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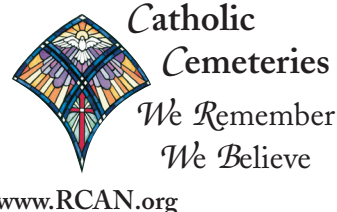
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Side altar mosaic created by Victor Zucchi in Venice, for St. John the Baptist Church, Jersey City.

Heritage tour aims to highlight beauty of Archdiocesan churches

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

How often have we gone to Mass and wondered about a particular figure or symbol in a stained-glass window, a biblical scene depicted in a mosaic, or an element of a church's architectural style and design?

From narthex to sanctuary, transepts to nave, from copper roofs to bronze doors, the churches of the Archdiocese of Newark are filled with artistic splendors that we might nary notice.

"It's art in the service of faith," commented Joseph A. Vancio, Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese. "You don't stop at what the eye sees, but your faith is supposed to help you make the leap into a deeper understanding of God through sign and symbol."

Vancio recognized the need to raise awareness about what he calls the Archdiocese's "rich patrimony"—the works of art that are our churches—calling them, "a legacy which has been handed down to us, and which we must try to continue in the present, and for the future."

In response, he and Msgr. Robert J. Wister, professor of Church history at Seton Hall University, are in the midst of planning "The Heritage Tour—Treasured Churches of the Archdiocese of Newark," a one-day guided tour on Nov. 6, through six churches within the Archdiocese. These churches, the first selected among many, stand as beacons of artistic ingenuity and testaments of deep and abiding faith.

Msgr. Wister noted, "People should be aware, so

they can appreciate these churches—I think most don't know they're there," he quipped, adding, "The irony is that some of our most beautiful and spectacular churches are in our poorest areas."

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Bulletin

Hurricane hits Turks & Caicos

The *Missio Sui Iuris* (independent mission) of Turks and Caicos Islands, under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Newark, was struck by Hurricane Frances on Sept. 1. There were no casualties reported, and structural damage throughout the islands was relatively minor.

However, Father Peter Baldacchino, pastor of Our Lady of Divine Providence, on the island of Providenciales, and chancellor of the mission, explained that some of the most vulnerable people—those living in shacks and makeshift homes—have lost roof tops and property.

There was also some damage to the house in which priests and seminarians from Holy Cross Church, on the island of Grand Turk, are living. A door and roof panel were lost and water entered the house; part of the ceiling collapsed as well.

"We are trying to respond to the needs of the people who show up at our Church doors as best we can. Certainly, any financial assistance that would be forthcoming will be well used," said Father Baldacchino.

Joining forces to bring relief, justice to Sudan

BY LIESL FORES
Staff Writer

The Archdiocese of Newark has joined several other area-based organizations to help bring public awareness and humanitarian assistance to more than a million refugees in Sudan, suffering what many have deemed genocide.

Greater Newark Responds, a coalition of interfaith, interethnic, academic and community organizations, has been formed to "express alarm at the escalating humanitarian calamity occurring in the Darfur region of Sudan," declares a recent statement from the group.

Members include the Archdiocese's Interreligious Affairs Commission, the American Jewish Committee of Metro New Jersey, Hopewell Baptist Church, Latino CBOs Collaboration of Essex County, NAACP-Newark Branch, Newark Museum, Newark-North Jersey Committee of Black Churchmen, Rutgers Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience and the United Jewish Communities of MetroWest, Community Relations Committee.

"There is no situation more tragic on the face of God's earth than the situation in Sudan. Anything we can do to help, we should do," asserted Msgr. John J. Gilchrist, chairman of the Interreligious Affairs Commission at a recent press conference given by the coalition and U.S. Rep. Donald Payne, on the steps of the Martin Luther King Federal Court Building, Newark.

A civil war has been taking place in Sudan, Africa's largest country, for the past 20 years, between the Arab-Muslims in the north and the non-Arabs and non-Muslims (including Christians) in the south over land and resources, political power and economic disputes.

Many peace talks and agreements involving international efforts have transpired over the past few years in particular to end fighting.

Claiming they were being left out of this process and accusing the Arab-Muslim government of discrimination, black Africans in Darfur, a western region of the country roughly the size of Texas, led an uprising in February 2003.

Though a cease-fire was agreed upon between rebels and the government in April 2004, Arab militia groups known as *Janjaweed* (men on horses with guns) have continued to attack Darfur civilians, pillaging villages, raping women and girls and murdering thousands, forcing 1.2 million people,

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Apostles Peter and Paul: ‘Solid faith with hearts afire’

Editor’s Note: Archbishop Myers is scheduled to deliver this homily at the Patriarchal Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls during the ad limina visit of the bishops of Region III to the Holy See. This quinquennial (every fifth year) visit by a bishop “to the threshold” of the apostles informs the Holy Father and the Roman Curia of the state of his diocese. The dioceses in Region III are: (New Jersey) Newark, Camden, Metuchen, Paterson and Trenton; (Pennsylvania) Philadelphia, Allentown, Altoona-Johnstown, Erie, Greensburg, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Scranton.

My brothers, my friends. How wonderful for us to be here. How honored I am to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with you.

Rock and fire. Peter and Paul. Both find expression in the great pope whom we are visiting. Both are needed in our own ministry. Solid adherence to the faith as proclaimed from the beginning, with hearts on fire for evangelizing people today.

Our prayer is that we can be faithful to the full range of the responsibilities of our vocation.

None of us was “knocked off our horse” by our call from Christ. Surely, discovering the call to the holy priesthood was probably slow and gentle.

But, I’ll bet that the call to become bishop was not at all unlike St. Paul’s call to be an apostle: quick, focused and expecting a ready response. Each of us can remember, probably vividly, how and when the call came. Like St. Paul, it was a life changing call, which came from Jesus but, for us, through the Church.

We can only hope that the scales fell from our eyes and that we encountered the Lord of Light and of Life and continue to serve Him in good times and bad, as did St. Paul.

There are so many demands on our time. Paperwork, the telephone and meetings can often appear to quench the fire we feel and to limit our time for preaching the Gospel. Just think of this week. We come to renew our faith at the tombs of the two great apostles. But we have had to prepare a detailed and probably voluminous

Sincerely in the Lord



BY ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. MYERS

Quinquennial Report as part of the process.

Obviously we must learn to pray and evangelize in the midst of our duties of overseeing the Churches. Let us not even mention such things as “audits” and “compliance” and the like.

This week we also celebrate our fraternity and communion. Think of St. Paul and his love for Titus and Timothy and Barnabas and Luke and a whole list of other women and men who helped him and supported him and gave him reason to hope.

We can add Peter to that list, even though Paul

occasionally challenged him. We need to be brothers to one another.

We come to meet with the Successor of St. Peter. We are not here to challenge, but to support and learn. We are spending time with some of his closest collaborators. In those discussions we bring our concerns and questions and certainly we want to hear theirs.

The dialogue which results can enrich our own dioceses and, perhaps, give these good men a better idea of what our experience has been.

When we speak of being bishops together, I think fondly of friendships and of the collaborations I have found among the bishops of New Jersey. I am confident that the same can be said for the bishops of Pennsylvania. But I must confess that the experience we had in Denver last June was one of the best.

We were bishops together, sharing and explaining common concerns; no media, little staff, bishops as the presenters, time to think and pray together. I believe we need more meetings like that one. Then we can become truly a conference of bishops and not merely some senate in the Church.

But we hear in the Gospel that our basic task is to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world.

We must, therefore, go into the world. We cannot simply withdraw, no matter how tempting that might be. We belong there. But not on the world’s terms.

We must form communities that neither follow the world’s ways nor fail to challenge them, whether in lifestyle or legal systems. But we do so out of a burning desire that they may come to know Jesus Christ and the life the Father offers to all of us through Him and the Sanctifying Spirit.

It is a thrilling vocation and a challenge—even a dangerous one. But it is ours from the day we were ordained.

We need rock and fire—Peter and Paul. As we celebrate the Holy Eucharist together let us pray that we will have solid faith and the fire of evangelization, that our own zeal may be renewed and that we may lead our priests and people with renewed vigor in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Stewardship

Saints as stewards lead us toward sanctity

BY ANDREW KACZYNSKI
Associate Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese

During this month our Church celebrates the feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Sept. 21), the memorial of St. Vincent de Paul (Sept. 27) and the feast of Our Blessed Mother’s birth (today), as well as her memorial under the title Our Lady of Sorrows (Sept. 15).

Matthew was a tax collector before Jesus called him, a position that cost him the goodwill of other Jews. They resented Roman taxation and resented even more those who assisted in its collection. But it probably netted him a substantial income and quite comfortable lifestyle—which he left behind to follow the Lord.

St. Bede the Venerable says of Matthew, “Christ, who was summoning him away from earthly possessions, had incorruptible treasures of heaven in his gift.” (*Liturgy of the Hours*, Vol. IV, p. 1418)

This one-time tax collector is celebrated as the author of the Gospel of Matthew and missionary to Persia and Ethiopia. May his example remind us that God always rewards many fold whatever sacrifices we must make to follow Him.

St. Vincent de Paul’s name is synonymous with help

for the poor, partly because of the good work done by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by Frederic Oazanam. The saint himself founded the Congregation of the Mission, the “Vincentians,” in 1625 and helped St. Louise de Marillac organize the Daughters of Charity. The mission of these Religious communities was the relief of the poor and sick.

“Do the good that presents itself to be done,” Vincent encouraged his brother priests. “I do not say we should go out indiscriminately and take on everything, but rather those things God lets us know He wants of us. We belong to Him and not to ourselves.” (*In His Likeness*, Sept. 27) What good advice for today’s well-intentioned stewards!

The feast of the Birth of Mary celebrates potential. At her birth, the Virgin Mary already had the gifts she would need to answer the call of God to bear His Son. We, too, have been given by the Lord all we need to answer His call in our lives. The challenge of stewardship is to have the sensitivity to hear that call and the willingness to answer it.

Sacrificial giving, which is part of the steward-

ship way of life, is what the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows is about. Sometimes what must be given breaks our hearts, even as we understand the necessity of the sacrifice. Ever since Simeon’s prophecy that a sword would pierce her heart, Mary had known that the day of sorrow would come.

Standing at the foot of the cross, Mary gave her Son the gift of her loving presence and then she gave Him up for the salvation of the world. “God loves a cheerful giver,” Scripture says, but He treasures, too, a gift wrapped in tears and given at great cost when the sacrifice is made for Him or for the good of others.

As always, it is my personal prayer that the inspiration and intercession of all the saints guide all of the faithful to live fully committed lives of service and gratitude to Our Lord through the way of life known as stewardship.

Information contained in this article was obtained from *Steward Saints for Every Day* by Sharon Hueckel, published by the International Catholic Stewardship Council.



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Top administrative post filled at Seton Hall

Seton Hall University has named Sister Paula Marie Buley, I.H.M., Ed.D., executive vice president for administration.

Sister Buley, who will assume her new duties the middle of this month, will oversee non-academic administrative functions, including student affairs, finance and information technology, general counsel, compliance, human resources, enrollment services, athletics and recreational services and university advancement.

She has more than 15 years experience in Catholic higher education.

Sister Buley comes to Seton Hall from Mount St. Mary University in Emmitsburg, MD. where she served as executive vice president and treasurer, joining that institution in 1998.

While there, Sister Buley was responsible for overseeing the development of a comprehensive strategic plan, which was approved by the school's board of trustees in June, as well as coordinating and preparing the university's revised master campus plan and implementing a broad range of budget and financial initiatives and controls.

She has served as the assistant to the president of University of the Incarnate

Word, in San Antonio, TX, and as vice president for financial affairs at her alma mater, Immaculata University, PA.

Seton Hall University President Msgr. Robert Sheeran said of the appointment, "In Sister Paula Marie we have someone with superb academic credentials, outstanding work experience and a person who has devoted her life to the embodiment of the ideals of Catholic higher education. We are delighted she will be joining our Seton Hall community."

Sister Buley earned her doctorate in higher education in 1996 from the University of Pennsylvania. She graduated from Villanova University six years ago with a master's degree in business administration.

A member of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sister Buley earned undergraduate degrees in history, economics and business administration in 1976, as well as her post-baccalaureate major in theology and certification in secondary education.

"I am excited to be joining the Seton Hall community," said Sister Buley. "Its high aspirations, dedicated faculty, administration and staff, and the vision articulated in the Sesquicentennial Strategic Agenda, represent a true commitment to excellence."

Sister Buley has performed numerous leadership roles in professional higher education organizations, as an editorial reviewer for the journal



Sister Paula Marie Buley, I.H.M., Ed.D.

Planning for Higher Education, a site visitor for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, and chair of the Association of Theological Schools Chief Financial Officers group. She also has taught business management at the college level and has lectured on leadership, planning and governance structures.

Sister Buley replaces Mary J. Meehan, Ph.D., who served as the executive vice president from 2001 until she left in May to become the president of Alverno College in Milwaukee.

Petition available

A school choice petition appears on Page 4 of this edition of *The Catholic Advocate*.

The Archdiocese of Newark has thrown its full support behind the effort of calling upon lawmakers to make "viable options" available to students in the Garden State.

The petition drive is sponsored by the New Jersey School Choice Alliance (NJSCA) whose membership includes the New Jersey ALLIANCE of Catholic School Families, the New Jersey Catholic Conference and the New Jersey State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

At the parish level throughout the Archdiocese, petitions will be available the week of Oct. 9-17, which has been designated School Choice Week.

At the conclusion of the drive, the petitions will be delivered to Trenton.

For additional information contact Mary McElroy, Diocesan Director of the New Jersey ALLIANCE of Catholic School Families and coordinator of the petition drive, at (973) 467-9396 or alliance@rcan.org.

Voter education material

William F. Bolan, Jr., executive director of the New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC), this week announced that the only voter educational material approved for distribution to parishes throughout the state are those prepared by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and NJCC.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

Archdiocesan/Agency/Ministry	Chaplaincy
Reverend Michael Andreano, Parochial Vicar of the Church of Holy Family, Nutley, has been appointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 16 and ending Aug. 31, 2007.	Reverend Charles Okoye has been appointed Chaplain of Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, effective Aug. 5.
Pastors	Deacon Thomas J. Bulgia, Permanent Deacon of the Church of St. Andrew Kim, Orange, has been appointed Chaplain of the Glen Ridge Policeman's Benevolent Association (Local 58), effective Aug. 5.
Reverend David C. Hubba, Pastor of the Church of St. Mary, Nutley, has been appointed to a second six-year term, ending Aug. 1, 2010.	Other
Very Reverend Michael M. Walters, V.F., Pastor of the Church of Holy Spirit/Our Lady Help of Christians, East Orange, has been appointed to a second six-year term ending Sept. 1, 2010.	Reverend Eugene Bettinger, O. Carm., has been appointed Director of the Carmelite Chapel at the Bergen Mall, Paramus, effective Aug. 20.
Reverend Thomas Joseph Devine, O.A.R., has been appointed pastor of the Church of St. Augustine, Union City, effective Sept. 1.	Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. McDade has been appointed to residence at Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory, Mountainside, effective Sept. 1.
Parochial Vicars	Reverend Philip E. Merdinger has been excardinated from the Archdiocese of Newark and incardinated into the Archdiocese of Boston, effective July 16.
Reverend Julio Espinosa, O.A.R., has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Augustine, Union City, effective Sept. 1.	Retirement
Reverend Monsignor Paul D. Schetelick has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Andrew, Bayonne, effective Sept. 1.	Reverend John P. Nickas, Pastor of the Church of St. Peter Claver, Montclair, has been granted retirement, effective Oct. 1.
Reverend Edmundo O. Sombilon has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Church of Holy Trinity, Fort Lee, effective Aug. 24.	



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Trina Paulus, a member of Pax Christi from Montclair, protests outside Madison Square Garden last week during the Republican National Convention. Both parties and both presidential candidates were urged to act on social justice issues of concern to American Catholics and the Catholic bishops.

School Choice Petition

We, the undersigned, are taxpayers and residents of New Jersey. We believe that all children are entitled to a government-funded education through grade 12, regardless of race, creed, color, disability, economic status, or address.

We believe that it is parents who are best suited to determine the most effective option for educating their children, and that funding for education should follow children to the school of their parents' choice.

We believe that it is the quality of instruction, not just the quantity of money spent, that guarantees a thorough and efficient education for every child.

Therefore, we request that you, our legislative representatives adopt a parental school choice program that offers viable options for students to attend traditional public schools, charter schools, nonpublic schools, or home schools, according to their needs.

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Latest abuse audit under way

WASHINGTON (CNS) — With a few innovations, the 2004 audits to measure compliance with sex abuse prevention policies by U.S. dioceses and Eastern-rite eparchies started in late July.

A new question this year is the number of allegations received by dioceses and eparchies since their 2003 audit, said Sheila Horan, deputy director of the U.S. bishops' Office of Child and Youth Protection.

The answers will establish a statistical base line needed to measure the success of prevention policies by showing whether future accusations will rise or fall, she said.

The child and youth protection office is responsible for conducting the on-site audits and has contracted the Gavin

Group, the same organization that did the 2003 audits, to do this year's audits.

The 2003 audits, the first to be conducted, showed 90 percent compliance..

Other 2004 innovations include:

- Provisions that allow individuals or groups with information that a diocese or eparchy may not be in compliance with policies to forward such information directly to the Gavin Group.

- Giving dioceses and eparchies the audit results within two weeks of the completion of their individual audit rather than waiting for all audits to be completed, as was done in 2003.

Regarding allegations, Horan told Catholic News Service that each diocese and eparchy will be asked the number of allegations it received during the approximately 12-month period since its last audit.

The 2003 audit did not ask about allegations. However, a

church-approved national study on the sex abuse crisis conducted by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York gathered data on sex abuse allegations during the 1950-2002 period.

The John Jay study released in February said that dioceses and eparchies received credible allegations of abuse against 4,392 clergymen — almost all priests — involving 10,667 minors during the period.

Regarding possible noncompliance data, a child and youth protection office fact sheet on the audits said that people with information that "indicates that a particular article, or articles, of the charter are not being complied with" in a diocese or eparchy can mail the data to: Gavin Group, P.O. Box 520162, Winthrop, MA 02152.

The fact sheet was posted in mid-August on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Web site and is available at: www.usccb.org/ocyp/compliance.htm.

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Esperanza Rente
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Angela Rodriguez
Maria Rodriguez
Magaly Sandoval

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Sonia Assis
Celio Bueno
Dulciná Bueno
Ana Bela Cabral
Paulina Opata
ST. LUCY, NEWARK
Dennis La Scala
Louis Loffredo
ST. MICHAEL, NEWARK
Migdonia Carrero
ST. RAPHAEL, LIVINGSTON
Nancy Cursi-Vogle
ST. ROCCO, NEWARK
Rose Marie Johnson
**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE,
BLOOMFIELD**
Brian Murphy
**ST. THOMAS MORE,
FAIRFIELD**
Sylvia Therese Anthony
Donna Cifelli
James E. Del Vacchio
Lucy A. Del Vacchio
Carole Fischer
Cira Graceffo
**ST. VALENTINE,
BLOOMFIELD**
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Betsy Fisher
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Clare Garces
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**OUR LADY OF VICTORIES,
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Recognition of *Graduates* and Rite of Commissioning
TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY MASS

CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM

Sunday, September 26, 2004, 3:30 p.m. Mass

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark

Most Rev. Dominic A. Marconi, Principal Celebrant • Most Rev. Charles J. McDonnell, Concelebrant

Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnhols, Homilist

CFM classes for the Fall Cycle begin the week of September 13, 2004.

For information, call Ministerial Development Center, Archdiocese of Newark

973-497-4350 or e-mail: stantovi@rcan.org

The Christian Foundations for Ministry program is accredited by United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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Local Highlights

Spiritual

• The Community of God's Love, Rutherford, will hold a lecture and workshop on informed conscience, beginning at 2 p.m. at Visitation House, 70 West Passaic Ave., Rutherford. Father Joseph Kukura, former ethics professor at Immaculate Conception Seminary and executive director of the Catholic Healthcare Partnership of NJ, will be the speaker. Good will offerings accepted. Call (201) 935-0344.

• An Adult Formation and Small Christian Communities program will be held on Sept. 30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dominican Motherhouse, 1 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell. Contact Lumen-center@caldwellop.org or (973) 403-3331, ext. 25.

• The Franciscan Sisters of Allegany invite Catholic single women, 20-45, who are discerning a Religious vocation, to a Come and See Weekend, Oct. 8-10, at St. Anthony's Convent in New York City. RSVP by Oct. 1 by contacting Sister Kathie or Annette Seiter, O.S.F., at (212) 925-0888 or email Sister Mary McNally, Vocation Director, at fsavoc@aol.com

Bereavement

• The Office of Family Life Ministries invites all grieving fathers to a morning of sharing, prayer, discussion and reflection in the hope it will provide a special place of understanding and healing, at Notre Dame Parish, 359 Central Ave., North Caldwell, on Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. Pre-registration requested. Call (973) 497-4327.

Health

• The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive on Sunday, Sept. 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. Call 1-800-BLOOD NJ.

Concert

• The Notre Dame Glee Club, a 60-member male choir, will present a wide-ranging program at Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington, on Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Tickets are priced at \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. Call Joe Macdonnell at (201) 998-8227, ext. 27.

Singles

• Singlez/Amicus (<http://www.singlez.org>), an adult singles Catholic group ages 21-49 has several upcoming events. The group will have dinner at the Golden Pub, Saddle Brook, on Sept. 16. Call Loretta at (201) 794-9487 by the 15th. The group will host a billiards night at Mag-

gie Moos in the Preakness Shopping Center on Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne. Call Tom at (973) 248-9245. The group will go to Pochuck Valley Farms, Glenwood, for apple picking and a late lunch on Sept. 18. Call Mike at (973) 248-0352. On Sept. 25 there will be an Octoberfest at Bear Mountain, NY. There will be food and live music. Free. Call Christine at (201) 384-9748.

• St. Phil's Singles of St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, will go to a film café at Grace Bible Church, Pompton Plains, on Sept. 11. Call (973) 340-4001. The group will play softball and eat dinner on Sept. 12, beginning at 2 p.m. Call (732) 382-5242 after 6 p.m. They will play volleyball on Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. Call (973) 340-4001 or visit www.homestead.com/stphilssingles for a full list of events.

9/11 Memorial

• To remember the victims and heroes of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling, will hold a candlelight vigil service at the Tower of Remembrance on Sept. 11, 8 p.m. The ecumenical service will consist of prayer, music and reflection. Call (908) 647-0208.

Pro-Life Dinner

• U.S. Rep. Chris Smith will be featured speaker and honoree at a dinner sponsored by the Spring Lake Pro-Life Friends, Sunday, Sept. 19, 6 p.m., at Mike Doolan's Restaurant, Spring Lake Heights. For tickets (at \$50) and information, contact John MacGowan at jsmac@cybercomm.net or Mary Reilly at (732) 449-4385.

Miscellaneous

• On Sept. 11, at noon, the Mother Seton Council of the Knights of Columbus will co-sponsor a Punt, Pass and Kick contest on their field near 79 Pascack Road, Township of Washington. The program is for boys and girls ages 8-15. Call Charlie Devine at (201) 664-3333 or (201) 664-7020 or visit www.ppk-NFLyouthfootball.com.

• St. Francis Xavier Parish, Newark, is hosting a "Welcome Back" picnic on Sept. 12 at 3 p.m., with food, music, raffles and games. Call (973) 482-8410.

• The Studies Program of the Polish Cultural Foundation, Clark, has begun registration for its language classes, which begin Sept. 15. Classes in beginner's Polish, advanced Polish and beginner's English are offered on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. Call (732) 382-7197.



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

- 148 years ago...**
Sept. 1. Seton Hall, the first Catholic college in New Jersey, opened its doors in Madison.
- 131 years ago...**
Sept. 8. Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Orange, established.
- 113 years ago...**
September 30. St. Lucy Parish, Newark, incorporated.
- 102 years ago...**
September 21. Cornerstone of St. Mary Church laid. St. Mary was merged into the Parish of the Resurrection in June 1997.
- 60 years ago...**
September 27. Most Rev. John A. Duffy, Bishop of Buffalo, died. Bishop Duffy was the first bishop ordained in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1933. He is buried in Holy Name Cemetery, Jersey City.
- 47 years ago...**
September 24. Most Rev. Martin W. Stanton and Most Rev. Walter W. Curtis were ordained Auxiliary Bishops of Newark—the first dual episcopal ordination in New Jersey.
- 32 years ago...**
September 4. Most Rev. James A. McNulty died. Bishop McNulty was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Newark Oct. 7, 1947; was Bishop of Paterson, 1953-63, Bishop of Buffalo, 1963-72.
- 29 years ago...**
Sept. 14. Archbishop Peter L. Gerety concelebrated Mass in St. Peter's Square, Rome, when Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized. Mother Seton was the first American-born saint.
- 17 years ago...**
Sept. 3. Most Rev. John J. Myers ordained Co-adjutor Bishop of Peoria, IL; succeeded as Bishop of Peoria, 1990-2001; Archbishop of Newark since 2001.
- 1 year ago...**
Sept. 3. Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Newark.

Around the Archdiocese

September 10
St. Francis Parish, Ridgefield Park, 31st annual parish feast through Sept. 12. Rides open to children from noon until 4 p.m. for \$12. Call (201) 641-6464.

September 12
St. Peter Claver Parish, Montclair, 24th annual homecoming celebration at 11 a.m. Special speaker, Msgr. Raymond East, Director of the Office of Black Catholics in Washington, DC. Call Father John P. Nickas at (973) 783-4852 or visit www.saint-peterclaverchurch.org.

September 13
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, Rosary Altar Society, 7:30 p.m. Rosary/Novena, 8 p.m. bingo and 50/50.

September 14
St. Peter Claver Parish, Montclair, Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick, 7 p.m.

Call (973) 783-4852 or visit www.saintpeterclaverchurch.org.

September 19
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, first in Holy Name Society's new speaker series, after 8 a.m. Mass in the parish center. Speaker, Dr. Frank J. Korn, professor of classical studies at Seton Hall University, on topic of the catacombs of Rome. Call (973) 497-4193.

September 23
Sacred Heart Parish, Rochelle Park, first session in bereavement support group held through Nov. 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. No fee; registration encouraged. Call Rosemarie at (201) 843-8368.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood, eight-week educational and support group, Thursday evenings in the parish center library. Two sessions: 1 - 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 - 9 p.m. Call Sister Rose at (201) 445-9032.



September 24
St. Joseph Parish, Maplewood, 90th anniversary parish gift auction in Bernard Hall, 767 Prospect St., at 7:30 p.m. Call Jeannine Ilario at (973) 378-7954 or Marie Jascur at (973) 761-6952.

September 25
St. Vincent DePaul Parish, Bayonne, 110th anniversary of parish and Feast of St. Vincent DePaul double-celebration at 5:30 p.m. Mass, followed by dinner and music from 7 to 11 p.m. in Robinson Hall. Cost: adults \$25; children \$15. Call (201) 436-2222.

September 26
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Irvington, annual autumn card party, including a light lunch and prizes, at 1 p.m. Donation \$5. Call (732) 225-5965.

How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all credible complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we can take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Office of the Chancellor of the Archdiocese at (973) 497-4009.

An observation on social issues

Editor,
Having read *The Catholic Advocate* rather faithfully over the past year, it is my observation that the paper, its editorials, opinion columns, and various articles are silent on many serious issues of social concern.

A case in point is the terrible situation in Darfur, Sudan.

Almost daily there are articles in the *New York Times* on a situation many refer to as genocide.

I can understand our serious concerns with abortion and embryonic stem cell research, but where is the Catholic expression of shock and concern over the mounting death toll in the Darfur region of Sudan?

Approximately one million humans have been burned out of their homes and are now living in unsanitary refugee camps. Why our silence in the face of this human calamity?

Kenneth P. Riley
Westfield

Editor's Note: A comprehensive story on the situation in the Sudan appears on the Page 1 of this issue of The Catholic Advocate.

Wealth vs. labor

Editor,
I am compelled to respond to Father Frizzell's commentary in the Aug. 1 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*, "The Struggle of Faith Versus Greed."
Leo XIII reaffirmed the rights of capital as well as labor in *Rerum Novarum*—the historical context of which was the rising tide of socialist and anticipated Marxist revolution in Europe. Unfortunately, the vestigial elements of socialism continue to cast a pall over the economies of several of Europe's formerly great economic powers.
One might inquire as to the reasons

for the paradoxical allocation of wealth. Why do some "materially" wealthy countries such as Brazil, Argentina and Zimbabwe experience great poverty, while "materially" impoverished countries like Switzerland, Singapore and Hong Kong experience great wealth? It is because the latter group has commercial codes which respect private ownership rights and cultural traditions which esteem the value of work.

A culturally ingrained appreciation for the value of labor as well as respect for the wealth which provides for the productive engagement of the populace are seen as a means to respect for the person and community at large.

I further remind Father Frizzell that in Mark 25, (the parable of the talents), the servant who increased his master's wealth was welcomed into the household, while the servant who buried the portion allotted to him was cast out into the darkness. Can any parable be more simple and direct in its message?

John C. Walton
Short Hills

Grateful to parish in time of difficulty

Editor,
I just returned to Saint Joseph Parish, Maplewood, after almost seven years.
My wife and myself had some personal problems so we left. My wife passed away two years ago this December.
I did not know where to go to church so I came back to Saint Joseph's.
I just want to say the people of Saint Joseph's were very comforting when my wife passed away. I have never been greeted with such love and caring as I received from the people of Saint Joseph's. I am grateful to be involved with the parish.
Thanks to the many friends I know by name and by sight. I love each and every one of you

Robert J. Taylor
Maplewood

Two decades of lay leadership

Christian Foundations for Ministry, a lay leadership development program created by the Archdiocese of Newark, will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, on Sept. 26 at 3:30 p.m. Bishop Dominic A. Marconi will be the main celebrant, Bishop Charles J. McDonnell will be concelebrant and Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz will be the homilist.
Directly following the liturgy the Recognition of Graduates and Rite of Commissioning will take place. Over 200 people, including a person from the Archdiocese of New York, who have been studying in parishes throughout the Archdiocese will graduate.
The nine-course, three-year program

is offered in Spanish, English and Portuguese. Members study Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, participate in retreats and practice self-reflection. The goal is to identify, encourage and assist laity "to assume leadership and to develop their potential as leaders in service to the parish and the mission of the Church."
"People said it was the most wonderful experience of their lives—they wished they had known about it sooner," said Sister Virginia Stanton, director of the Archdiocesan Ministerial Development Center, which runs the program.
CFM classes for the fall will begin the week of Sept. 13. For more information call (973) 497-4350 or email stantovi@rcan.org.

Joining forces to battle true evil

With the Archdiocese of Newark as a crucial and powerful ally, local and federal officials have launched an all-out offensive against the evil of human trafficking in northern New Jersey.
In launching the collaborative effort late last month at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, Archbishop John J. Myers was cited by law enforcement and representatives of victims' groups for his commitment to combating human trafficking and help its victims.

Headed by the U.S. Department of Justice, a task force has been established. It will work in conjunction with a public awareness campaign under the auspices of the New Jersey Anti-Trafficking Coalition, a group of nongovernmental organizations and other task force members.

Utilizing a sizeable grant authorized by Archbishop Myers, Catholic Charities will play a major role in helping the victims with such vital support as legal services, health care, housing, employment training and placement. Parishes in the Church of Newark have been charged with helping to identify victims in their communities and referring victims to the proper authorities.

Out of deep fear, it was stressed at the news conference, victims will not approach authorities believing they will be deported. That is why it is so important for the general public to be aware of and report suspicious persons and activities.

Human trafficking is a horrid crime that must be stopped and those who profit from it punished.

A journey toward the priesthood

BY MATTHEW DOOLEY
Special to The Catholic Advocate

"Seminary in September"... sounds like a movie or song title—and a good one at that. However, there is no movie script or song lyric to this title, just some thoughts from a 38-year-old seminarian.
My journey toward priesthood has been slow and steady. My earliest inklings occurred when I was in high school. The faith lives of my parents certainly have been the foundation for the existence of faith in my own life. The positive examples of priesthood and religious life in the parish CYO, at Providence College and many volunteer opportunities in Appalachia, all provided unknowing nourishment for my vocation.

My discernment journey began to focus seven years ago when I moved to Sussex County and was a member of the Blessed Kateri

Do I have the spiritual foundation to become a good priest?

Tekakwitha Church, Sparta. Father Dan Murphy, Sister Barbara Moore and the entire parish community presented a great opportunity for me to grow as a person and spiritually. I coordinated and assisted with the Search Program, a retreat for high school juniors and seniors. Blessed Kateri is a parish where time, talents and treasure are most welcome. Parallel to these growth opportunities were the challenging invitations to priesthood by Father Dan.
As my potential priestly vocation became more apparent, my long-time career as a funeral director became less fulfilling. The rewards of the funeral profession were still present, but it was time to acknowledge the

vocation that was evident within me. However, being a stubborn Irishman, I volunteered for a year with the same program I had participated in with the youth of Blessed Kateri.
I had the good fortune and blessing to spend a year in eastern Kentucky, helping to facilitate and coordinate the Glenmary Farm. The farm is a Catholic faith-based cultural-immersion service week in Appalachia. My year there provided a time for me to "fine tune" that spiritual focus that had been initiated in Sparta.
I am comfortable with my decision; however, this does not relieve me of the excitement and anxieties that come with such a choice. I haven't been in school for many years. Am I ready for the academic load? Do I have the spiritual foundation necessary to be a good priest? I hear from some people, "Don't you want to have a family?"

and the many other questions that are important to ask—and answer. I have found great affirmation from many as word spread of my decision.
Support for my decision from those who respectfully tell me, "I don't get it" or "Are you sure?" even "You are nuts," is reaffirming as well.
As the summer has waned, the reality of "Seminary in September" is coming home to me. With all of the anxieties and challenges that lie ahead, I find myself excited by the opportunity that those challenges bring with them.
With your prayers and the grace of God, this September will be a blessing for all the men entering formation in the seminary.

Truth versus propaganda, an ages-old dilemma

With no disrespect meant to our excellent and honorable staff of *The Catholic Advocate* staff, I would remind you of an old joke. "A porter is a man who takes out the garbage. A reporter is a man who drags it all back in again." This refers to gossip columnists.

And, of course, there is the question of truth. I was at a convention recently where the New Jersey Commissioner of Labor could brag that New Jersey has increased its workforce in the past year by 70,000 jobs, that New Jersey has the 4th largest economy in the nation, and finally, that we have had 15 straight months where the economy of the state has grown.

The very next speaker, a politician, got up and told the crowd, "This has been the worst depression since the 1930's. The Bush Administration has shipped all good jobs to countries overseas. We are in a failing economy."

Like Pilate, we need to ask, "What is truth?" We also need to ask, "What is simply propaganda?" It is difficult to know the answers to these questions.

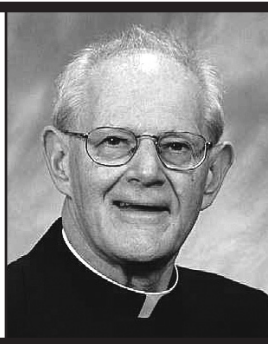
For example, people have been asking me this question: "Have you read *The Da Vinci Code*?"

My answer is twofold. First, "Yes, I have a copy of *The Da Vinci Code*." Secondly, "No, I would not waste my time reading it."

The reason is also twofold. It is pure fiction. I do not have time to read fiction.

Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



The Christian Church did not come into a world devoid of fantastic literature.

Secondly, it is scurrilous fiction because it pretends to put forth truth when in reality it is pure nonsense. I know that from reading the reviews of the book and I also know the sources that the author claims as truth.

It ranks with another recent book, *The Bible Code*, in which a Jewish reporter claims that the Bible contains a code which, when decoded, predicts—like the famous book of Nostradamus—

future events, all of it bad news.

The Christian Church did not come into a world devoid of fantastic literature. As I write this I have on my desk two huge volumes called the *Old Testament Pseudepigrapha*. They contain, if I counted them correctly, 65 books.

The word "pseudepigrapha" means that one person wrote them—but another person's name was listed as the author.

They are wonderful literature and shed much light on the world before Jesus. But only a few of them made the grade in the Catholic Church as Sacred Scripture—the rest are not in our Bible.

Everyone knows about the Dead Sea Scrolls. Some of the scrolls are truly Sacred Scripture. But others belonged to the Essene monks. Some came from other communities. They are not Scripture. Yet all sorts of speculation have come from them.

Also on my desk as I write are two large volumes entitled *New Testament Apocrypha*. If I count correctly there are 60 apocryphal gospels, acts, and other writings claiming to be authentic writings of the apostles and holy men from the time of Jesus.

The word "apocryphal" originally meant "kept hidden" or "secret." The Church rejects them all even though they come from the time of the early Church.

I also have my hand on two volumes of Nag Hammadi "gospels," discovered in 1945 in Upper Egypt. If I am correct there are 64 of them. And many are simply awful—sex-filled and blasphemous.

So there you are. I have all the reading I need.

Next time, allow me to give you just a taste of these writings. It will help you to understand the sources from which writers like the author of *The Da Vinci Code* can drag up their fantastic legends.

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

Prayer for world peace is a legacy of Bishop Sheen

If you ask almost any Catholic, of almost any age, "Who was Bishop Fulton J. Sheen?" they would probably answer, "Isn't he the guy that used to be on TV?"

Yes, that's who Bishop Sheen was. But he was so much more. So much more that on Sept. 14, 2000 his cause for canonization was opened in Rome and he was declared "Servant of God."

The future archbishop and television star was born on May 8, 1895 in the tiny town of El Paso, IL, where his father operated a hardware store. He was baptized Peter John, but was always called by his mother's maiden name, Fulton.

When Fulton was in early grade school the family moved to Peoria so Fulton and his three younger brothers could attend Catholic school. In 1919, after attending the seminary at St. Paul's Seminary, St. Paul, MN, the brilliant young student was ordained a priest. After his ordination, young Father Sheen studied at the Catholic University of America (CUA), Washington, DC; the University of Louvain, Belgium (where he received a Ph.D.), as well as the Sorbonne, Paris, and the Angelicum University, Rome.

Father Sheen taught at CUA from 1926 to 1950 and became a prolific writer. In his lifetime he published more than 60 books. He was elevated to the rank of monsignor in 1934 and bishop in 1950.

In 1950, the National Council of Catholic Men decided to sponsor "The Catholic Hour," an evening radio broadcast in cooperation with NBC. Sheen became the first speaker. In the fall of 1951, Bishop Sheen began his *Life is Worth Living* TV series. By 1956, he was appearing on 123 ABC stations around the country; it was esti-

Over the Coffee Cup

By Mary Costello



mated that he reached 30 million people each week.

He received an Emmy in 1957 as the Most Outstanding Television Personality; the series ran with great success until 1957. Today, many young people are being introduced to Bishop Sheen through his TV talks, which are still being aired via the Catholic channel, EWTN.

Also in 1950, Bishop Sheen was made National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a position he held until 1966, continuing his life long love of the missions.

In 1966, his life took an abrupt turn when Pope Paul VI appointed him Bishop of Rochester, NY. He began his new post with the words, "I have an ardent desire to spend myself and to be spent, to get my arms around Rochester." When he resigned in 1969 he announced, "I am not retiring, only retreading."

We need to do all we can to work and pray for peace throughout this troubled world.

Sheen was given a titular see with the personal title of archbishop. He died in 1979.

One of his most interesting talks was one he gave in 1951 on the Rosary.

In the talk he gives a short history of the Rosary and explains how and why Catholics pray this beautiful prayer. He then explains that he had designed a new version called the "World Mission Rosary." Some now call it the "World Peace Rosary." Each decade is a different color to represent the five areas of the missions. The first decade is green for Africa; the second red for the Americas; the third white for the continent of Europe; the fourth decade is blue for Australia, Oceania and the other islands in the blue waters of the Pacific, and the fifth is yellow for the continent of Asia.

"When the Rosary is completed," Bishop Sheen said, "one has circumnavigated the globe and embraced all continents, all people in prayer. You need not of course have one of the Rosaries to pray for the world. You can offer up your intentions with your present beads."

I can't think of a better time in history to publicize both Bishop Sheen's canonization process and

this great prayer. We need to do all we can to work and pray for peace throughout this troubled world.

Factual information in this article is from the *Catholic Post*, the paper of the Diocese of Peoria, IL, December 16, 1979

Mary Costello is a freelance columnist.

Return of Russian icon important move toward resolving tensions

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—In a written message, Russian Orthodox Patriarch Alexy II thanked Pope John Paul II for returning a Marian icon and said the gift was “a step in the right direction” toward resolving Catholic-Orthodox tensions.

“I wholeheartedly thank you,” the patriarch wrote to the Roman Pontiff after a Vatican delegation returned the icon of the Mother of God of Kazan during an Aug. 28 liturgy in Moscow.

The text of Patriarch Alexy’s letter to the pope was released Aug. 31 by the Vatican.

The patriarch told the pope that the Moscow cathedral, where the service took place, was “overcrowded with the faithful who came on this sacred day to lift up their prayers to the Most Holy ‘Theotokos,’ (Mother of God).”

The icon, an 18th-century copy of a 16th-century image of Mary and the child Jesus, was taken out of Russia in the early 1900s. A Catholic group in the United States bought it in 1970 and gave it to the Holy Father in 1993.

Patriarch Alexy said the Russian Orthodox saw the pope’s gift “as both an act of the restoration of justice” in returning a Russian icon to its home country and as “an act of good will on the part of Your

Holiness.”

“I believe that your decision to hand over the icon points to the sincere desire to overcome the difficulties existing in relations between our two churches,” the patriarch wrote the pope.

Tensions between the Russian Orthodox and Catholic churches have flared several times since the breakup of the Soviet Union. The re-establishment of Catholic communities, the appointment of Catholic bishops and the re-emergence of the Eastern Rite Catholic Church in Ukraine have all led to Russian Orthodox claims that Catholics are trying to entice the traditionally Orthodox people of the region to become Catholic.

Patriarch Alexy told John Paul that Catholic and Orthodox veneration of the Mother of God “brings us back to the times of the early church when there were no divisions between East and West (which are) so visible, regretfully, in our days.”

The patriarch affirmed his church’s willingness to develop better relations with the Catholic Church.

“We see in the transfer of the Kazan icon a step in the right direction in the belief that in the future everything that is possible will be done to settle certain problems standing between our churches,” he said.

“I wholeheartedly thank you.”

—Patriarch Alexy II

The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



Idols betray dignity

Dear brothers and sisters,

In Psalm 115 (113) the chosen people describe their God as the all-powerful creator of heaven and earth, different in all ways from pagan idols: “Our God is in heaven and does whatever He wills.” The characteristic virtues of the Lord of the Covenant are “love and truth,” and they are confirmed in His relationship with His chosen people. Indeed, both the cosmos and history are under His sovereignty of love and salvation. Juxtaposed to the concept of the true God is the worship of idols. Idolatry is a temptation for all of humanity in every place and at every time. The psalmist reminds us that those who worship the idols of wealth, power and success betray their human dignity. It is only by looking to the one true God that we receive in ourselves the characteristics of the divine and the strength to reject the enticement of worldly idols.

A pastor is the leader, teacher and intercessor

Readings: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 51; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32.

As we move from summer leisure to the renewed demands of school and parish activities, the Church provides an occasion for reflecting on our spiritual education and growth: “As educators in the faith, priests must see to it, either by themselves or through others, that the faithful are led individually in the Holy Spirit to a development of their own vocation as required by the Gospel, to a sincere and active charity, and to that freedom whereby Christ has made us free. Ceremonies however beautiful, or associations however flourishing, will be of little value if they are not directed toward educating people in the attainment of Christian maturity” (Vatican Council II, *Presbyterorum ordinis*, Decree on the Ministry of Priests §6).

The liturgical worship and the various ministries exercised in a parish are indeed the exercise of that service of God and neighbor demanded by the Creator and the Gospel. But do they also lead to spiritual growth?

There is no measuring of success by human standards, and this may bring the active person to an experience of frustration. We all like to see results for our labors, and—at least once in a while—to receive some recognition for our efforts! Purifying our motives is a life long task.

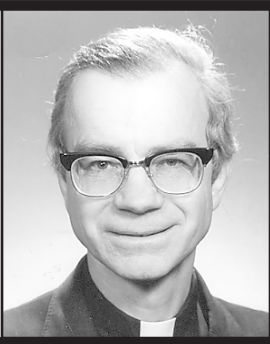
Just as it is discouraging for parents and teachers when children make serious errors of judgment, so is it disappointing when many parishioners do not seem to follow aspects of the Church’s proclamation of the Gospel message. Some religious leaders might be tempted to move to a community that would probably be more receptive.

However, Moses, Jeremiah and other prophets learned that the spiritual shepherd must be both faithful to God and patiently loyal to a wayward flock. The Book of Exodus recounts the foundation of Israel’s life

Sunday Readings

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Sept. 12, 2004)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



in the Covenant as a marvelous experience of God’s presence (Ex 19:3-25).

Then they received the commandments that emphasized exclusive fidelity to this God. But when Moses seemed to delay in returning from the mountaintop, the people persuaded Aaron to construct an image for them to worship. Woe to the shepherd who listens to the whims and fancies of his flock!

The selection proclaimed in the Sunday liturgy shows that God put Moses to a test. “Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved” (Ex 32:8). God seemed to dissociate Himself from the people, even threatening to destroy them. “Then I will make of you a great nation!” (32:10). How tempting it is for pastors, parents and teachers to opt for a fresh start!

Moses, however, was quite mature and he knew that he was but God’s servant in leading the people out of Egyptian slavery. “Why, O Lord, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt...?” (32:11). Thus did Moses

The spiritual shepherd must be both faithful to God and patiently loyal to a wayward flock.

withstand God in the breach (Ps 106:23) because the pastor is not only leader and teacher but also intercessor for his flock. The Church today pleads for her wayward members in union with Christ, the Good Shepherd.

The Master reached out especially to those labeled as sinners, and indeed some of them were like the prodigal of His parable. To what ends He would go to bring the weak, the witless and the wayward back to union with His heavenly Father!

The prodigal son found many with whom to share his wealth, but no one remembered him when he was reduced to penury. His conversion began with a confession to God (“Heaven”) and his father because sin disrupts all relationships. He would ask only to be servant in his father’s household, but the paternal love was the basis for full reconciliation and rejoicing.

Such is the mystery of God’s love in sending His only Son to bring humanity back, not merely to divine service, but to an incredible intimacy within the mystery of God.

What of the faithful who never seem to stray? Indeed many wonderful people are evidence that the powerful grace of God in baptism accomplishes marvels. Perhaps some might feel a twinge of jealousy when God lavishes love on the repentant sinners. Do we refuse to join the celebration because God does not seem to treat us as well?

“Lead us, Lord, to sincere and active charity, and show us the dimensions of that freedom whereby Christ has made us free!”

Father Lawrence Frizzell is Director of the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University.



St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Bayonne

Devotion, generosity in faith-filled parish spans the generations

BY BRIAN FORES

Staff Reporter

Stability, sacrifice and commitment are words Father Lawrence J. Miller, pastor of St. Mary, Star of the Sea for 15 years, uses to describe his parish—the mother church of Bayonne.

The parish, which is located in a quiet residential neighborhood, consists of about 1,200 registered families according to Father Miller.

Made up largely of Irish and Polish parishioners, as it has been since its founding in 1860, the parish also includes Italian, Hispanic and Filipino families. “The faith content of people here is very strong. Many families have been here for four, five and even six generations,” noted Father Miller, adding, “It’s a very old parish, very ‘Baltimore Catechism.’”

That spirit of devotion and generosity became apparent upon the completion of the Treasure the Tradition campaign in 1997, which raised a total of \$900,000 for the parish. The funds were used for major repairs and renovations, which came in time for the parish’s 140th anniversary in 2000.

“This achievement is really

amazing for any institution... It’s incredible, considering that this is a working-class neighborhood,” Father Miller declared.

Each November for the past 15 years, the Rosary Society has been hosting what Father Miller calls “the best craft show in Hudson County. We have vendors that come from all over. The place is jammed. Most people are buying gifts for the holidays. Everything is homemade, there are no store-bought items.”

Speaking again of the spirit of volunteerism and generosity at St. Mary’s, Father Miller mentioned the parish’s annual carnival, during the Easter season. “A lot of parishes in Hudson County have been forced to abandon their carnivals—but we’ve never had that problem. There are always a lot of people willing to help.”

Theresa Sullivan, a life-long parishioner of St. Mary’s, works a booth at the carnival selling hourly 50/50’s. She said the carnival is “swarming with people” on its busiest days.

Many of the same people who volunteer at the carnival also volunteer at the parish’s two weekly bingos, one of which is hosted by the



Advocate photos - Brian Fores

The welcoming interior of the venerable church building in Bayonne.

Rosarians, and the other by the Holy Name Society.

Sullivan, who serves as chairperson of Wednesday night bingo, also helps with the Children’s Liturgy of the Word, is a member of the parish’s Centurians group, and has worked, along with her sister Mary, to establish the morning prayer before 8 a.m. Mass, every day except Sunday.

“When you get involved in the parish’s activities, you really get to know people on a more personal level,” she said. Speaking of herself and her fellow parishioners, she noted, “We’re happy to be a part of this parish, our roots are here—you feel comfortable where your roots are.”

Citing last year’s Christmas giving-tree, which resulted in more than 2,000 gifts for the needy, Father Miller stated, “This is not a rich parish, it is not the largest, but we do a lot of things to assist people... by their generosity, parishioners have offered an extraordinary amount of help to individuals who truly need it.”

Father Miller said some of those other “things” include regular food drives, the counseling and aid offered by an “outstanding” bereavement committee, and varied initiatives taken on by the parish’s seniors group.

He also credits a helpful staff, which includes Father Thomas P. Conheeney, parochial vicar, there for 12 years, and among his various activities, ministers to the parish’s elderly; Father Tobias Rodriguez, who recently left the parish for Redemptoris Mater Seminary; Father Oscar Martin, who is new to the parish; Sister Jane Veronica Walsh, S.S.J., who—though legally blind—worked many years in the school and actively brings communion to patients at nearby Bayonne Hospital, and Philomena Coco, Director of Religious Education.

Father Miller said the CCD program runs from kindergarten through grade 8, and has about 300 students. “Each student in the confirmation

class has to do community service, and we also take them on a retreat to Mount Manressa, a Jesuit retreat house in Staten Island,” he noted.

Father Miller added that scouting is active at the school and parish, so community service is nothing new for many of the confirmation candidates who are also scouts. He said they sign up for a variety of community service endeavors, reflecting their diverse interests.

One program that offers credit toward community service and is particularly close to his heart, was instituted at the parish by Father Miller—a citywide pee-wee basketball league.

Father Miller, who has served as Hudson County CYO director for 12 years and Union County CYO director for 3 years, said he started the program in 1971, while at Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City, and brought it to St. Mary’s.

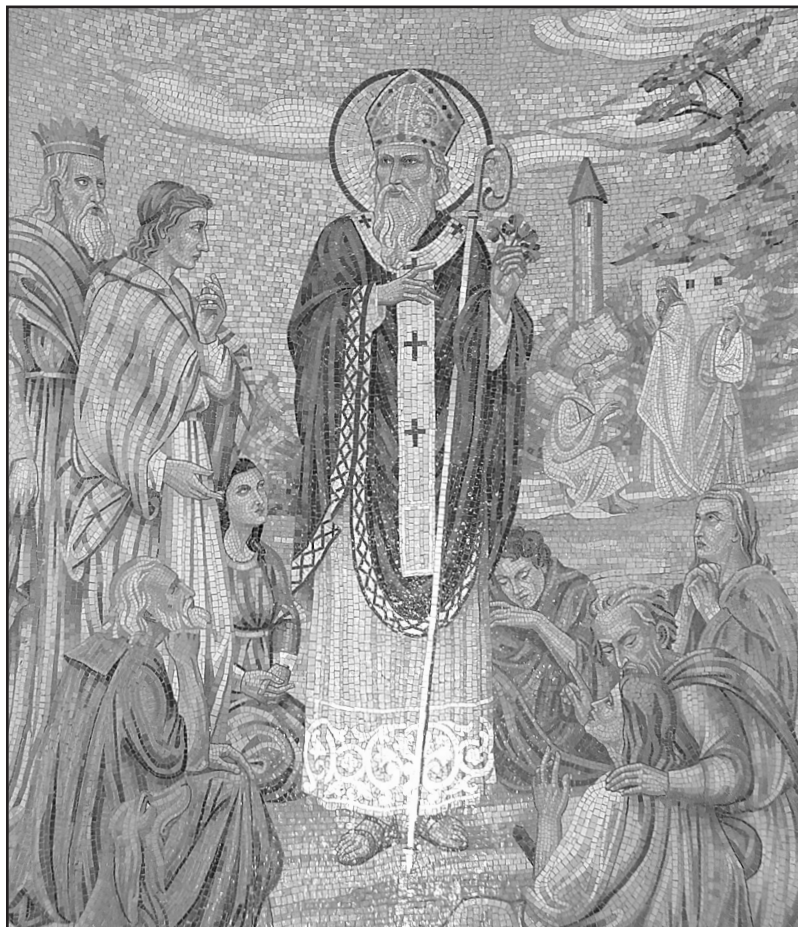
“It’s for grades 1 through 4. Usually, there’s nothing for the kids at that age to join—no one had a league for the younger kids,” Father Miller explained. He said roughly 200 youngsters participate in the program. The community service credit goes to seventh and eighth graders who volunteer as coaches. He added that many of them had participated in the program as children.

“The young kids learn to get along better with one another. More importantly though, it’s the coaches, the seventh and eighth-graders, who really develop their communication skills and mature through being put in a position of responsibility,” he commented, adding, “It builds up community and spirit.”

Father Miller said the biggest event of the parish’s calendar is an upcoming celebration for the 125th anniversary of the grammar school on Oct. 2.

The school, which runs Pre-K through grade eight, is attended by approximately 234 students, according to Judith C. Birtwistle, principal for 6 years, and a parishioner of St. Mary’s for 35 years. Earlier in her

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Images of St. Patrick abound throughout the largely Irish parish, including this tile work that dominates one of the side altars.

Home to immigrants, parish provided needed refuge for the downtrodden

The population of Bergen Point (now Bayonne) prior to 1845 consisted of some 3,000 citizens, mostly Dutch farmers. An important event, however, was coming into focus over 3,500 miles away.

The arrival of over a million dispossessed Irish from their native land during the potato famine was unprecedented in American history. While many of these uprooted people found new homes in Europe, Australia, Canada and the islands of the West Indies, some arrived at Bergen Point.

Many of the Bergen Point Catholics worshiped at Saint Peter's Church on Barclay Street, the first Catholic Church erected in Manhattan. In 1860, Father Callan was assigned as the first pastor for the Catholics of Bergen Point.

Into Father Callan's capable hands was entrusted the duty of erecting the first small, humble church, located on Evergreen Street and named St. Mary Star of the Sea. On Sept. 9, 1860, the first Mass was celebrated and the church was blessed by the Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, Most Rev. James R. Bayley.

Unfortunately, Father Callan's tenure turned out to be a brief one. The newly founded parish was then placed in the charge of the Passionist Fathers of Union City.

This period for St. Mary, Star of the Sea ended when Father Niederhauser was appointed rector and the church was incorporated on July 17, 1865. Father Niederhauser served six years and was succeeded by Father Patrick McGovern, who served five years—the next pastor, Father James Dalton, died after serving only a few weeks.



The imposing façade of the church is dominated by a rose window that is illuminated at night setting a spiritual tone.

Father Thomas Killeen, considered among the great American Catholic church builders of that period, was named pastor in 1876.

His vision for the need of an educated Catholic laity resulted in the establishment of a parish school. He appealed to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. His appeal was answered by four sisters.

Father Killeen knew that the small church and makeshift school could not adequately serve the growing needs of his parish. In 1880, he purchased the property on 14th Street upon which the present St. Mary, Star of the Sea now stands. The cornerstone was brought from St. Clement's in Rome and laid on March 22, 1880.

After his retirement, Msgr. Isaac P. Whelan became pastor in 1896. During his pastorate, a new school was built on 13th Street to accommodate the continually growing needs of the parish.

During Msgr. Whelan's tenure, the Catholic community grew in size, and

spread throughout the local area. Instead of one parish, there were, by the year 1900, six parishes, with resident priests laboring among the faithful of various nationalities: Irish, German, Italian, Polish, Greek, Slovak and Hungarian. His pastorate ended when he was appointed rector of St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, Newark.

Father Andrew M. Egan came as pastor in 1905, to spend his remaining priestly life with the people of St. Mary's. In less than three years the church was free of debt. His was the joy of witnessing the church's consecration in 1909, as well as the satisfaction of erecting a beautiful convent for the Sisters of St. Joseph.

That which had once been Bergen point—Centerville, Saltersville, Constable Hook and Pamrapo—was now the industrial peninsula of industry called Bayonne.

In 1921, Father Egan was invested in the robes of a domestic prelate, and his people proudly called him Monsignor. He passed away on Nov. 17, 1928.

In 1929, Father William F. Lawlor became the new pastor of St. Mary's. Father Lawlor was to have the longest pastorate in the history of St. Mary, Star of the Sea. For almost 30 years he guided the parish including the trying years of the Great Depression and World War II.

As an educator, he was known nationally. He served longer than any other as Catholic School Superintendent. He also found time to write a geography of New Jersey and a three-volume work on poetry. He too saw his work recognized by Rome and was named a Protonotary Apostolic, the first to hold this honor in Bayonne.

Father William G. Lavery succeeded Msgr. Lawlor as pastor in 1959.

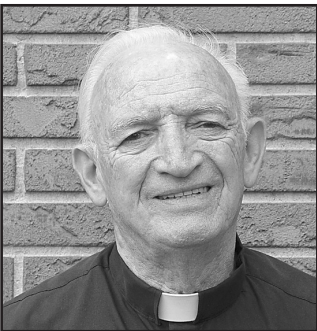
He was able to use funds that had been saved by Msgr. Lawlor, in addition to funds generously contributed through a second weekly collection, for a new school building. He died on Aug. 20, 1961, a short time before the new school was finished. He was mourned as a gentle and loving priest who was beloved by all parishioners.

Msgr. Leo J. Martin, who had grown up in Bayonne and attended many of the parish's events, was appointed pastor in 1961.

Msgr. Martin read carefully the documents of Vatican II and the instructions of Archbishop Boland on the proper way to implement these decisions on the local level. He dutifully instructed the people on the need for putting into effect at Star of the Sea Parish whatever was recommended in this area.

Father Richard D. Wall was appointed pastor three weeks after Msgr. Martin's death in Aug. 1965. He had served as a parochial vicar at the parish for 22 years earlier in his priesthood, with Msgr. Lawlor and Father Lavery.

Meet the Pastor



Fr. Lawrence Miller

Date of Birth: August 24
High School: Cardinal Hayes High School, Bronx
College/Seminary/Graduate School: Fordham University, Bronx; Immaculate Conception Seminary, Mahwah, with S.T.B. from Catholic University of America, Washington, DC; Master's in Pastoral Theology from Seton Hall University, South Orange.
Date of Ordination: May 31, 1969
Heroes: Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa
Favorite Saints: Lawrence and Paul
Favorite Sport: Baseball
Favorite Food: Cavatelli and meatballs
Favorite Subjects in School: History and Latin
Favorite Movie: *It's a Wonderful Life*
Last Books Read: *Big Russ and Me* by Tim Russert; *A Man for All Seasons* by Robert Bolt
Proudest Moment: Ordination
Occupation if I weren't a Priest: Teacher and coach

During the social upheaval that took place during the 1960's, he led the parish with grace and an easy, open approach to all situations. Father Wall established a parish council, and inaugurated a special education program at the parish in 1974. He retired in 1979 due to failing health, and died on Jan. 29, 1983.

In June 1979, Father Michael J. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese, was named pastor. A month later he was elevated to the rank of monsignor.

He led the parish in its celebration of the 100th anniversary of the dedication of St. Mary's church.

Father Thomas J. Petrillo was appointed to succeed Msgr. Fitzpatrick in 1982. He began a major renovation of the church, updating it in accord with the liturgical norms of Vatican II.

In 1989, Father Lawrence J. Miller, the current pastor, was appointed to St. Mary, Star of the Sea. Under his direction, the parish held a successful campaign to raise funds toward the continued renovation of the church. In 2000, he celebrated the parish's 140th anniversary, and is currently preparing for the 125th anniversary of the elementary school.

Mother church

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career, she had worked as a teacher at the elementary school for a number of years.

Birtwistle said it's the "climate and atmosphere of participation" that makes the school a special place. "They're [teachers and staff] right there for the children—it's a very caring environment."

She noted that the parish priests are an active presence at the school, teaching religion and helping with fundraisers and other activities. Father Miller runs an annual candy sale during the Easter season.

The Sacraments are offered through the school; Mass is said there once a month, and the children say prayers in the morning and at lunch, according to Birtwistle, who added that the parents are "very supportive and involved in the school."

In addition to an active computer program and Spanish classes in grades one through eight—athletics, art and music

also thrive at the school.

She explained that the school draws students from all over Bayonne, is about 80 percent Catholic, and has some Muslim students. She noted that the Muslim students integrate into the school beautifully, studying the Catholic faith with diligence and sharing information about their faith with the Catholic students.

In short, "It's a great place to be," she said with enthusiasm.

Sullivan, who has a grandnephew and two grandnieces in the school, said of the parish, "This is our church and faith. When people leave the church [at large]... I don't know what they're looking for. You stay, work, and try to make it better."

Father Miller noted, "Many good people have sacrificed far above their means to keep this parish going, and we appreciate that. They're good people, whose faith, commitment and sacrifice are always to be remembered at St. Mary's."

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish is located at 326 Ave. C, Bayonne.



Photo by Marek Moroz

Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli tonsures locks of hair from Sister Jacinta, as St. Francis had done for St. Clare in 1212. Father ST Sutton, left, holds a silver dish, and altar server, Thomas Dudek, assists.

Investiture ceremony breaks with long tradition of privacy

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

In a ceremony rarely viewed by the outside world, five sisters belonging to the Franciscan Daughters of Mary assumed traditional habits before some 250 guests at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington.

The ceremony—known as an investiture—is typically reserved for Religious and clergy.

Known as a private association of faithful religious women, the Franciscan Daughters of Mary began their mission to “uphold life from conception until natural death” nearly nine years ago. Their work includes ministering to pregnant women, both married and single, the poor, elderly and handicapped.

As of Sept. 15, the sisters

will take up permanent residence in Covington, KY.

Mother Teresa Marie, a founding member of the order, obtained special permission from their new ordinary, Bishop Roger J. Foys of Covington, to invite guests to the ceremony.

“As witnesses to Christ, it was important to share our total commitment.”

- Sister Teresa Marie

“We wanted to share our joy with our family, friends and supporters,” said Mother Teresa

Marie. Among them were Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, 16 priests, two acolytes, ten Religious and a deacon.

Mother Teresa Marie was quick to point out that Mormons, Baptists, Jews and people of other faiths numbered among the invited guests. “People came up to me afterwards and expressed how moved they were... they said they’d never seen anything like it,” she noted.

That’s because the ceremony has become increasingly rare. “I haven’t heard of anyone who is in a modern [or ‘modified’] habit of having one,” Mother Teresa Marie commented.

The full habit consists of a coif worn over the head, a veil, a scapular worn over the shoulders, a cord worn around the waist and a set of Rosary Beads, which dangle from the cord on the left side.

Sister Teresa Marie explained why they chose to assume the full habit, “For us, as Franciscans, it’s very much to do with being a light in a world of darkness... the habit is the external witness of conversion.”

The ceremony dates back to 1212, when St. Clare of Assisi abandoned her wealthy family for the Religious life. St. Francis cut her hair, gave her a rough tunic and a heavy veil, signs of shedding all vanity.

During the ceremony, each sister was called out by her birth name, then given a Religious name, as Bishop Serratelli cut [or ‘tonsured’] locks from each sister’s hair. Father Felix R. Marciniak, pastor of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, sang out the Hymn of the Martyrs.

Piece by piece, the sisters were presented with the parts of their new habit, which had been blessed by Bishop Serratelli. When they finished, there was applause as the sisters hugged and kissed each other.

“It was a very emotional moment,” Mother Teresa Marie recalled.

“As witnesses to Christ, it was important to share our total commitment with our brothers and sisters in the Church,” she concluded.

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and for his active involvement and support in the educational effort. We thank the parish community for supporting the school and we invite you to participate in the opening of school Mass to be celebrated by Father Joe, in the church, at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 12. Join us for refreshments, following the Mass. We hope to see you there.



Pro-life message bound for Trenton

Archbishop John J. Myers will be joined by all of the bishops of New Jersey at a Faithful Citizenship and Witness for Life program in Trenton on Monday, Oct. 18.

The day begins with Mass at 10 a.m. concelebrated by the bishops at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Mass will be followed by a prayerful procession to the Statehouse where there will be speakers, music and prayer.

In urging a large turnout, a spokesman said, "This is an invitation to the people of New Jersey to unite and publicly show our commitment to carrying the Gospel of Life into the public square."

For directions, parking, bus



and carpool information, individual diocesan Respect Life offices should be contacted. In the Archdiocese of Newark, the telephone number is (732) 388-8211.

Discipleship voter drive

Voter registration will be held the weekend of Sept. 18-19 at St. Joseph Parish, Bogota.

The drive is part of the Public Discipleship program sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark. Public Discipleship is under the direction of Kay Furlani with offices in the Archdiocesan Center, Newark.

Registration takes place in front of the church, corner of Palisade Avenue and East Fort Lee Road, from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 18 and 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 19. A bi-lingual Spanish-English speaking staff will be available for those for whom English is a second language.

Registration is open to any citizen residing in Bergen County. Persons registering for the first time, who have

changed their name or moved recently into the area, are encouraged to register.

The voter registration process consists of completing nine questions on a simple one-page form. Volunteers will be available to answer questions and offer any type of assistance to those registering.

For more information about the voter registration effort, call Deacon Michael J. Fitzgerald, (201) 982-1246.

For information concerning Public Discipleship, call Kay Furlani, director of the Department of Human Concerns, (973) 497-4341.

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Birthday of Virgin Mary is special

BY MSGR. RICHARD J. ARNHOLS
Vicar for Pastoral Life

Today we celebrate the Birthday of Mary. Conceived free from original sin (the Immaculate Conception) nine months earlier, Mary was born to Joachim and Anne. Even though there is no historical record of how her parents observed her annual birthdays, (as is true with almost all of us), today's feast gives us an opportunity to consider how we celebrate birthdays today in the United States.

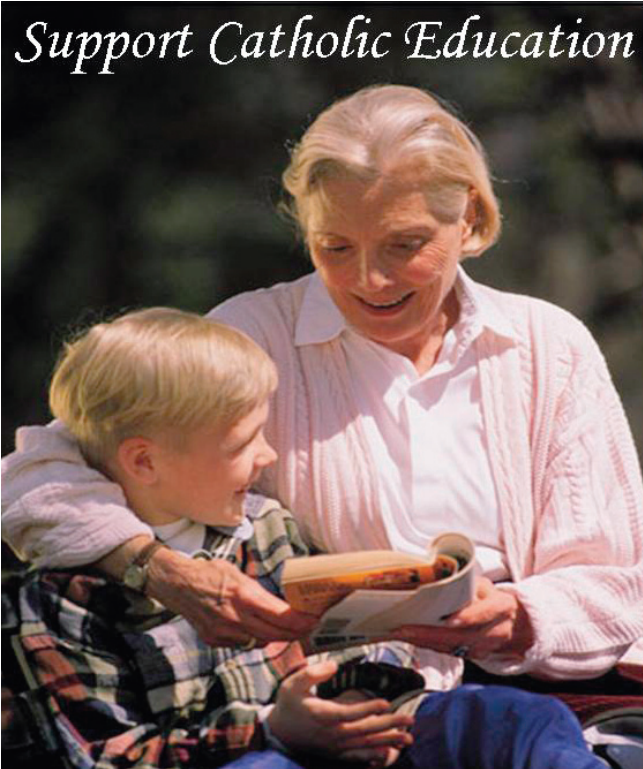
Almost always, there is a cake with candles, a gathering of family and friends, and a heartfelt singing of the traditional tune. Gifts, both fanciful and practical, are presented to the honoree as tokens of love. Greetings are sent in cards, calls and emails, either on time or belated.

These celebration rituals are every bit as important for the givers as well as for the recipient. People express their connectedness, care and love, and in so doing, appreciate in some way their own lives as well as the one they are honoring.

Similarly, Mary's feast enables us not only to honor the one who said, "Yes," so willingly to God, and indirectly to all of us, but also to appreciate what it means to be a redeemed child of God. Through our reflection on Mary's life, we can understand anew how essential prayer and fidelity are to a life of holiness.

Whether we observe Mary's birthday in church or at home, in quiet devotion or in loving service, may we always cherish the one who gave us the Author of Life for our salvation!

"Happy Birthday, dear Mary!" *Ora pro nobis!*



"It ought to be the oldest things that are taught to the youngest people; the assured and experienced truths that are put first to a baby. But in a [public] school today the baby has to submit to a system that is younger than himself. The flopping infant of four, actually has more experience, and has weathered the world longer, than the dogma to which he is made to submit."

What's Wrong With the World - by G. H. Chesterton

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Sudan crisis

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Muslim farmers, to flee to outer areas of the region and into neighboring Chad.

The Sudanese government has denied any ties with the Janjaweed, but it is widely believed that it has been backing the paramilitary groups, providing them with arms and other supplies as well as giving them free reign in

Darfur, as U.S. Rep. Frank R. Wolf of Virginia and U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas pointed out in their July 15 report upon return from Darfur in June.

The crisis is being assessed broadly as an "ethnic cleansing" if not a full-out genocide, as those who are being persecuted and killed are black Africans, mostly Muslim, by Arab-Muslims, which supports the argument that this is an ethnic and racial issue, not religious.

At the press conference, Rep. Payne, who visited Darfur last month, gave a personal account of the situation occurring there.

"I met with a Darfuri woman ... and she described to me the horrors she had seen and encountered at the hands of the Janjaweed. ... As women were attacked, raped and brutalized, they were told that because they were the mothers of black males, they must bear lighter-skinned children or die.



Advocate photo-Liesl Fores

Msgr. John J. Gilchrist and Congressman Donald Payne at a press conference to announce the formation of Greater Newark Responds, an interfaith, inter-ethnic coalition that is working to bring justice and relief to the millions of refugees in Darfur, Sudan.

"I should need to say no more to convince anyone that genocide is occurring in Darfur," said Payne.

The congressman called for political intervention and humanitarian assistance.

Greater Newark Responds has conducted mass mailings to raise awareness, encourage the public to appeal to the U.S. government to take action, and to solicit donations from churches, organizations and individuals to support humanitarian efforts.

The coalition will be hosting a forum, with eyewitness accounts from Rep. Payne and others who have visited the area, at the Newark Museum on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. For more information call (973) 379-7844.

Conditions in the overcrowded refugee camps in Darfur are deplorable, with little or no food, water and supplies, and disease is spreading quickly. So far it is estimated that between 30,000 and 50,000 are dead, victims of violence or malnutrition and illness. It is expected that hundreds of thousands more may die if they do not receive immediate aid.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has already contributed \$1 million in emergency funds to supply food, water and medical supplies. The international agency has offices in West and South Darfur and is establishing more relief programs and coordinating with other humanitarian organizations.

Ken Hackett, president and CEO of CRS, and Bishop John H. Rickard, S.S.J., chairman of the Committee on International Policy for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB),

were part of a delegation that recently went to Khartoum, Sudan's capital, in an effort to initiate peace talks. They also met with refugees, who openly shared their stories of horror at the hands of the Janjaweed and pleaded with the visitors for help.

Bishop Ricard sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell—who himself visited Sudan in June with United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan—outlining recommendations that focus on diplomatic intervention and economic sanctions to cease attacks and protect refugees.

The U.N. Security Council imposed an Aug. 30 deadline for the government of Sudan to improve conditions or face political and economic consequences. At press time reports indicated that the government had not taken any action against the Janjaweed.

In an August letter to all bishops in the U.S., Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of USCCB, wrote, "I urge you to consider asking Catholics in your diocese to offer special prayers for our brothers and sisters in Sudan on the weekend of Sunday, Aug. 22, or another weekend of your choosing. I also invite

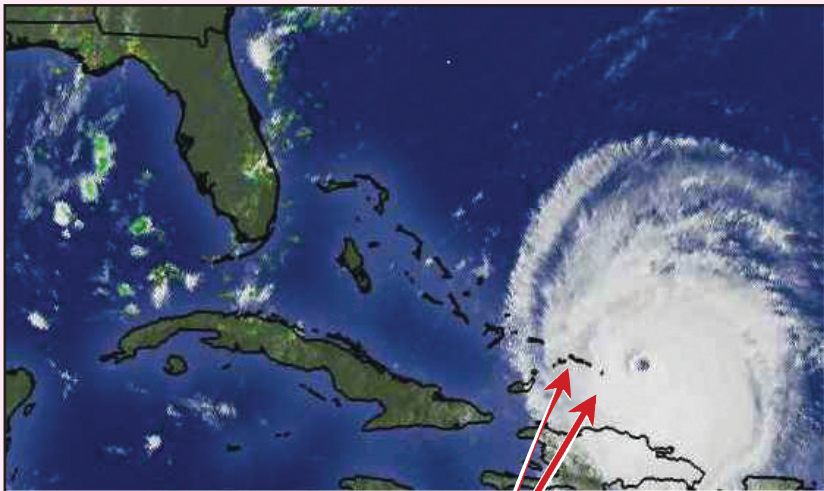
you to consider asking parishes in your diocese to take up a special collection, at a convenient time in the near future, for the millions of Sudanese who are suffering."

Archbishop John J. Myers has approved a voluntary collection for the refugees of Darfur in the parishes of the Archdiocese in the near future.

Donations can also be sent directly to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090.



On September 1, 2004, as Hurricane Frances approached the Turks and Caicos Islands, the National Weather Service said that Hurricane Frances had sustained winds of 145 mph, making it a strong Category 4 storm. Tidal surge with this storm can be 13-18 ft above normal. The type of damage expected can include extensive exterior wall failures with some complete roof structure failures on small residences. Shrubs, trees, and all signs will be blown down. Complete destruction of mobile homes. Extensive damage to doors and windows. Low-lying escape routes may be cut by rising water 3-5 hours before arrival of the hurricane center. Major damage to lower floors of structures near the shore. Terrain lower than 10 ft above sea level may be flooded requiring massive evacuation of residential areas.



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At St. Bartholomew Church, Scotch Plains, Archbishop John J. Myers visited a special multi-lingual celebration of the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, honored as patron by Indian Catholics of the Syro-Malabar Rite in union with the Holy Father and the Church of Rome. Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. was principal celebrant, and concelebrants included Father Joy Alappat and other local pastors. Young people and families participated in the eucharistic celebration.



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Heritage tour is set

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He explained that the six churches chosen for the tour are also among the oldest, "Most churches built in the last half-century, with very few exceptions, cannot compare in beauty and artistic craftsmanship to the churches built 100 or more years ago."

The parishes on the tour include St. Patrick Pro-Cathedral, Newark (1850); the Church of St. Columba, Newark (1899); the Church of the Sacred Heart (Vailsburg), Newark (1929); the Church of St. John, Orange (1869); the Church of St. John the Baptist, Jersey City (1884), and St. Aloysius Parish, (Lincoln Park), Jersey City (1908).

Vancio said that St. John the Baptist, Jersey City, will be the highlight of the tour. According to the brochure, only three churches in the United States, including the Cathedral of St. Louis, have more extensive mosaics than St. John's.

"The mosaics were done by Victor Zucchi, who studied in Venice and then came to the U.S., eventually settling in Clifton. Above the altar, he copied the famous Vatican painting, *The Disputa del Sacramento* by Raphael, which depicts theologians, cardinals and others disputing the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Above them are Christ and a host of angels and heavenly figures.

Other highlights include St. Columba, Newark, which is nearly an exact copy of the Chapelle Royale of Versailles of Louis XIV. "It's stunning. What's unique is the architecture, but the stained-glass windows, which are Tiffany in style, have a smoky, translucent background, which make the saints seem to stand out."

Another, Sacred Heart (Vailsburg), Newark, which at the time of its construction was one of the largest parish churches in the United States, borders on



Marble reredos of the Sacred Heart and applied mosaic apse of the Resurrection in Church of the Sacred Heart in the Vailsburg section of Newark.

being a cathedral. The rose window features a carving of the crucifix, and is illuminated by a soft yellow glow, which is produced by alabaster, not glass. The main altar, baroque in style, is made of pink, Algerian onyx.

For Vancio, the concept of the tour fits in perfectly with

Stewardship's credo: time, talent and treasure. "It's important for people to realize what we have is irreplaceable today; the stained-glass windows, woodwork, sculptures and mosaics — the type of craftsmen who created them simply do not exist anymore.

"The other main reason for accomplishing the tour, though, is to free pastors from the enormous financial burden of maintaining these works of art, thereby allowing them to concentrate on their pastoral and ministerial efforts," Vancio said.

He added that each of the pastors, Msgr. Neil Mahony (St. Patrick Pro-Cathedral), Father Yves Touzin, C.S. (St. Columba), Father Andrew Prachar (Sacred Heart), Father George Faour (St. John), Msgr. Charles Stengel (St. John the Baptist) and Father Richard Kelly (St. Aloysius), have all been "very open, cooperative, and excited" about the project.

The tour will be open to the general public, and will cost \$30 a person. Space is limited to about 50 people. A bus will depart from the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, at around 9:30 a.m. and return at about 4 p.m. Vancio and Msgr. Wister will serve as tour guides at each of the churches.

Vancio explained, "We would like to make it an annual event. If there is enough of an endowment, we would also like to hold tours for our high schools, as an opportunity to bring students on various parts of the tour at no expense to the schools, so the students can learn about the art, the faith, the Church, and to understand and appreciate our heritage."

He has also invited the participation of a professional photographer, Peter Keenen O'Brien, to record in detail the features of each church. "He's taking fantastic photos," Vancio said enthusiastically. The photos will be used in the brochure, as well as for forthcoming posters, postcards and perhaps Christmas cards.

Msgr. Wister noted, "Just as the American bicentennial 30 years ago revived interest in our heritage, art and architecture, the 150th anniversary of the archdiocese has revived interest in our heritage as a diocese. So much of our heritage is in danger because it's old, and old buildings need a lot of care, and what we hope to do is to raise funds to assist parishes that have heritage buildings. Pastors are busy enough just meeting the bills."

Vancio put it another way: "This is our patrimony. In appreciation of our forefathers, in appreciation of what they've handed down to us, there is a very real need to care for and preserve these treasures, for the present and the future."

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Officiating at the rededication ceremony of the Lithuanian Wayside Cross were, left to right, Father Reilly, Bishop Baltakis, Msgr. Anderlonis and deacon candidate John Sarnos. Marcia Silva is the altar server.

Lithuanians converge in Kearny

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kearny, was an integral part of last month's annual Lithuanian National Convention.

The Lithuanian parish, established in 1915, was the site of the convention's opening and closing Masses attended by delegates from across the country. The actual convention was held Aug. 5-8 in nearby Secaucus.

Following the closing Mass, a Lithuanian Wayside Cross in front of the church, replacing one that has stood the past four decades, was rededicated. Although the new cross was erected in the spring, it was decided to rededicate it as part of the convention program.

Father James J. Reilly, administrator of Our Lady of Sorrows, hosted the delegates and visiting clergy.

Concelebrants of the closing Mass were Msgr.

George Lutz, pastor of Holy Trinity/Epiphany Parish, Newark, and Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus, rector of the Pontifical Lithuanian College, Rome. Parish deacon candidate John Sarnas was the emcee and Msgr. Joseph Anderlonis from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia was the homilist. Attending too was Bishop Paul Baltakis, Bishop of Lithuanians in the United States.

His parish, explained Father Reilly, was "very honored" to welcome the national convention of delegates to Kearny. He said too he "enjoyed celebrating their faith-filled heritage and culture." Lithuania, Father Reilly stressed, is a "very Catholic country, very faithful to the pope." It is a country, he added, that "always pursued the traditional Catholic faith" even through the "difficult days" under Communist rule. Lithuania, said the parish administrator, "has always had a great devotion to Our Lady under the title Our Lady of Siluva."



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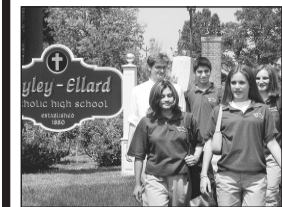
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In 1971, Klein's mother, Doro, participated in a similar exchange program and also went to SDA with then student Virginia Morley, Mrs. Morley's namesake.

Mrs. Klein has maintained contact with the Morley family. "It is like coming back to my roots. The Morleys are the best family you can imagine," Mrs. Klein said.

On her last day at SDA, Eva Klein thanked social studies teacher William Igoe and the class saying she "loved" the experience.

Eva and her mother ended their trip helping Mrs. Morley celebrate her 80th birthday.



Students and chorus members from Holy Family School, Norwood, performed recently at the 53rd annual National Day of Prayer on the steps of the Hackensack Municipal Courthouse. Open to all faiths, the event is designed to join in prayer giving thanks to God and asking for guidance for the nation's leaders.

SHU among nation's best

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic colleges and universities across the country, including Seton Hall University and Saint Elizabeth College, Morristown, once again received top grades in U.S. News & World Report's annual ranking of the nation's best colleges.

As in previous years, Catholic colleges had their best

standings among regional universities and they topped the lists in the North and Midwest regions.

In the national ranking, three Catholic colleges made the top-50 list; they were the University of Notre Dame (18th), Georgetown University (25th) and Boston College (37th). The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, was 31st among national liberal arts colleges.

Harvard and Princeton tied for best national universities with doctoral programs while Yale placed third. Williams College in Williamstown, MA, topped the list of national liberal arts schools.

According to the magazine, Seton Hall's healthcare law program is ranked fourth, its M.P.A. in nonprofit management is seventh and its degrees in audiology finished in the number 36 spot in the national ranking.

This year's college rankings, published in the Sept. 3 edition of U.S. News & World Report and available at newsstands Aug. 23, were based on a wide range of factors that the magazine has used in its more than 20 years of conducting this survey: peer assessment, academic reputation, retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

Catholic colleges and universities fared best in the category of best universities—master's. The category ranks schools with undergraduate and master's programs but few, if any, doctoral programs.

In the category of best comprehensive colleges—bachelor's, which focuses on undergraduate programs primarily in the liberal arts, Catholic schools in the North included the College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown in ninth place.

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Over the summer, a new wing was added to St. John Academy, Hillside, and the classrooms and offices were renovated in preparation for the 2004-05 academic year. Eileen T. McCabe, below, the longtime principal, gave *The Catholic Advocate* a tour of the construction, which includes a new library, four new classrooms and a computer lab. School parents and parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish donated their time, talent and treasure in a "team effort" that was a "model" for cooperation at all levels—including the students, according to Mrs. McCabe. Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety and Msgr. Philip Morris, the pastor, will concelebrate a Mass and bless the new facility on Sunday, Sept. 12, beginning at noon. (Look for coverage of the dedication in the next issue of *The Catholic Advocate*.)



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College goes Hollywood

The Felician College Canteen will present "The Big Broadcast of 1942," a USO-inspired Hollywood Canteen Road Show on Sunday, Sept. 19, to 11 a.m. in the cafeteria of the main college building, 262 South Main St., Lodi.

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Caldwell president elected

Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., president of Caldwell College, has been elected to a two-year term as chair of the board of directors for the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in New Jersey (AICUNJ). The association is the public policy, research and government relations liaison for New Jersey's 14 private colleges and universities.

AICUNJ seeks to strengthen access to higher education for students and bring about a greater understanding of the impact and contribution of New Jersey's independent institutions.

Sister Patrice has served on the AICUNJ board since 1994 and has held every elective office except chair. She also is the immediate past treasurer of the New Jersey Presidents' Council and serves on the board of directors of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Washington, DC. She is a board member at Providence College in Rhode Island as well.

Other presidents elected as AICUNJ officers include Sister Francis Raftery, S.C., of the College of Saint Elizabeth, vice chair; Msgr. Robert Sheeran, president of Seton Hall University, secretary, and Dr. J. Michael Adams of Fairleigh Dickinson University, treasurer.



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Features of the Aug. 14-22 package include round-trip airfare, meeting an American staff at the airport and transfer to a centrally located hotel, seven nights accommodation, continental breakfast, two dinners at local restaurants, daily transportation to most of the week's events, on-site American and local professional staff, a worldwide event travel kit, a tour to a still to be determined location and escorted transport back to the airport.

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rooms, \$1,920 for triple and \$2,320 for double. The airfare cost is \$1,225.

All rates, which include taxes and service charges, are based on per person occupancy. The airfare is based on a charter flight with a minimum of 200 passengers. Worldwide Excursions may substitute the charter flight schedule with a scheduled flight into another city. Transportation to Cologne would be provided at no additional cost. World Youth Days fees are additional.

A non-refundable \$500 deposit that is not changeable per person is due along with a signed reservation form and signed copy of terms and conditions by Oct. 1. Another

non-refundable and non-changeable \$500 deposit is due by Jan. 1, 2005. Additional reservations will be accepted on the basis of availability. Final payment is due April 30, 2005.

Terms of the cancellation policy are \$1,200 per person for cancellations 99-60 days prior to the trip. There will be no refund for cancellations 59 or less days before departure. Cancellation insurance is available.

In a recent message about World Youth Day, Pope John Paul II asked young people "from every continent to follow the spirit of the path taken by the Magi... and to meet, as they did, the Messiah of all nations."

Next year's World Youth Day theme, "We Have Come to Worship Him," is taken from the Gospel account of the Magi, whose relics, according to tradition, are venerated in Cologne's cathedral.



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Sister Lucy Hernandez, a preschool teacher, added, "The children especially love to sing and dance, listen to stories and paint. It is amazing how much language, math and writing skills they learn this natural and joyful way." The preschool, Sister Lucy pointed out, has a "developmentally appropriate curriculum where choosing 'interest centers' is part of the daily routine."

Teacher Yasmin Pernas cited another aspect of the preschool when she explained how much the children "love to play outside... It is good exercise, and we have a fine playground."

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Clarification

In the Back to School section of the Aug. 25 issue of *The Catholic Advocate*, the story about the opening of the new Hillside Academy did not mention that Sister Barbara Szot, C.S.S.F., in addition to being religion coordinator, is also the assistant principal.



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September parish festivals abound

The end of summer will be marked by a variety of feasts and festivals in the coming days.

Two Italian feasts will take place Sept. 9-12.

The Society of the Madonna dei Martiri will host its 78th annual Hoboken Italian Festival in Sinatra Park.

In addition to a vast variety of vendors, the festival will feature a procession of a statue of the Madonna through the streets and on a boat along the Hudson River.

The feast day this year holds special significance because it is to be celebrated on Sept. 11.

Greg Gallo, festival president, noted, "Not a day goes by that we do not think about 9/11. At the same time, I believe that our experience has made us stronger in faith and beliefs. We are committed to not let the terrorists get their way."

The Thursday evening of the festival is when the rock band Life Speed takes to the stage. The following day it is Voices, featuring Angelo Venuto.

Saturday afternoon brings to the festival Gruppo Folkloristico, a group from Italy that plays Italian folk music. That evening it is the comedy antics of Gigolo Johnny.

For additional information go to www.hobokenitalianfestival.com.

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield, will hold its annual *La Festa Italiana*, a tra-

75th celebration starts this month

St. Mary High School, Rutherford, will celebrate its 75th anniversary during the 2004-05 school year.

A weekend celebration takes place Sept. 24-25. The school will be open for tours the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 24. On Saturday, Sept. 25, Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. The homecoming football game will be played in the afternoon. Kickoff is 1 p.m. A Diamond Jubilee Gala will be held that evening at the Meadowlands Sheraton.

Alumni, family and friends of St. Mary High School are welcome to attend.

Registration information is available at the school's website, stmaryrutherford.org.

For additional information call the alumni office at (201) 933-5220, ext. 270 or email to alumni@stmaryhs.org.

ditional street festival. There will be several spiritual events in honor of Our Lady of Mount Virgin.

In addition to a variety of food stands featuring Italian specialties, there will be rides, games, booths, a nightly 50/50 drawing and an Italian café with pastries and cakes. A drawing for a super 50/50 is scheduled for Sept. 12.

Hours are Thursday, Sept. 9 and Friday, Sept. 10, 6 to 11 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 11 and Sunday, Sept. 12, 4 to 11 p.m.

Highlights include live entertainment each day with this year's special guest Joey Dee and the Starlites on Sept. 10. Tony Neglia's Italian Marching Band and a DJ will entertain during the entire festival.

For additional information call the rectory at (973) 772-2295.

Holy Family Parish, Nutley, will hold its 13th annual Italian Festival Sept. 23-26 honoring Our Lady of Sorrows.

Festival hours are 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 23, 6 to 11 p.m. Sept. 24 and 4 to 11 p.m. Sept. 25. Mass will be celebrated in Italian at 7 p.m. Sept. 23 and Sept. 24 and in English at 5:30

p.m. and Italian at 7 p.m. on Sept. 25.

On Sunday, Sept. 26 a special Mass in Italian honoring **Our Lady of Sorrows** will be concelebrated at 2 p.m. A 50/50 super raffle will take place at 9 p.m. There will be entertainment nightly.

St. Valentine Parish, Bloomfield, will hold its annual Family Festival Sept. 10 from 6 to 10:30 p.m., Sept. 11 from 4 to 10:30 p.m. and Sept. 12 from 2 to 9:30 p.m. The festival will be held on parish grounds at the corner of East Passaic and Hoover Avenues.

There will be rides, games and refreshments available throughout the festival. Parking will be at Franklin School on Curtis Street.

For additional information call Cathy at (973) 429-7567.

Holy Family Parish, Union City, has scheduled its seventh annual International Festival for Sunday, Sept. 19 in the municipal parking lot next to the church from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The festival begins with Mass at 10:30 a.m.

For additional information call (201) 867-6535.

Fall golf classic set Sept. 20

The tenth annual Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter Golf Fall Classic will be held Sept. 20 at the Roselle Golf Club.

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The \$150 per person fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, a three-hour open bar, dinner, carts and greens fees. All golfers will receive a golf shirt, a sleeve of golf balls, tees and other souvenirs of the day.

Among the celebrities who will take part is former Yankee

and 1952 MVP Bobby Shantz.

There will be hole-in-one prizes on all par three holes. Prizes include a Rolex watch, a new car, \$5,000 in cash and a television set. In addition, golfers will have a chance to win two round trip airline tickets good for travel anywhere in the continental United States.

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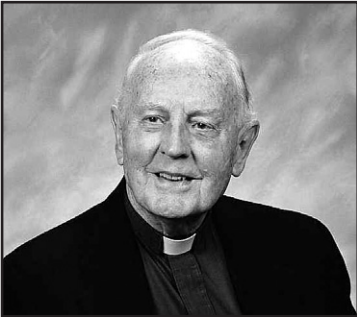
Obituary

Msgr. John H. Koenig, 87

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug.18 for Msgr. John H. Koenig, 87, who died Aug. 15.

Msgr. Koenig was a graduate of Seton Hall University and attended Immaculate Conception Seminary. He was ordained in 1942 at St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, Newark. He also received a master's degree in liturgy from the University of Notre Dame, IN and a master's degree in theology from Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

His assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included ministering as parochial vicar and administrator at St. Mary Parish (now Our Lady Help of Christians), West New York, and as pastor at Holy Rosary Parish, Elizabeth, and Holy Spirit Parish, Union. He also taught at Immaculate Conception Seminary from 1947 to 1969 and served as president of the Priests Senate for two terms, director of the Archdiocesan Ecumenical Commission and as an editorial board member of *The Catholic Advocate*.



Msgr. John H. Koenig

Msgr. Koenig wrote and published a children's book in the 1960s, *Stories to Live By*, with 12 "morality tales" for children. The book was reprinted in the late 1990s by Pauline Books & Media.

After retiring in 1992, Msgr. Koenig was in residence at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, and then moved to the Msgr. Kelley Residence, Caldwell. He was residing at the Allendale Nursing Home at the time of his death.

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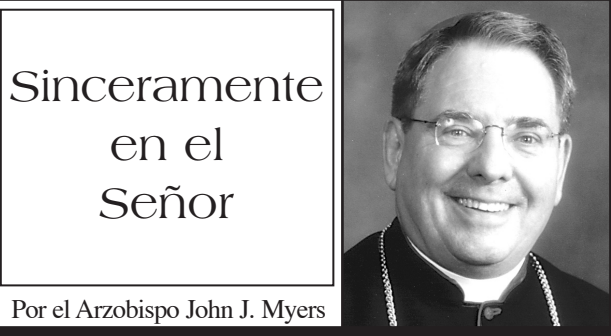
El mal está siempre con nosotros, en una u otra forma. Como seres humanos, como gente de fe, es nuestra responsabilidad aliviar el sufrimiento, curar a quienes hayan sido heridos por los malechores, actuar en cada oportunidad que se nos presente, para ayudar a construir una sociedad más justa.

Al hacerlo, se nos pide que traigamos luz a la obscuridad. La mayoría de las víctimas de la forma moderna de esclavitud no están a la vista, sino escondidas tras puertas cerradas por quienes las explotan. Si queremos encontrar esas víctimas y devolverlas a la libertad y la salud, debemos esforzarnos en buscar lo que en el fondo de nuestros corazones quisiéramos que no apareciera.

El mal del tráfico humano es verdaderamente escalofriante, porque hace presa por dos veces en personas que no pueden defenderse, y a veces se hace interminable.

Primeramente, personas que nada sospechan, hombres, mujeres y niños, confiando en la promesa de oportunidades en este país, son traídos aquí por medios ilegales, con frecuencia dejando a las víctimas sin un centavo, endeudadas, y obligadas a una servidumbre a largo plazo.

Además, esas personas son frecuentemente abusadas física y sicológicamente, cuando son sacadas



de su país de origen en condiciones inhumanas.

En segundo lugar, una vez que esas personas llegan a este país, son engañadas de nuevo, y se las hace víctimas de la avaricia, sirviendo como trabajadores forzados, en condiciones peligrosas o como parte de un tráfico sexual ilegal. Las amenazas físicas y la violación son usadas con frecuencia para impedir que esas víctimas escapen o pidan ayuda.

Las Caridades Católicas de esta Arquidiócesis han comenzado a dar pasos para poder auxiliar a las víctimas de ese tráfico humano y yo he apoyado de corazón esos esfuerzos. Este otoño, las Caridades Católicas dedicarán un edificio que ha sido renovado en el centro de Newark a una especie de “clearing house” o centro de compensaciones para organizar

nuestros esfuerzos para combatir ese tráfico humano.

Con base en su reconocida historia de servicio a los inmigrantes y refugiados, las Caridades Católicas se unirán a otros organismos gubernamentales y privados en un frente unido para combatir el tráfico humano. Un consejero de inmigrantes de las Caridades Católicas estará siempre disponible, a toda hora de cada día, para ofrecer consejo, protección y ayuda a las víctimas así como a las posibles víctimas de ese tráfico.

Nuestras parroquias también serán parte esencial de nuestro éxito. Yo le he pedido a todos nuestros párrocos que informen a nuestros feligreses, que suman 1.3 millones, sobre la campaña “Rescate y Restauración” del gobierno federal, y que traten de obtener su cooperación en identificar las posibles víctimas de ese tráfico.

La Ley para la Protección de las Víctimas del Tráfico, aprobada en el año 2000 y de nuevo en el año 2003, contribuye valiosos recursos y experiencia para ayudarnos a todos nosotros a coordinar nuestros esfuerzos tan efectivamente como sea possible, con sus diversas especialidades, a través de las fronteras estatales e internacionales.

En las próximas semanas y meses continuaremos hablando de nuestro compromiso para erradicar la terrible realidad de la esclavitud en nuestro tiempo y dentro de nuestras fronteras.

Abandonarse a Dios

POR BEATRIZ ADLER

Especial para The Catholic Advocate

La fe es un regalo de Dios. Es como una semilla que puede llegar a germinar o a destruirse, dependiendo del

cuidado que le demos. Así ocurre con la fe, hay que cultivarla para que permanezca en nosotros. Dios nos da el potencial para que seamos buenos y podamos acercarnos a El en la

oración, aceptando la gracia que El nos da a través de los Sacramentos y también haciendo buenas obras.

Con frecuencia nos resistimos a aceptar la muerte, el fracaso, las enfermedades, el rechazo, etc. Y esto nos lleva a la angustia, la ansiedad y la

tristeza. Nos disgustamos no sólo cuando ocurren los hechos sino hasta cuando los recordamos. No puede haber un verdadero acercamiento a Dios mientras no haya reconciliación. Hay que empezar por perdonar a nosotros mismos, a nuestros hermanos y amigos y dejar de echarle la culpa a Dios de las desgracias que ocurren.

Nos creemos libres y es cierto que Dios nos dio el libre albedrío, pero en el fondo estamos sujetos a las circunstancias de la vida y de causas ajenas a nosotros, luego en cierta forma estamos limitados. Hay que aprender a aceptar lo que no puedo cambiar, a cambiar lo que pueda y sobre todo a reconocer la diferencia entre uno y otro. Esta actitud ante la vida me dará la paz que no es más que el resultado de observar los hechos a la luz de la fe. Dios es dueño y señor de todo pero no interviene en las decisiones porque nos quiere libres y responsables. El sólo nos guía y ama como un padre lo hace con su hijo. El permite que las cosas ocurran y aunque no podamos entender el desenlace de muchos sucesos, a la larga, todo tiene un por qué y vemos en un futuro que siempre sacamos provecho de las desgracias. Ante las dificultades y problemas hay que luchar con entusiasmo y dedicación, si se triunfa darle

gracias a Dios y si se fracasa aceptar lo que Dios permite y decir; Señor, dame fortaleza y esperanza. Esto es abandonarse a Dios.

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un verdadero
acercamiento a
Dios mientras no
haya reconciliación.*

Todo lo que es defecto es difícil de aceptar. Si es físico porque pienso que no me quieren y que todos me miran y critican; si es intelectual porque no puedo llegar a triunfar y no se respeta mi opinión porque no tengo inteligencia o sentido común; si tengo mala salud porque estoy limitado y me comparo con las personas sanas y si no soy simpático porque me siento rechazado. En el fondo de lo que no me doy cuenta es que estas “pruebas” o sufrimientos son los caminos que me pueden llevar a Dios cuando se los ofrezco y me abandono en Sus brazos. Además si hay defectos también hay cualidades y éstas son las que debo utilizar y desarrollar para crecer, mejorar y poder servir mejor a mi prójimo, que a fin de cuentas es la finalidad de mi vida en la tierra.

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Scourge of human trafficking explored

Woman, Child for Sale: The New Slave Trade in the 21st Century
Gilbert King
(New York: Chamberlain Bros., \$9.95)
232 pages
ISBN 1-59609-005-7

BY LIESL FORES
Staff Writer

Woman, Child for Sale: The New Slave Trade in the 21st Century by Gilbert King, is a comprehensive look at human trafficking, a ruthless trend that has tied illegal arms dealing as the second most lucrative criminal industry in the world.

Case studies of individual victims from almost every continent portray the poverty and despair they are attempting to escape, only to find themselves tricked into an even worse fate of prostitution or forced labor—all the while being held captive.

King discusses traffickers

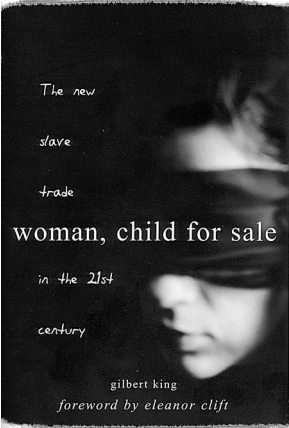
themselves, who function on a global scale. With connections within national governments and police forces, as well as far-reaching clandestine operations, the transport of victims to designated “employers” practically anywhere is a highly organized and efficient system.

Prosecution is difficult, the author points out, not only because victims are terrified of retribution should they come forward, but also due to lack of cooperation among governments.

Using the most recent data from the U.S. Department of State’s Trafficking in Persons Report, King explains the three-tier system of evaluation the United States uses to rate the extent of countries’ cooperation in efforts to bring an end to human trafficking, prosecute offenders and assist victims, highlighting specific “hot spot” nations.

An entire section of the book is dedicated to the history of slavery, from the Egyptian Empire to the

Roman Empire to the African slave trade in the Americas. A ten-page timeline records the major events that spurred and maintained this particular trade, beginning in 1441 with the abduction by Portuguese explorers of Africans as slaves, until 1865, when the Thirteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution outlawed slavery.



Two appendices provide a good deal of information on a subject for which there are not yet many statistics.

Performing arts up close and personal

Several schools from the Archdiocese of Newark are among those participating in the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) artist-in-residency programs.

Taking part are Saint Vincent Academy and St. Rose of Lima School, both in Newark, and St. Joseph the Carpenter School, Roselle.

Implementation of the programs assists in meeting the state’s performing arts core curriculum content and workplace readiness standards. In addition, classroom teachers receive credit toward the required 100 hours of professional development.

The Arts Academy in Theater and Dance program, now in its

tenth year, is a ten-week school-based course that brings instruction directly to the schools. Professional artists guide students through the fundamentals of dance and theater. The theater segment, offered October through December, is for 5th through 12th grade students. Held February to May, the dance portion is for third through sixth graders.

A creative arts segment, designed for first and second grade, is now available. It is a child-oriented exploration of ver-

bal and non-verbal communication and socialization primarily through the use of dramatic play.

NJPAC offers pre-school and kindergarten children, ages 3-5, early learning through the arts. It is presented in conjunction with the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts. Offered too is a comprehensive teacher component.

School may register at www.njpac.org. Additional applications are available by calling (973) 297-5830.

Fourth choir season starts

The Women’s Choir of Saint Dominic Academy, Jersey City, begins its fourth season Sept. 9.

Open to any alumna, voice placement will be held Sept. 9 and Sept. 16 from 7 to 9p.m. Call Choir Director Joseph Napoli at (201) 434-5938. Currently the choir has 20 members.

The Women’s Choir performs annual Christmas and spring concerts along with hosting Cabaret Nights each academic year.

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The first gives summaries of major trafficking cases in the U.S. in the past eight years. The second is a compilation of data from American embassies, international non-government agencies, the press and other entities that reflects the span of the interna-

tional crime organization’s involvement in human trafficking. King’s style of writing is journalistic and straightforward. *Woman, Child for Sale* will give readers an education on this worldwide evil that unfortunately has become a household topic.

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6 a.m. - WABC 770 AM

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6:30 a.m. - WPAT 930 AM

La Hora Católica
8 a.m. - WADO 1280 AM

Catholic Heritage Hour
9 a.m. - WSOU 89.5 FM

Voices of Our World
10:45 a.m. - WSOU 89.5 FM

The Sunday Morning Mass
11 a.m. - WSOU 89.5 FM

Proclaim the Good News
12:30 p.m. - WCTC 1450 AM

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Filipino Apostolate meets pastoral needs while preserving traditions of deeply Catholic country

BY LIESL FORES

Staff Writer

With more than 200,000 Asians living in the Archdiocese of Newark, a large percentage of which are Filipino and overwhelmingly Catholic, an apostolate to serve specific needs of the Filipino community is essential.

Referring to canon law, Msgr. Jeremias R. Rebanal, J.C.D., Ph.D., coordinator of the Filipino Apostolate and pastor of St. Aedan Parish, Jersey City, a hub for the Filipino community, remarked that the apostolate is "the practical response of the Archbishop of Newark to the pastoral needs of the Filipinos in the Archdiocese." He stressed that it is not a "separate entity," but an integral part of Church of Newark.

The activities of the Filipino Apostolate are very often the same as those that take place at any parish or within any ministry in the Archdiocese, such as organizing liturgies and celebrations, administering the sacraments, catechizing children and adults, and updating popular devotions to conform with current liturgical norms, explained Msgr. Rebanal.



Msgr. Jeremias Rebanal (front-center, left) presided at the Mass to celebrate the memorial of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, at St. Aedan Church, Jersey City, this August. Sixty priests were in attendance, along with hundreds of Filipino Catholics.

sacraments are administered in one of the eight major languages spoken in the Philippines at parishes where there are Filipino priests and there is a Filipino presence.

These parishes include Our Lady

ties, with Hudson County having the largest population.

Moreover, Jersey City has the largest Filipino population in the Archdiocese, with a total of 15, 860 living in the area.

Msgr. Rebanal first came to the United States in 1969 as a visiting professor at Columbia University, NY, from the University of Windsor in Canada.

Community leader

A year later, he was asked by Father Edmund Kielty, pastor of Madonna Parish, Fort Lee, to assist him with the growing number of Asians in the area. In 1972, Msgr. Rebanal was called back to the Philippines—his native country—for ministry there.

In 1989, Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick requested his release for service in the Archdiocese of Newark, and he was named the second coordinator for the Filipino Apostolate, which was initiated in the mid-1980s under Archbishop Peter L. Gerety.

Msgr. Rebanal's responsibilities include acting as the archbishop's liaison to the Filipino community in the Archdiocese; recommending policies and programs to enhance ministry to Filipinos and helping them take a more active role in their parishes, and supervising and coordinating Filipino religious organizations and movements, maximizing opportunity for evangelization.

The coordinator is specifically entrusted with assisting in the effective placement of Filipino priests in appropriate parishes and the incardination process of Filipino priests in the Archdiocese. He is also charged

with the continuing development of St. Aedan's—where Msgr. Rebanal has been pastor since 1996—as a center for Filipino gatherings and special events.

Right now there are 38 Filipino priests and five Filipino permanent deacons ministering in the Archdiocese. There are also Filipino sisters working in different ministries here.

Two particular customs that Filipino Catholics have brought over with them to the U.S. are "Simbang Gabi," or "Misa de Gallo" (Mass of the Rooster), a pre-Christmas novena held in the early morning hours (though here usually held in the evening), and the heartfelt observance of All Souls Day, Nov. 2, in which Filipinos remember and pray for loved ones who have passed on.

Traditional devotions

There are other important holy days as well. The feast of "Santo Niño de Cebu," honoring the conversion on King Humabon and Queen Juana of Cebu, Philippines, to Christianity in the 1521, in which they were presented with an image of the infant Jesus by Ferdinand Magellan on behalf of the Spanish, is celebrated the third Sunday of January or June.

Mary is honored during the entire month of May and on Aug. 22, the feast of the Queenship of Mary. The feast of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, is celebrated Aug. 4, and the feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino saint, is celebrated Sept. 28.

There are a number of international faith movements that have originated from the Philippines. El Shaddai Prayer Partners, Barangay of the Virgin, Couples/Singles for Christ and Lord's Flock comprise part of the Filipino community in the Archdiocese and are represented by the Filipino Apostolate.

Msgr. William J. Reilly, Archdiocesan coordinator of multicultural affairs, noted Msgr. Rebanal's "long service in the archdiocese" as well as the work of Filipino priests, deacons and Religious ministering in the Archdiocese. "They really contribute to the service of the Church," he said.

Father Robert E. Templeton, director of Clergy Personnel, during his homily on the feast day of St. John Vianney at St. Aedan's in 2003, referred to a saying, "The more Filipinos you find in a parish, the more Catholic the parish is," driving home the point that the Philippines, he observed, is a "solidly Catholic country," and that Filipinos have a "deep faith" that they carry with them, no matter where they live.



Msgr. Rebanal and Msgr. William Reilly give Communion at the Vigil Mass of the Pentecost at St. Aedan's.

However, there are many activities that are meant to bring Filipinos in the Archdiocese together in the spirit of worship and faith.

In each of the four counties, there are Filipino priests working with Filipino lay leaders and representatives to coordinate workshops, conferences, meetings, visits and their newsletter, *Networking*. Besides serving as spiritual, educational and social occasions, these events and exercises help keep the Filipino people in the Archdiocese rooted in their common faith practices.

Though most Filipinos here worship in English, says Msgr. Rebanal, occasionally Masses are celebrated or

of Victories, Resurrection, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph and St. Aedan, all in Jersey City; St. Mary of Assumption, Elizabeth: Holy Family, Nutley, and St. Mary, Rahway, among others.

Oftentimes, Masses in largely Filipino parishes are celebrated in English, with some of the readings and songs in any of the Filipino languages.

According to the U.S. Census 2000, there are 46,281 Filipinos living in the Archdiocese of Newark, out of the 200,688 Asians present here—almost a quarter. Of these Filipinos, 85 percent are Catholic, and they are represented in each of the four coun-

Chancery News



The Neocatechumenal Community of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, West New York, recently presented Archbishop John J. Myers with a donation for charitable works of the Church of Newark. Making the presentation were, left to right, Father Carlo Fortunio, administrator, Milagro Martinez, Walter Martinez, Felix A. and Carmen Benitez and Graciela and Patricio Santander.



Archbishop John J. Myers, second from left, recently met with three new seminarians at his offices in the Archdiocesan Center, Newark. Accompanied by Father Brian Plate, Director of Vocations, second from right, were, left to right, Peter Iwuala, Pedro Bismarck Chau and Taras Malsky.

Advocate photos: Ward Miele

Community service cited

Msgr. John Gilchrist, pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, and a lifelong activist in the labor movement, is among four recipients of the Community Service Award, which will be presented Sept. 22 at a United Labor Agency (ULA) dinner.

The Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO, established the ULA in Newark in 1978. Its objective is to ease a variety of problems that interfere with both work and family life among Union members.

Msgr. Gilchrist is chaplain of the New Jersey AFL-CIO.

Other honorees are Francis M. McEnemey, CPA, Irvington Mayor Wayne Smith and Daniel Williams, a member of the IUOE, Local 68, and past president of the Newark Chapter of the NAACP.

The dinner will be held at Mayfair Farms, West Orange.

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 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ, 07104.



Heather Eaton-Dwyer, recently affirmed as a novice of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Caldwell, is congratulated at her rite of initiation into Religious life by Sister Joan Doyle O.P., prioress.

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