkin Burden Wenig & Goldman, LLP

Bachelor's degree from Saint Peter's University

"Along with my family, my late brother, Father Thaddeus (Ted) Kazanecki, had the greatest impact on my vocation. It was in 1986 that I first heard of the permanent diaconate and I asked Ted, a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn, about it. Along with a book on the diaconate, he made a comment that one day I might think about becoming one."



## Anthony J. LaFranca

Home parish: Saint Joseph, Lodi

Age: 57

Wife: Paula, children: Angela, Carmela, Joseph, Christina

Loan Officer, Northfield Bank

Bachelor's degree from Montclair State University

"The person who most influenced me was Father John Paul Gaspari. Father John was the parish priest who married my wife and I and he got me involved in the parish by having me teach CCD. If it were not for him getting me involved with CCD I don't know if I would ever have gotten so involved to become a deacon."



## Kurt C. Landeck

Home parish: Holy Spirit, Union

Age: 62

Wife: Joanne

Chief Financial Office, I.S.I

Bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University

"The first influence for my vocation must be my wife, Joanne. She may not realize it, but she is a true messenger of the Gospel. I cannot think of a time when she did not try to help a person, and thought about the cost. My parents and family members influenced me to do more than expected when it came to assisting others."





## Stephen S. Lipski

Home parish: Saint John the Baptist, Jersey City

Age: 51

Wife: Yraida

Vice Principal, Harrison High School

Master's and bachelor's degrees from Seton Hall University

"The requirements of the diaconate program are challenging, meaningful and spiritually uplifting. Our class bonded and met these demands. We did this with the grace of God, the bounty of the Church, the backing of our teachers and superiors, the help of each other and the support of our families and friends. We could not have done it alone."



## Ralph Francis Powell

Home parish: Our Lady of the Lake, Verona

Age: 58

Wife: Liz; children: Kieran, Brendan

Consultant, Title Insurance

B.A. from New York University

"My mother Theresa is the person who most influenced my vocation. She was a second-generation Irish woman and a devout Catholic. There were frequent rosary meetings with neighbors in the living room of our four-room apartment in the Inwood section of Manhattan. I would often walk into my parents' bedroom to see my mother on her knees next to her bed with her rosary in her hands."



## Bob Liwanag

Home parish: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood

Age: 62

Wife: Tessie; Sherisse Marion, Corinne Gershberg, Amanda Liwanag

Information Technology Manager

Bachelor's degree from Ramapo College

"I began my discernment in the Fall 2011 with 75 other men and no idea of what the diaconate journey would be about. God has been present at the beginning and at the end of formation. Certainly God will continue to be with me as I begin my ministry. My wife Tessie and I are open to God's constant sanctifying grace. We hope that our lives as a diaconal couple will help us bring Christ to others."



## Kevin R. Reina

Home parish: Saint Teresa of Avila, Summit

Age: 57

Wife: Marcia; children: Samantha Rose and Kate (O'Connor), one grandson

Attorney, Fidelity National Law Group

J.D. and B.S. from Saint John's University

"Getting to this point would not have been possible without the love and support of my wife Marcia. She is the most influential person in my vocation. Her love, her enthusiasm and her prayers have always sustained me but especially so during formation. I thank God for her every day."



## Paul H. Pak

Home parish: Our Lady of the Lake, Verona

Age: 45

Senior Vice President, Jennison Associates, LLC

Bachelor's degree from Boston College

"I returned to New Jersey in 2003 and became a parishioner at Our Lady of the Lake. The pastor, Father Mike Hanly, was the son of my school crossing guard at Saint Peter. *It was at that Belleville parish that Paul's dad had entered the program 33 years before, but died before he could be ordained.* My calling came to fruition watched over again by a member of the Hanly family."



## Walter A. Wiggins

Home parish: Our Lady of Sorrows, South Orange

Age: 50

Wife: Patricia; children: Danielle, Sarah, David

Resource Management Officer, Department of the Army, Ft. Hamilton, NY

M.B.A. from Seton Hall University and B.A. from Rutgers University

"The answer came one Saturday during evening prayer. Psalm 116 said, 'How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the name of the Lord.' Immediately came a vision that I was the deacon raising the cup at Mass! I believed then that my discernment to become a deacon was confirmed by the Lord."



## Michael A. Pontoriero

Home parish: Saint Thomas More, Fairfield

Age: 56

Wife: Mary Theresa; children: Maria Isabella, Natasha

Vascular/Thoracic Surgeon

M.D. from UMDNJ Medical School; B.S. Fordham College

"Three deacons were instrumental in my decision and are role models: Aiden King, Domenic Messina and Greg Quinn. Greg and I spent many weekends jogging together and discussing the Gospel and its effect on our lives. We became close friends and confided in one another. Greg convinced me to consider the diaconate as a way of life and service to the Church."



## David Stephano Yoon

Home parish: Church of Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook

Age: 62

Wife: Marie; children: Elizabeth, Lora, Paul

Leasing Manager, Donald Nuckel Co.

M.A. and B.A. from Chungnam National University in Korea

"Since my baptism 15 years ago, I think my relationship with God has grown stronger. Especially after performing the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius, I deeply felt God's love and His presence in the world. I try to live my life in response to Him. And even though my journey included struggles, God always loved me and encouraged me."





**Andrew Zucaro**

Home parish: Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River

Age: 59

Wife: Lori; children: Jennifer, Katherine, Donald

Owner/President/Mechanical Engineer, AZCO Corp.

B.S. from Rutgers University

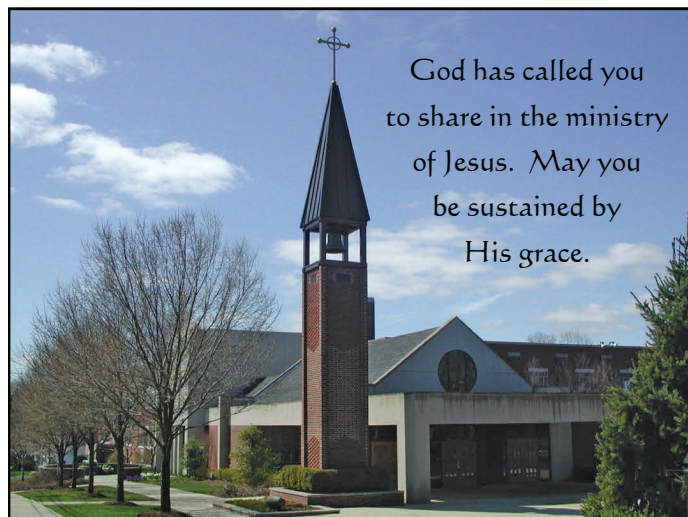


"One day in a business meeting, my friend Bob Duncan said out of the blue, 'It must be the Holy Spirit at work. Did you ever think of becoming a deacon?' Bob, who has been a deacon for years, has been continually supportive of my journey and a great friend. It did not take long for me to answer his question, since my godmother had asked me the same question nine months earlier."

**Deacon Walter Wiggins, may you receive every good blessing on this special occasion**



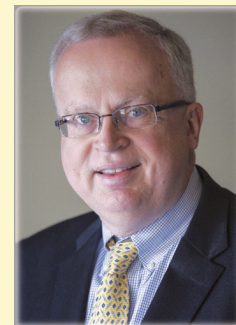
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**Deacon Paul Kazanecki**

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## Trinitas Health Foundation gala set for May 12

ELIZABETH—The Trinitas Health Foundation will host its annual gala, “Rising to the Challenge,” tomorrow at The Venetian in Garfield.

The gala includes a silent auction, a 50/50 cash raffle, and other opportunities to win prizes. Returning to the podium as emcee is Elizabeth native NJ Burkett, Channel 7 WABC Eye Witness News broadcast journalist.

At this year’s gala, a \$4 million challenge grant from the JC Kellogg Foundation will be announced. This funding will be added to the \$10.7 million already donated to complete the \$18.7 million expansion and renovation of the Trinitas Regional Medical Center Emergency Department. Completion of the ambitious project is expected in 2017.

The Humanitarian Award will be presented posthumously to Mortimer “Mort” Gershman, long-time member of the Trinitas Health and Trinitas Health Foundation Boards. Elected to the Board of Elizabeth General Medical Center in 1984, Gershman played a key role in the ultimate consolidation of Elizabeth General Medical Center and Saint Elizabeth Hospital that



**Mortimer Gershman**



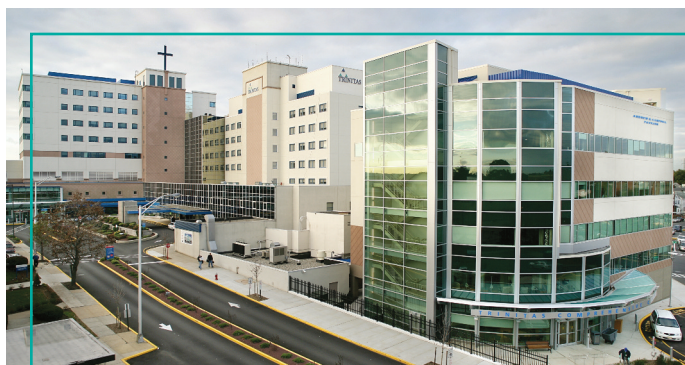
**Catherine J. Flynn**

created Trinitas in January 2000. As a member of the Trinitas Health Board until January 2012, he served on the finance, joint conference and ethics committees. He also served two terms as a treasurer on the board of Trinitas Health and on the board of Trinitas Regional Medical Center. Jackie Gershman will accept the award in her husband’s honor.

The Celebrating Philanthropy Award will be presented to Carroll McNulty Kull Law, LLC, based in Basking Ridge, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Austin. Catherine J. Flynn, an attorney associated with the firm at the Basking Ridge offices, currently heads the Trinitas Health Founda-

tion Board of Trustees.

“In many ways, those we are honoring this year have ‘risen to the challenge’ for Trinitas through their support and commitment to our mission, vision and values,” explains Nadin Brechner, Chief Development Officer, and vice president of Trinitas Health Foundation. “They were, and are, behind us as we move forward in our continuing efforts to provide excellent healthcare to our community.”



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## Holy Name honored as "Best Place to Work in NJ"

TEANECK—Holy Name Medical Center has been named a "Best Place to Work in New Jersey" by NJBIZ magazine—making it the only independent hospital in the state to receive this honor 11 years in a row. The rankings were announced during an awards reception and ceremony on April 19 at the iPlay Center in Freehold.

"Holy Name is honored to be listed among the Best Places to Work in New Jersey," said Michael Maron, President & CEO of Holy Name Medical Center. "This accomplishment speaks to the incredible legacy of Holy Name and reflects the pride and commitment that is unique to our medical center. Our staff's shared sense of purpose and the pride they take in their jobs translates to outstanding care and patient satisfaction."

Holy Name was recognized for workplace excellence in the large employer category every year since 2006. This year, Holy Name ranked 13th in the large company category, and number one in the hospital category. In the past 11 years, Holy Name placed six times as number one among all hospitals in the state.

"More than 3,000 medical, nursing, allied health and non-clinical staff are employed by the medical center, which provides a positive working environment for employees at all levels," said Manny Gonzalez, Vice President of Human Resources. "The medical center shows its employees how much they are valued by empowering them to use their skills and creativity and providing opportunities to advance professionally while offering benefits and amenities aimed at improving their quality of life."

According to NJBIZ, the survey and award program identifies and honors the best places of employment, which benefit the state's economy, its workforce and businesses. Companies from across the state entered the two-part process to determine the 100 Best Places to Work in New Jersey.



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Five Seton Hall University students were honored April 12 for their dedication to service across the globe, including: Brazil, Ecuador, El Salvador, Haiti, Guatemala, Colorado, West Virginia, and local New Jersey communities at the 12th Annual Servant Leader Awards. "The Servant Leader Awards call our attention to the amazing work our students do locally and globally," said Michelle Peterson, director of the Division of Volunteer Efforts and Servant Leader Awards Committee co-chair. "This year's recipients were so outstanding that in addition to two servant leader award winners, we honored three students with distinguished service recognition." From left, Josephine Esteban, Brian Wreckler, Nicole Archibald, Jessica West, Ingrid Johnson, Amanda Cavanagh, Ashley Hahn, and Dr. A. Gabriel Esteban.

## Church continues to 'meet the need'

by Brian Keenan

Throughout history, the Catholic Church has worked to meet the needs of the less fortunate through feeding the poor, tending the sick and housing the homeless. Examples of these works of mercy are abundant and are a testament to the living faith.

Catholic religious orders of men and women built hospitals, schools and orphanages to care for those in need. Where would this country be today without these crusaders? The Church continues to adapt to meet the evolving needs of people and this can be seen across the state.

Today the demographics of our communities look a little different than they did in 1950. Many of the school buildings sit vacant. However the Church, in its pursuit to care for all of God's children, strives to find new uses for these buildings.

With creative thinking and partnerships with groups like Build with Purpose, the Church is using its assets to once again educate children, house the sick and provide services

to those in need. An example of this is the senior residence at Saint Peter the Apostle in River Edge, located in the convent that once housed the Religious Teachers Filippini who taught in the adjacent school. The large convent was once obsolete and sat vacant.

Build with Purpose, working with the local parish and the Archdiocese of Newark converted the property into supportive housing for seniors. The innovative model provides housing and care to seniors who are too frail to live at home yet allows them independence. The building once housed sisters who educated and cared for children; decades later it is caring for these "children" as they enjoy their golden years.

Pope Francis challenged Catholics to use our assets to care for the poor. Build with Purpose answers this call and works with the Church to reimagine how its assets, in this case real estate, can meet the ever-changing needs of its people.

Brian Keenan is the founder and president of Build with Purpose, [www.bwpurpose.org](http://www.bwpurpose.org)

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**Father James Marra, S.D.B.**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 11 at Don Bosco Preparatory High School, Ramsey, for Father James Marra, S.D.B., 63, who died April 6.

A former director of advancement and treasurer of Don Bosco Prep, Fr. Marra also taught at the all-boys Catholic high school and ran the summer day camp at Saint Anthony Parish, Elizabeth, for several years.

In addition to his service at Don Bosco Prep, Father Marra taught in New York and served as treasurer at Don Bosco Technical High School in Paterson. He was moderator of the Salesians' provincial chapter, director designate of Salesian Missions in New Rochelle and director of Salesian Missions before his assignment to Don Bosco Prep in 2007.

**Sister Margaret Pierro, M.P.F.**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 11 at Villa Walsh, Morristown, for Sister Margaret Pierro, M.P.F., 90, who died April 7.

Sr. Margaret entered the Religious Teachers Filippini on April 27, 1945.

She served as a teacher at Holy Rosary, Jersey City; Saint Peter the Apostle, River Edge; and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Newark.

Sr. Margaret ministered for many years at Saint Joseph Hall Infirmary, Villa Walsh, before becoming a resident there until her death.

**Sister Clare Ricciardelli, M.P.F.**

A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 23 at Villa Walsh, Morristown, for Sister Clare

Ricciardelli, M.P.F., 83, who died April 20.

Sr. Clare taught in the Archdioceses of Newark, Philadelphia, and in the Dioceses of Providence, RI, Trenton, Paterson, Metuchen, Camden, and Hamilton, Ontario CA. She taught at the following archdiocesan schools: Our Lady of Mercy, Park Ridge; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Montclair; Saint Joseph, Lodi; Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Garfield; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Orange; and Holy Family, Nutley.

Sr. Clare was principal at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pompton Plains; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Jersey City; and was principal of Saint Francis Xavier School, Newark, for 30 years. She was also director of religious education at Saint Anthony Parish in Belleville.

Sr. Clare was the recipient of



the Jubilee Medal, *Pro Meritis* for distinguished service within the Archdiocese of Newark in 1994.

**Father Eugene J. Hazewski**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 6 at Saint Henry Parish, Bayonne, for Father Eugene J. Hazewski, who died May 3.

Fr. Hazewski's assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included parochial vicar at Saint Stanislaus Parish, Newark, and Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack. He is the former pastor of Saint Henry Parish in Bayonne, Saint Margaret of Cortona Parish in Little Ferry and Assumption Parish, Emerson.

Fr. Hazewski also served as a Dean in Bergen County and was chaplain at Jersey City Medical Center.

**Official Appointments**

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

**PASTORS**

(All effective July 1)

**Reverend Juan Luis Calderon**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, East Orange.

**Reverend Jose Erlito Ebron**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Theresa Parish, Kenilworth, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Raphael Parish, Livingston.

**Reverend John D. Gabriel**, Administrator at Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Paul Parish, Ramsey.

**Reverend Monsignor Ronald J. Marczewski**, Administrator of Saint John Paul II Parish, Bayonne, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Anne Parish, Garwood.

**Reverend John M. McCrone**, Pastor of Saint Paul Parish, Ramsey, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

**Reverend Joseph A. Scarangella**, Pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish, Montclair, has been appointed Temporary Administrator of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Montclair, effective July 1.

**PAROCHIAL VICAR**

(All effective June 22)

**Reverend Adauto Alves**, Parochial Vicar at Saint Cecilia Parish, Kearny, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Elizabeth.

**Reverend Ranulfo D. Docabo**, Parochial Vicar at Saint Michael Parish, Union, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City.

**Reverend Octavio Carballo Gonzalez**, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack.

**Reverend Christopher D. Isinta**, has been appointed part-time Parochial Vicar of Assumption Parish, Emerson.

**Reverend Kevin M. Kilgore**, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mount Virgin/Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Garfield.

**Reverend Antonio N. Kuizon**, Parochial Vicar at Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish, Montclair.

**Reverend Camilo L. Lopez**, Parochial Vicar at Assumption Parish, Emerson, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Michael Parish, Union.

**Reverend Bryan E. Page**, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Leo Parish, Elmwood Park.

**Reverend Paul A. Passant**, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint John the Apostle Parish, Linden.

**CHAPLAIN**

**Reverend Michael C. Barone** has been appointed Chaplain of the Bergen County Police Benevolent Association, effective April 12.

**Reverend Thomas F. Blind** has been appointed Catholic Chaplain of Caldwell University, effective July 1.

**Reverend Leo J. Butler** has been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – Immaculate Conception Council, Norwood, effective April 6.

**Reverend Stephen A. Carey** has been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – Saint John Council #1345, Dumont, New Jersey, effective April 27.

**Reverend Christopher D. Isinta**, has been appointed part-time Chaplain of Bergen Regional Medical Center, effective June 22.

**ARCHDIOCESAN**

**Reverend Thomas M. Cherry** has been released for itineracy, effective June 22.

**Reverend Luis Mario Garcia** has been appointed Assistant Director to the Office of Vocations, effective April 11.

**Reverend Joseph R. Laracy** has been appointed to the Priest Community at Seton Hall University, South Orange, effective July 1.

**Reverend Jonathan Perez** has been appointed Assistant Director to the Office of Vocations, effective April 11.

**Reverend Eugenio P. de la Rama** has been appointed Assistant Director to the Office of Vocations, effective April 11.

**RESIDENCE**

**Reverend Thomas F. Blind** has been assigned residence at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland, effective June 22.

**Reverend Hector Larrea** has been assigned residence at Saint Peter Parish, Belleville, effective June 22.

**Reverend Zachary Swantek** has been assigned residence at Seton House, West Orange, effective April 13.

**RETIREMENT**

**Reverend John A. Quill**, has been granted retirement, effective July 1.

**Reverend Anthony G. Robak**, has been granted retirement, effective July 1.

**Correction:**

In the April clergy appointments, Reverend Monsignor Paul L. Bochicchio was incorrectly referred to as Reverend Bochicchio. Also, Reverend Reinerio B. Agaloo was misspelled.



## Local students celebrate Earth Day at Holy Cross Cemetery

NORTH ARLINGTON—Students from Queen of Peace High School and Elementary School in North Arlington, celebrated Earth Day April 22 at Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum with Catholic Cemeteries, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark. Forty-three students planted new trees to commemorate the occasion and prayed for those interred at the cemetery.

"We are delighted to work on this 'green' initiative with our students and local Catholic schools to present our families and visitors with beautiful environments in a sacred space that evangelizes our Catholic faith and uses our Earth's precious resources wisely," said Andrew P. Schafer, Executive Director of Catholic Cemeteries. "In celebration of Earth Day, Catholic Cemeteries has been implementing Earth-friendly initiatives for more than 15 years in an effort to preserve resources and reduce our footprint," Schafer said.

The seven new cherry and pear trees ranging in height from eight to ten feet, were donated by Rose Valley Nursery of Millington. The trees



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were planted in the Blessed Mother Teresa Gazebo section, which is already adorned with other cherry and pear trees and almost 1,000 shrubs, which provide shelter for the many varieties of birds that visit the cemetery.

Some of the trees accommodate handcrafted birdhouses built by visiting high school students during summer work programs with the Archdiocese of Newark's Catholic Youth Organization. The birdhouses

are dedicated to a student's loved one and help draw local wildlife to the cemetery.

Other Earth-friendly efforts implemented over the years by Catholic Cemeteries include the installation of more than 1,000 solar panels at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover and the planting of 10,000 young trees and bushes at Maryrest Cemetery in Mahwah.

"In his exhortation on the environment, *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis

emphasized that the Church has always taught that we have a special responsibility to make sure that the gifts of the earth are available to all," Archbishop John J. Myers said. "The trees that these young people have planted today are a very visible sign both of the sanctity and peace of the holy ground of our cemeteries, and of the value that we place on ensuring that future generations will enjoy the beauty of this earth that we all too often take for granted today."

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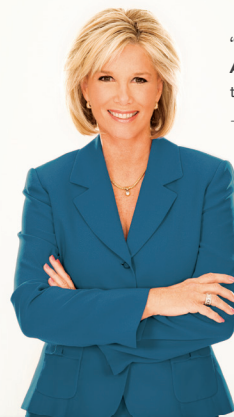
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# Memorial Day Mass



## Serving God and Country: A Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes

Monday, May 30th at 11:00am

### HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

NORTH ARLINGTON, NJ

Most Reverend John J. Myers (*Celebrant*)

Rev. Joseph Ferraro (*Homilist*)

### GATE OF HEAVEN CEMETERY

EAST HANOVER, NJ

Reverend Monsignor Robert E. Emery (*Celebrant*)

### MARYREST CEMETERY

MAHWAH, NJ

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Nydegger (*Celebrant*)

### HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY

EAST ORANGE, NJ

Reverend Philip J. Waters, O.S.B. (*Celebrant*)

### SAINT GERTRUDE CEMETERY

COLONIA, NJ

Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz (*Celebrant*)

### CHRIST THE KING CEMETERY

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ

Most Reverend John W. Flesey  
(*Celebrant*)

### HOLY NAME CEMETERY

JERSEY CITY, NJ

Reverend Monsignor Gregory J. Studerus (*Celebrant*)

### PARISH CEMETERIES

*\* Location where mass will be celebrated*

#### Saint John Cemetery

\* Saint John Parish - Orange, NJ - 8:00 am  
Reverend Peter J. West

#### \* Mount Olivet Cemetery

Bloomfield, NJ - 8:30 am  
Reverend Lukasz S. Rokita

#### Saint Peter Cemetery

\* Saint Peter Parish - Belleville, NJ - 9:00 am  
Reverend Ivan Sciberras

#### \* Saint Rose of Lima Cemetery

Short Hills, NJ - 9:00 am  
Reverend John D. Gabriel

#### \* Mount Calvary Cemetery

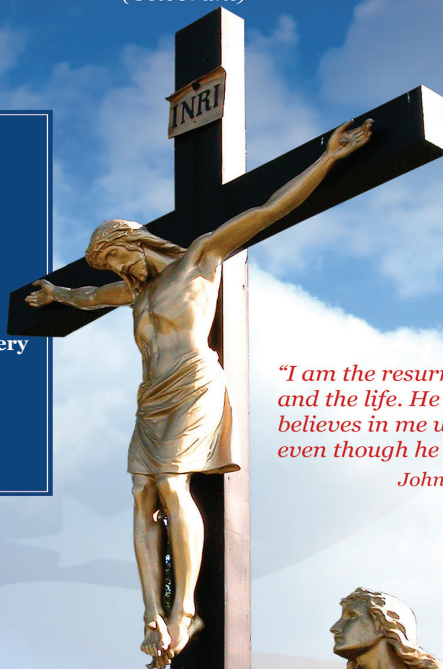
Saint Adalbert - Linden, NJ - 11:00 am  
Reverend Krzysztof Szczotka

#### \* Immaculate Conception Cemetery

Upper Montclair, NJ - 9:00 am  
Reverend Joseph A. Scarangella

#### Saint Luke Cemetery

Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ - 8:00 am  
Reverend James M. Manos



*"I am the resurrection  
and the life. He who  
believes in me will live,  
even though he dies"*

*John 11:25*



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