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Coretta Scott King's legacy glistens at Queen of Angels

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
 Staff Writer

NEWARK—Celebrating a Mass late last month in remembrance of Coretta Scott King at Queen of Angels Parish, Archbishop John J. Myers called her “our beloved mother” and commended the local parish for being in the forefront of the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s.

Coretta Scott King died on Jan. 30. She was 78.

The parish, in March 1968, was chosen as a headquarters for the Kings' visit here in their fight to help the poor and marginalized. Just two weeks after that visit, Martin Luther King was assassinated in Memphis, TN.

“Coretta Scott King encouraged everyone to keep moving forward toward the dream of peace,” Archbishop Myers said. “We are all brothers and sisters. We gather to praise God for the gift of (Coretta Scott King's) life and the great dignity in which she spent her days with Dr. King and the days after his death. Thank God for her real contribution to social justice in the United States. Complete social justice has not been achieved, but much progress has been made because people like the Kings stepped out and made a difference.”

‘She (Coretta Scott King) remained strong and gave everyone a sense of hope.’

—Joyce Smith Carter

The King's plight for peace and justice was sought through non-violent methods, which Archbishop Myers cited as being especially important in the Christian faith. “We honor Mrs. King's discipleship, forthrightness and commitment to peace,” he said.

The legacy of social justice and advocacy, which was promoted by the Kings, lives on in Joyce Smith Carter, a parishioner at Queen of Peace. Carter traveled with Dr. King when he visited Newark.

“I admire Coretta Scott King for keeping everyone focused after Dr. King's assassination,” Carter said. “The movement was in fragments after his death. She remained strong and gave everyone a sense of hope. She gathered everyone together to continue the fight for civil rights. She just gleamed with grace, dignity and compassion.”

Thirty-eight years ago, when Carter was a CYO secretary at Queen of Angels, she was asked to assist Dr. King as his “secretary for the day” as he went around the city galvanizing support for his fight against poverty and injustice.

“The CYO and I didn't realize the significance of what we were doing at the time,” Carter recalled. “The civil rights

movement was always in the South and all of a sudden, it was here in our city. I was able to witness Dr. King's scholarship, brilliance and compassion. Coretta was like a mirror; she was the other side of Dr. King.”

Carter said she is still in tune with the King's message and currently serves as the director of Quest Inc., a group that works with inner-city youth here.

“Coretta Scott King is a model of womanhood,” Carter said. “She shouldered so many burdens like so many young women do today. I see young single mothers expressing the difficulty of raising a child. Coretta was the single mother that I most admire.”



Archbishop Myers, the main celebrant in the Mass at Queen of Angels Parish, reminded the congregation to celebrate Mrs. King's life as a peacemaker and crusader for social justice.



The choir at Queen of Angels Parish sings the praises of Civil Rights pioneer Coretta Scott King, who died Jan. 30.



The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver works to uphold the legacy of Coretta Scott King. Members of the auxiliary, left to right, include Lady Alma Brown, Grand Lady Shirley Rush and Lady Mary Tate.

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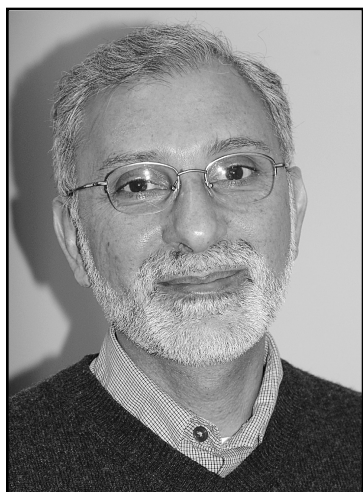
Interfaith dialogue

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The dialogue can open many channels of communication in numerous directions, he continued. When Muslims living in the United States return to their countries of origin to visit family and friends, “they can teach people there the truth about Americans and the U.S. culture.”

One obstacle to dialogue is the negative portrayal of Islam in the U.S. media, according to Ibrahim. He cited a disturbing absence of “moderate Islamic voices” in news reports generated by many U.S. newspapers and television networks.

“There are extremists—on both sides—trying to portray a certain picture of Islam,” Ibrahim said. “This creates misconceptions. Islam is not a religion based on jihad (holy war). Islam is a religion of peace. We seek a peaceful coexistence with other communities. This is what the majority of Muslims believe.” He also noted Muslims and Catholics have “many shared values” regarding the importance of faith and the sanctity of life.



Yasir Ibrahim

Like Professor Ibrahim, El Filali is well aware of how Muslims sometimes are portrayed in an extreme, negative way by the U.S. media. However, he was philosophical about the situation.

“Anyone can complain,” El Filali said. “I must be willing to roll up my sleeves and try to change things in a positive way. Yes, we (Muslims) are the victims of stereotypes and ignorance. I could complain all I want, but the great prophets never would have complained about such things.”

As part of his community outreach responsibilities, El Filali—who was born in Casablanca, Morocco—rolls up his sleeves to serve as the Muslim chaplain for the Passaic County jail in Paterson.

“It’s very sad,” he said, refer-

ring to the prison inmates he counsels. The sorrows of crime, poverty, drug abuse, family violence and children born out of wedlock all damage the social fabric of the community; they also represent potential topics in interfaith dialogue, according to El Filali.

“If you establish an interfaith dialogue, there is always a question about where to take the discussion,” El Filali observed. “We should see how we—as people of faith—jointly can change the social ills of society through our dialogue. We must think about how we can save lives and souls.”

The center and mosque (www.icpc.com) in Paterson is, literally, a neighbor to the Catholic Church. The building is adjacent to the residence of Bishop Arthur Serratelli, the leader of the Diocese of Paterson and the former auxiliary bishop of Newark.

“He is a good neighbor and a good man,” El Filali said of Bishop Serratelli.

The Interfaith Dialog Center in Carlstadt (www.idcnj.org), which was founded three years ago by Turkish/American Muslims, serves as a stage for interreligious programs. Dr. Levent Koc, the director and program coordinator for the center, said M. Fethullah Gulen—a Turkish scholar, social activist, poet and writer, who has been a global intellectual force in Islam for more than 30 years—is the inspiration behind the Carlstadt center.

Koc, who was born in Mersin, Turkey, said the primary goal of the center is to bring together people of different faiths to address issues of common concern. The center fulfills this mandate by organizing scholarly lectures and conferences, as well as sponsoring cultural exchange tours in Turkey. Islam’s tradition is to invite neighbors to the table to share food and conversation, Koc said, referring to programs at the center.

Religious intolerance often is the root cause of international problems such as terrorism, poverty, disease and human rights abuses, Koc pointed out. “Some are trying to create a clash of cultures,” he lamented, referring to recent international events. “Peace does not suit the political agendas of some governments and organizations. There is hatred in their hearts.”

What are the first steps to build an infrastructure of Catholic/Muslim interfaith dia-



Advocate photos: M. Gabriele

Levent Koc

logue here in northern New Jersey and beyond? Father Francis V. Tiso, Ph. D., the secretariat for ecumenical and interreligious affairs for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Washington, said that in order for the dialogue to be credible it should arise from a lay initiative. Father Tiso was a guest speaker last month at the Interfaith Dialog Center.

Once established, it is important for faith-based groups to publicly trumpet their dialogue, Father Tiso advised, explaining that such initiatives provide tangible benefits for a community as a support network to mediate religious conflicts.

For example, a flash point did occur in Jersey City in early 2005, sparked by the brutal murder of a Coptic Christian family. The ugly rumor in the

neighborhood was that someone in the local Muslim community was responsible for the heinous crime, and that the slayings were motivated by existing religious friction between the two groups. However, those rumors proved to be false as Jersey City police eventually arrested two non-Muslims.

The North Jersey Christian/Muslim Project, chaired by Father Phil Latronico, the executive secretary of the Commission for Interreligious Affairs for the Archdiocese of Newark, helped to keep a lid on the simmering tensions in Jersey City last year. In addition, the Brotherhood Sisterhood Association of Hudson County, headed by Father Gene Squeo, also worked diligently to keep peace in Jersey City.

Father Tiso, from his USCCB office, communicated with Father Latronico during this volatile episode and understood that the situation—had it erupted into violence—would have reverberated on the world stage.

“The last thing we wanted was to get a call from Cairo (Egypt) that people there were rioting because of what was going on in Jersey City,” he said—a startling observation on how a “local” incident in the archdiocese could have had serious global consequences.

Coptic Orthodox Christianity, according to tradition, was established by the apostle Mark in Egypt in the 1st Century. Coptics represent about 15 percent of the overall population in Egypt.



Father Francis V. Tiso

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Father Latronico, who has thought globally and acted locally on community relations between Muslims and Catholics for 20 years, said the philosophical starting point for interfaith dialogue involves understanding the perception of “the other,” and then going beyond that perception to see the truth in things as “the other” would see it.

At its best, interfaith dialogue should not attempt to “agree” on all things, but rather to peacefully acknowledge and respect differences in the discussion, reaffirm common ground and celebrate the customs and beliefs that each participant brings to the table.

His years of dialogue with Muslims “has made me more Catholic,” Father Latronico said. “For me to talk to someone from another religion, I first have to know who I am. I have to be clear about my convictions. I have to learn how to share my faith with others. I believe this is an imperative of God. The motivation (for interfaith dialogue) is bigger than any political or business agenda.”

(Note: Special thanks to Monsignor James Cafone, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, Monsignor Robert Wister, Seton Hall University, and Father James Worth parochial vicar, St. James Parish, Springfield — three members of The Catholic Advocate’s Editorial Advisory Board — and Father Phil Latronico, for editing this article.)

Achievements acknowledged

NEWARK—Scouts, their parents and adult leaders filled the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart last month for the annual presentation of awards.

Extending a “welcome to the scouting family of the Archdiocese of Newark,” Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha said it was “great” to see the Cathedral Basilica “filled with scouts and their families to “celebrate and honor” those who have been “faithful to scouting” throughout the Church of Newark.

Bishop da Cunha said it was “inspirational” to see so many young people and adults who adhere to the “values” of scouting.

The Sunday afternoon blessing service of those receiving award was for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.

Saying the best way to show gratitude to God is to share one’s gifts with one another, Bishop da Cunha said scout leaders serve as “a model” to the young people under their charge.

Turning to the scouts who filled the pews, Bishop da Cunha told them “you have a great responsibility to be the good Christians God has called you to be.”



Scouts wait in the pews to receive their awards from Bishop da Cunha.

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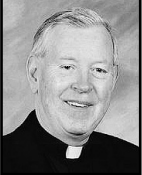
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Daily, he travels deep underground, to the sewer that many of these little ones call home, bringing food, clothing — and the knowledge that even in their “Good Friday” existence, Jesus has not abandoned them and He loves them. Father Sales also cares for these children above ground at a Church-run center. † This Lent, will you pray for and offer financial help through the Propagation of the Faith to support the priests, Religious and lay catechists in the Missions as they serve among the suffering poor no matter the “Good Friday”



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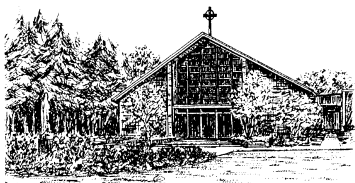
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March 8

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



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, Rosary Altar Society fish and chips dinner, (take-out) 5-5:30 p.m., (sit-down) 5:30-7:30 p.m., Cost: \$15 for adults, \$5 for children, Call Pat Debbie at (908) 654-5388.

March 9

Bloomfield College, Bloomfield, "Womanly Gestures: The Energetic Works of Fern Bass," 6 p.m., (973) 748-9000 ext. 780.

March 10

Trinity Academy, Caldwell, Casino Night, Mayfair Farms, West Orange, Cost: \$70, (973) 884-4456.

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland, Lenten Pasta Night, 6 p.m., Cost: \$16 and \$8 for children, Call Anne at (973) 226-7399.

Mother Seton Regional High School, gift auction, 7:30 p.m., Cost: \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, RSVP ASAP, (732) 382-1952.

March 11

Catholic War Veterans, Our Lady of Assumption Post 1612, Bayonne, blood drive, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Call Mary at (201) 882-3748.

St. Phil's Singles, Livingston, volleyball game, 7:30 p.m., (973) 340-4001.

The Province of Newark Councils of Catholic Women will hold its first Mass and Communion Breakfast at the Rock Spring Club in West Orange. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. For additional information call Audrey Calligy at (201) 659-5723.

March 12

St. Aedan Parish, Jersey City, Mass for peace in Northern Ireland, 10 a.m., (201) 656-3996.

Theology on Tap, Bloomfield, "You, the Other Side of Me: Straight Talk on Relationships," 7 p.m., Senoritas Mexican Grill, Cost: \$15, (973) 743-0099.

March 13

The Veronica McDevitt Rosary Society of Immaculate Conception Parish, Elizabeth, meeting/luncheon, "Laughter Cures the Heart," 1 p.m., Call Mary at (908) 352-6662.

**March 15**

Church of the Presentation Parish, Upper Saddle River, Welcoming Gathering, 7:30-9:30 p.m., also March 22, 29, and April 5, call Joseph Nuzzi at (201) 327-1313 ext. 31.

St. Phillip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, "Lenten Journey: An Evening of Music and Reflection," 7:30 p.m., (201) 843-2240.

**March 18**

St. Phil's Singles, Livingston, hike at South Mountain Reservation, West Orange, 1:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m., (973) 340-4001.

Knights of Columbus, Queen of Peace Council #3428, North Arlington, Irish and Italian Night, 6:30 p.m., Cost: \$20, (201) 991-9606.

Ascension Parish, New Milford, St. Patrick's Day dinner-dance, 7:30-11:30 p.m., Cost \$27.50 per person, Call Theresa at (201) 692-3759 or Marguerite at (201) 385-0159.

March 19

St. Casimir Parish, Newark, Legion of Mary "Acies" Mass and dedication to Our Lady, 3 p.m., (201) 246-9005.

St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, "Smoke Signals," 2 p.m., (201) 666-2707. RSVP by Mar. 15.

St. Joseph School, Jersey City, buffet luncheon and Casino-in-the-Park, following noon Mass, (201) 653-0128.

March 23

St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, trip to Italy, Through April 3, Cost: \$2,299, www.travelfour.com or 1-877-812-4949.

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Ascension Parish, New Milford, trip to the Golden Isles of Georgia, April 17-13, Cost: \$619, for reservations and info, call Anna at (201) 387-2632.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, Catholics Who Happen to Be Single Club, Caribbean cruise, June 13-21, Call Leonora at (973) 743-6100.

St. Margaret of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry, bereavement support group, 7:45 p.m., Call Helen at (973) 471-5473 or Mary at (201) 641-5093.



St. Teresa rolls up its sleeves to assist victims of hurricane

SUMMIT—St. Teresa of Avila Parish has been busy on a variety of fronts in helping out the victims of the hurricanes in the Gulf Coast.

An 18-wheeler truck was loaded with food and diapers, given to the Newark Food Bank, and taken to the affected area by the food bank's director and staff.

Hurricane victims who came to Summit were provided with food, clothing and items to meet miscellaneous needs during their stay.

The parish's Disaster Sponsor Committee focused on the Hispanic Community Center of Gulfport, MS, and is helping those in need who have been able to obtain assistance from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Cell phones were sent by the committee to enable the storm victims to contact transportation pools. Tents, cots, sleeping bags and duffle bags were shipped directly to the community center.

The parish's Disaster Education Committee donated 50 lunch boxes and 16 listening center headphones for the Pre-K class to Bay Catholic Elementary School in Bay St. Louis, MS; tool kits and light bulbs, office supplies and stamps to St. Clare Elementary School in Waveland, MS; St. Alphonsus Ele-

mentary School in Ocean Springs, MS, received 22 replacement library books with more expected to be sent south while Sacred Heart School, Hattiesburg, MS, is scheduled to receive Bibles and religious books.

A \$100,000 donation was given to the Biloxi Diocese by an anonymous parish donor. The money will be used to replace books and help to replace or repair a school in the inner city. A check was sent to a mother of three in New Orleans who needed seed money for gas and staples so she could settle into a new job in Texas.

Combining forces with the Father Judge Apostolic Center in Stirling, the parish sent four pilgrims to Pearlinton, MS, to help to clear lots so that a FEMA trailer could be provided to those unable to work on the property. Jeff Harrington Movers from Berkeley Heights donated a truck and drivers. A 40-foot van was filled with food, clothing and tools. Also on board was all the food and equipment necessary for a Thanksgiving dinner. The cost of the trip was shared with the apostolic center.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish also sent a donation to its namesake in New Orleans to help in the repair of windows.



Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

REMEMBERING FATHER WASHINGTON—St. Stephen's Parish, Kearny, celebrated a special Mass on Feb. 5 to honor the memory of Father John P. Washington and the hero chaplains of the U.S.A.T. Dorchester. Leading the event were (seated, left to right) Father Joseph A. Mancini, parochial vicar of St. Stephen, Bishop Dominic Marconi, retired auxiliary bishop of Newark, and Francis J. Kowalski, state commander, Catholic War Veterans of America, Department of New Jersey Inc. The Dorchester was attacked and sunk in the North Atlantic on Feb. 3, 1943. Father Washington, who had been assigned to St. Stephen, was one of four chaplains on board the ship that fateful day. In an ultimate act of sacrifice and courage, the chaplains gave up their life vests to aid other sailors and perished in the incident.

Reader defends Bush’s philosophy

Editor,
Many times when one speaks to Catholics about the need to vote pro-life, they often minimize the abortion issue and instead stress the death penalty.

I refer now to the letter from Frank Miklos (*The Catholic Advocate* Feb. 22), in which he implies President Bush’s position on the death penalty negates him as being truly pro-life. I disagree.

Abortion has killed over 47 million pre-born babies compared to a few hundred death-penalty criminals. Furthermore, abortion is always intrinsically evil; the death penalty is not.

The abortion issue holds primacy and President Bush thankfully has performed well here, from appointing strict constructionist pro-life judges to signing the bill banning partial-birth abortion.

Next to Sen. John Kerry (D-MA), who calls himself Catholic but dissents from many Church teachings, it was an easy choice to vote for President Bush.

Deanna Hohmann
West Caldwell

Drawing distinction between abortion, capital punishment

Editor,
I am constantly amazed at how anyone, especially Catholics, can compare abortion to capital punishment as the gentleman spoke of in his letter. (*The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 22).

Yes, the Church hold’s life precious, but to compare the murdering of the innocent unborn child—the key word here is “innocent”—to the punishment of an adult who has chosen to commit a heinous crime is absurd. To make it worse, the procedures that are used to perform an abortion are brutal, barbaric and unthinkable. Yet most don’t want to “think” or hear about this in detail.

Capital punishment, on the other hand, is just what it states—punishment for a heinous crime, committed by a responsible adult, using his right to choose.

The Catechism states: Catechism of the Catholic Church 2266: “Preserving the common good of society requires rendering the aggressor unable to inflict harm. For this reason the traditional teaching of the Church has acknowledged as well-founded the right and duty of legitimate public authority to punish malefactors by means of penalties commensurate with the gravity of the crime, not excluding, in cases of extreme gravity, the death penalty.”

We are blessed with a president who is a believer. He may not be “Catholic” and certainly not perfect, but he follows Christ and is not afraid to show this to the world.

The letter writer (on Feb. 22) stated that our president did not stand against

abortion after he was elected. That is not the case. President Bush has most certainly stood up against the crime of the murdering of the innocents from the first day he was in office.
I suggest we do as Our Blessed Mother Mary advised: pray, pray, pray for our country and our world.

Marie Vasta
North Bergen

A special salute

Editor,
Thousands of mourners waited for hours in freezing rain at Atlanta’s Ebenezer Baptist Church and the state capitol rotunda to pay their respects to the “first lady of the civil rights movement,” Coretta Scott King, who died on Jan. 30. President Bush and former President Clinton led the list of dignitaries at memorial services.

Coretta Scott King was much more than a devoted wife and partner of the celebrated civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She traveled throughout the globe on behalf of peace and nonviolence, racial and economic justice, minority rights, religious freedom, the poor and homeless, educational opportunities, nuclear disarmament, and ecological sanity. She helped to establish dozens of organizations advocating social justice, received honorary doctorates from over 60 colleges and universities, and authored three books and a nationally syndicated column.

Coretta Scott King was also a vegan, who eschewed all products of animal suffering, including meat, dairy, eggs, leather, and cosmetics containing animal ingredients or tested on animals. Her strong belief in peace and nonviolence extended to the violence perpetrated against billions of innocent, sentient animals in America’s factory farms and slaughterhouses. Her passion for justice extended to the most downtrodden living creatures on the planet—animals bred, abused, and killed for food, fur, research, and entertainment.

Coretta Scott King truly practiced what she preached. And for that, I salute her.

Niles Capenter
Newark

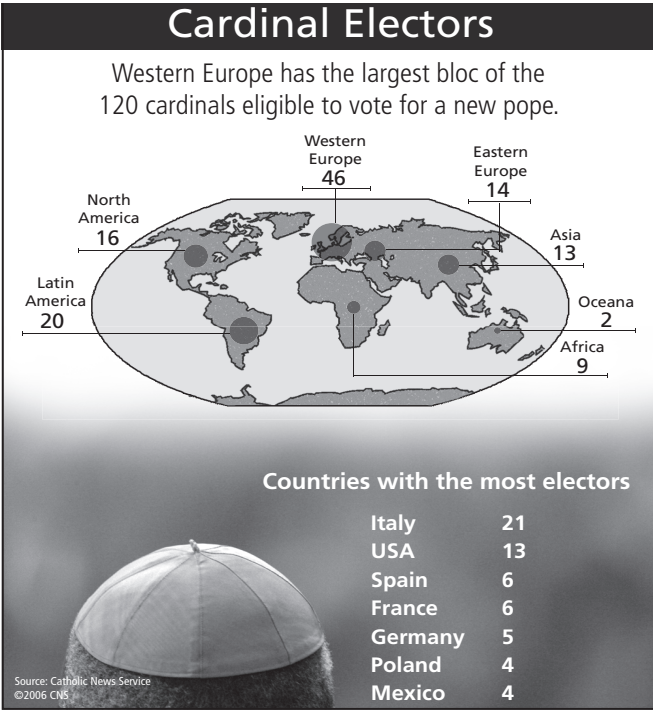
Praise for column

Editor,
Kudos to the column by Msgr. John Gilchrist (*The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 8) for helping me define my “quiet” Catholicism.

Ever since the Latin Mass was unceremoniously sidetracked in the middle of the 20th Century, to be replaced by guitar music, fishless Fridays, and handshakes, I have quietly questioned that I may be an active non-participant in this “new” Church.

While intellectually acceptant of said changes, I thank the monsignor for the vindication he has afforded me, many of my contemporaries and probably all of my ancestors, whom I know, loved and miss.

Tom Gormanly
Cranford



Following the March 24 consistory, there will be 120 cardinals eligible to vote in a conclave for a new pope. The largest bloc of voters comes from Western Europe, with Italians still holding the most votes.

CNS graphic

Catholics and the NJCC agenda

As does the Archdiocese of Newark, the Garden State represents a cross section of the country. That is evident in the 2006 legislative agenda issued recently by the New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) (see the Feb. 22 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*).

Headed by Archbishop John J. Myers, the NJCC is composed of the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey. The legislative agenda contains the bishops’ stance on public policy and reflects recommendations of a committee comprised of members of each diocese and from various areas of Church ministry.

The conference has two main functions in dealing with both Trenton and Washington. It interacts and advocates. Given the ponderous and often frustrating obstacles of an entrenched bureaucracy and politics, both strategies are often massive undertakings.

As has been the case of late, the NJCC has a full legislative plate. Just look at its agenda which includes such important and far-reaching issues as human life, children and families, healthcare, the environment, social justice, the economy and employment, education, housing and homelessness.

Obviously these issues don’t affect just Catholics, but they do reflect a fundamental tenant of Catholic social teaching that all human life is sacred.

The bishops of New Jersey are in the forefront of supporting what Archbishop Myers has said are legislative and policy efforts that support and enhance life.

But the NJCC cannot and should not be expected to carry on the fight on its own. Catholics have a responsibility to join forces with the NJCC by familiarizing themselves with the issues and letting their representatives know where they stand. That is a powerful combination that cannot be ignored.

Respect Life

Punish men who rape and abuse

BY REV. MSGR. RICHARD MCGUINNESS
Director of the Respect Life Office

Usually, when people know a crime has been committed, they call the police and report the crime so that the criminal may be apprehended and punished. We feel the obligation to do this, especially when the crime is committed against a child.

Yet, there are organizations that know a child has been sexually abused by an adult and do not report it at all.

Recently, a foundation did a study and found that girls as young as 13 years old were sexually abused by an adult male who brought them to an abortion clinic for an abortion so that the parents would not find out about the pregnancy.

These men paid for the abortion and continued to have sexual relations with the girl. The abortion clinic knew the abuser was guilty of statutory rape and yet never told the police about their crime!

How about working to make sure that abortion centers do what they are supposed to do: report the adult male who has committed statutory rape and prevent him from continuing to abuse little girls.

Unless we get abortion centers to do this, we are helping men who have committed statutory rape and have forced the girl who is pregnant to have an abortion against her will.

Let’s do something to keep these criminals from getting away scot-free, because abortionists refuse to report them!

The gift of 'time to care' in a busy world

I was at a meeting today. In my lifetime I've been at hundreds of meetings. Many of them are at gatherings of important people.

It is not that I am important. It just happens that Catholic priests are called upon to be present at all sorts of functions.

The Roman collar represents the Catholic Church. We are asked to say a prayer, to give a word of advice, or just to be present.

In the course of a priestly life, the average parish priest will meet literally thousands of men and women. What impresses me the most is how busy people are. It is as if we had a ringside seat at the activities of the world when we attend a gathering.

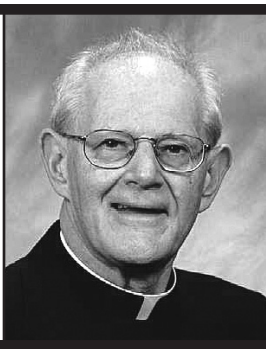
Just to watch and observe is a lesson. They meet. They shake hands. They discuss business. People tell other people their problems. Many are in corners of a room chatting on cell phones. Everyone seems to want to get through this meeting because they must get to another meeting.

Many have appointments with all sorts of people: the doctor, the dentist, the lawyer, business contacts, to get their car fixed, to pick up their kids, to go to lunch or dinner. It is like a huge dance where people meet, touch, and move on to the next partner. The world is in constant motion.

As I sat at the meeting this morning with so many people speaking, my mind was not there. I was thinking about

Voices

By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist



someone who does not attend many business meetings. In fact, she works alone.

She is a good woman, a quiet woman. Her gift is listening. All sorts of people come to her. They come to pour out their troubles. They come for sympathy; for a kind word. They come for consolation or just a reassuring word.

Recently, a teenage girl at war with the world, her parents, her teachers, her classmates, found consolation in a

big hug in the arms of this woman. She needed someone who really cared about her; I mean, really, really cared about her. The hug made all the difference. She was happy enough to face the world again.

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What a beautiful gift to the world are those quiet, loving people who have no other agenda than to pay attention to those with heavy hearts. They are the peacemakers because they radiate peace. They are the true lovers because they bring a sense of love into a world that is filled with self-interest.

Unfortunately, the priesthood of today leaves little room for priests to simply "be" for others. We must be talkers, managers, and directors. The sad reality is that the business of church is just that—business. Yet there are those rare priests who love the gift of being able to listen, who have time to care.

There was a song a few years ago that had a title: "Stop the world, I want to get off!" I understand what that musician meant. The merry-go-round never seems to stop. And the music of life goes on, drowning out the voice of God, and the cry of God's people.

Maybe the great gift that retired people have is time; time to stop, time to listen, time to care.

Years ago, a priest who had spent his life as an educator, was talking to me about his future. What could he do when he could not teach any longer?

I said to him: "There are thousands of young people in your school. Stay there. Just be there and I'll bet they will flock to your door. So many of them are lost in the crowd."

The old priest spent the rest of his days being present; bringing God's presence to so many souls. How the world needs those who can listen.

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

Cop2Cop program

Continued from page 1

tional in New Jersey in November 2000. A startling, tragic law enforcement statistic indicates that, throughout the country, police officers are eight times more likely to commit suicide than to be killed in the line of duty—hence the urgent need for such a support network.

When an officer or family member dials 1-866-267-2267 (Cop2Cop), on the other end of the line will a former member of law enforcement as well as someone who is a licensed clinical social worker, known as a "Cop Clinician." Each counselor is a trained mental health professional functioning as peer supporters.

Specific services include peer and clinical support, clinical assessments for mild or severe problems as determined by an experienced, professional counselor and referrals to a member of the Police Clinical Network Providers or a Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team.

Deacon Baker works as a CISM member. Confidentiality, while ensuring the safety of everyone involved, is the cardinal rule of Cop2Cop. The director of Research and Planning and Capital Campaigns for the Archdiocese of Newark, Deacon Baker said he found his way to Cop2Cop through his brother Frank—a police sergeant—and the deacon's two sons, who are all members of the Jersey City Police Department. Deacon Baker, who was ordained in 1999, has been chaplain of the Hudson County Sheriff's Department the past three years.

He said being a deacon and working with the program has had an immense impact on his faith, primarily through providing a "deeper understanding" of his ministry. As a member of the clergy, he stresses, it is important to establish a "connection" with active police officers. Expanding his role in the program, Deacon Baker revealed he soon will start answering the hotline phones.

Quoting Deacon Edward Porter, retired director of the archdiocesan permanent diaconate, deacons bring the faithful "up to God." Every time he vests, Deacon Baker said he realizes "how much I love my ministry."

Margaret Young, a volunteer coordinator of Cop2Cop, said the staff includes two members with degrees in clinical psychology and three mental health specialists. In all, 40 retired officers provide initial peer support over the telephone.

A key to the procedure employed in the program is "communication," Young said. Most of the time those who call "want a listening ear." Issues most often raised by those who call in are stress, depression, domestic violence, marital difficulties, alcoholism and substance abuse.

Young describes the training as intensive, with suicide assessment as the primary focus. Cop2Cop, she said with evident pride, has been a "tremendous success." In fact, Young continued, the program became "intimately involved" in offering its services to not only the law enforcement community, but to all first responders in the aftermath of 9/11. After the terrorist attacks, she noted, calls increased 300 percent.

Shelia Hobson, a retired lieutenant from the Homicide Department of the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, is one of the mental health professionals who answer the phone. Underling the proven benefits of Cop2Cop, Hobson—a Baptist minister—also cites the very real mental health issues for police officers. It is important to always answer calmly,

keeping in mind that the person who is calling is "reaching out." When a call comes in, she continued, it is vital to engage the caller and "listen" to what is being said.

Hobson said that Cop2Cop is a situation in which someone is "not running away (from problems), but running to a source of help." She explained that "law enforcement is

the only profession in which you get up in the morning not knowing if you are coming back (home alive)."

Police officers believe they are always "in charge, but they are not," she declared. Those who wear the badge are "always police officers. Law enforcement has its own culture."

For example, she explained that retirement is especially tough for most police officers because "they have never known themselves as civilians." In addition, those in law enforcement tend to "isolate themselves." For many police officers, Hobson stressed, placing a call to Cop2Cop is "a big step."

A caller does not necessarily receive a referral, she said, but noted that follow-up calls are made five days after initial contact. Since the program's inception, added Hobson, some 17,000 calls have been received. The success rate, she says proudly, stands at a lofty 97 percent. That success is determined by feedback from callers in such areas as satisfaction

with the service, if the referrals were utilized and whether the caller would recommend Cop2Cop to others.

Her religious training has helped tremendously. "God has helped me," she said. "He has been my rock."

Louis Kleeman, a retired police officer with a quarter century of service, has been a volunteer peer consultant in the program for two years. "I understand the problems; I have lived them myself," Kleeman confessed. He views Cop2Cop as "being there to lend a hand, having someone to talk to." The program is funded through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Personnel under the direction of Commissioner Rolando Jones, Jr. and presented by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's Behavior Health Care unit.

Deacon Baker described law enforcement as a "really large family. It doesn't matter what patch is on your sleeve. We are really brothers and sisters who are not separated by department." He is proud of how he has been accepted as a chaplain and deacon among the ranks of law enforcement. He said those involved in the support program are "true heroes" for the police officers they serve.



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—Shelia Hobson



Advocate photo—Melissa McNally

LENT BEGINS— On Ash Wednesday, Rev. Michael Andreano, M.B.A., vice-chancellor/ assistant to the vicar general, distributed ashes at St. Patrick Pro-Cathedral, Newark. Main celebrant Archbishop John J. Myers reminded the congregation that Lent is a time for renewal and preparation for Easter. “We are reminded that without God, we would be like the ashes— lifeless. We encourage fasting, almsgiving and celebrating the Sacrament of Penance. We are to journey toward Easter with a change in our mind and hearts. We begin our journey together today.”

Archbishop meets with ACM to outline program for RCIA

BY CLAUDIA TALLEDO

Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

KEARNY— Archbishop John J. Myers recently attended a board meeting of the Association of Catechumenal Ministry (ACM), Clinton, MD, an apostolate founded by a group of clergy and laity to address and foster full implementation of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) in the United States.

The meeting, which took place here last month at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, explored ways to reorganize ACM. The gathering focused on developing an overview of the RCIA program and implementing the catechumenal process here in the Church of Newark.

The ACM’s mission is to provide a communications, resource and education network for diocesan and parish personnel involved in the preparation of catechumens for initiation into the Catholic Church; of baptized Christians into the full communion of the Catholic Church; and of uncatechized Catholics for reception of Confirmation and First Eucharist. The resources and work reflect the ACM’s focus on the complementary components (liturgical, pastoral, catechetical) of a comprehensive Christian initiation process.

The association carries out its mission in three different ways: by maintaining a roster of speakers committed to its general philosophy with expertise in the area of Christian initiation available to dioceses, parishes and Catholic educational institutions; by providing seminars, workshops and consultation services to various dioceses seeking to develop their catechumenate formation ministries according to the principles of the association; and by commissioning texts, handbooks and other resource materials for RCIA formation consistent with the philosophy of the association.

The organization conducts seminars for dioceses throughout the United States in a three-tier seminar program. The first seminar, one day in length, is for

priests, deacons and seminarians of a diocese. The second is for clergy as well as lay members of RCIA teams (including sponsors, liturgy personnel, etc.), which lasts two to three full days.

The third seminar, also two to three full days of training, is for catechists who teach in RCIA, both clergy and laity. This series of seminars is based on the strategy of serving the Church in a distinctively ecclesial manner. These seminars work through the office of the bishop in a given diocese and are directed to serve his intentions for the full implementation of the RCIA program at parishes.

William Keimig, ACM director, said there are three aspects of Christian initiation or the catechumenal process: liturgy, pastoring and catechesis. The goal of the catechumenal process is to bring catechumens and candidates into communion with Christ, he explained. This goal is accomplished through liturgy—helping participants encounter God here as nowhere else; pastoring—helping participants move to deep conversion; and catechesis—helping participants understand and embrace the “Deposit of Faith” in its fullness.

The liturgical aspect of Christian initiation is attained through prayers, celebration of liturgies of the world, celebration of rites and introduction of sacraments, preparation for purification, and allowing Christ to work through the liturgy, Keimig said. The pastoral aspect of the catechumenal process can be done in four

The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



The Lenten journey

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we begin our Lenten journey, when the Church invites us to ponder Christ’s saving work, to live out more deeply the reality of our baptism and to draw rich nourishment from the sacred Scripture. Above all, we are to relive with Jesus the 40 days He spent in the desert, praying and fasting, in preparation for His public mission. We join Him in a spiritual journey, we follow Him on the road to Calvary, and after the mystery of the cross, we experience the joy of His Resurrection.

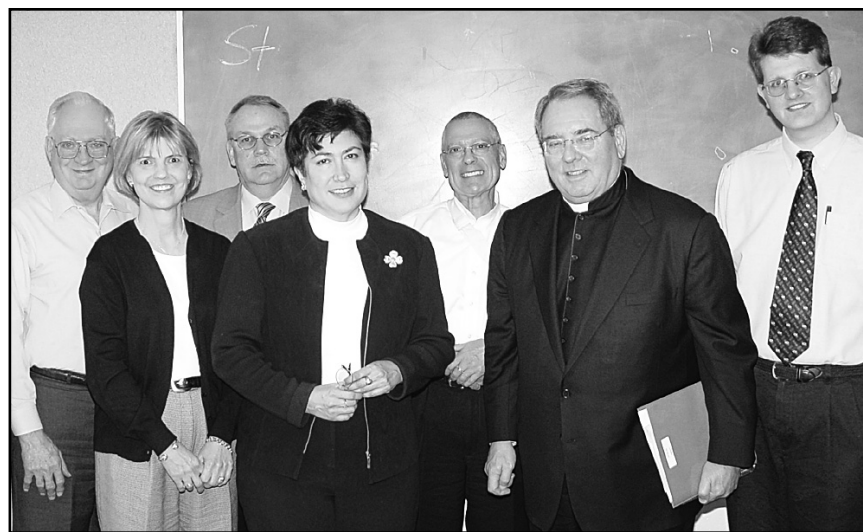
This day is marked by the solemn distribution of ashes. Two Scripture passages are used to accompany the rite. The first, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return” (Gn 3:19), urges us to place our hope in God alone. The second, “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel” (Mk 1:15), directs us to set out on a path of spiritual renewal, rejecting evil and drawing life from Christ’s saving truth.

The theme of my Lenten message for this year is the Gospel text, “Jesus, at the sight of the crowds, was moved with pity.” We, too, are called to be attentive to the needs of our suffering brothers and sisters as part of our Lenten observance. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, may we be purified and renewed, as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter.

major ways: Liturgy, Scripture, systematic and organic delivery of doctrine and communion.

Finally, catechetical work is accomplished through the profession of faith, celebration of the Christian Mystery (liturgy and Sacraments), Life in Christ (moral life) and Christian prayer.

ACM, in addition to Archbishop Myers, is under the counsel of several bishops to ensure that the association remains closely tied to the intentions, directives and priorities at the heart of the Catholic Church.



Archbishop Myers is pictured with members of the ACM’s board of directors. The group, which met in Kearny last month, included (left to right) Gary Morgan ACM finance officer; Ruth Prats, pastoral assistant at St. Peter Parish, Covington, LA; Gary Norris, RCIA director at St. Gertrude Parish, Cincinnati; Gloria Zapiain, Laredo, TX; Msgr. Frank Bognanno, pastor of Christ the King Parish, Des Moines, IA; and Bill Keimig, ACM director and the director of religious education at St. Mary Parish, Clinton, MD.

Advocate photo — Claudia Taliedo

Preserving tradition, looking ahead

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

In 1877 Newark Bishop Michael Corrigan, decreed that Westfield, Cranford and Roselle should be one parish with Father W. J. Wiseman, Cranford. Mass was celebrated for the Roselle Catholics on Christmas 1882.

In 1895 St. Joseph was incorporated as a separate parish. With the purchase of the Moore Estate, the first wooden church began in 1897 and was dedicated the following year.

Father John A. O'Brien was appointed the first resident pastor in 1903. He finished the rectory, started CCD classes and organized various parish societies. The Moore home on East Fourth Avenue was turned into a school and convent complex. In 1913, the Chestnut Hill Sisters of St. Joseph arrived. Three years later, the first of four sections that now form the parish school was opened. This building quickly became the parish center. In 1918, an Alumni Association, Holy Name Society and Columbus Cadet Corps were established.

Father Edward G. Murphy was to guide the parish for 37 years. In 1930 and 1952 additions were made to the school. In 1957 a 20-bedroom convent was opened and a drive for a Catholic boys high school was launched. Eighteen rooms were added to the elementary school in 1963 and Roselle Catholic became a regional school. A girls' Catholic high school opened the next year in the old grade school and after Vatican Council II, the changes called for by the council were implemented. In 1971, Father Anthony Chu came in residence to further his education and assist the poor of the parish. Father John Dowling, the tenth pastor, consolidated the parish and invited fuller participation in decision-making. He established the Parish Council, the Parish Cabinet, RENEW and a parish census.

Father Steven Cinque became pastor in October 2004. "St. Joseph Parish is a special place that has been able to hold on to many of its great traditions of the past and yet adapt to the changing needs of the present community. It is my first pastor ship and it has

been a whirlwind experience. Arriving in October 2004 when everything was up and running, was like trying to enter a race that already started. Things have settled down now. I am blessed with many dedicated people both on the staff and in the parish who have helped me in learning my way around the parish and in Union County which is a new world for me."

The parish has about 1100 families with a diverse community made up of long time parishioners about 85 percent and new parishioners about 15 percent. These are made up of about 60 percent Caucasian, 25 percent

by lector Anthony Esposito.

Baptismal teams instruct parents on the importance of the sacrament and are lead by Patricia and Robert Egidio. There is an active Helping Hands program led by Susan McNiel that collects food for the needy and distributes it once a month. St. Joseph parish fundraising committee, headed by Joyce Miller and Anne Beeman, runs the annual golf outing, pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners and more.

St. Joseph the Carpenter School, known in the community as "The Miracle on Third Avenue" is an ecumenical and diversified melding of students of

Saint Joseph the Carpenter

Haitian, 10 percent African American, 5 percent Filipino and 5 percent Spanish. "Newly arrived immigrant families from Haiti and Nigeria have brought their traditions, along with their strong faith to create a universal Catholic family," Father Cinque said.

The parish has several major activities coming up. On Ash Wednesday the parish's Guard of Honor hosted its annual Fish Fry. The Guard of Honor handles the collection at masses, counting of the Sunday collection and setting up and caring for the Christmas Manger and help at all parish social activities.

Leo Krackowicki, who is also a parish trustee, leads the group. The biggest parish celebration is the annual St. Joseph's Novena. It will be a nine-day novena concluding with a Mass and dinner on St. Joseph's feast day, March 19. This year, the parish will have a St. Joseph's Tridium on March 17, 18 and 19 for the Haitian Community.

According to Father Cinque, St. Joseph Parish is a close-knit community among the older members. Many of the families are multi-generational and the newer members are not as close-knit but Father Cinque is hoping that they will become part of the close-knit family of the parish. There are a wide variety of ministries and programs at the parish including liturgical ministries and altar servers, both from St. Joseph Grammar School and the religious education program. There are Eucharistic Ministers and lectors and a music ministry and choir headed by Lucille Obie. Deacon, Rev. Vincent Belluscio Jr. who along with his Liturgical Duties, runs the RCIA program and is assisted

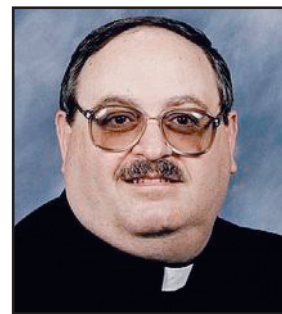
various backgrounds. The school community, with a total of 285 students from Pre-K to 8th grade, is partially comprised of families whose personal histories are connected to St. Joseph Parish for generations. "Our parish school is a treasure providing opportunities to our young children to learn in a safe and secure environment that is filled with our Catholic values," Father Cinque explained.

"In a secure and nurturing atmosphere, our students achieve academic success while they cultivate friendships that will last a lifetime. Our celebrations, both religious and cultural, are interlaced with ethnic contributions of our American, Spanish, Africa American, Haitian and Nigerian traditions," he added.

St. Joseph Parish further strengthens the Catholic family with the religious education program that serves Grades 1 to 12 and encompasses students from diverse ethnic backgrounds. There are about 105 students involved in the religious education program with 18 catechists in total. Close connections with Roselle Catholic High School enable the religious education department to count on senior students from their community service classes to be trained as catechists. It gives the high school students a chance to discern the possibility of a future in the classroom. Sister Alice Yohe, S.S.J. has undertaken the position as religious coordinator after 22 years of service with RENEW International.

"Sister Alice's enthusiasm for evangelization and adult faith formation is enhanced by her one-on one meetings with parents of the religious education children and encouraging their

Meet the Pastor



Rev. Stephen Cinque

Birthday: June 12, 1952

Hometown: Cliffside Park

High School: Cliffside Park High School

Seminary: Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington

Undergraduate: Fordham University

Graduate School: Immaculate Conception School of Theology

Ordination: May 30, 1981

Hero: Mickey Mantle

Favorite Saint: St. Francis of Assisi

Favorite Sport: Football

Favorite Food: Italian

Favorite Subject in School: History

Favorite Movie:

The Caine Mutiny

Last Book Read: *To the Last Man: A Novel of the First World War* by Jeffrey M. Shaara

Occupation if I weren't a Priest: probably a lawyer or business manager

fuller participation in adult faith formation," Father Cinque said. "Her strong emphasis is on the belief that the parents are called to be the primary religious educators of their children."

The parish supports the parents in the process by providing them with certified catechist and programs such as "Why Catholic?"

There is a high school and junior high school youth group. Approximately 25 young people are involved in this program. The youth also arrange and run games and activities for the younger children at the parish annual picnic. They perform the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

Father Cinque appreciates the impact the parish has had on the community and looks toward a bright future. "Our parish has a long history of service to the people of the Roselle area. It's been a history of adapting to the changing needs of the community and I believe it will continue to do so in the future. As Ronald Reagan used to say, 'the best is yet to come.'"

St. Joseph the Carpenter Parish is located at 157 East Fourth Ave., Roselle.



Advocate photo - Melissa McNally

The brightly colored altar is pictured at St. Joseph the Carpenter Parish. The parish has members with diverse ethnic backgrounds including Haitian and Nigerian.



Adam Baginski accepts his award from James Gonzalez, chief executive officer and president of Broadway House.


Top student volunteer

JERSEY CITY — Adam Baginski, a junior at St. Peter’s Preparatory School, was cited recently for his volunteer work at the Broadway House for Continuing Care, a specialized nursing facility for those living with HIV/AIDS.


Baginski received the President’s Volunteer Service Award. Broadway House, Newark, is an affiliate of the University of Medicine and Dentistry. Baginski completed over 100 volunteer hours.

“My favorite thing to do was talk with the residents. They would tell me their problems and I liked to be the person they could count on,” explained Baginski. In addition to his volunteering, the St. Peter’s junior is a member of the school’s math, history, golf and swim teams.

“Each volunteer hour he contributed made a difference in improving the quality of life for our residents. I encourage everyone to contribute to our community by volunteering” said James Gonzalez, chief executive officer and president of Broadway House.



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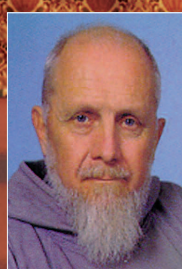
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Checking child's progress just a click away at BCHS

ORADELL—Tony Rocchio of Glen Rock remembers his days as a student at Bergen Catholic High School (BCHS) very fondly, even though the thought of using computers or laptops in the classroom had not entered anyone's mind back then.

Since his son, A.J., now attends the school, he has had the chance to observe firsthand the importance of its technology-driven curriculum.

"The need for technological competency is much greater now than when I went to school, and will only increase as today's students enter the workforce,"

comments the 2004 Hall of Fame inductee. "The business world today assumes that employees will be computer efficient."

Rocchio, who graduated in 1976, received another pleasant surprise when he became aware that he would be able to check his son's progress through the internet at any time through the school's use of the widely-acclaimed Edline program. He is only a few mouse clicks away from checking up on his son's grades and other important information, at his convenience.

Edline is a Chicago-based Internet program that allows

students and parents to monitor grades, attendance, assignments and calendars. It also allows teachers to post their students' homework assignments, test results and grades, upcoming tests, event information, special announcements and even their attendance records.

Edline works by having students and parents enter a screen name and password into their home computers and laptops. Parents and students have separate accounts and passwords, but can gain access to the same information. For parents that do not own a computer, access can be gained through the use of computers in the school library. The easy access allows Rocchio to keep tabs on his son from virtually anywhere, "even from my office in New York, or when I'm on the road on business."



A.J. (left) and Tony Rocchio of Glen Rock frequently use the Edline program to monitor A.J.'s progress at Bergen Catholic High School.

Teachers, of course, must input grades and information on a timely basis to allow the program to be effective, but Edline is considered to be very user friendly. Also, because Edline is a web-hosting service, very little maintenance and upkeep is required from the school's Technology department.

The program has been praised by many school officials for opening up lines of communication between parents and teachers, getting parents more involved and updated, and cutting down on the amount of phone calls from worried parents.

The program is a useful tool not only for monitoring students, but teachers as well. It allows parents to catch teachers' mistakes and to review assignments and materials posted by the teachers.

Edline, however, is a program that is not entirely popular with every student, especially the underachieving ones. The possibility that a parent can get an up-to-the-minute update at any time has some students on edge, knowing they must "tow the line" throughout the semester, rather than making a mad dash to boost grades just prior to the end of a marking period or starting assignments and term papers at the last minute.

A.J., a two-sport star and recently inducted member of the National Honor Society, grudgingly admits that his parents' frequent inspections keep him on his toes, and opines that the Edline program assists him in many ways, as well, such as "helping me keep track of my test scores throughout the marking period."

Tony Rocchio, a former All-County football star and honor student during his scholastic days, says that he logs onto Edline frequently. "Edline allows me to constantly monitor my son's progress and to communicate with his teachers regarding any questions and concerns."

He speaks for many parents when he concludes that the program "prevents 'big surprises' at the end of the marking period."

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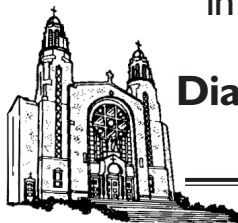
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WEST NEW YORK— Four students from Our Lady of Libera School joined eighth and ninth grade students from across New Jersey to take part in a unique leadership development program in Princeton.

Themed Courageous Leadership, the National Youth Leaders State Conference (NYLSC) helps attendees take an introspective and highly personalized assessment of their leadership skills and abilities.

The eighth grade participants from Our Lady of Libera School were Brittany Amell, Lyllette Aquino, Priya Bacchus and Joseph Bernardo.

Throughout the four-day program, participants built a working “toolkit” of strategies to help them successfully dream, created and implemented plans that will change how they view their role as leaders in their communities.

“The steps each person takes in discovering his or her own leadership strengths can be a very personal process,” said Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC), the organization that sponsors NYLSC. “The

National Young Leaders State Conference will help students get at the heart of their innate talent and skills, and will also help them identify how best they can serve within their communities.”

The NYLSC curriculum focuses on an introspective and highly personalized assessment of each participant’s leadership skills and abilities.

The students were challenged to step forward in a manner that

is decisive and confident, to grasp the concepts of leadership that will be taught and to act upon their dreams of making a difference in the world while maintaining the courage of their convictions.

The Congressional Youth Leadership Council is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization. Founded in 1985, the council is committed to fostering and inspiring young people to



Leadership participants (left to right) included Lyllette Aquino, Joseph Bernardo and Priya Bacchus.

achieve their full leadership potential. More than 400 members of the U.S. Congress join this commitment by serving on the Council’s Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. In addition, more than 40 embassies participate in the council’s Honorary Board of Embassies.

For additional information, visit www.cylc.org.

Class of ’66 plans reunion

WEST NEW YORK—The St. Joseph High School Class of 1966 will hold a 40th reunion on June 24 at LaReggia in Secaucus. Contact Joseph Spano at (973) 208-1094 or email to spanos123@aol.com.

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Thursday, March 23, 2006
9 a.m.—12 p.m.

Discerning the Spirit: The Development of Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord: A Resource for Guiding the Development of Lay Ecclesial Ministry

Join us for a discussion of this document approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, November 2005.

What are the implications for pastoral staffs?

Saturday, March 25, 2006
9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Spiritual Reflections: How Recent Church Documents Affirm the Role of the Laity in the Church and World Today

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What are the implications for the laity?

Dr. Fox is the author of *New Ecclesial Ministry: Lay Professionals Serving the Church*, and co-editor of *Called and Chosen: Toward a Spirituality for Lay Leaders*. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

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Nutley hosts Crucifixion lecture

NUTLEY—Dr. Frederick T. Zugibe, renowned medical examiner and author of *The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ: A Forensic Inquiry*, will host a free presentation March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Msgr. Walsh Hall at St. Mary's Parish.

Considered to be the world's leading authority on the crucifixion, Dr. Zugibe was a chief examiner of Rockland County, New York from 1969-2003. He is a former president of the Association of Scientists and Scholars International for the Shroud of Turin (ASSIST) for over 20 years.

His presentation will be based on more than 50 years of unparalleled research on the crucifixion and his current analysis and findings about the

Shroud of Turin that demonstrate the Shroud's legitimacy.

Copies of his book, published by M. Evans and Company, Inc., will be on sale at the presentation. The book's jacket notes that, "With meticulous attention to detail, this definitive guide to the death of Jesus systematically erases all the inaccurate

theories. Intelligent, fascinating, and thought-provoking, *The Crucifixion of Jesus* provides an autopsy on Christ from across the centuries."

Admission is free. St. Mary's is located at 17 Msgr. Owens Place. For directions call the Parish Center at (973) 235-1100 or visit stmarysnutley.org.

Lumen Center sets events

CALDWELL—The Lumen Center has scheduled several programs on Saturdays in March at the Dominican Motherhouse, 1 Ryerson Ave.

On March 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the topic is Healing Earth, Healing Self; The Earth Charter. Mass will be celebrated for the

following day. The fee is \$25.

Finding oneself in the Gospel is the topic for March 18. Fee is \$20. That same day, at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Jersey City, the topic is "Lent-ing Go." There is a \$15 fee. Both programs run from 10 a.m. to noon.

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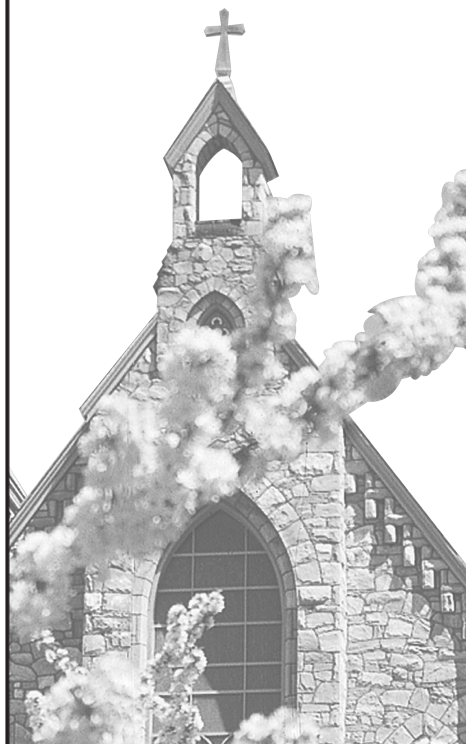
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Retreat to focus on Mary

FLEMINGTON—"Gazing at Jesus through the Eyes of Mary" is the theme of Dr. Dianne M. Traflet's keynote address at the annual Retreat Day for Women, sponsored by the Sisters of Jesus Our Hope, on Saturday, March 25 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Magdalen de Pazzi Parish in Flemington.

Dr. Traflet is associate dean and assistant professor of Pastoral Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University. She is founder and co-director of the Seminary's Institute for Christian Spirituality.

Dr. Traflet's doctoral work in Sacred Theology focused on the life and work of Edith Stein, the Carmelite Sister who lost her life in the Auschwitz Prison during World War II. The speaker has given numerous talks and retreats in this country and in Europe.

Four workshops will be given by the Sisters of Jesus Our Hope. The topics are "Living in Joyful Hope," "Praying the Our Father," "Experiencing Sunday as the Lord's Day" and "Understanding the Psalms." Participants can attend two of the workshops.

The retreat begins with the



Dr. Dianne M. Traflet

Mass at 9 a.m. and includes time for quiet prayer. There is no fee but donations will be accepted. Participants should bring a brown bag lunch.

For more information or to register call the Sisters of Jesus Our Hope at (908) 995-7261.

Novena to honor St. Joseph

WEST ORANGE—Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will hold its annual Novena in honor of St. Joseph March 11-19.

The Novena begins Saturday, March 11 with Harry Stokes, a first year theology student at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University. He is followed the next day by Father Robert Gelinas, Parochial Vicar at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Cedar Grove who was ordained last year.

Transitional Deacon Rev. Mr. Bryan Page is the speaker on Monday, March 13. He is serving at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Ridgewood. Transitional Deacon Rev. Mr. Charles Kelly, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Newark, is the Tuesday, March 14 speaker.

On Wednesday, March 15, Sister Sandra DeMasi, who grew

up in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, takes to the podium. She is now at Our Lady of Peace Parish in New Providence. The following day, Father Thomas Dente, director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Archdiocese of Newark, visits West Orange. Friday, March 17 features Father Joseph D'Amico, Pastor of St. Leo Parish in Elmwood Park.

The final weekend of the Novena will have Father Robert Brennan, in residence at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, speak.

That Sunday the speaker will be Father James Chern, Parochial Vicar at the host parish.

Following the final Novena, the traditional St. Joseph's Table will be available for fellowship in Connor Hall.

All of the novenas begin at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of Saturday evening when Novena prayers will be recited during the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

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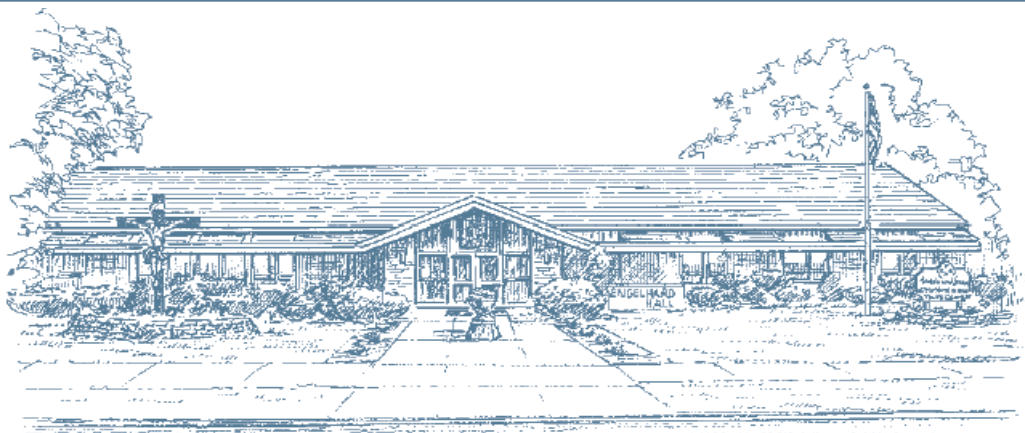
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April	
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7	Cotillion Ball High School Awards Dinner/Dance
8-9	Ropes Retreat (High School Event)
20	Life Athletes Football Camp
29-30	Rejoice 2006 High School & Young Adult Prayer Festival
May	
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12-13	Youth Workers Retreat
21	NJ State Youth Rally
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Sabbath Morning for Women

March 19th: The Woman with the Hemorrhage

April 30th: Mary Magdalene

A Sunday morning for women to reflect on the lives of women in the Scripture and discover the Holy One in our lives. The program is from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and includes time for input, reflection and sharing. Liturgy and lunch. **The cost is \$25.00 for each program.**

Directed Retreat Schedule

March 26th-31, April 23-28, May 7-12, June 5-12, July 8-15, July 24-31, August 9-16, August 18-25.

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Center plans retreats

HARVEY CEDARS—Maris Stella Retreat Center has released its schedule of upcoming June events.

There will be two guided retreats and two preached retreats.

The first guided retreat takes place June 4-10. It will focus on “water” and how this powerful image and symbol speaks to life and how souls thirst for many things.

A guided retreat goes from June 11 to June 17. The topic is finding God in all things.

June 18-24 will be a silent preached retreat with the theme of experiencing joy in the word of God.

The final retreat is also a preached occasion June 25-July 1. Emphasis will be on renewing the impassioned life.

Each retreat is on a 4 p.m. Sunday to 11:30 a.m. Saturday basis.

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CAUGHT IN JESUS' NET—The Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny recently hosted the Diocesan Encuentro. Just as the Hispanic Youth and Young Adults have encountered Christ, youth and young people of the Church of Newark get “caught up” in Jesus' net.



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AREA—Several retreats will take place during Lent throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

At St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, a Lenten retreat based on spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius will be held on consecutive Wednesdays March 8 through April 12 from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. Call Anna at (973) 338-9538 to register.

A Women's Cornerstone Retreat is scheduled for St. John Parish, Linden, March 17-18. The first day runs from 5:45 to 10 p.m., the second begins with breakfast at 8 a.m. and ends with Mass at 5:30 p.m. Donation is \$35. For additional information call JoAnn Brink at (732) 499-0480.

“No Greater Love,” a musical passion play for the Lenten season will be staged at several parishes in the coming weeks.

The musical drama presentation is performed in the sanctuary by the Xavier Company, a group of Christian performing artists in residence at St. Francis Xavier Parish in New York City.

Local appearances include Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes, March 19 at 6 p.m.; Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. and Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Park Ridge, April 9 at 7 p.m.

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'Spotlight' to shine on Catechism in Archdiocese

AREA—The Spotlight on the Catechism series, sponsored by the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, begins the second week of this month.

"At 688 pages, not counting the four indexes at the end, the Catechism of the Catholic Church is a thorough and authoritative presentation of the teachings of the Catholic Church. The secrets of this work are unlocked in relaxed and informative sessions: Spotlight on the Catechism," explained Dr. Eugene Tozzi, associate director of Adult and Family Catechesis for

the Archdiocese of Newark.

Four courses are planned. Each is located in a different county of the archdiocese and meets one evening a week for three weeks. Each session is two hours and includes a break for light refreshments. Courses are open to the public.

Catechists who work with groups of adults or children and religion teachers in Catholic schools can obtain required doctrinal certification by completing all four courses in the series. Pre-registration is strongly suggested.

The fee is \$25 per person.

The topics, locations, dates and times of courses follow.

• **Spotlight on Faith:** The Creed: Our Catholic Faith, Wednesdays, March 22, 29 and April 5, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the St. Therese Parish, Cresskill. Presenter will be Kevin Averill, a leader in Catholic education and catechetics with a wide breadth of experience.

• **Spotlight on Sacraments:** Life in the Love of the Holy Trinity, Tuesdays, March 21, 28 and April 4, 7 to 9 p.m., Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey

City. Father Gerard McCarren, professor of Liturgy and Sacraments at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, will be the presenter.

• **Spotlight on Morality:** Our Moral Life: Living in True Freedom, Tuesdays, March 14, 21 and 28, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in West Orange. Father Timothy Graff, Pastor of St. Francis De Sales Parish, Lodi, will address the topic.

• **Spotlight on Prayer:** The Lord's Prayer, Wednesdays, March 22, 29 and April 5, 7:30 to

9:30 p.m., St. Michael Parish, Union. The presenter will be Father Terrence Moran, C.S.S.R., an experienced retreat director and spiritual director.

For more information, to request a brochure, or to register call Dr. Tozzi at the Catechetical Office, (973) 497-4288 or e-mail tozzieug@rcan.org.

Brochures are available in many parish, religious education and school offices. A copy of the brochure as well as directions to the course locations can also be found at www.rcan.org/catechet.

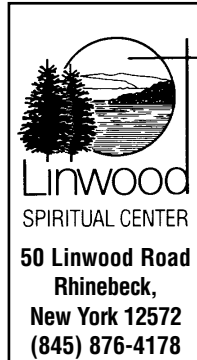
Forum explores pope's courage

NEWARK—The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will explore the courage of Pope John Paul II at a Men's Day program on Saturday, March 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Father John Creegan, from the Diocese of Arlington, VA, who served as a Marine officer 22 years before entering the priesthood, will be the main speaker.

The program will include challenging talks, sharing, adoration, confession, fellowship and Holy Mass. There will also be a light breakfast and lunch. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

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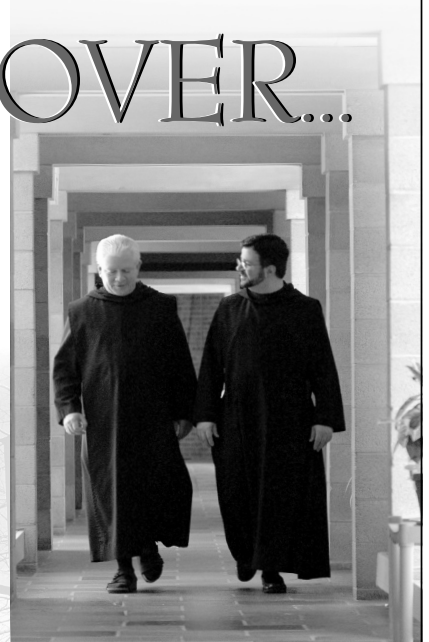
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The major challenges of such as project, locating historical documents, undertaking and organizing research, analyzing parish records, conducting useful oral interviews with parishioners and publishing the history, will be addressed at the workshop.

There will be three presenters. Taking to the podium will be Alan Delozier of the Archdiocesan Archives at Seton Hall University; Ruth Paci, author of *Down by the River and Under the Cliff: The Story of the Church of the Holy Rosary and its Parishioners* and Msgr. Robert Wister, professor of Church History at Immaculate Conception Seminary's School of Theology.

The cost is \$30 to be paid at the workshop. Lunch will be served. The deadline for registering for the workshop is March 20. Call James McCartin at (973) 275-2773.

Salesians reach out

NEW ORLEANS—Father Steve Ryan, Vocation Director for the Salesians of Don Bosco in New Jersey, recently accompanied 25 young adults, 19 from Northern New Jersey, to help victims of the hurricanes that struck in late August.

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The trip, said David Peterson, "was a huge success blessed with many small miracles. The presence of the Blessed Mother was astonishing. She was obviously there with the residents of New Orleans who were still suffering as well as amongst our group which bonded like a family."

Hidden switch awakens a dormant, joyous sound at St. Mary's Parish

BY CORNINE WNEK

Special to The Catholic Advocate

RAHWAY—It was a chance discovery that brought a long-dormant, joyous noise and much excitement to St. Mary's Parish.

Stephen McCarthy, a parish-ioner and volunteer at St. Mary's, was looking for a way to fix the light in the announcement board, located in the front of the church. "I was bothered by the fact that for many years the light wasn't working," he said. "I wanted to fix it so people could read when masses were scheduled."

He followed an endless trail of wires and timers that took him to the balcony. "I saw a dusty, switch hidden in the corner of a wall and decided to flip it, thinking this must be connected to the sign-board in front of the church building," he said.

But instead of the sign lighting up, the church bell began to ring—something that has not happened in at least 30 years.

"The bell was ringing the Angelus, which is usually played at noontime," McCarthy recalled.

This discovery brought him to the pastor, Father Bill Morris, who enthusiastically gave his support for exploring the long-forgotten bell tower. Not much is known about why the bell was silenced in the 1970's.

While home on weekend leaves from Virginia, where he is stationed in the Navy, McCarthy, an electrician, cleaned a portion of the solid bronze 1,500-pound bell, uncovering an inscription that dated back to 1874—the year the bell was cast and installed.

The translation from Latin reads: "...and when the children of Christians hear its ringing, may devotion grow with them, hastening to the bosom of Holy Mother Church, they may there sing unto Thee in the assembly of the Saints a new canticle."

Robert Anderson of Sacred Heart Parish in Norfolk, VA, provided the translation. Anderson is an expert in Latin and a choir member of that parish, which McCarthy attends when he is unable to come home to New Jersey.

"After working on the bell and reading the inscription, my hope is to get the bell fully working again," McCarthy said. "Hopefully, the bell will call the Catholic families of Rahway back to the church again."



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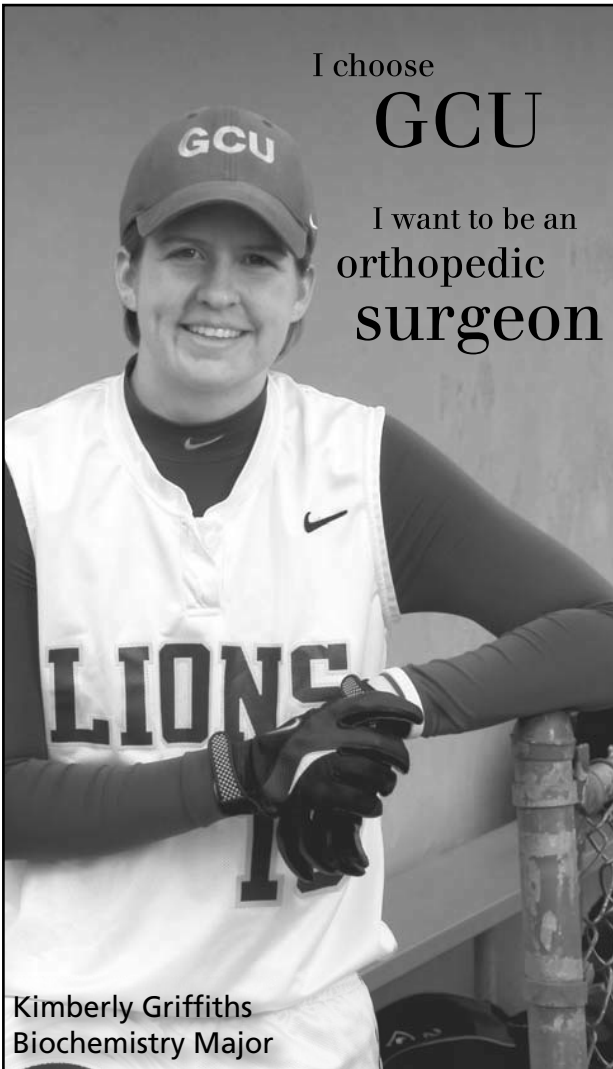
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NEWARK—The 71st St. Patrick's Day Parade kicks off at 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 19.

Longtime Orange businessman Stephen B. Kirk and his wife Ann Tully Kirk are the Grand Marshal and Deputy Grand Marshal respectively. They are the first husband and wife team in parade history.

Kirk has been a partner in Kirk's Auto and Truck Service Centers in Orange since 1984. He is a graduate of Paramus Catholic High School and Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y.

Kirk is the second eldest of six children born to Breda, a native of County Kerry, Ireland, and the late Edward J. Kirk, a native of County Monaghan, Ireland.

Kirk's Auto and Truck Service Centers, founded by his late father and carried on by himself and his brothers, have achieved numerous business awards including the #1 Goodyear Tire Dealer in the United States, Family Business of the Year Award, as well as Entrepreneur of the Year Award for New Jersey.

Kirk was the recipient of the Giblin Association Community Service Award in Business for 2002 and was the 2003 Chief of Staff for the Newark Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

Deputy Grand Marshal Ann Tully-Kirk, a Newark native, enjoys a long family tradition with the Newark Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Her late grandfather, Patrick J. Egan, was a parade founder and served as general chairman in 1952 and 1953 and was Grand Marshal in 1955. Her mother, Nancy Egan-Tully, served as a Deputy Grand Marshal 1993.

Ann Tully-Kirk is employed by Bergen County in its Administrative Offices.

In her youth, Tully-Kirk was an Irish step dancer and traveled to compete in competitions in Ireland, Canada and California. Her father, the late Thomas Tully, hailed from County Cavan, Ireland and her mother traces her roots to County Roscommon, Ireland.

The Grand Marshal and the Deputy Grand Marshal were married in August, 2004. They are members of St. John Parish in Hillsdale.

The 2006 parade is dedicated to Seton Hall University and "Mr. Seton Hall," the late Richard J. Regan, who died in December, 2002. Seton Hall University is celebrating its 150th Anniversary as one of New Jersey's leading Higher Education Institutions. Countless Irish Americans in the metropolitan area are Seton Hall graduates.

Regan, a native of Newark, had a 50-year career as an athlete, coach, athletic director and Good-Will Ambassador for Seton Hall University.

The parade will assemble at Washington Street and Central Avenue. The route will run east on Central Avenue, then south on Broad Street, past Newark City Hall, and ending at Court Street. There will be two reviewing stands, one at the corner of Broad Street and New Street and the second located at City Hall.

There will be a reception after the parade at the Hamilton Pub, 27 Central Ave., Newark. There will be food, refreshments and Irish American entertainment. Admission will be \$15 per adult.

For more information call Kevin Frey at (201) 859-5605.

Union County parade taps Shannon mayor

UNION—The 10th annual Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade steps off Saturday, March 11 at 1 p.m. on Morris Avenue.

This year's parade is dedicated to all the medical professionals of Union County to honor them for their commitment and extraordinary efforts in service to the community.

In keeping with a parade tradition, officials from Shannon, Ireland will also be marching for the 10th straight year. A Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church in Elizabeth at 9 a.m. to begin the day followed by a welcoming reception in the church hall.

For more information visit www.unioncountystpatricksdaysparade.com.



St. Patrick Patron Saint of Ireland, pray for us...

"Hear ye all who love Christ about the holy merits of that blessed man, Bishop Patrick."
—from "The Hymn to St. Patrick"

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Saint Patrick's Day celebrations abound

AREA—A variety of St. Patrick's Day celebrations have been planned throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

☘ The Parents' Club of Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 11, 7 p.m., in the school gymnasium.

There will be a corned beef with cabbage dinner, complimentary beer, wine, and Irish coffee, and assorted desserts. Bagpipers, a DJ, and Irish step-dancers that will provide entertainment.

Tickets, priced at \$50 per person or five tickets for \$200, may be obtained by calling Debbie Pumilia at (201) 784-9754, or e-mailing her at www.PUMDEB@aol.com for further information.

In addition, the Parents' Club will conduct 50/50 cash raffle. Three raffle winners will receive 35, 10, and 5 percent, respectively, of the

amount received for all tickets sold. Contact Peggy Sullivan at (201) 444-3468 (or e-mail her at www.mmscjs@aol.com) or Ben Focarino at (201) 460-0154 (or e-mail him at www.benfocarino@verizon.net).

☘ In Mahwah, the Grand Celebration of St. Patrick Dinner-Dance will take place in the Immaculate Conception Parish gym on Saturday, March 11. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The Police Pipes and Drums of Bergen County will send a contingent that starts playing at 7 p.m. Terry Feeley from County Roscommon and his Band will provide traditional Irish tunes along with an assortment of pop and rock classics. Entertainment will also be provided by champion dancers from the Early-McLaughlin School of Irish Dance. There will be a Irish buffet.

Tickets are \$45. Call (201)



Immaculate Conception Parish, Mahwah, will hold its annual grand celebration of St. Patrick on Saturday, March 11. Among those performing will be the Early-McLaughlin School of Irish Dance which includes, left to right, first row, Mary Kate Hall, Roisin Mackrell and Colleen Egan. Second row, Walter Larson and Conor Hurley and in the third row, Patti Mackrell, Maeve Egan, Ryan Feeney, Ciara Mackrell, Victoria Greenan, Brendan Hall, Shannon Hall, Briege Mackrell and Marge Davis (reveler). Back row, Chris Conway (musician) and Father M. Christen Beirne, pastor.

327-1276 days, (201) 512-0248 evenings or email to churchimmaculateconception@yahoo.com.

☘ The Knights of Columbus will hold a St. Patrick's Day

Dinner-Dance at the Council Hall, 199 River Rd., New Milford, from 7 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, March 18.

Traditional corned beef and cabbage along with other offer-

ings will be available. The cost is \$25 per person.

To make a reservation call Fred Vanderbeek at (201) 384-9402 or the Council Hall at (201) 262-9722.

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For further information, contact: Kevin P. Frey, General Chairman (973) 560-9620

Caldwell College has new media, advertising head

CALDWELL — Caldwell College has named Colette M. Liddy as its director of media relations and advertising.

Liddy has a background in television, cable, radio, public affairs and media relations.

At WWOR-TV, where she was public affairs producer, Liddy produced and wrote award-winning television programs, public service announcements and Op-Ed pieces, including the public affairs shows "Garden State

Matters," "Black Experience" and "Hispanic Horizons." She coordinated community affairs productions and projects for the station's educational campaign "A+ For Kids," as well as the Hurricane Andrew Relief Drive.

Liddy worked with TRISCORT (the Tri-State Catholic Committee on Radio and Television), the New York Board of Rabbis and the New Jersey Council of Churches in producing WWOR-TV's Catholic, Jewish

and Protestant Point of View programs. She also worked with the Archdiocese of Newark on the production of its Christmas and Easter Masses on Channel 9.

At Rainbow Media, a Cablevision company, Liddy was part of a team of producers that launched the nation's first video-on-demand digital cable service, "Mag Rack." She produced and wrote for a variety of programs, most notably a documentary on "The Legacy of Dorothy Day," founder of the Catholic Worker movement.

Liddy has done media relations and public relations for different organizations and institutions, including The College of Saint Elizabeth and Centenary College in New Jersey. She served as a Shadow Traffic reporter on several radio stations, including WINS and WCBS. Liddy also worked in news at WINS and produced talk shows for WCAU-AM in Philadelphia.

She previously served on the Campus Ministry advisory board for the private and state colleges and universities of the Archdiocese of Newark.

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