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## Saint Teresa and her connection to the Archdiocese

By Melissa McNally  
Editor

**O**n Sept. 4, Pope Francis declared Teresa of Kolkata a saint, a title the world had conferred on the diminutive nun years before her death in 1997 brought an end to more than 40 years of ministry to the poor, the sick and the dying around the globe, including the Archdiocese of Newark.

The Macedonia-born Mother Teresa dispatched four Missionaries of Charity to Newark in 1981 to open the community's first New Jersey house at Saint Augustine Parish on Sussex Avenue. The sisters run a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter for women and help with religious education at local parishes. They frequently can be seen walking the streets in the distinctive blue-trimmed habits of the Society of Missionary Sisters of Charity, which Mother Teresa founded in 1950.

"We always knew Mother Teresa was a saint," said Sister Mary Assisi Jimenez, M.C., superior of the Newark convent. Sr. Mary Assisi met the community's foundress in San Francisco when she was a novice. "When you are in the presence of a saint, it changes your life. She had a strong will and deep eyes that looked into your soul. When she looked at you, it was like you were the most important person."

To inaugurate the mission, Mother Teresa came to Newark during a 26-day tour of the United States. It was a year after then-Archbishop Peter L. Gerety wrote her following their meeting in the South Bronx.

"All of us have a vocation to reveal the God of Love and the mystery of the new person in Christ. It is my hope and prayer to promote the human dignity of every person within the Archdiocese of Newark. Mother Teresa, I turn to you and your sisters asking that you help

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Advocate archive photo  
Mother Teresa visited the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, in 1995.

## Catholic schools: A vital part of the teaching mission of the Church

By Dr. Margaret Dames

**W**e all would like to extend summer forever. However, we must be realistic and know school bells will soon be ringing and it will be time to welcome back our students. The hot hazy days of summer and the heat wave we experienced makes us yearn for a

crisp, cool, autumn.

I thank Archbishop John J. Myers for his extraordinary support and I congratulate each president, principal, school office and finance office staff member as well as every teacher and Catholic school parent. You are each responsible for keeping our schools open. For the second year in more than three decades no schools in the Archdiocese of Newark have been closed.

Our engineering consultant, Ann Kaiser and teachers from Saint Aloysius Elementary Academy in Jersey City, Saint Therese in Cresskill, Saint John Academy in Hillsdale, Roselle Catholic High School in Roselle, Immaculate Heart Academy in Washington Township and Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains dominated the STREAM conference in Pennsylvania. Their presentations on curriculum and the STREAM projects implemented at their schools were hailed as outstanding by all who attended.

Two members of the School's

Office attended a conference in New Orleans, all expenses paid by the conference sponsor, about the new Every Student Succeeds Act. It has replaced the No Child Left Behind legislation. It is legislation which for the first time in many years may be favorable to schools.

We are awaiting announcement of the scores for the 2017 Blue Ribbon Schools Program to determine which of our schools may be eligible to submit an application. If the scores are similar to those of the past few years, we may have as many as five new schools eligible

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make my prayer become a reality.”

“She was a simple person, very easy to talk to, but quite determined in what she wanted to do to help others,” Archbishop Gerety recalled in an earlier *Catholic Advocate* interview.

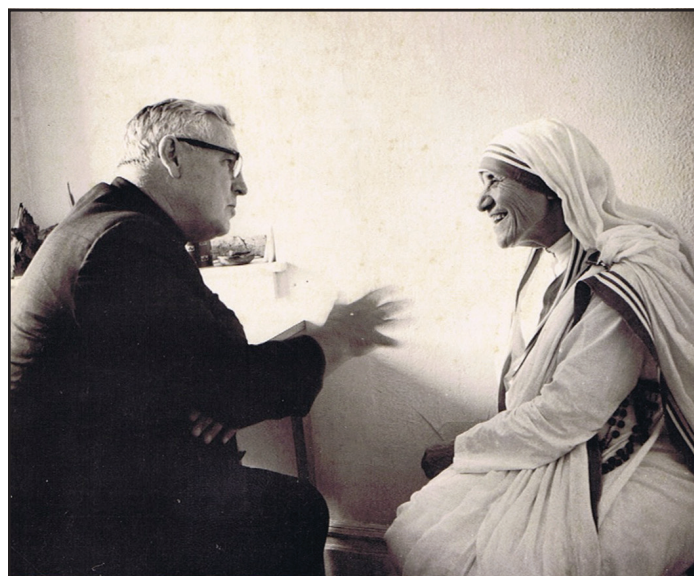
In 1989, Mother Teresa visited Saint Mary Parish in Plainfield after then-Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick offered the 16-room convent to the community. After it was

vacated by the Sisters of Charity in 1971, the parish used it for activities and storage. With the arrival of 13 Missionaries of Charity it became the community’s fifth contemplative branch in the United States.

Saint Teresa is “a blessing for all of us,” said the community’s Sister Mary Nazarene Kim, M.C. “Her message of love is known all over the world.” Recalling her encounter with Mother Teresa, Sr. Mary Nazarene remembers a woman as “simple and humble” as any other sister. “I love and admire her. Saint Teresa is a special inspiration for



Mother Teresa with Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety at Saint Augustine, Newark, in 1981. The image captures Archbishop Gerety signaling to enthusiastic members of the congregation to take their seats.



Advocate archive photos

Mother Teresa with Archbishop Gerety in the South Bronx in 1980.

me, personally. She followed God’s call to the end of her life, fervently and faithfully.”

Nearly 1,000 people attended the Mass at Saint Mary in February of 1989 to catch a glimpse of Mother Teresa. She urged all to “work together to do something beautiful for God” on issues including abortion and vocations. “Let us thank God for his great love,” she said.

Mother Teresa returned to Newark in 1995 when she attended the profession of six active Missionaries of Charity and four contemplative sisters at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Meant to be an unpublicized, quiet and prayerful gathering of the sisters, families and friends, the event filled the 2,000-seat cathedral due to Mother Teresa’s presence.

After the sisters recited their vows, Archbishop McCarrick asked Mother Teresa to address the assembly. She asked the people of the archdiocese to pray for her and the members of her community “that we may

continue...in our service to God’s poorest of the poor.” She reminded everyone at the Mass that “love is the heart of family life” and encouraged families to unite in prayer.

Attracting less attention was Mother Teresa’s ministry to Jersey City resident Wilma “Billie” Varick Adriance, a young mother with multiple sclerosis. Throughout the 1970s, Mother Teresa visited Adriance, who died at 38 in 1977.

Adriance’s mother, Mary Varick, was co-founder of the First Saturday Club, an organization that takes individuals with disabilities on an annual pilgrimage to shrines overseas and in Canada. Mother Teresa learned of Adriance’s plight through Varick and her work.

The famed nun visited the bed-ridden Adriance and, on one of her visits, gave her a statue of the Blessed Mother. Varick recalled another time when Mother Teresa leaned over her daughter’s bed and said, “Your suffering gives me strength when I am too tired to walk.”

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# Dominican Nuns Gala to be held Oct. 20

SUMMIT—At the Third Annual Dominican Nuns Gala on Oct. 20 at the Grand Summit Hotel, the Dominican Nuns of Summit will pay tribute to three honorees who played a significant role in helping the nuns fulfill their sacred mission. Buddy Fortunato, owner/publisher of *The Italian Tribune*; Mark Giangiulio, general manager/managing agent of the Grand Summit Hotel; and the Ippolito family of Paul Ippolito Memorial have each aided the nuns' mission to provide a place of welcome, comfort and hope for those who visit their chapel.

Fortunato had an initial career in finance after college, followed by eight years in the New Jersey Assembly. But his love and pride in his Sicilian heritage eventually led him to purchase *The Italian Tribune* from his father-in-law in 1999 and take the helm as publisher.

"Each day, we should cherish the spirit and principles of our faith, and none exhibit this example more fervently than the Dominican Nuns," Fortunato said. "My wife Marion was educated by the Dominican Order and forever carries those lessons



A.J. Buddy Fortunato

Mark Giangiulio

The Ippolito Family (left to right): Paul IV, Andrea, Angela, Anthony; the late Paul III (center)

and the bonds that they created. As Sister Mary Catharine has said, the function of the order is to touch the heart of the world. It is their message, and it has a place in all of our hearts and our souls."

A veteran of the hospitality industry, Giangiulio began working at the Grand Summit Hotel in 1994 after a career in the Florida Keys. It was when he first came to Sum-

mit, he says, that he immediately reached out to his neighbors "on the corner" and called to ask if there was anything he could do for them. After discovering that the Dominican Nuns could use some assistance with their holiday meals, Giangiulio responded by providing them with prepared three-course dinners several times a year. He has also helped with kitchen equipment, repairs

and interior work. He also assisted them with fundraising in the early days of their capital campaign, and continues to provide a great deal of support for their sell-out annual gala at The Grand Summit Hotel.

Since 1900, Paul Ippolito Memorial has been serving the funeral needs of families in their communities.

"Our family has always felt it a great privilege to serve the sisters, and we are very touched that they have chosen to honor us at this year's gala," says Angela Ippolito. "We've been in Summit for 52 years, and the sisters have always been a part of our lives."

Last year, the Ippolito family underwrote one of the large stained glass windows destined for the front of the new wing as a meaningful way to honor their father's memory and the devotion he had for the sisters.

All proceeds from the gala will benefit the Centennial Campaign, whose goal is to raise \$4 million toward building a 5,500-square-foot wing. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.501auction.com/dominicangala2016](http://www.501auction.com/dominicangala2016), or contact Maryann Cociello at [development@summitdominicans.org](mailto:development@summitdominicans.org) or (201) 452-4996.

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# Catholic bishops call for emergency collection for Louisiana flood

WASHINGTON—U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' president, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, KY, has called for an emergency collection to assist victims of the recent flooding in Louisiana. He also issued a statement of solidarity with the victims and invited Catholics to generously help those in need.

The collection funds will support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and will help provide support Catholic dioceses impacted. Donations can be made directly to the organization by visiting [www.catholiccharities-usa.org](http://www.catholiccharities-usa.org).

Archbishop Kurtz said:

The recent storms in Louisiana may not have a name, but the names of those suffering in the wake of the worst flooding since Hurricane Katrina are our sisters and brothers. As a people of God, let us come to their aid. I encour-



Photo courtesy of Catholic Charities USA

age Catholics across the United States to respond generously. Our prayer and material support is urgently needed to help rebuild lives.

As many as 60,000 homes

have been damaged, with nearly 20,000 people being rescued from the flood waters. More than 106,000 individuals and families have sought federal disaster aid.

Immediate and long-term recovery needs place a tremendous burden on public and private resources

This is a burden we can help carry as the body of Christ. Faced with the loss of their worldly possessions and, in some cases, economic livelihood, the flood waters left thousands of families feeling isolated and fearful. Let us draw near to them.

As president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, I have called for an emergency collection on or near Sept. 18 to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted Catholic dioceses. Join the Church in being a visible witness to the healing presence of Jesus alive in the world. Understandably, not every parish may be able to participate, but individuals can also donate directly to Catholic Charities USA. Whether your donation is large or small, let us also be sure those suffering feel the power of our prayer to sustain them in the difficult days ahead.

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# Catechetical Office announces 'Spotlight' courses

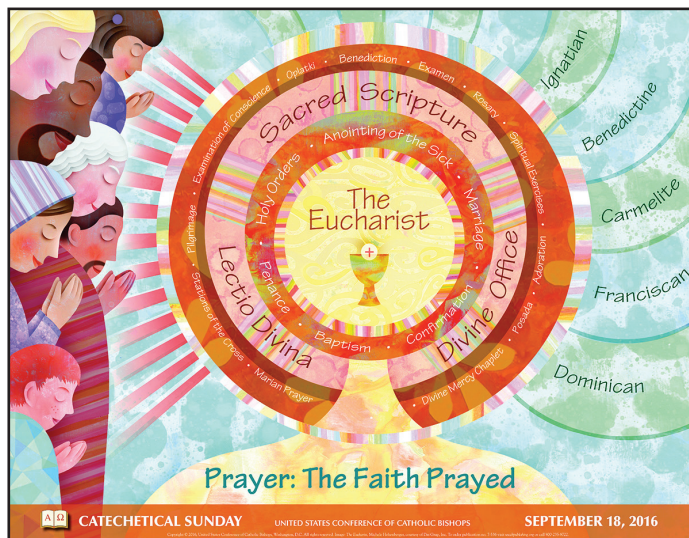
Catechetical Sunday on Sept. 18 will focus on the theme "Prayer: The Faith Prayed." Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the role each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

The Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark offers a series of six one-day courses intended to introduce adult Catholics to the key teachings of the faith. "Spotlight on the Catechism" offers one course on each of the four parts of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. "Spotlight on the Scriptures" offers two courses, an introduction to the Old Testament and an introduction to the New Testament.

Spotlight courses are open to all and are led by inspirational teachers. Sessions are conducted in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere with questions and discussion welcome. The registration fee for each course is \$40 and includes a light breakfast and lunch.

On Nov. 5, Spotlight on Faith, "The Creed: Our Heritage of Faith," will be offered at Saint Henry in Bayonne. The presenter will be Dr. Sylvia McGeary, associate professor of Religious Studies/Associate Dean for Social and Behavioral Sciences, at Felician University in Lodi.

Spotlight on Sacraments, "Celebrating God's Presence," will be offered at Saint Philomena in Livingston on Nov. 12. The presenter will be Rev. Msgr. Paul L. Bochicchio, a retired priest of the archdiocese who has served as Pastor at Holy Rosary, Jersey City; Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Garfield; and Holy Family, Nutley.



On Dec. 10, Spotlight on the New Testament, "The Word Enlightens our Faith, Fortifies our Hope, Inflames our Love," will be offered at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Washington Township. The presenter will be Father John D. Gabriel, pastor of Saint Paul Church, Ramsey.

All courses take place on Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The full schedule and copy of the descriptive brochure are available at [www.rcan.org/sites/default/files/files/SPOTLIGHT%201617v2.pdf](http://www.rcan.org/sites/default/files/files/SPOTLIGHT%201617v2.pdf). Participants receive a certificate after completing each course. Parish catechists, Catholic elementary school religion teachers, RCIA team members and others in catechetical ministries can earn Doctrinal Certification from the Catechetical Office by completing the entire six-course Spotlight series. For more information, to request a brochure, or to register, call Joanne DePasquale-Parent at the Catechetical Office (973) 497-4288 or e-mail [parentjo@rcan.org](mailto:parentjo@rcan.org).

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## Archdiocese offers healing from 'Grief to Grace'

By Cheryl Riley

**D**uring this Year of Mercy, we are called to "be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

The Respect Life Office has answered the Father's call in this Year of Mercy and is sponsoring the first Grief to Grace Retreat to be held in the Archdiocese of Newark this September. Grief to Grace is a four to five-day psychological and spiritual journey providing safety and support for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect.

After offering Rachel's Vineyard post-abortion healing retreats since 1997, the need for Grief to

Grace was evident, since there is a distinct connection between abuse and abortion.

Often, retreatants experience memories of past abuse on the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. We are happy to have this new resource in place to address and heal these traumas.

It takes great courage to register and attend this retreat. We were surprised to have such an overwhelming response that we have reached our capacity for the September retreat. Some people who have experienced abuse find it difficult to achieve financial security. The cost of the retreat can be a factor for some. Fortunately, we were able to secure sponsors so that no one would be turned away due to lack of financial resources.

Going forward, the archdiocese's Respect Life Office will be collaborating with the team from Grief to Grace International Headquarters in Pennsylvania on future retreats, including the next retreat scheduled for Philadelphia March 5-10, 2017.

Countless men and women have been wounded by the current culture of death. During this "year of mercy" we believe these retreats are a gift from our heavenly Father.

For more information on post-abortion and abuse healing, or to sponsor a future retreatant, e-mail [rileyche@rcan.org](mailto:rileyche@rcan.org) or call (973) 497-4350. All inquiries are confidential.

*Cheryl Riley is the associate director of the Respect Life Office for the Archdiocese of Newark.*



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# Pro-life leaders share '20/20 Vision' on abortion

By Christine Flaherty

**L**IFENET and many other New Jersey pro-life ministries and individuals across the state are working together to stem the tide on abortion by using an incremental approach to attain equal rights for babies in the womb.

One of the largest projects is the 20/20 Vision Conference, which will be held at Evangel Church in Scotch Plains, Saturday, Oct. 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The 20/20 Vision Conference planning team ministries include LIFENET, the Respect Life Offices of the Archdiocese of Newark and the Metuchen Diocese, LEARN (the largest African-American pro-life group in the US), the NJ Fam-

ily Policy Council, NJ Right to Life, and Corazon Puro (a Hispanic pro-life/pro-chastity educational organization).

The conference is a non-denominational event designed to provide action-oriented strategies and effective tools to attain equal rights for babies in the womb. The aim of the 20/20 Vision Conference is to mobilize networks of pro-life people to work together on common goals. The first is to educate and build popular opinion to ban abortion past 20 weeks in the state by passing the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" (A-3452 / S-2026) by the year 2020. This is just the first step toward banning all abortion.

Right now New Jersey has no restrictions on abortion. Many people don't realize abortion is legal in

the state throughout all three trimesters of pregnancy. Babies who could easily survive outside the womb are routinely being aborted.

A November 2014 Quinnipiac University poll found that 60 percent of Americans would support a bill like the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act." Further, when confronted with 4-D ultrasound images and other scientific facts about the developing baby, most people would agree that destroying a baby at 20 weeks (5 months) is inhumane and immoral and that these babies need to be protected.

Speakers at the 20/20 Vision Conference include: Stephanie Gray, an internationally-known pro-life apologist who will explain how to graciously win people to the pro-life position; professor Maureen Condic,

a neurobiologist from the University of Utah will explain the evidence that babies in the womb feel pain; Tina Whittington of Students for Life, who will demonstrate how to effectively use digital media to change the culture; Omar Aguilar of Latinos por La Vida, who will speak about how to reach the Hispanic community on pro-life issues; Malory Quigley, Communications Director at the Susan B. Anthony List, who will discuss pro-life successes on the national level and the best language for communicating the intrinsic value of human life.

For more information or to register for the conference, call LIFENET at (973) 497-4500 or visit [www.BabiesintheWombFeelPain.com](http://www.BabiesintheWombFeelPain.com).

*Christine Flaherty is the executive director of LIFENET.*

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## September 13

**World Apostolate of Fatima**, Asbury, celebration of the apparitions of Our Lady of

Fatima, noon Rosary Procession; guest speaker Father Frederick Miller at 12:30 p.m.; Mass at 1 p.m.; Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m., call (908) 852-1120 or visit [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com).

## September 20

**Saint Francis Residential Community**, Denville, open house, 1-3:30 p.m., (973) 627-5000.

**Lumen Center**, Caldwell, "The Second Coming of Jesus: When and How Will We Know," presented by Ginger Grancagnola, supper at 5:30 p.m. and presentation at 6:15-7:45 p.m., \$25-\$35, call (973) 403-3331 ext. 25 or e-mail [lumencenter@caldwelllo.org](mailto:lumencenter@caldwelllo.org).

## September 21

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish**, Wallington, eight-part Bible study featuring Dr. Edward Sri, through Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m., \$22, call Eileen at (201) 933-0576 or Ginny at (201) 715-2087.

## September 22

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## September 24

**Office for Evangelization**, Archdiocese of Newark, "Morning of Mercy: A Mini Pilgrimage" at Divine Mercy Parish, Rahway, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., includes a talk by Rev. Msgr. Joseph Reilly, adoration, confession and Mass, call Fr. John Gordon at (973) 497-4353 or e-mail [gordonjo@rcan.org](mailto:gordonjo@rcan.org).

## September 25

**Shrine of Saint Joseph**, Stirling, "Dining in the Kingdom – A Menu for the Feast of Life," dinner retreat, presented by Father Richard Fragomeni, 4:30 p.m., call (609) 702-7858 or e-mail [sacreddoorwaysnj@gmail.com](mailto:sacreddoorwaysnj@gmail.com).

**Serra International, District 22**, Communion Brunch, Mass at 11 a.m. Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, followed by brunch in the Chancellors Suite at Seton Hall University, featured speaker will be Judge Andrew P. Napolitano, contact Joseph F. Pagano at (201) 954-1990 or [jpagano18@comcast.net](mailto:jpagano18@comcast.net).

## September 26

**Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish**, Roseland,

"Mission on Mercy," through Sept. 28, 7:15-8:30 p.m., presented by Rev. Msgr. Peter Zaccardo, includes prayer, music, Scripture, and fellowship, (973) 226-7288.

## September 27

**St. Catharine Parish**, Glen Rock, fall bereavement support group, for nine consecutive Tuesdays from 7:30-9 p.m., call Drew Rodney at (201) 214-4637.

## September 29

**Don Bosco Prep**, Ramsey, open house, 6:30-8:30 p.m., e-mail [admissions@donboscoprep.org](mailto:admissions@donboscoprep.org) or call (201) 327-8003.

## October 3

**Holy Face Monastery**, Clifton, Feast of St. Theresa, featuring Mass, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, procession and fellowship, begins at 7:30 p.m., (973) 778-1177.

## October 5

**Holy Spirit Parish**, Union, Holy Hour for Life, 7:30-8:30 p.m., (908) 687-3327.

## October 8

**Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child**, Summit, Junior Aerospace Engineering classes, four-week Sunday morning program for pre-school students, 9-10:30 a.m., visit [www.oakknoll.org/aerospace](http://www.oakknoll.org/aerospace) to register or call (908) 522-8109.

## Other

**Caritas Chamber Chorale** seeks singers to audition for its 2016-2017 season. Chorale typically rehearses on Friday evenings in Bridgewater, with some exceptions. Auditions will be held by appointment in early September. Please contact Barbara Sanderman at [director@caritaschamberchorale.org](mailto:director@caritaschamberchorale.org) or (732) 718-0775 to schedule an audition.

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## Official Appointments



Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

## PASTOR

**Reverend Jacek Marchewka**, Pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Mahwah, has been appointed Temporary Administrator there, effective Aug. 17.

## PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL

(All three-year terms effective Sept. 15 unless otherwise noted)

**Reverend Monsignor Robert F. Coleman**, minister to the Seton Hall University priest community, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark.

**Reverend Juancho G. De Leon**, Pastor of Saint Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, has been elected to the Archdiocese of Newark.

**Reverend Joseph A. Mancini**, Pastor of Saint Stephen Parish, Kearny, has been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark.

**Reverend Monsignor Ronald J. Rozniak**, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, has been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Aug. 31.

**Reverend Michael J. Sheehan**, Pastor of Saint Peter the Apostle Parish, River Edge, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark.

**Reverend Michael G. Ward**, Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scotch Plains, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark.

## DEAN

**Reverend Dieuseul Adain**, Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary/Saint Michael Parish, Elizabeth, has been appointed Dean of Deanery 25 for a five-year term, effective Aug. 16.

## PAROCHIAL VICAR

**Reverend Trinidad Cuevas**, Parochial Vicar at Saint Mary Parish, Nutley, has been appointed Parochial Vicar at Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Union City, effective Oct. 1.

## CHAPLAINS

**Reverend John D. Gabriel**, Pastor at Saint Paul Parish, Ramsey, has been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – Patrick F. Pindar Council #3962, Ramsey, effective Sept. 1.

**Reverend Peter O. Iwuala**, has been appointed Chaplain at Clara Maass Hospital, Belleville, effective Aug. 9.

**Reverend Arokiaswamy Samson**, has been appointed Chaplain at Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, effective Aug. 16.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR/  
ADVISOR

**Reverend Joseph D. Girone**, Pastor at Saint Rocco/Saint Bridget Parish, Union City, has been appointed Spiritual Director of the Hudson Hispanic Curia of the Legion of Mary, effective Sept. 1.

**Reverend Charles M. Kelly**, Parochial Vicar at Saint Cassian Parish, Upper Montclair, has been appointed Spiritual Advisor of the Mercier Club, Montclair, effective Sept. 1.



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# BACK to School



# New principals head back to alma maters

By Laura Cristiano

Students aren't the only ones heading back to school. Several new faces amongst the principals in the Archdiocese of Newark are returning to their alma maters. Only this time they aren't students.

John Cohrs, Michael Bruno, and Jean Mullooly will be returning to Aquinas Academy in Livingston, Saint Joseph Regional High School in Montvale, and Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest respectively.

"My journey is a long one that began as a student here many years ago and while the world has changed greatly since that time, the mission of the School Sisters of Notre Dame has not changed for it is timeless: education can be transformative and produce the changes the world needs the most," Mullooly said.

Two principals have previously been assistant principals. Lauren Lytle of the Academy of Saint Joseph of the Palisades in West New York was the assistant principal for almost a decade. With the recent retirement of Eileen Donavan Ferrando, Lytle is now stepping into the role of principal. Stephanie Macaluso is now stepping into the role of principal at Paramus Catholic while former principal/president James Vail focuses his attention on the role of president in the largest Catholic high school in the state of New Jersey.

Some principals are now the



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New elementary principals, left to right, Armand Lamberti; Stella Scarano; Michael Petrillo; and Kelly Koval following their welcoming prayer service with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Margaret Dames.

administrators in schools where they were once students. At Saint Thomas the Apostle in Bloomfield, former physical education teacher, Michael Petrillo, has put aside his whistle and gym shorts for the suit and tie of the principal. He's also a technological and media savvy wiz, maintaining the school's webpage and social media presence for several years.

Others are coming from years as Catholic school teachers in other schools within the archdiocese. Stella Scarano started her career as an elementary teacher at Holy Family, (now Good Shepherd Academy) in Nutley. From there she became an administrator at Paramus Catholic. She's now going back to her elementary roots, and she is the new prin-

cipal at Saint Joseph Academy in Bogota. Armand Lamberti of Holy Spirit in Union is also returning to Catholic education where he began prior to being an administrator in the public sector.

Kelly Koval is keeping up with family tradition in becoming a Catholic school principal. She follows in the footsteps of her aunt, Jo Ann Matthews, who was the principal for many years at the Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Franklin Lakes. If ever Koval needs advice, she can turn to her sister, Traci Koval, who is currently the principal at Saint Leo School in Elmwood Park.

"While pursuing my doctorate in education at Seton Hall University, it became apparent to me that I would

one day want to take on a leadership role within a Catholic school environment," Koval said about her transition. "Learning about Our Lady of Mount Carmel's mission statement clarified for me that the academy is where I belong and most importantly where God wants me to be on this journey. I strongly believe that our Roman Catholic values and constant spiritual growth will enrich the educational experience at Mount Carmel. It is a personal goal of mine to continuously grow spiritually, morally and intellectually and to pass this passion on to those who surround me."

*Laura Cristiano is the director of Catholic School Marketing for the Archdiocese of Newark.*

## Catholic schools:

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to apply. Please pray that our hope will become a reality.

We have hired 10 new principals and an Archdiocesan Coordinator of Special Education. Nine of the 10 principals are currently administrators and/or teachers within the archdiocese. New principals include: Jean Mullooly, Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest; Michael Bruno, Saint Joseph Regional High School, Montvale; Jason Schlereth, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Washington Township; Sarah Degnan-Moje, Saint Dominic Academy, Jersey City; Stella Scarano, Saint Joseph Academy, Bogota; Kelly Koval, Academy of Our Lady

of Mount Carmel, Tenafly; Michael Petrillo, Saint Thomas the Apostle, Bloomfield; John Cohrs, Aquinas Academy, Livingston; Joseph Caporaso, Saint Theresa, Kenilworth; Armand Lamberti, Holy Spirit, Union; Virginia Gilchrist, (Interim) Saint Elizabeth, Wyckoff; and Eileen O'Neill, Coordinator of K-12, Special Education.

As for our plans, we are excited about beginning to map the K-8 science curriculum this year, initiating the engineering course in 11 of the high schools, introducing digital computer engineering in four high schools, initiating an Archdiocesan STEM Expo, coordinating a special education program and continuing to observe and evaluate teachers by using Teachscape.

Father John McCrone will of-

fer three principal forums this year based on the Catholicism video series. "Zippy," a mental health curriculum for young children, will also be introduced in a number of our kindergarten and first grade classrooms throughout the archdiocese.

Most importantly, our goals are to teach our faith and to be second to none academically. To accomplish these tasks, we must continue to cooperate with one another and to compete with the public schools and charter schools.

"In Renewing our Commitment to Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Third Millennium" the United States bishops declared, "Our vision is clear: our Catholic schools are a vital part of the teaching mission of the Church. The challenges ahead are many but

our spirit and will to succeed are strong." Together, we will achieve our goals.

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*Dr. Margaret A. Dames is the Superintendent of Schools/ Secretary for Catholic Education for the Archdiocese of Newark.*



## Mount Saint Mary students serving locally and globally

**WATCHUNG**—Service is one of the Mercy Core Values inspired by the Venerable Catherine McAuley, who founded the Sisters of Mercy, and it is a way of life for students at Mount Saint Mary Academy inside and outside of the classroom.

Last summer, while many students were enjoying the sun and travel, Mount Saint Mary seniors participated in several outreach endeavors at local hospitals, Bible schools, Justiceworx in West Virginia, the Appalachian Outreach Program, Catholic Heart Camp, The BlinkNow Foundation, Newark Work Camp, American Legion Auxiliary and more.

Every spring since 2002, the entire school community bands together during Service Day to package donations at the Community Food Bank, prepare care packages for Operation Shoebox, craft cards for Operation Quiet Comfort, create blankets for Project Linus, and offer assistance to schools and resource centers.

“The unique thing about Service Day is that we take a day to stop what we are doing academically to serve those in need throughout the state. Teachers and staff work together serving this common cause, which is to help one another on this journey we call life,” said Mount Saint Mary Academy Directress Sister Lisa D. Gambacorto, R.S.M.

Students like Serena Evans-Luteroth are continuously learning to put the needs of others before their own. “When we put together care packages for Operation Shoebox, it stunned me that people were in need of basic toiletries and small snacks...it made me feel sad that they didn’t have these and made me grateful for the life I live,” she explained.

This year, two students organized a gala on behalf of Teens for Teens in Union County that would help build a pediatric palliative care room at a local hospital, while five students rolled up their sleeves at a local food bank during the



This summer, students from Mount Saint Mary Academy rolled up their sleeves to participate in Justiceworx service trips. One group traveled to West Virginia to work on building homes, while another went to Trenton to work with special needs clients.

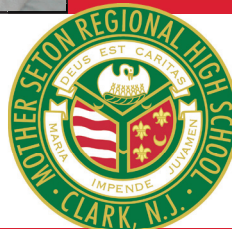
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2016 Global Youth Service Day. The academy’s Italian Club raised \$800 for the Mercy Girl Effect by hosting two Italian ice fundraisers. Additionally, three seniors traveled to China, Mexico and Peru for mission trips with Operation Smile that changed their lives while improving the lives of others.

Abby Mackessy, who went to Mexico said, “It has revealed that

the greatest way for me to connect to God is through helping others and encouraging others to do the same.”

In June, Sister Lisa and former Directress Sister Mary Kerwin, R.S.M., were recognized for their service to the community with the Vatican’s *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* (Cross of Honour) at Saint Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen.



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## Seton Hall's Sister Rose Thering Fund names new program manager

SOUTH ORANGE—The Sister Rose Thering Fund for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences at Seton Hall University has selected Clare Giangreco as its new program manager. Giangreco brings more than 35 years of professional experience in both ministerial and corporate leadership roles, as well as personal interest in the fund's mission.

"In today's times, religious tolerance is such a high focus in society so this is a great opportunity for me to get involved in this important area and make a real impact in the lives of educators and students through the mission of the fund," Giangreco said.

"We are pleased to welcome Clare Giangreco as program manager," said Deborah Lerner

Duane, chairman of the Sister Rose Thering Fund. "Her extensive corporate background, enriched by a second career that includes fundraising and program development, will enable the fund to reach the ambitious goals we have set for ourselves."

"Jewish-Christian Studies is so important because it works to bridge religious faiths together, especially reaching our youth through education," Giangreco added. "I am impressed by how committed and engaged the Seton Hall community is to the fund's mission and to bridging that gap."

Giangreco succeeds Marilyn Zirl who retired earlier this year. "Finding Marilyn's successor was very challenging since she knew Sister Rose and worked closely with her," said Professor David Bossman, executive

director of the fund. "Clare Giangreco comes with considerable program management expertise and we look forward to working with her as program manager in extending the legacy of Sister Rose."

Giangreco received a master's degree in pastoral ministry in 2000 from Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, graduating with the John Paul II Medal for Academic Excellence. "Seton Hall is a community that is a leader in Jewish-Christian Studies," said Giangreco. "I feel a great level of comfort and appreciation to be able to return to Seton Hall and I am proud to be part of the university as an alumna and now employee."

The Sister Rose Thering Fund for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies continues



**Clare Giangreco**

to improve interreligious relations through teacher education, especially at the elementary and secondary school levels. More than 400 teachers throughout the state have benefited from Fund scholarships for their studies at Seton Hall's graduate program during the past two decades, and have had an impact on more than 150,000 students in their classes.



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## Oak Knoll students spent summer bringing aid to Appalachia



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**SUMMIT**—Four Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child students spent part of their summer helping those in need during a week-long trip to Appalachia. Allison Palmeri, Madison Dyer, Isabel Salas and Yahaira

Torres traveled to the poverty-stricken region of eastern Kentucky from June 26 to July 2 in the school's second solo trip to the region.

Based at the Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center in Louisa, KY, the students supported the center's thrift store and vacation Bible school, in addition to repairing homes.

Stacy Nolan and Sarah Sicari, theology teachers at Oak Knoll's all-girls middle and high school, accompanied the students as they journeyed to several homes in Kentucky, as well as another in West Virginia, where the young women repaired gutters, painted a kitchen and installed insulation and drywall.

Students also enjoyed spiritual opportunities through the week by attending Masses, prayer services and gospel music sessions. Other opportunities for growth and diversion included meeting another student service group from Cincinnati, as well as trying their hand at line dancing.

A large photograph showing five young women in white polo shirts and grey skirts jumping joyfully on the stone steps of Immaculate Conception High School. They have their arms raised in the air. The school's name is visible on the building behind them.

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## St. Vincent Academy resumes Sept. 9

NEWARK—Saint Vincent Academy, Newark's only private college preparatory high school exclusively for young women, is prepared to welcome nearly 300 students on Friday, Sept. 9.

In May, the Middle States Association for Colleges and Schools awarded Saint Vincent a new term of accreditation which will keep the school in compliance for the next seven years.

During this time, the academy plans to maintain excellence in providing affordable student and staff development, as well as high graduation and college acceptance rates. The entire Class of 2016 graduated and was accepted to colleges, receiving over \$16 million in merit-based scholarships.

"We are pleased that you continue to be among the schools throughout the world that meet the internationally recognized standards of quality," said Henry G. Cram, President of the Middle States Association.

This summer, many students applied to and participated in competitive, summer programs including the Greater Newark Conservancy's Newark Youth Leadership Program; Rutgers Medical School's SMART Program; Appel Farm Arts Camp; NJIT's Financial Literacy Program and various corporate internships through All Star's Project, a Development School for Youth.

Saint Vincent Academy also welcomes four new members to its staff and faculty, two of them young alumnae.

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### Fall 2016 Open House Schedule

Sunday, October 2 • 1-3 p.m.  
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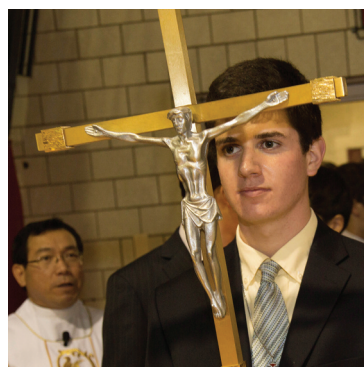
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Saint Mary High School in Rutherford recently received a gift of \$250,000 from alumni Paul J. Connolly. The school will invest the donation in the duly named Paul J. Connolly Technology Center. Connolly graduated from Saint Mary in 1955 and was a veteran of the United States Air Force. In 1970 he made his way to San Francisco and managed a software development firm in Silicon Valley, supplying software programs to NASA and other government contractors. Pictured left to right is Pastor of Saint Mary Father Michael Kreder, Principal Tara Brunt and Director of Alumni and Development Michael Sheridan.





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[holyangels.org](http://holyangels.org)  
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 7 November  
 26 April

Immaculate Conception High School  
[ichslodi.com](http://ichslodi.com)  
 25 September  
 20 October  
 26 April

Saint Joseph Regional High School  
[saintjosephregional.org](http://saintjosephregional.org)  
 2 October  
 2 November  
 3 May

Queen of Peace High School  
[qphs.org](http://qphs.org)  
 2 October  
 24 October  
 16 November

Bergen Catholic High School  
[bergencatholic.org](http://bergencatholic.org)  
 18 September  
 9 November  
 6 April

Paramus Catholic Regional High School  
[paramus-catholic.org](http://paramus-catholic.org)  
 2 October  
 19 October  
 18 January  
 3 May

Don Bosco Preparatory High School  
[donboscoprep.com](http://donboscoprep.com)  
 29 September  
 30 October  
 27 April

Saint Mary High School  
[stmaryhs.org](http://stmaryhs.org)  
 25 September  
 25 October  
 25 April

Immaculate Heart Academy  
[ihanj.com](http://ihanj.com)  
 16 October  
 3 November  
 27 April

## HUDSON COUNTY OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE 2016-2017

Marist High School  
[marist.org](http://marist.org)  
 2 October  
 18 October  
 12 January  
 11 May

Hudson Catholic Regional High School  
[hudsoncatholic.org](http://hudsoncatholic.org)  
 16 October  
 9 November  
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Saint Anthony High School  
[stanthonyhighschool.org](http://stanthonyhighschool.org)  
 28 September  
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Saint Dominic Academy  
[stdominicacad.com](http://stdominicacad.com)  
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Benedictine Academy <a href="http://benedictineacad.org">benedictineacad.org</a>	16 October 3 November 4 January
Saint Mary of the Assumption High School <a href="http://stmaryhsnj.org">stmaryhsnj.org</a>	1 October 22 October 1 November
Roselle Catholic Regional High School <a href="http://rosellecatholic.org">rosellecatholic.org</a> Information Nights	22 October 16 January 27 October 19 January
Union Catholic Regional High School <a href="http://unioncatholic.org">unioncatholic.org</a>	5 October 5 April
Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child <a href="http://oakknoll.org">oakknoll.org</a>	1 October 5 November 7 December
Oratory Preparatory School <a href="http://oratoryprep.org">oratoryprep.org</a>	2 October 20 October
Koinonia Academy <a href="http://koinoniaacademy.org">koinoniaacademy.org</a>	29 January 2 February

### ESSEX COUNTY OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE 2016-2017

Mount Saint Dominic Academy <a href="http://msdacademy.org">msdacademy.org</a>	25 September 26 October 26 April
Immaculate Conception High School <a href="http://ichspride.org">ichspride.org</a>	22 October 7 November 18 January 31 January
Christ the King Preparatory School <a href="http://ctkprep.org">ctkprep.org</a>	25 September 16 October 2 April 7 May
Saint Benedict's Preparatory School <a href="http://sbp.org">sbp.org</a>	8 October 12 November 10 December
Saint Vincent Academy <a href="http://svanewark.org">svanewark.org</a>	5 October 18 October 6 November
Seton Hall Preparatory School <a href="http://shp.org">shp.org</a>	30 October
Lacordaire Academy <a href="http://lacordaire.net">lacordaire.net</a>	2 October

## Statement of Archbishop John J. Myers on Drumgoole vs. Archdiocese of Newark, et. al.

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

**T**he mission of every Catholic school is to provide young people with a quality academic education grounded in and centered on authentic Catholic teaching and practices. Catholic education is an important ministry that supports and furthers the mission of the Church. The teaching mission of the Church comes from Christ Himself.

All involved in the ministry of Catholic education, regardless of the positions they may have or the duties and responsibilities they shoulder, are charged with forming young people into witnesses to Christ and opening their hearts to the spiritual transformation given by the Holy Spirit. By their words and by their lives, they teach. All are exemplars of the statement attributed to St. Francis: "Preach the Gospel. Use words if necessary." Consequently, all involved in the ministry of Catholic education are required to conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the discipline, norms and teachings of the Catholic Church. In acknowledgement of that requirement, they accept and sign a Ministerial Agreement and Code of Conduct. They oblige themselves to promote and foster authentic Catholic beliefs and practices—even if they themselves are not Catholic. Every teacher, every administrator, every staff member in our Catholic schools teaches the students with whom he or she interacts about living according to the faith of the Church.

In recent days, there has been much media reporting regarding a guidance counselor at Paramus Catholic who was terminated when it was learned that she was involved in a same-sex union. In our Catholic faith, marriage is between a man and a woman. A same-sex union violates the tenets of the Catholic faith.

Every religious organization has the right to promote and define its own identity, mission and message. Every religious organization has the right to ensure that people in that religious organization support and promote its beliefs and teachings. When someone involved in Catholic education ministry offers a public counter-witness to Catholic teaching, he or she does not teach the Truth or further the mission of the Church. Such actions can create confusion and uncertainty in the moral formation of the young people he or she

encounters. When that happens, the Church must be free to take corrective steps to maintain the identity and the integrity of her mission. This right is protected by the United States Constitution as well as federal and state law.

With respect to its teachers and administrators, the Church acts on facts. When credible evidence comes to its attention that an employee is violating the tenets of the Catholic faith, it is compelled to investigate and take appropriate action. In the matter now before the court, certain facts were made known to school and Archdiocesan officials.

It seems that many have equated, mistakenly, the Church's position of welcoming sinners (for we are all sinners) with the notion that we accept teaching and lifestyles contrary to the principles of our faith that can create scandal in our Church. Much has been said in recent days about respect, diversity, and mercy. I agree that these qualities are important to the mission of the Catholic Church, especially through the ministry of Catholic education. Every person deserves to be treated with dignity, to be given respect, and to be shown the qualities of mercy. For decades I have taught and written that the Church welcomes everyone and invites everyone to participate in the life of the Church to the degree that they honestly can, while sincerely respecting the teachings of the Church. The invitation to join in the life of the Church does not include an invitation to alter or redefine what the Church believes and teaches, nor is it an invitation to allow others to define the identity, mission and message of the Church.

Even Jesus recognized that some people could not or would not accept His teaching. He was saddened when they walked away from Him, but He never altered His teaching. Nor shall we do so today.

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## Felician and Middlesex County College sign business program agreement

RUTHERFORD—Middlesex County College and Felician University recently signed an agreement that will allow county college business students to complete their bachelor's degree in business, and, if they choose, a master's degree in business administration from Felician.

The bachelor's-level and graduate classes will be held on the Middlesex County College campus in Edison.

"We are excited to partner with Middlesex County College to create this clear and convenient pathway for their students to earn their undergraduate degree in business and even go on for an MBA," said Robert Evans, dean of the Felician University School of Business. "This agreement will allow students to continue their education at Felician without distance as an obstacle."

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Middlesex County College business students," said Dr. Jeffrey Herron, dean of professional studies. "They can transfer the 64 credits required for our business administration transfer degree directly to Felician's business program, which means that they will not need to repeat courses completed at Middlesex. We have a very good relationship with the business department at Felician, and we believe the opportunity to expand our existing agreement to include the ability to pursue an MBA degree is an exciting development for our students, something we hope they will explore."

Herron noted the two schools already have an agreement linking nursing programs.

"I've been able to observe our nursing graduates participating in

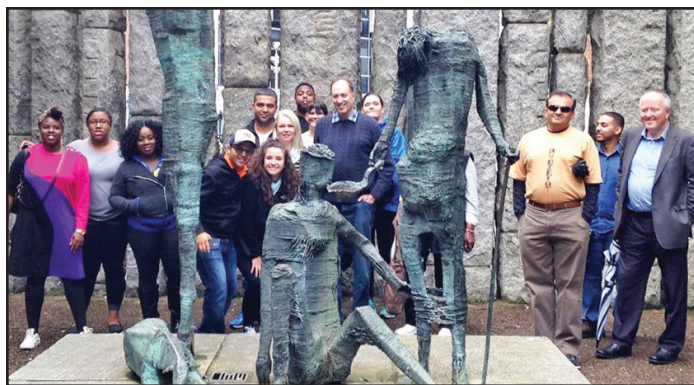


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Felician graduate students in the School of Business participated in the 4th annual study abroad summer program in Dublin, Ireland. They studied "Contemporary Issues in Organizational Leadership" co-taught by Professor Brian Carroll of The National College of Ireland and Professor Michael Omansky from Felician. During a walking tour of Dublin, they stopped at the Famine statue in Saint Stephen's Green.

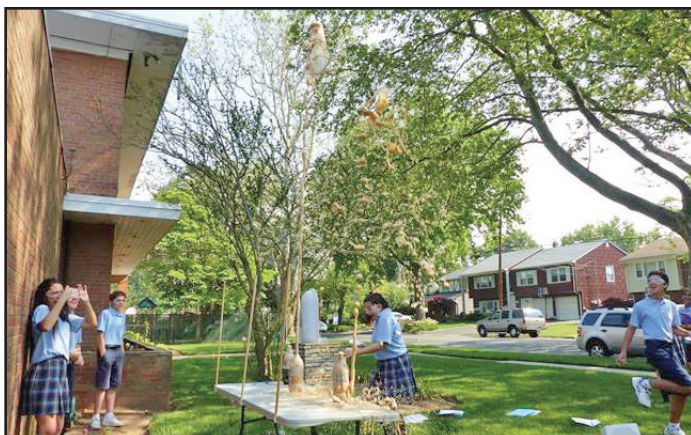
Felician's program," he said. "The way Felician has supported our students is very impressive and demonstrates its commitment to our partnership. I feel that this opportunity

to grow the already strong relationship between our institutions will be very beneficial to Middlesex County College students looking to pursue bachelor's degrees."





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# Paramus Catholic's unveils music conservatory

Featuring over 3,000 square feet dedicated to the ever-growing music program, Paramus Catholic recently opened its new music conservatory. Two new practice rooms are being used as solo and small group ensemble rehearsal space. A third practice room houses approximately 10 keyboards and serves as a piano lab. The space affords superb acoustics for practice and additional practice space for students to better their skills.

The centerpiece of the conservatory is its 120-seat amphitheater, which is large enough to accommodate Paramus Catholic's 80-member orchestra, concert choir, and marching band. "At a time when many schools are reducing their music programs, we are proud to be expanding ours," said James P. Vail, president of Paramus Catholic.

Last year, 131 students participated in either concert band or concert choir. The Marching Paladins, the high school's marching band, appeared in many area parades throughout the 2015-16 school year, including the Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Columbus Day Parade, both in New York City, as well as the Memorial Day Parades in Rochelle Park and Hawthorne.



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Members of Paramus Catholic's music programs stand in front of the new music conservatory doors, which features an original mural designed by recent graduate Woody Wei, who is attending the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

Students rehearsing in the 120-seat amphitheater.

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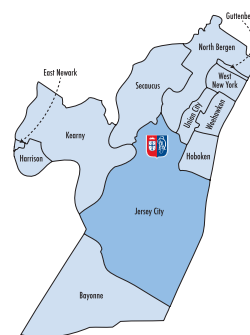


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After completing the "dancing classroom" program, 12 fifth grade students from All Saints Catholic Academy in Bayonne went on to compete at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center earlier this summer. The students performed in "The Colors of the Rainbow" team match and were awarded the bronze medal. Formally established in 2008, All Saints Catholic Academy is sponsored by the eight Roman Catholic parishes of Bayonne.

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# Saint Dominic Academy students attend diverse summer programs

JERSEY CITY—Students at Saint Dominic Academy got a head start on the new school year by participating in summer programs.

Senior Purnima Prasad spent two weeks in an intense Pre-College resident program at Johns Hopkins University earning a 4.0 grade point average and college credit. She also completed six full weeks of a research internship with Columbia Medical Center. Prasad had the opportunity to present her research experience at New York University during the Girls Science Engineering and Mathematics' 4th Annual Symposium. She has written a manuscript on her research and will continue to work on the project.

Junior Emily Gill was a participant at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar at Monmouth University. Legendary actor Hugh O'Brian started the seminar in 1958 to "inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation."

Already an academic leader, Gill is the treasurer of the National Honor Society, the secretary of Student Ambassadors, a member of the student council, the Peer Ministry team, the Spanish Club and Dominican Youth and Action.

"(The seminar) was an exceptional experience that allowed me to excel as a leader, and taught me new leadership skills that I am excited to bring back to Saint Dominic Academy and my community," Gill said. "I met so many amazing people and heard their inspirational stories. The speakers and ambassadors empowered me to pursue my passions, and taught me that I can make a difference. I am so grateful I was given this opportunity, and the things I've learned at the seminar will stay with me for the rest of my life."

Sophomore Jenna Manzo attended the Global STEM Alliance Summit in July at the New York Academy of Sciences. Manzo is a member of 1000 Girls, 1000 Futures, an on-line platform that connects mentees

with mentors throughout the year, and it was through that program that she was invited to attend the summit.

"This summit allowed me to connect and build networks with girls from all over the world who are also interested in STEM, talk with scientists and go on a field trip," Manzo said. Along with meeting many professional women in the STEM field, she had the chance to attend a #BUILTBYGIRLS workshop where she learned the importance of networking, creating a resume and finding internships.

Freshman Logan Hart of Jersey City spent much of the summer preparing for her upcoming competitive gymnastics season. Logan will be competing as a US Junior Olympic Level 8 gymnast. She attended the International Gymnastics Camp in June and July and trained with many past and present Olympians and World Champions.

Eighth grader Lila Oranchak, who is enrolled in a pre-profession-



Submitted photo  
Lila Oranchak with Ted Kivitt, a former principal dancer with American Ballet Theatre.

al ballet program in New York City, auditioned for and was accepted to Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet's five-week summer ballet intensive in Carlisle, PA. The students learned from a distinguished faculty and experienced a program completely focused on improving their technical skills and developing their confidence as dancers. Oranchak danced an average of five hours a day, six days a week.

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# Archdiocesan Catholic schools receive 'Blue Ribbon'

By Melissa McNally  
Editor

Each year in September, the U. S. Department of Education recognizes exceptional schools with a National Blue Ribbon Award. Only 50 schools, public and private, make the coveted list each year. Currently, in the Archdiocese of Newark, 25 percent of elementary schools have the honor.

"It is a bit unusual to have such a large percentage of schools in one area receive this distinction," said Barbara Dolan, assistant superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for archdiocesan Catholic elementary schools. "It is a testament to our schools' quality and academic programs but also to the work we do outside the classroom."

To be nominated, the students' reading and math standardized test scores from the previous year must be in the top 15 percent in the nation. The graduation rate must be 95 percent or higher. Not only are there strict academic requirements, schools must also demonstrate how



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Our Lady of Czestochowa School in Jersey City was named a National Blue Ribbon School last year. The school celebrated by decorating the campus and hosting a reception with students.

they engage in the community.

"We encourage our Catholic schools to apply and they usually receive the award on the first or second try," Dolan explained.

The application process can be hard work, with detailed examples required to explain the culture of the school. "You have to provide an overview of the school and explain what makes it special. Schools have

to have a good sense of curriculum and also demonstrate that they communicate well with students' families," Dolan said.

There is a lot of work to be done in a short period of time to submit a thorough and successful National Blue Ribbon application. The process begins in September and applications are due by December.

"For schools, it is a matter of

finding the time and getting a committee together. You are only given so many words to convey what the school is about. It's really a four-week crunch to get everything done. Schools can present a draft to us at the Schools Office and we will offer suggestions. Our Catholic school teachers really step up and find the time to do it all," Dolan said.

The award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools. More than 7,500 schools across the country have been presented with the award.

Schools are often thrilled when they are acknowledged with the honor. "When the announcement is made, there's often a reception of celebration at the school. The award says that your school is doing a great job and that you are provide an exemplary education," Dolan explained.

Two representatives from each Blue Ribbon School, the principal and a teacher, attend the recognition ceremony in Washington, D.C. in November.

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2	20,826	1,736	868	801	401	2	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570
3	26,208	2,184	1,092	1,008	504	3	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718
4	31,590	2,633	1,317	1,215	608	4	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865
5	36,972	3,081	1,541	1,422	711	5	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012
6	42,354	3,530	1,765	1,629	815	6	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160
7	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919	7	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
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Application forms are available at the school's website and at your child's school. Applications can be submitted at any time during the school year. If a household member becomes unemployed or the household size or income changes during the school year, parents are encouraged to contact the school so that all children receive the proper benefits.

For the school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information listed on the application: names of all household members; household income received by each household member; type of income; frequency of income such as weekly, every two weeks, twice a month or monthly; and the signature and the last four digits of the social security number of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

The information provided by parents on the application will be kept confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility.

The school will advise parents of their child's eligibility within 10 working days of receipt of the application. Any parent dissatisfied with the eligibility determination may contact the school to request an informal conference or may appeal the decision by requesting a formal hearing. Parents may call the school for further information on the program.

Once determinations are completed, school officials are required to verify three percent of the approved free and reduced price applications on file.

Foster children are eligible for free meals or free milk. Households receiving assistance under NJ SNAP or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for their children will be notified of their eligibility for free benefits unless the household notifies the school that it chooses to

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## Immaculate Heart chef wins Food Network show

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP—

Immaculate Heart Academy's Chef Andrew Gonci, the school's executive chef from Cater to You Food Service, was named the winner of the Food Network culinary competition show, *Cooks vs. Cons.*

In the fast-paced show, amateur cooks go head-to-head against two professional chefs while concealing their true identities. Contestants battle it out in two rounds of timed challenges to create restaurant-quality dishes using a secret ingredient.

In the two rounds of competition, the judges were most impressed with Gonci's use of the secret ingredients, pretzels and mint. Although he was confident in his skills and talent in the kitchen, he said it was a surreal moment when they announced him as the winner.

"My emotions were everywhere that day—scared, happy, excited," Gonci said. "I just didn't want to let anyone down, especially the Immaculate Heart Academy girls. I couldn't come back to 800 girls as a loser. Losing wasn't an option, so I think I tried harder than most people would."

Gonci, a 2003 graduate of The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY, has always wanted to be on a cooking television show. During his time at Immaculate Heart, he has gotten a glimpse of what it's like to be on TV by appearing on regular episodes of *Heartburn*, a cooking show hosted by senior, Kathleen Rattazzi, on the high school's heartTV. Gonci revealed that he has enjoyed working at Immaculate Heart for the past two years, as he is able to combine his loves of cooking, being in front of the camera, and educating the community about food.

"I love that I don't just cook for the staff and kids, but I am also able to teach them about particular foods or how to make certain things," Gonci said. "They really have shown an interest in learning about what they are eating. Those 40 minutes they have in the cafeteria every day is their one break from all their hard work, so I want to do the best I can to make them happy."



## Nourishing Your Faith held Oct. 19

More than 500 people are expected at the seventh annual Nourishing Your Faith Dinner at The Grove in Cedar Grove on Wednesday, Oct. 19. The dinner is a fund-raising event for the Archdiocese of Newark bringing together prominent business and community leaders throughout the region in support of the faith initiatives of the archdiocese, including Catholic education. The evening begins at 6 p.m. and concludes at 9:15 p.m.

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### PRAYER TO ST. LUCY

Saint Lucy, Whose beautiful name Signifies light. By the light of faith which God bestowed upon you, Increase and preserve His light in my soul, So that I may avoid evil, be zealous in the performance of good works, and abhor nothing so much as the blindness and the darkness of evil and sin. Obtain for me, by your intercessory with God, perfect vision, for my bodily eyes and the grace to use them. For God's greater honor and glory and the salvation of souls. St. Lucy Virgin and martyr, here my prayers and obtain my petitions Amen. Prayer to be Published in gratitude.

D.T.

### PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me that you are my mother. Oh Holy Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. I place this cause in your hands. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Novena is published in gratitude. Thank you.

D.T.

### PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

Oh, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition (make request). In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glorias. St. Jude, pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena must be said for 9 consecutive days. Thank you for answering my prayer.

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# Hoboken remembers victims of Sept. 11

HOBOKEN—This month will mark the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. For the families and friends of all victims, for all those who watched with disbelief the falling of the Twin Towers of World Trade Center, the anniversary will recall a tragic moment in our nation's history, and a tremendous outpouring of support in the aftermath.

To mark the milestone, the Catholic community of Saints Peter and Paul, on the waterfront of Hoboken across the river from downtown Manhattan, has teamed up with local schools for a 4 p.m. memorial concert at the church.

With contemporary and inspired music sung by youth choirs from Hoboken High School, Stevens Institute of Technology, Mustard Seed School and the orchestra, singers and choir of Saints Peter and Paul Church, music director and composer Matthew Still aims to remember, to heal and to uplift.

"For many residents, the devastation of lower Manhattan was more than images on a television screen: it was the acrid smoke in the air,



the taste of tears for lost acquaintances, the noise of first responders' trucks rushing through our streets. With this memorial concert we also seek to heal using our senses, with visual recollection and a variety of orchestral and choral pieces," Still explained.



Sandra Swieder

"Hoboken has always remembered the victims of Sept. 11 with an ecumenical religious service which once again will be held earlier in the afternoon," Rev. Msgr. Robert S. Meyer, pastor of Saints Peter and Paul said. "This hour-long concert is a way for people to mark this special

anniversary with respect, togetherness and a sense of hope and healing through this uplifting and inclusive musical program".

To accompany the concert, "The Jersey Side" 9/11 Project, a photo exhibit by photographer Sandra Swieder will be presented at the church. In the aftermath of the attack, Swieder documented the response from the other side of the Hudson River.

There is no charge to attend the concert but donations will be accepted. For more information, visit [www.spphoboken.com](http://www.spphoboken.com) or call (201) 659-2276.

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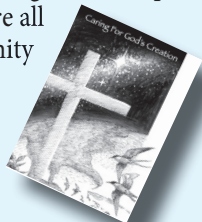
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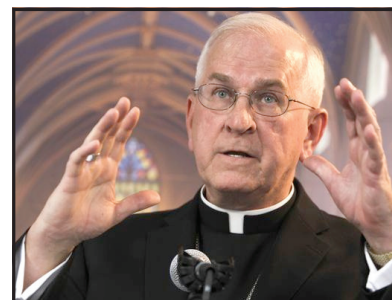
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## Pope Francis invites faithful to 'Show Mercy to our Common Home'

WASHINGTON—On the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Sept. 1, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, extended an invitation to people of all faiths to unite with Pope Francis as witnesses for the Care of Creation.

In addition, Bishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, chair of the Bishop's Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and Bishop Oscar Cantú of Las Cruces, New Mexico, chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace, issued a statement drawing attention to the deep connection between integral ecology and the need to respect the dignity of all human life, especially those in poverty.

In his statement, Archbishop Kurtz invited people to reflect and connect with others to make positive changes in their communities. “When we care for the environment, we are caring for ourselves and each other,” Archbishop Kurtz said.



### A statement from Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Today, on the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Francis called upon people of faith and goodwill to be “united in cherishing the world in which we live as a place for sharing and communion.” As Catholics, the Holy Father invited each of us to “a serious examination of conscience” so that we might “confess our sins against the Creator, against creation, and against our brothers and sisters.”

Tonight at the dinner table with friends or family or at another quiet moment this day, we should pause in reflection. Pray in thanksgiving for the life-sustaining resources God has given us on the earth. Pray also for the strength to sustain individual, community, national and global efforts to care for our common home. When we care for the environment, we are caring for ourselves and each other. Pope Francis speaks of an “integral ecology” because no divide exists between serving as good stewards of the earth and serving our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

The seeds of good stewardship are found in the routines of daily life. Do we turn off extra lights or adjust our thermostats? Do we recycle, look for reusable containers and consume only that which we truly need? These small seeds can then grow into broader, stronger, sustainable public policy.

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### Sister Anne Claytor, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 6 at Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, for Sister Anne Claytor, S.C., 90, who died Aug. 2.



Formerly Sister Constance Mary, she entered the Sisters of Charity on Sept. 8, 1944 and was a member for 71 years.

Sr. Anne graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, with a bachelor's degree in elementary education; from Seton Hall University, South Orange, with a master's degree in elementary education; and from Rutgers University, New Brunswick with a doctorate in curriculum theory and development.

Sr. Anne was an educator in New Jersey and Florida. She taught at Saint Brendan School, Clifton; Saint Mary School, Elizabeth; Holy Cross School, Harrison and the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station. She was also principal at Our Lady of Sorrows School, South Orange, and assistant superintendent in the Diocese of Paterson. Sr. Anne

served as a lecturer at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, and also taught at Saint Francis School, Ridgefield Park.



### Sister Mary Cullen, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 9 at Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, for Sister Mary Cullen, S.C., 85, who died Aug. 6.



Formerly Sister Miriam Aquinas, she entered the Sisters of Charity on October 2, 1949 and was a member for 66 years.

Sr. Mary graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and from Barry College, FL, with a master's degree in religious education.

Sr. Mary was an elementary teacher at Saint Michael School, Union City; Corpus Christi School, Hasbrouck Heights; Saint Cecilia School, Kearny; and Saint Vincent

Martyr School, Madison.

She was coordinator of religious education at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Whippany; Saint Anne Parish, Fair Lawn; and Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale. She also held a certificate in spiritual development from the School of Spirituality, Yonkers, NY. At the time of her death she was a staff member in the Office of Financial Services in Convent Station.



### Sister Therese Christine Amero, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 17 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Therese Christine Amero, S.C., 79, who died Aug. 14.



Sr. Therese Christine entered the Sisters of Charity on March 6, 1955 and was a member for 61 years. She became a licensed practical nurse

after completing courses at Saint Vincent Hospital, Montclair.

Sr. Therese Christine served in healthcare ministry at Saint Vincent Hospital; Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station; All Souls Hospital, Morristown; and Saint Elizabeth Hospital/Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth.

She retired in 2009 at Saint Mary of the Assumption Convent, Elizabeth, and moved to Saint Anne Villa in 2012 where she resided until her death.



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