

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE

PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN-Good Friday came to the town of Englewood as a soft blue/gray cloudy morning, a day for souls to tremble. Over 300 faithful religious and lay people peacefully marched, clutched rosary beads and carried placards throughout the town's business district, eventually assembling in front of The Englewood Center for Women, an abortion clinic. The Legion of Mary of Bergen County organized the event, which was led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal from Most Blessed Sacrament Friary in Newark. Women, men and children who took part in the demonstration sang songs, recited prayers and meditations that connected pro-life themes with the Stations of the Cross. The gathering, led by Father Richard Roemer of the Newark friary, also referenced a "Sorrowful Mystery," saying that Jesus was condemned by the silence of good people, not



the power of wicked people. "Silence always helps the oppressor, never the victim. Let us pray that we may never be silent about abortion.' Archbishop John J. Myers was among the many pilgrims and received a warm round of applause when he was identified to the crowd

over the loudspeaker. The archbishop said he came to Englewood as a private citizen to pray that hearts and minds would be changed to respect human life. "Please rethink your decision," he said, when asked how he would counsel someone—face to face—who was considering an abortion. "Please don't kill your child." Father James Sheehan, vice chancellor and secretary to the archbishop, and Father Michael A. Andreano, vice chancellor and assistant to the vicar general, also took part in the event. As a final statement, with all eyes focused on the sienna-colored brick facade of the clinic, the crowd sang "Were You There?" emphasizing the hymn's most somber passage: "Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble..." A light rain fell as the assembly dispersed. Good Friday came to the town of Englewood as a soft blue/gray cloudy morning.





# Three educators in archdiocese receive top national honors

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE *Editor* 

AREA—Three archdiocesan educators—Sister Roberta O'Hea, S.C., principal of St. Augustine Elementary School; Dr. Joseph S. Fusco, principal of Bergen Catholic High School; and Gladys Pozza, director of religious education at St. Lawrence Parish—are recipients of major awards from the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) and National Association of Parish Catechetical Directors (NPCD).

The trio was honored earlier this month at the NCEA's 103rd annual convention and exposition in Atlanta.

Sister Roberta received the 2006 Region 3 NCEA Distinguished Principal Award. Fusco was presented with the NCEA's Secondary Schools Department Award, while Pozza was given the 2005-2006 Religious Educational Excellence Award for the Mid-Atlantic Region, which is sponsored by the NPCD—a group within the NCEA.

In addition to the awards for the three educators, Our Lady of Peace Parish in New Providence, was selected as a 2006 "Mustard Seed" award winner by the NPCD. Msgr. Sean Cunneen is the pastor of Our Lady of Peace.

Mary Clinton, the parish's catechetical leader said that, in her five years of service, there has been a shift in perspective from "one which dispenses services," to one that nurtures the "church of the home. We strive each year to expand the vision that each individual within the Catholic family is called by virtue of Baptism to engage in the missionary mandate of Jesus," she said.

Sister Roberta is one of 12 national winners of the NCEA's Dr. Robert J. Kealey Distinguished Principal Award. She was assigned to St. Augustine, Union City, in 1959 (see related article on page four for more information on Sister Roberta.)

Fusco has been the principal of Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, since 1994. The school has undergone several major upgrades, both structurally and in its curriculum, during his tenure.

In addition to his duties as principal of Bergen Catholic, Fusco works as an adjunct assistant professor in education administration at St. John's University, N.Y., and is an adjunct faculty member of South Orange-based Seton Hall University's Masters in School Leadership.

Fusco received his Ph.D. in education administration in May 2002 at New York University. He published his dissertation ("An Exploration of Shared Values in the Catholic Secondary School") and an article on research in Catholic

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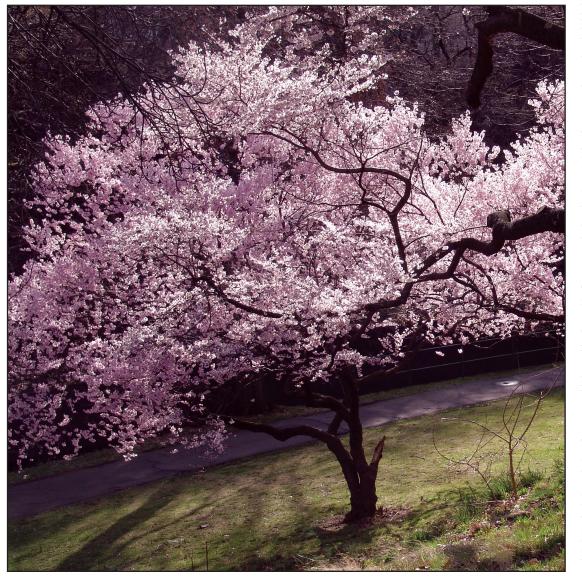
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**BRANCH BROOK PARK INTERMEZZO**—Just a stone's throw from the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart (well, maybe if you have an arm like Roberto Clemente) are the cherry blossoms of Branch Brook Park, among the most dazzling of God's creations in the archdiocese. The trees put on a spectacular display every April to usher in spring; a blessed diversion for which all can be thankful. Over the last 111 years the shimmering clouds of blossoms throughout the 360-acre oasis have provided a picturesque backdrop for poets, artists, lovers, joggers, bicycle riders, Frisbee chuckers, soccer matches and baseball games. Speaking of baseball, Roberto Clemente was the Hall of Fame right fielder who spent 18 years with the Pittsburgh Pirates and played on two winning teams in the World Series (1960 and 1971). He wore number 21, amassed 3,000 hits and had a career batting average of .317. A great humanitarian, Clemente died tragically at the age of 38 in a plane crash on Dec. 31, 1972. He was, at the time, taking medicine, food and clothing to victims in earthquake-stricken Nicaragua. He had one heck of an arm and the heart of an angel.

# Local News

# In the Principal's Office Sister Roberta, a student of education for 47 years

**BY TRISH FITZPATRICK** Special to The Catholic Advocate

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UNION CITY-How many of us can say that we've never had an unhappy day at work?

One person who can make such a bold statement is Sister Roberta O'Hea, S.C., principal of St. Augustine School.

Sister Roberta is one of 12 select recipients of the National Catholic Education Association's Dr. Robert J. Kealey Distinguished Principal Award (see related pageone story).

A native of Roxbury, MA, Sister Roberta entered the Sisters of Charity in 1956 and after three years of study was assigned to St. Augustine Church in 1959.

"In life, there are no coincidences," she said, recalling that, at the time, the only person she knew in New Jersey was from Union City and she'd prayed to be assigned there for this reason.

Sister Roberta earned her undergraduate degree at The College of St. Elizabeth and completed her Master's degree in Education of the Deaf at Columbia University, New York. She said that, after earning her Master's degree, she was offered a job in Ridgewood to teach the profoundly deaf. This was "the first and only time she's been offered a job." Apart from this one year in the public system, she has spent her entire career at St. Augustine.

"Magical" is the word she uses to describe three major elements at St. Augustine School. First, she cited, a highly educated and extremely devout faculty-many of whom Sr. O'Hea recruited from the Philippines over the years—as the

Devine, and priests who are extremely supportive of St. dictator Fidel Castro. St. Augustine Parish itself dates Augustine School. (St. Augustine was featured in *The* back to 1886. Catholic Advocate's Parish Profile series, in the Dec. 21, 2005 edition.)

St. Augustine is a School of Multiple Intelligences, Sr. O'Hea explained. In 1999, the faculty undertook intensive cities," as different religious, ethnic and cultural groups training in Multiple Intelligence Theory, which aims to help move in and out of urban areas over the years, putting their students discern their own intelligences and often provides a heightened level of excitement in classroom teaching.

A woman of seemingly boundless energy, Sr. Roberta travels to Harvard University each summer to update her own understanding of Multiple Intelligence Theory and to implement new strategies built on this system.

Last fall St. Augustine hosted a two-day session on Multiple Intelligence Theory conduced by Dr. Marjorie Hall Haley of George Mason University, Fairfax County, VA. Over 100 teachers and administrators attended the seminar and it is Sr. Roberta's hope that other Catholic schools will consider adopting all or part of Multiple Intelligence Theory.

A great fan of "hands-on" learning, Sr. Roberta said the most exciting project at the school in recent years was "Where in the World is Union City?" The entire school researched and studied the history and culture of Union City. As a result, students and faculty uncovered many significant journey for her 50th class reunion. facts about the Hudson County city.

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cornerstone of the facility. Second, over 300 students, most legendary magician and escape artist Harry Houdini; the Latino, add what she calls "salsa" or excitement to the school. vaudeville and 1950's television comedy team of George Completing this trifecta are parents, pastor Father Tom Burns and Gracie Allen; and once was visited by Cuban

> Aside from the particular facts in Union City's history, Sr. Roberta said that the underlying purpose of the school project was to help students understand the "fluidity of special stamp on various neighborhoods and the fabric of the community. This project transformed the school and will be highlighted at the upcoming Multiple Intelligences fair this spring, she said.

> When asked when she first felt a call to academic leadership, she remembered that as a child she was always organizing her friends in various activities. Her typical pitch to them was: "Let's have a club and I'll be president!" Leadership she said, "involves being a risk taker.'

> What is Sr. Roberta's secret for such a long and happy career, in a world where hardly anyone stays in one place for over 45 years? She reckons it must be her "sense of humor and ability to laugh at herself" that has sustained her. Educated at St. Joseph Academy in Roxbury, Sister

> Roberta will return there later this spring on a sentimental

(Note: Fitzpatrick is the director of marketing for the For example, Union City proudly touts itself as the archdiocesan Schools Office. She is a frequent contributor to

# Archdiocesan educators

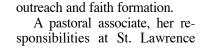
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education in the Journal of *Catholic Inquiry.* 

He earned a Master's degree in education administration and supervision in June 1976 from Pace University, New York, and a professional diploma in June 1976 from New York University. His education also includes a Master's degree in foreign language education (Spanish).

Fusco graduated from Cathedral College, Douglaston, N.Y. in 1972, earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy. Born in Manhattan, he and his wife of 31 years, Maria, reside in Saint Finbar's Parish, Brooklyn, New York. He is the father of two sons, Joseph and Anthony, and has one granddaughter, Sabrina.

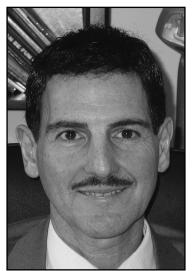
Pozza, a resident of Mahwah, has been the director of the religious education program for catechetics at St. Lawrence Parish. Weehawken, since April 2000. She was honored as a key member of the "welcoming community" atmosphere at the parish as officials from the NPCD cited her commitment to community



Sister Roberta O'Hea

include directing and managing sacramental programs; preparing liturgies for all sacraments and reconciliation services; planning and conducting parent meetings, including parent catechesis and formation; coordinating catechist certification and on-going formation; and directing the children's liturgy.

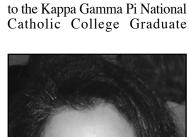
She is the parish's director of adult faith formation and serves as the director of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. In addition, she coordinates the



Dr. Joseph S. Fusco

parish's Cornerstone Retreat, family ministry and is the recruiter and trainer of Eucharist ministers (including spiritual evenings of reflection).

Pozza earned a Master's degree in pastoral ministry in June 2003 from Caldwell College. Her Master's project focused on empowering lay leadership, which included a threeyear plan for implementation at



**Gladys Pozza** 

Honor Society and received a

Bachelor of Science degree in

1997 from St. John's University,

New York, graduating Magna

education is being honored by the

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the parish catechetical leader,"

Sister Dominica Rocchio, arch-

diocesan secretary for education

and superintendent of schools,

'The spectrum of Catholic

Cum Laude.

St. Lawrence. She was selected

said. "The archdiocese is honored that NCEA has chosen to recognize and celebrate Sister Roberta O'Hea, Gladys Pozza and Dr. Joseph Fusco.

"It is an unusual event for an archdiocese to have two schools principals honored at the same national gathering," she said. 'They are among our best professionals; two mission-driven individuals who administer two excellent schools-one in an urban setting and the other in a suburban setting.

"As the leader of the Catholic school community of the archdiocese I am so proud of them and all they do to prepare the future leaders of our Church and society," Sister Dominica continued. "May they inspire others to follow their footsteps.'

Headquartered in Washington, the NCEA represents 200,000 Catholic educators serving 7.6 million students in Catholic elementary and secondary schools, in religious education programs, in seminaries and in colleges and universities. The NPCD, founded in 1976, is a professional association within the Religious Education Department of NCEA and represents approximately 1,400 parish catechetical leaders nationally.



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### April 28

**Biomfield College,** Bloomfield, Communication Career Conference, 12:30 p.m., call Dr. Jeanne Nutter at (973) 748-9000 ext. 280.

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland, women's retreat on May 3, after 8:45 a.m. Mass, 2 p.m., Cost: \$15, RSVP by April 28, (973) 226-7288.

### April 29

The Allendale Community for Mature Living, Allendale, Jubilant Singers featuring Ophelia Roman, 11 a.m., call Christine Moore at (201) 796-7788.

**Our Lady of the Valley Parish,** Orange, attic sale, through April 30, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., (973) 674-7500.

**The Rosary Altar Society** of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 537 Grove St., Irvington, will sponsor its annual spring luncheon on Saturday, April 29, at noon in the church auditorium. There is a suggested donation of \$5. Avon products will be demonstrated. Call Valerie Kaminski at (908) 688-0941 for more information.

### April 30

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish,** Elizabeth, blood drive, 8 a.m.- 2 p.m., I-800-BLOOD NJ.

**Union Catholic High School,** Scotch Plains, blood drive, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1-800-BLOOD NJ.

**Loyola Retreat House,** Morristown, guided prayer on the Resurrection, 3-5 p.m., (973) 539-0740.

### May I

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, Living Rosary, 7:30 p.m., (908) 232-1162.

Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, free blood pressure screenings, 5-6 p.m., also on May 5 and May 19 from I-3 p.m., (201) 227-6250.

### May 3

**Mt. Carmel Parish,** Ridgewood, spring luncheon, Ridgewood Country Club, Paramus, 12:30 p.m., Cost: \$35, (201) 447-9455.

Holy Spirit Parish, Union, Holy Hour for Life, 7:30- 8:30 p.m., (908) 964-7653.

Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, "Uterine Fibroids: Treatment Options You Never Knew You Had," 6:30 p.m., (201) 227-6250.

### May 6

Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, skin cancer screenings, 9 a.m.- noon, registration required, (201) 227-6250.

Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, six-week yoga session, 9- 10:15 a.m., (201) 227-6250.



Mother Seton Council #5427 of the Knights of Columbus, Township of Washington, Kentucky Derby party, 2-6 p.m., Cost: \$20, (201) 664-0422.

Holy Trinity Interparochial School, Westfield, spring clothing drive, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., (908) 233-7482.

### May 7

**Don Bosco Preparatory High School,** Ramsey, "Festival Music for Trumpet and Organ" with Philip Smith and John Miller, 7 p.m., Cost: \$45, (201) 327-8003. ext. 170.

**St. Anne Parish,** Garwood, Knights of Columbus Council 5437 Mass of Remembrance, 2 p.m., (908) 789-0931.

### May 8

**St. Anne Parish,** Fair Lawn, John Michael Talbot concert, 8 p.m., Cost: \$20, call (201) 791-1616 ext. 234.

### May 9

Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, "Strengthening & Flexing our Mid-Life Muscles," 7:30- 9 p.m., (201) 227-6250.

Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack, carnival, 6-11 p.m., through May 13, on Saturday 4-11 p.m., (201) 343-5170

# May 19

**Sacred Heart School,** Lyndhurst, calendar party, 7 p.m., Cost: \$10, ticket deadline is May 3, (201) 939- 4277 or (201) 933-0783.

### Other

Ascension Parish, New Milford, two-day trip to Delaware Park, Three Little Bakers Dinner Theatre, Atlantic City on June 21-22, Cost: \$169 per person (\$209 single occup.), call Josie at (201) 265-0485 or Anna at (201) 387-2632. **Columbus Hospital,** Newark, support group for adult cancer patients and cancer survivors, 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month, 11:30 a.m., call Carol Mustillo, (973) 268-5849.

### Autism Awareness Month.

Autism is a serious, lifelong neurological developmental disability that ranges from mild to severe. April was designated as Autism Awareness Month and there will be support and information meetings throughout the archdiocese in the coming weeks for parents and family members of individuals with autism. Contact Anne Masters, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, Apostolate-People with Disabilities, program director, Phone: (973) 266-7971; email anne\_masters@ccsnewark.org for more information. Information on Autism also can be obtained from the New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community (COSAC), Ewing, N.J., phone: (609) 883-8100.



**Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark** will host its first Baseball Game Day on Tuesday, June 13, noon, at Yogi Berra Stadium in Montclair (adjacent to Montclair State University). The family event is a fund-raiser for a 9/11 memorial in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington, and sponsors are being sought to support the project. Contact Ellen Heath at 973-497-7978 for more information.

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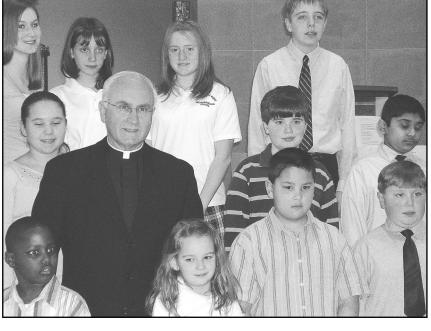
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# Students' talent promote pro-life

PRO-LIFE POSTER/ESSAY/ POETRY CONTEST WINNERS — The Archdiocesan Pro-Life Commission selected winners for its 18th annual Poster/Essay/Poetry contest on March 25 at St. John the Apostle Church, Linden. Thirty-three archdiocesan schools participated in the program and Bishop Thomas Donato presented the awards to students. "God's choice is life" was the contest theme. Poetry/essay firstprize winners included Matthew Sumowski, Grade 11, Hudson Catholic High School, Jersey City; Darcy



Baboulis-Gyscek, Grade 7, Our Lady of Mercy, Park Ridge; and Nicholas Hansen, Grade 6, St. Joseph's, West Orange. Poster first-prize winners included Kaitlyn Delaney, Grade 8, St. Agnes School, Clark; and Daniel Sheldon, Grade 4, St. John the Apostle.

### NOVENAS

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

Oh, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition (make request). In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glorias. St. Jude, pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena must be said for 9 consecutive days. Thank you for answering my prayer.

### PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me that you are my mother. Oh Holy Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. I place this cause in your hands. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Novena is published in gratitude. Thank you. **F.M.** 

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### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

# Editorial/Local News

# **Students ponder social justice**

BY CHRISTY GUERRA Special to The Catholic Advocate

KEARNY-The words "liberty and justice for all" carry an extra-special meaning for 160 high school students throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

The hope is that they are sharing their insights with classmates, teachers, family members and neighbors.

Student delegates from 10 high schools gathered here last month for a conference at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center titled: "A Dream of Peace and Justice: A High School Encounter with Social Justice.'

Delegates spent the day listening and speaking out on social justice issues. They participated in workshops and panels that dealt with hot-button topics ranging from crime and punishment to human trafficking to immigrant workers.

One workshop discussed the treatment of those in society who are "developmentally delayed." Panel leaders shared personal experiences about working with those whom society perceives as "lesser people" simply because their perception of knowledge is on a different level.

"Maybe developmentally delayed people aren't 'less' maybe they are just different," Bill Testa, executive director of Arc/Morris and a panel member, said. Arc/Morris, based in Morris Plains, is an organization dedicated to the care, support and advancement of people with mental disabilities and their families.

Another workshop provided statistics of poverty levels in American cities, helping students to become more aware of the urgent need to address economic problems for those who are less fortunate. Meanwhile, delegates who attended the workshop that addressed housing concerns discussed the massive gap in America between those living in poverty and those who were significantly wealthy. "It's socially humiliating," said one

Queen of Peace student. "It is such a huge topic, but we need to be able to bring up (poverty issues) for those who need help.' While social justice issues often prove

to be vast, complex and overwhelming, young people attending the conference demonstrated an initial grasp of the underlying concepts and discussed various ways that they could make a difference in their school or community.

Students formulated plans of action and shared their ideas with panel members. As the different groups considered topics and solutions, one collective theme emerged: education. The students encouraged one another to become better educated on social justice issues in order to pursue their passionate interests.

Suggestions on ways to take action included starting school clubs that would address social justice issues; becoming vocal in their opposition to social injustice; cultivating open mindedness among their peers and family members; and leading by example.

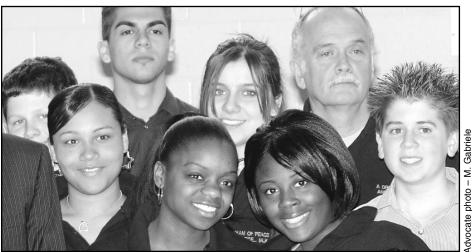
Students said they felt empowered as a result of what they learned during the conference. "I am amazed at the level of how everyone is trying to help," Peter D'Angelo, a Seton Hall Prep student, said.

Pauline Strzelec, a Wallington High School student, agreed with D'Angelo's observations. "My favorite part of the day was all of us having the chance to come together and state our opinion on different issues," Strzelec said.

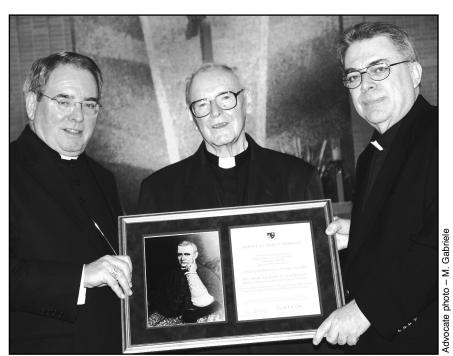
"I liked how we were able to voice our opinions," Tom Dickinson, a Queen of Peace High School student, said.

"Catholic social teachings are the hid-den gems of our religion," said Robert McLaughlin, the director of retreats and spirituality for the center and organizer of the event. "I believe that we have begun to influence at least some small part of our teens and through them we hope to influence others.

"In the coming years we plan not only to repeat this event, but to ask the schools to give us a progress report on what clubs or activities have begun as a result of this day. As tremendous as I believe the day was, the real proof will be in the years to come as we see what progress has been made in the lives and minds of the people in our time," McLaughlin said.



Students from Queen of Peace High School were among those attending "A Dream of Peace and Justice," a conference held March 31 at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny. Student delegates from 10 high schools throughout the archdiocese participated in panels and workshops, gaining insights on a wide variety of urgent social justice topics. Delegates said their favorite part of the event was having the opportunity to express opinions and develop specific plans of action regarding social justice issues.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT-Archbishop John J. Myers (left) and Msgr. Steven P. Rohlfs (right), the rector of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD., presented the John Cardinal McCloskey lifetime achievement award to Msgr. Richard McGuinness, the director of the archdiocesan Respect Life Office. Msgr. McGuinness, who also serves as a columnist for The Catholic Advocate, was the rector at the Maryland seminary from 1979 to 1987. Msgr. McGuinness accepted the award on April 13, Holy Thursday, during a service held at St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth. Cardinal McCloskey (1810-1885), born to Irish immigrants in Brooklyn, NY, became the first American-born cardinal on March 15, 1875.

# **Archdiocesan schools** earn a national A+

The caliber and commitment at work every day in classrooms throughout the Archdiocese of Newark received national attention earlier this month at the National Catholic Education Association's 103rd annual convention, which was held in Atlanta.

A principal at the elementary and high school levels as well as a director of religious education took home major awards. The educational milestone is an accomplishment of justifiable pride shared by the recipients, their schools and the entire archdiocese.

Representing the local schools on the national stage were Sister Roberta O'Hea, S.C. a veteran educator and principal of St. Augustine Elementary School in Union City; Dr. Joseph S. Fusco, principal of Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell and Gladys Pozza, director of religious education at St. Lawrence Parish in Weehawken.

In addition, Our Lady of Peace Parish in New Providence was garnered home recognition from the National Association of Parish Catechetical Directors. In-depth stories on all the award winners appear on page one and page four of this issue.

The awards let the rest of the country know what is common knowledge in Union, Essex, Bergen and Hudson counties: schools of the Archdiocese of Newark are second to none in preparing the soul and mind for a lifetime ministering in the Catholic faith.

Significantly, the award winners represent a solid cross-section of the unique and challenging urban-suburban mix that is the Church of Newark.

Hearty congratulations are in order.

### How to report abuse

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

Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

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### Commentary

# **Experiencing Christ's presence in the Liturgy**

Readings: Acts 3:13-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2:1-15; Luke 24:35-48.

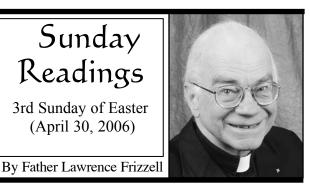
f a friend asked you about the origins and meaning of our Sunday worship, what would you answer? Would you trace the two parts of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Sacrifice/Sacrament, to the work of Jesus?

No explanation would be complete without a description of how Jesus and the early Church drew upon the Jewish liturgy. Already the synagogue service had developed a three-year cycle of readings from the five books of Moses and the prophets. The Temple sacrifices, the Passover and other meals provided rituals for experiencing God's presence in the daily life of the chosen people.

In the accounts of the risen Lord manifesting himself among his disciples, the favored context is a meal. St. Luke recorded a touching episode of disillusioned disciples explaining the tragedy that befell Jesus of Nazareth to one who seemed to be a pilgrim on the road to Emmaus, a town near Jerusalem (24:13-35).

They had not believed the report of the women about angels who declared that He was alive. "Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself" (24:27). Still obtuse, the disciples had the generosity to invite the stranger for the evening meal. Suddenly, the guest became the host: "He took the bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them; their eyes were opened and they recognized him..." (24:30-31).

Did Jesus transform this simple meal into the first Eucharist after his resurrection? We cannot be certain. Even if this were only an ordinary meal, Luke wanted his readers to learn that the Word and Sacrament complete each other in bearing witness to the risen Christ's presence in the Church. "He is present in the Sacrifice of the Mass, not only in the person of his minister...but especially in the Eucharistic species. He is present in his Word since it is He himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church" (Vatican II, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #7).



This Sunday's text from the Gospel of Luke follows the Emmaus passage. Jesus came to the Eleven and upbraided them for their lack of faith. He showed them that, indeed, he was the same Master they

had known. Then, after eating, he repeated what he had taught them during his ministry: "Everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled" (24:44). Here Jesus referred to the three parts of the Jewish Scriptures; in the synagogue the prophets and the

writings (the first of which is the Psalter) were used to bear supportive witness to the Torah of Moses. The Gospel emphasized that all three pointed to the Paschal Mystery. "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem" (24:46-47).

The speech of Peter (Acts 3:12-26), presented in part as the first reading, noted the central place of Jesus in the ministry of healing and forgiveness carried out by the Apostles. These benefits to humanity must be rooted in the death and resurrection of Jesus as the work of the God of Abraham.

Both Jewish and Roman authorities were guilty of a miscarriage of justice in the persecution of Jesus. This and so many cases of such misuse of authority throughout history constitute a somber lesson to all political leaders and those in the executive branch of the world's systems of administering justice. However, Peter explained that ignorance excused them from full responsibility in killing the Author of Life.

As Lord of history, God can draw good even from the tragedies resulting from human sin. "God has thus brought to fulfillment what he announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer" (3:18).

The record of history may seem bleak if we catalogue all of the injustices and other crimes known to us, but the

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Gospel message provides hope, rooted not merely in human potential for improvement, but in divine mercy.

"Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away and that the Lord may grant you times of refreshment and send you the Christ..." (3:19-20). Here St. Peter has stressed the human response to God's gift in an act

of repentance. In the first letter of St. John, the prior gift of forgiveness is shown to be the continuing work of the risen Christ. "If any one sins, we have a Paraclete (Advocate) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world" (2:1-2).

Present with us in Word and Sacrament, Christ is moreover the High Priest interceding for all humanity before the heavenly Father. This faith in Christ is the basis for our hope that God will offer the last Word in human history!

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

# Have no fear: pull the plug on 'spiritual spam'

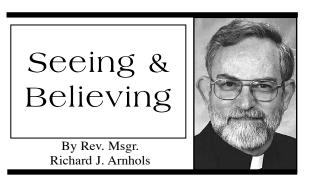
not omewhere on my educational journey, I remember studying about the suit of armor jousting knights wore, called chain mail. It was flexible enough for movement, but strong enough to prevent swords or spears from penetrating the body.

On the other hand, I've also learned that there's another type of chain mail, which is rather inflexible and can allow the weapons of fear and superstition to wound mind and soul.

I'm speaking of chain letters or chain prayers, which speak of great rewards or good fortune or riches or health, if only someone keeps the chain going of reciting certain prayers a particular number of times and passing the practice on without fail to a definite number of persons, or by making multiple copies of prayers and distributing them among people or in churches.

"The origin of chain prayers," according to the edition of the 1979 Encyclopedic Dictionary of Religion, "is uncertain, but their use appears periodically, e.g. in Belgium in 1918 and in France at the battlefront in 1939.

This method of praying has probably made its rounds throughout the world, but in 1934 chain prayers were con-



sidered "the latest pious fraud" and were classified in the Roman Index at that time as "a novel devotion without ecclesiastical approbation." However, it was thought that

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good faith and simplicity would exonerate one who made use of chain prayers. In recent years, this superstitious practice has declined. Unfortunately, with the

advent of e-mail, chain mail

has been propagating itself anew. This electronic form, a type of spiritual spam, comes mysteriously from friends or from strangers, thereby seeming to have credibility because it has made its way through the World Wide Web to our personal computer.

Whether it appears online or on paper, it is a form of superstition, contrary to the First Commandment: "I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before Me.

Proponents of chain letters profess the belief that one can control God, a saint, or the universe for one's own gain by simply following the instructions. Financial pyramid schemes are based on a similar premise, counting on the greed or the gullibility of the participant while, in their case, usually benefiting only those at the top of the list.

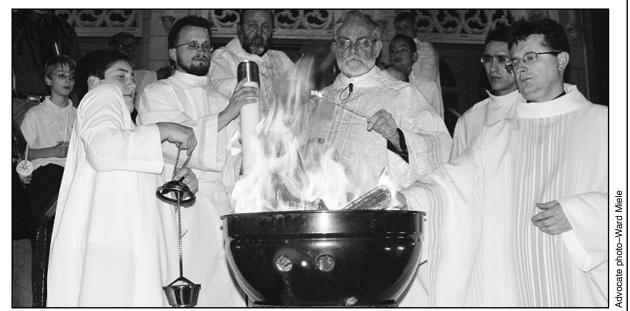
While some might contend that chain prayers do little harm, those whose faith is weak can easily be misled about the power of prayer or, worse, can believe that some misfortune will befall them, or that they are doing something wrong, or even sinful, by breaking the chain.

In point of fact, the best action to take is to delete the email, tear up the letter, or discard the photocopy. Trust in God, not in chain mail.

(If you want this message to reach as many as possible, make 10 copies and pass it on to 10 people you think can most benefit from reading this article!)

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

# Faith & Spirituality



**EASTER VIGIL BEGINS**—Msgr. Richard Arnhols, center, pastor of St. John Parish, Bergenfield, is flanked by an altar server, seminarians and parochial vicars at the blessing of a new fire outside the church at the start of the Easter Vigil.

# Feds join fight against human trafficking

WASHINGTON (CNS)–The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has awarded a contract of at least \$500,000 to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to aid victims of human trafficking.

Awarded through the Office of Refugee Resettlement of the department's Administration for Children and Families, the contract will fund direct services provided to such trafficking victims through the USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services (MRS).

It provides a minimum of \$500,000 a year and up to \$6 million a year to cover such costs, with a yearly renewal option up to four more years.

The Catholic Church and the Archdiocese of Newark have been leaders in efforts in recent years to draw attention to and provide services for the large number of people who are brought into the country each year by force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of sexual exploitation, slave labor or domestic servitude.

People in those conditions are called victims of "severe human trafficking" in U.S. law and are eligible for the same kind of assistance the federal government offers to those who are granted the legal status of refugees.

Wade F. Horn, HHS assistant secretary for children and families, said the contract reflects the administration's "commitment to assist victims of human trafficking."

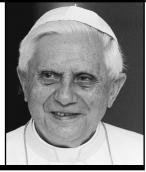
Julianne Duncan, associate director for children's services at Migration and Refugee Services, said MRS has been one of the lead advocates of federal legislation to provide support services for severe human trafficking victims and to raise public awareness of the problem.

The government estimates that more than 600,000 people are trafficked across international borders for slave labor, domestic servitude or forced prostitution each year. Of these, an estimated 14,500 to 17,500–one-third of them minors–are brought into the United States.

Duncan told Catholic News Service that MRS will distribute funds from the HHS contract through local service agencies across the country to help victims get assistance such as housing, medical care, food stamps and referrals for pro bono legal help.

MRS is also the bishops' lead agency for the Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking, a





Pope Benedict XVI

# **Proclaiming the Good News**

### Dear brothers and sisters,

On this, the first anniversary of my election as the successor of St. Peter, I thank the Lord for his unfailing help, and I express my gratitude to all those who have supported me by their prayers. I ask you to continue praying that, by God's grace, I may always be a gentle and firm shepherd for Christ's flock.

During these days of Easter, the Church proclaims the good news of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. The paschal mystery is the core of our faith. Our yearly celebration of Easter is a foretaste of the eternal joy of heaven. This joy is renewed each Sunday at the celebration of the Eucharist, when we proclaim "the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come" and celebrate the new life received in baptism. During these days of Easter, all Christians are called to encounter the risen Lord, to renew their faith in Him, to be transformed by the power of His grace, and to share with the men and women of our time the good news that Christ is truly risen.

partnership of more than 20 U.S. and international Catholic organizations that works to raise public awareness of human trafficking and develop effective policies and programs to combat it.

The HHS announcement said a key component of the government program to combat human trafficking is a toll-free trafficking information and referral hot line, (888) 373-7888.



BLESSING OF THE OILS—Faithful from throughout the archdiocese filled the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, on April 10 for the annual Chrism Mass. Archbishop John J. Myers blessed the oils. After the homily, the archbishop led priests of the Church of Newark in a renewal of their commitment to priestly service.

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# Parish Profile

# Venerable church houses pride, joy

BY MELISSA MCNALLY Staff Writer

T he original church of Annunciation Parish, Paramus, will be 100 years old in 2008. The parish itself, which has grown into a large, suburban family of 1,400 parishioners, marked its 50th anniversary four years ago.

The Sisters of Charity purchased the property to establish The House of Divine Providence for the Incurably Ill. The church was originally the hospital chapel built in 1908. The first hospital administrator was Mother Xavier, an associate of Mother Seton. The chapel was damaged by fire in 1923 and 30 years later the archdiocese bought the building and opened it as the first parish in Paramus. In 1998 a capital campaign was launched to renovate the church while maintaining its Gothic architecture, original stained-glass windows and Stations of the Cross. An addition was built to create an environment suitable for the renewed liturgy that had been celebrated for more than 30 years.

Before WWII, there were primarily Italian, Irish and Polish parishioners. The congregation now includes Croatians, Filipinos and Hispanics with 300 new young families moving in within the last five years.

Father Michael Sheehan has been pastor at Annunciation Parish for the last decade and has seen the church building, as well a the congregation, go through many changes.

"Father Sheehan had to deal with the renovation. He had to progress quickly and he kind of got thrown into the situation. Our parish came out stronger in the end and we are so pleased to have him as our pastor," Cathy Miele, assistant to the pastor, said. Miele's husband worked on the renovation, but passed away before he could see it completed.

"I love everything about the church," she said.

Father Sheehan also motivates the parishioners to work for social justice causes and encourages stewardship. Annunciation Parish has over 80 active ministries including "Kids for a Kause," a program where the children decide the activities to raise funds for charities.

"A great source of pride is the wonderful way in which our parish has accomplished stewardship, and indeed, ownership of this community. Annunciation Parish has given me 10 of the best years of my priestly life," Father Sheehan said.

After moving from Brooklyn, N.Y., and joining Annunciation Parish 45 years ago, Miele believes the welcoming spirit of the parish can be attributed to all of the volunteerism the parishioners do year round. "Being involved in social concerns keeps people aware of the community around them. It makes you feel good to do something."

The parish's ministries include cooking for AIDS patients at Harrison House and having the homeless stay in the parish basement.

"If the Hackensack shelter has an overflow, for two months we give about 10 homeless people a place to sleep and a meal for the night. We also go to the Englewood family shelter for one week and cook meals for them. You can choose to be part of many things here. There is always something for you to chose from," Miele said.

Although the spirit of giving is alive and well at the parish, Miele would like to see more members participate. "When people come and visit our parish, they come and join, which makes the parish



During the renovation in 1998, the Gothic architecture and stained glass windows were retained to celebrate the beauty and history of the parish. The church was damaged by a fire in 1923.

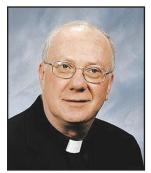
grow. I want to see people get even more active. I know that people hardly have the time because they are busy, but everyone can just do one thing," she said. "Stewardship is so important and you get so much goodness back. You can have time if you make time to reach out."

Along with Miele, Mary Ann Cassidy has worked at Annunciation Parish for five years and is involved with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the Women's Cornerstone group. "Our community gathers together to celebrate the liturgy in a powerful way. We are generous in service to each other," she said.

Cassidy believes that the work parishioners do in the community enriches the parish's environment and furthers spiritual growth. "Our faith is something to be lived and is not just for ourselves. Father Sheehan calls us to mission and bring our Christianity to others," she said.

Father Sheehan has brought a concern for social outreach that is beneficial to the parish. "Our pastor provides a great deal of liturgical leadership. He is a person of prayer and calls for the gifts of the parishioners and his homilies call us to stewardship. My hope for

### Meet the Pastor



Father Michael Sheehan

### Date of Birth:

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September 13, 1948 Hometown: Edgewater, NJ High School: St. Cecilia H.S., Englewood Seminary: Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington Undergraduate: Seton Hall University Graduate School: Seton Hall University Ordination: May 27, 1978 Heroes: Pope John XXIII Favorite Saint: St. Augustine Favorite Sport: Skiing Favorite Food: Italian Favorite Subject in School: English Favorite Movie: The Mission Last Book Read: Conclave Occupation if I Weren ta Priest: Chef

the future is that young people grow to recover the meaning and gift of their baptism," Cassidy added.

Cassidy and other leaders of the religious education groups strive to achieve the goal of discovering the faith. There are currently 515 religious education students ranging form kindergarten to Grade 9. With 54 catechists and about 24 aides, the religious education program is very active in the community. Grades 7 to 9 have large group sessions about four times a year for each grade. At these sessions, there is a guest speaker and other activities are planned to enrich the curriculum.

Teenagers also are encouraged to be active within the Christian faith through the parish youth group. The group consists of 30 teens—high school freshmen to seniors. Led by Darren and Jenn Cuttito, the youth group meets weekly and conducts a Confirmation retreat weekend for Confirmation candidates with youth group members who are now in college.

The group's activities are meant to provide fellowship for young people to establish a better relationship with God and the community.

(Annunciation Parish is located at 50 West Midland Ave., Paramus.)

### Annunciation Parish, Paramus



Built as a hospital chapel in 1908, the original church of Annunciation Parish was renovated in 1998. The parish itself, a family of 1,400 parishioners, marked its 50th anniversary four years ago.

# Local News

# **NJADP director aids faith groups** on the science and art of lobbying

SUMMIT-Faith-based, grassroots groups across the country seem to be more active than ever as Catholics attempt to make a meaningful difference in their communities. However, these activists frequently seek advice on where to begin and how to leverage relationships and resources to make the greatest impact for their favorite causes.

These were the concerns of the Pax Christi Summit Chapter and St. Teresa of Avila Parish's Beyond Just Faith Committee, as they sat down recently with Celeste Fitzgerald, the director of the New Jerseyans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (NJADP), a Trenton-based organization.

NJADP, founded in 1999, currently has five full-time staffers and over 10,000 members, along with the support of numerous secular and religious groups. NJADP lobbied to pass the current moratorium on the death penalty in New Jersey.

Fitzgerald encouraged members of the social justice groups to think strategically in order to educate themselves and generate publicity and support from voters and legislators. She explained that there are two kinds of lobbying to consider: grassroots and direct. According to Fitzgerald, grassroots lobbying is when others are encouraged to act on a particular issue, including contacting elected officials. Direct lobbying, she said, is when an advocacy group contacts elected officials through faceto-face meetings, phone calls and letters.

She encouraged the members of Pax Christi and the Beyond Just Faith Committee to consider everything they do as an opportunity for lobbying. "If you are having an event, invite your legislators," she suggested.

"I think the greatest thing we learned (from Fitzgerald) is that by taking peaceful steps, we can effect in significant positive changes on our community," Kathy O'Leary, chapter coordinator for Pax Christi Summit, said.

Contact O'Leary at (908) 273-0751 for information on Pax Christi or visit the Web sites www.paxsummit.blogspot.com or www.paxchristiusa.org.

Beyond Just Faith is for those participants who have gone through the "Just Faith" process-an extended justice education/formation program that provides an opportunity to study and be formed by the justice tradition articulated by the Scriptures, the Catholic Church's historical witness and Catholic social teaching.

Contact Karen Malnati via email at malnatifamily @hotmail. com for more information on Beyond Just Faith at St. Teresa of Avila Parish.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY-Entering its 12th year, the Children's Liturgy of the Word at St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, runs from September to May. At the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass, the pre-school through fifth graders process from the main lobby of the church to the Sacristy to hear the Liturgy of the Word. Readings are geared to that age level and explained in language the youngsters can understand. The Liturgy of the Word ends with the Apostles' Creed and the children's personal intercessions. They then join the parish family for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.



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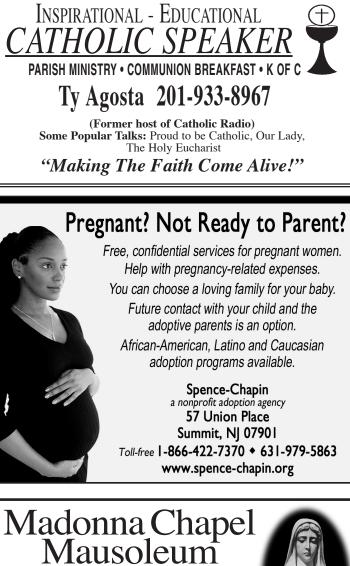
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# Benefit golf tournament May 1

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ELIZABETH-Josephine's St. Elizabeth, will hold its first benefit golf tournament on May 1.



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HUNGER CONFRONTED-The Emergency Food and Nutrition Network (EFNN) program of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark recently distributed over 1,000 oven stuffer chickens to representatives of 30 church-based food pantries throughout the archdiocese. On hand were, left to right, Elizabeth McClendon, associate executive director of Catholic Charities; James Sullivan of St. Anne Parish, Fair Lawn; Sharon Reilly-Tobin, EFNN director and Marcus Ward of St. Joseph's Home and Shelter, Elizabeth. The distribution was made possible through a grant from the KRAFT Employee Fund of New Jersey.

### Follow The Spirit Conference 2006 Let The Fire Fall—Again! Saturday, May 6th St. Peter High School

175 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ (Conference was formerly held at the Hilton)



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The New Jersey Catholic Charismatic Conference features Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, dynamic speakers and uplifting, Spirit-filled music provided by REFUGE. One day only, Saturday May 6th from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. On-site registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with light breakfast refreshments included. Registration: \$35. For info call: 732-495-4561 or e-mail info@goodnewsinternational.net www.refuge.net/njccc

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# Caregiving conference set May 9

NEWARK—The final Institute for Pastoral Care conference of the season will take place May 9 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Center.

Sister Margaret Thomas McGovern, O.P., will address the topic: "Caring for the Caregiver." Sister Margaret Thomas is the Delegate for Religious for the Archdiocese of Newark and a former major superior of the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell.

The conference will explore such issues the type of resources available to caregivers, caring for the caregiver and the spiritual aspects of care giving.

The entire program is intended as a day of spiritual reflection and renewal.

For additional information or to register call Cristina Pardo in the Office of Clergy Personnel, at (973) 497-4220 or email her at pardocri@rcan.org.

# State's Irish lecture topic

NUTLEY-The adult education program at St. Mary Parish will explore the Irish of New Jersey on Thursday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Speaking will be Dermot A. Quinn, professor of history at Seton Hall University, a graduate of Trinity College in Dublin and author of The Irish of New Jersey.

To reserve a seat call the parish center at (973) 235-1100.

# Continuing Education

# Student's acceptance at Howard University a first for Caldwell

CALDWELL–In a first for Caldwell College, student Marneece Williams has been accepted into the prestigious Howard University Medical School in Washington D.C. Williams, who calls the Bahamas home, came to Caldwell College thanks to inspiration from another Bahamian student who hailed from the same high school.

Williams was determined to pursue her goal of attending medical school and knew from experience that Caldwell's undergraduate Natural and Physical Science majors provide excellent opportunities to pursue careers in health related professions. This is due, in part, to the college's educational articulation programs with many post-graduate health science programs. Caldwell College has agreements with NYU Dental School, UMDNJ Dental School, Temple University Dental School, New York Medical College-Physical Therapy Program, New York School of Podiatric Medicine, New York College of Chiropractic Medicine; Pennsylvania College of Optometry and St. George University Medical School and Veterinary Medicine.

It is not easy for international students to be accepted into United States medical schools, but for Williams, hard work and dedication paid off.

Dr. Sook Choi, of the Natural and Physical Sciences Department, mentored Williams from her first days on the Caldwell campus. Dr. Choi is notably proud of her and says that Caldwell College offers a unique environment for students looking to follow in her path.

"As a professor, the best reward I receive is when my students work hard and achieve their goals," said Dr. Choi. "When students first come to Caldwell from high school they're like 'diamonds in the rough.' But the small, caring environment offered by Caldwell helps them develop and shine. Marneece's accomplishment makes me so proud!"

Williams' high school acquaintance who first introduced her to Caldwell College also plans a future in medicine as well. Sharrell Gibson, Class of 2001, is finishing her medical training at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston and will graduate from St. George Medical School in Grenada in May. Gibson passed the U.S. Medical License Exam (USMLE) within a 90 percentile of the national record.

# Veritas awards dinner celebrates 3 alumnae

CALDWELL–Caldwell College celebrated the professional accomplishments of its alumni at the 21st Veritas awards dinner held last month at Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

Three outstanding alumnae were honored with the Veritas Award, the highest honor Caldwell College bestows on its alumnae for their professional excellence in diverse fields.

Sister Elizabeth Michael Boyle, O.P., Ph.D., '59 was honored for Excellence in Education and Poetry; June LaBella Drewry '71, Global Chief Information Officer for the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, for Excellence in Technology Management, and Sally Ward Kelly '55 was cited for Excellence in Early Childhood Development. Kelly is Founder of Play-N-Learn Day Care Center, Upper Montclair.



The honorees, left to right, Sister Elizabeth Michael Boyle, O.P., Ph.D.; June LaBella Drewry; Sally Ward Kelly, with Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D, President of Caldwell College.

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genocide in every school in the state, K-12?

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# Blunt talk about chastity highlights pro-life rally

#### BY MELISSA MCNALLY Staff Writer

SOUTH ORANGE—Over 1,000 high school students celebrated life through a look at contemporary issues at the third-annual Salesian Pro-Life Rally at Seton Hall University.

The daylong event featured prayer, skits, personal testimonies and an interactive question and answer session.

A keynote message from nationally known advocate for chastity, Pam Stenzel, engaged the students. She has worked at a counseling center for women undergoing crisis pregnancies and draws from those experiences to educate and enlighten young people. Her not-forprofit organization, Enlighten Communications Inc., (http://www.enlightencom.com) is based in Littleton, CO.

"I can't make choices for you," she told students at the rally. "I don't want anyone to leave here saying: 'No one ever told me.""

She stressed that the Catholic Church's teachings on premarital

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sex is not outdated and sex is designed solely for the sanctity of marriage.

"When I was growing up in the Church, I thought it was a bunch of rules to ruin my life. I now realize that God's law is about giving you the best. God did not create sex for love but for marriage. If you have sex outside of marriage, you will pay physically, emotionally, or spiritually. There will be consequences."

One of these consequences is unwanted pregnancy, she said. "There are far worse things than being pregnant. There is no easy way out of pregnancy and abortion has side effects. I still counsel women who have had abortions. Abortion hurts women."

Over 80 percent of teenage girls who choose to have children

live in poverty and 90 percent never graduate college, Stenzel stressed. The number-one indica-



Advocate photo - Melissa McNally

Pam Stenzel, nationally acclaimed speaker and advocate for chastity, captured an audience of over 1,000 students during the third-annual Salesian Pro-Life Rally, which was held at the South Orange campus of Seton Hall University. Stenzel served as the keynote speaker for the event.

tor of poverty is a single-parent household, she noted.

"When did we lie and say sex equals love? Satan has told you that the truth is a lie. God loves

you and Jesus died on a cross for you. You can't throw that love away," she declared.

Stenzel's honest and passionate talk had an impact on the audience. "I thought her speech was really good and funny and got to my heart," Ashley Arizo, 15, said.

"To argue that it's ever OK to slaughter a baby in the womb makes no sense," Frank Nobre, a junior at St. Benedict's Prep, in Newark, said.

"We cannot back down on the abortion issue. Being just 'sort of pro-life' is not good enough. We have to get the message out to more youth."

As music from the BOLD Youth Ministry of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Stirling, welcomed the students, the day began with prayer led by Father Steve Ryan, SBD. "You are the generation to make a difference on the issue of pro-life. The truth shall set us free," he exclaimed.

Priests were available to hear confessions during lunch. At the end of the day, Bishop John W. Flesey, auxiliary bishop of Newark, celebrated Mass with Father Jim Heuser, the Salesian provincial who gave the homily.

Youth volunteers from Delbarton High School, Morristown, Villa Walsh Academy, Morristown, and St. Benedict's Prep School, Newark, played an important role in shaping the program. The Salesian Office of Youth Ministry, the Salesian Pro-Life committee headed by Andrea Zimmerman of Our Lady of the Valley in Orange, also helped plan the event.

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# parish speaker

NEWARK-Father John Hampsch, CMF, active in Charismatic Renewal over three decades, will speak on The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell, later this month at St. Antoninus Parish.

On Friday, April 28, the Rosary will be recited and confessions heard beginning at 6 p.m. A healing Mass follows at 7:30 p.m.

The following day the Rosary will be recited at 8:30 a.m.

The conference, which includes a healing Mass, will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Participants should bring their own lunch, light refreshments will be served.

Sunday, April 30 begin with the Rosary at 9:30 a.m.

A Charismatic Healing Mass will be celebrated from 10 a.m. to noon.

The church is located at 337 South Orange Ave. For additional information call (973) 623-0258.

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# Renewal priest | St. Lucy School to mark a century

NEWARK-St. Lucy School will celebrate a century of service to the children and families of the Archdiocese of Newark in May.

Formal festivities are planned for Saturday, May 13 and Friday, May 19. Sister Claudette Jaszczynski, school principal, has extended an invitation to all alumni. "We hope all of our alumni will be part of this special 100-year anniversary."

Starting at 11 a.m. on May 13, a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at St. Lucy Church.

The day's program also includes a hot luncheon buffet and open house at the school.

On May 19 there will be an evening of entertainment featuring today's students and faculty. The luncheon and entertainment program will take place at St. Lucy center.

St. Lucy School is located 12 Amity Place. The parish website is www.stlucy.net. Those interested in attending the luncheon should call the school office at (973) 482-4756 for additional information.

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# Local News



THE PASSION PLAY-Schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark this month presented The Passion Play. To begin Holy Week, third grade students at St. Catherine of Siena School in Cedar Grove performed. Cast members included, left to right, front, Ken Bagaloyos, Austin Tighe, James Koehne, Kelly McGowan, Nina Rosella, Vincent Morisco, Kathryn Fano, Paige Boutmy, Elizabeth Dillard, Michael Dwyer, Griffin Otterbein and Deanna Duran. In the back row are Thomas Linkus, Al Preziosi, James Glenbowski, Jennifer Jacobs, Alex Leonardi and their teacher, Elisa

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SOUTH ORANGE- Nearly 2,000 Seton Hall University students will become members of a highly regarded group on Monday, May 8, 2006-alumni of the oldest diocesan university in the nation.

Beginning with a procession at 10:15 a.m. at the Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford, Seton Hall will celebrate its 149th commencement exercises.

The commencement program begins at 11 a.m. Brian Williams, anchor and managing editor of NBC Nightly News, will deliver the commencement address and receive an honorary degree.

Prior to his weekly anchor role, Williams was anchor and managing editor of The News with Brian Williams on MSNBC and CNBC (1996-2004). He also served as anchor and managing editor of the Saturday edition of NBC Nightly News for six years.

# John Paul II Mass at CBSH

NEWARK-The Polish Clergymen's Society of the Archdiocese of Newark and the Diocese of Paterson will celebrate a Mass for beatification of Pope John Paul II at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Thursday, April 27, 5 p.m.

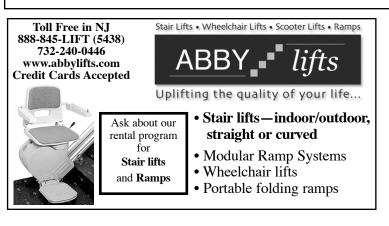
Archbishop Szczepan Wesoly of Rome, president of the John Paul II Foundation, will be the principal celebrant. The Mass will be bilingual, celebrated in English and Polish. Following the Mass, a reception will be held at Cracovia Banquet Hall, Wallington, with Father Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R., as the keynote speaker.

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# Health & Senior News



REACHING OUT-As part of a Lenten service project, eighth grade Confirmation students from St. Michael School, Cranford, visited Father Hudson House, a Center for Hope Hospice in Elizabeth. The young people went from room to room visiting the residents and providing company for the day. The trip was part of a Confirmation lesson on serving God through service to others. Father Edgardo P. Jocson, parochial vicar, and the students stopped by the Hudson House chapel for prayerful reflection on their experience. Father Jocson blessed the students before they left.



# Remembering The Holocaust

ALLENEDALE — The Allendale Community for Mature Living, 85 Harreton Rd., will present a Holocaust Remembrance Day on Friday, April 28 at 2 p.m. in the Atrium Activities Room.

For additional information call (201) 825-0660 or go to www.allendalecommunity.com.

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# Physician of the year honors to Dr. Connolly

NEWARK-Mark W. Connolly, M.D., the director of the Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery at Saint Michael's Medical Center and the director of the Cathedral Heart and Vascular Institute, was named Physician of Year by the American Heart Association at its ninth annual Affair of the Heart Gala on April 8 in Livingston.

Saint Michael's Medical Center, a 337-bed regional primary care, teaching and research center in the heart of Newark's main business and educational district, is an affiliate of the Archdiocese of Newark's Cathedral Healthcare System. Cathedral Healthcare is a nonprofit, multi hospital system that also comprises Saint James Hospital and Columbus Hospital in Newark.

In collaboration with these hospitals, the Cathedral Heart and Vascular Institute at Saint Michael's Medical Center offers the region's most advanced cardiovascular care.

'Dr. Connolly, a gifted and compassionate surgeon and a pioneer in cardiac care, certainly mer-



Mark W. Connolly, M.D.

its this special recognition," said Henry J. Amoroso, president of Cathedral Healthcare System. "In fact, the recently published report, Cardiac Surgery in New Jersey 2003, identifies Dr. Connolly as one of the best and busiest cardiacspecialists in the state."

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# Trinitas foundation gala to 'celebrate life'

ELIZABETH-The Trinitas Health Foundation's annual gala, "A Celebration of Life!," will take place Thursday, May 11; at The Palace Somerset Park.

Tom Sabatino, executive vice president and general counsel of Schering-Plough, and his wife, Joan, are co-chairing the fund-raising event.

The black-tie event begins with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m. and includes dinner, dancing and an awards ceremony. Tickets for the gala are available by contacting the foundation at (908) 994 - 8249. Reservations are required by April 28.

The gala will honor Wachovia with the foundation's "Celebrating philanthropy award" for its exemplary philanthropic practices. Former Union County Manager Ann M. Baran, who served as senior vice president/external affairs & hospital services at Trinitas until her death in early January, will be honored posthumously with the foundation's Humanitarian Award.

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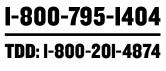


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# Religious Life



**PONDERING THE CALL**—Archbishop John J. Myers addressed young men considering the priesthood during a March 21 evening prayer service at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. He praised them for "the courage to step forward" and advised they should ask: "What does God want me to do?" After the service, Archbishop Myers and Father Brian Plate, director of the Vocations Office, greeted each attendee prior to dinner at the archbishop's residence.

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**Jesús** se volvió, y al ver que lo seguían les preguntó:

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Jesús les contestó:

**–Vengan a verlo.** San Juan 1:38-39

# Pope says people need not be perfect to be called to vocation VATICAN CITY (CNS)- priesthood or religious life, but and holiness, Pope Benedict

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"Human frailties and limits do not represent an obstacle" to having a vocation, "as long as they contribute to making us more aware of the fact that we need the redeeming grace of Christ," the pope said in his message for the 2006 World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

The day dedicated to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life will be celebrated May 7 in most countries.

From Jesus' time, Pope Benedict said, God has called individuals to dedicate their lives totally to serving God and their brothers and sisters.

God's call is not addressed to the perfect, but to those open to God's love, which changes human hearts and makes them capable of communicating the love of God to others, the pope said.

"The Church is holy even if its members need to be purified so that holiness, a gift of God, can shine through them in all its brightness," he said.

Pope Benedict asked for special prayers for vocations to the priesthood, a ministry that is essential for the celebration of the sacraments and, therefore, for the ongoing life of the Church.

"It is not surprising that where people pray with fervor vocations flourish," he said.

# Religious Life

# Newark native named chapter's 10th abbot

MORRISTOWN–The monastic chapter at St. Mary's Abbey has elected Father Giles P. Hayes, O.S.B., a Newark native, its 10th abbot.



Father Giles P. Hayes, O.S.B.

Abbot Timothy Kelly, O.S.B., president of the American Cassinese Congregation of Monasteries, presided at and confirmed the election.

Abbot Giles is a 1956 graduate of Delbarton School. He is the first Delbarton alumnus to serve as abbot of St. Mary's, which owns and administers Delbarton.

The new abbot began collegiate studies at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA. Before entering the novitiate at St. Benedict's Abbey in Atchison, KS. He professed monastic vows on July 11, 1959, and completed his collegiate studies at St. John's University in Collegeville, MN., in 1961. He attended St. Mary's School of Theology, Morristown, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 29, 1965.

The new priest pursued graduate studies in American history at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. (1963-67), at Seton Hall University (1969-1971) and at Rutgers University in New Brunswick (1974).

Abbot Giles was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, from Georgetown University in 1987. He served with distinction on the faculty of his alma mater, Delbarton School, as a prefect, history teacher and department chairman, dean of students, director of development and two-term headmaster. Most recently, he served as chairman of The Campaign for Delbarton. He is perhaps best known for his role for many years as college counselor; for 15 years, he served on the College Entrance Examination Board's Test Development committees.

Abbot Giles has a passion for social justice issues, establishing Delbarton's Appalachian Project in 1980. He has been a trustee of the Morris County Urban League (1985-1992) and a member of the Steering Committee for the Morris Museum (1990-1995).

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