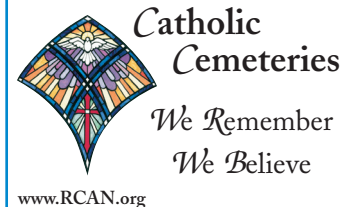




Priest calculates
his ministry by the
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After 5 years, faith endures on the waterfront

Hoboken, Jersey City mark the sorrowful anniversary

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

Candles still burn at St. Francis Parish.

The view from Hoboken and Jersey City on that fateful Tuesday morning five years ago was terrifying. Many Catholics, standing side by side with people of other faiths, watched in horror as the Twin Towers burned, crumbled and the world changed.

Today the vista is haunting in its clarity; painfully revealing when one considers what is no longer there. Like no other vantage point in the United States, a person can pause in reverent silence on this waterfront in the Archdiocese of Newark along the Hudson River estuary, gaze at the New York City skyline and contemplate the nightmare of Sept. 11.

Wounds endure as do sacred prayers for loved ones. Heroic,

dramatic tales of compassion, courage, faith and hope also survive. Estimates vary slightly, but around 700 New Jersey residents perished at Ground Zero; many were members of the Church of Newark. Hoboken lost more than 50 sons and daughters; over 30 Jersey City residents perished.

"Every day is precious," Father Michael V. Guglielmelli, the pastor of St. Francis Parish in Hoboken, said, reflecting on his experiences from Sept. 11. "Everything we have in life is 'on loan.' This is what I preach in my homilies. Disasters bring out the best and worst in people. The hardest part (after five years) is getting people to talk about their emotions."

A lifelong city resident, Father Guglielmelli said that his parishioners have remained strong in their faith. "People deal with it differently," he said. "It's left its

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Education energy: archdiocese clicks on 'PowerSchool'

BY DR. THOMAS E. HART
Special to The Catholic Advocate

AREA—The second phase of "PowerSchool" will be unveiled this year throughout Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Newark. PowerSchool is an online database system designed to electronically maintain student records and map curriculum, as well as provide teachers, administrators, pastors and school families with secure, real-time access to the information via the Internet.

The coming 2006-07 academic year will see the addition of a dozen or more phase-two schools utilizing the technology, including

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two high schools in Elizabeth: Benedictine Academy and St. Mary of the Assumption High School. The result will be approximately 8,000 students being

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The restless winds of New York harbor carry prayers for those who were lost on 9/11 as well as the memories of those who still mourn. Pictured here is a view of lower Manhattan as seen from across the Hudson River waterfront near Exchange Place in Jersey City. The photo is composed to illuminate what is absent from the skyline: The Twin Towers of the World Trade Center.

Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

Korean parishes to celebrate Mass on Sept. 10 at Cathedral



Advocate photo - Brian Fores

Father Minhyun (Joseph) Cho, the pastor of Saint Andrew Kim, will be among the celebrants at the joint Korean Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sept. 10. Father Cho is pictured in a photo taken last year with a hand-written Korean Bible—a gift from the Korean Apostolate, which was presented to Archbishop Myers in 2004.

NEWARK—Three Korean parishes (Saint Andrew Kim, Maplewood; Saint Joseph Korean Catholic, Demarest; and the Church of the Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook), led by Archbishop John J. Myers, will celebrate a joint Mass on Sunday, Sept. 10, 4 p.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

In addition to the three parishes, members of St. Madonna Korean Catholic Mission, Fort Lee, also will participate in the Mass.

The choir, Bible reading, and altar boys will be under the direction of Father Minhyun (Joseph) Cho, the pastor of St. Andrew Kim. Father Don Bosco Park of the Church of the Korean Martyrs will direct the liturgy during the Mass.

The church service, publicity and event logistics will be under the guidance of Valentino Lee, a parishioner at St. Andrew Kim. The three parishes will have many volunteers working before, during, and after the Mass. As many as 2,000 parishioners are expected to attend and celebrate the Mass.

Thirty years ago, the Korean Catholic Church (KCC) began with a small Korean immigration community in Jersey City. As time passed and the community grew, the KCC recognized that a joint Mass strengthens the Korean community's Catholic fellowship. Unfortunately, this joint Mass tradition was discontinued for a period. The celebration on Sept. 10 is an effort to rekindle the tradition as well as inspire the new generations of Korean Catholics. Community leaders have said they recognize that the joint Mass tradition will help support the expansion and growth of the Korean Catholics in the Church of Newark.

Last year *The Catholic Advocate* featured a profile of the Korean Catholic community within the archdiocese (see Aug. 10, 2005).

Contact Father Cho at (973) 763-1170 for more information on the joint Mass.

Msgr. Gilchrist wins award for his book 'Alter Christus'

HARRISON—Msgr. John Gilchrist, longtime pastor of Holy Cross Parish and columnist for *The Catholic Advocate* since 1975, has won second place in the Professional Book category of this year's Catholic Press Association Book Awards.

He won for his book *Alter Christus*, published by Ave Maria Press in Indiana.

Explaining their decision, the judges said "we were surprised we were drawn to this book. While not priests, we found the words a wonderful challenge and comfort." The judges went on to say "we love the style of the book, blending together the thoughts of theologians from the last two millennium and connecting them to the words of St. Paul."

It also was noted that Msgr. Gilchrist offers "a pithy reflection in light of the contemporary pastoral reality." It is, the judges concluded, "a strong book that should be shared with all who minister to God's people."

Msgr. Gilchrist, who grew up in Nutley and Belleville, has had a multifaceted and active career in service to the Church. Ordained to the

priesthood in May 1957, Msgr. Gilchrist went to Immaculate Conception Seminary when it was located in Darlington. He has bachelor's degree in classical languages and another degree in chemistry from Seton Hall University. Msgr. Gilchrist received a master's degree from the Seminary in biblical studies and another master's degree in Judeo-Christian Studies from Seton Hall.

He has been a parish priest, high school teacher and hospital chaplain. While at Saint Cecelia Parish in Kearny, he fostered a unit for the mentally retarded under the auspices of the Mount Carmel Guild of the Archdiocese of Newark. Msgr. Gilchrist has been chairman of the Archdiocese Commission for Inter-religious Affairs since 1994 and a trustee of Seton Hall for a decade.

Long active in the labor movement, Msgr. Gilchrist is liaison to labor for the archdiocese and chaplain of Local 68 of the International Operating Engineers and for the New Jersey AFL-CIO. He wrote *On Church and Labor*, published by the local labor unions.

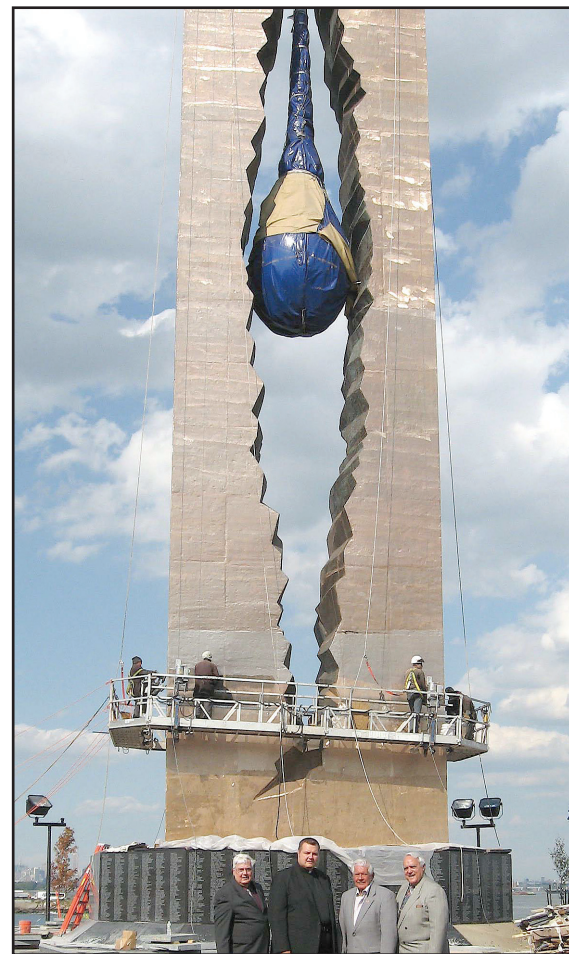


Photo courtesy of Father Robert A. Pachana

Bayonne will dedicate a monument to the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attack and the 1993 World Trade Center bombing on Monday, Sept. 11. The monument, a gift from Russia, is located at a new park developed at The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor. Pictured at the park (left to right) are community leaders Jerry Kelly, Father Robert A. Pachana, Frank Perrucci and Henry Sanchez. Events in Bayonne slated for next Monday to mark the fifth anniversary of 9/11 will include a 10:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and a 7 p.m. candlelight interfaith prayer service at the new monument. Contact Perrucci at (201) 795-6477 for more information.

Bayonne faithful to gather Sept. 11

BAYONNE—A special Mass will be celebrated Monday, Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m., at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 39 East 22nd St., to honor the victims, survivors and heroes of the 9/11 terrorist attack.

The Mass is part of the Hudson County community's effort to mark the fifth anniversary of 9/11. Later that day, the town will come together to dedicate a monument to the victims of the Sept. 11 attack and the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. The monument is located at a new park developed at The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor.

The sculpture, titled "To The Struggle Against World Terrorism," is a gift from the people of Russia to the City of Bayonne. There is a paving stone memorial program that is part of the monument. Paving stones will be engraved and placed on the grounds surrounding the monument. Call Jerry and Dolores Kelly at (201) 823-4890 for details on this program.

The final event of the day here will be a candlelight interfaith prayer service held at the new monument at 7 p.m. Father Robert Pachana, a parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, will serve as the master of ceremonies for this event.

Frank Perrucci is the chairman of the "September 11th... Bayonne Remembers" committee. Contact Perrucci at (201) 795-6477 or Father Pachana at (201) 339-2070 for more information on the events.

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Doing the math: Father Costa adds up his ministry as a chaplain and professor

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

WEST POINT, NY—Father Gabriel Costa, Ph.D., has always lived life by the numbers.

Ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Newark in 1979, Father Costa is beginning his ninth year of service at the United States Military Academy. He has been at West Point on what he described as “an ongoing academic leave” from Seton Hall University, South Orange, where he has taught mathematics since 1980. He is also a member of the adjunct faculty for the University’s School of Theology that includes Immaculate Conception Seminary.

Mathematics, Father Costa emphasized, “was my way out of the Hoboken projects.” Mentioning with enthusiasm the “order and beauty” of math, he calls it “a tremendous discipline” that is both “an art and a science.” Art involves an act of concentration, Father Costa went on, “that takes you out of yourself.”

Father Costa, who received his doctorate from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken 22 years ago, is also an author. He recently collaborated with Dr. Richard Bronson, professor of mathematics and computer science at Fairleigh Dickinson University, on “Schaum’s Outlines: Differential Equations,” which was published in June. The two are working on another book, “Linear Algebra,” due out in the spring of next year.

“I am the junior author,” Father Costa was quick to point out.



Photo courtesy of the Stevens Alumni Association

Father Costa is pictured in front of Thayer Hall on the West Point campus, named for Sylvanus Thayer—the “father” of West Point. On leave from Seton Hall University, his journey to the military academy began in 1991 when he was invited to address the Department of Mathematical Sciences. The Hoboken native works in Newark on weekends.

In addition to being an associate professor in the Department of Mathematical Sciences at West Point, Father Costa assists the Academy’s two U.S. Army and one civilian chaplain. He celebrates the sacraments for the cadets and strives to be present to them both as a priest and a professor.

Ordained at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, he served a diaconate year at Queen of Peace Parish in North Arlington. His first priestly assignment,

at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Newark, included chaplain duties at nearby Columbus Hospital. He also spent “10 very enjoyable years” at St. Philip’s Parish in Saddle Brook as a weekend assistant. Now, on weekends, the Hoboken native returns to assist at St. Benedict Parish in Newark.

His journey to West Point began in 1991 when he was invited to address the Department of Mathematical Sciences and was offered a position “on the spot.” Initially he had several one- and two-year assignments at West Point “interspersed” with teaching at Seton Hall. Father Costa stressed how grateful he is for the support of Archbishop John J. Myers and for the encouragement from both the priest community and his academic colleagues at Seton Hall University.

It did not take long for Father Costa to notice the “striking parallel” between the lives of the cadets and the seminarians, citing the “immersion” factor in both formational programs. Walking around the West Point campus, Father Costa added, one realizes that West Point is more than merely academic institution, it is very much like a stroll through the grounds of a monastic enclosure.

The similarity between cadets and seminarians, he believes, culminates on the day of priestly ordination and on graduation day at West Point when the class is commissioned as second lieutenants.

Recently, the reality of the responsibility that the men and women of West Point are trained for hit home when Father Costa presided at the funeral of Capt. Dennis Pintor, who was killed last spring in Iraq when his Humvee vehicle hit a land mine. Although he had seen “tragedy” during his days as chaplain at Columbus Hospital, Father Costa said the captain’s funeral was simply “overwhelming....it was a real eye opener.” Nevertheless, he said that presiding at the funeral was a “tremendous privilege.”

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A numerical review of top sluggers: The Bambino remains Sultan of Swat

Baseball is a game consumed by statistics and that is just fine with Father Costa, an avid Yankee fan.

In a 2003 article in *The Baseball Research Journal*, he wrote about one of the game’s most revered statistic...the home run record.



The Bambino bangs out a home run to the delight of fans at Yankee Stadium. Photo courtesy of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, Library, Cooperstown, N.Y.

Using the indisputable facts of numbers, Father Costa expounded on the provocative title of his article (www.sabr.org) “Babe Ruth Dethroned? Wither the Sultan of Swat?”

As Father Costa sees it, “there were many kings, if you will, but only one Sultan.”

In his 22 year career, Father Costa pointed out in his article, Babe Ruth “owned scores of records and was responsible for many ‘mosts’ and ‘firsts’ well beyond his most remembered home run mark.”

As an example he noted that Babe Ruth “out-homered teams 90 times, 14 in 1920 and 12 in 1927.” “It is unthinkable to envision any recent slugger rivaling this kind of dominance. McGwire, Sosa or Bonds would have to hit in the neighborhood of 200 homers to surpass another team’s home run total.”

His article is complete with extensive ratio charts of “individual” and “relative” home run ratios with Babe Ruth leading the way. The article also had an extensive section on cumulative home run frequency and the recent home run explosion.

As Father Costa sees it, though some of Babe Ruth’s records “have fallen, when considered as a conglomerate, his overall rating must remain number-one.”

—Ward Miele

Five years

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mark. For the most part, there's no anger. Mostly (my parishioners) still feel pain and sorrow."

Father Guglielmelli shared anecdotes of people from his parish: a woman who lived through the Feb. 26, 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center and 9/11; the family who lost a beautiful daughter ("She's with God"); a Hoboken fireman who knew instinctively that his cousin—a New York City fireman—had died when the towers collapsed.

His most vivid memory involved a missionary from Molfetta, Italy, who was visiting St. Francis Parish at the time to help celebrate the annual feast of Our Lady of the Martyrs ("Madonna dei Martiri"). The Italian priest, anxious to be a tourist before his return to Europe, had made plans to go to the top of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

A frantic Father Guglielmelli ran downstairs from his living quarters that morning in search of the priest, after being alerted to the terrorist attack by a phone call from his sister.

As it turned out, the visitor from Molfetta was safely sitting in the parish rectory, watching TV newscasts of the horrific events. The Italian priest decided not to go to New York that day, confessing that he felt insecure to make the journey alone across the river due to his limited ability to speak English.

Father Guglielmelli and other Hoboken residents went to help at the nearby ferry port, which became a triage center to assist those escaping from the calamity. "We saw the whole thing. You could smell the acrid smoke from across the river," Father Guglielmelli recalled.

In the days that followed, St. Francis Parish served as a refuge and neighborhood information/communication center. The church doors remained open day and night. People would enter to pray, console one another and light candles.

"Our church is small, but we're a big family. We're very proud of our candles," Father Guglielmelli said. "They mean a lot to our parishioners. You say a prayer and light a candle. The candle symbolizes that the prayer continues even after the person leaves the church."

Msgr. Frank G. Del Prete, the archdiocesan judicial vicar and the pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Hoboken, admitted it's difficult to find the right words to comfort those still scarred by the attack.



Father Michael V. Guglielmelli, the pastor of St. Francis Parish in Hoboken, lights a candle with a prayer for peace. Five years ago, the parish served as a neighborhood refuge for those stunned by the 9/11 tragedy. Because of their close proximity to lower Manhattan, residents of Hoboken and Jersey City had a frighteningly clear vantage point of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. "Everyone had a horror story," Father Guglielmelli said.

The best way to show support and concern is simply to be present. "Just 'be there' for them," Msgr. Del Prete advised. "Listen to what they have to say. We can't give up on our faith."

The day had a surreal, disorienting quality, he said. "Early that morning, the janitor at our church mentioned to me that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center," he said. "I

assumed he meant a small, private plane. Not long after that, a parishioner came running into the church, upset and crying, saying that we were under attack. I hadn't seen the news reports at that point. I didn't understand what he was talking about."

Jersey City Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, who credits his Catholic education as the foundation for his political career and professional life (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Nov. 23, 2005), praised Jersey City's first responders—fire fighters, police officers and other volunteers—who rode the ferry boats back to New York and into the Sept. 11 "cauldron." Mayor Healy, a lawyer and councilman at the time, was at the city courthouse at 595 Newark Ave. He went to the ninth-floor hearing room of the building where he and others watched as the second plane smashed into the South Tower.

Bayonne resident John Guarini remembered seeing the Twin Towers burning along the horizon in his rear-view mirror as he drove west on Interstate Route 280. Today, Guarini is the chairman of the 9/11 Memorial Committee of Jersey City Inc. He and other committee members dedicated a memorial (built from Twin Tower remnants) exactly one year after the attack. The memorial is located in Jersey City at the foot of Grand Street, one block from the NJ Transit light-rail line, near the Exchange Place PATH train station.

A retired plumber, Guarini answered the call to volunteer at

Ground Zero the day after the attack, utilizing his metalworking skills to help clear the massive tangle of steel at the site. It was there—amid the smoldering destruction—that Guarini rediscovered his Catholic faith; a profound religious experience, as he described it. Today he and his family are members of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Bayonne.

Instead of being filled with hate, Guarini said he became inspired by the compassion of other volunteers working in the rubble. He was moved by the courage of the 343 firemen who lost their lives that day; by the anguished recorded phone messages of those trapped in the Twin Towers, desperately trying to contact loved ones to say goodbye.

Gary Nye, a Muslim and a Jersey City resident, serves with Guarini as the co-chairman of the memorial committee. "We've become good friends," Guarini said of Nye. "Gary has been an inspiration for me. He spoke with great compassion for the victims. He worked tirelessly on the monument project. He was the guy who picked me up when I was feeling down. He always wanted to do more."

As for reflecting on the tragedy, Guarini said that "no matter what we do, it will always be 'too soon' to talk about Sept. 11. But we have to talk about it. We don't want this to be forgotten. This was a crime against humanity. This was murder.

"Don't lose your faith," Guarini continued. "Do things to help someone in the name of peace."



Pictured above is a view of the lower Manhattan skyline from the Hoboken train station. The Hoboken Clergy Coalition will hold an ecumenical prayer service next Monday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. on Pier A, located near the train station. Call Rev. Mary Forrell of St. Matthew Trinity Lutheran Church at (201) 659-4499 for details. Separately, there will be an all-day vigil at the Jersey City 9/11 memorial next Monday beginning at 8:45 a.m. Citizens will be invited to offer prayers, poems, songs and remembrances. The memorial is located in Jersey City at the foot of Grand Street, one block from the NJ Transit light-rail line, near the Exchange Place PATH train station.



Advocate photo - M. Gabriele

DIALOGUE PLANNERS—Members of the planning committee for the upcoming “Evening of Legislative Dialogue” event met last month at the Archdiocesan Center to review plans for the forum. Pictured (seated, left to right) is Michael Risoli, former master, fourth degree, K of C first N.J. district; Leonie Watson, M.D., a member of the N.J. Respect Life Commission; (back row, standing, left to right) Catherine Furlani, archdiocesan director of the office of Human Concerns; Mary McElroy, director of the N.J. Alliance of Catholic School Families; and Christy Guerra, public relations assistant in the archdiocesan Communications Office. The event, hosted by Archbishop John J. Myers, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m. at Mother Seton Regional High School, 1 Valley Rd., Clark. Call McElroy (973-596-4046) or Furlani (973-497-4341) for details.

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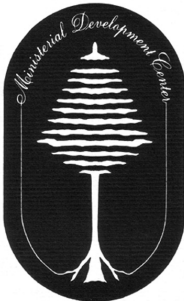
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September 9

St. Phil's Singles, Livingston, trip to crafts and antiques festival at Peddler's Fair, Oakland, 1 p.m., RSVP by Sept. 8, (973) 248-9245.

Forrest Hill Family Health Associates, Newark, health festival, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., (973) 485-6242.

September 10

Catholic Voices, Pompton Plains, breakfast buffet at Regency House Hotel, 10 a.m., cost: \$25, (973) 226-2014.

St. Casimir Parish, Newark, picnic, noon- 7 p.m., cost: \$3 for adults/ free for children under 12, (973) 344-2743.

Ascension Parish, New Milford, pancake breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon, cost: \$6/ free for children under 3, (201) 265-0485.

Knights of Columbus Council #5427, Washington Township, picnic, 1-6 p.m., cost: \$20 before picnic/ \$25 at gate/ \$5 for children 5-12, (201) 664-0422.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, "Create Your Communication Strategy and Resume," noon, (201) 447-4215.

September 11

Ascension Parish, New Milford, Rosary Altar Society meeting, 7:30 p.m., (201) 265-0485.

Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, prayer service, 7:30 p.m., (201) 327-1313.

Roselle Golf Club, Roselle, golf outing to benefit Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, cost: \$185, call Larry Reagan at (732) 244-1044.

Multiple Sclerosis Center, Teaneck, charity golf tournament and outing, White Beeches Country Club, Hayworth, 12:30 p.m., call Lisa Futterman at (201) 837-0727 ext. 125.

September 12

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Garfield, Healing Mass, 7 p.m., (973) 772-7889.

Archdiocesan Center, Newark, information session of the "Why Catholic?" Program, 7:30- 9:30 p.m., (973) 497-4318.

St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, annulment information meeting, 7:30 p.m., (973) 497-4327.

September 13

Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, catechumenate inquiry meeting, 7:30- 9:30 p.m., (201) 327- 1313 ext. 31.

Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee, Holy Hour, Mass and Rosary meeting, 2- 4:30 p.m., (201) 568-4483.

September 14

St. Michael Parish, Union, women's prayer meeting, 10 a.m., call Joyce at (908) 687-3809.

September 15

St. Mark's Social Club (unmarried mature adults), Rahway, social evening with refreshments, cost: \$3, (732) 381-1298.

September 17

St. Phil's Singles, Livingston, softball game, 2 p.m., bring lawn chairs, (732) 382-5242 (after 6 p.m.)

St. Michael Parish, Union, blood drive, 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m., (908) 688-1232.

Holy Family Parish, Union City, ninth annual International Festival on Central Avenue between 32nd and 35th streets across from the church from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mass at 10:30 a.m. Call (201) 867-6535.

September 20

St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, Healing Mass, 7:45 p.m., (908) 486-6363.

St. Michael Parish, Cranford, "Journey Through Grief," through Oct. 11, 7-9 p.m., (908) 654-3103.

November 19

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Newark, holiday boutique and breakfast, call Marion at (973) 759-8239.

Other

Incarnation School, West 175th St., Washington Heights, NY, is trying to locate June 1944 classmates of Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. He is to be honored on Oct. 22 at the New York Athletic Club. Please contact the School at (212) 795- 1030.

'PowerSchool'

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served by the system. It's expected that, by the end of a four-year installation period, all schools in the archdiocese will use the PowerSchool technology.

The 2005-06 academic year marked the introduction of PowerSchool in the archdiocese. Initially, 10 schools served as pilot sites: Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Franklin Lakes); Corpus Christi (Hastbrouck Heights); Sacred Heart (Lyndhurst); St. Peter (Belleville); St. John the Evangelist (Bergenfield); St. Michael (Union); St. Nicholas (Jersey City); St. Paul (Ramsey); St. Therese of Lisieux (Cresskill); and St. Thomas the Apostle (Bloomfield).

More than 7,000 school districts throughout the United States, as well as Catholic schools in 19 diocese (including nearby Paterson and Brooklyn, N.Y.) have installed PowerSchool. Last May, Pearson School System, Folsom, CA, a unit of London-based textbook publisher Pearson, acquired the PowerSchool business division from Apple Computer Inc., Cupertino, CA. Information on PowerSchool can be obtained by visiting the Web site: www.powerschool.com.

Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., deputy superintendent of archdiocesan schools, explained that PowerSchool data can provide comprehensive "curriculum coordination" to monitor test

trends for a given grade level or school. Should this curriculum "mapping" reveal any early warning signs with test-score results, administrators can take action to quickly address the situation—marshalling resources to identify and correct any problem in its very early stages.

PowerSchool also is designed to satisfy a "wish list" of needs voiced by school families and educators—helping all those involved make more informed decisions to guide the progress of students.

For example, administrators have longed for the day when they could quickly access student attendance records or student birthdays early each morning, monitor

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grades on a daily basis and efficiently check discipline infractions. Pastors would like to quickly know the sacramental progress of the students in the school and then plan accordingly in conjunction with a student's parish pastor, if different. Teachers would prefer to give undivided attention to teaching and spend less time doing calculations for end-of-quarter grades and then filling out report cards.

Secretarial and special staff members would like to have student information immediately at hand in order to deal with a sudden medical problem, or to avoid



Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

Dr. Thomas E. Hart

inputting the same information numerous times. Students are always eager to know within minutes of taking an exam what grade they received, while parents wish that they could keep on top of their child's progress and avoid any unpleasant surprises when they attend parent/teacher conferences.

Each school has approached the adoption of the technology according to its perceived needs and at its own pace. JoAnn Mathews, the principal of Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament, said that—as one of the 10 pilot sites—the biggest challenge was to have all members of her staff reach a comparable "comfort level" with the technology.

Now, having gone through the learning curve of phase one, her school is ready to move forward with the next phase of PowerSchool. Eventually, the goal will be to create a "paperless" environment—relying strictly on the electronic database to store and access vital information, she said.

In the coming school year, some pilot schools will begin rolling out modules of the system that will enable parents to periodically monitor their children's progress and conduct e-mail correspondence with teachers. Office of the Superintendent of Schools have touted the technology as an innovation to facilitate better communication between the various school constituencies.

Training sessions conducted by PowerSchool instructors were held last month to acquaint archdiocesan school representatives with the system. School officials then submitted databases of information about the school, students and schedules to Dr. Thomas Hart, archdiocesan director of educational technology for the Office of the Superintendent of Schools (and the author of this article), who is coordinating the project. The data was used to set up the archdiocesan system on a server specific for PowerSchool.

(Note: Michael C. Gabriele, editor, contributed to this report.)

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

Reverend Lawrence J. Fama, Parochial Vicar of St. Helen, Parish, Westfield, has been elected to the Priest Personnel Policy Board of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term ending Aug. 31, 2009.

Reverend Monsignor Charles W. Gusmer, Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Cedar Grove, has been elected to the Priest Personnel Policy Board of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term Aug. 31, 2009.

Reverend Monsignor Martin F. O'Brien, has been elected to the Priest Personnel Policy Board of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term ending Aug. 31, 2009.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Sergio O. Nadres, was appointed parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Linden, effective Aug. 7.



Reverend Raul B. Dael has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield, effective through Oct. 29.

Reverend Joselito I. Jopson has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield, effective through Sept. 30.

OTHER

Reverend James Ferry, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Orange, was appointed Chaplain of the West Orange Fire Department effective Aug. 9.

Reverend Joseph Kwiatkowski, Parochial Vicar of Church of Annunciation, Paramus, was appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Paramus Council #5680 effective Aug. 9.

A fond farewell: Sister Dominica lauded for her 'heroic leadership'

BY BROTHER RALPH DARMENTO
Special to The Catholic Advocate

A thorough review of the Effective Schools literature indicates the importance of the school leader to the building of an outstanding community of faith and learning.

Leadership impacts morale and motivation and influences achievement and accomplishment. Over the last 14 years the staff of the Secretariat of Catholic Education encountered a truly heroic leader in the person of Sister of Charity Dominica Rocchio.

Chris Lowney, author of the best selling "Heroic Leadership," describes four principles that address the totality of a person's life, embodied in every leader. These are self-awareness, ingenuity, love and heroism.

Understanding one's own talents, weaknesses, values and worldview enables the leader to appreciate life as a gift from God, to become aware of unhealthy blind spots or weaknesses that can stand as obstacles to fulfilling personal, communal and institutional mission. The dictum "Know Thyself" encourages cultivation of the habit of reflection and continuous learning.

Sister Dominica evidenced this pillar of leadership in her own life and called on each of us—staff members, principals, pastors and teachers—to the realization that "success flows from the commitment and contributions of many, not the isolated efforts of one."

Ingenuity describes the quality of a leader who reads the signs of the times and can innovate with confidence and adapt to the demands of an ever-changing world. Sister Dominica, upon experiencing the shifts in educational delivery systems, advocated for the integration of technology into school operations and the curriculum. From desktops to laptops, PalmPilot to iPod, Catholic school educators were given the opportunity to engage in professional development to continuously improve the teaching/learning process. Today schools are equipped with the tools of technology and the caring interactions of teachers to facilitate student learning and achievement.

Lowney describes love as the ability to engage others with a positive attitude that taps into their potential. Sister Dominica taught and witnessed from a heart and soul full of love and life. She enjoyed light conversation and the telling of stories rich with meaning. She encouraged others to take initiative and "go out into the deep." Innovation and experimentation in school leadership was encouraged and nurtured.

She joined with then-Archbishop Theodore McCarrick to continue the Teacher Recognition Program to reward and recognize the talents of teachers who "touched the hearts, nurtured the souls and kindled the minds of their students."



Sister Dominica Rocchio

Mary Jo Barnello, administrative assistant to Sister Dominica offered these sentiments: "Sister Dominica demonstrated great respect for everyone by trusting, listening—without criticism, encouraging and allowing each staff member to develop individual skills while keeping focused on accomplishing the mission."

Heroism, the ability "to energize yourself and others with heroic ambitions and a passion for excellence" completes the four core pillars of heroic leadership. Throughout her tenure here as superintendent, Sister Dominica appeared to be "on fire" with a faith and zeal that was contagious.

Whether lobbying for tax credits, advocating on behalf of the National Directory for Catechesis, influencing the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops through her membership on their education committee or mentoring new superintendents throughout the country, Sister Dominica was an indefatigable witness to the wise declaration that "the Catholic school is at the heart of the Church."

Thank you Sister Dominica on behalf of your colleagues and the 104 elementary schools and 34 secondary schools, proud to be Catholic and determined not merely to survive but to thrive as we continue the mission.

(Note: Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., is the deputy superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Newark. Sister Dominica grew up in the East Harlem section of New York during the 1950s. Prior to coming to The Church of Newark, she served as high school superintendent for the Archdiocese of New York. Earlier this year Sister Dominica announced she would be stepping down from her posts as archdiocesan secretary for education and superintendent of schools (see The Catholic Advocate, Feb. 22). Father Kevin Hanbury has been installed as the vicar for education and superintendent (see The Catholic Advocate, Aug. 23) Father Hanbury recently served as the associate dean for the College of Education and Human Services for Seton Hall University, South Orange.)

Faith in the face of terror; remembering victims of 9/11

Time has lost its meaning when it comes to the impact on the Archdiocese of Newark of the 9/11 terrorist attacks five years ago. As is entirely appropriate, in a few days there will be somber remembrances of those murdered at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and on United Flight 93, which, chillingly, departed from Newark Liberty International Airport on that terrible Tuesday morning.

Still, despite the memorials and plans to rebuild, the horror, pain, sorrow and anger of one of the worst days in American history has not diminished.

With a good portion of the Archdiocese of Newark in the shadow of the World Trade Center, what its people experienced and are still trying to cope with is as unique as it is intense.

Faith is a vital part of the healing process, but what happened will never be forgotten.

God bless those who died on 9/11 and everyone trying to cope with their loss. They are in our prayers.

Respect Life

Msgr. Richard McGuinness: a visionary leader committed to the sanctity of life

BY MICHELLE KRYSTOFIK
Special to The Catholic Advocate

I have had the privilege of working with Msgr. Richard McGuinness for the last 12 years in the Respect Life Office. I was blessed to have him as my pastor and true shepherd for the last 18 years at St. John the Apostle Parish in Linden.

He was my mentor, my confidante, my adopted family member and treasured friend. We had serious talks, cried together and had many, many laughs together. He will be sorely missed.

Since his death last month (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 23), I have felt the urge to write down some of what he meant to me and to the Pro-Life movement.

Msgr. Richard McGuinness was a visionary. One of the first things he wanted to do when he became director of the Respect Life Office, was to reintroduce "Project Rachel," a post-abortion healing ministry, to the archdiocese. Msgr. McGuinness knew that while the babies are certainly victims in abortion, there was a real need to embrace those who are so hurt by abortion and bring them back to Jesus.

He knew that Jesus' love, mercy and compassion extends to all caught in the horrible web of abortion. And so, in 1996 we had our first Project Rachel seminar for priests (with two a year since then) and our first Rachel's Vineyard retreat in 1997. We have since held four retreats a year and will be having our 36th retreat this month.

Over 350 men and women have attended these beautiful retreats of healing and reconciliation. Msgr. McGuinness' commitment to post-abortion healing was deep and complete. He attended every one except for one weekend.; we excused him while he had open-heart surgery. He even stopped in our March weekend this year,

when he was not feeling well. During that short visit everyone was touched by his wit and prayerful presence.

There wasn't a question—pro-life or otherwise—that Msgr. McGuinness didn't answer with simplicity and truth. Many times it left me wondering: "Why didn't I think of that?" Even though he was a brilliant scholar and theologian, he was humble, and down to earth. He was always content to let someone else be in the limelight as he happily observed from the sidelines.

In all the years we worked together, I don't think I ever heard him say a bad word about anyone, always looking at others the way Jesus would. Because of this he called forth the best in me, as well as all those he worked with and counseled.

Msgr. Richard McGuinness was committed to fulfilling the mission of the Respect Life Office in educating the people of the Archdiocese of Newark on all pro-life topics. He was always available to answer the difficult questions, whether on abortion or painful end-of-life issues. He faithfully wrote a monthly column for *The Catholic Advocate*. In fact, the last thing he told me when I left for vacation was that he was writing his column that would be ready when I returned. Sadly, it was never completed.

The pro-life movement has lost one of its staunchest defenders, but his legacy of standing up for the littlest, the weakest and the most wounded will live on. It will live on, certainly in all the good things he left behind, but more importantly in all of us, who were touched by this gentle man.

(Note: Michelle Krystofik is the associate director of the Respect Life Office, which is located at St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, phone: 732-388-8211.)

'Teachable' moment: reflections on school trends

For many parents and even some children, September brings with it the welcome sounds of the school bell. For Catholic School families, it also marks the return of the not so welcome school bill, divided into monthly tuition payments, and the start of a new round of fund-raising activities.

Confronted by the quest for more equitable teacher salaries as well as the rising cost of utilities and health-care, both parents and parishes are challenged to stretch budgets almost to the breaking point.

Sometimes the challenge becomes too great and families withdraw their children or parishes announce that savings are exhausted.

An intermediate step is co-sponsorship of a parochial school by several parishes (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 23), providing a venue for parents willing and able to meet the payments, with the cost balance shared by several parish communities.

While in some cases this approach merely postpones the inevitable, as in Garfield Catholic's recent closure, in other situations, such as St. John's Academy in Hillsdale, the student population flourishes to the point where a new extension had to be added.

We are praying for the latter rather than the former here in Bergenfield, Dumont, and New Milford, as the parishes of St. John the Evangelist, St. Mary, and Ascension begin our new co-sponsored Transfiguration Academy. Initially, more parents than expected let the

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By Rev. Msgr.
Richard J. Arnhols



uncertainty of change color their decision to delay registration or go elsewhere.

As the pieces of planning and programming fall into place, however, more families are coming forward and

new ones are recognizing the outstanding potential, which this new academy offers.

Merging schools (or parishes for that matter) is never easy, even with local consultation and cooperative planning, yet the results of

such interaction almost always lead to the improvement of an already praiseworthy endeavor.

Recognizing that regionalization is becoming the current trend in Catholic elementary education, Archbishop John J. Myers recently asked me to chair a task force of priests from our archdiocesan Presbyteral

Council who will dialogue with our Schools Office staff to explore how we can improve the way we bring school communities together. Maintaining the continuity of an effective process while recognizing the uniqueness of each assemblage of people will be the key to further positive development.

Of course, a realistic school voucher program could go a long way to changing the financial implications of Catholic education for both families and parishes. The N.J. Alliance for Catholic School Families continues to press this issue with our legislators. Perhaps some day they will be successful, despite New Jersey's constitutional hurdles.

In the meantime, we pursue the means at our disposal to preserve and enhance our Catholic School mission. Through the sacrifices of parents, teachers, and parishioners, a quality Catholic School education awaits new generations of eager children, who will make tomorrow's decisions for the good of our Church and our world.

Public School students in parish religious education programs also may anticipate some changes, too, as total session time per school year is expanded to 35 hours over the course of this year and next. With so many other influences around us, every effort to improve the quality of Catholic education, whether in Catholic Schools or Religious education programs, can reap rich rewards for faith and for life.

(Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnhols is pastor of St. John the Evangelist parish in Bergenfield, and the archdiocesan vicar for Pastoral Life.)

Exploring ways to improve how we can bring school communities together.

'Custody' of the five senses as God's gifts

Readings: Is 35:4-7; Ps 146:7-10; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37.

The traditional Jewish morning prayer combines many reflections about God's sublime spiritual gifts to His people with a deep appreciation of the blessings of our daily existence. The following text celebrates the mystery of life itself.

"Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, you formed the human being with wisdom and created within each person a system of ducts and tubes. It is well known before your glorious throne that if even one of the former be opened or one of the latter be closed, it would be impossible to exist in your presence. Blessed are you, O Lord; you heal all creatures and do wonders."

Does our morning prayer include an act of thanksgiving for the gift of faith? Do we show appreciation for our five senses?

As the Jewish person opens his or her eyes, there is a prayer of gratitude: "Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, you open the eyes of the blind."

As the anointing of the sick emphasizes, our senses can be instruments of sin and need God's healing. So it is important to understand how to use them well. In times past children were taught to practice "custody of the senses" to avoid the occasion of sin. At no time in history have human beings been so inundated with information and challenges to our senses than in our present society. Nor have there been greater advances in the efforts to overcome disabilities of sight or hearing.

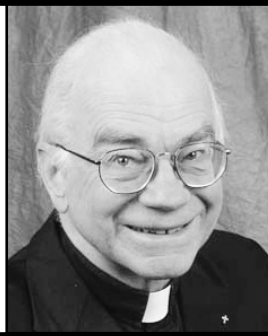
These marvels of communication and healing should be celebrated! However, ever-greater vigilance must be exercised so that the faithful do not lose sight of the higher goal of life that is constituted by obedient service to the living God.

As the Latin term "ob-audire" indicates, the concept of obedience is rooted in a careful listening to God's

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23rd Sunday
of Ordinary Time
(Sept. 10, 2006)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



Word and its development in the Scriptures and in the Church's teaching. Even the written text of the Bible was proclaimed in the liturgy to be heard and taken to heart.

Thus, the great prayer of ancient Israel and of Jews throughout the ages is a call to listen. "Hear, Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord (Lord alone) and you shall love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Dt 6:4-5).

The Letter of James reiterates the teaching of both Jewish teachers and Jesus himself: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (1:22, see Luke 11:28).

The poetry of the prophet Isaiah and his disciples includes many passages depicting the hope of Israel for a fuller life in union with God. The marvelous transformation of the wilderness from winter desolation to abundant blossoms each spring became a symbol of the expectation that God would be manifest in their midst.

"They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God" (Is 35:3). Those most in need—especially

those acknowledging their weakness—would be beneficiaries of God's healing gifts.

For the most part, Jesus restricted His ministry of teaching and healing to the three tribes of Israel that survived after the successive exiles and returned to the Promised Land. However, the evangelists tell of a few excursions into neighboring territories. The episode from St. Mark's Gospel proclaimed this Sunday tells of a journey from (present day) Lebanon into Syria. People with faith in Jesus brought a man who was deaf and therefore could not speak properly. Using symbolic gestures, Jesus prayed and then commanded in Aramaic that the man's ears be opened and his tongue loosened. Such healing would remind Jews of the prophecy: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped... and the tongue of the mute sing for joy" (Is 35:5-6).

Indeed, people should have rejoiced and celebrated the marvel of God's healing power shown through the work of Jesus. In the same way, we should be grateful for the gifts of sight, hearing and speech, ever aware of how fragile they are.

But Jesus forbade an enthusiastic spreading of news about his miracles. To be understood properly, these signs had to be placed within the larger context of his teaching and eventually seen in the light of his death and resurrection. So too, we should acknowledge that our bodily faculties are to be placed at God's service—and our entire being and way of life should draw people to search for God's ways.

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

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Archdiocese to join the celebration of Catechetical Sunday on Sept. 17

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

AREA—The Archdiocese of Newark will join more than a half-million catechists nationwide Sept. 17 in celebration of its witnesses to the faith on Catechetical Sunday.

Under this year's theme echoing the words of Jesus' question to His disciples in the Gospel: "Who Do You Say I Am," parishes throughout the archdiocese will recognize, support and reaffirm their catechists with a commissioning ceremony and special liturgy.

A catechist, according Ronald L. Pihokker, M.A., director of the archdiocesan Catechetical Office, is "a teacher of the faith." While someone can teach religion, he went on, a catechist is a "personal witness" to the faith. The word, Pihokker said, comes

from the Greek, sharing its origin with the English word "echo." A catechist, he noted, "echoes or resounds the faith from generation to generation."

Established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Washington D.C., Catechetical Sunday "highlights the importance of growing in our knowledge and love of Jesus Christ," said Most Rev. Donald W. Wuerl, chairman of the committee on catechesis.

Pihokker explained that Catechetical Sunday "draws attention" to the beginning of the new school year and, with it, the start of the parish's catechetical program.

Training for the volunteers and Catholic school teachers who make up the ranks of local catechists go through three levels leading to certification: spirituality,

doctrine based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and methodology.

A witness to the faith, as Pihokker sees it, is someone who has "a personal experience and knowledge of the Lord" above and beyond the theoretical sphere. "We are faith people, we live faith daily. Out of that lived experience, we teach the faith."

A catechist, he added, must also be "a person of prayer, someone who truly practices what he or she preaches." After all, he said, a catechist is attempting to interpret and make understandable to the culture of today a faith that reaches back 2,000 years and therein exists the "challenge."

Discipleship is also an important concept in being a catechist, Pihokker stressed. Being a disciple, he said, has everything to do

with one's "relationship with Jesus Christ." Jesus is called "master," which in the Gospel sense means teacher, Pihokker noted. The disciple of today continues the "wonderful tradition" of Christ's followers learning at the Lord's feet.

According to the USCCB, by living the theme of this year's Catechetical Sunday "we make an intentional effort to deepen our relationship with Jesus." Six ways to do so are learning more about the Gospel, deepening participation in the Eucharist, basing choices on Christian principles, setting aside time for prayer, cherishing family and friends and reaching out to those in need.

Two major learning tools will be part of the catechetical experience beginning this year both from the USCCB. One is the U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults.



Ronald L. Pihokker

Calling it "a real teaching tool," Pihokker said it utilizes "stories of people of faith" to introduce each concept.

Second is the Compendium of the Catholic Catechism. Pope Benedict XVI, Pihokker noted, was the "principle agent" behind the publication, which is a "faithful and sure synthesis" of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, containing all the essential and fundamental elements of the Church's faith.

U.S. bishops publish new catechism for adults

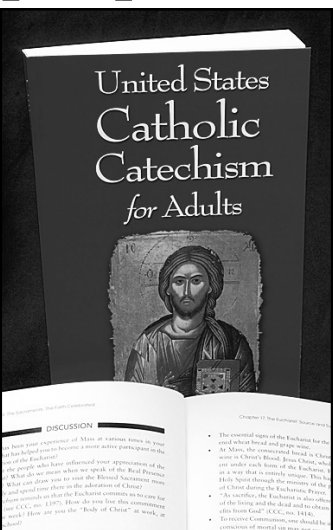
WASHINGTON (CNS)—When U.S. Catholics celebrate Catechetical Sunday Sept. 17, they will have a new resource available to help them deepen their understanding of the faith—the U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults.

Within two weeks after it went on sale July 31, the 664-page adult catechism had sold more than 25,000 copies according to USCCB Publishing, the publishing office of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Adopted by the U.S. bishops in November 2004 and recently approved by the Holy See, the U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults is the first official catechism produced by the nation's bishops since the creation of the Baltimore Catechism, first published in 1885 and revised in 1941.

Unlike the Baltimore Catechism, which was aimed primarily at the religious education of children, the new adult catechism is intended chiefly as an instrument for adults. Those entering the Church can use it to learn about the Catholic faith, while adults who were born and raised Catholic can use it to deepen their understanding of Catholic teachings that they learned about more superficially as children.

The bishops intended the book for a wide audience, but especially for "young adult Catholics whose education in the faith was inadequate or incomplete in any way," USCCB Publishing said in a



(CNS photo)

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release about the new publication.

The adult catechism was written in response to a Vatican request that bishops' conferences develop such national texts to complement the universal Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The adult catechism is adapted to U.S. culture, providing comprehensive and authoritative Church teaching but with a view to the American culture and experience. Like the universal catechism, its contents are arranged under four themes: "The Creed: The Faith Professed;" "The Sacraments: The Faith Celebrated;" "Christian

Morality: The Faith Lived" and "Prayer: The Faith Prayed."

Each of its 36 chapters begins with a brief story about a biblical figure or about a saint or exemplary Catholic, most of them American.

The first chapter, for example, has a brief biography of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, who converted to Catholicism as an adult and founded the U.S. Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

Each chapter addresses aspects of Catholic faith and their application in U.S. culture and closes with discussion questions, a brief summation of the doctrinal points in the chapter, a meditation and a prayer.

At the end of the book are a scriptural index, a topical index and several appendices—a glossary of religious and Catholic terms, traditional Catholic prayers, and a reference guide on official Catholic teachings.

The theme for Catechetical Sunday this year is "Who do you say that I am?"—a question that calls on Christians to reflect on their understanding of Jesus Christ and their relationship to him.

Another new catechetical resource adult Catholics have this year is the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Written in question-answer format, the compendium is a summarized version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

It was produced at the request of Pope John Paul II by a commis-

sion of cardinals, headed by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who is now Pope Benedict XVI. When the compendium was completed and released by the Vatican in June 2005, Pope Benedict said it "contains, in concise form, all the essential and fundamental elements of the church's faith."

USCCB Publishing published the 200-page English and Spanish editions of the compendium in March 2006, and by the end of July had sold more than 125,000 copies.

(Editor's Note: Either book may be ordered online at:

www.usccbpublishing.org, or by phone at: (800) 235-8722. The U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults, publication No. 5-450, is available in paperback for \$24.95 plus shipping and handling. The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church costs \$24.95 in hardcover or \$14.95 in paperback, plus postage and handling. Reference numbers for the compendium are: publication No. 5-720 for English, paperback; No. 5-920 for Spanish, paperback; No. 5-725 for English, hardcover; and No. 5-921 for Spanish, hardcover.)

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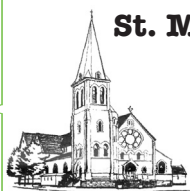
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Our best wishes and welcome
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St. Pat's students live history

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

ELIZABETH—It was a civics classroom neither incoming senior at St. Patrick High School will forget.

For the first half of this year Liliana Pereira and Shataya Hawley were participants in the highly selective Congressional Page program in Washington, D.C.

Pages are high school juniors hired to serve as helpers for the U.S. House of Representatives. Staying in a residence hall and attending school, young people from across the country live, work and study during their time in the nation's capital. The Congressional Page program dates back over two centuries.

The residence hall is located on two floors of the O'Neil House Office Building two blocks from the Capitol and the Library of Congress.



Shataya Hawley and Liliana Pereira on their way to work as Congressional Pages at the U.S. Capitol.

The school is in the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Classes begin at 6:45 a.m.

While over 400 members of Congress recommend young people for the program, only 66 positions are available. Steve Mango, chairman of the Social Studies Department who nominated Liliana and Shataya, pointed out with pride that the school is the first to have two students serving as Pages concurrently. "This is quite an accomplishment given the fact that there are only 66 Pages throughout the entire nation."

Congressman Donald Payne, whom Mango has known for quite some time, nominated the students. Last year when the senior class took a trip to Washington, the congressman asked Mango to nominate two students. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA to be eligible.

Pages become employees of the House working as a team and not in individual representatives' offices. Their duties consist primarily of delivering correspondence, legislative material and small packages within the Congressional complex. A few are assigned to answer telephones in the representatives' cloakroom, take messages, call the representatives on the telephone if they are in the House Chamber and prepare the House Floor for sessions. Others monitor a telephone bank of incoming requests for Page service. A rotation system ensures every Page has an opportunity to experience the various areas of service.

Pages report to work after classes and work until 5 p.m. or until the House adjourns—whichever is later.

"A wonderful experience. It was fun" said Liliana. A typical day, she explained, began at 5:30 a.m. and included school and then working on the House Floor. She was assigned to the Democratic side of the aisle and interacted with, among others, former presidential candidate and Massachusetts Senator John Kerry and New York Senator Hilary Clinton who is expected to run for the White House in the next presidential election. Liliana and her classmate were both on the floor during the State of the Union address. Her reaction in a word: "wow."

Also assigned to Democrats, Shataya's reaction to the workings of the federal government is that "it is all over the place, a lot is always happening." She considers herself "fortunate" to have been a Page and worked "where the action is." Recalling the State of the Union address, Shataya said it was "really great" to see President Bush.

Another common characteristic of the former Pages is that neither is interested in politics. While it was "an amazing experience," Liliana is considering a career in the criminal justice field.

Mango said he is "very pleased to have had Shataya and Liliana exposed to the workings of our nation's government. They have gained valuable knowledge and have met a number of influential people."

Mattera: Educator of the Year

ORADELL—It wasn't all that long ago that Anthony Mattera didn't care much for Bergen Catholic High School.

As a star lineman for the Paramus Catholic High School football team, the Palisades Park native developed a dislike for one of his alma mater's archrivals.

However, things have changed. As a result of his outstanding work in his first year as Bergen Catholic's vice-principal, the Emerson resident was recently awarded Bergen Catholic's "Educator of the Year" award during a ceremony at the school.

"Anthony is an educator who embodies making good better," Principal Dr. Joseph S. Fusco said. "I have observed Anthony grow from a rookie teacher to a polished educator. His greatest talent is that he fills the lives of so many of his students with his invisible gifts."

After graduating from Paramus Catholic, Mattera matriculated at Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y., where he earned B.A. degrees in History and Secondary Education. From

there, he went to St. Peter's College in Jersey City to earn an M.A. in Administration and Curriculum Development.

Mattera arrived at Bergen Catholic in 1994 to teach History. He earned a reputation as one of the most productive football coaches during his 11 seasons on the football staff, and he also coached lacrosse for two years.

He served as dean of students seven years before being named as vice-principal last September. In addition to his duties as vice-principal, he has been the chairman of the history department and director of activities the last four years.

"Bergen Catholic has become my second home for the past 12 years. I've had a great experience here due to my excellent colleagues and tremendous students who are caring, hard working, dedicated and grounded," he explained. He gives credit to his rapid development to Dr. Fusco, whom he calls "a great mentor and leader."

Mattera resides in Emerson with his wife, Dawn, and daughters Alyssa and Joya.



Anthony Mattera, left, receives the Educator of the Year award from Brother Lawrence T. Murphy, C.F.C., school president.

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Blessed Sacrament has new principal

ELIZABETH—Sister Jadwiga Chlus, L.S.I.C. of the Little Servant Sisters of Jesus Christ is the new principal of Blessed Sacrament School.

A veteran of 15 years in Catholic education, Sister Jadwiga had been a third grade teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Milltown.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from the University of Connecticut and a Masters Degree in Educational Administration from Seton Hall University.

Blessed Sacrament School has students from Pre-

K through eighth grade. It is expected some 200 students will walk through the door when the school bell rings in the fall.

Reflecting on her new assignment, Sister Jadwiga said she wants to “work with the parents in preparing their children spiritually as well as intellectually and physically.”

Sister Jadwiga noted that she and Sister Elizabeth Halaj, who will teach second grade, mark the return of Sisters to the school. Sister Elizabeth holds a Masters Degree in Education from Seton Hall.



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Youngsters’ healthcare available

NEWARK—Saint James Hospital, a Cathedral Healthcare System facility, will hold a “Back to School” enrollment event Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Designed to promote NJ

Father Costa

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There have also been students over the years, he lamented, who have made the supreme sacrifice.

His experience with the cadets, Father Costa explained, has resulted in his becoming “very confident in America’s future.” The young men and women he has helped educate are “committed to the United States, to freedom and to God.” He cited, too, the military’s stress on academics, training and physical conditioning. When all of this is combined with an honor code rooted in ethical behavior and moral development, said Father Costa, it “borders on a spiritual type of training.”

In all his years at West Point, he pointed out, he has never heard “a bad word” about any U.S. president. He attributes that to the military ethic not unlike the ethic that exists in the Church.

As he walks around the post, Father Costa noted that although the cadets know he is a civilian, there is always a deep “sense of trust and respect.”

The spiritual aspects of his tenure at West Point have been very humbling. As an example, Father Costa mentioned he will preside at a cadet’s wedding this fall. Initially the cadet told the priest that he did not believe in God, but after some exposure to Father Costa and conversations with the priest, the young man changed his mind.

FamilyCare, it will take place in the hospital lobby. The hospital is located at 155 Jefferson St.

NJFamilyCare provides affordable health coverage for uninsured children, 18 years old and younger, and certain low-income parents and guardians.

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Funded by the federal and state governments, NJ FamilyCare is for families who do not have available or affordable employer insurance and who cannot afford to pay the high cost of private health insurance. More information about NJ FamilyCare is available at www.njfamilycare.org.

Golf ‘classic’ slated Sept. 18

ELIZABETH—Former New York Giants Running Back Rodney Hampton will be the special guest golfer at the Trinitas Health Foundation's sixth annual Golf Classic on Sept. 18 at the Shackamaxon Golf & Country Club, Scotch Plains.

To accommodate player preference, there will be two Shot Gun Starts, at 8 a.m. and at 1p.m. A brunch, gourmet buffet dinner, raffles and special prizes will be offered.

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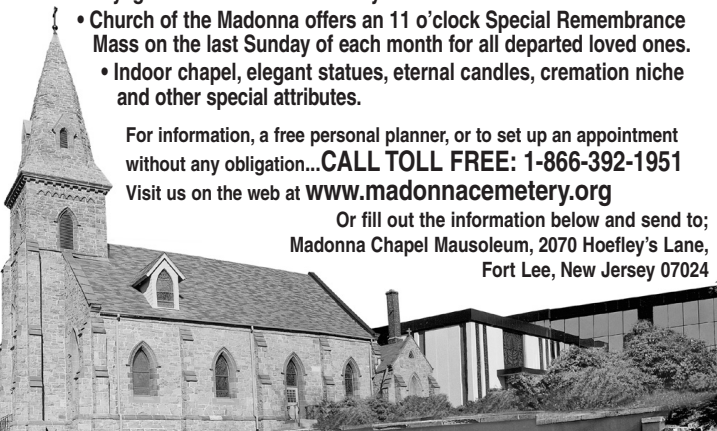
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All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System and Cathedral Healthcare System, which comprises Columbus Hospital, Saint James Hospital and Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark.

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With space limited to the first 212 golfers, early registration is recommended. To register, or to learn about a variety of event and dinner sponsorship opportunities, please call Francine Berra, at (973) 690-3582.

The Cathedral Foundation raises money through events, grants, annual support and major gifts to further the work of the affiliates of Catholic Health and Human Services Corporation.

Peace prayers to mark 9/11

MAPLEWOOD—On the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, the faithful of St. Joseph Parish will gather for prayer and reflection at 8:30 p.m. in the church at 767 Prospect St.

This time of remembrance will include prayers for local residents, and family and friends lost on 9/11. A highlight will be "A Path of Peace" with candle lighting ceremony, readings, silent reflection and music. It is timed to begin after Maplewood Township's memorial event. The gathering is open to the public.

For additional information, contact Rev. JM Manolo A. Punzalan at (973) 761-5933.

Telephone volunteers sought

NEWARK — Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark is seeking Essex County volunteers for the Essex Telephone Reassurance Program, an effort designed to help ensure the well-being of elderly residents who are isolated and lack social contact.

By making daily phone calls, the program's trained volunteers reach out to frail and vulnerable seniors 60 years of age or older living alone in Montclair, Essex Fells, Fairfield, Roseland, Caldwell, West Caldwell and North Caldwell, to make sure they are safe and well.

"We interview prospective volunteers and senior citizens so that we can make an appropriate match," explained the program's coordinator, Kelley Bierwirth, "and we also match up each volunteer with a partner who can fill in when the volunteer is unable to call. At approximately the same time each day, our volunteers call the senior citizens, who must notify us if they plan to be away. If someone doesn't answer, we activate emergency procedures promptly."

A United Way grant helps support the Essex Telephone Reassurance Program, which is free to participants in the designated service area.

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VERONA—CCD students at Our Lady of the Lake Parish recently raised \$2,500 to help fight hunger and poverty worldwide. The funds were donated to Heifer International, which assists the underprivileged in feeding themselves by providing various farm animals. This year the youngsters raised the dollars primarily through contributions from their fellow CCD classmates. The money went toward the purchase of two heifers, two goats, a water buffalo, two sheep, four goats and two llamas. Last year similar purchases were made with \$1,500 that was raised.

St. Anthony of Padua to celebrate Latin rite

WEST ORANGE—For the first time in 35 years, the sacrament of Confirmation in the Archdiocese of Newark will be celebrated according to the traditional pre-Vatican II Latin rite. This Latin rite sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sept. 16, 11 a.m., at Saint Anthony of Padua Chapel, 1360 Pleasant Valley Way. Most Reverend John W. Flesey, S.T.D., D.D., auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, will serve as the celebrant. Two years ago Archbishop John J. Myers designated Saint Anthony of Padua Chapel as a site for the celebration of the Mass and the sacraments according to the traditional pre-Vatican II Latin rite. The traditional Latin Mass is also celebrated and shared with the Novus Ordo Mass, at Holy Rosary in Jersey City. Contact Father Anthony Forte, Saint Anthony of Padua Chapel, at (973) 325-2233 for more information.

Essay winners

ORADELL —Two recent graduates of Bergen Catholic High School were named as winners in the 2006 Annual Essay Contest that was sponsored by Knights of Columbus Saint Gabriel Council 11889 in Saddle River. Ryan Casey of Montvale and Peter Russo of Ridgewood were selected as second-place and third-place winners, respectively, in the boys' division of the contest. Sixty eight senior boys and girls from Catholic high schools in the area submitted essay on the theme "The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society."



Taking part in this year's CCD fund raising effort were, left to right, Hunter Grasso, Jenni Lyon, Olivia DeCastro, Paige Massaker, Gale Lyon, Conner Little, Jenna Tobey, Amanda Massaker, Natalie Wertz, Haley Robinson, Ryan Gault, Courtney Hofman and Bill Gault.

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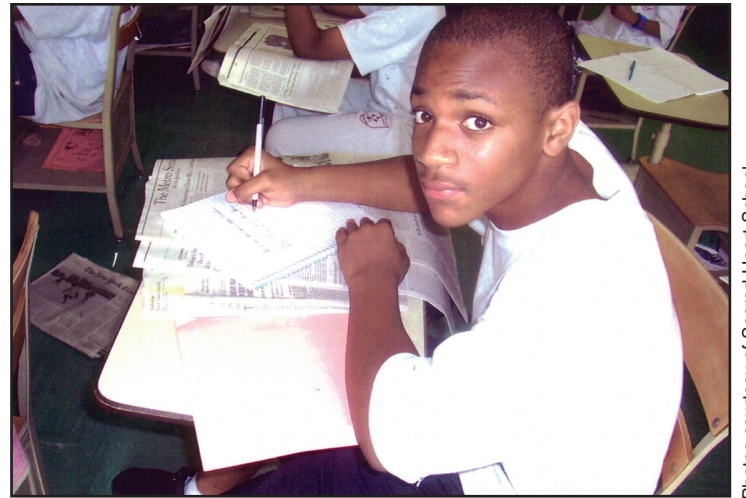
STIRLING—To mark the fifth anniversary of 9/11 terrorist attacks, The Shrine of St. Joseph will hold a Candlelight Vigil Service with the theme "Legacy of Hope" at the Tower of Remembrance, on Monday, Sept. 11 at 8:30 p.m.

Father Peter Krebs, S.T. director of the Shrine, described the special ecumenical service as designed to "raise testimonies, prayer, and images of the legacy of hope given to us by those heroic men and women whose spirits continue to live within us."

Located on the grounds of The Shrine of St. Joseph, the Tower of Remembrance is a 35-foot high memorial, combining steel from the North Tower of the World Trade Center with bells from the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity's Seminary in Monroe, VA. The name of each person who died at The World Trade Center, the Pentagon and on United Airlines Flight 93, is inscribed on the memorial walls. In remembrance of the lives lost, the bells toll 46 minutes after each hour, 7 days a week, beginning at 8:46 a.m. and concluding at 8:46 p.m.

Since its dedication in 2002, the Tower of Remembrance has attracted thousands of people who come to remember the dead and to pray for healing.

The Tower is open all day, every day. Visitors are always welcome.



Photos courtesy of Sacred Heart School



SUMMER FUN AT SACRED HEART—Sacred Heart School, located on Hazelwood Avenue in the Vailsburg section of Newark, welcomed over 200 students to its 16th annual summer program in July and August. Students, like Daniel Marshall (top), participated in morning math, reading, science and social studies classes, then enjoyed afternoon activities, such as a swim at Boylan Street Pool. Students also made weekly field trips to Kids Camp in Newton, and collaborated with Seton Hall University to take part in a recycling/community beautification program. Brother Patrick Byrne is the principal of Sacred Heart School, which has served the Greater Newark community for 112 years.

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The highlight of the feast occurs on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 11 a.m. when Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers. Following Mass will be the procession of a statue of the Madonna dei Martiri, patroness of Molfetta, through local streets.

At about 3 p.m. the statue will be brought to Pier A for the blessing of the fleet. The statue will be placed on a ferry and be taken to the World Financial Center where prayers will be offered for the victims of 9-11. The statue will then be brought back to St. Francis Parish at about 8 p.m. for Benediction.

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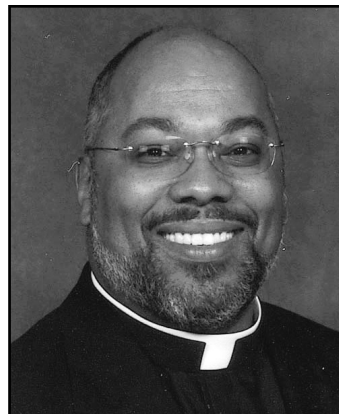
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FILIPINO PRIEST FELLOWSHIP—Filipino priests celebrated a Mass at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, on Aug. 23, in honor of Feast of the Queenship of Mary. The celebration also served as an opportunity for archdiocesan Filipino priests to gather and enjoy fellowship. Celebrants included (left to right) Father Jose C. Saltarin, the pastor of St. Anne Parish in Jersey City and the former president of the Filipino Clergy of America; Msgr. Richard J. Arnolds, the pastor of St. John and the archdiocesan vicar for Pastoral Life; and Father Ernesto C. Tibay, a St. John parochial vicar and the Filipino apostolate of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Ecclesiastical design exhibition at SHU

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

SOUTH ORANGE—Troy Joseph Simmons, architectural historian and patrimony project manager for the Archdiocese of Newark, is curator of a Sept. 11-Oct. 27 exhibition, "Form, Function and Faith, The American Arts and Crafts in Ecclesiastical Design" at Seton Hall University's Walsh Library Gallery.

Simmons organized the exhibition that will focus on the arts and crafts movement as it relates to Church design circa 1900-1940. Featured will be the work of architect Charles Donagh Maginnis and stained glass artist Charles J. Connick.

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in South Orange is the source of many of the objects that will be on display. The show documents the peak of arts and crafts design in American church architecture and will include a mix of architectural artifacts, drawings and documentary photographs examining the period.

Gallery director Jeanne Brasile



Stained-glass artist Charles J. Connick will be featured at the exhibition that opens later this month in the Walsh Library Gallery.

credits Simmons' "superb knowledge of Church design and history" as the "key factor" in bringing the exhibition to the public. "Without Troy, this exhibition would not be possible. His knowledge of the subject matter is without equal and his enthusiasm for this topic will be appar-

ent to our audience," said the gallery director.

Simmons will speak at a reception Sept. 14 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The exhibition is free and open to the public. For additional information contact Brasile at brasilje@shu.edu or call (973) 275-2033.

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