



The Catholic Advocate

Catholic Cemeteries



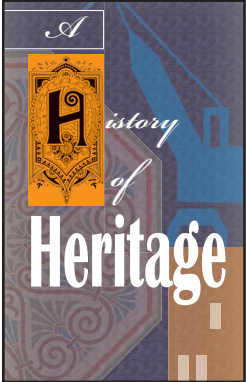
www.RCAN.org

Vol. 58, No. 5

Community newspaper of the Archdiocese of Newark

March 11, 2009

PAGES 25-27



Building strong foundations for hope and faith

Catholic Cemeteries group creates chapel mausoleums to provide healing for those who mourn.

PAGE 9



Fate came calling one day in Gettysburg

Father John Gabriel recalls the story of a gentle soul, Jennie Wade, who died during historic Civil War battle.

Inside

Our Archdiocese2,3
USA & World News4
Commentary5
Around the Archdiocese . .6
Lent10, 11
St. Patrick's &
St. Joseph's Day12, 13
Classifieds22
Professional Directory . .23

www.rcan.org/advocate

Eastern Europe killing fields frozen in time Priest unearths lost chapter of Holocaust

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

Throughout his lecture "The Holocaust by Bullets: A Priest Uncovers the Truth" at Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange, on March 1, Father Patrick Desbois frequently prefaced his remarks with the phrase "you must understand" as a solemn plea to the audience of over 200. However, the words also revealed a profound sense of grief by Fr. Desbois, as though he himself was trying to comprehend the staggering horror he has uncovered in the remote farm villages of Eastern Europe.

A French priest and internationally acclaimed author, Fr. Desbois began a spiritual quest in 2004 at a town in Ukraine known as Rawa Ruska. His mission was to document the slaughter of Jewish men, women and children at the hands of Nazi special units, known as Einsatzgruppen, following the invasion of Poland in September 1939.

The selection of Rawa Ruska was not arbitrary; Fr. Desbois' grandfather was one of many French deportees sent to the site

during World War II.

The investigation so far has explored over 850 sites and interviewed more than 800 eyewitnesses. The result has been to document ghastly crimes against humanity: the murder of more than 2 million innocent people, shot and buried in mass graves throughout Ukraine and Belarus.

Teams of forensic experts working with Fr. Desbois excavate the graves, which reveal shattered human remains and old bullet shell casings—unmistakable evidence of the atrocities. In

addition, archival film footage and photographs of the killings also have been discovered.

Fr. Desbois and his associates are expanding their investigation to Poland, Russia, Romania and the Baltic nations. The effort—detailed in his book (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2008), which carries the same title as his lecture—has taken on a special significance in recent weeks due to the international outrage over the Holocaust-denying statements of Bishop Richard Williamson, a member of the so-called "tradi-

tionalist" Society of Saint Pius X (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 4).

There is a bizarre disconnect in this lost chapter of the Shoah, Fr. Desbois explained. Audiences in the United States are astonished by the painful revelations in his presentations, wondering why such information has not been available until now. However, eyewitnesses in the Eastern European villages, in their eighties and nineties, are equally per-

Continued on page 24

Men's Commission finalizes agenda for March 28 West Orange gathering

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK — The inaugural Catholic Men's Conference for the Archdiocese of Newark will be held Saturday, March 28, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring a Mass celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers, along with keynote presentations by NFL legend Danny Abramowicz and Bishop Manuel A. Cruz.

Organized under the auspices of the archdiocesan Men's Commis-

sion in cooperation with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, the gathering of spiritual fellowship will be held in the Essex County Richard J. Codey Arena (formerly

South Mountain Arena) at 560 Northfield Ave., West Orange.

Online registration is recommended at

Continued on page 19

Concern over conscience rights draws a red flag from bishops

WASHINGTON — Deirdre McQuade, spokesperson on abortion and related issues at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), said the Obama administration is moving to rescind a federal regulation that implements longstanding federal statutes protecting conscience rights in the healthcare profession.

"We are gravely concerned over today's news that the Obama administration may rescind the current federal regulation protecting the conscience rights of health care providers," McQuade said. "Efforts to nullify or weaken any conscience protection will undermine our national heritage of diversity and religious freedom, reduce patients' access to life-affirming healthcare, and endanger the national consensus required to enact much-needed healthcare reform."

"The administration says it will open a new 30-day comment pe-

Continued on page 4



Advocate photo — Melissa McNally

LENT BEGINS—Rev. Msgr. Neil J. Mahoney, pastor of Saint Patrick Pro-Cathedral in Newark, distributed ashes to even the smallest of the congregation at his parish's annual Ash Wednesday Mass. Main celebrant Archbishop John J. Myers has celebrated the noontime Mass at Pro-Cathedral since 2001. He reminded parishioners to forgive and pray more during Lent. He also noted that ashes are a reminder to purify oneself and reflect.

March 15 Cathedral concert to salute Saint Patrick

NEWARK—The Tim Keyes Consort will perform an “Irish Concert” Sunday, March 15, 4 p.m. at The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., part of the Cathedral Concert Series.

The suggested donation for the concert is \$15 per person. The program will include selections for soloists, chorus and orchestra, featuring “Saint Patrick’s Breastplate” and “The Irish Blessing.”

“Saint Patrick’s Breastplate,” composed in 2006, is an ancient Celtic prayer ascribed to Saint Patrick. The Gaelic prayer blends ancient Druid beliefs with Christian tenets of faith. The eight-movement work is scored for soprano, alto, tenor, baritone soloists, chorus and orchestra. “The Irish Blessing” is the well-known prayer invoked as a prayer of hopefulness on life’s journey. This short arrangement is scored for tenor soloist, chorus and orchestra.

Keyes is a New Jersey-based composer, songwriter, conductor, vocalist and pastoral musician. An accomplished Church musician and choral director, Keyes has composed sacred music oratorios including Resurrexi (1996); Nativitas (1999); Cruci-



Submitted photo

The Tim Keyes Consort (Web site: www.timkeyesconsort.org) is a non-profit organization composed of professional and amateur singers and instrumentalists from throughout central New Jersey and other states. In addition to his work as a composer and performer, Keyes serves as the pastoral assistant for music and liturgy at the Catholic community of Saint Charles Borromeo, Skillman. For more information on the March 15 concert, which will celebrate Saint Patrick, visit the Cathedral Basilica Web site: (www.cathedralbasilica.org).

fixus (2000); Meditation on the Passion of Christ (2005); and Requiem (2008).

Among his many other compositions are a violin concerto (“Colorado”), which received its

premiere by the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra in 2004, and a horn concerto (“The Battle”), which received its premiere by the Hunterdon Symphony in 1997. Keyes’ CD recordings include

“Now Until Twilight” (2005); “Mighty Mississippi” (2007); “Small Town” (2008) and “American Coastlines” (2008).

Featured vocal soloists for the March 15 performance include

Victoria Lotkowitz (soprano) of Sayreville; Daria Dragon (alto) of Whitehouse Station; Jon Darios (tenor) of Sussex; and Marco Melendez (baritone) of San Angelo, TX.

Caldwell celebrates ‘truth’ of accomplished alumni

CALDWELL—Caldwell College will honor three alumni from three generations of college history at the 24th Veritas awards dinner Friday, March 27, 6 p.m. at Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange.

The Veritas (“truth”) Award is the highest honor Caldwell College bestows on its graduates for professional excellence. This year’s recipients include Sister Mary Amelia Cetera, O.P., Class of 1954; Dr. Patrick Lamy, Class of 1991; and Irene Sinteff, Class of 1973.

The awards dinner is open to all alumni and members of the Caldwell College community. Contact Kathleen Buse by phone (973) 618-3411 or via e-mail (kbuse@caldwell.edu) for more information on the event.

Sr. Amelia will be recognized for “Excellence in Education Leadership,” citing the innovative and practical methods she gave to hundreds of education majors that enabled them to be effective teachers throughout their careers. She began her career at Caldwell in 1959 and, after de-

voting over 50 years to educating and supervising prospective teachers, continues, even in retirement, to interview and advise prospective majors.

She came to Caldwell as director and instructor of the College Reading Center before serving as chairperson of the Education Department for nine

years. She designed the first Bachelor of Arts degree program in education, then another program in early childhood education. She also developed the internship program in collaboration with the Caldwell/West Caldwell public schools and has supervised student interns and teachers for 30 years.

Lamy will receive an award for “Excellence in Student Affairs in Higher Education” for the leadership, training and counseling he has provided to students and student affairs professionals over 17 years. He is vice president for student affairs/dean of students at Bloomfield College where he provides leadership, strategic plan-

ning and development for all areas of student services. He previously spent years directing and coordinating various departments at Bloomfield College and Caldwell College.

Sinteff, a resident of Boston, will receive an award for “Excellence in Human Resources,” for the creative use of her wide array of recruiting, career planning and adult education skills. Her professional career includes work as a trainer, educator and career consultant in both corporate and nonprofit environments, while continuing her Peace Corps activities as a United States host family.

Her career portfolio spans work in the manufacturing, education, medical and biotech industries. She currently provides recruiting and training services to Lee Hecht Harrison (LHH), Woodcliff Lake, an international outplacement, business consulting and management firm, and directs the Amgen Career Center for LHH. She teaches management at Curry College, Milton, MA.



Sister Mary Amelia Cetera



Patrick Lamy



Irene Sinteff

USPS-008-380
The Catholic Advocate
"Inspires Our World... One Spirit at a Time."

President and Publisher
Most Reverend John J. Myers

OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
8:45 AM TO 4:45 PM
TEL: (973) 497-4200
FAX: (973) 497-4192
WEB:
www.rcan.org/advocate

EDITORIAL TEAM
Michael C. Gabriele
Editor & Associate Publisher
gabrielemi@rcan.org

Ward Miele
Managing Editor
mielejos@rcan.org

Melissa McNally
Staff Writer
mcnallme@rcan.org

ADVERTISING TEAM
Marge Pearson-McCue
Director of Advertising & Operations
pearsoma@rcan.org

Ramona Westbrook
Classified/Account Representative
westbrra@rcan.org

Anita Bethea
Account Representative
betheaan@rcan.org

PRODUCTION TEAM
Marilyn Smith
Production Supervisor
smithmai@rcan.org

Paula Blackman
Graphic Artist
blackmpa@rcan.org

Carolyn Martins-Reitz
Graphic Artist
reitzcar@rcan.org

**CIRCULATION/
BUSINESS TEAM**
Kelly Gallegos
Administrative Asst/Bkpr.
gallegke@rcan.org

Mark Chrisco
Circulation Coordinator
chriscma@rcan.org

PUBLISHER'S STATEMENT
The Catholic Advocate is published by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark at 171 Clifton Ave., Newark NJ 07104-9500. Periodical postage is paid at Newark NJ and at additional offices. Postmaster: Please send address changes to: P.O. Box 9500, Newark, NJ 07104.

ADVERTISING
The Catholic Advocate does not endorse the services and goods advertised in its pages. Acceptance of advertisers and advertising copy is subject to the publisher's approval. Neither the publication nor publisher shall be liable for damages if an advertisement fails to be published or for any error in an advertisement.

FREQUENCY FOR THE YEAR
The Catholic Advocate continues to be a bi-weekly publication. Publication dates for 2009 are March 25; April 8, 22; May 6, 20; June 10, 24; July 15; August 12, 26; September 9, 23; October 14, 28; November 11, 25; December 9, 23.

NJPA
ISSN# 1084-3213

Evangelization project seeks 'cells' of faith

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK—The Archdiocese of Newark's Office for Evangelization is formulating a new project known as the "Parish Evangelizing Cell System," which is designed to create evangelization groups at parishes throughout Union, Bergen, Essex and Hudson counties.

Saint Antoninus Parish hosted an initial leadership planning session March 1 to develop the project. A full-fledged introduction of the program at parishes throughout the archdiocese is slated for the September/October timeframe. Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., archdiocesan Vicar for Evangelization, is overseeing the effort.

Liliana Soto-Cabrera, archdiocesan coordinator for evangelization, explained that an "evangelizing mindset" is at the heart of the program, which hopes to attract new members to cells to promote the life of the parish and faith community. She said community outreach and the "birthing" of new cells at parishes represent the long-range thrust of the program.

Soto-Cabrera said that goals of cell groups are to: grow in an ongoing relationship with the Lord; evangelize by word and lifestyle to build and expand cell membership; spawn new cells; support members to prepare for cell leadership in the future; promote stewardship of time, talent and treasure; and participate in parish ministries according to giftedness to deepen Catholic identity.

Pastors are the key to the success of the cell program, Soto-Cabrera said, noting that, in addition to a priest's regular weekend Mass homily, parishioners will be listening to separate teachings on faith formation and evangelization. Pastors will record CDs of their teachings on a bimonthly basis to share their messages, which will vary depending on the particular needs of a parish. Cells will meet twice a month in parishioner homes or at parish facilities.

Going forward, pastors and parish lay leaders will be trained in the mechanics of the cell system: praise and prayer; Scripture readings; discussion and sharing; and specific teachings from a parish's pastor. Evangelistic sharing represents another key point, which involves reaching out and inviting other members of the community to participate in the cell—an outreach known as "Oikos" evangelization, much as Jesus did in the Gospels. The outreach effort hopes to encourage social interaction in small Christian communities as a way to promote faith formation.

Saint Antoninus and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Orange, have been designated as the initial development sites for the cell evangelization project.

Continued on page 20



Advocate photo – M. Gabriele

RENOVATION REFLECTIONS—Saint Bartholomew Parish, Scotch Plains, celebrated a Mass to dedicate the reopening of its renovated church Feb. 14. Church doors opened following an eight-month construction project, welcoming parishioners and interfaith representatives. As the many wide-eyed members of the faith community streamed into the church, the typical reaction was to pause for a moment and utter the word "wow!" PM Contracting, New York, led by architect Anthony Genovese, renovated the church interior. Nassar Shabo, assistant director of the archdiocesan Office of Property Management, directed the project on behalf of the parish. Pictured in the foreground, the ambry, which contains sacred chrism, oil of the sick, and oil of the catechumens, is illuminated by the late afternoon light streaming through the church's stained-glass windows. Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, Regional Bishop of Union County, served as the presider at the Mass. Principal concelebrants included Most Rev. Dominic A. Marconi, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark; Father Kevin A. Gugliotta, parochial vicar and Father John J. Paladino, who has served as pastor of Saint Bartholomew since May 2005. The Mass featured the Saint Bartholomew ensemble choir and a new pipe organ.

New York welcomes Archbishop Dolan

NEW YORK (CNS)—Calling the diverse New York Archdiocese “a real icon, a snapshot of the Church universal, of the Church in the United States,” Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan pledged his life, his heart and his soul to the people of the Big Apple. Archbishop Dolan will be installed as New York’s archbishop April 15. Pope Benedict XVI last month named Archbishop Dolan, who has served as leader of the Milwaukee Archdiocese since 2002, to suc-

ceed the retiring Cardinal Edward M. Egan. Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, said “our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has shown his usual wisdom in selecting Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan as the next Archbishop of New York. Archbishop Dolan’s many gifts will enrich his ministry in the Archdiocese of New York. He will serve the priests, Religious, seminarians and all the people with generosity and love. I welcome my friend as a new neighbor. May God

continue to bless him and his people.” Archbishop Myers went on to acknowledge the contributions of His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan, to the local Church of New York and to the universal Church. “Cardinal Egan has zealously and faithfully led the Archdiocese of New York during difficult days, and has been a loving and dedicated shepherd to the faithful, and indeed to all of the people of New York. I have known Cardinal Egan for some four decades—starting

from my own seminarian days in Rome through to our common service to the Church as priests and bishops. I have always valued his friendship and admired his many gifts. My God continue to bless him as he begins this new phase of ministry to the Church.” Archbishop Dolan said will look to “engage rather than confront” public officials in the city on the importance of respecting the civil rights of the most vulnerable, especially the unborn.



CNS Photo

Archbishop Timothy Dolan

Pope tells youth to keep the faith

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Even as the global economic crisis makes it more difficult to find a job and start a family, young Catholics are called to hold firmly to their faith in Jesus and be witnesses of hope to their peers, Pope Benedict XVI said. “True Christians are never sad, even if they have to face trials of various kinds, because the presence of Jesus is the secret of their joy and peace,” the pope told the world’s young Catholics. In his message for World Youth Day 2009, which will be celebrated in most dioceses on Palm Sunday, April 5, the pope asked young people to anchor the enthusiasm of their age in the firm hope that comes from a

relationship with Christ. The theme the pope chose for the 2009 celebration was from St. Paul’s First Letter to Timothy: “We have set our hope on the living God.” Everyone is looking for hope, “especially in these times,” the pope said in the message, released March 4 at the Vatican. Christians, who know that true and lasting hope can come only from God, have an obligation to live as beacons of hope for others, he said.

Bishops speak out on drug violence

LIMA, Peru (CNS)—A series of drug arrests in the United States and the arrival of Mexican troops in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, TX, have drawn increased attention to drug traf-

ficking, a problem highlighted by the region’s Catholic bishops. Prelates in several Latin American countries have spoken out about drug-related problems in recent months. Others also have expressed concern about the violence and corruption resulting from drug trafficking. A commission headed by three former Latin American presidents—Cesar Gaviria of Colombia, Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico and Fernando Henrique Cardoso of Brazil—has called for an “in-depth revision” of international drug policies “in light of their enormous human and social costs and threats to democratic institutions.” More efforts are needed to reduce demand in the main drug-consuming countries, including the United States, according to Jennifer Johnson of the Latin America

Working Group, a Washington-based coalition of religious groups. “We need to look at a more holistic approach,” she said. “There needs to be enhanced focus on demand reduction in the United States and the flow of arms into Mexico.” In a report released in February, the Latin American Commission on Drugs and Democracy said U.S.-backed drug-eradication efforts in Colombia, the region’s main coca-producing country, had failed to stop the flow of drugs from Andean countries. The result, it said, is an increase in organized crime, violence and corruption, and closer ties

between criminals and politicians, especially through campaign funding.

Papal journey eyes outreach in Africa

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI will open a new chapter in his papal travels when he visits the African nations of Cameroon and Angola, a trip designed to highlight the Church’s message of hope on a continent beset by problems. The March 17-23 journey will launch a series of Church events this year focusing on the African continent.

USCCB hoists a red flag

Continued from page 1

riod so Americans may voice their concerns. We encourage participation in this

process by all committed to the sanctity of human life, the freedom of conscience, and the ethical integrity of our healing professions,” she added.

The USCCB issued a statement last August welcoming the proposed regulation when it was first released for public comment by the Bush administration (see text online:

www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2008/08-118.shtml). Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia, chair of the bishops’ Committee for Pro-Life Activities, also wrote to Congress urging respect for conscience protection measures (www.usccb.org/prolife/rigali-coscience071808.pdf).

The USCCB’s Office of General Counsel also submitted comments on the proposal (www.usccb.org/ogc/ruleind.shtml) and the conference welcomed issuance of the final rule in December (www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2008/08-203.shtml).

New Jersey  Right to Life®

2009 NJRTL Banquet Dinner

Friday, April 17, 2009 • 6:00 PM-10:00 PM
Woodridge Hotel & Conference Center
515 US Hwy 1 South, Iselin, NJ 08830



Mike Huckabee
2008 Pro-Life
Presidential Candidate



Jill Stanek
Illinois Nurse and
Pro-Life Activist



Fr. Frank Pavone
National Director, Priests
for Life & Missionaries
of the Gospel of Life

—5PM VIP Photo Reception—

Private reception with speaker & professional photo. Additional fees apply.

For more information call (732) 562-0562

Banquet

Registration Form

Banquet includes grand ballroom dinner & full evening of speakers

(Please check for proper package)

☐ Banquet Registration

NJRTL Members	non-NJRTL Members
\$80	\$110

☐ Student Registration Cost
is \$45 for High School
and College Students

Mail registration to: NJRTL, c/o Banquet
Registration, 242 Old New Brunswick
Rd., Suite 340, Piscataway, NJ 08854

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

☐ I am enclosing a check payable to:
New Jersey Right to Life
☐ Please charge my Credit Card:
____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Exp. Date _____
Credit Card # _____

Signature _____
Registration fees are not tax deductible for
federal income tax purposes.

St. Mary,
Star of the Sea
Rosary Society,
Bayonne
is sponsoring a

Fish & Chips
Dinner,
catered by
Argyle's of Kearny.



Thursday, March 26, 2009
from 5 pm to 7pm in the
Marian Room of the school,
19 West 13th Street.
Tickets are \$15.00 and must
be purchased in advance.
Take out is also available.
Call (201) 437-4090.

Spiritual ‘positioning’ seeks a divine destination

I was fortunate to receive a “Garmin” for Christmas. For those unfamiliar with contemporary lingo, this is one of several varieties of Global Positioning System (GPS) devices that you plug into your car’s auxiliary power source, enter in the address you want to locate, and then, almost miraculously, a gentle yet assuring pre-recorded voice tells you the roads to take and the turns to make as you travel to your destination.

If you don’t follow the directions to the letter, the machine will “recalculate” and try to get you back to the original plan or create a new one.

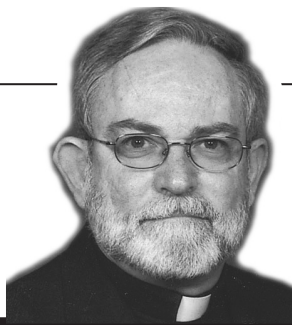
I’ve learned that the nuances between “keep left” and “turn left” can be significant. Fortunately, in addition to the voice prompts, a small video screen shows a little car traversing the mapped street you are on, with a colored roadway showing the next stage of the envisioned route. Street names appear for further verification.

The Israelites, God’s Chosen People, were blessed with an earlier type of GPS. When Moses led them out of Egypt across the sea and into the desert, God sent a pillar of fire by night and a column of cloud by day to be their guide.

The Ten Commandments, along with Jesus’ teaching in His Sermon on the Mount, provide a ‘Life Positioning System’ for anyone who would pay heed to them.

SEEING & BELIEVING

By Rev. Msgr.
Richard J. Arnhols



This visual manifestation served fairly well, until Moses was called by God to Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments. Having to wait longer than expected for Moses, the people began to feel that they were without direction, and fashioned a Golden Calf. Of course, it couldn’t do anything, except lead them, through their own desperation, farther away from God.

The Ten Commandments, along with Jesus’ teaching in His Sermon on the Mount, really provide a “Life Positioning System” for anyone who would pay heed to them. Many people, of course, choose to follow different paths, even though they claim to be followers of Christ. We call this sin.

Confession helps them not only to take stock of where they are and how far off course they’ve gone, but also helps them to recalculate how to get back on the right track to their desired heavenly destination.

The Bible can also be a good source of reliable information, if we understand how to read it. Bible

study groups and easy-to-read Scripture commentaries can help in this quest. Otherwise, much like a friend of mine who mistakenly punched in on her GPS a non-existent number on a street address and found herself being directed around the block in circles several times, we can get easily confused by passages that seemingly contradict themselves.

Once you understand the styles of writing and the links between Old and New Testaments, the words come to mean so much more and remind us more clearly of God’s abiding presence with us, His people, then and now.

God also fed His Chosen People on their desert journey, with manna and quail, and quenched their thirst with water from the rock. Jesus continues to feed us on our earthly spiritual sojourn with His Body and Blood in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Presumably, the annual “Easter Duty” prescriptions concerning Confession and Communion complement a regular pattern of sacramental celebration for most of us, but, if not, they can be gentle reminders of God’s desire, through the Church, to get back on the track of God’s good graces.

Old sci-fi movies always had their extra-terrestrial visitors say: “Take me to your leader” to the earthlings who encountered them. May our terrestrial and temporarily “extra-celestial” experiences guide us to our loving Leader and our eternal Home!

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

Pondering the Covenant, Temple and Hour of Jesus

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:8-11;
Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25.

Through the season of Lent the Church points constantly to the “hour” of Jesus, to the Paschal Mystery of His death and resurrection. The purpose of this pedagogy is to enable us to grasp more fully the meaning of our baptism and the new life with God that this sacrament brings.

At the same time, we learn that God’s gifts of forgiveness and new life in Christ are offered most generously, extending the Covenant made with Israel’s patriarchs to the entire human race.

In carefully planning and preparing the salvation of the whole human race, by a special dispensation the God of supreme love, chose for Himself a people to whom he might entrust his promises. First he entered into a covenant with Abraham and, through Moses, with the people of Israel (Vatican Council II, Divine Revelation No. 14).

The gift of the Covenant, a bond of special intimacy with God, is the foundation for all else in the life of patriarchs and matriarchs and later in the molding of their descendants into a nation in God’s service. “If you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant...you shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation” (Ex 19:5 6).

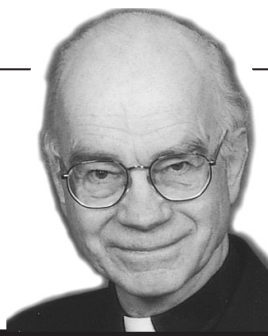
How does Israel keep the covenant? By adhering to the Torah, the instruction of God, which includes the commandments but also inspires the faithful through narratives and prayer to imitation of the God they have come to know through the unfolding of the divine plan for human salvation. The Decalogue (10 Words) shows how the commandments govern all human relationships, ordering the human community to peace with God, neighbor, self and nature.

The faithful constitute a “kingdom of priests,” so Israel centered its community life on the tabernacle in the desert and, much later, on the Temple in Jerusalem. There God revealed the divine will to His people; the commandments were interpreted and applied to daily life by

SUNDAY READINGS

3rd Sunday of Lent
(March 15, 2009)

By Rev. Lawrence Frizzell



successive generations of priests and other teachers.

Pilgrims purchased sacrificial offerings and the men had to pay the annual poll tax (a half shekel) in the ancient Hebrew coinage that had no image on it. Coins from the homelands of pilgrims were exchanged in the Temple’s outer courts and animals were provided for those who wanted to offer sacrifice. Thus the dealers that Jesus drove away had a legitimate function there. Then why did He do it? There must be a serious reason rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

The last words of the prophet Zechariah foretold a time when all things would be holy and capable of being offered to God. “On that day there shall no longer be any Canaanite (merchant) in the House of the Lord of hosts” (Zech. 14:12). Jesus was providing a sign to Israel’s leaders that the kingdom was coming, that God’s reign would be manifested in a new way. But, quite rightly in the context of their responsibility for right order in the Temple and community, the priestly authorities asked Jesus to show his credentials.

“Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up!” (John 2:19). As in other parts of the fourth Gospel, Jesus’ words would be understood fully only in the light of His death and resurrection. Christian faith in the identity of Jesus already found profound expression in John’s prologue. “The Word became flesh and pitched His tent among

us and we saw His glory...” (1:14). We Christians recognize that Jesus has revealed the Father in a surprising, new way (“glory” designates the manifest presence of God). After perceiving that the body of Jesus is God’s Temple, we begin to understand that this is the place of the perfect sacrifice. The Lamb of God (1:29) is also the high priest, because Jesus laid down His life for his sheep (10:11), offering Himself freely.

Just as John described the unity of priest, victim and place of sacrifice (see 10:36, alluding to the consecration of Jesus as altar), so he stresses that the persecution, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus constitute a single event, his “hour” (2:4; 13:1; 25:27). Jesus will be “lifted up” (3:14 15; 8:28; 12:32 33) in the humiliation of the cross and in the exaltation of the resurrection and ascension. Thus His obedience to the Father’s will (4:34; 6:38) fulfills the divine commandment (12:49 50) and initiates the new Covenant wherein all human beings will be drawn to Jesus (12:32) and into intimacy with the Father. “To those who accepted Him, He gave the power to become children of God...” (1:12). He challenged them to keep the new commandment of mutual love in imitation of Him (13:34 35; 15:12).

But the Gospel according to John never used the term “covenant.” Nevertheless, his presentation of Jesus’ teaching repeatedly employs reciprocal clauses and phrases that are reminiscent of covenant language. “I will be their God and they shall be my people” is the biblical formula describing the mutual exchange of the covenant (see Jer 31:33; Ez 36:28).

The first instance of this language in John is most appropriately in the Eucharistic discourse. “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him” (6:56). By association with the “hour” of Jesus we are drawn into union with the Father and this covenantal bond is nurtured by the marvelous Paschal gift that perdures throughout the pilgrimage of humanity toward the heavenly Jerusalem and its Temple.

March 12

LOYOLA RETREAT HOUSE, Morristown, weekend retreat for men and women, through March 15, (973) 539-0760.



March 13

NEW JERSEY BLOOD SERVICES, blood drive at St. Henry Parish in Bayonne, 1:30-7 p.m., call Marie Forrestral at (732) 616-0798.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, Maplewood, "Awakening Faith: Reconnecting to your Catholic Faith," sessions on all consecutive Fridays until May 22, 7 p.m., (973) 761-5933.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL, Lyndhurst, tricky tray, 6 p.m., cost: \$8, call Patty Pavlica at (201) 939-4277.



March 14

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3814, New Milford, St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance, 7-11 p.m., cost: \$25, call Paul Noonan at (201) 265-4452.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 2859, Linden, St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance, 7 p.m. - midnight, cost: \$38, (908) 370-3506.

QUEEN OF PEACE HIGH SCHOOL, North Arlington, beefsteak dinner, 7:30-11 p.m., (201) 998-8227 ext. 28.

March 15

NEW JERSEY BLOOD SERVICES, blood drive at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Scotch Plains, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., call Marie Forrestral at (732) 616-0798.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT VIRGIN PARISH, Garfield, St. Joseph Dinner, 7 p.m., cost: \$20 for adults/ \$10 for children, tickets purchased in advance, call Patricia Giacchi at (973) 345-6124.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHAPEL, Lodi, "An Evening of Praise, Worship and Song," 7-8:30 p.m., call Sister Marilyn Minter at (973) 473-7447.

MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL, Wallington, pancake breakfast, 8 a.m. - noon, cost: \$5, call Betty German at (973) 473-4876.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Washington Township, a benefit buffet dinner from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 79 Pascack Rd., with proceeds earmarked for two local families burned out of their homes. Tickets are avail-

able at the hall weekdays from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. To make a reservation call Jim Dugan at (201) 666-3425 or Knights' hall at (201) 664-0422.

March 17

NEW JERSEY BLOOD SERVICES, blood drive at Seton Hall University in South Orange, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., call Marie Forrestral at (732) 616-0798.

March 18

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, Nutley, St. Lucy Filippini Sodality meeting, 8 p.m., call Jo-Ann Brown at (973) 667-2633.

XAVIER RETREAT CENTER, Convent Station, "Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A. - Keep on Keeping On," 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., cost: \$30, (973) 290-5100.

March 19

COLLEGE OF SAINT ELIZABETH, Morris-

town, "Ethics and Spirituality" lecture, 7:30 p.m., call Dr. Susan M. Simonaitis at (973) 290-4321.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, Newark, St. Joseph Novena and Mass, at 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., noon and 7 p.m., (973) 589-2090.

March 20

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES, Newark, "Retrouvaille: Rediscovery Ministry for Troubled Marriages," through March 22, for program information call (973) 497-4327.

March 21

LUMEN CENTER, Caldwell, "Truly, this is the Son of God: The Passion of Jesus in Mark's Gospel," 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., cost: \$30, call Sister Pat Crowley, O.P., (973) 403-3331 ext 25.

OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY, Newark, "Black Women Journeying toward God" at Seton Hall University, 8:30 a.m., cost: \$35, call Sister Patricia Lucas, D.H.M. at (973) 497-4304.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES, Newark, Support Group for Fathers Whose Children Have Died, at Notre Dame Parish in North Caldwell, 10 a.m., (973) 497-4327.

March 22

NEW JERSEY BLOOD SERVICES, blood drive at St. Agnes Parish in Clark, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., call Marie Forrestral at (732) 616-0798.

QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH, North Arlington, International Day of the Unborn, Mass at noon, call Larry Crawford at (201) 306-3609.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, Newark, St. Joseph Dinner, 1 p.m., cost: \$15, call Regina Oliveira at (973) 589-2090.

March 24

LUMEN CENTER, Caldwell, "St. Paul and the Illusion of Perfection," 5 - 7:30 p.m., call Sister Pat Crowley, O.P. at (973) 403-3331 ext 25.

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES PARISH, Harrington Park, Catholic School Night, 7:30 p.m., (201) 768-1706.

March 28

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH, Newark, tricky tray, 7 p.m., cost: \$8 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Call (973) 483-0597.



Benedictine Monks of Newark Abbey

Weekday Services in St. Mary's Church

5:00 a.m. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
6:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
11:40 a.m. Midday Prayer
5:00 p.m. Community Mass
7:00 p.m. Sung Vespers

520 Dr. M.L. King Boulevard, Newark, NJ
(973) 792-5786 or visit www.newarkabbey.org

One Family In Mission



"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Haven't we sometimes felt abandoned ourselves? As we cope with illness, death, job loss or other burdens? At these times, hope seems to have disappeared.

And yet, in the midst of our darkness, we remember that

God did not abandon His beloved Son, but raised Him from death to glory. *And God does not abandon us. Everyone should know that.*

This Lent, will you support the priests, Sisters, Brothers and lay catechists in the Missions who bring this hope-filled Easter message to the poor and suffering?



*The Society for THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH
...a Pontifical Mission Society*

Rev. Msgr. Robert Fuhrman Dept. C262
171 Clifton Ave., Newark, NJ 07104 3-11-09

Enclosed is my Lenten sacrifice for the Missions of \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

**www.givetothemissions.org
www.onefamilyinmission.org**

FREE BOOK about "The Passion"

You have seen the movie, now read what Jesus says about the meaning of His Passion as dictated to stigmatist, Catalina Rivas.

This 48 page book has the "Imprimatur" and is recommended for meditation. Mrs. Rivas was featured in the recent FOX-TV special, "Signs from God", that was broadcast worldwide.

To receive this book, send your name and address with \$2 for shipping & handling to:

**Love & Mercy Publications
P.O. Box 1160
Hampstead, NC 28443**

When **Jesus** turned around and noticed them following Him,

He asked them,

"What are you looking for?"

They said to Him, "Rabbi, where do you stay?"

"Come and see,"

He answered.

John 1:38-39

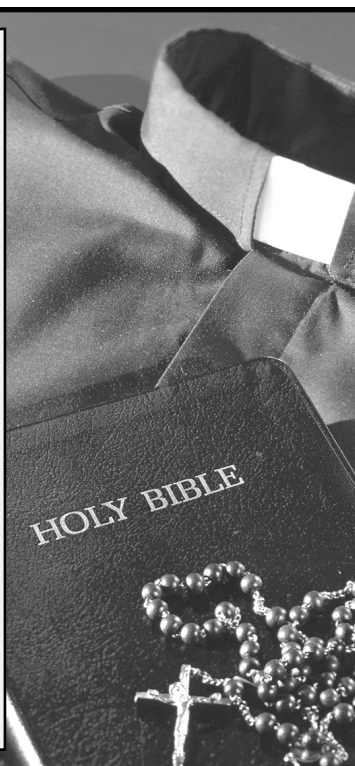
Have you considered following after Jesus as a Priest, Sister or Brother...?



Ft. John Gabriel, Vocations Director

The Vocations Office

171 Clifton Ave. • P.O. Box 9500
Newark, NJ 07104-0500
(973) 497-4365



Flaherty educates students on toll of FOCA

BY DANIEL PETERSON

Special to The Catholic Advocate

NEWARK — The Newman Center Campus Ministry sponsored a “Fight FOCA” (Freedom of Choice Act) conference Feb. 18 at Rutgers University to inform students about the proposed pro-abortion legislation supported by President Barack Obama and many members of Congress.

Christine Flaherty, executive director of LifeNet, addressed nearly 40 students from the Newman Club, which serves Rutgers University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, University of Medicine and Dentistry and Essex County College. LifeNet (Web site: www.lifeneteducation.org) is a pro-life advocacy and education group founded in 1994 and based in Montclair.

Students in colleges and universities located in the four counties of the archdiocese recently joined with parishes in a postcard campaign launched by the U.S.

Conference of Catholic Bishops to petition federal lawmakers to vote against the controversial legislation. The Feb. 18 forum was a follow-up to the postcard campaign.

Father Marc Vicari, archdiocesan vicar for family life, said the “Fight FOCA” forum was organized to inform people on the “reality of this devastating law. FOCA is a direct threat to the common good and an assault against the dignity of the human person. It’s genocide,” he said.

FOCA legislation recently was introduced into both houses of Congress. Candidate Obama, speaking at a Planned Parenthood fundraiser in July 2007, promised that he would sign FOCA if elected president. The legislation, if enacted, would eliminate state and local restrictions on abortion. It would make “abortion on demand” a fundamental right, preventing states from passing laws restricting abortion.

Flaherty discussed the implications of FOCA and its “evil-twin” legislation known as the

“Prevention First Act.” This bill would pour millions of taxpayer dollars into programs that fund and promote birth control.

“The last thing that we need to do is give more money to the abortion industry,” Flaherty said. “Planned Parenthood, which is the single-largest provider of abortions in our country, already receives over \$305 million of taxpayer money. People do not realize hormonal ‘contraceptives’ can act as ‘abortifacients,’ meaning they can cause early abortions if the woman has already conceived a baby when she takes it.”

She said it was interesting to examine the subterfuge in the wording of the Prevention First Act. Section 302 of the proposed legislation describes the mechanisms of how “emergency contraception” (such as the so-called “morning-after pill”) works; that it prevents implantation of an egg, rather than a describing it as a “fertilized” egg. “The fertilized egg is in fact a brand new human being,” she said, pointing out the word

“fertilized” is a key omission. “This is intentional dishonesty perpetrated by these legislators.”

FOCA would dramatically increase the number of abortions in this country, Flaherty predicted. “The data have been rigorously analyzed and it turns out that laws enacted by individual states have significantly reduced the number of abortions. Because of individual state laws requiring informed consent, parental involvement, restricting use of tax money for abortions, the number of abortions dropped 18 percent in the 1990s.”

The word “abortion” has been sanitized over the last 36 years (since the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision), she charged. “Abortion is an act of violence that destroys babies and hurts mothers.

“It is imperative to understand that we are not here to judge or condemn anyone who has been involved in an abortion decision, because we know that many, if not most people, would not choose abortion if they had all the facts ahead of time,” she said. “Jesus Christ is as willing to forgive the sin of abortion as He is every other sin, if we repent.”

ORDER YOUR
LENTEN SPECIALS
FROM

ROSELLE SEAFOOD

“Fresh Fish Daily”

Deep Fried Dinners to Go

Steamed Shrimp • Steamed Maryland Crabs

111 West 2nd Avenue • Roselle NJ 07203

908-241-5990



SMUCKER'S
STARS on ICE

FEATURING
OLYMPIC, WORLD & NATIONAL
CHAMPIONS

Produced by
SCOTT HAMILTON
Created & Directed by
JEF BILLINGS

ON THE EDGE
THE HEART OF THE CHAMPION

Special Guest **JEFFREY BUTTLE**, 2008 World Champion

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 3 PM **IZOD CENTER**

Tickets: 201-507-8900 and 212-307-7171

Groups(10+): 201-460-4370 • Kids and Senior Discounts

Also appearing at Nassau Coliseum in Long Island on March 27

starsonice.com

smuckers.com

an **IMG** event

ticketmaster

Boys & Girls Clubs of America will receive a donation for every ticket sold. Date and skaters subject to change. Smucker's is a registered trademark of The J.M. Smucker Company. Stars on Ice and logo are trademarks of International Merchandising Corporation. ©2009 All Rights Reserved.

SASHA COHEN • TODD ELDREDGE • ILIA KULIK • MICHAEL WEISS • SHEN & ZHAO • MORE

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

Tamburitzans

PRESENTS AN EXCITING SHOW OF...
MUSIC, SONGS & DANCES OF EASTERN EUROPE & NEIGHBORING CULTURES

~ 72nd Anniversary Season ~

New Show!

Breslin Theater in Lodi, NJ

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2009 2:00 PM

New Season!

Tickets: \$23. All Seats Reserved
Discover/Visa/Mastercard

To order, call toll-free at 1-877-826-6437 (1-877-TAMMIES)

Located on the
Felician College
campus

For more information visit www.tamburitzans.duq.edu

Passion Play Drama Ministries
Proudly Announces In 2009

The 20th Anniversary Presentation Of

The Jesus Story



Through this heartfelt musical/drama many have realized their need for something more in life. This true story is sure to have an effect on your life... with a result that can be everlasting.

Held At Felician College Auditorium
262 So. Main St., Lodi, NJ

Sat./Sun. Mar. 28 - 29 4 PM

Fri. Apr. 3 8 PM

Sat./Sun. Apr. 4 - 5 4 PM

Thu./Fri. Apr. 9 - 10 8 PM

...ALL SEATING IS FREE...on a first come basis

Information Or Directions On The Website: www.biblebaptist.net
No Internet Access: Call 201-288-4139, Press 2

♦ Free Will Offering Will Be Taken ♦

Men to sharpen their faith March 28

A powerful spiritual experience awaits men from the Archdiocese of Newark later this month at the inaugural Catholic Men's Conference.

Over a year of planning has gone into the March 28 fellowship gathering at the Essex County Richard J. Cody Arena on Northfield Avenue in West Orange that will run from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The theme of the conference says it all: "Fueled in Faith... United in Christ, Our Hope." A strong proponent of the new archdiocesan Catholic Men's Commission, running the conference in conjunction the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, is Archbishop John J. Myers.

Why a conference now? Archbishop Myers provided the answer in a pastoral letter he wrote 10 years ago on the topic of fathers and fatherhood, noting that it can be a struggle to be a good Christian man in this challenging, contemporary world. It sure can.

The Catholic Men's Conference will meet that challenge and

more through a unique and fulfilling experience that can truly last a lifetime. The event is open to males high school age and older.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for fathers, sons and brothers to do something together that will strengthen their relationship with God and each other. Such an opportunity does not come around very often.

The day, which features concurrent English and Spanish segments, will include dynamic multicultural faith-based speakers, exhibits, Mass celebrated by Archbishop Myers, the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, public adoration and more.

For men who have drifted away from the Church, the Catholic Men's Conference can be a spiritual lifesaver. For those who have not fallen away, their faith will be nourished. It will be a day of spiritual support in one's personal relationship with Christ.

Everything is in place, but a quick look at the calendar will show that the clock is ticking. Online registration is recommended at www.rcan.org/menscommission.

Be there!



Scholar chides 'distorted' assertion in editorial

BY RICHARD J. WOLFF PH.D.
Special to The Catholic Advocate

The Feb. 14 *Jersey Journal* editorial ("Man of the Cloth Remains in Denial") demonstrated a remarkable ignorance of the role of Catholic Church during the rise of mid-20th century fascism and Nazism.

In particular, the editorial characterized the Catholic Church's response to the Shoah or Holocaust as "cowardly inaction," and went on to assert: "While some Catholics did try to stop Nazi atrocities, the Vatican did little to stem the annihilation." This is a gross over-simplification and distortion of historical fact.

Pius XI (1922-1938) was an implacable foe of Nazism and Hitler's regime. From 1933 to 1938, this pope spoke out against Nazi ideology, characterizing it as "pagan and anti-Christian." Vatican publications, such as *Osservatore Romano* and *Civiltà Cattolica* published numerous criticisms of the Nazi racial policies, condemning anti-Semitism as a "Nordic heresy."

In 1938, Pius XI published his encyclical, *Mit brennender Sorge* ("With burning heart"), which had to be smuggled into Germany. In it, the pope ridiculed and condemned Nazi racial theories and accused Hitler of waging war on Christianity.

The Vatican also roundly condemned the 1938 Racial Laws promulgated by Mussolini, which forbade marriages between Christians and Jews. The pope later commissioned the Jesuits to draft an encyclical devoted entirely to the condemnation of Nazi racism and anti-Semitism. When Pius XI died, the final draft of this encyclical

letter, which was not published, was found on his writing desk.

It is true that Pius XII (1939-1958) was far more circumspect and diplomatic than his predecessor. He has been criticized for not speaking out forcefully and repeatedly during World War II against Nazi crimes, which he did not.

The pope's belief that a vociferous condemnation would only provoke Hitler further led him to follow a course in which the Vatican and the Church assisted Jews quietly and, sometimes, effectively. However, to accuse the Vatican and Pius XII of "cowardly inaction" flies in the face of the facts.

In 1941, the pope intervened when the Slovak government, pressured by Germany, began to deport its Jews. Instructing the Slovak bishops to protest the deportations and the promulgation of anti-Semitic laws, the Vatican was able to bring the deportations to a halt. In Romania, Pius XII's Vatican first protested the harsh treatment of Catholic Jews, then expanded its protests to include all Jews. Later, the chief rabbi of Romania wrote: "The high moral authority of the papal nuncio (ambassador) saved us." In Rome, Jews attempting to avoid the 1944 deportations were hidden in the Vatican and in churches, monasteries and convents throughout the city and its environs.

Perhaps in retrospect, Pius XII should have spoken out more forcefully before the end of the war. This is a legitimate criticism. However, it is a criticism of his judgment, not of his character. He genuinely believed that he had taken the correct course of action during the war: assisting and directing Church assistance, when possible, to the Jewish vic-

tims of Nazism, but not speaking out openly or attempting to rally world opinion.

In 1943, Pius himself wrote of the difficulty of deciding which course of action—speaking out publicly or employing quiet diplomacy—was best: "...it is often painfully difficult to decide whether reticence and cautious silence are called for or frank speech and strong action: all this torments me more bitterly than the threats to the peace and security of my own household."

The historical record of the role of the Vatican during the

Nazi terror is complex, but simplistic and inaccurate characterizations, like those by *The Jersey Journal* editors, add nothing of value to our understanding.

In the face of the evil of Nazism, it is only natural to lament the fact that world leaders, particularly the pope, did not do more to halt the destruction of over 6 million innocent people. But these lamentations should never take the form of deliberate distortion or malicious misrepresentation, even in an effort to make a valid point.

(Editor's note: The Jersey

Journal editorial dealt mainly with the recent controversy surrounding Bishop Richard Williamson of the Society of Saint Pius X. Wolff, a resident of Weehawken, has published two books and over 40 articles in scholarly journals on interwar Europe, with an emphasis on Church/State relations. He is a member of Saint John University's Seminar on Vatican Studies, Columbia University's Seminar on Italian Studies and serves as the hospitaller for the Order of Malta in the Archdiocese of Newark.)



GIFTED STUDENT—

Junette Maxis, photographed in 2002, was born into the stifling poverty that envelops Haiti, but hard work and resolve gave her the opportunity to improve her life. At age six she went to live at the House of Love, a shelter run by Food For The Poor Inc., Coconut Creek, FL—the largest international relief organization in the United States. Maxis is a sophomore at Luther College, IA, and attends nearby Saint Benedict's Parish. After she graduates, she hopes to help others in Haiti. Food For The Poor aids those in need with food, shelter, medical care and educational opportunities in 17 Caribbean and Latin American countries. Visit the group's Web site (www.FoodForThePoor.org) for more information.

Submitted photo

Requiem for a kind soul, Jennie Wade

Fate knocks at door one morning in Gettysburg

BY FATHER JOHN D. GABRIEL
Special to The Catholic Advocate

Born in 1834 in Gettysburg, PA, Mary Virginia (Jennie) Wade was witness to one of the greatest battles of the American Civil War (July 1-3, 1863). During the morning of July 3, Jennie was baking bread to feed hungry soldiers. Tragically, a stray bullet mortally wounded Jennie as she was mixing dough. Earlier that day, unknown to Jennie, her fiancé was wounded. He would die nine days after Jennie was killed. The two are buried together in Gettysburg's Evergreen Cemetery. Jennie is believed to be the only civilian to have been killed in the historic Battle of Gettysburg.

There is a clichéd sentiment shared by many: “no good deed goes unpunished.” Dear Jennie, what a pessimistic view of life that reflects; what a sad sentiment spoken by those who have known the keen heartbreak of disappointment or insufficient gratitude.

The statement begs the question: what should kindness do for us? Is generosity an investment we make in expectation of a greater reward, or can it be simply an end in itself?

The trouble with a “no good deed goes unpunished” attitude is that it very easily slips into a miserly frame of reference out of which operates a quid pro quo mindset—the expectation of reciprocal favors. In our humanity, this expectation is reasonable enough, but is it compatible with our Christian faith?

On one hand, in an attempt to be “more Catholic than the pope,” Catholics shy away from the reward motive for living the moral and charitable life. Love of God is the only valid motivation for our good deeds; we’ll have no need for rewards. That is not why we live for Christ and bring His love to others.

Our Lord Jesus never seemed to shy away from the promise of reward for those with whom He came into contact, even as a motive for their altruism in His name. The Scriptures are replete with

Jesus’ references to rewards; not only does He promise “treasure in heaven” for those who follow Him on earth, but the Beatitudes themselves are a veritable list of rewards for those who find blessings in the circumstances of their lives.

Protestations of any reward motive for living a Christian life certainly come from a good place—that extravagant love of

abundance of His grace and a deeper friendship with Him, our true friend, then why not desire this reward more than any other? It, too, can spring from extravagant love.

Once we realize the true benefit of our good deeds, we will see them for what they are—an extension of the love of Christ and the building up of His kingdom on earth. Our participation in His

the Northern Army. The Union and Confederate armies met in Gettysburg in a savage three-day battle during which more than 50,000 men perished.

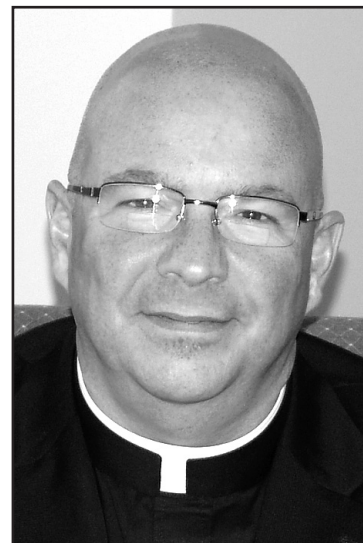
It is not so much the manner of your death that moves me Jennie, but simply the timeliness of it. You awoke at 4:30 a.m. on July 3 and spent the morning in prayer, reflecting primarily on the Book of Psalms. As with all true and noble prayer it led you to charity. You immediately set about the task of baking bread to feed the hungry and suffering soldiers around you. As you mixed the dough, stray bullets fired during the conflict pierced your door (see photo) and struck you in the back. You were killed instantly.

“Stay awake, for you know not the day nor the hour,” our Lord said to His disciples. You, dear Jennie, indeed were prepared, for when the Lord came for you unexpectedly that day He found you ready—energized by prayer and engaged in kindness. For this reason I envy your short life, for there are many who live more years, but with less courage, mercy or charity.

To our earthly way of reckoning, your death appears as unmerited punishment as you were engaged in a good deed and act of selfless kindness. Undoubtedly, the Lord rewarded you for a life well lived. Good deeds only seem at times to be “punished” when our expectations are disordered or when we seek those lesser rewards within the framework of human capability. Only God’s reward for selfless acts can satisfy us.

Today the home of your death is known as the Jennie Wade Home Museum. Many tourists who come to Gettysburg each year visit the site, which curiously is described in various books and travel brochures as one of the “top-10 haunted houses in the United States.”

I toured your museum with my 91-year-old aunt—a loving, faith-filled woman with a long-standing fear of death and ghosts. Later that evening at dinner I asked my aunt for her impressions of the “haunted” Jennie Wade house. She reflected serenely for a moment and said: “I wasn’t afraid in there at



Father John Gabriel

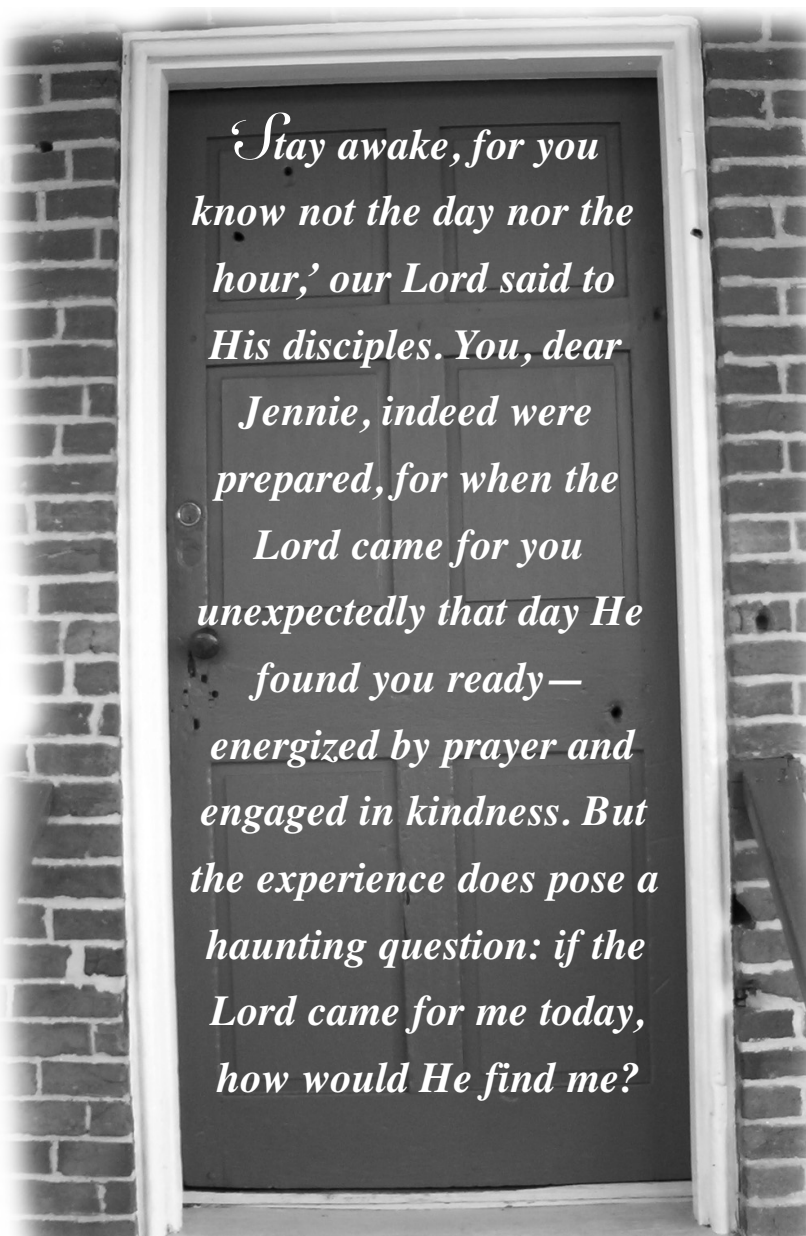
all. I only felt the beauty of young Jennie’s love and sacrifice. She’s like a saint.”

My aunt was right, Jennie—perfect love casts out fear and the beautiful fragrance of your act of Christian kindness fills the rooms of your home. But the experience does pose a “haunting” question: if the Lord came for me today, how would He find me? What would I be engaged in? How would He view my attitudes and prejudices? Would He find my hands at work—like yours were on that fateful day—actively pursuing charity that He has a right to expect of me? Pray, Jennie, that it might be so—for me and all of us.

The issue surrounding the Civil War was huge: the emancipation of human beings under the yoke of others, as well as the declaration of human rights and freedoms for all people. There is a noble sadness in Gettysburg and a strange sense that our nation has not yet learned the lessons Gettysburg teaches, for many still yearn to have control over the lives of others they considered to be “less important.”

I pray, hope and fully expect God has rewarded you beyond all your imagining, for when he came for you He found you awake and ready. If only it were so for all of us who often persist in our stupor and sleepiness, overconfident in our certainty there always will be another tomorrow in which to consider holiness. But you know better, Jennie. You know better.

(Editor’s note: Father John Gabriel is the archdiocesan director of vocations. The Jennie Wade House and Museum, which provided the photo for this article, is located at 528 Baltimore St., Gettysburg, PA—phone: (717) 334-4100.)



God, which attempts to love for love’s own sake as a free gift given to others. And yet I wonder, dear Jennie, if such complete, unconditional love—while certainly an image of divine love—is within the realm of the possible for most of frail humanity? I wonder if God even asks it of us?

The Scriptures bear witness that our Lord seems intent on rewarding us. But let us be clear as to the reward He really promises. It is not abundance here on earth, but rather the richness of the life to come. And if the reward is an

goodness and our willingness to share it with others is so powerful and transformational, it takes little to spot the disordered thinking that leads to the conclusion “no good deed goes unpunished”; that is, we desire our reward from human beings.

Your story, dear Jennie, is a tragic one. I came across it on a trip to your hometown of Gettysburg. In July 1863, as the Civil War was raging, you were preparing for your future as a wife and mother. You were engaged to a local young man who had joined

Parishes organize programs for Lent

AREA—Parishes throughout the archdiocese are hosting special programs and events to celebrate the season of Lent.

Saint Philomena Parish, 386 South Livingston Ave., Livingston, will host a Lenten enrichment series. All events are free and open to the public and begin with Mass at 7 p.m. Call the parish rectory at (973) 992-0994 for more information.

Catherine Joanne of Saint Joseph's Dwelling Place, Ludlow, VT, will perform original music Thursday, March 19, (the Solemnity of Saint Joseph). Her compositions for voice and guitar will offer a love story on salvation through the eyes of Saint Joseph.

Father Douglas Milewski, S.T.D., professor of Religious Studies at Seton Hall University, South Orange, will present a lecture Tuesday, March 24, entitled "What if Saint Augustine Read The Da Vinci Code?—Why Church History Matters."

There will be a Lenten penance service, Tuesday, March 31, a joint effort with nearby Saint Raphael Parish, 346 East Mount Pleasant Ave., Livingston.

Dr. Mary Marron-Corwin, the

director of neonatology at Saint Vincent Hospital, New York, will discuss the ways her faith influences her professional work on Tuesday, April 7.

Saint Joseph Parish, 767 Prospect St., Maplewood, is launching two Lenten programs designed to serve the needs of those who are actively engaged in the Church as well as those who have become disconnected.

The "Growing Faith Project," designed for those who are currently involved in the faith community, will meet in Bernard Hall (the lower church) at 7 p.m. March 16, 23 and 30 (the program began on March 2).

The "Awakening Faith Pro-

ject" for those looking to reconnect with their Catholic faith will meet at the parish rectory, 7 p.m., on six consecutive Friday evenings, beginning March 13. The program will be confidential. Call the parish rectory at (973) 761-5933.

A Lenten family Mass will be held at 10 a.m. at Saint Elizabeth Parish, 700 Wyckoff Ave., Wyckoff on Sunday, March 15.

In keeping with the parish's outreach efforts, children are asked to bring a bag of candy to use to fill Easter baskets for less-fortunate families. Call the Saint Elizabeth parish office at (201) 891-1122 to make reservations.



LENTEN BOOKLET—Holy Name Province, New York, the largest group of Franciscan Friars in the United States, has created a four-page Lenten study booklet titled "Saint Paul Guides Us Through Lent to Easter" (cover pictured above). The booklet contains daily Pauline passages for the season of Lent. To order a free copy of the booklet, contact Barbara Sincaglia by phone (973) 778-1915, ext. 100, or via e-mail (bsincaglia@anthonian.com). It also can be downloaded from the Holy Name Province Website (www.hnp.org). Franciscan priests and brothers from Holy Name Province serve in the Archdiocese of Newark at Saint Joseph's Parish, East Rutherford; Assumption of Our Blessed Lady Parish, Wood-Ridge; and Saint Anthony's Guild, East Rutherford.



BETHANY SPIRITUALITY CENTER
15 Bethany Drive
Highland Mills, NY 10930
845-460-3061
www.bethanyspiritualitycenter.org

Easter Triduum Retreat, April 9-12

"From Calvary to Emmaus and Renewed Hope", with Ann Billard, OLM, April 19-23;

"From Religion Back to Faith: A Journey of the Heart", with Barbara Fiand, SND, June 5-12;

"God in Transition", Margaret Silf, June 22-28;

Directed Retreats, July 1-9, 12-20, 23-31, and July 1-31

STELLA MARIS RETREAT CENTER



Come to Stella Maris for the Day. Receive food for body and soul.

Faith to Face Our Financial and Environmental Crises
March 27, 2009 (Friday) \$40.00 10 am to 2:30
Renowned prophet and teacher Fr. John Rausch will address where God is in the midst of our broken economy and threatened environment. With humor and keen insight you will gain much "food for thought" and lunch, too.

Yesterday's Bread: Eucharistic Spirituality
April 25, 2009 (Saturday) \$40.00 10 am to 2:00
Reflecting on her recent book and experience in ministry, Sr. Margaret Scott, aci, will explore Eucharistic spirituality as expressed in her new book *Yesterday's Bread*. We will look at the meaning of Eucharist and how to be Eucharist. Lunch is included.

Call Marilyn Riley, Mon.-Fri. 9 to 2:30 (732-229-0602) to register.



FRANCISCAN MONASTERY PILGRIMAGES
Commissariat of the Holy Land in America
We are the Franciscans of the Holy Land

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

March 1 - 10, 2009 / \$2,650.00 pp
Easter, April 1-13, 2009 / \$3,475.00 pp

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Jordan & Sinai

June 1 - 12, 2009 / \$3,430.00 pp

Pilgrimage to Greece & Turkey

June 16-27, 2009 / \$ 3,424.00 pp

We are the Franciscans of the Holy Land. The care of the sites made sacred by the life and ministry of our Divine Savior has been entrusted to us for over 700 years. Accompanying pilgrims to the Holy Land has also been a part of our ministry over those centuries. Join Fr. David Wathen, an experienced guide for pilgrims, on a journey of faith as we visit the lands of God's Revelation.

For more information about these pilgrimages, please contact Fr. David Wathen, O.F.M. by email at dwfm1400@hotmail.com or George's International Tours, email: sales@georgesintl.com, tel. 1-800-566-7499. Visit our website at www.holylandpilgrimages.org.

Bringing pilgrims from the U.S. to the Holy Land for over 100 years.

Lenten Reflections

Join Us
every **Monday**
during Lent

7:30 p.m.

St. Theresa Church
541 Washington Avenue
Kenilworth

Rev. Msgr. James Cafone
Speaker & Celebrant

THE FOLLOWING "GREAT EXPERIENCES" in travel...

DESTINATION	DATES	ESCORT
CALIFORNIA	July 18-27, 2009	Father Bob Laferrera
CRUISES: THE QUEEN MARY LONDON TO FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL..	July 10-20, 2009	Father Armand Mantia
ALASKA	Aug. 7-14, 2009	Father Joseph Mancini
FRANCE (LOURDES, LISIEUX, PARIS)	July 5-17, 2009	Father Bob Colaresi, O. Carm.
GREECE	May 15-24, 2009 Oct. 22-30, 2009	Fathers E. Fuchs & B. Prado Father Brendan Williams
HOLY LAND.....	May 18-27, 2009 Nov. 7-15, 2009	Father Anthony Ciorra Father John McCrone
HOLY LAND & ROME	May 18-28, 2009	Father Antonio Kuizon
IRELAND (NORTHERN)	Apr. 18-27, 2009	Father Ron Sordillo
(SOUTHERN)	Apr. 24-May 3, 2009	Father John McCrone
ROME	Nov. 6-15, 2009	In the Footsteps of St. Lucy
ASSISI	May 1-8, 2009	Msgr. John Gilchrist
ROME & ASSISI	June 27-July 4, 2009	Father Paul Manning
OBERAMMERGAU.....	July 15-24, 2010 August 8-18, 2010	Father Bob Colaresi, O. Carm. Father Ron Sordillo

FOR A DETAILED BROCHURE, PLEASE CONTACT:

GREAT EXPERIENCES, INC.

(201) 825-3725 • Email: greatexinc@verizon.net

Great Experiences specializes in parish/group travel to: Europe, The Holy Land, Canada and the U.S., & Cruise Groups

As we pray, keep concern for others in our hearts

BY DEACON PETER IWUALA
Special to The Catholic Advocate

Reading one of the introductory notes of James Keating on prayer, I understood that prayer, whether offered as an individual or as a community in a liturgical setting, is the longing for communion with God. One can only search for the presence of God through Christ in prayer. This attempt is full of challenges, but it is worth it.

If we maintain consistency in the search for the presence of God through prayer, we will understand our prayer life to be one of the principal sources of our joy. It will help us maintain good relationships with God and man. It will be a very rewarding exercise, because through it we will receive all our due benefits as children of God.

It should be noted that the desire to pray is in itself a clear sign of the Lord’s presence, according to Thomas Green S.J.’s book “Opening to God.” If we are sincere with ourselves, we will experience through our prayer life that one cannot manipulate God or use Him to accomplish one’s own desire. Rather, a good prayer life means bringing to God our real concerns and responsibilities and then being patient enough to hear what He has to say about them.

We should be able to get in touch with the realities of this world and of the world to come through prayer. Saint Ignatius Loyola speaks of the mature apostle as a contemplative in action, someone who can “seek God in all things.”

This assertion of Saint Ignatius can be easily experienced through prayer. It will not, however, be meaningful if we are not in prayer. Prayer is not just reasoning or speculation about God. In the “Interior Castle,” Saint Teresa of Avila wrote: “The important thing in prayer is not to think much but to love much.”

The nature of a good prayer life is that when God initi-

ates one into prayer, the person ought to pray and listen attentively to God, who calls that person for dialogue. Communication is not complete if there is no feedback, and feedback cannot be well received where there is interference. Above all, keep in mind that no one is an angel. It is only by the grace of God that one’s prayer life can be meaningful.



Deacon Peter Iwuala

Whenever we pray, we must be sure our prayer is not self-centered. If we pray for ourselves and for others too, there is great possibility that our prayer might be quickly answered, if for no other reason than simply because we are not selfish. The interest of others should be in our hearts as we pray.

Another thought to consider during prayer is the insincerity of motive. It is only God who understands every situation and who will direct our requests to what is most ap-

A good prayer life means bringing to God our real concerns and responsibilities and then being patient enough to hear what He has to say about them.

propriate for us. To avoid being a victim of this circumstance, we should always ask for the will of God to be done in our lives.

As we pray, let us have no doubt in our hearts, because doubt and fear limit the success of every prayer. Saint James, confirming this reality, writes: “The wavering man receives nothing from the Lord.”

Good people of God, let us remember that Jesus prayed during His earthly ministry. Let us likewise take our concerns to God in prayer. Let us listen attentively also to our inner wisdom and to the sensible judgment of our well wishers. By so doing, we will be courageously filled and then do what is required for our spiritual edification.

Prayer throughout the Bible is an expression of our relationship with the Lord. Praying is the center of Christian life—both its means and its goal. As we pray, we come closer to the heart of God. We are always one in perfect quietness with God when our prayer is brought to fullness.

Saint Paul writes: “The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accordance with His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen” (Philippians 4:5, 19-20).

Remember that the Holy Spirit does not give us ideas about Christ, but rather purifies our hearts for Him. May the God of love, justice and peace, teach us the best way to pray as Christ did to His disciples. Amen!

(Editor’s note: A transitional deacon and a fourth-year theologian at Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, Rev. Mr. Peter Iwuala will be ordained to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Newark in May. Born and raised in the African nation of Nigeria, he entered the seminary in 2003. He anticipates receiving a master’s degree in systematic theology later this year.)

Spinach and Sun-Dried Tomato Lasagna Rollatini

Recipe By: Chef Angelo Basilone
Serving Size: 4 • Preparation Time: 90 minutes

Amount	Ingredient	Preparation Method
8 ounces	spinach	(stems removed)
3 ounces	sun-dried tomatoes	chopped fine
8 ounces	skim milk ricotta cheese	
1 cup	mozzarella cheese, part skim milk	
1/2 cup	parmesan cheese	
3	eggs	
1 teaspoon	nutmeg	
8	lasagna noodles	cooked as directed
	vodka sauce	prepared
	salt and pepper	to taste

Cook lasagna noodles until al dente in a pot of salted boiling water and remove into a bowl of ice water. While lasagna noodles are cooking, assemble the spinach ricotta cheese filling. Quickly blanch the spinach in boiling water; drain and chop coarsely. Strain out all of the liquid from the spinach. Place the spinach in a small bowl with the remaining ingredients (reserving one cup of shredded mozzarella cheese). Mix the ingredients thoroughly.

Lay out the cooked lasagna noodles on the counter and place a thin line of the ricotta filling down the center of each noodle. Roll each noodle into a cylindrical shape. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Put a layer of vodka sauce on the bottom of an oven proof pan, and stand up the lasagna rolls in the pan. Ladle more sauce over top of the rollatini. Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 25 minutes. After the 25 minutes are up remove the foil. Top with remaining shredded mozzarella cheese and cook for an additional 10 minutes until the cheese has melted.



Grand Marshal Zieser set to lead parade in Newark

NEWARK—The 74th Saint Patrick's Day parade will be held Friday, March 13, 1 p.m., featuring 20 area marching bands and over 60 Irish-American community, religious and civic organizations.

The parade will step off at the Prudential Center, 165 Mulberry St., and proceed north on Mulberry Street, past the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. The parade route will feature two reviewing stands: at the intersection of Mulberry and Clinton streets; and the intersection of Central Avenue and Washington Street. The post-parade reception will be held at Kilkenny

Ale House, 27 Central Ave.

Daniel J. Zieser, who retired as the city's deputy police chief in July 2008, has been installed as the grand marshal for the parade. He currently serves as director of police for the Township of Union. Margaret "Maggee" Miggins, a Maplewood realtor and former city resident, is the deputy grand marshal. William J. O'Sullivan is the parade adjutant and Kevin P. Frey serves as the general chairman for the event.

The parade is dedicated to the late Thomas J. Corcoran, who was a captain of the Newark Police Department. Corcoran was born in Newark and grew up in the Vailsburg section of the city. He died Jan. 15 at the age of 84. Corcoran, a World War II veteran joined the Newark Police Department in 1951 and retired as a captain in 1990.



Submitted photo

HIBERNIANS CELEBRATE—The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Michael L. Delahunty Division 9, Montclair, marked its 109th anniversary with a gala reception March 7 at Mayfair Farms, West Orange. Guests of honor included (left to right) Kevin Barry Stack of Bloomfield, Terry Duffy of West Milford, and the Hon. Edmond Kirby of Harding Township. The Hibernian order, a national, Catholic fraternal organization, was founded in New York City in 1836. The Montclair division sponsors events throughout the year. For information on becoming a member, visit the group's Web site (www.aohdiv9.com).

Greetings to All on St. Patrick's Day

Collins Calhoun
FUNERAL HOME

19 Lincoln Avenue
Rutherford, NJ 07070
Telephone: 201-939-1050

ANGELO G. MANIA, CFSP
NJ Lic. No. JP03201
Manager

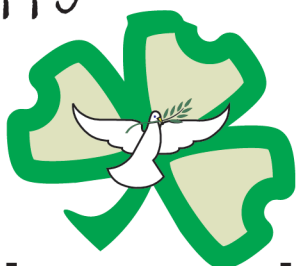
e-mail: ccfh1884@hotmail.com

VAINIERI
FUNERAL HOME

Happy St. Patrick's

Anthony P. Vainieri, Owner NJ Lic. No. 2032
Anthony P. Vainieri JR., Manager NJ Lic. No. 3880
Valerie Vainieri Huttle, Director NJ Lic. No. 3558
5923 Kennedy Boulevard • North Bergen, NJ 07047
201 • 868-6555

Wishing The Catholic Advocate
A Happy St. Patrick's Day!



bartash

one name. one source. endless possibilities.

5400 GRAYS AVE. PHILA., PA 19143 800.599.9792 BARTASH.COM

Happy
Saint Patrick's Day



Mayor
Jerramiah T. Healy
City of Jersey City



Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

READY FOR A FEAST—Students from Saint Joseph the Carpenter School, Roselle, are all smiles as they pose with a statue of their favorite saint. The school, led by Principal Maryellen Woodstock, will hold its annual Mass and afternoon “feast of hospitality” in honor of Saint Joseph Thursday, March 19. That same day, at 6 p.m., Saint Joseph the Carpenter Parish, 157 East Fourth Ave., will celebrate Mass, to be followed by a covered-dish feast in the school cafeteria. The March 19 Mass will conclude a novena at the parish. Call the rectory at (908) 241-1250 for details. Father Stephen J. Cinque is the pastor of the Roselle parish.

Friendly Sons, Teresians planning Irish festivities

AREA—The Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick will honor Patrick F. Giblin, a former president of the Montclair Division 9 of the Ancient Order Hibernians, as “Young Irishman of the Year” March 17 (Saint Patrick’s Day) at Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange.

The black-tie event begins at 6:30 p.m. Dermot Quinn, a history professor at Seton Hall University, will be the keynote speaker. Reservations, at \$125 per person, are available by calling J. Michael Nolan, Jr., Esq., president of the Friendly Sons society, at (973) 422-2974.

Raised in Montclair, Giblin’s Irish roots are in the counties of Roscommon, Longford and Sligo. He will serve as chairman of the annual New Jersey Irish Festival to be held June 13 at FirstEnergy Park in Lakewood.

In a separate event, the Sodality of the Children of Mary of Saint Teresa, the Teresians, will hold a Saint Patrick’s Day luncheon at noon, Saturday, March 28, at Piccolino Ristorante, 552 Broadway, Bayonne. Tickets, which must be purchased by March 19, are \$45 per person. Call (201) 435-3170 or (201) 434-3656 for reservations.

KEIL & BOBKEN'S "Happy St. Patrick's Day"

- AUTOMATIC METERED DELIVERIES
- SERVICE CONTRACTS & TANK PROGRAMS
- BUDGET PLANS
- RADIO DISPATCHED SERVICE
- HEATING INSTALLATIONS
- OIL BURNER SALES & SERVICE

Residential & Commercial
Oil Service
& Installations

1 Bergen Blvd.
Fairview, N.J. 07002
(201)-869-5300

WEIL McLAIN



74TH NEWARK SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

*Dedicated to the late Thomas J. Corcoran,
Captain, Newark Police Department.*

**MARCH 13, 2009
1:00 PM**

**20 Marching Bands & Over 60 Irish-American
Community, Religious & Civic Groups**



PARADE ROUTE

STARTING AT PRUDENTIAL CENTER & PROCEED N. ON MULBERRY ST. PAST NJPAC ON CENTER ST. CONCLUDES AT WASHINGTON PARK. REVIEWING STANDS LOCATED AT MULBERRY & CLINTON STS., AND CENTRAL AVE. & WASHINGTON ST.

POST PARADE RECEPTION

KILKENNY ALE HOUSE • 27 CENTRAL AVE. • IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PARADE

For further information, contact: Kevin P. Frey, General Chairman (201) 859-5605



Grand Marshal, Deputy and Officers: (L-R) Standing: Thomas P. Giblin, 1975 Grand Marshal, Maggee Miggins, 2009 Deputy Grand Marshal, Daniel J. Zieser, 2009 Grand Marshal, Kevin P. Frey, General Chairman. Seated: Archbishop John J. Myers

Hunger haunts Haiti

“Feed My sheep.”
(John 21:17b)

Just as Jesus commanded His disciples to care for others, today we are asked to do the same.

Christ's words take on an extra sense of urgency as global food shortages and an economic crisis threaten the survival of countless people worldwide.

In Haiti, the poorest country in our hemisphere, food shortages have reached epic proportions. Four major storms battered Haiti last fall, taking lives, destroying homes and ruining crops. Rebuilding and replanting will take time, but the need for food is immediate.

Hungry Haitian families desperately need your help.

Elanie Losange, a mother of two boys, ages 4 and 2, describes the flood that washed away her home and all of their meager belongings: “The water was waist-high, so I grabbed the two boys and ran up the mountain,” she says. Elanie, her husband and their children escaped with their lives, but they returned to find total devastation. Their house was gone. The crops and fruit trees they relied on for food and income were washed away.

Now they have nothing.

Despite the family's tragic losses, their faith remains. Elanie says, “I was praying. I'm always praying. Now I pray for food from God. I thank God for protecting us and keeping my children safe. We don't have much, but we still thank God.”

Elanie and her husband, Vedzu, have replanted their crops, but they estimate it will take at least a year before they can harvest. The fruit trees will take longer to bear fruit. Elanie is expecting her third child, and she is terrified that she won't be able to feed her baby.

This family is just one example of the many people in Haiti who are struggling to survive. Father Duken Augustin, a local

priest, works tirelessly to help needy families like Elanie's. He relies on Food For The Poor for help, and we, in turn, rely on people like you for support.

Founded in 1982, Food For The Poor is an interdenominational ministry working to end the suffering of the poor in the Caribbean and Latin America.



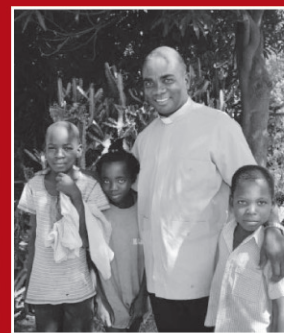
Not only do we provide food for the starving, but we also build small houses for the destitute, dig water wells for parched villagers, provide medicine and medical equipment for the sick and elderly, support orphanages and education for children, and much more.

The people of Haiti have suffered greatly this last year. They are hungry, weary and afraid that the world will forget them. Today, you can honor and serve Christ by helping to feed our brothers and sisters in need.

By partnering with Food For The Poor, you can provide lifesaving food for hungry children and their families. Your gift of \$45 will feed 15 children for a month. A gift of \$81 will feed 27 young ones, and \$150 will feed 50 children for a month. Any gift you give will be truly appreciated.

Please, be as generous as you possibly can and help Food For The Poor feed precious children. Please use the postage-paid envelope in the brochure located in this publication to send your gift today.

**“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of Mine, you did for Me.”
(Matthew 25:40b)**



Father Duken Augustin has dedicated his life to serving the poorest of the poor in northern Haiti. After the storms passed last fall, Father Duken said, “We work hard to help people have a better life. It takes a lot of faith. The situation [here] was hard before, but now people are discouraged. Some of the children are in a very bad condition.”

Food For The Poor works directly with clergy throughout the Caribbean and Latin America to help them serve impoverished communities.



A gift that will save lives



Food shortages and rising prices are devastating for the poorest of the poor in Haiti. The price of rice and beans has more than doubled in the past year; yet many in this poverty-stricken country earn less than \$2 a day.

The struggle for survival has become increasingly difficult, and lives are at stake.

Today you have the chance to save a life.

Please use the Food For The Poor brochure enclosed in this publication to send your gift today. God bless you.



FOOD FOR THE POOR, INC.

Dept. 67397 • 6401 Lyons Road • Coconut Creek, FL 33073
(954) 427-2222 • www.foodforthe poor.org

Fit Rite FASHIONS

CLOTHING FOR WOMEN

Serving the metro area for more than 80 years.

- Coats • Suits • Dresses • Sportswear
- Accessories • Hats • Shoes • Lingerie
- Bridal • Mother of the Bride • Sizes 6-56
- All Major Credit Cards Accepted
- Instant Financing
- Safe, Secure, Free Parking Adjacent to the Store



SPRING SPECIAL
15% Off with this ad
Expires 6/30/09

465 Springfield Ave.
Newark, NJ
973.623.5256

www.fitritefashions.com

Have a story?

Call Ward Miele at 973-497-4199
or e-mail to mielejos@rcan.org

Marylawn praises Crenshaw for essay on Black History

SOUTH ORANGE—Marylawn of the Oranges high school has cited honor student Jasmine Crenshaw for her outstanding essay on Black History Month.

Crenshaw, a senior, resides in Irvington. She is a student/athlete, participating in the school's volleyball, basketball and track teams. In addition, she sings in the Marylawn choir and serves as a math tutor to her peers. Crenshaw's essay on Black History Month was selected as an outstanding assignment in her journalism class, according to Deborah Seale, Marylawn director of development.

"More times during the month of February than during any other month, students learn in their schools and communities the contributions made by their ancestors, so that generations to come may be free and capable of achieving whatever it is that they set out to accomplish," Crenshaw wrote in her essay. "Hearing these tales, youth find pride in the past, inspiration in the present, and hope for

the future that they, too, can be able to conquer many obstacles with which they are certain to be presented.

African Americans in the 20th century confronted many obstacles that hindered social and political progress, she wrote, saying that, during this period, African Americans were treated immorally, unequally and denied the "inalienable rights" of other Americans.

Through the annual observance of Black History Month, young people "learn about the great Civil Rights leaders and how they fought so diligently to achieve equality," she wrote.

Crenshaw identified the 2008 election of President Barack Obama as a watershed event for the country and African Americans, recalling that years ago many people of color were denied the right to vote. "(Obama) brought...a sense of hope and change needed in a time during which the country is experiencing many difficulties."



Jasmine Crenshaw

As a result, she said many students have an increased motivation and assurance that "with hard work, courage and determination anything is truly possible. Becoming more interested in their past, (young people) are able to understand more about how exactly it is that Black people have come so far and where exactly the future lies."

Marylawn of the Oranges (Web site: www.marylawn.us), located at 445 Scotland Rd., is a private, Catholic college preparatory high school for young women, sponsored by the Sisters of Charity.

ARCHBISHOP GERETY LECTURE SERIES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SEMINARY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

presents Leslie Woodcock Tentler, Ph.D.,

Professor, Department of History, The Catholic University of America

as she discusses

"The Crisis of the Priesthood in the 1960s: What Happened and Why?"

Wednesday, March 25, 2009
7:30 p.m.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Lewis Hall
400 South Orange Avenue
South Orange, New Jersey

All are welcome. Admission is free.
Call-in registration is encouraged.
Please contact Kathleen Childers
at (973) 761-9016, or e-mail theology@shu.edu



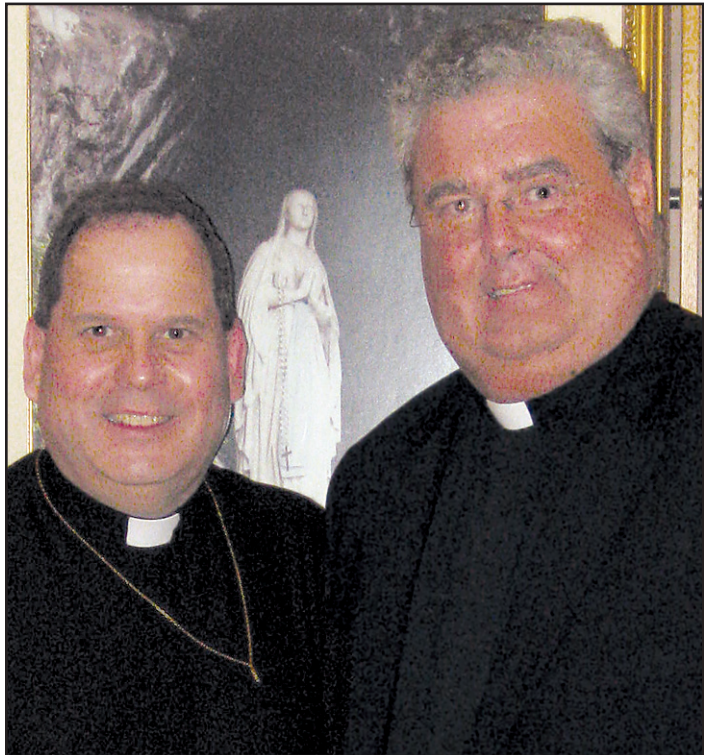
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SEMINARY
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
SETON HALL UNIVERSITY



HANDSHAKES FOR HEROES—Archbishop John J. Myers (top photo, right) celebrated Mass March 7 at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kearny, using the opportunity to meet and greet parishioners and thank them for their faithful support. The parish, led by Father James J. Reilly, pastor, (bottom photo, right), has surpassed its goals for contributions to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA) during each of the last five years. "The people here are remarkable and heroic," Fr. Reilly said at a spirited reception that followed the Saturday evening Mass. "I'm very proud of this parish," Archbishop Myers said. "I'm deeply impressed with the generosity our people show to the poor through their contributions to the AAA." Among the many guests of honor at the reception were Msgr. John Gilchrist, *Catholic Advocate* columnist; Father Michael A. Andreano, vice chancellor and secretary to the archbishop; Deacon Joseph A. Dwyer, Jr., archdiocesan vice chancellor for administration; Carla L. Gonzalez, executive director of the archdiocesan Office of Development; and members of the Knights of Columbus Msgr. Peter B. O'Connor Assembly 1543, North Arlington. Archbishop Myers and Fr. Reilly were classmates during the 1970s when they attended Catholic University of America, Washington D.C.



Advocate photos – M. Gabriele



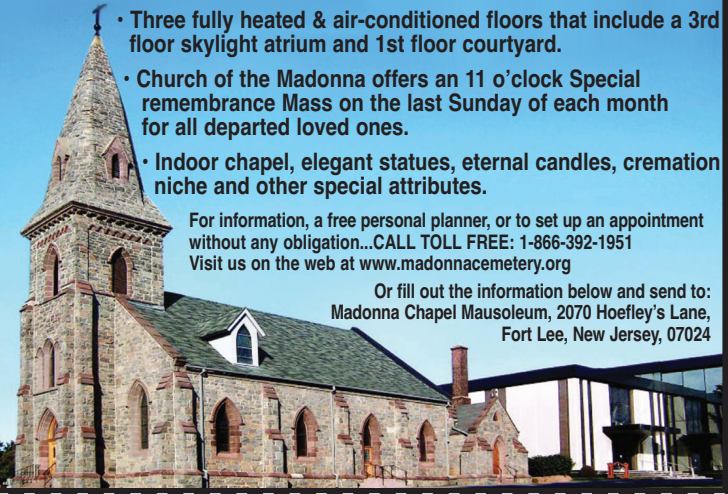
Submitted photo

PERPETUAL ADORATION—Bishop Manuel A. Cruz (left) celebrated Mass Feb. 11 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, to mark the feast of the parish's namesake as well as the ninth anniversary of the faith community's perpetual adoration chapel. Pictured with Bishop Cruz is Very Rev. John M. McCrone, V.F., the pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes. "I find the commitment of our parishioners amazing," Fr. McCrone said, regarding the community's dedication to the chapel. "We have people celebrating the Eucharist 24 hours a day, seven days a week." Fr. McCrone, who grew up in the Vailsburg section of Newark at Sacred Heart Parish and was ordained in 1982, became pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes in December 2003. Call Irene Ciccarino at (732) 574-0064 for more information on the parish's perpetual adoration chapel.

Madonna Chapel Mausoleum



Madonna Chapel is a distinctively Catholic mausoleum of unsurpassed beauty and serenity on the grounds of a landmark stone church. The timeless construction of granite and marble with magnificent stained glass windows inspires devotion in an immaculately maintained indoor setting that allows for visitation regardless of weather conditions.



- Three fully heated & air-conditioned floors that include a 3rd floor skylight atrium and 1st floor courtyard.
- Church of the Madonna offers an 11 o'clock Special remembrance Mass on the last Sunday of each month for all departed loved ones.
- Indoor chapel, elegant statues, eternal candles, cremation niche and other special attributes.

For information, a free personal planner, or to set up an appointment without any obligation...CALL TOLL FREE: 1-866-392-1951
Visit us on the web at www.madonnacemetery.org

Or fill out the information below and send to:
Madonna Chapel Mausoleum, 2070 Hoeftley's Lane,
Fort Lee, New Jersey, 07024

I would like more information...

regarding costs, pre-planning savings & available facilities at the Madonna Chapel Mausoleum, without any obligation on my part.

NAME			
ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	
PHONE	PARISH		

A TIMELESS WARRANTY

ONLY FROM YOUR EXCLUSIVE AUTHORIZED ROCK of AGES MEMORIALIST

MONUMENTS MARKERS MAUSOLEUMS

McHUGH - TULLY MEMORIALS

214 Ridgedale Ave., East Hanover

1-800-924-0514 • 1-800-698-2429 • mchughmem@aol.com

LINCOLN MONUMENT COMPANY

405 Orange Rd., Montclair • 220 Lenox Ave., Westfield

1-800-854-1330 • www.lincolnmonuments.com



DESIGNERS • FABRICATORS • ERECTORS • BRONZE & GRANITE MARKERS • CEMETERY LETTERING

RALPH RULLIS, Jr., C.M. - CERTIFIED MEMORIALIST
(as featured in the New York Times article - in person)
Our Credentials Also Include 29 Design And Industry Awards For Excellence In Marker, Monument And Mausoleum Design

*Serving all Cemeteries and Families
Like Yours Since 1919*

Harrogate is Proud to be "Old Fashioned"



Remember when you knew your money was safe? You could see it, feel it because it was right on top of your dresser in your very own Piggy Bank! Old fashioned... maybe just a little, but in these days of uncertainty, Harrogate continues to be a sound financial investment because your money is where you put it with a guaranteed refund based on the type of contract you choose.

Harrogate has been proud to offer gracious housing designed for adults since 1988. Its reputation is impeccable and Harrogate continues to offer a lifestyle that yields a return on your investment that includes skilled nursing care that is guaranteed for a lifetime!

Protect your assets against the increasing costs of day to day living, the upkeep of your home and the escalating costs of skilled health care. Now is the time to invest your money in *LifeCare* living at Harrogate.



Because a secure future depends on the decisions we make today!

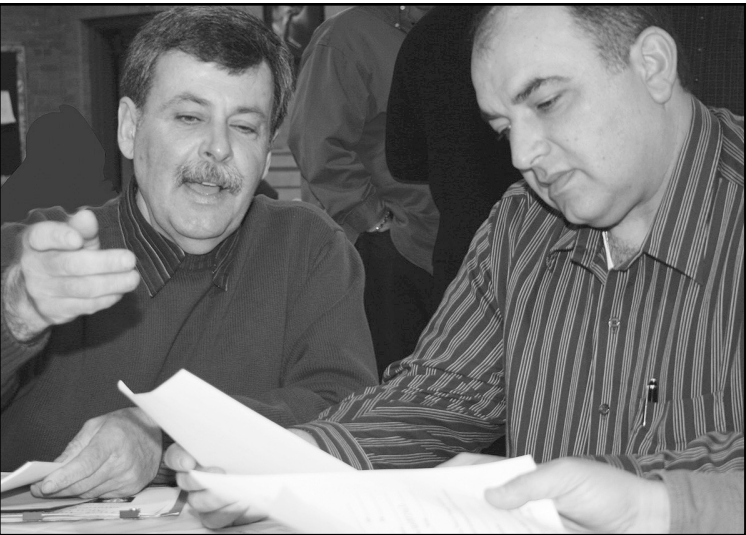


Call Today for Your Personal Tour

732-415-1090 x 6292 or 888-551-5531

www.harrogate-lifecare.org





Advocate photo – M. Gabriele

Dennis Celenza (left) and Dan Tummillo, parishioners at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield, pass out registration forms for the Catholic Men's Conference. The parish's "men of faith" committee organized a breakfast March 1 to support the March 28 conference. Celenza and Tummillo are members of Knights of Columbus Council 12413.

Men's forum

Continued from page 1
www.rcan.org/menscommission.
March 15 is the deadline for mail-in registration. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students ages 14 through 23. Senior citizens, 65 and older, also pay \$15 for their tickets. Groups of five or more will pay \$20 per person. Priests and Religious will be admitted free of charge. For additional information call (973) 497-4545 or send an e-mail to CatholicMen@rcan.org.

The conference, open to males of high school and older, will feature English and Spanish segments. The program includes multicultural speakers, exhibits, the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and live music. A continental breakfast and lunch are included. Donations are tax deductible. Archdiocesan Vice Chancellor for Administration Deacon Joseph A. Dwyer Jr., and Jorge L. Repollet, director of cemetery services for Catholic Cemeteries, serve as co-chairmen for the conference.

Abramowicz, a wide receiver who played for the New Orleans Saints and San Francisco 49ers during the 1970s, is now host of the EWTN program "Crossing the Goal," which focuses on spiritual growth. Presentations in the English language segments also will include Father Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R., noted author, psychologist, spiritual director and co-founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal; Deacon Ralph Poyo, a youth minister for over two decades and the founder of New Evangelization Ministries; and Dr. Philip Mango, director of Saint Michael's Institute for Psychological Studies and founder of Warrior Brothers that works on leadership and manhood

ment will be a presentation by Bishop Cruz. Other speakers for the Spanish segment include Father Juan Luis Calderon, O.A.R., S.T.L., assistant director of Centro Guadalupe in Union City and the archdiocesan director of the Pastoral Formation Institute, and Omar Jesus Maytorena of Sonora, Mexico, team director of the Catholic Evangelization Ministry in "Bajo la Uncion."

The conference emcee for the English segment will be Gregory Floyd, who has held executive positions in Legatus, Renewal Resources and Couples for Christ. Handling the emcee duties for the Spanish segment is Genry Batista, founding president and director of Radio Immaculada. Batista has been a member of a Catholic youth group, La Comprension, for the past quarter century.

On March 1, the Knights of Columbus Federation raised \$965 in seed money to fund the inaugural conference. Father Mariusz Koch, C.F.R., of the Friars of the Renewal, was the guest speaker for the fund-raiser.



Registration Form

Register on-line for the quickest and easiest way to register or fill out form below. VISA and Master Card accepted with online registration at www.rcan.org/menscommission.

Sign-up Today and SAVE!

Individual: \$25

Groups: (5 or more) \$20

For off line group registration and lunch, contact information must be given for all attending (for name tag / food purposes).

Seniors: (65 and older) \$15

Students: (14 and older) \$15

Priests and Religious: FREE

Secure Parking: FREE

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Parish _____ County _____

Mail Checks and Money orders ONLY

Total amount enclosed \$ _____ check number _____

Notice:

• There will be NO refunds.

• Off line registration deadline is March 15, 2009

Breakfast and lunch are included.

Please choose one of the following lunch options:

☐ Ham ☐ Turkey ☐ Tuna ☐ Veggie Sub

Fruit, Chips, Chocolate Chip Cookie and Bottled Water/Soda included.

Please fill out form and mail to:

Catholic Men's Commission

P.O. Box 9500, Newark, NJ 07104-0500

Donations Appreciated and Tax Deductible

A Journey with St. Paul

As the Church celebrates the 2,000th Anniversary of the Birth of St. Paul, the Apostle, Our Lady of Mt. Virgin will be offering a series of six Sessions on St. Paul and the Sacraments, "A Journey with St. Paul." These Sessions will help participants come to a greater understanding of the sacraments that we, as Catholics, celebrate throughout our lives as followers of Christ.

All Sessions are FREE! All you need to bring is a BIBLE, A NOTEPAD and an OPEN HEART! They will be held on Tuesday evenings, beginning on March 3rd—ending on April 7th. They will be held in Fr. Casserly Hall from 7:30-9:00 PM.

We encourage you to attend all or any of the Sessions. REGISTRATION is very important, in order for us to have an idea of the number of participants.

Please mark the box for the session/s you will be attending.
I will attend ALL Sessions ☐
I will attend the following Session/s: ☐

- Session 3—March 17th

To Be Sealed With the Holy Spirit: St. Paul on Confirmation

☐
- Session 4—March 24th

To Become One Flesh: St. Paul on Holy Orders

☐
- Session 5—March 31st

To Be Forgiven: St. Paul on Baptism and Reconciliation

☐
- Session 6—April 7th

The Breaking of the Bread: St. Paul on the Eucharist

☐

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

For more information please call Fr. Bismark at (973) 772-2295 ext. 213, or you can e-mail him at frbismark@gmail.com.

188 Mac Arthur Avenue, Garfield NJ 07026

your world your future your choice your school



Because it's
your life

At Roselle Catholic, there's a place for everyone. Find out for yourself at our

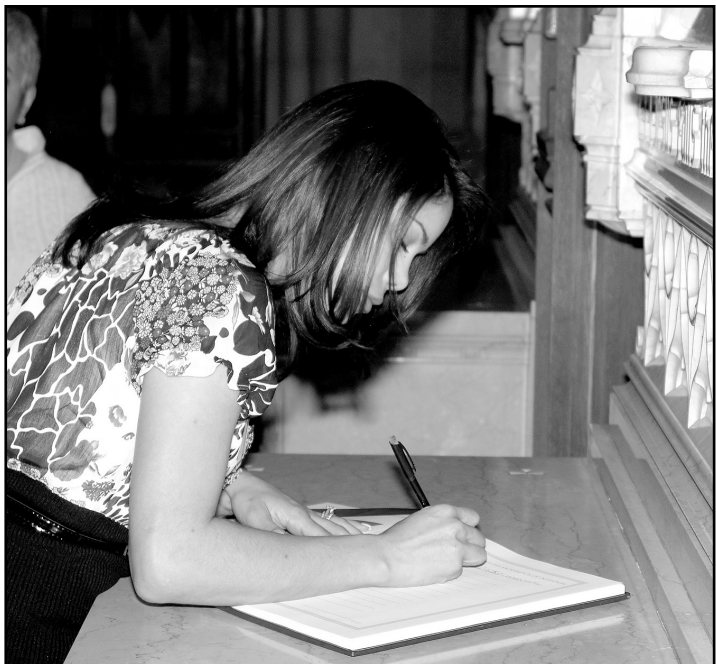
Open House and Registration
Saturday, March 28th 9:00 to 11:00 am

See first-hand why a Roselle Catholic Education may be right for you. Participate in our

Freshman For A Day Program,
by contacting David Stoto
at 908.245.2350 or dstoto@rosellecatholic.org

www.rosellecatholic.org

A Catholic School in
the Marist Tradition



Advocate photo — Ward Miele

POIGNANT MOMENT—During the annual Rite of Election service on Sunday afternoon, March 1 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark presided over by Archbishop John J. Myers, accompanied by their godparents, the catechumens signed the Book of Elect. In his homily, Father Thomas B. Iwanowski, pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish in Jersey City and associate director of parish life, Office of Divine Worship, said the service was an “affirmation” of God working that day in their lives. A day earlier at the annual Call to Continuing Conversion, Fr. Iwanowski told the candidates and their sponsors the “Spirit of God” was moving them that day “to be one with us in the Catholic Church...the Spirit of God is working in you; be open to that spirit.”

Cell project

Continued from page 3

lization system, Soto-Cabrera said. Pastors and parish evangelization teams throughout the Archdiocese of Newark are encouraged to contact Soto-Cabrera by phone at (973) 497-4353 or via e-mail (soto-lili@rcan.org) to obtain more information on the evangelization cell system.

The program utilizes ideas from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ document on evangelization: “Go and Make Disciples.” The bishops’ document sought to inspire an enthusiasm among Catholics to share their faith with others; to invite all people to hear the message of salvation of Jesus; and to foster Gospel values—such as human dignity, social justice and a focus on daily family life.

The local effort is actually part of a larger international evangelization program, which was developed at Saint Edward’s Parish, Pembroke Pines, FL. In recent years, the program, “Parish Evangelization Cell” system has been implemented by a growing number of faith com-

munities in Europe and North America.

An archdiocesan evangelization team, composed of members of Saint Antoninus and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, along with Soto-Cabrera, attended an international seminar at Saint Edward’s Parish, held in late January, to learn the fundamentals of the program.

Msgr. Michael Eivers introduced the cell evangelization model in 1983 at Saint Boniface Parish, also located in Pembroke Pines. Catholic parishes in Ireland, Australia, Fiji, and Italy are adopting the evangelization cell system.



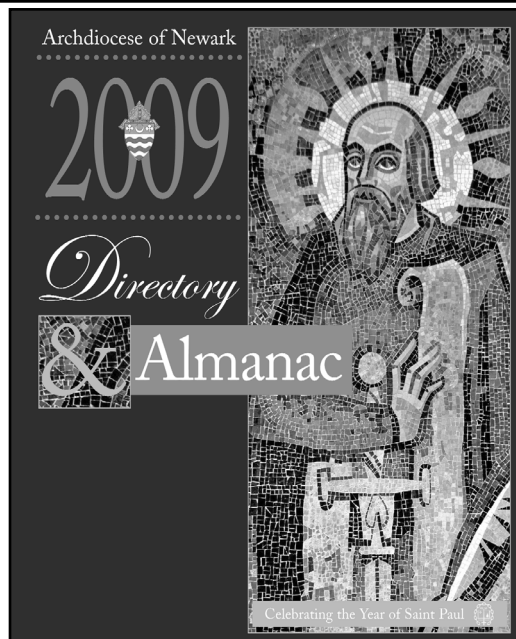
Liliana Soto-Cabrera

Bishop Flesey to address Bergen Holy Name April 28

AREA—Most Rev. John W. Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and the pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes, will serve as the keynote speaker for the 62nd annual spiritual directors dinner for the Bergen County Federation of Holy Name Societies.

The event will be held at the Royal Manor (formerly the Cotillion), 454 Midland Ave., Garfield, on Tuesday, April 28, 7 p.m.

Advance registration is \$35 per person (tickets purchased before April 12). Tickets will be priced at \$40 at the door the night of the dinner. Call Sal Scialdone at (201) 794-3485 for reservations and table assignments.



Archdiocese of
Newark
2009
Directory &
Almanac

To Order:

Call: (973) 497-4200 • Email: pearsoma@rcan.org • Mail: to address below

The Directory and Almanac is your complete guide to: Archdiocesan Agency Offices, Parishes, Schools, Clergy, Deacons, Religious Men & Women Communities, etc.

Only \$28.00 each (shipping & handling included)

Make check payable to Advocate Publishing Corporation. Fill out coupon and send check or money order to: Advocate Publishing Corp., 171 Clifton Avenue, P.O. Box 9500, Newark, NJ 07104

Name: _____

Company: _____




Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (Area Code) _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____

 Visa _____  MasterCard _____  Discover _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Payment Enclosed: _____

Christ Child group plans baby shower at Summit parish

SUMMIT—The Summit Chapter of the Christ Child Society will hold its third annual baby shower and luncheon Thursday, March 26, at Memorial Hall, located across the street from Saint Teresa of Avila Parish, 306 Morris Ave.

The fund-raising event begins with a noon Mass, followed by lunch. Call the rectory at (908) 277-3700 for details.

In lieu of an entrance fee for the luncheon, a donation of at least one baby layette or the cash equivalent is suggested. A minimum layette package, consisting of disposable diapers, wipes, pajamas, "onesies" and a receiving blanket, typically costs \$40, which can be a hardship for families in need.

The Christ Child Society (Website: www.national-christchildsoc.org) is a non-profit association of volunteers who provide voluntary personal service to needy children

in their area. The society, based in Bethesda, MD, has over 40 chapters nationwide.

The Summit chapter, founded three years ago, works primarily with Summit Public Schools' Classroom Supplies Assistance program, The Tillmes House Crisis Center for Girls, a short term crisis residence for girls ages 12-17, and the HealthStart Clinic for Women and Children In Need at Overlook Hospital. Lambi Newsham (phone: 908-598-1377; e-mail: lambinewsham@msn.com) serves as the director of the local chapter of the Christ Child Society.

The baby shower, which benefits the HealthStart Clinic, is a major supply source for the chapter's layette program. Since its inception the chapter has provided over 300 layettes to the clinic. The goal of the program is to insure that every newborn seen at the clinic will leave the hospital with at least

one newborn layette. This year the chapter has launched a effort to include hand-knitted newborn baby items in each layette package.

Birthright to welcome TV star Colin

BLOOMFIELD—Broadway, TV and film star Margaret Colin will be the featured speaker at Birthright of Essex County's annual spring luncheon Thursday March 26, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Woman's Club, 200 Cooper Ave., Upper Montclair.

Colin, the honorary co-chair for Feminists for Life, has addressed the U.S. Senate, colleges, universities and various community organizations about pro-life issues.

The luncheon will include various raffles and a gourmet lunch. The cost of the luncheon is \$30 per person. Call Pam Rafferty at (973) 669-5957 for reservations. Proceeds will benefit Birthright of Essex County, a pregnancy resource center that has served women in northern New Jersey for more than three decades. Birthright provides help accessing services such as maternity homes, medical and pre-natal care and social programs. The group offers free pregnancy testing and baby clothes.

Colin's Broadway debut as Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis in "Jackie: An American Life" earned her a Theatre World Award, and she continues to work both on and off Broadway. She

played a starring role in the Broadway cast of Old Acquaintance and the role of Gertrude in Shakespeare's Ham-let, which was performed for the Public Theater, New York. Her film credits include "Three Men and a Baby," "Independence Day," "The Butcher's Wife," and "First Daughter." She currently plays Eleanor Waldorf in the cast of the

TV series "Gossip Girl."

Nine years ago Feminists for Life (Web site: www.feministsforlife.org), Alexandria, VA, named Colin a "Remarkable Pro-Life Woman." In 2002, she appealed to members of Congress to "Remember the Woman" by addressing the lack of practical resources and emotional support that often drives women to abortion.

Knights slate benefit buffet

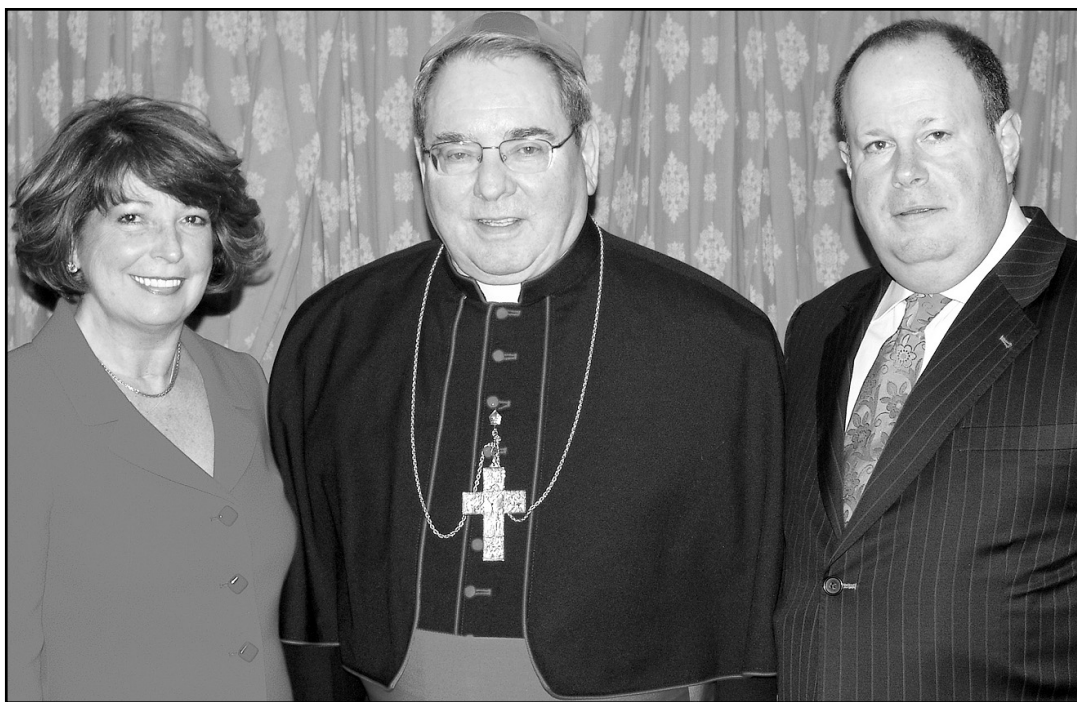
WASHINGTON TWP—The Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council No. 5427 will host a benefit buffet dinner Sunday, March 15, 1-6 p.m. The buffet will raise money for the Mule and Petunas families, who have suffered devastating losses in recent fires.

The dinner will be held at the Knights' hall, 79 Pascack Rd. The Italian-style buffet menu includes bread, salad, meatballs, sausages, pasta and soft drinks.

Tickets for adults are \$20, children 5 to 14, \$10. There will be a cash bar for adults. Call Jim Dugan at (201) 666-3425 or the Knights hall at (201) 664-0422 for reservations. The event will include a silent auction of Yankees, Mets, Giants and Jets sports memorabilia.

Saint Thomas to host retreat

BLOOMFIELD—A 26-hour Men's Cornerstone Retreat will be held March 27-28, Friday and Saturday, at Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, 60 Byrd Ave. The retreat begins March 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the school's reception hall and concludes the following evening with Mass. Meals will be provided. Call John Barbetta at (973) 338-5086; Pat DeCoitiis at (973) 896-5739; or William Padilla at (973) 338-9414, for more information.



Advocate photo — Ward Miele

IN SUPPORT OF YOUTH—Archbishop John J. Myers congratulates the honorees of the 16th annual Archbishop's Business and Labor Recognition Reception, which was held March 3 at Mayfair Farms in West Orange. Honored this year were Laurel Brennan (left), secretary/treasurer of the New Jersey State AFL-CIO, Trenton, and Timothy H. Shinn, president and chief executive officer of United Crane Rentals Inc., Kenilworth. Brennan is the first female honoree of the Labor and Business Reception. This year's reception collected \$155,000 for the archdiocesan Young Adult Ministries and CYO athletics. The annual program has raised more than \$1.4 million for young people throughout the archdiocese.

Join Father Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.

European Pilgrimage

12 Days – Departs October 12, 2009

Celebrate Mass 9 Days!* from \$1999

**ROME – VATICAN – PORTUGAL – FATIMA
SPAIN – FRANCE – LOURDES – PARIS**

Fully Escorted + Two Franciscan Priests!

Tour the Vatican including Audience with Pope Benedict XVI! Tour Rome's religious highlights including St. Peter's Basilica, Sistine Chapel, and Rome's first church the "Cathedral of Rome and of the World." Celebrate two Masses in Rome including private Mass at St. Peters. See ancient Rome, the Colosseum, Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Basilica Santa Maria Maggiore and more! Fly to Lisbon, Portugal; visit Lady of Fatima Church, celebrate private Masses at the Basilica of Fatima and Apariciones Chapel of Fatima; and tour the Batalha monastery. Travel to Salamanca, Spain; visit the Old Cathedral and New Cathedral; overnight in Valladolid, Spain. Visit Lourdes, France; celebrate Mass at the Grotto of Lourdes. Take the high-speed train to Paris for two nights. Wednesday's (October 21) Paris highlight includes The Shrine of the Miraculous Medal with Mass at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Thursday's highlights include a full-day tour of Paris visiting the Louvre Museum, Eiffel Tower, Basilica of the Sacred Heart and more! **Includes 10 Breakfasts & 10 Dinners.** Depart for home October 23. Your YMT Chaplains are Father Pat McCloskey, O.F.M., editor of St. Anthony Messenger and Father Page Polk, O.F.M., Director of Catholic Chaplains Corps, serving hospitals in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. *Price per pers., dbl. occ., plus \$259 tax, services, & gov't fees. Airfare is extra. Call now for complete details. Space is limited and \$100 deposits are now due.

For information, itinerary, and letter from Father Pat call:

YMT Vacations 1-800-736-7300

Your Man Tours, Inc...Providing fun-filled affordable travel since 1967!

HELP WANTED

Padre Pio Academy (Pre-K-Grade 8) Hackensack, NJ, is a newly formed school from the merger of St. Francis and Holy Trinity Schools. A dynamic and creative leader to serve as principal effective July 1, 2009 is sought.

Qualifications:

- Practicing Roman Catholic committed to the development of the Catholic faith in the school.
- 5 years plus of successful teaching/administrative experience.
- Masters degree, preferably in administration, supervision and/or curriculum.
- NJ State Principal Certification, its equivalent or eligibility for this certification.
- Ability to work collaboratively with faculty, staff, parents, pastors and board.
- Fluency in Spanish an asset.

Please submit letter of interest, resume and three educational references by March 20, 2009 to:

Brother Ralph Damento, F.S.C., Principal's Search Committee
Office of the Superintendent of Schools
171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07104-0500
E-mail: darmenra@rcan.org or **Fax:** (973) 497-4249

ACADEMY PRINCIPAL

Saint Rose of Lima Academy, located in Short Hills, NJ is currently seeking a principal for our PreK-8th grade parish school. Nationally recognized for academic excellence, we seek a passionate and dynamic leader committed to enhancing our strong Catholic identity and to furthering our mission to educate, form and transform persons into disciples of Christ and to foster their active participation in the life, work and mission of the Church.

Development of the whole person is central to our purpose and therefore we offer not only a vigorous and intellectually challenging course of study but many other varied extra and inter-curricular programs to foster spiritual growth, a love of learning and excellence in all that we do. In a nurturing learning environment we value mutual respect, collaboration and shared learning focused on the unique God given gifts and talents of each individual.

Qualifications:

- Practicing Catholic capable of fostering and nurturing the Catholic identity of the school and the faith life of the learning community.
- At least five years of successful teaching experience and administrative experience on the elementary or secondary level.
- Minimum of an M.A. degree and graduate credits in the field of education, preferably in administration, supervision, and/or curriculum.
- A New Jersey Elementary or secondary Teaching certificate or its reciprocal is required. It is also required that the candidate be eligible for certification in Administration and Supervision and working toward such, (Certification as Principal from another state will be honored.)
- Administrative, supervisory, and interpersonal skills.
- Familiarity with the current developments in curriculum, technology, instructional strategies, the teaching/learning process and federal and state aid programs.
- The successful candidate must possess exceptional leadership leadership and communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively with all those in our community.

Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Interested candidates please send a résumé and cover letter to: Academy Search Committee, St. Rose of Lima Church, 50 Short Hills Avenue, Short Hills, NJ 07078.

SERVICES OFFERED

Senior Care at Home

Senior Care at Home is the lower cost alternative to nursing homes or assisted living. **Family Care Employment Agency** provides live in caregiver allowing the comfort of their own house. We specialize in placing FILIPINO caregivers, nannies and housekeepers. All candidates are fluent in English with great references.

For our personalized placement services, call Dell at (908) 416-7976.

FOR RENT

4 room apt. on 2nd floor in nice section of Bloomfield, NJ, near St. Valentine's Church. No smoking and No dogs. \$800.00 per month and 1 month's security. Please call Lucy at (973) 743-0511 from 5:30 PM to 10:00 PM.

WANTED TO BUY

WANTED MAHOGANY FURNITURE
Dining rooms, bedrooms, break-fronts, secretaries. One piece or complete contents. Call Bill (973) 586-4804.

FOR RENT OR SALE

Florida Beachfront Condos
Golf & Tennis Included
www.OceanVillageRealEstate.com
772-489-6100
The R E Agency @ Ocean Village

PRO-LIFE OPENINGS
The Several Sources Shelters, our non-profit, non-sectarian shelters for pregnant women are in need of kind, compassionate individuals to fill the following openings: **LIVE-IN ASSISTANT HOUSEMOTHER,** \$13,500-\$16,500/ year-with three weeks vacation per year. Driver's license required. To receive a specific job description please call K. Wrona (201) 818-9334.

Maintenance Worker
Archdiocese of Newark

Seeking dependable worker to assist in general/preventative maintenance. Repairs, painting, masonry, grounds maint., carpentry, steamfitting etc. Required: exp. in heating, cooling, plumbing, electrical systems, min. 1 year maintenance exp., work evenings/weekends as needed. Excellent benefits. Send resume/cover letter/salary req. E-mail- floresra@rcan.org Fax: (973) 497-4103

VACATION
RENTAL



CAPE COD, MA—
Economy Special—
150 yds/priv. beach,
Bucks Pond. Q/MBR,
F/Bth/Jacuzzi, Q/Den,
22x26 FR/2 twns. &
F/Bth., LR gas FP, DR,
super Kit, 3rd F/Bth,
Lndry. 14x26 DK &
G/BBQ, 2 car gar. Pics.
avail. 6/15-9/6-1,500/wk,
off pk., 1,000/wk.
(201) 529-0057,
bentleyj@optonline.net

How to
report abuse

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all 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.

NOVENAS

PRAYER TO ST. THERESA

Oh Glorious Saint Theresa, whom almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind. I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a " Prodigy of Miracles. " Now fervently I beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses. Henceforth, Dear little flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen.
(Say prayer everyday for 9 days. By 4th day, ask for a sign. If prayers are to be answer. Between 4th and 9th day, you will see arose in magazine, TV picture or receive roses. You can also get a strong scent of roses in home even if no roses present. Must promise publication. Thank you.)

I.C.

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.

W.B.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Never known to fail).
Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. 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 show me herein, you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3X). Holy Spirit you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

R.G.V.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE
ST. MARTIN

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.

M.A.C.A.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE
ST. MARTIN

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.

M.A.C.A.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE
ST. MARTIN

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.

M.A.C.A.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE
ST. MARTIN

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.

M.A.C.A.

ORACIÓN A LA VIRGEN DE LA CARIDAD DEL COBRE

Santa Maria de la Caridad que viniste como mensajera de paz, flotando sobre el mar. Tú eres la Madre de todos los cubanos.

A ti acudimos, Santa Madre de Dios, para honrarte con nuestro amor de hijos. En tu corazón de Madre ponemos nuestras ansias y esperanzas, nuestros afanes y nuestras súplicas; Por la Patria desgarrada, para que entre todos construyamos la paz y la concordia.

Por las familias, para que vivan la fidelidad y el amor. Por los niños, para que crezcan sanos corporalmente y espiritualmente. Por los jóvenes para que afirmen su fé y su responsabilidad en la vida y en lo que da el sentido a la vida. Por los enfermos y marginados, por los que sufren en soledad, por los que están lejos de la Patria, y por todos los que sufren en su corazón. Por la Iglesia Cubana y su misión evangelizadora, por los sacerdotes y diáconos, religiosos y laicos. Por la victoria de la justicia y del amor en nuestro pueblo.

¡Madre de la Caridad, bajo tu amparo nos acogemos! ¡Bendita tú entre todas las mujeres y bendito Jesús, el fruto de tu vientre! ¡A Él la gloria y el poder, por los siglos de los siglos. AMEN. Oraciones finales: Padre Nuestro, 3 Avemarias y Gloria al Padre.

I.C.

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.

E.M.

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.

R.C.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE
ST. MARTIN

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.

M.A.C.A.

PRAYER TO ST. THERESA

Oh Glorious Saint Theresa, whom almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind. I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a " Prodigy of Miracles. " Now fervently I beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses. Henceforth, Dear little flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen.
(Say prayer everyday for 9 days. By 4th day, ask for a sign. If prayers are to be answer. Between 4th and 9th day, you will see arose in magazine, TV picture or receive roses. You can also get a strong scent of roses in home even if no roses present. Must promise publication. Thank you.)

J.B.

GIFTS



McAULEY
Religious Gift Shop
at Mount St. Mary's (across from Sears)
Rosaries • Statues • Gifts
Catholic Medals • Cards •
Music Books • Bibles

WE ACCEPT PAYMENT BY CASH
OR PERSONAL CHECKS.
NO CREDIT CARDS.
(908) 754-2793
Monday-Friday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Mt. St. Mary's
1633 Rt. 22 and Terrill Road
Watchung, NJ 07069

ANNOUNCEMENT

COURAGE

An archdiocesan sponsored spiritual support group for persons experiencing same-sex attractions who desire to lead a chaste life in accord with Catholic teaching on homosexuality. For information, call (973) 509-7839 (All calls confidential)

To Place an ad call Mona at (973) 497-4203



*Solemnity of
St. Joseph,
Husband of the
Virgin Mary*

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church
Bayonne

Our Lady of Czestochowa Church
Harrison

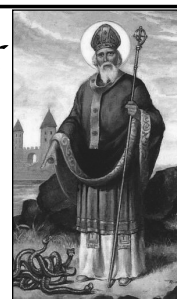
Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Kearny

St. Theresa Church
Kenilworth

St. Lucy Church
Newark

Queen of Peace Church
North Arlington

*St. Patrick
patron saint
of Ireland,
pray for us...*



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DIRECTORY

LEGAL SERVICES



When you need a good lawyer...
ANTHONY J. RIPOSTA, ESQ.
*Certified by the Supreme Court
of NJ as a Civil Trial Attorney*
COUNSELLOR AT LAW
Call today for
a free phone consultation
201-991-0067

432 Ridge Rd., North Arlington, NJ
www.RipostaLaw.com

ROOFING

• ROOF RESTORATIONS • SLATE & TILE
• COPPER WORK • VICTORIAN SHINGLES
"CHURCHES A SPECIALITY"
FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED



SINCE 1973
(201) 955-1700

Fax (201) 955-2634
Website: www.bowerandco.com

SERVING NEW JERSEY & NEW YORK



"When You Want it Done...And Right!"

MUSEUM



**The African Art Museum
of the S.M.A. Fathers**

23 Bliss Avenue, Tenafly
(201) 894-8611

**Exhibitions • Gallery Talks
Films • Lectures • Concerts**

HOME CARE

Unique Home Care Services

Specialized in Providing Home Care for the Elderly
Certified-Screened Home Health Aides/Companions
24 Hour Live-in/out (7 Days a Week)

Licensed, Insured and Bonded

Phone: 908-686-8669

866-439-5026

www.uniquehomecare.com

TAX PREPARATION

J. Seavy & Associates

51 Hawthorne Drive • Clark, NJ 07066
(732) 388-2944 • Fax (732) 388-2944
E-mail: j.seavy51@comcast.net

Income Tax Preparation - Your income taxes expertly
prepared to maximize all deductions and credits.
In-Home Service & Consultation - No charge for pick-up
and delivery.

James R. Seavy, B.S.B.A., N.A.C.M., President

CAMPING



CAMP MARIST

The Marist Brothers founded some of
the best Catholic Schools throughout
the world. Along with an experienced
staff they have also established

A GREAT SUMMER CAMP for boys & girls on
Ossipee Lake in Effingham, NH.

Contact us at: CAMP MARIST (603) 539-4552

Website: www.campmarist.org

"For the Best Summer of Your Life"

TRANSPORTATION

AIR BROOK
LIMOUSINE
(800) 800-1990
www.airbrook.com

ARCHITECTURE

RISSI
ASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTS, P.C.

Architect for the
new mausoleum at
St. Gertrude
Cemetery

108 Greenwood Avenue
Wyncote, PA 19095-1514
ARISSI@RISSIARCHITECTS.COM
t. 215.886.1928
f. 215.886.6948
c. 215.817.1678

ANTHONY R. RISSI, AIA
PRESIDENT

FUNERAL HOME

**Vander Plaat
Vermeulen**
MEMORIAL HOME INC.

530 HIGH MOUNTAIN ROAD
FRANKLIN LAKES, NEW JERSEY 07417
201-891-4770

Four Generations of Families Serving Families
Jonathan Vander Plaat, Manager
License #3959

CHARITY

Donate Your Vehicle

**Shepherds
of
Youth** CHARITABLE TRUST
800 831-8437

Bring Vocationist "lights of Hope" to underprivileged students at St. Michael's of Newark, NJ and the Perpetual Help Day Nursery Schools since 1984.

**BOATS, RVs
TRAILERS
REAL ESTATE**

Tax Deduction

*Running or Not
Restrictions Apply*

**Live Operators
Seven Days!
Free Pick Up**

REMOVAL SERVICE

RUBBISH REMOVAL

**Rick's
CLEANOUTS INC.**

FREE Estimates

RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL

WE TRAVEL ANYWHERE • FULLY INSURED



WE CLEAN UP

• Attics
• Basements
• Garages • Yards
• Apartments
• Construction Debris

DEMOLITION WORK

• Aboveground Pools
• Sheds
• Decks
• Garages

Let's Make a Deal!

www.ricks-cleanouts.com

(201) 342-9333 • (973) 340-7454

Residential Dumpster Specials • 10 yds. • 15 yds. • 20 yds.
Senior Citizen 10% OFF with this ad.

SAME DAY SERVICE

**SPRING SPECIAL
\$50 OFF**

ANY REMOVAL OF \$250 or MORE
OR \$75 OFF

ANY REMOVAL OF \$600 OR MORE
Coupon must be shown at time of estimate. Not valid on
work in progress. Cannot be combined with other
discounts. Expires 04-01-09.

Holocaust

Continued from page 1
plexed, but from a different perspective.

"We travel to these towns

and ask: where are the Jews buried?," Fr. Desbois said. "They say to us: where have you been for 70 years? You are the first ones to come here to ask us about these crimes. There was

no secret; the killings were all done in public.

"You must understand—time has stood still in these places," Fr. Desbois continued. "These are poor farm villages; many



Let us help you to preserve the Legacies of your Parishioners in one of our
CHURCH HISTORY BOOKS

- Celebrate your past with a uniquely designed history book during your anniversary year. We provide advice on how to organize your committees, how to gather historical material, how to raise funds to support endeavors for the year; and we provide book design for every page using the latest technology for preparation and complete manufacture. We would be happy to provide sample editions and sample correspondence from other churches.
- We have designed and produced hundreds of church and society histories, in every New Jersey diocese, in cities from Mahwah to Cape May, and most often in the dioceses of Newark, Trenton, Metuchen and Philadelphia. For all of our fifty-seven years, we have provided the INTEGRITY and PERSONAL SERVICE that comes with our good name.
- Contact us and we'll tell you more.

COOKE PUBLISHING COMPANY

We take everything personally

607-C Louis Drive
Warminster, Pennsylvania 18974
Phone 215.957.2701 • Fax 215.957.2705
e-mail: info@cookebooks.com
www.cookebooks.com



Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

"Fr. Desbois (left) is a priest, a scholar and a man in pursuit of the truth," Msgr. Robert Sheeran, SHU president (right), declared in his introductory comments at the March 1 forum. "The evidence of the Holocaust is a historical fact. It is not a theory." SHU's Monsignor J.M. Oesterreicher Endowment sponsored the lecture.

still don't have electricity. The people we interviewed in Ukraine and Belarus speak of the events as if they happened yesterday."

Today the elderly villagers feel a sense of urgency to talk about the terrifying memories they've held for seven decades, he said. "They want to tell their stories before they die."

The research work of Fr. Desbois reveals the tragic legacy of the Holocaust remains unfinished. "Where are our Jewish brothers and sisters?," he said. "I've heard this cry ever since I was young. The people who were shot and the children who were buried alive in mass graves are still waiting for us."

"Members of my family were shot and killed in Ukraine," said Rabbi Alan Brill, Ph.D., the Cooperman/Ross en-

dowed chair of Jewish/Christian studies at SHU. Rabbi Brill gave opening remarks at the lecture. "The typical image of the Holocaust is the concentration camp. Fr. Desbois has now given us another image."

Fr. Desbois is the president of Yahad-In Unum ("Yahad" and "In Unum" mean "together" in Hebrew and Latin). The group's Website (www.holocaustbybullets.com) provides additional information on its research work. In addition, Yahad-In Unum has organized scholarly forums with Catholic bishops and Jewish leaders in New York since 2004. Fr. Desbois also serves as the director of the Episcopal Committee for Relations with Judaism, which is connected with the French Conference of Bishops.

*Start here.
Go anywhere*

An **affordable**, values-based private education

New state-of-the-art
Wellness Center

Renowned **Women's College** provides opportunities to learn & lead

Coed University College offers undergraduate, graduate & certificate programs

NEW! Four new bachelor's degree programs:

Nursing	Exercise Science
Dance	Tourism

Call

800.458.8422. ext 2700

Click

www.georgian.edu



GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY
Mercy Values, Voice, Vision



Open Houses

**Saturday, March 21 &
Saturday, April 25**

10 AM on the historic Lakewood,
New Jersey, campus

Nutley beefsteak March 28 to support Tamburri fund

NUTLEY—The Enrico Tamburri Memorial beefsteak fundraiser will be held Saturday, March 28, 6-11 p.m. at Holy Family Parish's Good Shepherd Academy gym, 24 Brookline Ave.

Donations from the event will support the Enrico Tamburri Fund, which aids children and families who face catastrophic illness. Funds also will be used for the needs of Holy Family, such as vestments and stained-glass windows.

Tickets are priced at \$35 per person (\$15 for children age 12 and younger). Contact Gina Tamburri at (973) 751-4187 for reservations.

The family-style dinner will include beefsteak, chicken tenders, salad, beverages, fresh fruit, dessert, coffee and tea and a chocolate fountain. There will be a tricky tray and raffles for assorted prizes. Mixaje Sound will provide music for the event.

Mausoleums construct a solid foundation for hope, healing and faith

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark is among the national leaders in meeting the changing needs and desires of families in the 21st century through its “Building Our Future” campaign. Faith-based expansion and renovation projects can be found at facilities operated by Catholic Cemeteries—impressive evidence that illustrates the underlying spiritual mission of the ongoing, multimillion-dollar campaign.

New and expanded mausoleum space in conjunction with chapel construction is the primary thrust of the “Building Our Future” program. “We’re running out of land and want to manage well what little land we have left,” Andrew P. Schafer, Catholic Cemeteries’ executive director, said, explaining the basic philosophy.

A quarter century ago Catholic Cemeteries had one mausoleum with 4,000 crypts at Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington. Today that total has reached 55,000 crypts with an additional 8,000 under construction. Of particular note is the new mausoleum and chapel at Holy Name Cemetery, Jersey City. The venerable cemetery had been closed to sales for more than 25 years. The chapel has, for the first time, allowed Catholic Cemeteries to bring its monthly Mass to Holy Name Cemetery, Schafer said. That, he added, is “big news.” Catholic Cemeteries also schedules special masses on Memorial Day, which are always well attended.

Today’s list of archdiocesan cemeteries includes: Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum; Gate of Heaven Cemetery and Mausoleum, East Hanover; Saint Gertrude Cemetery/Good Shepherd Mausoleum, Colonia; Holy Name Cemetery and Mausoleum, Jersey City; Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, East Orange; Maryrest Cemetery, Mahwah; Saint Andrew Cemetery, Riverdale; Saint Mary Cemetery, East Orange; Saint Peter Cemetery, Jersey City and Christ the King Cemetery, Franklin Lakes. Rev. Msgr. William B. Naedele, is director of Catholic Cemeteries.

Continued on page 26



Gate of Heaven Chapel Mausoleum, East Hanover

Submitted photo

A

History

of

Heritage

Special to

The Catholic Advocate

March 11, 2009

Mausoleums

Continued from page 25

"In several cemeteries, we have added garden mausoleums with beautiful gazebo committal areas and others with protected corridors," Joseph J. Verzi, Catholic Cemeteries assistant executive director, said. "These new garden buildings have been very well received, giving families above-ground protection in an outdoor setting at costs often less than a grave."

Construction continues on a 4,500-crypt, two-story chapel mausoleum addition at Gate of Heaven. Late last year construction was completed on a two-story, 3,200-crypt crucifix style chapel mausoleum at Saint Gertrude Cemetery. Both buildings, Verzi explained, "feature soaring, two-story chapel areas with atrium skylights, rich marble interiors and luxurious carpeting. They will house magnificent original litur-

gical artwork. Exteriors will be crafted in timeless granite."

In addition, Catholic Cemeteries is developing 29 acres at Maryrest Cemetery that will have a boulevard entrance on Darlington Avenue. "The cemetery will be surrounded by beautiful stone walls, it will feature 5,000 new crypts and niches located in four community mausoleum buildings and five individual private family mausoleums," Verzi said. The focal point of the project will be 2,500 crypt spaces, a 40-foot, Romanesque church-style mausoleum, clad in stone with two, 49-foot belfries. The project also includes a new administration building and cemetery grounds operations center.

"Our new 1,280-crypt mausoleum at Holy Name Cemetery was so well received that we are developing a beautiful two-story chapel mausoleum adjacent to the existing garden mausoleum," Verzi pointed

out. "This building will house a two-story skylight chapel finished in marble and granite with beautiful statuary, mosaics and historic stained glass."

In recent years many families have expressed an interest in space in an individual above-ground family mausoleum. As a result, Catholic Cemeteries will construct such structures with space for as few as two and as many as 20 family members.

"They will be crafted of the finest granite with columns, bronze doors and options for stained glass and private altars. Each will rest on individual lots within the cemetery and will be perpetually maintained," Verzi explained.

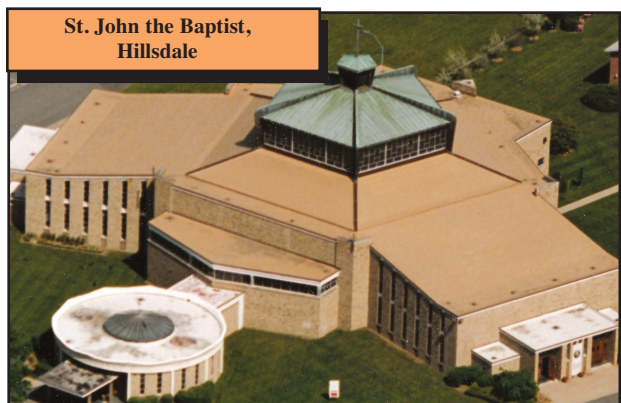
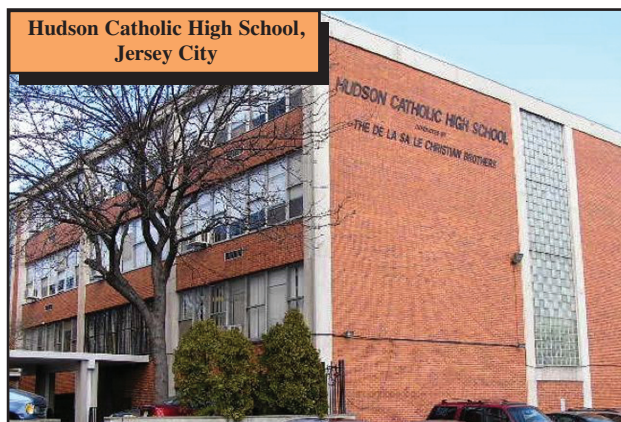
Also noteworthy is the addition of a variety of new columbaria areas within existing mausoleums. The niche areas are available in marble or beveled glass, which most families prefer because it allows for display of their loved one's urn.



Submitted photo

Saint Gertrude Chapel Mausoleum of the Crucifixion, Colonia

ROOF^{CO}



ROOF^{CO} INC.

221 Rutgers Street - Maplewood, NJ 07040

(973) 762-0042

Fax (973) 762-2433

Commercial and Industrial Roofing

Email: Roofcoinc@aol.com

"Throughout Catholic Cemeteries, we continue to develop new burial areas with plots for two to 32 along with new cremation options including outdoor columbaria, statue based cremorials and new individual cremation plots," Verzi said.

Citing the phase-based approach of "Building Our Future," Schafer noted that the overall effort began at Holy Cross Cemetery and has come full circle with architectural and municipal approval of the next phase. Overall, Schafer said the aim is to maximize both land and space to continue to faithfully serve Catholic families of the archdiocese. He credited Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety for advocating mausoleum construction more than two decades ago.

The architecture at each mausoleum in the archdiocesan system has its own theme. The marble is imported, mostly from Italy, while the exterior granite comes from both this country and worldwide. Each cemetery's design, Verzi pointed out, is unique. As "Building Our

Future" has progressed, he explained, the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark has served as an "inspiration" in making the structures "more church-like."

An important part of Catholic Cemeteries' ministry, Schafer stressed, is evangelization through the unique and theme-oriented artwork at each cemetery and mausoleum. The artwork, according to Schafer and Verzi, is a vital part of Catholic Cemeteries' ministry because of its symbolism that ties into the Catholic Faith. Catholic Cemeteries evangelizes through its mausoleum program, they noted.

Schafer and Verzi emphasized that another essential part of "Building Our Future" is preserving the archdiocese's heritage by "rescuing" its treasured artwork. As an example they cited 13 stained-glass windows retrieved from the shuttered Saint Boniface Parish in Jersey City. Just as important, they said, is that the windows, valued at some \$500,000, will be installed at Holy Name Cemetery in Jersey City.

**Chapman
Schinestuhl
& Swick**

- PLUMBING • HEATING
- AIR CONDITIONING
- OIL TO GAS CONVERSIONS
- EMERGENCY SERVICE
- VIDEO PIPE INSPECTIONS

William Schinestuhl-
NJ Plumbing Lic. #6073
Thomas Swick-
NJ Plumbing Lic. # 6848



Serving
Central NJ
for 70 Years

**36 North Ave East
Cranford, NJ**

908.276.1320



Submitted photo

Holy Cross Chapel Mausoleum, North Arlington

Vintage windows from now-closed Saint Brigid Parish, North Bergen, have been installed at Saint Gertrude Chapel Mausoleum of the Crucifixion (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Nov. 26, 2008).

Expounding on the faith-based mission of Catholic Cemeteries, Schafer said that when a person or family chooses a Catholic cemetery, “they are making a statement of their Catholic faith for generations to come.” Because of that, he continued, for the bereaved a Catholic

cemetery affirms the Catholic belief that at death, life is changed, not ended. Catholic Cemeteries, Schafer added, “promote healing through the hope of the Resurrection and the life to come.”

Catholic Cemeteries is not alone in facing the cemetery land squeeze. Madonna Parish, Fort Lee—the site of Madonna Chapel Mausoleum—is also weighing construction plans to expand its facilities. Describing the site as “landlocked,” Father Stephen Carey, Madonna Parish pastor, said groundbreaking on an addition to the mausoleum is tentatively planned later this year.

Founded 150 years ago, Madonna Parish is the oldest church in Bergen County. Calling the church and surrounding cemetery and mausoleum “our heritage,” Fr. Carey noted that “two and three generations” are interred on the site. At the Sunday Mass in the mausoleum chapel (celebrated on the last Sunday of the month), the faithful consider it “a parish beyond the grave.” Many families, he said, have moved away, but return for services at the mausoleum.

Commenting on the planned addition, Gregory Lopez, superintendent at Madonna Chapel Mausoleum, said the two-story structure will contain 3,100 spaces and 700 niches. The original mausoleum, he stressed, was the first in the area when it was built in 1972. The planned construction will be part of the original structure and is included in the overall phased in construction strategy.

Are You Prepared?



Catholic Cemeteries

Archdiocese of Newark
www.RCAN.org

A wise decision, a loving gesture, a perfect solution.
Planning ahead guarantees your loved ones peace of mind.

Holy Cross Cemetery/Mausoleum
340 Ridge Rd. • North Arlington

Gate of Heaven Cemetery/Mausoleum
225 Ridgedale Ave. • East Hanover

Saint Gertrude Cemetery/Mausoleum
53 Inman Ave. • Colonia

Holy Name Cemetery/Mausoleum
823 West Side Ave. • Jersey City

We Offer Choices:

- Cemetery Plots
- Mausoleum Space
- Individual Family Estates
- Cremation Niches

Memorial Counselors are available
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

No Appointment Necessary!
Stop in Today!



Order your **FREE** copy of...
Continuing the Journey, Preparing a Catholic Funeral, in English or in Spanish.

Call Toll Free: 1-866-Pre-Plan 773-7526

Monthly Chapel Mausoleum Mass Schedule
All Masses begin at 9:30 a.m.

April 1
Holy Cross, North Arlington

April 3
Saint Gertrude, Colonia

April 7
Gate of Heaven, East Hanover



Family owned and continuously operated since “1973”



website — www.BowerandCo.com
(201)-955-1700 • 463-9 schuyler ave • kearny nj

Please Provide Me With Information on:

☐ Holy Cross, North Arlington

☐ Gate of Heaven, East Hanover

☐ Saint Gertrude, Colonia

☐ Holy Name, Jersey City

☐ Cemetery Plots

☐ Mausoleum Space

☐ Individual Family Estates

☐ Cremation Niches

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (_____) _____

EMAIL: _____@_____

Please Call 1-866-773-7526 or mail coupon to: Catholic Cemeteries

• The Archdiocese of Newark • Archdiocesan Center • P.O. Box 9500 • Newark • NJ 07104

THOMAS J. O'BEIRNE

and company, inc.



C O N T R A C T O R S

ESTABLISHED 1983

EXCAVATING • PAVING • UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

37 Woodland Road
Roseland, NJ 07068

Phone: (973) 364-1600 **Fax:** (973) 364-1611

Thomas J. O'Beirne • New Jersey Master Plumber License #11083

Website: www.tjobeirne.com

e-mail: tom@tjobeirne.com

