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Sept. 19: Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated in the Archdiocese of Newark and throughout the United States on Sept. 19. The theme for this year will be “Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love,” as designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for the faithful to reflect upon the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in being a witness to the Gospel. Included in the special report is a preview of the annual archdiocesan Catechetical Convocation, which will be held Nov. 13, at Paramus Catholic Regional High School.

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Advocate photo – M. Gabriele

This is the view from the Paulus Hook waterfront, four blocks from Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish. Commuter ferry boats, similar to the one pictured in the bottom right corner, were used on Sept. 11 to shuttle people away from the deadly chaos at the Twin Towers. Many who crossed the Hudson River on that fateful Tuesday found shelter at the Jersey City parish. “God used us to be the light in the darkness,” former pastor, Father Tom Iwanowski, said.

Absence on horizon echoes sorrows of 9/11

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

Sitting in his office at Saint Joseph Parish, Oradell, on a warm August afternoon, Father Tom Iwanowski became emotional as he recounted his memories from Sept. 11, 2001. But it wasn’t the events of the cataclysmic date itself that brought him to tears; rather, it was the story of an unexpected encounter with a woman in 2006, who gently knocked on the door of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the parish in the Paulus Hook section of Jersey City, where he had served.

Five years after the terrorist at-

tack, she had come to the Jersey City parish to express her heartfelt gratitude.

The woman — Fr. Iwanowski couldn’t recall her name—resided in upstate New York. She was in lower Manhattan on 9/11 and, in order to escape the turmoil, she was frantically transported across the Hudson River on a commuter boat, along with hundreds of others, to the Paulus Hook ferry port. During the ensuing chaos, she wandered to Our Lady of Czestochowa, which is located just four blocks west of the waterfront. Dazed and afraid, she went to the parish rectory and asked to use the phone so she could contact her family.

“She came back to thank us,” Fr. Iwanowski said. “She wanted to say ‘thank you’ for letting her use the phone. You never know how a small act of goodness will ripple through the lives of others. Many people were drawn to our church that day. What else could we do but come to God and cling to one another?”

For Jersey City residents living near Our Lady of Czestochowa in the Paulus Hook neighborhood, the absence of the Twin Towers—which had been a dominant point of reference on the horizon—is a constant, sad reminder of the brutal murder of 3,000 innocent people, including more than 670 New Jerseyans, many of whom resided in the four counties

of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Fr. Iwanowski served as the pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa for 14 years. Three men connected with the parish were killed when the Twin Towers collapsed: a Cantor Fitzgerald employee; a Port Authority policeman; and a businessman who had relocated to Jersey City from Hong Kong. In June 2009 Fr. Iwanowski began a one-year sabbatical and on July 1 he was installed as the pastor of Saint Joseph Parish.

Sifting through his 9/11 experiences, he revealed memories still clearly etched in his mind—fragments of commonplace activities that normally would have been forgotten

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Reconnecting to a youthful sense of wonder

Now that summer is winding down and children are going back to school, most people return to more normal routines. It was a special summer for me, in that I got to experience two parts of it through the prism of much younger eyes.

I celebrated Independence weekend with a family whose friendship makes them feel like family to me. Along with their parents and grandmother, eight-year-old twins Brandon and Ryan and their darling five-year-old sister Kaitlyn, I truly got to experience the magic of the Magic Kingdom at Disneyworld in Orlando. We were able to meet Snow White and Belle, Mickey and Donald, among others, who all accommodatingly posed for photos and added their "autographs" to each child's book. I

have to admit that posing with Tigger and Winnie the Pooh brought back many wonderful memories of stories read to me by my parents from "Winnie the

We stayed at the Nickelodeon Hotel and had breakfast with SpongeBob Squarepants and Dora the Explorer!

Pooh," "The House at Pooh Corner," and "The Tales of Christopher Robin."

Each place we visited, from Epcot to MGM to Blizzard Beach, provided new opportuni-

ties to observe how excited children can be when they see someone "in real life" who had previously been but a story or a TV character. Oh, and did I mention that we stayed at the Nickelodeon Hotel, and "actually" had breakfast with SpongeBob Squarepants and Dora the Explorer!

Just last month, my sister Marilyn and I were delighted to host our 16-year-old cousin Viktoria from Vienna at the Jersey Shore. I had last seen Vicky about 11 years ago, and even then she was filled with a joy for life and a love of people that has only matured with her through the years. She had two quests: first, to enjoy the beach and swim in the ocean; and second, to find the most exciting roller coasters and thrill rides our area could offer.

Fantasy Island and the Saint Francis Parish Festival of the Sea on Long Beach Island were but appetizers to some of the more

challenging rides at Wildwood, some of which my sister braved out with her. But the piece de resistance was Six Flags Great Adventure. From the moment we arrived in the parking lot, she just kept repeating, "Oh, my gosh! Oh, my gosh! Oh, my gosh!" (Yes, "gosh," not "God"), as she saw all the coasters looming along the horizon, from Kingda Ka and El Toro to Batman and Superman.

Both of these experiences were great reminders to me that, although life gets more serious for adults, we should never lose our sense of wonder or our desire to seek more. Life has so much to offer us and we have so much to offer to the lives of others. So much good goes on in our lives, even amid the bad or the difficult, that there is always reason to hope and rejoice.

Everything may not always go our way, or the way we may

SEEING & BELIEVING



By Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholts

have planned, but ultimately if we are really looking, we will find Jesus not only around the next corner or over the next hill, but also right beside us, ready to both surprise us and protect us, until that day when we see Him, face to face, and can truly exclaim "Oh, my God!"



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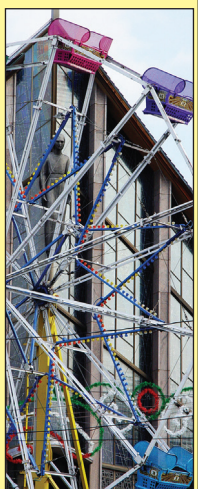
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Archbishop Dolan to give homily at annual Red Mass celebration

NEWARK—The 26th annual Red Mass, a Solemn Votive Mass that marks the beginning of the judicial year and invokes God's blessing and guidance in the administration of justice, will be celebrated Friday, Sept. 24, 4 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Most Rev. Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York, will preside and serve as the homilist at the Red Mass, which is sponsored and hosted by Seton Hall University School of Law. Concelebrants will

include Archbishop John J. Myers; Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, the Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen; Rev Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman, the assistant national director of the Pontifical Mission Society, New York and the former pastor of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Saddle River; and Father Nicholas S. Gengaro, chaplain, Seton Hall University School of Law.

During the Mass the Honorable Marilyn C. Clark, judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey,

Passaic, will be receiving the Saint Thomas More Medal. Previous recipients include former Seton Hall Law professor and current U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. and Seton Hall Law School alumnus, Gov. Christopher J. Christie.

A celebration of the melding of law and faith, the Red Mass is in accord with a practice that dates back to the 13th century, wherein the celebrants, whether ecclesiastical or civil, would proceed into church clothed in red vestments or garments, signifying the fire of the Holy Spirit's guidance to those who pursue justice in their daily lives.

Bishop Dolan was installed as Archbishop of New York on April 15, 2009 (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 11, 2009). He previously served as Archbishop of Milwaukee. Born Feb. 6, 1950, Archbishop Dolan was ordained to the priesthood on June 19, 1976.



Most Rev. Timothy M. Dolan

Closter parish makes plans for its centennial celebration

CLOSTER—The 50th anniversary of dedication of the church building of Saint Mary Parish, 20 Legion Pl., will be celebrated at Mass Sunday, Sept. 26, 11:30 a.m., which will begin a series of events leading up to next year's parish centennial.

Mass will be followed by a luncheon in Roger Troy Hall. Memorabilia and photos will be on display. Reservations are required for the luncheon and forms will be available in the church bulletin. Call the rectory at (201) 768-7565 weekends, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., for further details. Very Rev. Paul A. Cannariato, V.F., is the pastor of Saint Mary.

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October 26, 2010 – St. Aloysius, Caldwell at 7:30 p.m.

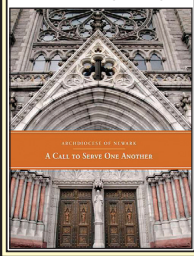
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U.S. bishops to implement Roman Missal translation

WASHINGTON—Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago and president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has announced the full text of the English-language translation of the Roman Missal, Third Edition, has been issued for the dioceses of the United States of America.

The text was approved by the

Vatican, and the approval was accompanied by a June 23 letter from Cardinal Llovera Antonio Cañizares, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. The Congregation also provided guidelines for publication.

In addition, on July 24, the Vatican gave approval for several adaptations, including additional

prayers for the Penitential Act at Mass and the Renewal of Baptismal Promises on Easter Sunday. Also approved are texts of prayers for feasts specific to the United States such as Thanksgiving, Independence Day and the observances of feasts for saints such as Damien of Molokai, Katharine Drexel, and Elizabeth Ann Seton. The Vatican also approved the Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life.

Cardinal George announced receipt of the documents in an Aug. 20 letter to the U.S. Bishops and issued a decree of proclamation that states that “the use of the third edition of the Roman Missal enters into use in the dioceses of the United States of America as of the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, 2011. From that date forward, no other edition of the Roman Missal may be used in the dioceses of the United States of America.”

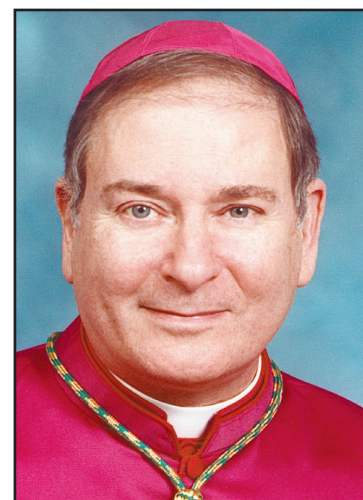
The date of implementation was chosen to allow publishers time to prepare texts and parishes and dioceses to educate parishioners. “We can now move forward and continue with our important catechetical efforts as we prepare the text for publication,” Cardinal George said.

In the coming weeks, staff of the bishops’ Secretariat of Divine Worship will prepare the text for publication and collaborate with

the staff of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL), which will assist Bishops’ Conferences in bringing the text to publication. The ICEL has been preparing the chant settings of the texts of the Missal for use in the celebration of the Mass. Once all necessary elements have been incorporated into the text and the preliminary layout is complete, the final text will go to the publishers to produce the ritual text, catechetical resources and participation aids for use in the Liturgy.

Receipt of the text marks the start of proximate preparation for Roman Missal implementation. Before first use of the new text in Advent 2011, pastors are urged to use resources available to prepare parishioners. Some already have been in use; others are being released now. They include the Parish Guide for the Implementation of the Roman Missal, Third Edition, and Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ, a multimedia DVD resource produced by ICEL in collaboration with English-language Conferences of Bishops. Both will be available from the USCCB. Information on resources can be found online (www.usccb.org/romanmissal).

Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of the Diocese of Paterson and chair of the USCCB’s Committee on Divine Worship,



Bishop Arthur Serratelli

voiced gratitude for the approval. “I am happy that after years of preparation, we now have a text that, when introduced late next year, will enable the ongoing renewal of the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy in our parishes,” Bishop Serratelli said.

“A great effort to produce the new Roman Missal for the United States, along with the other necessary resources, has begun,” Msgr. Anthony Sherman, director of the Secretariat for Divine Worship of the USCCB noted. “Even as that work is underway a full-scale catechesis about the Liturgy and the new Roman Missal should be taking place in parishes, so that when the time comes, everyone will be ready.”



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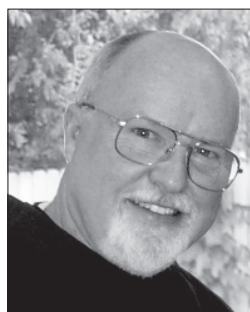
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Bishop Cruz to address immigration vigil

NEWARK—The archdiocesan Office of Human Concerns, Campus Ministry, Youth and Young Adult Ministries and the Elizabeth Coalition for Social Justice will sponsor a prayer vigil Wednesday, Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m. on the campus of Felician College, 223 Montrose Ave., Rutherford. The vigil has been organized to

support comprehensive immigration reform and proposed legislation in the DREAM Act.

Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Union County, will head the list of speakers at the vigil. Students who potentially would be affected by the DREAM Act also will give presentations. Bishop Cruz was born

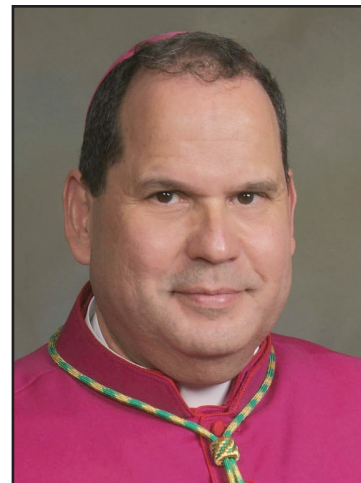
in Havana, Cuba, in 1953 and three years later came to the United States with his parents.

Father Timothy Graff, director of the archdiocesan Office of Human Concerns, said the DREAM Act involves legislation “to legalize immigrant high school graduates of good moral character who were brought to the United

States at a young age without legal status. The terms are simple: those who complete two years of college or military service will be eligible for a green card.” Fr. Graff said the gathering will provide prayers and educational materials to support all those who believe in the reform effort.

According to information found on the Web site of the Washington, DC-based American Immigration Council (www.immigrationpolicy.org), the DREAM Act originally was introduced in 2001 by senators Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Richard Durbin (D-IL). It has come up for a vote several times in Congress, but thus far has failed to become law. The DREAM Act addresses the plight of young undocumented immigrants growing up in the United States who wish to go to college and obtain lawful employment. The bill would provide current, former and future undocumented high school graduates with a “pathway” to U.S. citizenship through college or the armed services.

The council estimates that 2.1



Bishop Manuel Cruz

million individuals would meet the DREAM Act’s basic age, length of residence and date of arrival requirements upon enactment. The council reasons that removing the “uncertainty of undocumented status” would encourage legalized immigrants to invest in their own education, attend college, start businesses and become more active in community life.

The public is invited to attend the Sept. 15 gathering and people of all faiths are welcome. For additional details on the vigil, contact Fr. Graff by phone at (973) 497-4341 or via e-mail (grafftim@rcan.org).

Interfaith parade to mark Labor Day steps off Sept. 10

NEWARK—The “Celebration of Labor,” an annual interfaith Labor Day observance to be held Friday, Sept. 10, will honor the history of the labor movement in Essex County and New Jersey.

Sponsored by the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO, the event begins at 5 p.m. with a pre-parade program at Newark City Hall, followed by a march along Broad Street to Washington Park. Bands will lead a parade of union members and supporters marching behind the banners of their union locals.

West Caldwell resident Walter V. Genuario, a member of the Guard of Honor at Saint Lucy

Parish, will serve as grand marshal for the parade. Genuario is executive secretary of the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, which represents 60 unions and their 52,000 members. He’s also an award-winning educator with the Newark public school system and vice principal of Mount Vernon School.

Co-chairs of the event are Theresa Calhoun of JNESO District 1 and Battalion Chief John M. Doll of the Newark Fire Officers Union Local 1860. A reception will follow the parade. Call Kevin P. Frey, parade coordinator, at (973) 244-5814 for more information.

“This Labor Day comes at a critical moment for America’s working families,” Thomas P. Giblin, president of the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO, said. “Only by working together, by combining our voices and using the strength of our numbers, can we build the America of our vision. We must secure our middle class and keep good jobs in America.”

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HEROIC FIGURES—When new students and visitors walk through the first-floor hallway of Immaculate Conception (IC) High School, Montclair, to begin the new school year, they will be inspired by a major work of art. A colorful mural of heroic figures, created during after-school meetings by the IC art club, has been two years in the making. Virginia Hernandez, chair of the IC art department, said the mural—acrylic paint on canvas—celebrates people who provided heroic, inspirational service. With Jesus at the top of the composition, the mural depicts historic figures such as Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Saint Elizabeth Seton, baseball player and humanitarian Robert Clemente, Mother Teresa, Abraham Lincoln and a local firefighter well-known to the students.



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Academy gets Baccalaureate accreditation

JERSEY CITY—Saint Dominic Academy, 2572 Kennedy Blvd., has been accredited as an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. IB, a non-profit educational foundation based in Geneva, Switzerland (Web site: www.ibo.org), is a rigorous program of study.

The academy began offering classes in the IB diploma program in September 2007. The program is a two year-course of study for select juniors and seniors. “The IB program teaches students the skills they need to be successful—not just in college, but throughout their lives,” Cathy Jo Lombardi, the academy’s IB coordinator, said.

The worldwide IB program began in 1968 and is currently used by more than 3,000 schools in 139 countries. IB promotes intercultural understanding and respect as an essential part of life in the 21st century. It offers students a global perspective, which reflects the diversity of the Hudson County academy’s community.

For more information about Saint Dominic Academy’s IB program, contact Lombardi at (201) 434-5938, ext 26, or Barbara Vergel, director of admissions at (201) 434-5938, ext. 31. Sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell, the academy empowers young women for leadership.

Symposium to explore ‘destinations’

SOUTH ORANGE—The G. K. Chesterton Institute for Faith and Culture, in partnership with the Walsh Library at Seton Hall University (SHU), will host an exhibition and symposium based on the writings of G. K. Chesterton on the theme of “Driving with-

out Destination.”

The exhibition, which opened Sept. 7, will be on display through Saturday, Oct. 2. A related symposium will be held at Walsh Gallery Oct. 2, 2 p.m. Speakers will include Father Ian Boyd, C.S.B., president of the G. K. Chesterton

Institute and editor of The Chesterton Review, and Dr. Dermot Quinn, professor of History at Seton Hall University and associate editor of the review.

The exhibit’s theme “Driving without Destination” is based on an article written by Quinn. In ask-

ing the question, “What do we lose?” in the political, media and cultural consolidation of the modern world, Quinn suggests society ultimately is faced with the question, “What do we believe?”

Contact Jeanne Brasile, Walsh Gallery, director, at (973) 275-2033 for more information. The exhibition will be accompanied by a full-color catalogue with an essay by curators Tony Capparelli and Brasile.

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Archdiocese slates COOP exams for Nov. 5

NEWARK — The annual Cooperative Admissions Examination (COOP) for eighth graders planning to attend participating Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Newark or the Diocese of Paterson in September 2011 has been scheduled for Nov. 5.

In the Archdiocese of Newark, only Seton Hall Preparatory School, West Orange, and Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, Summit, are non-participating.

Application forms and handbooks for the test as well as a listing of participating schools and their admission requirements are available online at (www.coopexam.org). For additional information call Master Computer System (MCS), the agency handling the administration of the program (888) 921-2667 or the archdiocesan office of the Superintendent of Schools (973) 497-4260.

According to information on the COOP Web site, the purpose of the examination is to provide objective information about the readiness of eighth grade students to embrace the challenges of rigorous college preparatory studies sponsored by the Catholic high schools. The examination measures both overall student aptitude and aca-

demic achievement in reading, language arts, and mathematics.

The COOP exam serves as one factor for admission. Catholic high schools also review the transcript of marks earned in grades six through eight as well as the standardized test performance profile of each candidate throughout these same grades.

Catholic high schools of the Archdiocese of Newark graduate 99 percent of their students annually, and members of the Class of 2010 earned over \$275 million in merit scholarships, with 97 percent of the 3,565 graduates of the 32 Catholic secondary schools heading to colleges and universities across the country.

The Class of 2010 included 204 Edward J. Bloustein Scholars, four finalists, eight semifinalists and 103 commended students in the National Merit Scholarship Program, six students honored through the National Achievement Program and eight students earning distinction in the National Hispanic Recognition Scholars program.

De La Salle Christian Brother Ralph Darmento, deputy superintendent, said this fall archdiocesan students will be enrolled at top colleges and universities such as Notre Dame, Harvard, George-

town, Yale, Boston College, Penn, Holy Cross, Columbia, Fordham, Princeton, Brown, Saint Peter's, College of New Jersey, Georgian

Court, NJIT, Caldwell College, Rutgers, Seton Hall and Felician.

Following the end of the most recent school year, graduating

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Queen of Peace plans festive celebration to mark 80 years

NORTH ARLINGTON — Queen of Peace High School, 191 Rutherford Pl., will celebrate its 80th anniversary with a series of events beginning Saturday Oct. 30.

The celebration will include a home football game at Rip Collins Field; Mass at 5:30 p.m.; a wine and cheese social; viewing of a 80th anniversary video; a nostalgia tour and live entertainment. Call the school at (201) 998-8227, ext. 28, to make reservations for events.

Other activities to mark the milestone include the annual Sister Ann Jordan Volleython on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. in the Sonny Connors gymnasium at the high school. An 80th anniversary gala reception will take place Dec. 3 at the Forest Hill Field Club, 9 Belleville Ave., Bloomfield.

Additional information about plans for the anniversary celebration is available on the school's Web site (www.qphs.org).



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This photo is a scanned image taken from the yearbook of the Queen of Peace High School's Class of 1989. The Bergen County school is making plans to celebrate its 80-year anniversary.

Parishes to assemble 'Formation'

AREA — Two parishes in Bergen and Hudson counties will start their Faith Formation education programs during the month of September.

Church of the Presentation, 271 West Saddle River Rd., Upper Saddle River, launches its program at all masses the weekend of Sept. 11-12. This year will utilize a new concept in passing on the faith for families with children in grades one through six under the direction of the pastor, Father Robert Stagg.

"Most parishes have not tapped into today's multimedia resources" explained Father Lope

Lesigues, director of Faith Formation. Church of the Presentation plans to do just that by utilizing virtual games, interactive theatrics and e-tools such as Web sites and iPods.

"These contemporary learning tools, like yesterday's stained glass windows and biblical tableaux, can become open doors to sacred experiences. If this is the case, shouldn't the Church make use of digital storytelling, online collaboration and theatrical catecheses to convey the Christian message?" asked Margaret R. Fortier of the Family Faith Formation Office.

Fortier said this year's program has developed a core curriculum centered on the "Fish." The Fish or Ichthys is "the early Christian symbol for Jesus Christ, the Son of God." The Year of the Fish catechesis, she continued, consists of four movements such as Scripture, sacraments, mission and community.

"Each of these in the curriculum enriches and challenges the others in a full circuit of generous exchange. Every time we remember and relive these 'moments,' we allow Christ to come alive in our lives," she said.

Following the kickoff weekend, the parish's first Family Gathering ("Broken Boats") will take place Sept. 16 through 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. For additional information contact the Family Faith Formation Office at (201) 327-1313, ext. 832 or visit the parish Web site (www.familyfaith@churchofpresentation.org).

In Hoboken, nationally known Catholic inspirational comedian, singer, storyteller, teacher and author Doug Brummel will kick-off the Faith Formation program at SS. Peter and Paul Parish, 404 Hudson St., on Sunday, Sept. 19.

Brummel will present his character-changing show "Lighten Up" at 9:15 a.m. for children and their parents followed by Mass at 10:30 a.m. Brummel's second presentation, at 5:45 p.m., is for young adults, college students, Confirmation candidates and their parents. It will be followed by Mass at 7 p.m.

Brummel's characters include such classic TV comedians as Red Skelton and Carol Burnett. "Bring everyone together to celebrate the gifts of our faith and family life. That's what it is all about" Brummel said.

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Seminar in Newark on Sept. 23

Bright idea: archdiocese looks to cut energy costs

BY JAMES GOODNESS
Director of Communications

NEWARK—Over the next two years, some 90 schools, parishes and offices in the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark, including the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart and Archdiocesan Center, are taking stewardship of financial resources into a new dimension with the help of a program that will lower dramatically the average monthly costs for electricity.

Working with an outside consultant and the archdiocesan Finance Office, these operations are on track to reduce annual electric utility charges by between 15 and 20 percent. For each building or operation, the actual savings can be truly significant.

For example, the Cathedral should reduce its costs for elec-

tricity by some \$33,000 over the lifetime of the program, while the Archdiocesan Center should benefit through a savings of more than \$75,000. The total estimated savings for all entities in the electricity program is expected to reach almost \$450,000 over the two-year period.

“Our consultant is helping us to identify alternative sources of electricity,” Joseph Pescatore, archdiocesan fiscal officer, said. “These alternatives, which are giving very competitive rates for the entire period of the program, will help our parishes and schools manage and control utility costs more effectively.”

The consultant, National Energy Network, Warren, is working with several providers—First Energy and South Jersey Energy in New Jersey and Con Ed of New York (for some Bergen

County parishes currently being serviced by Rockland Electric)—to review each parish or school’s individual billing history with its current utility and create a program that will provide a lower-cost source to the operation.

There will be a seminar at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., on Thursday, Sept. 23 for parishes and schools wishing to learn more about how to better control energy costs and take advantage of the available programs, and to join either the electric or gas programs. Representatives from National Energy Network and archdiocesan staff members will present information and an overview of the current heating oil market. Call Nancy Lystash at (973) 497-4074 for details.

“This program is a great partner with the natural gas program that we have already instituted in



Central or another utility. The only changes they will experience will be the source for the power and the savings. Through the electric and natural gas programs, the archdiocese has been able to generate \$650,000 in savings to parishes and schools who have taken advantage of the service.

“Our hope in the coming months is to build upon the success of this new program for electricity and get as many of our parishes and schools enrolled to cut their costs and be more efficient in meeting their financial goals, and make the most use of the contributions and tuition dollars that they receive,” he said. “When that happens, that’s good stewardship.”

the archdiocese in recent years to deliver lower-cost, high-quality energy services,” Pescatore said. “With the natural gas and electricity programs, the parishes and schools will continue to rely upon the utility that normally covers the geographic area they are in, whether it’s PSE&G, Jersey

Expo offers insights on high schools

NEWARK—The Catholic secondary schools of the Archdiocese of Newark will sponsor the annual Catholic high school information night program (“High School Expo 2010”) at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., Wednesday, Sept. 22, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The informal event is conducted college-fair style. Contact Laura Cristiano, director of marketing and public relations for the archdiocesan Schools Office, by phone at (973) 497-4258 or via e-mail (cristila@rcan.org) for more information.

The expo provides insights into archdiocesan Catholic high schools. School representatives and current students will be on hand to meet with prospective students and their parents. Cristiano said information offered at the expo is designed to help parents and students make informed decisions on selecting a high school. School representatives provide a rundown of school requirements, curriculum, athletic and activities programs and guidance services.

For the Class of 2010, 97 percent of the 3,565 graduates of the 32 archdiocesan Catholic secondary schools are going to college and earned more than \$275 million in scholarships, according to the archdiocesan schools office.



Archbishop John J. Myers is surrounded by smiling Catholic high school scholars, members of the Class of 2010, who were honored at the Archdiocesan Center in July.

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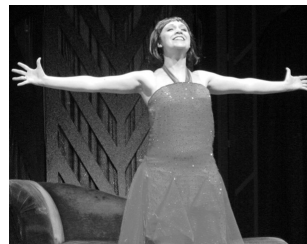
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SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS' DINNER—Rev. Msgr. Kevin M. Hanbury, Ed.D., left, archdiocesan vicar for education, is pictured at the 56th annual Essex-West Hudson Federation of Holy Name Societies' spiritual directors' dinner, along with Rev. Msgr. John J. LaFerrera, federation spiritual director and Norman S. Karpf, federation president. The dinner followed Mass at Saint Valentine Parish, Bloomfield, where Msgr. Hanbury served as the homilist.

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Bishop Flesey presiding at Mass to open SMA's African festival

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

TENAFLY—The American Provincialate Society of African Missions (SMA Fathers) will host its eighth annual African festival on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the organization's headquarters located at 23 Bliss Ave. (a half mile north of Englewood Hospital, off Engle Street).

The festival begins with an 11 a.m. African-style Mass in the SMA chapel. Most Rev. John W. Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, will preside. Father Dermot Roache, an African missionary, will serve as the homilist. A Brooklyn native, Fr. Roache was ordained a priest for the SMA American province on Dec. 29, 2007.

Guests of honor at the festival will include Zachary Muburi-Muita, Kenya's ambassador to the United Nations, and Peter Rustin, the mayor of Tenafly.

The festival concludes at 5 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. The family-friendly event will include



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The SMA's African Art Museum, which exhibits statues, paintings, crafts and textiles, will be open to the public during the Sept. 11 festival.

traditional African food, music and dancing. Call (201) 567-0450 for details or visit the group's Web site (www.smafathers.org).

The SMA is an international community of Catholic missionaries serving the people of Africa. Father Michael Moran is the SMA provincial superior, while Deacon

Keith McKnight is the vocations director. The initials "SMA" stand for the Latin phrase *Societas Missionum ad Afros* (Society of African Missions). The group is composed of priests, deacons, seminarians, teachers, carpenters, healthcare professionals and musicians.

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on any other day. For example, on that Tuesday morning, Fr. Iwanowski was taking his car to a nearby service station for routine maintenance. As he was driving to his appointment, he saw mobs of people running along Montgomery Street, heading towards the river. He looked in his rear-view mirror and could see the World Trade Center and the hideous dark smoke.

The first plane, American Airlines Flight 11, struck the North Tower at 8:45 a.m. United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower at 9:03 a.m.

“I knew something horrible had happened,” Fr. Iwanowski recalled. “As I listened to the radio and heard that a second plane hit the South Tower, everyone realized this was no accident. I turned my car around. I knew I had to get back to the parish.”

Once he returned to Our Lady of Czestochowa, located at 120 Sussex St., the first thing he did was open the church doors. He



then went to the parish school to meet with teachers. Fear already had gripped the young students. The decision was made to lock down the school, and Fr. Iwanowski visited each classroom.

He then climbed to the roof of the school and could see flames and smoke pouring out of the Twin Towers. He returned to the school’s main office and was trying to make phone calls, when news of the unthinkable was flashed—the South Tower had crumbled. The time was 10:05 a.m.

“I remember shouting out in an angry voice: ‘No! What do you mean? That’s not possible!’”

Twenty-three minutes later, after the North Tower had imploded, he realized the church would have to serve as a place of refuge for those in the neighborhood as well as anyone who was being shuttled across the river. He sent the parish staff to buy food. After celebrating noon Mass, he ran to the waterfront to observe the dreadful sights.

“As the afternoon progressed, people came to seek consolation in church and comfort in the rest area we had so quickly set up,” Fr. Iwanowski wrote in a remembrance article. “We had workers from Manhattan. We had residents from Battery Park City. We had folks from a hotel in Manhattan who arrived in their sleep wear. We had 22 students from the High School of Economics and Finance (located at 100 Trinity Pl., adjacent to the World Trade Center). The students literally had no idea where they were. They ran for their lives and headed for the river.”

By 9:30 p.m., Fr. Iwanowski was sitting in his quarters—alone, physically exhausted and emotionally drained.



Photos on this page include (clockwise, from top-right corner): the stainless steel and glass doors of the Paulus Hook commuter ferry terminal; the cross that sits atop Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish; a panoramic view of the Manhattan skyline from the corner of Sussex and Greene streets; Father Tom Iwanowski.

“The spirit of God was working in me and the parish staff members that day,” he said. “God used us to be the light in the darkness. We simply reacted to the situation. Somehow we knew what we had to do. It was instinctive. How could anyone be prepared for such an event? The only thing you can do is be open to God. There’s a sense of prayerfulness; you allow the Holy Spirit to guide you so that you can do something to answer the prayers of others.”

The next day, Wednesday, Sept. 12, the parish celebrated Mass at noon and again on Thursday. On Friday, which was designated a National Day of Prayer, the parish was open all day and night as a sanctuary.

“We organized a brigade of volunteers to make lunches for the rescue workers (in lower Manhattan),” Fr. Iwanowski

wrote. “We used our church hall to make a thousand bagged lunches each day. We carried them to the riverfront. The ferries that had been used to evacuate people now were being used to bring food and supplies to Ground Zero.”

In the traumatic weeks that followed, when victims were identified and the massive cleanup effort began, Fr. Iwanowski was invited to take part in numerous memorial services throughout the area. Today, nine years later, he is still coming to terms with 9/11.

“In this world, there are ripples of evil—like the circle of small waves that form when you throw a rock into a lake,” he said. “But there are also ripples of hope and goodness. Good Friday is not the end. We have hope, we have strength, we have one another and we have God. We can still sing out, ‘Christ, Be Our Light.’”



Religious Teachers Filippini prepare to celebrate 100 years

NEWARK—A celebration of a century of service in the United States by the Religious Teachers Filippini of Saint Lucy, Morristown, officially starts on Saturday, Sept. 11 with an 11 a.m. commemorative Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

In preparation for the Order's centennial, a convocation attended by 224 Filippini, almost all of the nuns of the province, met June 30-July 2 at the Villa Walsh provincial motherhouse. "The convocation spiritually prepared us for the Filippinis' centennial celebration" explained Sister Ascenza Tizzano, M.P.F., former provincial superior and centennial chairperson. "God who is faithful, called us and continues to call us to share in the life of His Son. We gratefully accept this gift and devote all of our energies toward its fulfillment in us through the gifts of the Holy

Spirit," commented Sister Betty Jean Takacs, M.P.F., provincial superior. Celebrating Mass at the convocation, Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli, Bishop of the Paterson Diocese, told the sisters "I am grateful to God for you."

The convocation was followed by a week long meeting later in July of major and regional superiors from around the world also at Villa Walsh. The gathering usually takes place every three years in Rome but was switched to Morristown to help mark the centennial.

To commemorate the centennial, the Order has published two books "The Religious Teachers Filippini in America" Centennial 1910-2-10 by Sister Margherita Marchione," and "Overflowing with Thankfulness: Province of Saint Lucy Filippini 1910-2010" by Mary Cabrini Durkin. The sisters created a centennial logo and

students at Villa Walsh Academy recorded a CD under the direction of Sister Patricia Pompa, M.P.F. the principal, and Dr. Michele Yampolsky.

Filippini Sisters teach in schools throughout the Garden State schools as well as in Connecticut, Florida, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Mexico and Rhode Island.

Bishop Thomas Walsh, who became Archbishop of the Newark Archdiocese in 1928, was a driving force behind the local Province of Saint Lucy working in conjunction with Mother Ninetta Ionata, M.P.F. who became superior in 1916. Villa Walsh is named in honor of Bishop Walsh. Villa Walsh College in Morristown, opened in 1957, closed in the early 1970s and became Villa Walsh Academy for grades 7-12.

Following World War II the Filippinis established missions in



Rooted in Christ, strengthened in faith; overflowing with thankfulness. Col 2:7

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The Religious Teachers Filippini of the Province of Saint Lucy, Morristown, will commemorate their 100th anniversary as a U.S. religious order with a Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Saturday, Sept. 11, 11 a.m. The centennial logo, which reflects the Sister's charism as Catholic educators, reads: "Rooted in Christ, Strengthened in Faith, Overflowing with Thankfulness; Col. 2:7." Filippini Sister Ascenza Tizzano, M.P.F., former provincial superior and centennial chairperson, said the milestone gives the Sisters an opportunity to appreciate "how God has journeyed with us and to express our gratitude for 100 years of blessings."

England, Ireland, Switzerland and Brazil. By the 50th anniversary of the Order's arrival in the U.S. there were 500 sisters, 70 schools and 18 catechetical centers teaching 50,000 children. In 1966 the Holy See split the American provinces into three entities.

Over the years, the Filippinis were forced to withdraw from many parish schools due to a decline in vocations but they also expanded in other areas. The Associates of Saint Lucy Filippini, an apostolate for lay women, was established in 1984 the same year

the Order opened a retreat house, Saint Joseph by the Sea, in South Mantaloking. Missions were also started in Ethiopia, Eritrea and India.

In 1992 a 16-classroom addition was built at Villa Walsh Academy. Saint Joseph Hall, a home healthcare center for inform and aged sisters on the Villa Walsh campus, was completed five years ago. Last year, the Province of Our Lady Queen of Apostles joined with the Province of Saint Lucy Filippini to form a new province.



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Bishops celebrate marriage and ask faithful to reflect

WASHINGTON—The Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) said the theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday celebration on Sept. 19 will be "Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love."

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated annually on the third Sunday in September in parishes across the United States. Most Rev. Richard J. Malone, Th.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Portland, ME, is the chairman of the USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis.

In a letter posted on the USCCB Web site (www.nccbuscc.org) to mark the celebration, Bishop Malone wrote that the theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday was chosen to coincide with a variety of new priority initiatives from the USCCB, including the release of a pastoral letter on marriage as well as other initiatives intended to strengthen marriage.

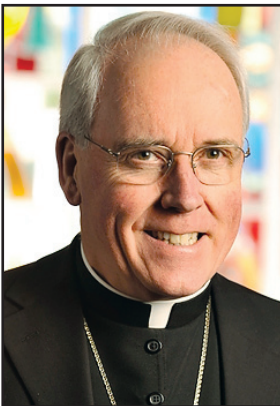
"The Church is committed to providing life-giving instruction and pastoral care for the vast majority of the Christian faithful called to the vocation of marriage," Bishop Malone stated in his letter. "This year's Catechetical Sunday materials focus on various aspects of the theme and are designed to provide resources for engaged and married couples,

pastors, families and parishioners at large, catechists and other teachers, parish catechetical leaders and those involved in the Church's ministry to engaged and married couples."

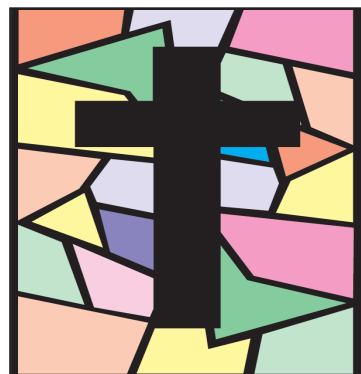
In a parallel effort, "Marriage: Unique for a Reason" is an initiative of the USCCB's ad hoc Committee for the Defense of Marriage. It is one part of the bishops' overall priority on strengthening marriage and complements the many resources already available through the bishops' National Pastoral Initiative on Marriage.

The USCCB initiative provides resources to assist with the catechesis and education of Catholics on why marriage is unique and why it should be promoted and protected as the union of one man and one woman. The USCCB stressed the vital role of catechists in the marriage initiative to utilize the teaching tools. While the materials are primarily intended for a Catholic audience, the bishops said it is hoped they can be of assistance to all those who seek to understand the truth and beauty of marriage.

Last year the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey called on Catholics to observe Nov. 29 as a day of prayer for the vocation and sacrament of marriage (see *The Catholic*



Bishop Richard Malone



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*on
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MATRIMONY SACRAMENT OF ENDURING LOVE



Catechetical Sunday
September 19, 2010

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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Advocate, Nov. 25.) "Marriage is a natural institution," the bishops declared in a statement. "The Catholic Church celebrates the covenant of marriage as a sacrament. As teachers, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey point to both the Old Testament and the New Testament, where the definition of marriage as a union between one man and one woman is clear."

Apart from the specific initiatives on marriage, Catechetical Sunday is an annual opportunity for the faithful to reflect upon the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel, according to the USCCB. The celebration each year enables Catholics to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

The USCCB explained that the ministry of the Word is a fundamental element of evangelization through all its stages because it involves the proclamation of Jesus

Christ, the eternal Word of God. This ministry nourishes both evangelizers and those who are being evangelized so that each one may continue to grow in his or her Christian life.

Bishop Malone was installed as the 11th bishop of the Diocese of Portland in 2004 after serving as an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Boston, South Region, following his Episcopal ordination in 2000. Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety, prior to coming to the Archdiocese of Newark in June 1974, served as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Portland.

In addition to his work as the chairman of the USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, Bishop Malone serves on other USCCB committees as well as sitting on the board of two seminaries. He was elected to the Board of Catholic Relief Services in 2010 and serves on the U.S. Operations Committee.



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Mrs. Sharon Huebner

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Convocation Nov. 13 at Paramus Catholic

Offering food for thought on how to share the Word

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

The annual archdiocesan Catechetical Convocation will be held Saturday, Nov. 13, at Paramus Catholic Regional High School, 425 Paramus Rd. Organized and hosted by the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, the conference is

geared to support the education and outreach needs of parish catechetical leaders, catechists, Catholic school teachers, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) catechumenate teams, eucharistic ministers, parish sacramental teams, youth ministers, social justice teams, adult spirituality teams, liturgists, priests and deacons and adult faith formation teams.

Ronald Pihokker is the director of the archdiocesan Catechetical Office. Pihokker has worked as a teacher and a parish director of religious education (DRE) in the Archdiocese of Newark and Diocese of Paterson. He has served as chairman of the religious education division of the Chief Administrators of Catholic Education of the National Catholic Educational Association, which is based in Arlington, VA. He is a member of the archdiocesan Liturgical Commission and Evangelization Commission.

It's the catechetical task of the Church to take the Word received and make it understandable and relevant to our world by applying it faithfully to the situations of daily life, according to Pihokker. He said it's the aim of the catechist and the parish catechetical leader to assist the pastor in each parish to carry out this mission.

The deadline for registration is Nov. 9. Registration will not be accepted at the door on the day of the convocation. The 2009 convocation drew more than 700 attendees and early registration is recommended. Contact Elizabeth Foer, associate director of the Catechetical Office by phone at (973) 497-4297 or via e-mail (foereliz@rcan.org) for registration information.



Father Timothy Graff

For those registering on or before Oct. 27, the fee for one to five people is \$35 per person and \$25 for each additional person. For those who register after Oct. 27, the fee for one to five people is \$40 per person and \$30 for each additional person.

Checks should be made payable to "Catechetical Office" and mailed with registration forms to: Catechist Convocation, Archdiocese of Newark/Catechetical Office, PO Box 9500, Newark, NJ 07104. Registration forms can be obtained at parishes or online at the Web

site of the Catechetical Office (go to www.rcan.org; click on "Ministries/Offices" tab and scroll down to "Catechetical Office" hot link).

The forum will be offered in English and Spanish language tracks. Father Juan Luis Calderon, parochial vicar at Saint Joseph of the Palisades, West New York, will serve as the keynote speaker for the Spanish track. Fr. Calderon is the director of *NJ Católico*, the Spanish-language newspaper of the Archdiocese of Newark.

The Nov. 13 conference will open with registration and hospi-

Marie Pope

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to Theresa Wilinski
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OUR CATECHISTS!**
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Sister Georgette & all of
our Catechists.
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to

Eileen Morgan



MRS. PATRICIA PULA, DRE

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by leading our children



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and prayerful
best wishes to
Marylou Podolski (Eng.)

&

Cristina Pardo (Sp.)

for your years of
service & dedication.



*Blessed Sacrament
Elizabeth*

tality at 8:15 a.m. An opening prayer and welcome address for attendees is slated for 8:45 a.m. in the school's auditorium, with workshops to follow. Workshops feature a diverse slate of topics and speakers. Two speakers appearing at the convocation have global credentials. Father Herve Yepie Abou is a Congolese member of the Society of African Missions (SMA). He resides at the SMA provincial house in Tenaflly. John Burland is the project officer of liturgy and music for the Education Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia. Burland is a composer and has written over 150 songs and published 12 collections of religious music.

Convocation workshops also will feature representatives from the Archdiocese of Newark. Father Timothy Graff will offer a presentation on Catholic Social Teaching. Fr. Graff recently was tapped as the new director of the office of Human Concerns for the Archdiocese of Newark and serves as the pastoral moderator of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, based in Kearny.

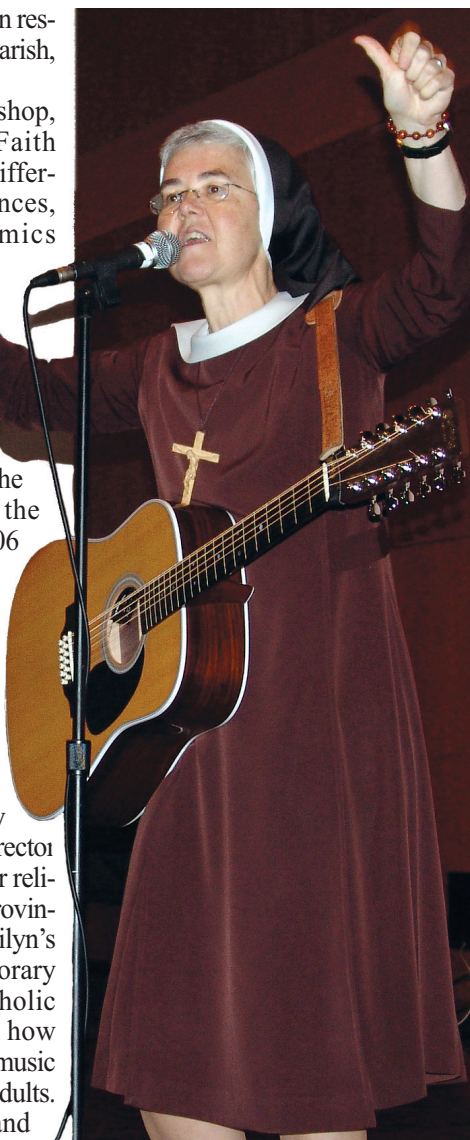
Fr. Graff grew up in Westfield and was ordained for the Archdiocese of Newark in 1985. He was assigned as the pastor of Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Lodi, in 2001. Two years ago Archbishop John J. Myers released him to serve with the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in Cochabamba, Bolivia. While there he worked in pastoral ministry and community organizing. He returned to the

archdiocese in July and is in residence at Holy Cross Parish, Harrison.

Gladys Pozza's workshop, "Leading Adults in Faith Sharing," will discuss different faith experiences, group dynamics and to encourage faith sharing. She has served as a parish catechetical leader throughout the Archdiocese of Newark over the last 10 years. Pozza is the recipient of the 2005-06 Religious Educational Excellence Award and 2003 Golden Jubilee Award.

Sister Marilyn Minter, C.S.S.F. serves the associate director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, located at the Kearny retreat center, and is the director of music and liturgy for her religious community at the provincial house in Lodi. Sr. Marilyn's topic, "Using Contemporary Christian Music in Catholic Worship," will explore how contemporary Christian music liturgy can engage young adults.

A skilled guitarist and singer, Sr. Marilyn often is



Sister Marilyn Minter

invited to lead musical praise and worship at events throughout the archdiocese and performs with a contemporary Christian Rock Band known as "Notes of Redemption." She also conducts parish missions and retreats for teenagers and young adults and is a certified spiritual director.


Liliana Soto-Cabrera will discuss "Great Adventure Bible Studies," a Catholic learning system that teaches the biblical narratives. Soto-Cabrera works as the archdiocesan coordinator for evangelization, a position she has held since January 2005. She is a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH, a member of the Women's Commission, the Liturgical Commission, the Hispanic Forum and the Stewardship Committee of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Father Thomas A. Dente, the director of the Office of Divine


Worship, will discuss "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the New Sacramentary, But Were Afraid to Ask," a presentation on the new translation of the Roman Missal. Fr. Dente holds a M. Div. degree from Seton Hall University, South Orange, and a master's degree in Theology (Liturgical Studies) from Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN.

Anne Masters, the director of the archdiocesan department of Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, will share thoughts on "Encountering Christ in All Learners—An Introduction to Special Needs in Catechesis." Citing Gospel passages, Masters said Jesus challenges us to recognize him in all people that we meet. The workshop will provide a perspective on the spiritual gifts and needs of members of the faith

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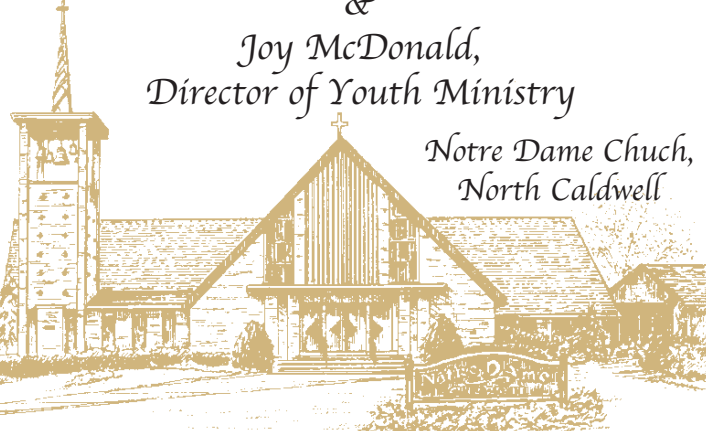


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USCCB online materials provide ways to illustrate 'Enduring Love' theme

WASHINGTON—Materials for Catechetical Sunday (Sept. 19), which highlight the theme "Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love," as designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), are available online for pastors, catechists and teachers at www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday.

Among the online materials, parishes participating in Catechetical Sunday can find prayer resources, art and graphics, catechist commissioning materials, plans for a catechist in-service, and an array of materials for teachers, pastors, catechists and others working with couples preparing for marriage.

Also included in the online offering is a plan for a family and intergenerational retreat on Christian marriage, articles on Church teaching on various aspects of marriage, and resources for adult faith formation. Materials are provided in English and Spanish.

This year's theme for Catechetical Sunday has been chosen to coincide with a variety of new Priority Initiatives from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, including the release of a pastoral letter on marriage and the "For Your Marriage" Web site (www.foryourmarriage.org), as well as other Conference initiatives intended to strengthen marriage.

All materials are available online for free access and download. The USCCB will also provide, for sale, printed copies of prayer cards, family commitment cards, posters, and certificates in English and Spanish. These can be ordered online (<http://www.usccbpublishing.org/client/catsunquickform.cfm>).



Liliana Soto-Cabrera

Convocation

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community with learning and developmental disabilities.

Masters is a board member of the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Ministries and a member of the Autism and Faith Task Force. Earlier this year she organized a forum at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside ("Charism of Hospitality"), which focused on the importance of welcoming persons and families living with developmental disorders (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 28).

Richard Donovan, the associate director of special events and athletics for the Youth and Young Adult Ministry office, will offer thoughts on "Legal Issues in the Youth Ministry." Donovan has 20 years of experience working with teens and young adults.

Other workshop will include Anthony Armando, the coordinator of religious education and youth ministry for Saint Joseph Parish, Oradell; Alex Basile, an author and the chairman of the Religion Department at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale, NY.; and Sister Joan Curtin, C.N.D., the director of the Catechetical Office for the Archdiocese of New York.

The convocation will feature seven workshop tracks geared for a specific audience but open to all attendees. For example, "Music for Celebrating the Sacraments" will demonstrate how song and movement can be incorporated into religious education to enhance the

Deacon Asterio Velasco

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for sharing the faith with our
religious education students.

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Thank you and may God continue to
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and all the Catechists our deepest
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And his wonderful
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On this
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Mr. Brian T. Lynch



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Mr. James M. Greene,
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We welcome

Sr. Catherine Schimizzi,
M.P.F. our new Religious
Educ. Music Minister
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Fr. Joseph Ferraro, Pastor





Gladys Pozza

knowledge, understanding and celebration of the sacraments. “Confirmation is Not Graduation: Getting Them to Stay” will provide ideas on how to keep teens active in the parish community, with suggestions on ways to inspire teenagers to consider leadership roles. “More Than Meets the Eye: The Spirit in African Art,” sponsored by the African Art Museum of the SMA Fathers, will examine the spiritual symbolism of African masks, figure sculptures, terra cottas and textiles Artwork from Mali, Liberia, Burkina Faso, Nigeria and Cameroon will be presented by Fr. Yepie Abou and Robert J. Koenig, the director of the SMA African Art Museum, Tenafly.

Prayers and Blessings for
Rev. Joseph Cho
Rev. James Cho
Sr. M. Mose Lee
Sr. M. Scholastica Kim
Mr. Kenny Lee
Ms. Yaeni Kim
As we celebrate
Catechetical Sunday

ST. ANDREW KIM
Maplewood

Definitions of catechetical terms

- **Catechesis:** Derived from the Greek word “katechein,” which means “to teach.” It is the process of teaching the Catholic faith; to “catechize.”
 - **Catechetics:** The field of religious education in which the Catholic Church’s doctrinal and moral principles of faith are taught.
 - **Catechism:** A book that systematically explains faith teachings. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops recently published a new catechism book for adults, updating the “Baltimore Catechism,” which was first published in 1885.
 - **Catechist:** A teacher of catechetics, also known as a religious educator or CCD teacher.
 - **Catechumen:** An unbaptized person being formed in Christian faith and preparation for life in the Catholic Church. However, an already baptized person preparing for entry into full communion with the Church is known as a “candidate.”
 - **Catechumenate:** The period and process of formation, preparation and education for a catechumen, which involves the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (see below).
 - **Cathedral:** From the Greek word “kathedra,” which means “chair or throne.” The officially recognized church in a given diocese or area where the bishop “sits” or presides, symbolizing the governing authority of that bishop. In the Archdiocese of Newark, this “seat of authority” is the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, located at 89 Ridge St.
 - **CCD:** Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. The abbreviation typically is used to refer to Catholic, parish-based religious education.
 - **DRE:** Director of Religious Education
 - **“Lectio Divina”:** Latin phrase translated as “divine reading,” a four-step method for praying with the Scriptures.
 - **PCL:** Parish Catechetical Leader
 - **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** Also known by its acronym “RCIA.” This is the process of education for catechumens and candidates, which involves faith-based information on the history, norms and rituals of the Church.
- (Source: Saint Mary’s Press Glossary of Theological Terms, by John T. Ford, C.S.C.; and The Catholic News Service Stylebook on Religion.)

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Congratulates
Josephine Sarno
and all Catechists
for their hard work,
dedication and service

The Parish Family of
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Immaculate
Conception,
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salutes the good work
of Ms. Mary Clinton
and all our
Religious Education
Volunteers on this
Catechetical Sunday.

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St. Mary, Star of the
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wishes to recognize
the dedication and
spirituality of
Philomena Coco.

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Jersey City

would like to express to
Ms. Valerie Mosley
and to all of our Catechists
our prayers and
deepest appreciation
for all that they do
to teach the Catholic faith
to our children

'Four pillars' offer foundation to teach doctrines of Church

(Editor's note: The following article is a condensed, edited version of "Questions and Answers on the Catechism of the Catholic Church," found on the Web site of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, under the section "Evangelization and Catechesis.")

A catechism is a text that contains the fundamental Christian truths formulated in a way that facilitates their understanding. "The Catechism of the Catholic Church" is a major catechism and a universal catechism—intended to be a resource or point of reference for the development of national or local catechisms and catechetical materials throughout the world.

It conveys the essential and fundamental content of Catholic faith and morals in a complete and summary way. It's a positive, objective and declarative exposition of Catholic doctrine,

intended to assist those who have the duty to catechize, namely promoters and teachers of catechesis.

Frequent references to Sacred Scripture, the writings of the Fathers, the lives and writings of the saints, papal documents and liturgical texts help to enrich the Catechism in a way that is both inviting and challenging.

The Catechism is divided into four major parts—the "four pillars" on which the Catechism is built. In his Apostolic Constitution promulgating the Catechism, Pope John Paul II called them the "four movements of a great symphony." They are: the Creed (what the Church believes); the Sacraments (what the Church celebrates); the Commandments (what the Church lives); and the Our Father (what the Church prays).

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on Catechetical Sunday

God Bless You
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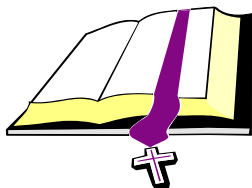
SEMINAR FOR CATECHISTS—

The Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark held a three-day orientation seminar at the Archdiocesan Center, Aug. 24-26, for archdiocesan catechists and directors of religious education (bottom photo). Ronald Pihokker, the director of the archdiocesan Catechetical Office (top photo, center, front row), was one of the speakers at the forum. During his remarks, Pihokker noted that catechesis—teaching the Catholic faith—represents a "unique moment" in the evangelization process. Topics of discussion at the orientation seminar included "The Six Tasks of Catechesis," "Outreach to the Hispanic Community," "The Importance of the Job Description," and "Mentoring Programs." Members of the archdiocesan Catechetical Office include (top photo, first row, left to right) Rocio Pozza, administrative assistant, Pihokker, and associate directors Elizabeth Foer, (back row) Joseph Silvoy, Dr. Eugene Tozzi and Jose Planas. This fall the Catechetical Office will welcome a new member to its team: Sister Rita Marie Fritzen, O.S.F., who currently serves in the Schools Office of the Diocese of Paterson. In addition to her role as an associate director, Sr. Rita will work as a liaison to archdiocesan Catholic schools.



Advocate photos—M. Gabriele

May God Bless
Anita
Hernandez, M.A.
on her hard work
and dedication



Holy Spirit & Our Lady
Help of Christians
East Orange

The Parish
family of
St. Catherine
of Siena
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Extends an
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Thank You
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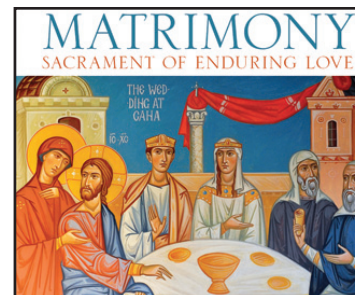


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and our Catechists
for their ongoing
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Beloved pastor, Msgr. Louis Fimiani, succumbs at 75

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK—Rev. Msgr. Louis F. Fimiani, who earlier this year celebrated his 50-year anniversary in the priesthood, was born into Eternal Life on Sept. 3.

A funeral Mass for Msgr. Fimiani will be celebrated at Saint Michael Parish, 40 Alden St., Cranford, Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 7:30 p.m. Interment will be Thursday, Sept. 9, at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 23 Cottage Pl., Bloomfield. He succumbed at the Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, Scotch Plains. He was 75.

Born in Newark Oct. 12, 1934, Msgr. Fimiani grew up in Bloomfield and attended Seton Hall University, South Orange, and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington. He was ordained on May 28, 1960. He also earned a Master of Divinity degree from Immaculate Conception. In 1983, His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, named him a Prelate of Honor, with the title Monsignor.

Among his many assignments,

Msgr. Fimiani was the vicar for pastoral life, a member of the priest personnel policy board, presbyteral council and a member of the parish review committee for the Archdiocese of Newark. He served as a pastor at Holy Family Parish, Nutley; Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland; and Saint Bernard Parish, Plainfield. He also was a parochial vicar at Saint Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, and Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange.

Msgr. Fimiani had a special bond with Father John P. McGovern, the pastor of Saint Michael Parish, Cranford. The two priests served together for 10 years at Saint Teresa of Avila.

"I first met him in 1959 when I entered the seminary," Fr. McGovern recalled. "At the time he was a deacon. We were the best of friends, but we were truly opposites—he was the serious one. He was very dedicated to his God, his Savior, his priesthood and the people he served in the archdiocese."

Father James B. Sullivan, in residence at Our Lady of the

Blessed Sacrament, also met Msgr. Fimiani in the late 1950s, when both men attended Immaculate Conception Seminary.

"Parishioners where he had served as a pastor always stayed in touch with Msgr. Fimiani," Fr. Sullivan said. "He was a good priest. He just had a way about him that was very warm. It showed in his relationship with people."

Msgr. Fimiani formed a special bond with the faith community of Nutley, where he served for 11 years. "When I came to Holy Family in September 1988, he was my first boss and he was wonder-

ful," Lynn Falduto, Holy Family parish secretary, said. "Everybody loved him. He was such a kind, gentle and fair man. He always worked so hard to try and please everyone."

Falduto recalled how Msgr. Fimiani was close to his mother, Frances and his brother, Vincent. "Msgr. Fimiani adored his mother and he often brought her to rectory for lunch," she said. "His mother was such a sweet woman. Once, when she was here at the rectory, she told me that when Msgr. Fimiani was growing up, she always knew he was going to be a priest."



Msgr. Louis Fimiani

Parishes plan festivals

AREA—The 13th annual international festival of **Holy Family Parish**, 530 35th St., Union City, will be held Sunday, Sept. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Central Avenue, between 32nd and 35th streets. Call (201) 867-6535.

The 37th annual **Saint Francis of Assisi Parish** feast will be held Sept. 24-25. The parish is located at 114 Mount Vernon St., Ridgfield Park. Call (201) 641-6464

Saint Joseph Parish, 511 Pavonia Ave., Jersey City, will mark its 154th anniversary with a festival from Wednesday, Sept. 14 through Sunday, Sept. 19 at the "Hilltop" section of Baldwin and Magnolia avenues of Journal Square. Call (201) 653-0392.

Saint Philomena Parish, 386 South Livingston Ave., Livingston, will hold its carnival Sept. 15-19. Call (973) 992-0994.

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Buy-back program hits target, yields 708 weapons

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

HACKENSACK—Over 700 firearms were anonymously surrendered the weekend of Aug. 28-29 in the first-ever gun buy-back program sponsored by the Bergen County Sheriff's Office.

In total the two-day safety initiative netted 708 eligible firearms including two assault weapons as

well as a variety of hand guns, rifles and shot guns. Also turned in were boxes of ammunition, firecrackers, high-powered air pistols, several defaced weapons and a crossbow. Firearms experts were at each drop-off site to ensure safety.

Using money seized from drug dealers, a total of \$47,550 was paid out to those who gave up their firearms. Complimentary trigger locks and gun safety information

was provided to each person with a registered firearm.

The program was spelled out in the Aug. 25 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*. Five of the six designated drop-off sites were at archdiocesan parishes: Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield; Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield; Saint Andrew Parish, Westwood; Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Leonia; and Saint Michael Parish, Lyndhurst. The sixth site was Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Englewood.

The logic behind selecting parishes as drop-off sites, according to Jennifer Monaghan, director of public relations for the Sheriff's Office, was to provide well-known, centralized locations in the Bergen County communities for the delivery of weapons. Monaghan praised the archdiocesan parishes' decision to participate in the effort.

"We are grateful this program was such a tremendous success," Sheriff Leo P. McGuire said. "As a father and Bergen County resi-



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dent, it gives me peace of mind to know we have done all we can to ensure the safety of our communities. (My office) will continue to use all the resources it has at its disposal, including partnerships with local clergy, to make Bergen County a safe place to live."

Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz, pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, called the number of firearms turned in "remarkable." He saw the gun buy-back effort as providing viable options for people who found themselves in a "variety of situations" with firearms.

Father Peter J. Palmisano, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, said he was happy to have been asked for his parish to participate at the request of Archbishop John J. Myers and called the buy-back program "a great beginning" to help alleviate the threat of firearms.

Nuns hosting pilgrimage in October

SUMMIT—Rosary pilgrimage devotions will be held Sunday, Oct. 3, 3 p.m., at the Rosary Shrine, Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, 543 Springfield Ave.

Ceremonies will open with an outdoor procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, led by the NJ Knights of Columbus.

Rev. Brother Ezra Sullivan, O.P., will serve as the guest speaker for the event. Brother Ezra is a member of the Dominican Province of Saint Joseph and was ordained a deacon in January 2010.

The rosary pilgrimage is hosted by the Dominican Nuns, a cloistered community of prayer founded Oct. 2, 1919 from the Monastery of the Perpetual Rosary, Union City. Contact the nuns by phone at (908) 273-1228 or e-mail (nunsopsummit@op.org) for more information on the pilgrimage.



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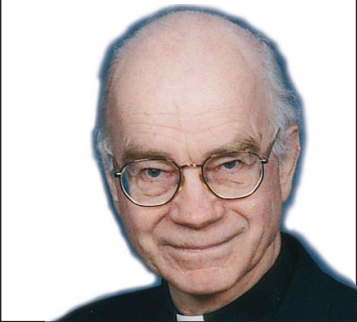
Readings: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 51; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32.

As we move from summer leisure to the renewed demands of school and parish activities, the Church provides an occasion for reflecting on our spiritual education and growth. “As educators in the faith, priests must see to it, either by themselves or through others, that the faithful are led individually in the Holy Spirit to a development of their own vocation as required by the Gospel, to a sincere and active charity and to that freedom whereby Christ has made us free. Ceremonies however beautiful, or associations however flourishing, will be of little value if they are not directed toward educating people in the attainment of Christian maturity” (Vatican Council II, Decree on the Ministry of Priests No. 6).

The liturgical worship and the various ministries exercised in a parish are indeed the exercise of that service of God and neighbor demanded by the creator and the Gospel. But do they also lead to spiritual growth? There is no measuring of success by human standards and this may bring the active person to an experience of frustration. We all like to see results for our labors and, at least once in a while, to receive some recognition for our efforts.

Purifying our motives is a lifelong task. Just as it is discouraging for parents and teachers when children make serious errors of judgment, so is it disappointing

SUNDAY READINGS
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Sept. 12, 2010)



By Rev. Lawrence Frizzell

when many parishioners do not seem to follow aspects of the Church’s proclamation of the Gospel message. Some religious leaders might be tempted to move to a community that would probably be more receptive.

However, Moses, Jeremiah and other prophets learned that the spiritual shepherd must be both faithful to God and patiently loyal to a wayward flock. The Book of Exodus recounts the foundation of Israel’s life in the Covenant as a marvelous experience of God’s presence (Ex 19:3-25). Then they received the commandments that emphasized exclusive fidelity to this God. But when Moses seemed to delay in returning from the mountain top, the people persuaded Aaron to construct an image for them to worship. Woe to the shepherd who listens to the whims and fancies of his flock.

Woe to the shepherd who listens to the whims and fancies of his flock. The Church today pleads for her wayward members to be in union with Christ, the Good Shepherd.

The selection proclaimed in the Sunday liturgy shows that God put Moses to a test. “Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved” (Ex 32:8). God seemed to dissociate Himself from the people, even threatening to destroy them. “Then I will make of you a great nation!” (32:10). How tempting it is for pastors, parents and teachers to opt for a fresh start.

Moses, however, was quite mature and he knew that he was but God’s servant in leading the people out of Egyptian slavery. “Why, O Lord, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt?” (32:11). Thus did Moses withstand God in the breach (Ps 106:23) because the pastor is not only leader and teacher but also intercessor for his

flock. The Church today pleads for her wayward members to be in union with Christ, the Good Shepherd.

The Master reached out especially to those labeled as sinners, and indeed some of them were like the prodigal of His parable. To what ends He would go to bring the weak, the witless and the wayward back to union with His heavenly Father. The Prodigal Son found many with whom to share his wealth, but no one remembered him when he was reduced to penury. His conversion began with a confession to God (“Heaven”) and his father because sin disrupts all relationships. He would ask only to be servant in his father’s household, but the paternal love was the basis for full reconciliation and rejoicing. Such is the mystery of God’s love in sending His only Son to bring humanity back—not merely to divine service, but to an incredible intimacy within the mystery of God.

What of the faithful who never seem to stray? Indeed many wonderful people are evidence that the powerful grace of God in baptism accomplishes marvels. Perhaps some might feel a twinge of jealousy when God lavishes love on the repentant sinners. Do we refuse to join the celebration because God does not seem to treat us as well? “Lead us, Lord, to sincere and active charity, and show us the dimensions of that freedom whereby Christ has made us free.”



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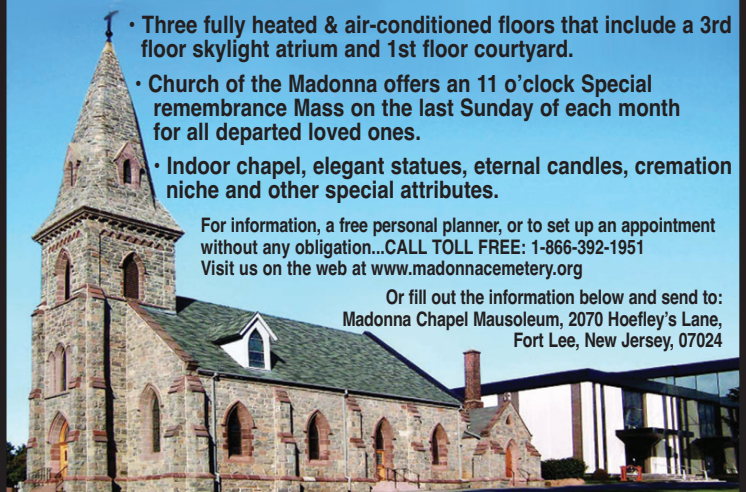
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September 13

NJ BLOOD SERVICES, blood drive in commemoration of 9/11 victims, at Kean University, Union, 11:45 a.m.-5:45 p.m., 1-800-933-2566.

September 14

TRINITAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, Elizabeth, Men's Health Seminar: Prostate Cancer Awareness, 6-8 p.m., (908) 994-8939.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, Jersey City, festival celebrating parish's 154th anniversary, through Sept. 18 from 6-11 p.m., Sept 19 from 4-9 p.m., (201) 656-0392.

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, Scotch Plains, Rosary Altar Society meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., (908) 889-2100 or email IHM123@aol.com.

September 15

ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE OF HUMAN CONCERNS, prayer vigil in support of the DREAM Act, at Felician College, Rutherford, 6:30 p.m., (973) 497-4341.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, Scotch Plains, high school youth group meeting, 7-9 p.m., call at (908) 889-2100 or email mihmyouthgroup@aol.com.

September 18

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS ACADEMY, North Haledon, open house for young women, 9 a.m. -noon, call Sister Danielle at (973) 790-6200 ext. 140.

September 19

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, Union City, International Festival, 11:30 a.m. -7 p.m., (201) 867-6535.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH, Irvington, Annual Autumn Card Party, noon, cost: \$5, (732) 225-5965.

September 23

POLISH-SLOVAK APOSTOLATE, Archdiocese of Newark, meeting at St. Joseph Parish, Hackensack, 7:30 p.m., call Father Andrew Ostaszewski at (973) 344-2743.

September 25

HOLY ROSARY PARISH, Jersey City, Parish Mission, celebrating 125th anniversary, conducted by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, through Sept. 30, 7 p.m., (201) 795-0120.

ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES, support group for fathers whose children have died, at Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell, 10 a.m., (973) 497-4327.

October 1

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3962, Ramsey, charity golf outing, at Walkill Golf Club, Middletown, NY, call Larry Walsh at (201) 327-4590.

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QUEEN OF PEACE HIGH SCHOOL, North Arlington, Life Issues Seminar, "Defending the Gospel

of Life: How Can I Defend Life in My Vocation?," 11 a.m., cost: \$10 general admission/ \$5 for students, call Michelle at (732) 388-8211.

October 3

MONASTERY OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, Summit, Rosary Pilgrimage, ceremonies open with outdoor procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, 3 p.m., (908) 273-1228.

Other

THE CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY (CFM) classes begin in October at local parishes; classes provide basic information on Scripture, liturgy, Church history and evangelization; cost is \$50; contact Father Mitch Walters, director of the Center for Ministerial Development, by phone at (973) 497-4350 or via e-mail waltermi@rcan.org.

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Sr. Victoria LiPuma, M.P.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 14 at Saint Lucy Chapel in Villa Walsh, Morristown, for Sister Victoria LiPuma, M.P.F., 85, who died July 11.

Born in New York City, Sr. Victoria entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in April 1939. She received the habit in June 1941 and made her religious profession in August 1944.

She earned degrees at the College

of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown, and Seton Hall University, South Orange. She began her teaching ministry in 1941 and taught elementary school children for 18 years. For the next 36 years, she engaged in special education in the Archdiocese of Newark.

In 1996, Sr. Victoria ministered at the Senior Day Care Program of the Mount Carmel Guild and from 1999-2002, she volunteered at Saint Mary's Life Center in Orange.

Fr. Jonathan Parks, S.D.B.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 14 at Saint Rosalie Parish, Harvey, LA, for Father Jonathan Parks, S.D.B., 60, who died July 11.

Fr. Parks was ordained to the priesthood on May 19, 1978. After ordination, he served young people and the Salesians as a teacher and school administrator in Cedar Lake, IN (1978-1979), Don Bosco Preparatory High School, Ramsey (1979-1980 and 1988-1990), Tampa, FL (1983-1988), Don Bosco Tech, Boston, MA (1980-


1983), and Saint Dominic Savio High School, East Boston, MA (1990-1993; 2001-2004).

After earning a doctorate in educational administration/superintendency at Boston College in 1996, Fr. Parks was appointed superintendent of schools for the Salesians' Eastern U.S. Province in 1999 and served until 2004.

Fr. Parks also was vocation director for the Salesians from 1983 to 1984 and 1993 to 1996.

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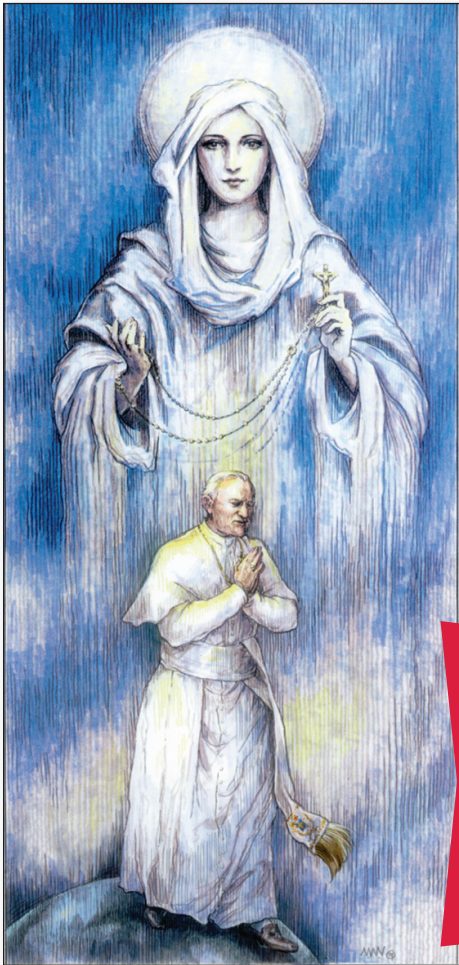
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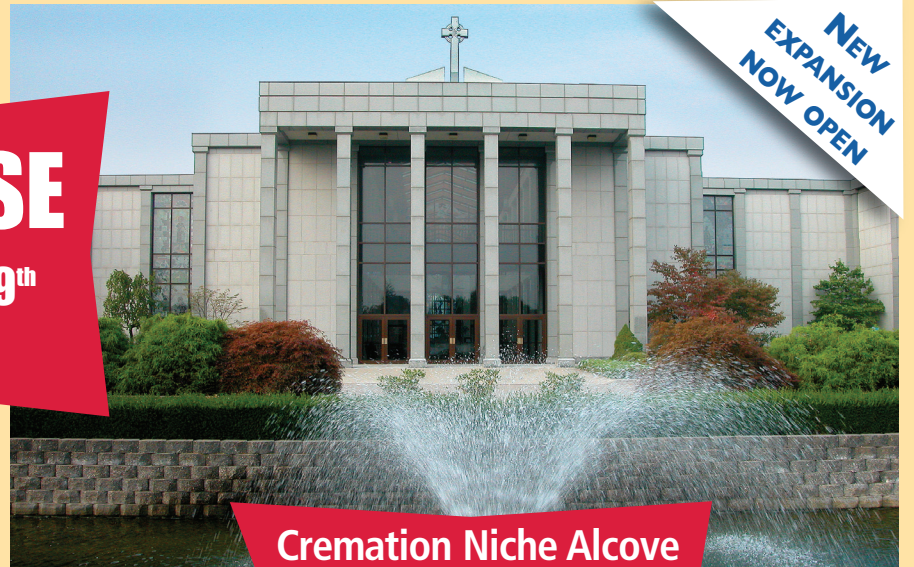
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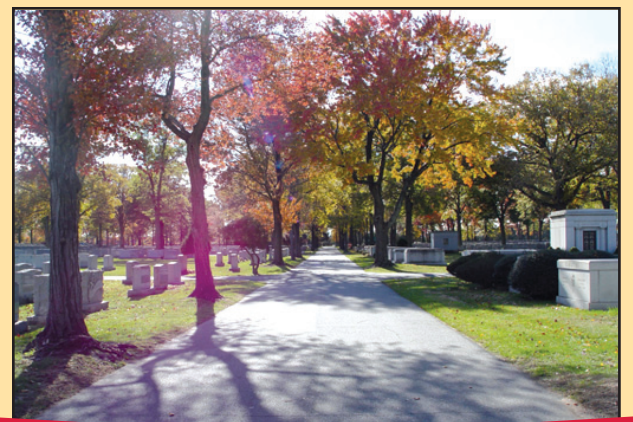


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