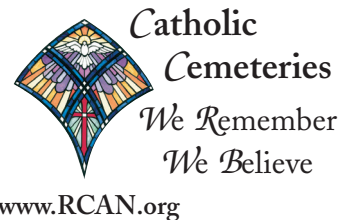


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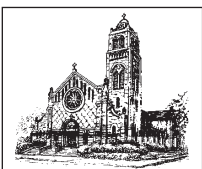
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In an historic ceremony last Thursday at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, Archbishop John J. Myers signed documentation papers for the beatification cause of a Bayonne native, the late Sister Miriam Teresa, S.C. Looking on, left to right, are Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, Superior General of the Sisters of Charity; Dr. Mary Mazzarella, the medical investigator; Father James Sheehan, a member of the beatification tribunal, and Sister Marian Jose Smith, vice postulate for the beatification case. A complete story and additional pictures will appear in the July 28 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*.



Advocate photo-Ward Miele

Local battle against breast cancer receives major financial backing

The Cathedral Foundation raised over \$560,000 last month for the Breast Center at Saint Michael's Medical Center, Newark, at a party sponsored by the foundation and hosted in the home of Connie and Bob Dwyer of Short Hills, who pledged \$500,000. More than 120 guests were in attendance.

Over \$2 million will be required for the creation of the Breast Center at Saint Michael's. Funds will be utilized for state-of-the-art equipment and to provide special services, such as support groups,

education and outreach, and clinical research.

The center will provide breast cancer prevention, early detection and outreach programs and expert diagnosis and treatment of breast disease.

At the event, Mrs. Dwyer spoke about the importance of the Breast Center—the only comprehensive center of its kind in Newark—to future generations of women, and of the impact that a diagnosis of breast cancer has on women and their families.

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Bishop Serratelli installed in Paterson



Advocate photo-Greg Tobin

A beaming Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli at his installation Mass last week at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, Paterson. Additional photos on Page 23. He is the diocese's seventh bishop.

Vatican, Portland face financial issues for differing reasons

(CNS) With the weak U.S. dollar and sluggish stock growth, the Vatican ended 2003 with another budget deficit, showing at July exchange rates a shortfall of about \$11.7 million in the Holy See's coffers and a shortfall of about \$10.8 million on the books of Vatican City State.

With many U.S. dioceses in financial straits, the Church of Rome had expected a drop in donations from the United States and individual Catholics, "but it did not happen," said Cardinal Sergio Sebastiani, the president of the Prefecture for the Economic Affairs of the Holy See.

"There was no decrease. The United States is still in first place for offerings given," the cardinal said at a recent press conference.

Although the offerings increased, he said, they could not keep pace with the drop in the value of the American dollar in relation to the euro, the currency used for the budget and for the vast majority of expenditures.

The value of donations fell from the equivalent of 85.4 million euros in 2002 to 79.6 million euros in 2003, the cardinal said.

First diocesan bankruptcy

Meanwhile, facing financial pressure from impending trials on sex abuse claims, the Archdiocese of Portland has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. It is the first Catholic diocese in the United States, and perhaps the world, to seek the legal protection.

The move, described as a last resort, means that multimillion-dollar suits now pending against the archdiocese will be settled in federal bankruptcy court along with possible future claims. Parish and school activities and ministries will continue, officials said.

"This action offers the best possibility for the archdiocese to resolve fairly all pending claims, to manage a difficult financial situation and to preserve the ability of the archdiocese to fulfill its mission," said Most Rev. John G. Vlazny, the Archbishop of Portland, at a news conference. "It will also allow us to continue our good works without fear of an impending large verdict."

Two abuse trials were set to begin just hours after the announcement, but were halted. The plaintiffs were seeking a total of \$155 million.

"I am committed to just compensation," Archbishop Vlazny said in a letter sent to parishes this week. "These demands go beyond compensation. With 60 other claims pending, I cannot in justice and prudence pay the demands of these two plaintiffs."

Over the past four years, the archdiocese and its insurers paid \$53 million for the more than 100 claims, the highest per capita payments made by any diocese.

In ‘ordinary time,’ cause for extraordinary hope

Although we have entered the hottest, haziest (and laziest?) days of the summer, our lives in the Church continue through the period of ordinary time, the long stretch between Easter and Advent.

This period, according to the *Sourcebook for Sundays and Seasons* (Liturgy Training Publications, page 168), “marches silently along, drawing no attention to itself, but quietly marking the hum of the cosmos, spinning under God’s powerfully creative arms. Day by day this season celebrates the wonder of time and the hope of salvation.”

For many, this is a time of renewal and recreation—vacation trips, family reunions, retreats, barbecues, long weekends—much needed in our non-stop, wireless, 24/7 world.

For me, it is a humbling time: a realization of one’s insignificance and powerlessness before the Almighty Father who created heaven and earth, who breathes the essence of life into each of us through the Holy Spirit, who sent His only Son to us in a gratuitous revelation of Himself and His plan for our salvation.

The very intensity of the sun, only partially and temporarily relieved by modern-day air-conditioning, is but one reminder of His awesome power and our comparative insignificance.

Beneath the surface of our ordinary lives—the events and challenges, the crosses we bear, the joys we share—is a deep and vast reservoir of grace, God-sourced and uplifting to all who receive it in love.

So, what the Church designates as “ordinary time,” continues—and we continue to do what we do: participate in the liturgy of the Eucharist, contribute to our parish’s food pantry, read the Bible and pray the Rosary, pick up the neighbor family’s mail when they are away on vacation.

Last Sunday’s Gospel reading, the story of the Good Samaritan, is perhaps the most vivid reminder of who we are and the extraordinary mission we have been charged to execute.

Reminders are palpable, all around us. Opportunities in our homes, parishes and communities abound. And even in ordinary time there are significant high points.

For example, Sunday, Aug. 15 will be the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven.

In 1950, Pope Pius declared the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven as a dogma of the Church. This is the first and only time since the First Ecumenical Council of the

Vatican that the Holy Father has promulgated such a teaching under the definition of papal infallibility.

What an extraordinary event to reflect upon! Although the Scriptures do not contain an account of the death and assumption of

Mary, the magisterium (or teaching authority) of the Church has discerned this truth over nearly 2,000 years under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

And when we look around, it is impossible to deny that we are living in frighteningly extraordinary times. The threat to our personal safety, our families, our servicemen and women is palpable day to day. We must trust our civic leaders, our law enforcement brethren and fellow citizens to be vigilant.

We must trust God to protect us in His loving arms.

Most of all, we must pray that His will be done and that we are granted strength to do our part in that divine plan and process.

On the Table

By Greg Tobin



The Church has discerned this truth under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Stewardship Education is key to our success as stewards

BY ANDREW KACZYNSKI
Associate Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese

As I have written so many times, the Stewardship Way of Life is not a program or a one-time effort. For Christians, it is a life-long commitment. This is true because all that we have—our time, the gift of life itself, our talent, the abilities we have been blessed with and our treasure, the money we earn by using our time and our talent—are gifts from our Lord. It takes conversion—a change of heart—and continuous education for the faithful to truly accept stewardship as a way of life.

For stewardship to thrive in a parish, parishioners must hear and read about it as often as possible. I encourage the clergy to refer to stewardship in their homilies whenever the Scriptures of the day speak to us of stewardship. There are literally hundreds of references to stewardship in the Scriptures.

Some parishes in this Archdiocese have even incorporated a stewardship theme into their mission statements. At the parish level, even small things like a weekly stewardship corner in the bulletin and a weekly general intercession about stewardship helps the education process.

At the archdiocesan level, the staff of the Stewardship Office owns and has access to numerous books, pamphlets and guidelines to offer parishes to aid in the education of adult parishioners and the children of the parish about stewardship.

This regular column is one of the key aspects of my job that is a tool to educate the faithful on this important way of life in our Church.

The primary event that my office hosts is our annual Stewardship Day. Clergy, Religious, teachers, principals and lay leaders from throughout the Archdiocese attend this event to gain excellent advice on how to promote stewardship in our parishes.

This year’s Stewardship Day will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2 at Felician College, Lodi. The day will feature two keynote speakers: Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, and Most Rev. John W. Flesey, Regional Bishop for Bergen County. In addition to Archbishop Myers and Bishop Flesey, there will be a variety of breakout sessions all focused on enhancing the stewardship way of life at the parish level.

Each year, the topics that are chosen for our Stewardship Day come directly from the agenda and topics of the International Catholic Stewardship Conference. This conference is the foremost event hosted by the Catholic Church in the United States, which brings together thousands of Catholics from around the world to teach them about stewardship.

For stewardship to thrive in a parish, parishioners must hear and read about it as often as possible.

Some of the topics at our archdiocesan event this year are: “Stewardship in the Liturgy,” “Teen Stewardship,” “Making the Parish Fertile Ground for Stewardship” and “Sharing the Stewardship Message.” This is the first year that some of the sessions will be presented in Spanish. For those interested in attending this event, information regarding it and registration forms will be distributed to parishes within the next couple of months.

As always, it is my hope and prayer that as we educate the faithful on the practice of good stewardship, that all will embrace it, cultivate it, enjoy it, and share it. Let us do this in the confidence that comes from faith and trust in the Lord.

Let us pray for this faith to which the U.S. bishops refer in their pastoral letter on stewardship as the faith that

comes from knowing “We have Jesus’ word for it: ‘Whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I give is my flesh for the life of the world’ (Jn 6:51). The glory and boast of Christian stewards lie in mirroring, however poorly, the stewardship of Jesus Christ, who gave and still gives all He has and is, in order to be faithful to God’s will and carry through to completion His redemptive stewardship of human beings and their world.”



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Priests from the Seton Hall University community gathered recently at the home of Msgr. Robert Sheeran, university president (seventh from left), to congratulate the two new bishops-elect of the Archdiocese of Newark, Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato (tenth from left) and Most Rev. John W. Flesey (center), whose episcopal ordination is scheduled for Aug. 4.

Non-public school transportation reprieve cited in new state budget

Eliminating language in the new state budget that would have frozen the ceiling for nonpublic school transportation at \$751, Gov. James McGreevey's use of his line item veto power has drawn the appreciation of the New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC).

"We are most appreciative of Gov. McGreevey's efforts on behalf of the non-public school students and their parents," observed George Corwell Ed.D., NJCC's Associate Director for Education. "The cost of living increase for this service is sorely needed, if we hope to fulfill the goal of parents to send their child to a nonpublic school," he stressed.

Dr. Corwell also praised Gov. McGreevey's efforts to increase other nonpublic school accounts in parity with the increases provided to public education. "This 3 percent increase in the areas of textbook aid, nursing services, compensatory education, and services for handicapped children will permit these programs to be maintained at the current level of quality," noted Dr. Corwell. "The increases highlight Gov. McGreevey's appreciation of the role played by nonpublic schools and his intent to help nonpublic school parents who continue to save the taxpayers of New Jersey millions of dollars by their decision to send their children to a nonpublic school."

The NJCC statement went on to explain that community providers like Catholic Charities contract services with the Department of Human Services to provide vulnerable individuals with quality care and services, outpatient treatment and support programs.

According to Marlene Lao-Collins,

Associate Director of Social Concerns, NJCC, "This increase is significant for the providers; they were apprehensive throughout the entire budget process. They could not face going back to their agencies to cut programs that serve people with disabilities, mental illness and working poor families."

Another important program added to the budget during the final hours of the budget debate was \$10 million for a state-funded rental assistance program.

The legislators also committed to an additional \$15 million for the state funded rentals assistance program to be passed as separate legislation in the fall.

As a result, the legislature passed a \$10 million bill for a state funded rental assis-

tance program and made a commitment for another \$15 million when the legislative session resumes in the fall. This is the first time New Jersey is using its own dollars to address the needs of people working full time at low paying jobs, the disabled and seniors.

"Passage of this bill is a significant first step. While \$10 million will only address a small percent of the need, we are thrilled that there is already a legislative commitment to add to this program," said Marlene Lao-Collins.

Also significant in the FY '05 state budget, the NJCC explained in its statement, is that Governor McGreevey and the legislature have provided \$202 million in new charity care funds.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

Archdiocesan/Ministry

Very Reverend Robert E. Emery, V.G. has been appointed to the Priestly Vocations Board for a term of three years, effective June 17 and ending June 17, 2007.

Reverend Marc A. Vicari, Chaplain and Director of the Newman Center for Rutgers University, New Jersey Institute of Technology and Essex County College, Newark, and Director of Emmaus House has been appointed to the Priestly Vocations Board for a term of three years, effective June 17 and ending June 17, 2007.

Reverend Renato Grasselli, Assistant to the Rector of Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary, Kearny, has been appointed Rector of Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary for a period of five years, effective July 1 and ending July 1, 2009.



Reverend Tobias Rodriguez, Parochial Vicar of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Bayonne, has been appointed Assistant to the Rector of Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary, Kearny, effective June 19.

Other

Reverend Robert M. Brennan, Parochial Vicar of St. Cassian Church, Upper Montclair, has been granted retirement, effective July 1.



Ecumenical Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew and Pope John Paul II sign a document in the pope's private library at the Vatican earlier this month. Members of the Catholic and Orthodox churches should join in a common witness of the faith against terrorism, religious intolerance and attacks against human life, said the joint statement.

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U.N. General Assembly reaffirms Vatican's status

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) —The U.N. General Assembly has approved a resolution spelling out the Vatican's "rights and privileges of participation" in its work as a U.N. observer and in conferences sponsored by the United Nations and its agencies.

An annex to the resolution identified specific rights, such as participation in the general debate held at the opening of each new session of the General Assembly and circulation of Vatican documents "directly, and without intermediary, as official documents of the assembly."

Vatican nuncio to the United Nations, Archbishop Celestino Migliore, said in an interview that the resolution would not necessarily bring major changes in the Vatican's U.N. activity.

But he said the action was significant in establishing the permanent observer status on the "solid base" of an explicit decision of the General Assembly, which includes all 191 U.N. members.

The Vatican has had permanent observer status at the United Nations since 1964, but it operated under unwritten rules.

The resolution also will simplify the process for the Vatican's U.N. participation, added Archbishop Migliore.

The resolution sets out some clear procedures for how the Vatican can act within the General Assembly, overcoming certain limits.

For example, there was a rule that before speaking to the assembly the Vatican had to have the consent of each of the five regional groups. Also, the Vatican was not allowed to circulate its own documents and it did not have the right to respond to interventions which referred to the Holy See.

A statement from the Vatican Press Office said that "the Holy See, as a sovereign subject under international law with its own, specific character, wants to maintain an active and effective presence within the United Nations as far as having a right to speak—a right granted to non-members—but does not request a right to vote, a right belonging to member states of the United Nations."

It added that "inevitably voting and full membership would involve the Holy See in a direct way in questions of political, military and economic order which go beyond its aims."

The Vatican's contributions, it said, are of a "religious and moral character," which will benefit from a greater freedom to address the assembly.

The press office said that, despite some signature campaigns to remove the Holy See from any official participation in the United Nations, the resolution demonstrates that U.N. participation is regulated according to "a juridical rather than ideological character."

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Archbishop John J. Myers is presented two checks by Herbert C. Meyer, State Advocate of the New Jersey State Council of the Knights of Columbus. One, for \$5,000, will go to Catholic Community Services, and was raised through the Knights' annual collection for persons with mental disabilities. The second \$2,363 check is earmarked for local vocations.

Women among diocesan leadership is increasing

A recent survey conducted by the National Association of Church Personnel Administrators (NACPA) for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Women in Society and in the Church revealed a continued increase in the percentage of women holding diocesan leadership positions throughout the country from 1999-2003, making up almost 50 percent.

This study was an updated report of a similar analysis conducted by the NACPA in 1998.

Key findings in the 2003 report include the proceeding:

Over the five-year period between 1999-2003, the percentage of women in diocesan leadership rose slightly, to just under 48.4 percent. This compares to 46.6 percent during the 1995-98 period.

The percentage of women in these positions compares favorably with the U.S. workforce. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2002 women made up 51 percent of the executive, administrative, managerial and professional workforce. In

that same year, women held 48.9 percent of diocesan administrative positions.

During the 1999-2003 period, women held on average 26.8 percent of the top (Level One) positions. This compares to 25.5 percent during the 1995-98 period.

Large dioceses (over 350,000 Catholics) are less likely to employ women administrative staff. They averaged 45 percent between 1999-2003. Medium-sized dioceses averaged just under 50 percent, while small dioceses (fewer than 150,000 Catholics) averaged 52 percent.

The South and West are the strongest employers of women administrators, averaging 53 percent, up slightly from the earlier period. The Central and Midwest showed substantial increases over the previous period, averaging 47 percent and 46 percent respectively. The Northwest had the smallest percentage—42 percent—but this was a significant increase over the 38.2 percent of the 1995-98 period.

To see the full survey, visit www.usccb.org/laity/women.htm.

Chancery food service changes

After a search that lasted several months, the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, has contracted Flik International Corp. as its new food service provider. Flik, a member of the Compass Group, began running the cafeteria at the center this month and will offer other services, such as catering and vending machine equipment and product supply.

Looking to make some upgrades in the cafeteria, which serves breakfast and lunch to approximately 150 employees, Steve Belloise, Executive Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Property Management Administration, assigned Kevin Comp, Director of Facility Operations; Beverly Pochtar, Assistant Director for Administration, and Ed Eick, Project Manager, to a food service search committee in the beginning of the year.

Archdiocesan employees were surveyed on their preferences, the existing food service provider was given an opportunity to be in the running, and several other companies were explored for the position. After narrowing the search to three businesses, the committee met with representatives from each, made site visits, sampled the food and decided on Flik.

Comp remarked, "I'm anticipating a tremendous improvement of food presentation and food quality," adding that there would be no drastic price changes.



Family, friends and parishioners past and present of Sacred Heart (Vailsburg) Parish, Newark, gathered for the installation of Father Andrew M. Prachar as pastor. The Mass, which took place at the church, included music from the church and school choirs; Andy and Joan Prachar, parents of Father Prachar, presented the offertory gifts. In the above photo, Bishop Edgar da Cunha (far left), main celebrant at the Mass, leads the welcome of the new pastor (right).

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St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, St. Phil's Singles, \$1,000,000 Meadowlands Pace at the Meadowlands Race Track. Carpool from parish at 7 p.m. Call (973) 340-4001, or visit www.homestead.com/stphilssingles.

July 21
SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Hoboken, vocal music concert at 7:30 p.m., presented by Schola Cantorum on Hudson, a 30-voice choral ensemble. Cost \$10. Call (201) 333-8429 or visit www.scholaonhudson.org.

St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, summer festival through July 25; 7 to 11 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday; 5 p.m. to midnight on Friday; 3 p.m. to

midnight on Saturday; 3 to 11 p.m. on Sunday. Call (201) 843-1888.

July 22
St. Ann Parish, Hoboken, vendors needed for festival, attended by 100,000 feast-goers, from July 22 to 26. Contact Marie Totaro at (201) 963-3780 or Mario Ferraro at (201) 659-1114.

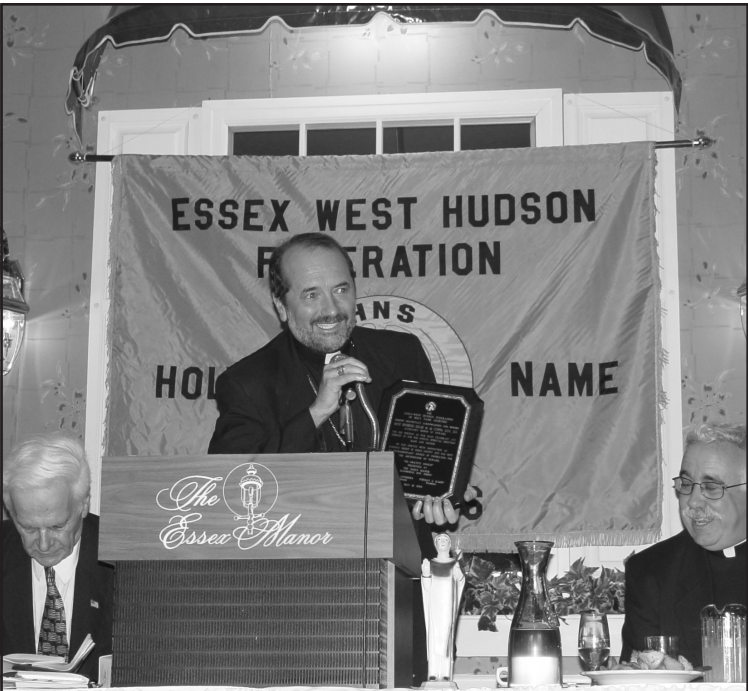
July 23
St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, St. Phil's Singles, dinner at the Godfather Pizzeria, 200 Rt. 10 West, East Hanover, at 7:30 p.m. RSVP at (201) 945-4483 by Thursday, or visit www.homestead.com/stphilssingles.

July 25
The Catholic Alumni Club of North Jersey, Bloomfield, 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, followed by brunch. National convention in San Antonio, TX, July 25 through 31. Call Kathy M. at (201) 288-4187.

July 26
St. Nicholas Parish, Palisades Park, Mass in honor of St. Anne at 8 a.m. A holy relic of the saint will be venerated immediately following Mass. Call (201) 944-1154.

September 19
Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, 40th anniversary closing Mass concelebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers and Msgr. Edward F. Wojtycha, founding pastor, followed by a luncheon in the parish center. Cost \$35. Call Madeline at (201) 232-2147.

October 9
St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, Archdiocesan Pro-Life Seminar, "The Joy of Respecting Every Precious Life," 11 a.m. Mass, speakers and discussion panel, until 4:30 p.m. Send name, address, parish, no. of people attending, and telephone number to Respect Life Office, 1805 Penbrook Terrace, Linden, NJ 07036.



Most. Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, was the main celebrant and homilist at the 50th annual Spiritual Director's Mass of the Essex-West Hudson Federation of Holy Name Societies celebrated at St. Valentine Parish, Bloomfield. Following Mass, Bishop da Cunha was among the honorees at a dinner. With the Bishop on the dias are, left and right, Norman S. Karpf, of the Essex-West Hudson Federation, and Father John J. LaFerrera, spiritual director of the federation.

Local Highlights

Spiritual
• Several top American theologians and pastoral experts will be showcased at the Eighth Annual Summer Institute of the College of Saint Elizabeth Center for Theological and Spiritual Development, Morristown, through July 22, and the Summer Spirituality Festival on July 17. For more information, visit www.csespirit.org or call (973) 290-4300/4364.

• St. Joseph Parish, Bogota, will host Vacation Bible Camp from Aug. 9-13, for children in kindergarten through grade 5. Families can choose between two separate time segments, 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., or 7 to 9 p.m. Call Patty or Angie at (201) 343-4316.

Retreat
• The Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, Rachael's Vineyard Retreat, for men and women hurt by abortion, at St. John the Apostle Old Convent (McGuinness Center), Linden, through Sept. 19. Limit 12 per weekend. Call (732) 388-8211 or email arnewrespect@sanj.org.

Support Group
• The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark sponsors two support groups for parents grieving the death of a child.

Groups meet on the first Wednesday of each month at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center, 60 Byrd Ave., Bloomfield, and on the third Monday of each month at St. Peter the Apostle Rectory, 445 Fifth Ave., River Edge. There is no pre-registration or fee. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Call (973) 497-4327.

Fundraiser
• The Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling, is sponsoring a "Christmas in July" sale. New and used items will be sold in the lower level of the chapel on July 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and July 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Shrine of St. Joseph and its missions. Call (908) 647-0208.

Singles
• Join Singlez / Amicus (<http://www.singlez.org>), an adult singles Catholic group ages 21 to 49, on July 25 for 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, and brunch. Call Kathy at (201) 288-4187.

Cathedral Basilica Celebration
• The 50th Anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 17. Look for further details on times and events in your parish bulletin and in *The Catholic Advocate*.

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This column will commemorate important dates in the history of the Archdiocese of Newark, which celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. We welcome suggestions and anecdotes.

Novarcensis is compiled and edited by Rev. Msgr. Francis R. Seymour, Archivist of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Novarcensis:
A Look Back at Our History

131 years ago...

July 5. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Tenafly, founded.

123 years ago...

July 15. Most Rev. Thomas H. McLaughlin, first Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and first Bishop of Paterson, born in New York City.

July 19. Most Rev. Winand M. Wigger appointed third Bishop of Newark.

99 years ago...

July 16. Father (later Msgr.) Ernest Monteleone celebrated first Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Jersey City.

92 years ago...

July 14. St. Rocco Parish, Union City, founded.

July 19. Most Rev. Peter L. Gerety, the third Archbishop of Newark, born in Shelton, CT.

74 years ago...

July 7. Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, fourth Archbishop of Newark (now Archbishop of Washington, DC), born in New York City.

54 years ago...

July 9. First Mass celebrated in new Church of St. Bartholomew, Scotch Plains.

50 years ago...

July 3. St. Pius X Parish, Old Tappan, founded, became one of the first parishes in the world to be named after this saint (who had been canonized only five weeks earlier).

47 years ago...

July 2. Most Rev. Martin W. Stanton and Most Rev. Walter W. Curtis appointed Auxiliary Bishops of Newark.

43 years ago...

July 6. Parishes of St. Agnes, Clark, and St. Raphael, Livingston, founded.

7 years ago...

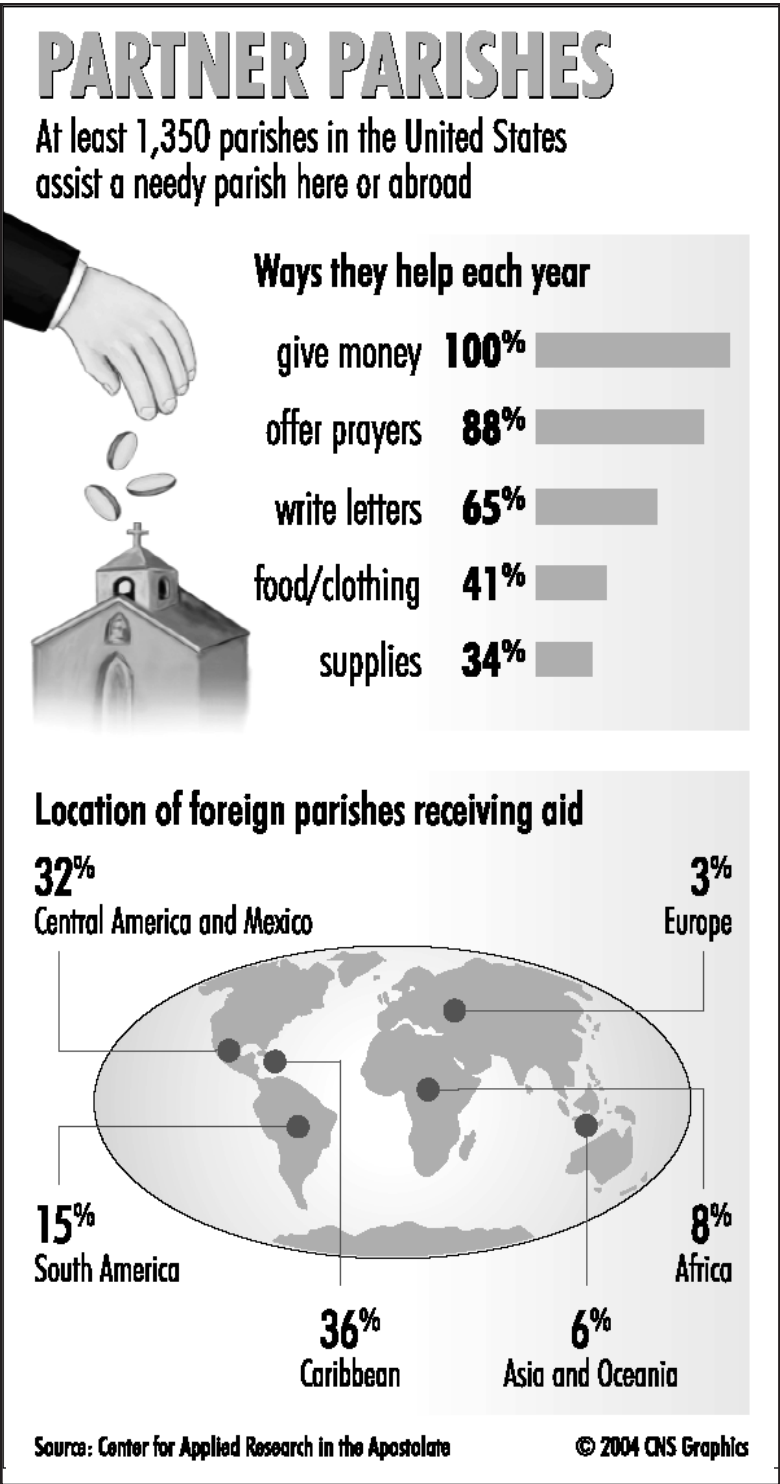
July 1. Parish of the Resurrection, Jersey City, founded (composed of former parishes of St. Boniface, St. Bridget, St. Mary, St. Michael and St. Peter).

4 years ago...

July 3. Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Newark.

Church bulletins sought

Parish bulletins are needed by *The Catholic Advocate*. The front cover rendition of church buildings will be used on the Around the Archdiocese page. Send a bulletin to P. O. Box 9500, Newark, NJ 07104-0500.



About 30 percent of United States parishes participating in a 2001 survey reported that they gave annual aid to a needed parish. (CNS graphic)

Late wife was his inspiration

Editor,

I felt compelled to write this letter in memory of my wife, Rosalie, who died of lung cancer on April 21.

Prior to her illness, I was very active in our parish and the local hospital. During the period of her illness, she begged me to continue. I did not have the physical or spiritual motivation to do this because her comfort and peace became the most important thing in my life. My children made all of this easier.

After her death, the emptiness that I felt was all consuming.

In her name, I again became active as an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist in our

local hospital. Now I see these brothers and sisters with a different perspective. Today, I visited 42 patients whose whole view of the day was totally changed. When I left the hospital today, my spirit, heart and mind were totally not of this world. I had become a true disciple of Jesus because of what others did to my life.

Involvement truly enhances the spirit of time, treasure and talent. There are brothers and sisters out there who only need a smile to “make their day.” Thank you, Rosalie, for the inspiration.

Mike Padula
Kenilworth

In defense of the institution of marriage

It is a sad sign of the times that this summer the United States Congress is expected to act on a constitutional amendment to protect marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

Judith P. Miller, Director of Family Life Ministries for the Archdiocese of Newark, is urging the faithful to contact their senators and representatives in the nation’s capital in support of the Federal Marriage Amendment Act and urge both sides of the aisle “to do the same.”

Incredible at it may seem, the institution of marriage is under attack in this country. The so-called Defense of Marriage Act is essential to halt any further deterioration. Who ever thought the day would come when traditional marriage would have to be defended?

Miller said it best in a recent memo: “As people of faith we are called to follow the teachings of Christ and support the cornerstone of our society—the family.”

Reflecting those sentiments, Bishop Wilton D. Gregory of Belleville, IL, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, sent a letter to U.S. senators calling upon them to support the amendment and to oppose efforts to prevent a vote through a filibuster.

Citing recent decisions made by state courts, Bishop Gregory was blunt saying the institution of marriage is “under serious attack and in grave danger.”

The amendment must be approved by two-thirds of each house of Congress, then ratified by the legislators of three-quarters of the states.

Time is of the essence. Let lawmakers know how you feel.

A needed voice at the United Nations

Using its somewhat unique status as a permanent observer at the United Nations effectively and forcefully the past four decades, the Vatican finally has it in writing, so to speak.

Earlier this month the U.N. General Assembly approved a resolution spelling out the Vatican’s “rights and privileges” as an observer and in conferences sponsored by the world body.

And while the resolution is not expected to bring about any kind of major changes in the vital work of the Vatican on the world stage, the action taken by the General Assembly is still significant because it formally makes Rome a “permanent” observer. The process has been clarified and streamlined.

The Vatican’s sage and moral voice will continue to be heard on events and issues that overnight can affect thousands of people living on this ever-shrinking and fragile globe. The Vatican has been and will continue be a source of reason. The religious and moral perspective the Holy See brings to world events provides a vital counterbalance to the nationalism and emotion that can have catastrophic results.

As a nonmember, the Holy See does not want to become a member which would give it the right to vote. As the Vatican correctly sees it, “inevitably voting and full membership would involve the Holy See in a direct way in question of political, military and economic order which go beyond its aims.”

The Vatican has earned its place at the United Nations.

Paterson installation evidences the Holy Spirit

It was with a tremendous sense of pride, albeit tinged with sadness, that the Archdiocese of Newark gave up another of its sons as an ordinary of a sister diocese. Archbishop John J. Myers, in his sacred role as metropolitan of the Province of New Jersey installed Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli as a suffragan bishop last week.

The Diocese of Paterson received its new shepherd and teacher in an inspirational and solemn Mass of Installation that was attended by Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington, DC, Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety of Newark, Archbishop Edwin F. O’Brien of the Military Services, U.S.A., and two dozen other bishops and abbots, as well as hundreds of priests and deacons of Paterson and Newark.

Among the other Auxiliary Bishops of Newark who have gone on to lead other dioceses in recent years are Bishop John M. Smith of Trenton, Bishop Michael A. Saltarelli of Wilmington, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of Brooklyn and Bishop Paul Bootkoski of Metuchen.

Significantly, members of Bishop Serratelli’s family, including his mother, Mrs. Eva Serratelli, participated in the liturgy as gift bearers. There can be no doubt that his family is the firm bedrock upon which the new Bishop of Paterson has built his life as a priest.

Bishop Serratelli credited Archbishop Myers with teaching him and inspiring him during the past three years as he (Bishop Serratelli) learned the intricacies of diocesan administration and “trained” to be an ordinary in his own diocese. Both men are to be credited with immense love for and dedication to the Holy Church.

We rejoice with fellow Catholics in the counties of Passaic, Morris and Sussex and are grateful to them for the truly uplifting spirit of welcome they displayed to visitors from Newark in their mother church, the beautiful old Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, on a brilliant summer day.

The next pope will face very difficult challenges

We have been speaking about the papacy. If any of us had been truly knowledgeable about the condition of the Roman Catholic Church in 1978, we, like the cardinal electors, would have recognized where problems lay for the Church and the type of man that was needed to govern the Church as the Supreme Pontiff.

Externally, the Church was facing a communist threat and persecution in many countries. Internally, it was obvious that the Church was divided. The reforms of Vatican II had created turmoil.

The liberal wing of the Church had pushed the envelope much too far. For example, in many areas of dogma, moral code, liturgy and Church structure itself, there were disagreements with the institutional Church. Conservatives, on the one hand, reacted to change in a very negative manner. In mission areas, liberation theology began to transform social action into a form of radicalism.

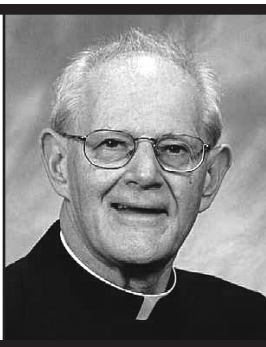
It would have been apparent that a man who had dealt with communism first hand, who was a conservative theologically and yet progressive in social matters would be the perfect choice for the papacy.

Then-Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, the Archbishop of Krakow, was that man. He was strong, had lived under communism, came from a very conservative Church, yet was known for his enlightened social views. This was the man for this age in Church history. He has proven that he is a superb, gifted leader.

What factors must be considered when the College of

Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



Cardinals convene to elect the next Successor of St. Peter? Peter F. Drucker in *Management Challenges for the 21st Century* writes, "The most important single new certainty—if only because there is no precedent for it in all of history—is the collapsing birth rate in the developed world." That reality must be given consideration in the next papal election.

The next pope, for the first time in 1000 years, will live in a Europe that is largely secular and to a great degree Muslim. There will be more Catholics in South America and Asia than in Europe. Catholics in Europe will be a minority. Even now in northern France churches are being sold to become mosques.

Will there be another "dark age" for the Church? How will the Church adapt to becoming only a shadow of what it once was in Europe?

Many want the Roman Catholic Church to operate on a Protestant model.

In South America, evangelical churches are making huge inroads into the Roman Catholic population. It is said that Puerto Rico will become the first Protestant Hispanic country in the world. In Brazil, especially, millions have left the Church. Much of this is due to the lack of priests and Religious. The faithful are fertile ground for the fundamentalist evangelical preachers.

In Asia, there is a strong tendency to religious syncretism—that is, theologically, a tendency to blend Catholic belief with non-Christian worship and creed. What does the Church do when ecumenism becomes a means, not of peace and mutual respect, but rather an instrument whereby the masses are led to believe that "one religion is as good as another."

Lastly, in North America and Australia if trends continue the next pope will inherit a Church that will have practically no female Religious, far fewer priests and a large number of people who are flirting with schism over sexually oriented issues such as women's ordination, married priests, as well as lay governance in temporal matters.

The truth is this: Many want the Roman Catholic Church to operate on a Protestant model. After John Paul II the next pope must be ready to face a very difficult situation.

The next Pope will certainly have to deal with many issues. But one thing is certain. The right person will sit in the Chair of St. Peter. The Holy Spirit will see to it. And who knows, we may be on the verge of another golden age of Christianity.

Let's trust in the Lord. It is always darkest just before the dawn.

Msgr. Gilchrist is pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison.

Finding the time for both prayer and service

Readings: Gn 18:1-10; Ps 15; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42.

Whether in a municipal parking lot in Manhattan or on the streets of a city in the Middle East, one finds people eager to help the visitor, often with a hand outstretched for a tip. In areas of the Middle East not frequented by tourists, however, the stranger will enjoy a marvelous experience of hospitality, and any effort to reimburse will be rejected.

"It is my duty to help the stranger." This generosity is part of an ancient tradition expressing the golden rule. The Torah (Law) of Moses expresses this ideal clearly: "You must befriend the alien, for you were once aliens in the land of Egypt" (Dt 10:19).

This principle is based on the realization that anyone might be a stranger on some occasion and would find that hospitality may save a life. Moreover, the doctrine that every human being is created in the divine image brings another dimension to the duty of receiving the stranger.

"Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels" (Heb 13:2). The allusion is to the example of Abraham, who exhorted three passers-by to stop for a meal. Later he realized that God had manifested Himself and would fulfill the promise of a child for Sarah, Abraham's elderly wife. "Because of his faith and hospitality, a son was given to him in his old age..." (1 Clement to Corinthians 10:7).

The attitude that we have towards strangers is an aspect of the spiritual life, which contributes to our eternal destiny. "These are the things of which one enjoys the fruits in this world and the principal in the world to come: honoring parents, practice of loving kindness...visiting the sick, hospitality to strangers, offering a dowry for a poor bride, attending the dead to the grave, devotion in prayer and making peace between people; but the study of the Torah excels them all" (Babylonian Talmud Shabbath 127a).

The parable of the sheep and the goats with its judgment

Sunday Readings

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(July 18, 2004)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



scene reminds us that Jesus presented the same message; he was building on the teaching that each person is in God's image when he declared that he experiences the beneficence or neglect shown toward others. "I was hungry and you gave me food... a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick and you cared for me..." (Mt 25:35-36).

There was a lesson to be learned by those who failed to respond to the human needs of their neighbors and yet Jesus did not exalt activity over being in the divine presence. "Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven" (Lk 10:20).

Jesus certainly appreciated the hospitality of Martha, and no doubt thanked her for the service she offered. Her complaint about Mary's seeming idleness, however, led to an important lesson.

Other Jewish teachers would extol the study of God's Word in the Torah above even the most generous deeds of

service which constitute imitation of God. How can one imitate the divine signs of love without constantly striving to learn from the examples given in the Scriptures?

As the disciples slowly began to appreciate the message of Jesus—indeed His very person—He conveyed a new experience of God's Word. Women as well as men were called to become listeners in order to absorb the Master's teaching. "The only thing necessary" of which Jesus spoke (Lk 10:42) is the intimacy with him that places all else in proper perspective. "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all other things will be given to you besides" (Mt 6:33).

In the early Church, this passage was used to compare the celibate life consecrated to God with the response of others, pitting Mary against Martha as two "states of life." In later times, the contemplative community was identified with Mary and congregations of Religious engaged in various apostolic activities were like Martha.

Although this passage may serve such a purpose, the original intention of the Gospel was not to make such distinctions. Rather, the challenge should touch all Christians; we all need to place prayer and quiet reflection on God's Word

ahead of the multitude of activities in which we are engaged. To serve God and neighbor effectively every Christian needs to listen intently at the feet of Jesus—and to stand at the foot of the cross.

Only then can we "fill up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of His body, which is the Church" (Col 1:24).

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Holy See examines 'logjam' in resolution of abuse cases

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Two U.S. canon lawyers are expected to arrive this fall for work at the Vatican's doctrinal congregation, part of an effort to speed up processing of sex abuse cases, Church officials said in early July.

The move responds to concern by both U.S. bishops and Vatican officials that more manpower is needed to break through the logjam of abuse cases at the Vatican.

Since new norms went into effect last year, hundreds of cases have arrived

at the doctrinal congregation, which has oversight responsibility for all priestly sex abuse cases involving minors. The congregation has added some staff, but the workload has been described by some as overwhelming. The result is that it may take months to remove even an acknowledged abuser from the priesthood, and longer if an extensive investigation or Church trial is involved.

Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley of Boston was the latest American prelate to express frustration at what he called the "very slow" pace of processing abuse cases.

Speaking to Boston media in Rome, he cited two causes for the lag: lack of Vatican personnel, and reluctance by alleged victims of abuse to share their allegations with Church investigators.

Archbishop O'Malley told Catholic News Service

that the plan to bring over U.S. canon lawyers should help address the problem.

"I think that will be a big help, because they're understaffed," he said of the Vatican congregation.

The archbishop said the Vatican was very open to the idea of sending the experts, and that it looked like it would happen this fall.

A Vatican official confirmed that two American canon law experts were expected in Rome this fall to help prepare clerical abuse cases for processing. They were likely to be assigned for an 18-month period.

"We are getting extra help, and we are doing everything we can to handle these cases fairly. It is important that we do things as quickly as possible; it is also important that we ensure protection of everyone's rights," said another informed Vatican source.

The source emphasized that because of the nature of the abuse cases, many cannot be handled quickly. Allegations often are made many years after the abuse occurred, making it difficult to gather evidence and interview witnesses, and the allegations sometimes are denied—by an accused priest or, more rarely, by a victim.

U.S. Catholics should be aware that as the cases are reviewed and investigated at the Vatican, the priests are not in active ministry, the Vatican source said.

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- Vatican official



Pope John Paul II held his weekly general audience June 30 at the Vatican following the previous day's pallium service at which 44 archbishops from around the world received the circular band of white wool representing unity with the pope.

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The papal conclave: 'Locked in with a key'

The age-old proverb that maintains, "Necessity is the mother of invention" is quite applicable to the conclave, the gathering of cardinals for the purpose of electing a pope. The first time we see the word used regarding a papal election is in the year 1274.

When Pope Clement IV passed away on Nov. 29, 1268 at Viterbo, an ancient Etruscan city north of Rome, the cardinals, numbering just 15 at that time, assembled there to take up two duties: the burial of one pontiff and the election of another.

The first task was carried out with all appropriate decorum and solemnity by the princes of the Church. The second, however, quickly deteriorated into a bitter stalemate between two irreconcilable factions in the Sacred College—one French, the other Italian. Already in the early balloting it became clear that neither side would yield to compromise so that a candidate might garner the two-thirds majority required for election.

The deadlock continued through many weeks and months. The year 1269 came and went with the Apostolic See still without a bishop, the universal Church without a pope.

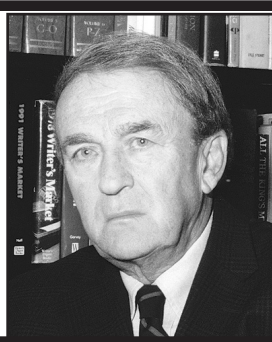
Numerous times the cardinals adjourned their meetings to return to their respective residential sees, reconvening from time to time in Viterbo to try yet again to reach a consensus.

Months slipped by without a hint of progress. Now the townspeople clamored for a solution to the issue but the cardinals remained intransigent.

In the summer of 1270 the mayor and council of burgesses sought to force a conclusion. They resorted to the expedient of confining the cardinals within

A View from History

By Frank J. Korn



a portion of the episcopal palace. The less-than-luxurious accommodations proved insufficient to alter the status quo, to move the cardinals off dead center.

It was then decided by the governing body to restrict the cardinals' daily allowance of food and wine. The standoff continued. After several weeks under these conditions, the authorities took the drastic step of putting the reluctant electors on a diet of bread and water.

This last discomfiture appeared to bear some fruit. A compromise was at last arrived at through the combined efforts of the French and Sicilian kings.

Members of the Sacred College designated six of their number to agree upon and to cast a final vote in the matter. On 1 September 1271, after a sede vacante (vacant see) of nearly three years, the six delegates met once more in Viterbo and united their

ballots in support of Teobaldo Visconti, archdeacon of Liege, who, however, was not a cardinal himself, nor even a priest.

He arrived at Viterbo on Feb. 12, 1272 to accept his elevation to the Chair of St. Peter, taking the name Gregory X. On the 13th of the following month he made his ceremonial entry into Rome where his two immediate predecessors had never set foot. His Roman flock received Pope Gregory with unbounded joy. On March 19, in the venerable Basilica of St. Peter, he was ordained to the priesthood.

Within days of his coronation Gregory X summoned a general council to convene in the Lateran Basilica on May 1, 1274. Determined that such a three-year gap between pontificates would never again befall Mother Church, Gregory quickly turned the council's attention to the subject.

One of his first acts was to promulgate stringent rules for future papal elections, the most stringent of which called for the cardinals to be locked in "with a key" (in Latin, *cum clavis*)

until they had produced a successor to St. Peter.

Many of the guidelines drawn up by Gregory have remained in effect up to our own time. Various popes, including John Paul II—in *Universi Dominici Gregis* (1996)—have made some adjustments to the procedure.

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Prayers, participation distinctive features

BY LISA HADDOCK

Special to The Catholic Advocate

When you stand in the sanctuary of Saint Joseph's Church in Bogota, you can hear the parish's spiritual heartbeat: A lone worshiper prays in a barely audible voice before a monstrance holding a consecrated host.

At this Carmelite church, parishioners take St. Paul's advice to "pray without ceasing" to heart. A chart on a door lists others who have signed up to spend time praying before the body of Christ.

"The biggest thing that I'm proud of is having instituted perpetual adoration, which is going very well," said Father Terrence Cyr, O. Carm., Pastor of Saint Joseph's for the past two years. "We instituted that on the Feast of St. Joseph [March 19] 2003.

Father Cyr also points to parishioners who are committed to communal prayer: Rosary, Spanish, Fatima and Padre Pio prayer groups meet regularly at the church.

But members of this 1,800-household working-class parish don't just "pray up a storm," as their pastor puts it. They also work diligently for their community, noted Father Cyr, a native of Quebec City, Quebec.

Generosity, responsiveness

"I do feel the help of a lot of people in a lot of different areas of parish life," said Father Cyr, who holds master's degrees in theology, Christian spirituality and French.

"The people are basically very, very generous. And if they hear that there is a need, they will respond," he asserted.

"We have a large number of people who help ... with outreach to the poor and the needy. ... We have a large number of volunteer catechists," the pastor said. Parishioners are also active in musical groups as well as Scapular, Holy Name and Altar societies.

Why are people so involved? "It's their love of the parish, their sense of ownership of the parish," said Father Cyr.

And he counts on his staff to channel the parishioners' generosity. "We're not shy about asking people to get involved," Father Cyr said.

Included on that team is U.S. Navy veteran Father Richard Supple, O. Carm., M. Div.

"He is involved in practically every aspect of parish life. He has already earned a well-deserved reputation for his care of the sick and the needy," Father Cyr noted of his 44-year-old parochial vicar, who has been a priest for two years.

Father Supple trains the altar servers. "He's also a highly skilled singer ... When he's not presiding at Mass, he's often the cantor for the



Advocate photos - Frank Wood

St. Joseph's Church is the spiritual home for 1,800 families. The ornate interior seats approximately 500 people.

Mass. He loves doing that," Father Cyr pointed out.

Also on the team are Deacons Michael Fitzgerald and Walter Lynn. Both supervise baptismal preparation, preside at wakes and assist at Masses. Deacon Fitzgerald is in charge of raising awareness of Catholic social teaching, and Deacon Lynn is the RCIA coordinator.

Michael Riedel, music director and organist, oversees active adult and youth choirs and a Filipino folk group.

Rounding out the team are Patricia Rodriguez, M.A., director of religious education, Angelina Rispoli, M.A., administrative assistant for religious education, Brian Hyland, director of youth and young adult ministries, Nancy Conforti, business manager, and Liz Michaels, parish secretary.



A parishioner prays during his turn in the chain of perpetual eucharistic adoration that takes place in the church chapel.

But the team is losing two key members. Sister Regina Miriam McWilliams, F.S.P., M.A., stepped down in June after serving 27 years as school principal. At the school, 14 teachers currently educate 217 youngsters, 75 percent of whom are parishioners. The parish honored her on May 23 at a Mass followed by a luncheon.

"There were no nuns in my pre-

vious [pastoral] assignments. I feel very blessed that my first experience of working with a sister in ministry was with Sister Regina Miriam. She has been very supportive of me," Father Cyr said.

Leaving in August after four years is Sister Catherine McDermott, C.N.D., M.A. Until then, she will continue running the ministry to the poor and the homebound elderly.

"She approaches her ministry with a genuine love for the poor and needy," said Father Cyr.

He is especially pleased with the three staffers he added: Hyland, Rodriguez and Rispoli.

"I felt Spirit-led guidance to hire those three people," the pastor commented.

"Brian has brought an enthusiasm to the [youth and young adult] ministry and lots of creative skill," he said of Hyland.

Together, Father Cyr and Hyland are raising the ministry's profile. In fact, the WWOR-TV news recently aired a story featuring the ministry. Saint Joseph's young people can take part in a variety of activities, including retreats, lock-ins and recreational events.

"The youth are not the future of the Church. They are the Church. We're continually trying to raise awareness of the fact that an important part of our budget and an important part of our ministerial outreach is to the young people of our parish," said Father Cyr.

Of Rodriguez's and Rispoli's work in religious education, Father Cyr stressed, "There's a sense of dynamism in that department that is just breathtaking to me as a pastor."

"Every single one of the members of my ministerial team look upon their position not as a job but as a ministry," said Father Cyr.

He also praises his administrative staff. Conforti, parish business manager, frees "me up to do more

of the pastoral things that I am supposed to be doing," said Father Cyr.

Michaels, his secretary, is "invariably the soul of kindness," he said.

To accommodate the growing number of Latino members, the pastor recently added a regular Sunday Spanish Mass.

"It was a long time coming," said Father Cyr, who grew up with an English-speaking mother and a French-speaking father.

Father Leonardo Jaramillo, adjunct priest from Colombia is celebrant of the Spanish Mass and youth minister at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Elizabeth.

Saint Joseph's, which began as a Carmelite mission in 1913, is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the current church building and its incorporation as a parish.

In honor of the occasion, Archbishop John J. Myers will celebrate Mass at St. Joseph's Oct. 9. Also planned are a carnival, a new parish photo directory and a Blessed Mother brick walkway in the church's prayer garden. (Engraved bricks may be purchased in honor of loved ones or special events.) A time capsule will be buried, and an old one will be unearthed.

As part of its regular life, the church sponsors faith-formation sessions and a bereavement group. And youngsters will attend vacation Bible school in August.

Meanwhile, around the clock, the church's pulse beats on. In a chapel below the choir loft, parishioners continue the chain of perpetual Eucharistic adoration. Pope John Paul II wrote, "The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. ... Let our adoration never cease" (Dominicae Cenae, 1980).

St. Joseph Parish is located at 115 E. Fort Lee Road in Bogota.

Saint Joseph, Bogota



Carmelite Fathers sustain a 75-year-old church

Back in 1912, Bogota area Catholics had it rough. Most didn't have cars, so going to Mass meant trekking through farm fields to St. Francis of Assisi, Ridgefield Park, or Holy Trinity, Hackensack. On Dec. 20, 1912, C.B. Ryan, the first parish historian, wrote to the Most Rev. John J. O'Connor, Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, of the "urgent need of a Catholic church in Bogota."



In accordance with Second Vatican Council guidelines, the church was remodeled. By 1979, the 50th anniversary year of the parish, a redesigned sanctuary was in place.

The bishop replied that there was shortage of diocesan priests. However, if the number of Catholic residents could be established, he would refer the situation to the Carmelite Fathers of Englewood. Sixty-four people adopted a petition that was eventually signed by 197 Catholics urging the establishment of a church. True to his word, Bishop O'Connor directed Ryan to Father Dion Best, Carmelite provincial in Englewood. On April 24, 1913, Father Best appointed Father Basil Kahler as the first pastor of the new mission. The first Mass was scheduled for 8 a.m. on June 1, 1913, at the Central Avenue Firehouse, but the new priest was running late. Ryan wrote, "A Maxwell car was seen to turn out of James Street on two wheels, and the death-defying pilot, who proved to be the rotund and jovial Father Basil, halted the panting engine at the firehouse door." In 1915, the church acquired a building and land at Palisade Avenue and Fort Lee Road near the Teaneck/Bogota border. The church was dubbed Saint Joseph's. Soon after the church opened, Father Kahler was appointed Carmelite provincial. He named Father Berthold Lauzau as his replacement. Under the guidance of Father Lauzau, the sanctuary was decorated in the evening by volunteers. The basement was paved and a stage erected. In 1920, a house was purchased to serve as a rectory, and Father Lauzau became the first resident pastor.

In 1921, Father Brocard Koehler replaced Father Lauzau. In 1925, Father Koehler founded the grammar school. Four classes were put in on the second floor, and four sisters from the Third Order of St. Francis arrived to run the school. An additional teacher was sent each year until the school was fully staffed. In September 1926, Father Boniface O. Hund became pastor. Known around town for his black cigars and German accent,

Father Hund was instructed by the bishop to build a new church. A contract was signed to build the structure for \$131,000. Members pledged funds to cover the costs of the interior decorations. The architect was A.F. DePace of New York, who also designed the rectory and the school some 25 years later. The groundbreaking took place on July 10, 1927. On April 28, 1929, the brick Romanesque church was dedicated. Bishop (later Archbishop) Thomas J. Walsh officiated at the first Mass. In 1929, the church was formally incorporated as a parish. A year later, the first

eighth-grade class graduated from Saint Joseph's School. When the Great Depression hit, many parishioners could not pay off the pledges they made for the windows and statues. Yet Father Hund made sure the church's debt was paid off in 15 years. In July 1943, Father Hund died. Father Mark Gardner, his assistant since 1932, became the new pastor. In 1949, construction began on a new school and rectory. When the school opened in 1952, it was lauded as the most modern in the Newark Archdiocese. Father Clarence Maguire, who became assistant pastor after World War II, directed construction of a basement chapel in the original building to handle overflow crowds from the church. On April 8, 1956, Father Gardner retired. He continued to live at the rectory, where he died in August 1959. His successor, Father Hugh Austin, swiftly endeared himself to all the schoolchildren with his sense of humor and talents as a magician. Father Austin retired in 1966 and died on Dec. 27 of that year. Father Brendon Gilmore became pastor in 1966. Vatican II brought major changes during his tenure. On the first Sunday in Advent of 1966, a lector and songleader appeared at Mass for the first time. A folk Mass debuted in 1968. In 1972, it was decided that the church's original building was beyond repair; so the structure, which had served as church and school, was torn down. Father Herbert Jones became pastor in 1975. He organized Saint Joseph's first parish council. In accordance with Vatican II, the church was remodeled. In 1979, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark Robert F. Garner presided at the solemn High Mass for the 50th anniversary of Saint Joseph's. In June 1984, Father Jones left to serve as a missionary in Peru. Father Morris Wells was installed as pastor on June 30, 1984. In 1987, Father Wells left to become Carmelite provincial. Father Joseph O'Brien then took over the helm. But in 1988, Father O'Brien, fluent in Spanish, was transferred to St. Cecilia Parish to serve Englewood's Latino population. For the next two years, Father Anthony Palo served as pastor.



Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick and pastor of St. Joseph's, Father Paul Schweizer, O.Carm., bless the new Peragallo organ, installed on Nov. 22, 1998 to replace the 1929 Kilgen organ.

Meet the Pastor



Father Terrence Cyr, O. Carm.

Age: 55
Date of birth: Nov. 28, 1948
High School: Carmelite Junior Seminary, Hamilton, MA
College/Seminary/Graduate School: Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI; M.A. in theology, Washington Theological Union, Silver Spring, MD; M.A. in French, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT; M.A. in Christian spirituality, Creighton University, Omaha, NE
Date of Ordination: May 24, 1975
Heroes: My father; Father Sean O'Leary, O. Carm.
Favorite Saint: Thérèse of Lisieux
Favorite Sport: Hockey
Favorite Food: "My mother and the seminary trained me to eat what was put in front of me. I eat anything."
Favorite Subject in School: History
Favorite Movie: *Ordinary People*
Last Book Read: *To the Mountaintop* by Stewart Burns
Proudest Moment: Ordination to the priesthood
Occupation if I weren't a priest: Teacher

In 1990, Father Paul Schweizer replaced him. Six years into his tenure, Father Schweizer decided it was time to do something about the church's failing 1929 Kilgen organ, so he appointed a committee. A \$60,000 anonymous donation helped persuade the panel to replace the instrument with a new pipe organ. In March 1997, the Peragallo Organ Co. of Paterson was awarded the contract. By August 1998, installation was completed. On Nov. 22, 1998, then-Archbishop Theodore McCarrick and Father Schweizer dedicated the instrument. In June 2002, Father Terrence Cyr took over as pastor. During Father Cyr's tenure, the sanctuary has been repainted and the church's exterior has been outfitted with new gutters and shingles; to comply with state regulations, an underground oil tank was removed and above-ground tank was installed. Father Cyr instituted a Sunday Spanish language Mass and perpetual adoration of the Eucharist. This story was adapted from the parish history written by Robert A. Baron, former Saint Joseph historian.

Daily Mass and eucharistic adoration go hand in hand

BY LISA HADDOCK

Special to The Catholic Advocate

Sometimes, the Lady Chapel at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, is so crowded that worshippers line the back

wall and spill into the hallway.

Taken together, the three daily Masses (at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and noon) attract approximately 215 people. Even more attend during Lent, when Mass is moved to the main sanctuary.

After Mass, worshippers may have to wait for a kneeler to open up in the perpetual adoration chapel, dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Msgr. Ronald J. Rozniak, pastor for the last 14 years, said parishioners' frequent Mass attendance and dedication to adoration of the Eucharist show they have grasped a fundamental truth.

"We are above all else a eucharistic community. It's the distinguishing mark of the Catholic Church—since the gift of the Spirit on Pentecost," he noted.

The parish gradually began increasing time devoted to eucharistic adoration in 1999, in preparation for the Jubilee Year. Two years ago on the feast of Corpus Christi, Mount Carmel joined the handful of parishes in the Archdiocese that offer perpetual adoration. More than 600 peo-

ple volunteered to be adorers in this 3,600-household parish.

For a long time, businesswoman Cynthia Torres, a parishioner for 14 years, had campaigned for more frequent adoration. Now she is coordinates the adorers' schedule.

Torres said she has an army of volunteers and substitutes. When she needs more people, they always sign up. Parishioners and non-members of all ages and backgrounds drop in around the clock.

"We get not only the scheduled adorers but a lot of people who just stop in," said the pastor.

A smaller army makes sure that Msgr. Rozniak and Fathers Ivan Sciberras and Don Bosco Park always have acolytes, lectors, gift bearers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist at daily Masses.

Without being asked, about 20 regular attendees arrange a schedule among themselves, Msgr. Rozniak explained.

Rich and Mary Rame, parishioners for 40 years, are typical of that group. Both are acolytes. Mrs. Rame is also a lector and an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist.

Attendance at daily Mass "seems to make me, individually,

far more sensitive to other peoples' needs," Mrs. Rame said. "Every time you go, you get a little more grace."

"It certainly keeps you on track. ... You tend to refresh yourself every time you go," said Mr. Rame, who has been attending daily Mass with his wife since 1992.

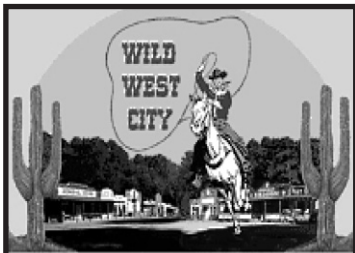
The retirees' lives revolve around service and prayer. As substitutes on the adoration roster, the Rames fill in at any hour of the day or night. Mary Rame belongs to Martha's Ministry, which feeds families of deceased parishioners. She is also a member of Lazarus Ministry, which

provides lectors, eucharistic ministers and acolytes for funerals. Rich Rame is active in RCIA and the Knights of Columbus.

Msgr. Rozniak believes that eucharistic adoration and frequent Mass attendance are closely linked.

"Jesus is the food of our spiritual life. And I think it [adoration of the Eucharist] leads to the natural step of attendance at daily Mass. s And I think the other way around as well. I think coming to daily Mass also awakens a strong desire to be quietly with the Lord," he said.

(For a listing of some parishes that have adoration of the Eucharist see Page 15.)



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The Archdiocese of Newark admitted 38 men to the candidacy of the permanent diaconate last month at Holy Spirit Parish, Union. Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, presided. With Bishop da Cunha is Deacon Edward W. Porter, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate.

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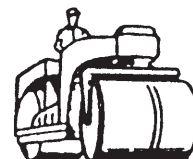
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Port Newark chaplain shepherds seafarers from the world over

BY SUSAN VICARISI

Special to The Catholic Advocate

It's not the first place one might search for God, but He is most ably represented at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Father Mario Balbi, 84, has loved every day of his life as a Roman Catholic priest for the last 55 years. But his most passionate assignment has been his 30 year tenure as a chaplain with the Apostleship of the Sea, a ministry organized in 1920 to bring spiritual nourishment to those working aboard ships and in sea related occupations throughout the world.

Father Balbi relocated to the Newark port in 1991 when the on-site chapel was housed in temporary quarters. Today, with the customary sights of a busy seaport as its backdrop, the Stella Maris Chapel has a permanent home at 114 Corbin St. Port Newark.

The modest exterior of the chapel belies the beauty of its interior. However the grounds contain an impressive tribute to the World Trade Center as well as a statue of the Stella Maris, carved from marble harvested from the same Italian source as masterpieces by Michelangelo.

Inside, an oil portrait of the

Breast cancer

Continued from Page 1

Highly regarded breast cancer surgeon M. Michele Blackwood, M.D., FACS, medical director of the center, said the center will address the disparities in breast cancer outcomes for black and Hispanic women, and will provide all women with the latest protocols in diagnosis and treatment.

Members of the newly established Breast Cancer Advisory Board are Connie Dwyer, Jane Benjamin, Dr. Michele Blackwood, Celine DiGiacomo, Anne Schaumburg and Janet Lesko, all of Short Hills; Angela Goldfarb, Nancy Taylor and Vicki Lehrhoff of South Orange; Carol Leone Gresnigt of Millburn; Susan Smith of Essex Fells; Bobbi Ashton of London; Felicia Karsos of Warren; Patricia Balsamini of Montclair, and Lois Greene of Newark.

For information on the Breast Center call (973) 877-5189. Those interested in making a donation may send checks payable to the Breast Center at Saint Michael's to the Cathedral Foundation, 219 Chestnut Street Newark, NJ 07105. Attention: Tricia Balsamini.

Stella Maris, also imported from Italy, a ceremonial brick procured directly from the Vatican, and stations of the cross carved by a prisoner in Sing Sing Correctional Prison, Ossining, NY, are just a few of the personal touches Father Mario is most proud of. "For the Lord, I want the best," he states emphatically.

Father Balbi is a wellspring of knowledge about the port and the millions of dollars worth of cargo that pass through it daily, but he is most concerned with his personal mission, inspired by Matthew 25, to study continuously and to allow his gifts to overflow to others.

As a chaplain of the Apostleship of the Sea, he is committed to "caring for the bodies and souls of seafarers and their families," regardless of religious affiliation, many of whom commit

to contracts which keep them at sea without family contact for more than nine months of the year.

Embarking on each day after completing his customary 100 push-ups, Father Balbi travels to the port from his home at the rectory of Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Orange, where he is also a member of the Salesian community. He presides at the Saturday morning Mass at Our Lady of the Valley as well as daily Mass at the chapel and also aboard ships for crew members who are not allowed to disembark.

Every June, on the Feast of SS. Peter and St. Paul, Father Balbi gathers representatives of local religious communities for a blessing of all ships in Port Newark on that day. The blessing is a highlight of the year at the port and a welcome event for all participants.

*"For the Lord,
I want the best."*

- Father Mario Balbi



Father Mario Balbi beside the Stella Maris Chapel tribute to 9/11 victims comprised of steel girders from the World Trade Center.



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John 1:38-39

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Holy Family welcomes ninth pastor

A joyous Eucharistic celebration heralded the installation of Msgr. Paul L. Bochicchio as the ninth pastor of Holy Family Parish, Nutley. Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, in his role as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Newark and a longtime weekday associate at the church, was the presiding celebrant of the Mass.

Father Michael A. Andreano, a parochial vicar, was master of ceremonies. The principal concelebrants, in addition to Msgr. Bochicchio, were Father Paciano Alexander Barbieto, parochial vicar; Rev. Mr. Joseph A. Dwyer, Jr., deacon of the Eucharist, and Rev. Mr.

Giuseppe Fedeale, deacon of the Word. Bishop-elect Thomas A. Donato, Msgr. Robert Chabak, dean of Deanery 16 and other priests and pastors from throughout the Archdiocese were present, along with sisters of the Religious Teachers Filippini, who conduct the inter-parochial school, Good Shepherd Academy, on the campus of Holy Family Parish. The multi-lingual liturgy included readings in Tagalog, Italian and English. Bishop Serratelli preached in Italian, as well as English. The installation of Msgr. Bochicchio was held at the evening Mass, June 12, on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ.



Advocate photos- Greg Tobin

Parishioners, Religious sisters and friends filled Holy Family Church, Nutley, for the installation of Msgr. Paul Bochicchio as pastor, at top right, and at bottom right with Msgr. Robert Chabak.

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Adoration of Eucharist throughout Archdiocese

BY LISA HADDOCK
Special to The Catholic Advocate

“Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation,” Pope John Paul II wrote in *Dominicae Cenae*, a 1980 letter about the Eucharist.

Many churches in the Archdiocese have adoration of the Eucharist at least once a month—typically on first Fridays. Call your parish to find out when it offers this devotion.

Following is a list of some of the parishes that have perpetual or frequent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Call first to confirm times and to see whether doors are locked.

PERPETUAL
BERGEN COUNTY
St. Joseph Parish, Bogota
115 E. Fort Lee Road
(201) 342-6300

Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
Ridgewood
1 Passaic St.
(201) 444-2000

ESSEX COUNTY
St. Lucy Parish (National Shrine of St. Gerard), Newark
118 Seventh Ave.
(973) 482-6663

St. John Parish, Orange
94 Ridge St.
(973) 674-0110

UNION COUNTY
St. John the Apostle Parish,
Linden
1805 Penbrook Terrace
(908) 486-6363

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,
Mountainside
300 Central Ave.
(908) 232-1162

FREQUENT
BERGEN COUNTY
St. Cecilia Parish, Englewood
55 W. Demarest Ave.
Wednesdays 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
(201) 568-0364

St. John the Baptist Parish,
Fairview
239 Anderson Ave.
Mondays, noon to 7:30 p.m.
followed by novena
(201) 945-4865

St. Luke Parish, Ho-Ho-Kus
340 N. Franklin Turnpike
Mondays, noon to 7:30 p.m.
(201) 444-0272

Church of the Presentation,
Upper Saddle River
271 W. Saddle River Road
Wednesdays, noon to 9 p.m.
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Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish, Newark
114 Prospect St.
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St. Michael Parish, Bayonne
15 E. 23rd St.
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 9
a.m. to 6 p.m. (201) 436-1412

St. Anthony Parish,
East Newark
409 N. Second St.
Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Suspended during summer.
(973) 483-4680

Holy Cross Parish, Harrison
16 Church Square
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(973) 484-5678

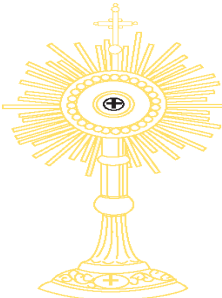
St. Ann Parish, Hoboken
Seventh and Jefferson streets
Wednesdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
(201) 659-1114

St. Francis Parish, Hoboken
308 Jefferson St.
Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
(201) 659-1772

Saints Joseph and Michael
Parish, Union City
1314 Central Ave.
Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. Mass
followed by exposition, 6:45
p.m. benediction.
(201) 865-2325

St. Anthony of Padua Parish,
Union City
615 Eighth St.
Fridays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
(201) 687-3818

UNION COUNTY
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish, Scotch Plains
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Undefeated Panthers capture CYO baseball championship

In only its second year in the league, the CYO baseball team at St. Stephen Parish, Kearny, are undefeated champs.

Last year St. Stephen's 7th/8th grade boys did better than anyone could have expected, posting a 9-4 record. But they lost in the championship game to Queen of Peace, North Arlington, by a score of 8-7.

Though many considered the inaugural season to be a success, there was the understandable disappointment of coming so close and then losing the championship by one run.

That disappointment was all but forgotten on June 23 when the Panthers capped off an 11-0 season with the Hudson/Bergen County CYO Championship beating St. Nicholas, Jersey City, 18-6.

"We had our concerns coming into this season," explains head coach Father Joseph Mancini, a parochial vicar. "Half of our team graduated last year and only five players from the '03 team returned as eighth graders. We basically had a whole new team to work with."

In the only meeting of the season between St. Stephen and St. Nicholas, both teams played to an 8-8 tie on May 1.

In the title game, both teams were looking for the early advantage.

St. Nick's scored three runs in the top of the first inning. St. Stephen's came back in the bot-

tom of the first, scoring four runs. With the bases loaded, shortstop Kevin Crawford lined a single to left field, driving in two runs. Catcher Mark Isabella followed with a fielder's choice to tie the game.

After St. Nick's took a 5-4 lead in the second, the Panthers scored four runs in the third and never looked back.

"We basically had a whole new team to work with."

- Father Joseph Mancini

Following a lead-off walk to second baseman John Manley, leftfielder Cory Conroy drilled a double to left to tie the game 5-5. After a strikeout and an error, pitcher Nick Ferrara smacked a triple to deep center field to clear the bases. Ferrara struck out the side in the fourth and St. Nick's scored one in the top of the fifth.

In the bottom of the fifth, St. Stephen's scored ten runs to end the game. Ferrara picked up his second triple of the game and the Panthers hit four consecutive singles. With the bases loaded and two outs, third baseman Mike Manfredi lined the first pitch he saw into left field. Three runs and the celebration was on.

After the game, the Panther coaches named Nick Ferrara and Mike Manfredi as co-MVP's of the title game.

Ferrara pitched five innings for the win, allowing four earned runs on four hits and striking out six. At the plate, he went 2-3 with two triples, scoring four runs and driving in three. Manfredi went 3-5 with two doubles and five RBI.

The championship roster included: Cory Conroy, Kevin Crawford, Nick Ferrara, Brian Gaven, Michael Gross, Robert Gross, Mark Isabella, Anthony Kamen, Mike Manfredi, John Manley, Matt Millea, Robert Szeluga, Daniel Trzepla and James Vezos.

In the coaching ranks were Father Mancini, Joe Maffei and Kevin O'Sullivan.

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Panthers' catcher Mark Isabella makes a tag out at the plate during the championship game. Seconds after the final out, the players celebrated.

Veteran Caldwell College coaches are retiring

Bob Reich and Ray Di Nino, two of Caldwell College's longest tenured coaches, have announced their plans to retire, according to Caldwell Executive Director of Athletics, Mark A. Corino.

Reich served as the men's tennis coach for seven years.

He led the 2003 team to a 7-4 mark, the best in the program's history. He was also the women's tennis coach at Caldwell through the 2000 season.

Di Nino was golf coach eight years and is the program's only coach. This spring, he led the team to an 11-6-1 mark, it's best-ever record.

"We'll miss Bob and Ray," Corino said. "They ran their programs in a manner consistent with what we expect of our student-athletes. They represented our school in a positive manner. The college community appreciates everything they've done, and I'd like to wish them the best."

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Valiosas lecciones da la historia que no deben perderse

Por Monseñor John Gilchrist
Párroco de Holy Cross, en Harrison.

Recientemente, en un Viernes lluvioso, me llegué al Museo Metropolitano de Arte de New York. Yo quería ver una exhibición titulada: “Bizancio: Fe y Poder: 1261-1557.” Esta es la segunda vez, en lo que yo recuerdo, que el arte grandioso de la Iglesia Ortodoxa Oriental es traída aquí.

La exhibición ocupa muchas galerías en el museo. Iconos, pinturas, libros ceremoniales y muebles de iglesias estaban colocados en salones semi-oscuros. Todo era muy solemne, casi sombrío.

Mientras yo contemplaba esos tesoros eclesiásticos, ví a un grupo de mujeres vestidas de negro. Ellas iban avanzando reverentemente por los salones. Mientras así lo hacían, ellas se inclinaban reverentemente frente a las imágenes y se santiguaban según la costumbre oriental, con tres dedos que tocaban la cabeza, el pecho y de hombro a hombro, y de derecha a izquierda. Para ellas, el museo se había convertido en una iglesia.

Mientras yo avanzaba de esta manera, me sentí invadido por una gran tristeza. Yo iba leyendo la historia de la destrucción del Imperio Bizantino y los sufrimientos de la Iglesia Oriental, y me sentí muy

inquieto. La historia, se dice, está destinada a repetirse.

Yo me dí cuenta de que las fuerzas que barrieron con la antigua Cristiandad Ortodoxa estaban ahora de nuevo en plena operación, pero esta vez contra el Occidente.

Es más, los eventos que separaron la Iglesia Oriental de la Occidental no han dejado de existir ni han sido olvidados. Todavía afectan nuestras iglesias y nuestras vidas. De hecho, todavía estrujan el gran corazón del Papa Juan Pablo II.

Es muy interesante que todos estos artefactos hayan venido a ser exhibidos en este año 2004. Porque precisamente este año se cumple un nuevo aniversario de dos trágicos sucesos.

En los primeros tiempos, Constantino, quien fue emperador del año del 312 al 337 D.C., permitió que el Imperio Romano se hiciera Cristiano, y decidió trasladar la sede de su imperio al Oriente. En el año 330 él construyó la ciudad de Constantinopla en el Bósforo, como la “Nueva Roma” y él mismo se trasladó allí.

Constantinopla vino a ser la más grande y la más bella ciudad Cristiana del mundo. Sus emperadores retaban a la “Vieja Roma” en majestuosidad. Sus obispos eran llamados “patriarcas”. En el año 537 el

emperador Justiniano erigió la más gigantesca y sorprendente iglesia del mundo en Constantinopla. Se la llamó “Hagia Sophia” (Santa Sabiduría).

Constantinopla rigió un vasto territorio por 700 años. Extendió la fe Cristiana por todo el Oriente y todas sus iglesias adoptaron el sublime y majestuoso rito Bizantino en su liturgia, usando la lengua griega.

Parecía que todo aquello duraría para siempre. Pero el 16 de Julio de 1054 un delegado del Papa literalmente lanzó una “bula” o decreto papal de excomunión sobre el altar mayor de Hagia Sophia.

El Papa había excomulgado al Patriarca de Constantinopla. Una gran Iglesia Católica dividida en dos. Todo eso ocurría hace 950 años.

Después, en el año 1204, barcos Cristianos navegaron hacia el Bósforo y los cruzados atacaron. Ellos saquearon la ciudad de Constantinopla y se llevaron todos los objetos sagrados de valor para Venecia. Eso ocurrió el 8 de Abril de 1204, hace casi exactamente 800 años.

En un próximo artículo trataré de describir esa historia, que no ha dejado de existir. Los males de ayer son una realidad viva que todavía nos persigue hoy en día. ¿Podremos reparar el pasado? ¿Podremos aprender de la historia sobre los peligros de hoy?

La eucaristía será un tema de gran importancia en el próximo sínodo

Ciudad Vaticano (CNS). El reciente debate sobre abusos en la liturgia y en la recepción de la Comunión por Católicos que no aceptan las enseñanzas de la Iglesia será elevado a un nivel mundial por el Sínodo de Obispos que se prepara para el año 2005.

El tema central del Sínodo será la Eucaristía. Recientemente los obispos de todo el mundo han recibido un sumario preparado por el Vaticano en el que se enfoca principalmente las regulaciones que gobiernan la celebración de la Eucaristía, incluyendo quienes deben recibir la comunión y quienes no.

El sumario, que tiene 75 páginas y que se conoce como “Lineamientos”, no ha sido dado a la publicidad por el Vaticano, pero el Catholic News Service ha obtenido una copia del documento a principios de Mayo.

El sumario pone énfasis en las normas sacramentales y litúrgicas que prohíben compartir la Comunión con la mayoría de los no Católicos. Varias veces nos recuerda que la Iglesia no tiene el poder de ofrecer la Comunión a los Católicos que

viven en pecado grave (mortal) o a quienes “enseñan errores” o a “personas que viven una vida inmoral”.

“La Comunión puede ser recibida solamente en unión con la totalidad de la Iglesia, después de vencer cualquier separación causada por religión o moralidad” dice el sumario. No cubre de manera específica la cuestión de negar la Comunión a quienes se oponen a eneñanzas importantes de la Iglesia. En cambio, enmarca el tema en términos tomados de los escritos de los antiguos Cristianos en la “Didache”: “Si alguno está santificado, que se acerque; quien no lo esté, que se arrepienta”

El documento advierte sobre los abusos que pudieran resultar de la “creatividad litúrgica”. Revisa las regulaciones de la Iglesia en materias tales como el partir del pan eucarístico, los vasos sagrados usados en la Misa, la necesidad de “dignificar” la música, y los lugares adecuados para el tabernáculo, el altar y hasta la silla del ministro celebrante.

Una de las grandes preocupaciones reflejadas en el sumario es la de que muchos Católicos vean la

Eucaristía simplemente como una “comida fraternal”, en vez del sacramento de la presencia continua de Cristo. Esto, dice, sería un “grave error”

En una sección con preguntas diseñadas para provocar la reflexión y las respuestas escritas de los obispos, el documento enfoca de nuevo los posibles abusos. Se pregunta:

¿Cuáles son los aspectos negativos en la celebración eucarística, y cuál es la causa de esa “situación desorientadora” para los fieles?

En un intento de ser muy personales y “de avanzada” ¿Hay sacerdotes que en la celebración de la Misa manifiestan actitudes que son explícita o implícitamente contrarias a las normas litúrgicas?

¿Adoptan los fieles una actitud muy informal al recibir la Comunión?

¿Entienden de manera cabal los Católicos la diferencia entre la Misa y otras funciones litúrgicas presididas por laicos? ¿Saben ellos distinguir entre los ministros ordenados y los que no lo son?

¿Hay algunos elementos en liturgias eucarísticas que inclinen a “disminuir la atención sobre la preseca real” de Cristo en la Eucaristía?

¿Cómo son aplicadas las normas de la inter-Comunión?

¿Cómo puede evitarse la confusión en relación con el misterio del Santísimo Sacramento en reuniones ecuménicas e inter-religiosas?

¿Qué medidas deben tomarse en la “inculturación” para prevenir “prácticas peculiares y extrañas” en la liturgia?

El tema formal a ser tratado en el sínodo es “La Eucaristía: Fuente y Culminación de la Vida y la Misión de la Iglesia”. El sumario incluye largas secciones que explican la teología de la Eucaristía, con fuerte inspiración en la reciente encíclica del Papa asi como en los escritos de los primeros padres de la Iglesia.

El sumario pide a los obispos que suministren estadísticas sobre los asistentes a la Misa dominical y diaria, así como que enumeren las formas en que las enseñanzas sobre la Eucaristía puedan profundizarse en sus respectivas diócesis.

El Vaticano le ha pedido a los obispos que envíen sus respuestas antes de fin de año. Esas respuestas serán la base de un documento de trabajo para el sínodo, que está fijado para celebrarse del 2 al 29 de Octubre del 2005.

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Historian paints portrait of Irish immigrants and strivers in New Jersey

BY GREG TOBIN
Editor & Associate Publisher

In his latest book, Dermot Quinn, a professor of history at Seton Hall University, South Orange, vividly brings to life the men and women of an ethnic-immigrant group that has had an enormous, ongoing impact on the state of New Jersey over more than three centuries.

The Irish in New Jersey
Four Centuries of American Life
Dermot Quinn
(New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, \$26.95)
240 pages
ISBN 0-8135-3421-6

The story of the Irish is entwined inextricably with the story of the Catholic Church in New Jersey. Prelates, clerics, Religious and laity populate these pages with warmth, humor, drive and deep faith. For example, the funeral of Most Rev. John J. O'Connor, the fourth Bishop of Newark,

was the largest Irish-American gathering in 1927.

The pageant of an immigrant people began in the earliest days of "the two Jerseys" (East and West) of the mid-17th century. From the beginning, those who came to the colony for commercial reasons included many born in Ireland and many who had simply resided there. There was no sentimental attachment to the Irish homeland; they were far too busy for that.

Religious emigration was not exclusively Catholic. There were Quakers, Presbyterians and others of Protestant denominations.

Prejudices against poor Catholics (and well-off Catholics, for that matter), existed in the American colonies, reinforced legally and constitutionally in the states formed after the American Revolution.

The 19th century saw the largest wave of immigrants fleeing Ireland's Great Hunger. Dr. Quinn notes the "culture shock of coming to New Jersey,"

which could be overwhelming to simple rural folk: "urban politics, mass industry, noisy modernity."

From that point, for the next 150 years, the Irish came to dominate, along with other European ethnic-national groups, nearly every facet of life in New Jersey: business, politics, agriculture, Church, culture.

Richard Hughes, the grandson of an Irish immigrant, was elected governor of New Jersey in 1961; with his immediate two successors, William Cahill and Brendan Byrne, Irish-American scions, held the governorship of the state until 1982—for 20 unbroken years, which the author calls "an Irish-American apogee in New Jersey."

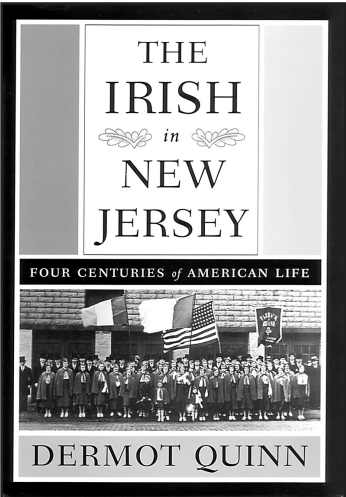
The charm and challenge of the story really lies in that century and one-half of hard-scrabble urban striving in places like Jersey City, Newark and Bayonne. Here maids married mayors and eldest sons were "given to the Church" by devout mothers. The ugliness

of interracial strife and mutual prejudices was worked out with fists and flagons, as the children of immigrants found their way up and "out"—of poverty, but not out of New Jersey. They stayed. They still are New Jersey.

A not insignificant feature of the book is the collection of more than 150 photographs of politicians, debutants, honeymooners, monsignori, workers, school children, athletes and

artists. In their faces is reflected the heritage and pride of the Irish: a "race," a culture, a family, a way of life for hundreds of thousands of New Jerseyans.

Professor Quinn has flung open the doors of history and invited us to walk through, into the past (distant and not-so-long-ago) with him on a fascinating journey that reveals much about those who came before us and more than a little about ourselves.



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F.S.

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NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

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M.L.K.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, who light all roads so that I can attain my goals. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and that in all instances of my life, You are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm once again, that I never want to be separated from You, even and in spite of all material illusion. I wish to be with You in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Published in gratitude of grace attained and for many requests granted.

K.M.J.

PRAYER TO THE
BLESSED VIRGIN

O 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. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me that you are my mother. O 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. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Novena is published in gratitude. Thank you.

J.W.

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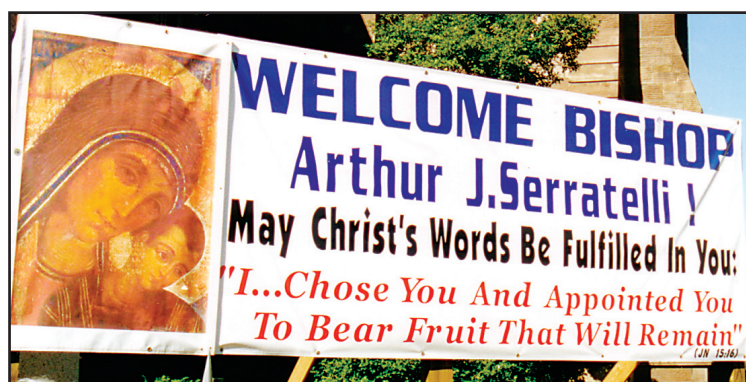
Bishop Serratelli is installed by Archbishop



Advocate photos- Greg Tobin, Ward Miele



The Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, Paterson, was filled to standing room only capacity July 6 as Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli was installed as the seventh chief shepherd of the Diocese of Paterson. Clergy from the Archdiocese of Newark and Bishop Serratelli's new diocese warmly welcomed him as did many friends and family members in the pews. Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, top photo, entered the Cathedral to the acclamation of the faithful. Family members, including Bishop Serratelli's mother Eva, brought up the gifts. Most Rev. Gabriel Montalvo, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, bottom left, read the Apostolic Mandate appointing Bishop Serratelli to the Diocese of Paterson.



Obituaries

Father Joseph S. Nativo, 48 years at St. Lucy's

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 19 for Father Joseph S. Nativo, 75, who died June 15.

Born and raised in Hackensack, Father Nativo was a graduate of Seton Hall University and attended Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington. He was ordained in 1956 by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland.

His first assignment was as parochial vicar at St. Lucy Parish, Newark, where he remained to serve his entire ministry of 48 years.

Sister Angela Spinelli

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 21 for Sister Angela Spinelli, M.P.F., 85, who died June 17.

Sister Angela entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1945. She was a graduate of Villa Walsh College, Morristown.

Her assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included teaching at St. Joseph School, Lodi; St. Joseph School, East Orange, and Holy Rosary School, Jersey City. She retired from teaching in 1973 to Villa Walsh but continued to offer her services when need. In 2001 she moved to the Villa Walsh Infirmary.

Sister Gertrude Maloney

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 1 for Sister Gertrude Louise Maloney, S.S.J., 98, who died May 28.

Sister Gertrude Louise entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph from St. Elizabeth Parish, Philadelphia, in 1931.

Ministering as an elementary school teacher in dioceses in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia, her assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included teaching at the following schools: Queen of Peace School, North Arlington (1943-54) and St. Andrew School, Bayonne (1958-67). She was residing at St. Joseph Villa, Flourtown, PA, at the time of her death.

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