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HISPANIC STEWARDSHIP-Hispanic Stewardship Day, which was held March 11 at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark, sought to inspire lay people at parishes offering Spanish masses to share their gifts of time, talent and treasure with those less fortunate. Archbishop John J. Myers said the Hispanic community has much to offer through its spirit of worship and devotional expressions. He asked those in attendance to share their gifts to celebrate God's blessings. Singer Olfary Gutierrez (left) and pianist Lou Carpa (pictured here) provided inspirational music for the event, while Father Jose Gamba, the archdiocesan coordinator of Hispanic ministry, served as a keynote speaker. Carla L. Gonzalez is the executive director of the Office of Development for the archdiocese.

## Archbishop traveling to Rome to view consistory of cardinals

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE

NEWARK-Archbishop John J. Myers will attend the consistory of cardinals this week at the Vatican, grateful and proud to be a witness to the solemn honor being bestowed upon two U.S. archbishops, both of whom are his close friends.

Among the 15 new cardinals being named by Pope Benedict XVI are Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley of Boston and Archbishop William J. Levada, the head of the Vatican's doctrinal congregation.

Aside from the colorful ceremonies and vast global press coverage, Archbishop Myers said the essence of the consistory is that the men to be tapped as cardinals by Pope Benedict XVI, in all likelihood, will cast votes to elect the next pope. As such, their role as cardinals means that they are entrusted with the leadership and continuity of the Church, he said.

Archbishop Myers explained that cardinals

are "created" by the pope, while deacons, priests and bishops are ordained. A consistory is a formal meeting of the College of Cardinals convened and presided over by the pope.

The color red worn by cardinals represents the "blood they are willing to shed for the faith and the Church," Archbishop Myers said. In many ways, the selection of the new cardinals reflects the pope's stewardship and vision of the Church, he said.

Cardinal-designate Sean P. O'Malley, the archbishop of Boston, has been a close friend of Archbishop Myers for 20 years. Archbishop Myers praised "the calming, healing presence, deep voice and warm sense of humor" of Archbishop O'Malley, a Capuchin Franciscan who has headed the Boston archdiocese since 2003. He also noted that Archbishop O'Malley is a scholar with a Ph.D. in Portuguese literature.

Cardinal-designate Levada was appointed last May as the pope's successor to head the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. He

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## Church ladies' take prayer inside prison walls

BY MELISSA MCNALLY Staff Writer

WESTFIELD—As they walk through the corridors of East Jersey State Prison, the women of the Centering Prayer group at St. Helen Parish can hear the muffled sounds of the inmates as

## **Special Mass** at Cathedral on April 22

NEWARK—Archbishop John J. Myers will be the main celebrant at a special Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul II and the election of Pope Benedict XVI.

they move through the maze of the ominous building.

While the prisoners settle into lunch or move into their cells, the women are checked multiple times by guards and are led into the chapel, where a group of hardened criminals—including murderers, former drug addicts, some sentenced to life in prison-gather together to perform an ancient Christian contemplative method of Centering Prayer.

The women have no fear and close their eyes in meditation, without the protection of guards, praying in unison with the inmates.

The Centering Prayer group, requested by a group of prisoners, began three years ago. This form of prayer uses meditation and contemplation in order to form a closer relationship to God.

A member of the men's Centering Prayer group at St.

Helen Parish went into the prison and administered the prayer. John Russell, who works with prisoners serving life in prison, and Deacon George Johnston, head of prison ministry, asked the pastor, Msgr. William Harms, for a group to come in and participate in Centering Prayer with the prisoners. Cathy Maravetz responded to the call, along with Joan Amberg, Millie Kostyack and Helen Grygiel.

"We started out gradually and we would go to Mass at the prison and talk and pray with the men there," Maravetz explained. "The first thing that struck me was that they could have been our sons. I think about what we would want for our sons if they were in that situation. We would want someone to be accepting to them and someone to care about their growth of spirit.

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The fearless quartet from St. Helen Parish who teach Centering Prayer to inmates at East Jersey State Prison includes (front row, left to right) Joan Amberg, Millie Kostyack, (back row, left to right) Cathy Maravetz and Helen Grygiel.

## Acts of compassion: 'You did it for Me!'

ast month our parish (St. John the Evangelist parish in Bergenfield) had the bittersweet task of celebrating the funeral rites for our Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Donovan.

Although he had retired in 1994, he became active in many south Jersey parishes near where he lived, and paid occasional visits to St. John's for special parish celebrations.

The last few years of advancing illness were frustrating for him and his family and friends. In His mercy, God finally called him "Home."

Preparing for his funeral, as for almost anyone's, led to the question: "How many people should we expect?" As he was survived by a brother and a sister and a multiplicity of nieces and nephews, we knew their number, but, considering the thousands of people whose lives he touched in his almost 55 years

of priesthood, the total could be enormous!

With viewing in St. John's in Lakehurst one day and St. John's in Bergenfield the next, there was a respectable turnout, considering that many others were unaware of

his passing, engaged in the struggles of daily living, or perhaps themselves having already gone from here to eternity.

What I treasured most, however, were the many stories that people told of how Msgr. Donovan's life impacted theirs. Almost everyone had a special memory of how

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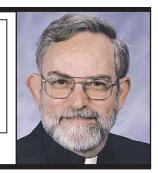
By Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnhols

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something he had said or done became, for them, an encounter with Christ.

A priest often is unaware of his impact on people, whether positive or negative. While there are always

some who think a priest can never be wrong and others who think he can never be right, the vast majority of people may never mention anything, even though they do reflect upon it. This, of course, can be true of priests, too.

With fewer of us than previously, we see each other less often, and have only limited knowledge of the good our brothers in ministry are doing. Sometimes, we ourselves miss opportunities to observe how God is working through us.

The homilists for the Vigil Mass and the Funeral

Mass—Father Al Kowalski and Father Manny Rios—painted a vivid picture of a man in love with God and life, from seminary days through active ministry to his last months. Their stories enabled the bishops, priests, deacons, religious and laity who were present not only to recall Msgr. Donovan's influence on their lives, but also to instruct them on the value and dignity of the priesthood and of life in Christ.

The Gospel that Msgr. Donovan had chosen was the marvelous image of the Last Judgment recorded in Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 25, verses 31-40, which we hear every three years on the Solemnity of Christ the King: "When I was hungry, you gave me food...Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you?...Whatever you did for one of these least ones, you did it for Me."

Ultimately, that is, or ought to be, the aim of every Christian—to do the simple things that show compassion to those most in need of it, because therein we love and serve the God who loves us so!

As the old Baltimore Catechism said: "Our purpose is to know, love, and serve God in this world, so that we might be happy with Him forever in the next." That, we pray, has come true for Msgr. Donovan.

May it be fulfilled with the greeting that we all hope to receive on that glorious judgment day: "Come, blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnhols is pastor of St. John the Evangelist parish in Bergenfield, and serves as the archdiocesan vicar for pastoral life.

## Episcopal opportunities following 'the Long Lent'

he late Ronald Knox was thought to have a sterling wit, but I've never found anything of his as funny as a proposal attributed to his brother, Wilfred: like Ronald, before the latter's conversion, an Anglican clergyman.

Wilfred Knox was also a theologian and, as the story goes, once proposed a two-volume study of Christian ethics. The first volume would be entitled, "Respect for the Clergy." The second volume would be styled more simply: "Other Virtues."

I laugh, or at least smile, every time I run across that tale, and I expect most Catholics would, too. Which is a good thing, because our amusement reflects that distinctive Catholic combination of a profound respect for the ordained ministry of the Church and a cheerful skepticism about the sillier aspects of clerical culture.

That instinct—reverence without sycophancy—has stood the Church in America in good stead ever since what Father Richard Neuhaus called the "Long Lent of 2002" brought the Church's ordained ministry under the microscope of public scrutiny.

Some of that scrutiny was biased and unfair; some of it was even vicious. But if the intent of the biased, the unfair, and the vicious was to promote contempt for their priests among the people of the Catholic Church, that intention fizzled. The overwhelming majority of Catholics in America know that the overwhelming majority of their priests are men living virtuous lives of self-sacrifice.

At the same time, however, the Long Lent of 2002 has left a residue of deep—and in some cases—smoldering lay discontent with the Church's episcopal leadership. Catholics have understood that a scandal of clerical sexual misconduct became a crisis of enormous (and, in financial terms, still untold) proportions because of the failures of bishops: failures that were theological as well as managerial.

The Catholic Difference

by George Weigel



Actuarial tables dictate that

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the next several years.

Some, perhaps many, bishops believe that this reaction is unfair; that the entire episcopate is being maligned for the malfeasance of a few. There is perhaps some truth in that complaint, but until the bishops of the United States show a far greater capacity for self-correction than they've shown to date, lay discontent will continue.

And it will likely grow.

That discontent, which often focuses on inept admin-

istration, has already taken some unhelpful forms. The Boston-based Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, while identifying some real problems in Church governance, has addressed those problems with proposals that would, in effect, turn the Catholic

Church in America into another liberal Protestant denomination. And even the most well-intentioned initiatives toward the reform of diocesan governance (and there are some out there) must contend with the fact that changes in management structures and processes will only take the Church so far.

Indeed, any such reforms must clearly protect the bishop's authority as governor of his local Church while freeing him to be the apostle—the evangelical witness—he was ordained to be. That's a tall order, but not an impossible one.

Whether that tall order will be filled is one of the great questions of U.S. Catholic life today. The actuarial tables dictate that the episcopal leadership of American Catholicism will change, dramatically, over the next several years.

Two American cardinals are already beyond the retirement age of 75; one cardinal will turn 75 this month, and another will turn 75 next year. In addition, two more metropolitan archbishops will reach 75 in 2006. Five dioceses currently have no bishop; six have a bishop who is past 75; and in five more, the bishop will turn 75 this year.

A major transition is, clearly, at hand.

The new apostolic nuncio, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, will play a large role in guiding this transition; so, obviously, will Pope Benedict XVI, who has thus far demon-

strated, in the main, a very hands-on approach to episcopal appointments.

There are great possibilities here: the Church in the United States has a greater opportunity to be the "Church in the modern world" that Vatican II envisioned than perhaps

any other local church on earth.

Seizing that opportunity, however, requires a dramatically different kind of episcopal leadership than the style that helped bring us the Long Lent of 2002.

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#### FREQUENCY FOR THE YEAR

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INTO THEIR CARE—A moving moment during the annual Call to Continuing Conversion service March 4 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark came as sponsors placed their right hand on the shoulder of their candidate, symbolically taking them into their care. Among them were sponsor Katherine Hennis and candidate Kimberly McKenna of St. Stephen Parish, Kearny. Some 600 candidates. who have been baptized in the Catholic Church and are completing their initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist and those baptized in other Christian churches wanting to receive full communion with the Catholic Church. attended two separated services. Conversion, Archbishop John J. Myers said during his homily, represents a "new life." He told the candidates and sponsors "we are glad today" that they have come to "the victorious Christ," adding "we are most honored to welcome them to be more completely one with the Church."







SIGNATURE MOMENT—Alyssia Pacheco, taking part in the Rite of Election celebration at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, signs the "Book of the Elect." Pacheco—a fourth grader at Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City-was one of over 300 catechumens from the four counties of the archdiocese to participate in the event, which was held on March 5. Looking over her shoulder is Damary Merchan, who served as Pacheco's godmother. The signing of the book, as witnessed by Bishop John Flesev. represented the formal commitment of catechumens (the "elect") to spiritually prepare for full initiation into the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on April 15.

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## Consistory of cardinals

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previously has served as archbishop of San Francisco and Portland, Ore. Archbishop Myers—who last year was selected by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith as ecclesiastical delegate for the pastoral provision for admitting married former Anglican clergy to the Catholic priesthood in the United States-serves under Archbishop Levada in that capacity (see The Catholic Advocate, Oct. 19, 2005).

Archbishop Myers, interviewed last year following his appointment by the congregation, said that he was "grateful that the Holy Father and Archbishop Leveda have placed their trust in me."

The pope will formally create the cardinals at the consistory on March 24. This will be the first gathering of the College of Cardinals since they elected Pope Benedict last April.

Catholic News Service, the new cardinals represent 11 countries from five continents. Three are Vatican offi-

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cials, nine are heads of dioceses or archdioceses around the world, and three are prelates over age 80 being honored for their service to the Church.

Of those named, 12 men are under the age of 80 and thus eligible to vote in a papal conclave. After the installation ceremony, the college is expected to number 193, with the number of voting members once again at its maximum of 120.

Among the more prominent cardinals-designate are Chinese Bishop Joseph Zen Ze-kiun of Hong Kong, 74, and Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz of Krakow, 66, the longtime personal secretary of Pope John Paul II.

"The cardinals have the task of supporting and helping the successor of Peter in the fulfillment of the apostolic office entrusted to him in the service of the Church," the pope said. He said the cardinals constitute a type of "senate" around the pope, which he makes use of in his ministry of promoting unity in faith and church communion.

(Note: Catholic News Service provided information for this



Archbishop John J. Myers, proudly displaying his special green ring in honor of St. Patrick's Day, will be an observer this week at the consistory of cardinals. Archbishop Myers is a good friend of the two U.S.

archbishops being "created" as cardinals by Pope Benedict XVI.

## Prison prayer group

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"These prisoners endure a lot and they endure it beautifully. It should be a strong part of the Catholic faith to minister to them.'

In applying to start the program, the women were fingerprinted and screened and eventually given clearance. Amberg joined the group out of curiosity. "I was wondering who these people are in prison. To me, they always seemed so distant. When I met them, I was surprised. Some are well educated and some are very spiritual."

As the women minister in East Jersey State Prison, formerly Rahway State Prison, the nameless, faceless masses of prisoners morph into real people with real identities. There are about 12 inmates in the Centering Prayer group and range in age from early 20s to over 60 years old. They are black, Hispanic and white and not all of them are Catholic; some are Baptist, Jewish and even Buddhist. Before the prisoners can join the group, Deacon Johnston screens them and confirms that they are appropriate candidates to join the group.

Kostyack believes that the inmates are God's children. "As the Lord said: 'What you do to the least of my people you do unto Me.' I can't imagine not being able to be free. Some of these inmates never even have one visitor," she said.

The women of the Centering Prayer group are not merely a personal connection to the outside world for the inmates. They said the act of praying has had a positive impact on the behavior of inmates inside the prison walls.

'Having a Centering Prayer group has seemed to help the prisoners deal with daily things. Some of their cellmates are difficult and dealing with their guards can be stressful," Grygiel said.

The inmates said it helps them face situations during the day. Instead of overreacting, they are more calm and focused. They are trying to use what they are learning and are trying to go deeper within themselves and one said he is less anxious in decision making."

During these sessions, one of the women reads a prayer followed by 20 minutes of meditation. Next, a passage from the Bible is read followed by a group discussion.

As a result of these discussions and prayer sessions, the women get to know the prisoners well. During the meeting is one of the few times they feel like they can trust someone in prison. They are on a spiritual journey to improve their life. There is peace within the group," Kostyack noted.

Although they initially don't know what crimes the inmates committed, the women usually find out from the prisoners themselves during the sessions. "Usually, it is one stupid thing they did that ruined the rest of their lives. They have forgiven God and themselves and are looking for some way to better their lives," Kostyack pointed out. "Centering Prayer frees their minds of all thoughts and they are able to feel God's presence and it gives them peace of mind throughout the day."

The first thing that struck me was that they (the inmates) could have been our sons. I think about what we would want for our sons if they were in that situation.

-Cathy Maravetz

Although now familiar and at ease with the inmates, some of the women had initial fears and preconceived notions about what the prisoners would be like. "I was a little apprehensive and intimated to enter the prison," Amberg recalled. "One of the men said: 'what did you expect, that we would all be in stripes? I don't even look good in stripes," she declared fondly.

All of the prisoners wear khaki-colored uniforms. "They are not the movie version of prisoners," Kostyack said. 'Some of these guys give up baseball and their free time to be in the chapel praying.

Grygiel also sees that the stereotypes are broken when meeting the men. "They are very respectful and always thank us for coming. The prisoners all say that they will be praying for us. I hope they feel that we are not judging them," she said.

Even though the "church ladies," as the inmates affectionately call them, have adapted to visiting a prison, some of their

family members and friends have not. "I have to keep reassuring my husband that I will be fine every time I go inside," Amberg said. "I have friends of mine that respect what I am doing but wouldn't want to do it themselves," Grygiel added.

The women encourage others not to be afraid of the prisoners and highlight the fact that some of them are dealing with fear and other complex emotions themselves.

They have to deal with feelings of guilt which can be hard for them. The inmates we work with all know they got what they deserved by being in prison and are determined not to make the same mistake twice. I definitely have respect for them because they are dealing with a situation that I don't know I could handle," Grygiel explained.

Most of the men regret what their behavior has done to their families outside of prison and the hurt they have caused their children and loved ones. "One of the men said he was thankful for being in prison because if he wasn't, he would probably be dead," Kostyack said.

"They have to give up everything in prison and they seem more content than people who have so much. I tell them that there is nothing they can do to make God love them less. They are already sons and daughters of God and God loves them regardless. Through their suffering, they are uniting with the suffering of Christ, Kostyack explained. "St. Paul was a murderer and is now one of the greatest people in Church history. My life has been changed since being involved in this program.'

Administering to the men of the prison has affected the lives of all the women involved. "I value times of silence now because for the inmates, the Centering Prayer group is the only time there is quiet for them. I also value my freedom and my Centering Prayer time more. I believe that the way we can change the world is through prayer. I believe that ministering to the inmates is having a positive influence in changing the world," Maravetz said.

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DEANERY 10 PARISH O.L. Mt. Carmel	CITY Jersey City	AMOUNT \$1,157.00	Christ the King O.L. Mercy O.L. Victories Sacred Heart O.L. of Sorrows	Jersey City Jersey City Jersey City Jersey City Jersey City	341.00 1,819.00 1,485.00 988.90 350.00	St. Cecilia St. Stephen DEANERY #14 TOTA HUDSON COUNTY		2,235.00 4,050.00 <b>\$9,760.00</b> <b>\$78,940.05</b>

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ı	O.L. of the Lake	Verona	8,103.50	Holy Spirit/Help Christ.	E. Orange	1,095.0
ı	O.L. of Lourdes	W. Orange	2,116.50	O.L. Mt. Carmel	Orange	710.0
ı	St. Aloysius	Caldwell	7,631.00	O.L. Valley	Orange	1,157.0
ı	St. Catherine Siena	Cedar Grove	8,175.00	St. John	Orange	1,785.0
ı	St. Joseph	W. Orange	3,366.00	St. Joseph	E. Orange	530.0
ı	St. Philomena	Livingston	7,769.00	DEANERY #17 TOTA		\$7,838.0
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St. Thomas More	Fairfield	4,921.00	DEANERY 18		
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			Good Shepherd	Irvington	\$621.00
DEANERY 16			O.L. Sorrows	S. Orange	6,070.00
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Holy Family	Nutley	\$6,194.00	St. Joseph	Maplewood	3,806.00
Im. Conception	Montclair	4,297.70	St. Leo	Irvington	835.00
O.L. Mt. Carmel	Montclair	1,088.00	DEANERY #18 TOTA	AL -	\$11,886.00
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Sacred Heart	Bloomfield	1,978.00	DEANERY 19		
St. Anthony Padua	Belleville	2,158.00	PARISH	CITY	
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Sacred Heart Cathedral	Newark	1,105.00
St. Francis Xavier	Newark	2,499.00
St. John	Newark	89.00
St. Lucy	Newark	1,330.00
St. Michael	Newark	1,326.00
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DEANERY #21 TOTA	AL	\$5,886.10
St. James	Newark	470.00
St. Casimir	Newark	354.00
St. Benedict	Newark	2,059.00
St. Aloysius	Newark	589.60
O.L. Mt. Carmel	Newark	651.50
O.L. Fatima	Newark	250.00
Im. Heart of Mary	Newark	1,180.00
Holy Trinity	Newark	332.00
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DEANERY #20 TOTA	AL.	\$6,123.34
St. Stanislaus	Newark	425.00
St. Rose of Lima	Newark	610.00
Par. of Transfiguration		314.00
St. Patrick Pro Cath.	Newark	162.00
St. Mary	Newark	1,407.00
St. Columba	Newark	148.00
St. Antoninus	Newark	837.00
Sacred Heart	Newark	908.34
Queen of Angels	Newark	600.00
Bl. Sac./St. Charles	Newark	\$712.00
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**DEANERY 20** 

## **UNION COUNTY**

DEANERY 22			DEANERY 24					
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT	PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT	St. Hedwig	Elizabeth	1,584.00
Little Flower	Berkley Hts.	\$3,679.65	Holy Family	Linden	\$405.00	St. Mary	Elizabeth	1,705.00
O.L. of Lourdes	Mountainside	5,361.00	St. Agnes	Clark	9,477.00	Im. Hrt Mary/St. Pat.	Elizabeth	1,154.00
O.L. of Peace	New Providence	12,847.00	St. Eliz. ofHungary	Linden	2,282.00	Sts. Peter & Paul	Elizabeth	857.00
St. James	Springfield	4,810.00	St. John Apostle	Linden	5,558.00	St. Thomas Aquinas	Newark	208.00
St. Rose of Lima	Short Hills	21.087.00	St. Mark	Rahway	1,592.00	DEANERY #25 TOT	AL	\$17,381.00
St. Teresa	Summit	11.844.05	St. Mary	Rahway	1,900.28			
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DEANERY 23						Holy Trinity	Westfield	\$11,934.00
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Assumption	Roselle Pk.	\$1,852.00	DEANERY 25			St. Bartholomew	Sc. Plains	4,334.00
Christ the King	Hillside	2,062.41	PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT	St. Bern. & St. Stan.	Plainfield	1,185.00
Holy Spirit	Union	4,982.00	Blessed Sacrament	Elizabeth	\$987.00	St. Helen	Westfield	11,809.00
St. Anne	Garwood	2,675.00	Holy Ros. & St. Mich.	Elizabeth	1,466.00	St. Mary	Plainfield	1,621.00
St. Catherine	Hillside	725.00	Im. Conception	Elizabeth	1,574.00	DEANERY #26 TOT	AL	\$36,381.00
St. Joseph	Roselle	1.404.00	O.L. Fatima	Elizabeth	290.00			I
St. Michael	Union	3,662.08	St. Adalbert	Elizabeth	1,538.00	UNION COUNTY T	OTAL	\$161,186.47
St. Michael	Cranford	5,450.00	St. Anthony Padua	Elizabeth	1,459.00			I
St. Theresa	Kenilworth	2,000.00	St. Genevieve	Elizabeth	4,559.00			ı
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Other Organizations:	Misc.	\$855.00
	Community of God's Love	\$157.00
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St. Theresa's Chapel, Paramus \$1,452.00 \$1,536.00 Total

TOTAL FROM PARISHES

\$704,574.61

\$4,000.00 **ARCHDIOCESAN TOTAL** 

\$708,574.61

## Around the Archdiocese

## March 24

Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains, tricky tray auction, 6 p.m., Cost: \$10, (908) 889-1600 ext. 310.

Xavier Center, Convent Station, "Retrouvaille" marriage support program, through March 26, (973) 497-4327.

Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights, "An Evening for Women," 6 p.m., Call Mary Anne at (201) 288-9091 or Georgene at (201) 288- 4408.

St. Mark Parish, Rahway, memorial Mass, 6 p.m., Call Ann at (908) 272-8796 or Nina at (732) 381-1298.

Sacred Heart Parish, Lyndhurst, fish fry, 5:30- 7:30 p.m., Cost: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, (201) 438-1147.

## March 25

Lumen Center, Caldwell, poetry celebration for spring, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m., RSVP ASAP, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, Lenten Choir Prelude concert and Mass, 4:30 p.m., (973) 992-0994.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary** Altar Society, Mountainside, Day of Recollection, 9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m., Cost: \$10, (908) 232-1162.

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

Knights of Columbus #835, Belleville, tricky tray auction, St. Peter's School, 6 p.m., advanced tickets only, Cost: \$15, Call (973) 759-9656 or (862) 220-1160.

**Don Bosco Preparatory** High School, Ramsey, "Pirates of Penzance" performance, through April 1, 8 p.m., Cost: \$12, (201) 327-8003.

Holy Family Parish, Nutley, fish fry, 6-7 p.m. and 7-8 p.m., Call Debbie at (973) 667-1947.

## March 26

Knights of Columbus #2859, Linden, blood drive, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m., Call 1-800-BLOOD NJ.

Knights of Columbus #2586, Teaneck, communion breakfast, 10:15 a.m., Cost: \$11 for adults, \$5 for children, Call Sal at (201) 448-9081.

St. Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark, Alumni Association's annual Mass and communion breakfast, 9 a.m., Cost: \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for children, (973) 792-5779.

St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, "Taste of the Towns," 2-6 p.m., Cost: \$25 for adults, \$10 for children, (732) 396-3511.

Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee, 23rd annual ACIES of Our Lady of the Most Holy Eucharist Curia of Bergen County, 3 p.m., (201) 947-1216.

## March 27

St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, "HIS-STORY," a Lenten journey, also Apr. 7, 7:30 p.m., Call Mary at (201) 358-2793 or (201) 666-2707 ext. 28.

St. Mary Parish, Nutley, Lenten mission, through Mar. 29, 7:30 p.m., (973) 235-1100.

The Rosary Society of Holy Family Parish will meet at 7:45

p.m. in St. Joseph's Center to make Easter baskets for young oncology patients.

## March 28

Caldwell College Alumni Theatre, Caldwell, human trafficking workshop "Haven," 7 p.m., (973) 226-1577 ext. 305.

## March 29

Seton Hall University, South Orange, Women's Conference, 8:30 a.m.- 2 p.m., Cost: \$35, (973) 378-2695.

St. Joseph Parish, Oradell, tricky tray auction, at Florentine Gardens, Riverdale, 7 p.m., Cost: \$37.50, (201) 261-0148.

St. Gabriel Archangel Parish, Saddle River, outreach to pregnant women, 8:15 p.m., (201) 327-5663.

## March 31

Sacred Heart School, Lyndhurst, 50th anniversary dinner, at Graycliff, Moonachie, 7 p.m., (201) 939-4277.

Morristown Inn, Marriage Encounter Weekend, 7 p.m., through Apr. 2, Cost: \$50, Call Sal and Sylvia Vassallo at (800) 823-5683.

## April 2

Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine, Summit, Mass and prayer service to honor Blessed Margaret of Castello, 3 p.m., Call Jane at (908) 464-0015.

St. Joseph Regional High School, Montvale, spring craft show and sale, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Cost: \$2, (201) 391-2099.

## April 5

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

## April 7

St. Peter's College, Jersey City, Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa meeting, 3:15 p.m., (201) 413-0123.

## April 8

St. Peter's College, Jersey City, Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa, recitation of the Rosary, 8:40 a.m., (201) 413-0123.

St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, sweetheart dance, 7:30 p.m., Cost: \$12, Call Frank at (973) 340-4001.

St. Patrick Parish, Elizabeth, spring auction, I p.m., Cost: \$4 in advance/ \$5 at the door, (908) 353-5220 or (908) 351-2188.

Marist High School, Bayonne, tricky tray auction, 6 p.m., Cost: \$10, (201) 434-5938 ext. 45.

Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights, "Deliver us from Evil," 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., (973) 623-

Bergen Catholic High School will present the Bobby Byrne Show in cabaret format at 7:45 p.m. Broadway and Irish songs along with audience participation will be featured. Tickets are \$20. Call Rose at (201) 368-8727 or Sandy at (201) 384-6676.

St. Joseph Parish, Jersey City, will present a program of music and folklore, 1:30 p.m. at Loews Theatre, 54 Journal Square, Jersey City. A dinner/dance will follow

the show. Call (201) 653-0392 or (201) 963-8210 for information.

## April 9

Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, "Spring Fashion Fling for MS," at Marriott Glenpointe Hotel, II:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., Cost: \$65, (201) 837-0727 ext. 125.

## **Other**

**Knights of Columbus Coun**cil #5437, Garwood, Easter food drive, canned and dried foods can be dropped off after 4 p.m., (908) 789-9809.

**April is Autism Awareness** Month. The archdiocesan Apostolate-People With Disabilities office supports the Pastoral statement from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which calls for the fuller participation of people with disabilities into parish life. The focus in April will be on families affected by autism. Contact Anne Masters, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, Apostolate-People with Disabilities at (973) 266-7971 (e-mail: anne\_masters@ccsnewark.org) for information.

Annulment information program An annulment information program will be held Wednesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., at St. Theresa's Church (in the school auditorium), 541 Washington Ave., Kenilworth. A canon lawyer will discuss the most recent guidelines and requirements for obtaining a Church annulment. Pre-registration is not necessary and the public is invited to attend. Contact the archdiocesan Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327 for more information.

## 'Day of Reflection' for women offered April



Mary Shivanandan

LIVINGSTON— The Women's Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark will sponsor a "Day of Reflection" on Saturday, April 1 at St. Philomena's Parish from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Archbishop John J. Myers will celebrate Mass at 10 a.m.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Mary Shivanandan, a professor of theology at the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Washington, where she has taught since 1989.

Her area of expertise is theological anthropology with an emphasis on the theology of the body. From 1999 to 2001 Dr. Shivanandan was associate dean of the Institute.

Before entering academic life, Dr. Shivanandan spent many years from the early 1970s as a researcher, writer and consultant on marriage, family, sexuality and natural family planning while raising a family.

Dr. Shivanandan graduated from Cambridge University in England with a degree in Classics and received her licentiate and doctorate in sacred theology from the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in 1991 and 1995 respectively. She is the author of numerous articles both academic and general, has contributed chapters to several books and is the author notably of two on marriage and family.

Dr. Shivanandan has served on the boards of several organizations, including the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, Women Affirming Life, (founding member), Family Honor, Catholic Social Science Review editorial board and Asian American Forum (president and vice-president). She has also served as theological advisor to the NFP Committee, Archdiocese of Washington and Archdiocesan representative to the Montgomery County Family Life and Human Development Committee.

For more information, contact Pam Swartzberg at (201) 891-4797 or pamelams@optonline.net.

## Official



## Archbishop John J. Myers

has announced the following appointments:

## PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Joao B. Lima has been appointed part-time parochial vicar of Holy Trinity/Epiphany Parish, Newark and part-time parochial vicar of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Orange, with residence at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rectory, effective March 1.

#### **DEANS**

**Reverend Joseph** J. Bejgrowicz, pastor of St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth, has also been appointed Dean of the Union North Deanery, Deanery 23 for a term of five years, ending March 1, 2011.

## Holy Meek Schedule

Archbishop John J. Myers and his bishops have released their schedules for Holy Week.

#### Archbishop John J. Myers

Palm Sunday, April 9: noon Mass, Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart Monday, April 10: Chrism Mass, 8 p.m., Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Tuesday, April II: 10 a.m. Mass at Seton Hall Prep, West Orange

Holy Thursday, April 13: Holy Hour 11 a.m. and luncheon for the clergy of Union County at St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth

Mass of the Last Supper, 7:30 p.m., Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Good Friday, April 14: 9:30 a.m., Stations of the Cross during a walk

to an abortion clinic in Englewood

3 p.m. service, Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Easter Vigil, April 15: 8:30 p.m., Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart Easter Sunday, April 16: noon Mass at Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart

> Most Rev. Peter L. Gerety **Archbishop Emeritus of Newark** (All at St. Cecilia Parish, Kearny)

Holy Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Mass Good Friday: 3 p.m. service

Easter Vigil: 8 p.m.

## Most Rev. David Arias, OAR

## **Auxiliary Bishop of Newark Emeritus**

Palm Sunday: 11:30 a.m. Mass, St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City Monday: Chrism Mass, 8 p.m., Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart Holy Thursday: 7 p.m., Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Newark Good Friday: 5 p.m., procession at St. Mary's Parish, Jersey City and at 6:30 p.m.,

service at St. Brigit Parish, Jersey City Easter Sunday: 12:30 p.m. Mass, St. John Parish, Orange

#### Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha **Auxiliary Bishop of Newark**

Palm Sunday: II a.m. Mass, St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth

Holy Thursday: 7 p.m., St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Hillside

Good Friday: 7:30 p.m. service, St. Michael Parish, Newark

Easter Vigil: 8 p.m., St. Raphael Parish, Livingston

Easter Sunday: 10 a.m. Mass, St. Michael Parish, Newark

#### Most Rev. Thomas Donato **Auxiliary Bishop of Newark** (All at St. Henry Parish, Bayonne)

Palm Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday procession Mass

Holy Thursday: 7:30 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper, Adoration of

the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11 p.m. Good Friday: 7:30 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil: 7:30 p.m liturgy

Easter Sunday: 8 a.m. Mass

#### Most Rev. John Flesey **Auxiliary Bishop of Newark**

(All at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes)

Easter Vigil: 8 p.m. Easter Sunday: noon Mass

#### Most Rev. Charles McDonnell **Auxiliary Bishop of Newark Emeritus** (All at Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack)

Palm Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Mass Holy Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Mass Easter Vigil: 8:30 p.m. Easter Sunday: II a.m. Mass

#### Most Rev. Dominic Marconi **Auxiliary Bishop of Newark Emeritus**

Palm Sunday: 10 a.m. Mass, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Linden

Holy Thursday: 7 p.m. Mass, St. Hedwig's Parish, Elizabeth

Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:30 p.m., St. Margaret

of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry

Easter Vigil: Noon blessing of the Easter food at St. Theresa Parish, Linden

8 p.m., St. Vincent De Paul Parish, Bayonne

Easter Sunday: 9 a.m. Mass, St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth.



VATICAN MEETING-Pope Benedict XVI (right) shakes hands with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak during a private audience at the Vatican March 13. The Vatican said their meeting centered on the situation in the Middle East, tensions surrounding Iran's nuclear program and religious tolerance in Egypt.

## Admiring faith, spirit of young

Juess what? Young people throughout the Church actually do care about Jetheir faith and its future.

Too often those on either side of the teenage years are labeled the "MTV Generation" or "Generation X." Such disdainful descriptions by some adults of this world are generalities and often wrong. For proof one need look no further than the Archdiocese of Newark.

The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart was filled recently on two separate occasions for the annual scouting awards service.

Looking out into the pews, one could feel the strong values-based bond among the scouts, their families, adult leaders and the Church. The Brownies, Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts who received medals and ribbons were impressive in both character and accomplishment.

It would not be surprising if a few years from now many of these scouts became members of The New Faithful, a growing Christian movement among young adults focusing on the traditions of their faith.

For the third straight year the group's Garden State contingent will participate in annual Salesian New Jersey Pro-Life Youth Rally on the South Orange campus of Seton Hall University on April 5. Some 700 high school students will be making a dramatic statement for life. For information on this event, contact Father Steve Ryan, SDB, at (973) 761-0201.

Faith-based scouting and programs such as The New Faithful are viable options that provide a solid foundation for life as a good citizen and, more importantly, a good Catholic.

## Decoding the 'Code'

T t is a pre-emptive strike that had to be made.

LEarlier this month the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Catholic Communication Campaign launched www.jesusdecoded.com to refute claims made by the soon-to-be-released Ron Howard film The DaVinci Code based on the best-selling and controversial book.

There is an old saying "even bad publicity is publicity," leading many to wonder whether, in bringing up the issue of this book and movie, Catholics are adding to the hype. Perhaps so, but more important is the fact that as Catholics, we have an obligation to tell the truth—especially about Jesus. That is especially so in the face of the arrogance displayed last week by the studio and famed director in response to a request from the Catholic League that a disclaimer be run with the film noting it is a fictional account. The reason for turning down the request was predictable...the catchall defense of "artistic rights." How convenient.

Contained on the Web site is Church-based fact on such sacred and revered beliefs as the nature of Jesus, His relationship with Mary Magalene, the first four ecumenical councils of the early Church and how they shape today's teaching about Jesus, contemporaneous accounts of Jesus' life that were not selected for the New Testament, the role of women in the Church and Last Supper paintings by Leonardo da Vinci and other artists of his era.

There are limits to the Hollywood treatment of faith and its tenants. *The* DaVinci Code has crossed the line and the U.S. bishops are not willing to sit back and wring their hands. We applaud them for that.

## Trials in the pilgrimage of life

Readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14-23; Psalm 137; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21.

Quoting St. Augustine's City of God, the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council explained the situation of the Church in the world. "The Church, 'like a pilgrim in a foreign land, presses forward amid the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God,' announcing the cross and death of the Lord until he comes (see 1 Cor 11:26)." (The Constitution on the Church #8).

The pattern of pilgrimage in a hostile world was already part of Israel's experience, especially during the periods of Egyptian slavery and the Babylonian Exile (586-538 B. C.). The Exodus under Moses was the profound experience of deliverance that became the model for understanding God's hand in all subsequent trials. The symbols of the Exodus-Sinai events were evoked to interpret the meaning of great acts of redemption for both Jews and Christians.

"The salvation of the Church was foreshadowed mystically by the Chosen People's Exodus from the land of bondage" (Vatican II, Declaration on Non-Christian Religions #4).

The Books of Chronicles were written some time after the restoration of the exiled people to their land. So this narrative presents a sweep of history that goes beyond that of Second Kings. The passage for the Fourth Sunday of Lent constitutes the end of the Chronicler's work. He states that Israel's sins, especially of idolatry, caused the destruction of Jerusalem, the Temple and the Exile.

What historian outside the biblical tradition ever blamed his own community for the disasters of war? More precise-

# Good Friday prayers at abortion clinic

ENGLEWOOD—Archbishop John J. Myers will again participate in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 14, across the street from an abortion clinic.

Members of the Christian community and the Legion of Mary have issued an invitation to join them for the "peaceful and prayerful" event that begins at 9:30 a.m. Organizers stress that no signs or posters should be brought that day.

Assembly will be at the railroad station parking lot at Demarest and Dean streets. The group will walk praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. They will not stop except to cross the street and will finish in front of the library across from the abortion clinic at 40 Engle St. The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be among the walkers.

Once the walkers arrive at the clinic, they will pray the Stations of the Cross, the Divine Chaplet and Novena.

# 'Notes of Distinction' benefit concert at SHU

SOUTH ORANGE—The third-annual Notes of Distinction benefit concert, to support the college seminarians at Saint Andrew's Hall, will be held April 18 at 7 p.m. in Seton Hall University's Jubilee Hall.

Entertainment will be provided by The Family, a vocal group whose repertoire includes opera, religious and Broadway music. A cocktail reception follows the concert.

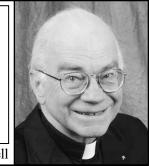
Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli, bishop of the Paterson Diocese, will receive the Saint Andrew's Achievement Award. Richard and Aleta Taylor are the recipients of the Saint Andrew's Humanitarian Award.

The donation for tickets is \$100 per person; \$50, for any priest wishing to attend. Call Jane Alfonzo in the College Seminary Office (973) 761.9420.

## Sunday Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 26, 2006)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



ly, the author remarked that the Exile of 70 years (probably counting from 604 B.C., when Nebuchadnezzar first demanded tribute from Jerusalem) gave the land of Israel the sabbatical rest (see Lev 25:1-7) that it did not receive in the 490 years of the First Temple period.

Perhaps this seems farfetched to us, but as we enter the third century after the "Industrial Revolution" and the ecological disasters that human greed has brought, there may well be a lesson for our day.

"The Lord inspired King Cyrus of Persia," who had

conquered the Babylonian Empire, to order that a house be built for God in Jerusalem. The God of Israel is the Lord of history, so all is under his judgment.

Undoubtedly divine inspiration and graces are offered to all leaders in our world, great or small, yet the primordial gift of free will can so easily be warped to false purposes! Like the Jewish community (see Jer 29:7), the Church encourages us to pray for our political leaders that they may acknowledge God and his

gifts, respect all human beings and their rights.

The Gospel text for this Sunday is taken from the end of John's account about the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus. Baptism constitutes the beginning of a new life "from above." Each person is born of the Spirit and thereby enabled to enter the Kingdom of God (3:5-8). This sacrament also introduces the person into the Church, the community of those who accept the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection.

This mystery (the unveiling of God's plan) is explained in terms of the Exodus and wilderness wandering. "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert (see Num 21:4-9), so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:14-15).

After Israel was rescued from oppression in Egypt they wandered for forty years through the desert, gradually learning the meaning of the Covenant and the life of faith to which they were called.

Moses suffered because of the common human tendency to complain about the present and to recall only a rosy picture of the past. "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or

water?" (Numbers 21:5). When the people understood that an attack by poisonous snakes was a punishment for their complaints, Moses interceded for them and, at God's command, made the equivalent of the caduceus as a sign of divine mercy and healing.

At times we may not see the direction of our pilgrimage, afflicted perhaps by persecution from without or nagging doubts from within. The consolations of God and the gift of faith flow from the crucified Lord, so we look to him, acknowledging that through his death and resurrection we already have the inestimable gift of healing and eternal life.

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



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**CATHOLIC CHALLENGE**—The second-annual Catholic Challenge project will be held at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark, on Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program, organized and sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catechetical and Schools offices and Serra International, will attract over 60 seventh and eighth grade students from Catholic schools and religious education programs throughout the four counties of the archdiocese. Students, like those pictured here from Our Lady of Peace religious education program in New Providence, will test their knowledge about the Church and compete for prizes. The grand prize is a trip for four to Disneyworld in Florida. All participants will receive a certificate and a Bible. Contact Elizabeth Foer, associate director of the Catechetics office, at (973) 497-4297 for more information.

# 'Jesus decoded' Web site launched to counter claims in upcoming film: 'The Da Vinci Code'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A new Web site sponsored by the U.S. bishops' Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) has been established to provide accurate information about the life of Jesus, the origins of Christianity and Catholic teaching to counter claims made in the best-selling novel "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown.

The Web site, www.jesusdecoded.com, was launched March 9. A film version of the book is slated for nationwide release May 19.

The site contains information that refutes claims made in the book about the nature of Jesus; his relationship with Mary Magdalene; the first four ecumenical councils of the early Church and how they shaped today's teaching about Jesus; contemporaneous accounts of Jesus' life that were not selected for the New Testament; the role of women in the Church throughout history; and the "Last Supper" paintings by Leonardo da Vinci and other artists of his era.

Also found on the site is a column by John Thavis, Rome Bureau chief for Catholic News Service, on the level of Vatican reaction to the book and forthcoming movie.

There is also an essay from the U.S. bishops' Office for Film & Broadcasting on the marketing hype behind the movie; and a commentary, "What's Wrong With 'The Da Vinci Code'?", written by Father John Wauck, a U.S. priest of Opus Dei, the personal prelature which figures prominently in the novel.

The site also has production information on the CCC's

"Jesus Decoded" TV special, including information on air dates and times in cities around the United States. The program, shot on location in Israel, Turkey and Italy, includes interviews with international scholars versed in art, history and Scripture who "help separate Catholic truth from popular fiction." It has been offered to NBC affiliates, but each affiliate's management makes the decision whether to air it.

"Many of my students and myself included enjoy a good, fast-paced novel, and enjoyed 'The Da Vinci Code' on that level, as a tall tale of adventure," said Alan Schreck, chairman of the theology department at the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio, who contributed an essay to the Web site on early Church ecumenical councils.

"There's a level where this book is appealing to people," Schreck told CNS. "That is what makes it dangerous to someone, if they believe it's a historical representation or an accurate theological presentation."

Rather than cover up the truth about Jesus, as the novel suggests, the early church councils tried to uncover the truth, according to Schreck.

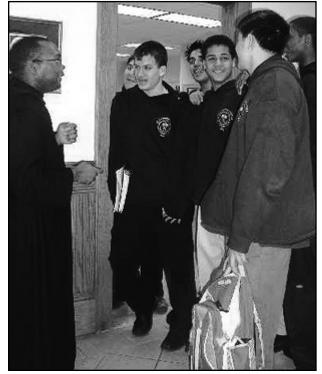
In those councils, the participants "asked critical questions and had entertained different views of who Jesus was, his mission, and in this process saw the need to clarify the truth about Jesus that sprung from the most authentic and reliable sources about him," Schreck said. "And there were many sources about him that were being promulgated."

# Youthful vision steers Brother Winbush on journey as monk in the inner city

BY WARD MIELE Managing Editor

NEWARK—For the Benedictine Monks of Newark Abbey, Brother Patrick Winbush's youth is a hopeful vision of the Order's future in serving the inner city.

The monks, who operate St. Benedict's Preparatory School, welcomed the Newark native into the monastery during his second semester at St. Peter's



Brother Winbush (left), has an impromptu discussion with students between classes.

College in Jersey City when he was just 18 years old. Now 25, he professed solemn vows last September.

These days Brother Winbush is a busy monk. He is the monastery's assistant guest master and assistant vocations director. He is also active in campus ministry and in the academic affairs office while still finding time to work part time at the Newman Center at Rutgers University and NJIT both in Newark.

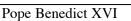
Newark Abbey is a monastery of 20 Benedictine monks on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. Founded in 1857 as St. Mary's Priory and later St. Mary's Abbey, the monastery has sponsored and staffed St. Benedict's Preparatory School on its grounds since 1868. Besides min-

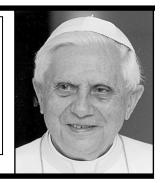
istering at St. Mary Parish, the monks provide pastoral assistance to several neighboring parishes.

Novice Master Father Albert T. Holtz, OSB, explained that the entire community of Newark Abbey "has had a hand in Brother Patrick's formation. We have enjoyed watching him grow up. He has man-

aged wonderfully well in a difficult situation, being the only young person in a community of much older men. But his calm and generous personality made it possible for him to put up with the hardships and to be patient with the rest of us as we learned the best ways of teaching him how to be monk. He learned from us the customs and traditions of the monastery."

Reflecting on his vocation, Brother Winbush cited the fact that "growing up," he attended Catholic grade school and high school and was "inspired by the dedication of the priests and teachers." The Pope Speaks





## The apostles' mission

Dear brothers and sisters,

In coming weeks, our catechesis will focus on the mystery of Christ and the Church. Jesus willed to found His Church upon the apostles, and it is through their witness that we continue to encounter Him. The mission of the apostles must be seen in the context of the mystery of communion of God's people, spanning both the Old and the New Covenant. Jesus' entire ministry took place against the backdrop of Israel's faith and hope and was aimed at gathering into one the eschatological people of God. Far from a purely individualistic summons to conversion, His mission was directed to the establishment of the community of the New and Eternal Covenant.

Jesus' conscious decision to choose the Twelve Apostles was a prophetic sign announcing the eschatological renewal of the 12 tribes of Israel, the dawn of salvation and the fulfillment of God's promises. In the person of the apostles, charged with the celebration of the Eucharist and the forgiveness of sins, the Church has been made the sign and instrument of the kingdom of God in our midst. Christ can never be separated from the Church; through the Church He remains ever present in His people, and in a special way in the successors of the Apostles.

Brother Winbush's first visit to the Newark Abbey was as a junior at St. Patrick High School in Elizabeth. He was invited by Father Edwin Leahy, OSB, St. Benedict's headmaster who was also a weekend assistant at his parish, Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo.

Walking into the Abbey the very first time, Brother Winbush exclaimed that "I felt at home." Noting that most monasteries are in the country, the Newark Abbey's service to the inner city was just what he was seeking.

Brother Winbush's youth, Father Holtz points out, is "a great gift to us and, we hope, an encouraging sign to

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To young people thinking of a vocation, Brother Winbush advised that they "speak to a priest or Religious and do lot of praying to the Blessed Sacrament. If you feel there is a calling, try it out."

As the Newark Abbey

"tries to respond to the new circumstances of fewer numbers and an aging community, we have begun to see (Brother Winbush) as God's calling us to a new and wider definition of what a monastic community is including our faculty, students and Oblates, Father Holtz said.

The positive experience and impact of Brother Winbush, Father Holtz stressed, comes as the community celebrated the Feast of St. Benedict on March 21.

For further information on St. Benedict's call (973) 792-5800 or go to www.sbp.org.

## **Communion frustration voiced**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A new "statement of principles" signed by a majority of the Catholic Democrats in the House of Representatives arose from the politicians' frustration at "the way the Church used the holy Eucharist as a political weapon against some elected officials' during the 2004 elections, according to one of the signers.

The statement said the Catholic House members see their faith as a primary motivator for their political actions but are sometimes required by conscience or because of the religious diversity of the U.S. to disagree with the Church "in some areas."

Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., told Catholic News Service in a March 1 telephone interview that

the statement was the product of "many, many meetings" among the House Democrats themselves and with others, including Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington, who heads the U.S. bishops' Task Force on Catholic Bishops and Politicians.

"We felt that we allowed a small minority to drive this issue," Stupak said. "We weren't speaking out."

The Feb. 28 statement was signed by 55 of the 73 Catholic Democrats in the House. Some, like Stupak, are strongly prolife while others support keeping abortion legal.

During the 2004 presidential campaign, some bishops said Catholic politicians who vote in favor of abortion should be

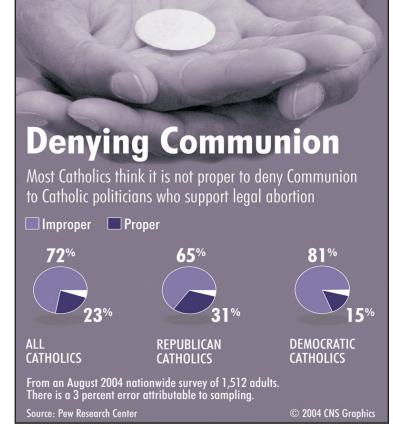
refused Communion. In a June 2004 statement drawn up by Cardinal McCarrick's task force, the bishops declared that politicians who act "consistently to support abortion on demand" risk "cooperating in evil and sinning against the common good."

They said all Catholics are required to examine their conscience on their worthiness to receive Communion, but added that a canonical decision to deny Communion to anyone rests with each bishop in his own diocese because of "the wide range of circumstances involved in arriving at a prudential judgment" in each case.

The Democrats' statement does not refer directly to the Communion issue, but said the signers "believe we can speak to the fundamental issues that unite us as Catholics and lend our voices to changing the political debate—a debate that often fails to reflect and encompass the depth and complexity of these issues."

Affirming Catholic teaching on "the value of human life and the undesirability of abortion," the politicians pledged to support alternatives to abortion, such as adoption, improved access to children's health care and child care, and "policies that encourage paternal and maternal responsibility."

"In all these issues, we seek the Church's guidance and assistance but believe also in the primacy of conscience," the statement said. "In recognizing the Church's role in providing moral leadership, we acknowledge and accept the tension that comes with being in disagreement with the Church in some areas."



Nearly three-quarters of Catholics believe it is improper for Church leaders to deny communion to Catholic politicians whose views on abortion and other life issues go against Church teachings.

The politicians said they were "committed to making real the basic principles that are at the heart of Catholic social teaching: helping the poor and disadvantaged, protecting the most vulnerable among us, and ensuring that all Americans of every faith are given meaningful opportunities to share in the blessings of this great country."

"That commitment is fulfilled in different ways by legislators but includes: reducing the rising rates of poverty; increasing access to education for all; pressing for increased access to health care; and taking seriously the decision to go to war," they said. "Each of these issues challenges our obligations as Catholics to community and helping those in need."

The Democrats also said they were obligated to preserve the U.S. Constitution, "which guarantees religious freedom for all Americans."



A POLISH CHRISTMAS IN HACKENSACK—Children of St. Joseph's Church presented parishioners with a special gift on Jan. 8. With the help of parents, the children performed a traditional Polish Christmas play, depicting the birth of Jesus. The young thespians wore elaborate costumes, sang songs and read their lines flawlessly. Following the performance, the children shared "Oplatek" (unconsecrated bread wafer) with members of the audience. Polish families typically serve the wafer at the "Wigilia" table on Christmas Eve. Father Marian Spanier is the pastor of St. Joseph.



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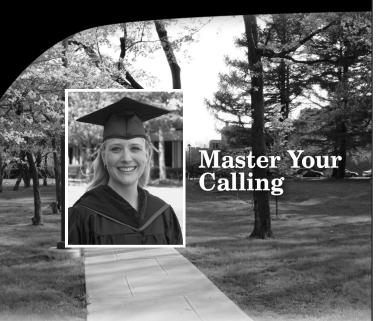


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## Marylawn to honor achievement

SOUTH ORANGE— Marylawn of the Oranges Academy will honor former New Jersey First Lady Mary Jo Codey and St. Benedict's Preparatory School Headmaster Father Edwin Leahy, O.S.B. at its 10th annual Spirit of Achievement Dinner April 6 at Mayfair Farms in West Orange at 6 p.m.

In commemoration of its 70th anniversary, Marylawn will also honor seven alumnae from each decade between 1940 through 2000 and one student from the Class of 2006.

Mrs. Codey is a lifelong resident of New Jersey and a staunch advocate for individuals whose lives are affected by mental illnesses and breast cancer.

Father Leahy has served as the 23rd Headmaster of St. Benedict's Preparatory School in Newark since 1972.

Alumnae honorees include: Mary Jane Waldron '41, of Orange, Marianne LaFera Grosso '51, of West Orange; Elizabeth Duthie '69; Deborah Querques Belfatto '71; Regina Brazinskas Collins; and Catherine Davenport '95, of Bloomfield. Mavis Amoakohene '06 will receive the prestigious Student of Achievement Award.

To purchase tickets or for additional information contact Lois Hradil, Director of Development, at (973) 762-9222, ext. 23.

## Virtual' library thrives at UCHS

PLAINS—The days of the card catalogue are long gone. In fact, if you ask most high school students to research a subject for a paper, the first place they go is to Google. The search engine is so popular that the company name is often used as a verb.

While Google is quite effective in turning up results, the source of the information found is often questionable. That's what Union Catholic High School (UCHS) English teacher Noreen Andrews recently discovered when she asked her students to do some research online. "They all found the same source using Google. That source turned out to be a 12year-old student published on her teacher's website from a school in the Midwest," the English teacher explained.

Andrews, who is also the assistant principal of academics, said the challenge is to teach students to be valid researchers using today's new tools and that means using the World Wide Web.

The problem is that not everything on the Internet is reliable.

Andrews and her colleagues

at UCHS decided the best solution was to bring the high school's traditional paper library to the Internet.

As a member of the New Jersey Library Cooperative, the school has access to a number of databases free of charge. Those databases include some of the same sources available to students at major colleges and universities across the nation. Bringing that information to the students allows them to take advantage of the technology without risking using unreliable sources.

Andrews said the virtual library has become an important part of the curriculum at UCHS. Without efficient navigation skills, students can get lost along the Information Highway.

'Our objective at Union Catholic is to develop information literacy skills. Information literacy is more than just knowing the technology of research, although that's certainly part of it. Being informational literate means knowing how to discern valid information from unreliable, invalid sources, knowing what questions to and knowing where to look for answers.

One of the virtual library databases, SIRS, a product of ProQuest, is particularly useful in the classroom. SIRS was originally a long-standing source of social issue research housed in traditional libraries in paper form. The database has been expanded to include government reports, current perspectives on arts and humanities, and selected Web sources.

"All the articles available in this database have been checked for content and security. We want students to learn that there's more credible, valid, primary source information on the Internet than what you find from a Google search," Andrews stressed.

When combined with the curriculum at UCHS, SIRS can help guide students through their research. Teachers can choose several articles on an issue and save them for students to read online similar to putting articles on reserve in the library. Another benefit of the SIRS database is that all of the articles are coded by the Lexile framework. Lexiles are a new form of identifying the reading level of a particular article or textbook: the higher the Lexile number, the more difficult the vocabulary and syntax. This allows teachers to choose articles based on the reading level of their students.

We want our students to be life long learners and to be capable of thriving in the information society," Andrews said.

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## Veritas awards await

CALDWELL-Caldwell College will celebrate the professional accomplishments of its alumni at the 21st Veritas Awards Dinner on Friday, March 31, 6 p.m., at Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

June LaBella Drewry '71, global chief information officer for the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, will be cited for Excellence in Technology Management; Sister Elizabeth Michael Boyle, O.P., Ph.D., '59 will be presented the Veritas Award for Excellence in Education and Poetry Award; and Sally Ward Kelly '55 will be honored for Excellence in Early Childhood Development Award.

In addition to honoring professional excellence in alumni, the Veritas Awards Dinner provides networking opportunities among alumni, the business community and the college. Since the first dinner two decades ago, 57 alumni, and two honorary alumnae, have been recognized by Caldwell College and their peers for upholding the finest values of the founding Dominican sisters and the Caldwell College mission.

The dinner is open to the public and alumni are encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$80. Call Kathleen Buse at (973) 618-3411.



Looking up information for an assignment under the guidance of Assistant Principal for Academics Noreen Andrews are, left to right, Cassandra Simcox, Gregory Cassidy, Angelo Cerimele and Jessica Moise.

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**PASTOR INSTALLED**—Father Paul A. Cannariato, new pastor of Church of St. Mary, Closter, delivers his homily. Pictured at the right is Very Rev. Gerald Hahn. Rev. Thomas Donato, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, was also at the installation.

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## Youths to explore social justice

KEARNY—High school students looking for a chance to help their peers learn more about hot-button social issues are invited to attend A Dream of Peace and Justice: A High School Encounter With Social Justice on Friday, March 31 at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center.

The event is designed to bring students face to face with professionals in the field of today's social justice issues, and listen to speakers discuss numerous social topics ranging from minimum wage to housing to environmental concerns.

Following the discussions, participants will be divided into task teams to develop a plan to imple-

ment what they've learned at their high schools. Each high school can send a delegation of 20 students. Enrollment is limited to the first 25 schools that register. Public and private high schools can take part.

Speakers were chosen based on their experience and positions in a given area of social justice, regardless of religious beliefs.

The Encounter With Social Justice event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration and end at 2:30 p.m. The \$10 cost per participant includes lunch.

For additional information, contact Bob McLaughlin at (201) 998-0088 ext. 4153, or by e-mail at Mclaugro@rcan.org.

## Tasty' fund-raiser on March 26

LINDEN—Saint John the Apostle Parish will hold its "Taste of the Towns" fund-raiser on Sunday, March 26, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The event will be held in the Sister Donna Marie O'Brien Auditorium, which is located at Valley Road and Ridgeview Terrace in Clark. (The parish's rectory and mailing address is in Linden, while the actual parish grounds are just over the town border in Clark).

Advance sale tickets are \$25 for adults; \$10 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the Church after all weekend masses and at the parish rectory (908-486-6363) during business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday), or by calling (732) 396–3511. Tickets also can be purchased at Witty's Fine Wines,

which is located in the Rahway CVS mall on St. Georges Avenue.

The fund-raiser—in the words of a famous chef—will "kick it up a notch" with over 25 participating restaurants, food establishments, along with more than 10 wine and aperitif tasting stations. Area restaurants participating in the event include Allen's Ristorante Italiano, Bennigan's, Spat's, Wegman's Food Markets and the Mulberry Street Restaurant (all from Woodbridge); Aliperti's, Lana's, Luis Place, Merchant of Venice, Molly McGuire's Vaccarro's and The Windsor (from Clark); Applebee's, The Caviler, Chevy's, Pinho's, Starbuck's and Two Tony's (from Linden); Bagel Junction, Cervantes of Spain, and Triestina's (from Cranford), The St. Georges Deli (from Rahway)

and The Chestnut Château and The Galloping Hill Inn (from Union).

Along with food, there will be a sampling of fine wines, microbrew beers and aperitifs.

An on-site raffle will be held offering prizes such as gift baskets from Estee Lauder, L'Oreal, Bath and Body Works, gift cards from Target and area restaurants, as well as a "Night in Manhattan," which includes dinner for two, an overnight stay at DoubleTree Guest Suites and tickets to the "Phantom of the Opera" at the Majestic Theater.

There also will be a "Holiday in Boca" grand prize, which includes a four-night stay at the Embassy Suites Boca Raton, FL, and airfare from Newark to Florida courtesy of JetBlue Airways.





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## 'Seeing' Jesus is theme of CSE convocation

MORRISTOWN—The College of Saint Elizabeth (CSE) will hold its 14th annual Spirituality Convocation, We Would See Jesus, on Saturday, April 1 in Saint Joseph Hall gymnasium.

The convocation will begin with registration at 8 a.m. and conclude with the celebration of the Eucharist at 4 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person, \$25 per person for groups of 10 or more, lunch not included.

Seeing with a Contemplative Eye, will be presented by Dr. Wendy Wright at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Wright is professor of theology at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and holds the John C. Kenefick Faculty Chair in the Humanities. At 1 p.m., Dr. Michael J.Corso will speak on Seeing Jesus. Dr. Corso is founder of In the Vineyard Ministries, a con-

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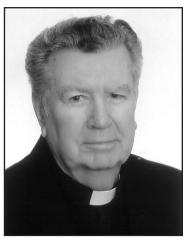
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**Father Kevin Shanley** 

# Father Shanley 'top' Irishman

Father Kevin Shanley last week was honored as one of the "Top 100 Irish Americans" by *Irish America* magazine. Father Shanley, who was born and raised in St. Aloysius Parish in Jersey City, was ordained as a priest at the Carmelite Junior Seminary in Hamilton, MA, on May 26, 1956 and later offered his first Mass at St. Aloysius.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Mt. Carmel College, Niagara Falls, Ontario, and holds masters degrees in journalism, psychology and theology. He received a doctorate degree in ministry from the University of St. Mary on the Lake, Mundelein, IL. He taught Irish history and literature at St. Xavier University, Chicago, for 17 years and was an instructor at Joliet Catholic High School, Joliet, IL, for 30 years.

Father Shanley founded the Celtic News Service in 1962 and has served continuously since then as its director. He is the son of Michael and Mary (O'Neill) Shanley, Irish immigrants who came to the United States in 1926. Father Shanley received his "Top 100" award on March 16—the day before St. Patrick's Day—at the New York Athletic Club.

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Colors of Spring will feature fashions by JALM of Millburn, an upscale shop.

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The performers, William and Sue Wills, will provide an inside look at President William. H. Harrison, a war hero, and the oldest elected president before Ronald Reagan. They will also present the life of President John Tyler, the first man to ascend to the presidency from the vice presidency. Among other historical facts, find out how the terms "booze" and "keep the ball rolling" came into being and how "Hail to the Chief" became the president's song.

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serve the community for this many years and to be part of the excellent medical community at The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary," said Dr. Giancarlo. "It's even more special when you're recognized

E.N.T. surgeon in New York City and former Surgeon Director of Otolaryngology at the New York Eye and Ear Hospital. During his career, he pioneered the use of ultrasound in ear, nose and throat medicine and authored many academic articles. The doctor sat on the New Jersey Department of Licensing for Nursing Home Administration for 15 years.

Calling Dr. Giancarlo a "giant" in the healthcare community, Douglas F. Buxton, M.D., president, New York Eye and Ear Infirmary Alumni Association, continued to praise the doctor on the Alumni Association's website. "The Infirmary family was able to celebrate its rich traditions of patient care, teaching and research by honoring Dr. Giancarlo, an Infirmary icon," said Dr. Buxton.

The doctor has received numerous awards including the Physician's Recognition Award from the American Medical Association and the Colonel Martin Memorial Award of Teaching Excellence from the

"It has been my pleasure to Dr. Hector Giancarlo by your peers.' New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. Dr. Giancarlo was a prominent

He has medical licenses to practice in New Jersey, New York and Italy, and has made 45 major medical presentations in his career.

"I come from a family of 15 doctors," he explained.

Dr. Giancarlo spends his time being of service to his residents at The Allendale Community For Mature Living. He knows his residents, and he spends a great deal of time anticipating what aging pop-

Seniors at Allendale certainly do come first. This principle took on special significance for the doctor after surviving a plane crash in December 1954. Dr. Giancarlo was only one of three passengers to survive the crash of a 30-passenger Air Italia jet into the frigid water of Jamaica Bay. His neardeath experience helped him to gain new perspective on his life and career.

Dr. Giancarlo's patient-first philosophy as a physician helped him to excel as surgeon director of The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, a position he held from 1980 to 1990. In gratitude for his distinguished service, the hospital's Communication Science Department was named after him. He also served as clinical professor of New York Medical College. In addition, he broke new ground in the field of senior housing, introducing assisted living and residential living options to Bergen

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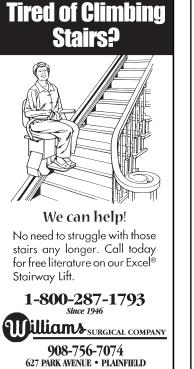


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ST. ANTHONY INTENTION E.A.K.



FOCUS ON WOMEN—The Society of African Missions (SMA) will present "Women and the Work of SMA" on Saturday, March 25, a program focused on the women who have served in SMA missions in Africa and in the United States. The program will run 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the main hall of the SMA's American province headquarters, 23 Bliss Ave., Tenafly. Call (201) 567-0450, ext. 218 for more information or visit the group's website at www.smafathers.org. The program is part of the yearlong celebration of SMA's 150th anniversary. Theresa Hicks (pictured here), a registered nurse and the first woman to become a permanent SMA lay missionary, will top the list of presenters at the March 25 program. Hicks has served for more than 20 years in the African nation of Liberia, and is now a director of SMA's lay missionary program based in Takoma Park, MD.

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## Bible study forum April 8

UNION—"Nurturing Ongoing Bible Study," an enrichment workshop offered by Little Rock Scripture Study, will be held April 8 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael Parish.

Cackie Upchurch, director of Little Rock Scripture Study, will lead the workshop designed for anyone involved in Bible study as a participant, facilitator or coordinator, whether they use the Little Rock Scripture materials. The presentation would also be of interest to those in other faith development processes that make use of small groups.

The workshop will offer pointers on sustaining, improving and

# Humanitarian honors set

SOUTH ORANGE—The annual Humanitarian of the Year award will be presented by the Sister Rose Thering Endowment on April 1 at the 13th annual Evening of Roses in the Jubilee Hall auditorium on the campus of Seton Hall University.

Toby and Lee Cooperman are active members of the communities in which they live and work. They are being honored for their generosity and commitment.

Karan and Kenneth Oleckna have both been longtime members of the Sister Rose Thering Endowment Executive Committee. growing parish Bible study. Among the topics to be covered are: using resources available for Bible study, promoting Bible study and motivating parishioners to become involved, attracting and training new facilitators and resolving common problems in small group dynamics. Participants will spend part of the day evaluating and problem solving based on their own parish programs.

Upchurch, a native of Fort Smith, AK, has been on the staff of Little Rock Scripture Study since 1989 and director the past eight years. She has experience in high school religious education and in a variety of adult faith formation experiences. She is on the teaching staff for the Permanent Deacon Formation program of the Diocese of Little Rock and serves on the

Editorial Board of The Bible Today.

Upchurch holds a B.A. in Theology from Franciscan University and an M.A. in Theology from the University of St. Michael's College (Toronto School of Theology). She travels nationally and internationally to promote Bible study.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark and the Office of Religious Education of the Diocese of Metuchen. A fee of \$20 per person includes morning refreshments and lunch. Group discounts are available. A flier with registration information may be found on the Archdiocesan Web site at www.rcan.org/catechet.

For further information contact Dr. Gene Tozzi at the Catechetical Office, (973) 497-4288 or tozzieug@rcan.org.



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**PRETZEL PARISHIONERS**—Against the colorful backdrop of stained glass windows, the Junior Youth Group of Holy Family Parish in Nutley held a Lenten pretzel fundraiser on March 5. The pretzel campaign raised \$200, which the group donated toward the renovation of a new youth center at the parish. Ann Volpe, a Belleville resident, serves as the minister of the junior youth group.



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## Centennial celebration nears end

ELIZABETH—St. Adalbert's Parish will conclude its yearlong centennial celebration with an 11 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, April 23.

In commemoration of the Jubilee Year, a statue of the late Pope John Paul II will be blessed and placed in a niche in the parish garden immediately following the Mass.

"The rich legacy of the first Polish born Pope is a source of tremendous pride for Polonia worldwide and placing this lifesize Italian bronze image of the late pontiff will serve as a reminder of this gentle but determined shepherd," explained a parish spokesman.

A gala dinner dance will follow at the Woodbridge Sheraton Hotel on Route 1 South in Iselin at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person and available from Mary Macierowski by calling (908) 355-3471 or by calling the parish office (908) 352-2791. Deadline for tickets is April 10.

From its beginnings in 1905, St. Adalbert's has served the needs of the Polish Community. The number of immigrants grew and, by 1914 there were over 5000 parishioners with 1800 children in the parish school. By 1925, St. Hedwig's Parish was established in the Bayway section of the city while just a few miles further west the large settlement of Poles warranted the founding of a separate parish. St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish was founded the same year.

Since last May, St. Adalbert's

Parish has been observing its centennial.

The festivities began on May 21, 2005 with a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers followed by an open house reception for over 400 people at the Parish Hall.

June's Memorial Mass brought a tribute to the first pastor, Msgr. Vitus J. Masnicki, the founders and trustees whose foresight built the parish and sustained it over the course of a century. Veterans of the parish were feted in July. A wreath was placed in front of the Marian Shrine in the parish garden.

A school homecoming was held in August, senior parishioners were celebrated in September, and the deceased were remembered in November.

October's Living Rosary Service focused on prayers for the intention of the beatification of Pope John Paul II and December's St. Nicholas party focused on children. As the Christmas season ended, the parish choir sponsored its annual concert followed by the traditional Oplatek.

Feb. 12 there was a blessing for all married couples as well as widows and widowers followed by a parish wedding reception. On March 12, the long and rich history of the Polish Supplementary School was highlighted.

A centennial journal marking the anniversary is being prepared for the April 23rd celebration and parishioners and friends are invited to extend good wishes or commemorate their family's connection to the parish by placing memorials in the souvenir booklet. Deadline for submissions is April 1.

Great memories and stories from the past have been revisited over the course of the jubilee year; parishioners and friends have shared photographs and mementos of days gone by. As the celebration comes to a close, The Heritage of St. Adalbert's will be available after the conclusion of the Jubilee celebrations at a cost of \$25. It will include photos of the church as well as memories of events of the past as well as this centennial year along with a detailed history of the parish, school, organizations and special occasions.

All are welcome to participate in the conclusion to the jubilee year. For further information contact Deacon Joseph Lubas, centennial general chairman at St. Adalbert's Parish, 250 East Jersey St., Elizabeth NJ 07206. (908) 352-2791.

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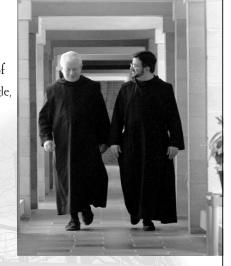
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## Local News

# Holy Spirit Mass nears

WESTWOOD—The Charismatic Renewal of the Archdiocese of Newark will hold its spring Holy Spirit Mass and Breakfast at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 1 at St. Andrew Parish.

Father Eugene Bettinger, O. Carm., director of the Carmelite Chapel at the Bergen Mall in Paramus, will speak. The witness talk will be given by Christine Wulz Ramsey.

Members of prayer groups from all four counties of the Church of Newark will attend the program which is open to the general public. The parish Charismatic Prayer Group is hosting the event.

Tickets are \$10 and reservations must be made by March 28 by calling (201) 666-5697, (201) 358-1783 or (201) 599-9458.

The church and adjoining parish center are located on Washington Avenue, three blocks west of the train station in Westwood and one mile east of exit 168 northbound on the Garden State Parkway.

The annual Holy Spirit Mass is co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark Charismatic Renewal, Father Philip J. Rotunno, coordinator.



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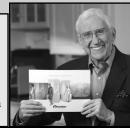
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LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD-St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Jersey City, hosted the 12th annual anniversary celebration of the Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group, which includes chapters from the tri-state area. Group members brought with them 48 statutes of Our Lady of Fatima, which are circulated among its chapter parishes. St. Anthony Parish also held a closing celebration for the Year of the Eucharist. Leading the procession were Mother Teresa's Sisters of Charity and Sister Paula Rodrigo of the Sisters of Providence. In front of the church, the living Rosary was recited in English, Italian, Polish, Spanish and Tagalog.

## Sisters to celebrate a century

John the Baptist will initiate a yearlong celebration marking 100 years of mission and ministry in the United States with Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, March 25, 2 p.m. at St. Lucy Parish.

Bergen County will be the main celebrant and homilist. Approxi-

Sister John Agnes Barone, C.S.J.B., Provincial Superior, will lead 100 Sisters of the American Province in celebrating the Liturgy of Thanksgiving. Joining them from Rome will be Mother John Marie White, Superior General, Mother Claudia Porzio and Mother Immacolata Vicidomini. past Superiors General, as well

NEWARK—The Sisters of St. Zambia and Canada, two of the mission countries in which American Sisters have served. Also attending will be the Lay Associates of the Community, representatives from the Sisters' ministries, as well as families, friends and colleagues of the Sisters. A reception will follow in the Archdiocesan Center.

> Founded in 1878 in Angri, Italy by Blessed Alfonso Maria Fusco to care for and educate needy children, in 1906 the Baptistine Sisters were accepted into the Archdiocese of Newark by Bishop John O'Connor who directed them to Father Joseph Perotti, pastor of St. Lucy Parish.

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## Rev. Maurice L. O'Keefe

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Feb. 17 at St. Michael Parish, Bayonne, for Rev. Maurice L. O'Keefe, 73, who died Feb. 13. Father O'Keefe was ordained on May 25, 1957. His assignments included St. Michael Parish, Cranford (June 1957- June 1958), Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield (June 1958-July 1982) and Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Newark (June 1982). He retired on Nov. 1, 1985.

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