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Garfield parish collecting clothes, food

Chilean quake rattles archdiocesan towns

BY MELISSA MCNALLY Staff Writer

AREA—A magnitude-8.8 quake, one of the eight strongest on record, struck the central coast of Chile on Feb. 27, leaving immigrants from the Archdiocese of Newark worried about their families living in the South American nation.

The death toll in Chile at press time, according to news reports, was in excess of 800 people. Here in the Archdiocese of Newark, there are several large Chilean communities, especially the Hudson County towns of Union City, West New York and North Bergen.

Dalia Serrano, a North Bergen resident and receptionist at Most Holy Name Parish, 99 Marsellus Pl., Garfield, came to the United States

Evangelization forums get set to open doors, hearts, minds

BY WARD MIELE Managing Editor

NEWARK—With the emphasis on pre-registration, organizers of both the annual Catholic Men's Conference and Women's Day of Reflection are making final plans for this month's consecutive Saturday evangelization events.

Following the success of last year's inaugural effort, the Catholic Men's Conference will be held at Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, "Champions of Faith" is the theme for this year's gathering. The Women's Day of Reflection will be held Saturday, March 20, at SHU's Jubilee Hall.

As was the case last year, there

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from Chile 16 years ago. She has 17 siblings, some of them living in Concepcion, Chile's second-largest city, which bore the brunt of the killer quake. Other members of her family live in the capital of Santiago.

"I was in a state of panic," Serrano said, describing her initial reaction when she learned of the quake. "My 80-year-old mother-in-law lives alone and I was worried about her. She told me that some of my brothers and sisters are all right. We still don't have a lot of information."

Serrano was only able to speak to her mother-in-law for a few minutes on Feb. 28 and communicated briefly with a niece via the Internet. She keeps abreast of the situation in her home country through a cable TV channel based in Chile and online radio stations.

In times of such turmoil, Serrano relies on her faith. "My people are suffering; they have no food, no electricity and no water. I united with my family and we prayed the rosary together," she said.

Last week Serrano's brother attended a meeting at the Chilean embassy in New York to plan relief efforts. Rev. Msgr. William J. Reilly, pastor of Most Holy Name, is working with Serrano to collect and send clothes, shoes, blankets and food to the troubled nation. Those interested in making donations can call the Garfield parish at (973) 340-0032.

"We need clothes for the people, especially children," Serrano explained, noting that the winter season

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Advocate photo – M. Gabriele

PRAYERS FOR HAITI—A Mass for the People of Haiti, "In Their Hour," was celebrated March 6 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Prayers were offered for Haiti, which was devastated by an earthquake on Jan. 12. Led by Archbishop John J. Myers, second from left, the celebrants included Bishop Thomas A. Donato; Rev. Msgr. Beaubrun Ardouin, the coordinator of the archdiocesan Haitian Apostolate; and Bishop Manuel A. Cruz. Msgr. Ardouin, who serves as pastor of Saint Leo Parish, Irvington, grew up in Haiti—one of six children—and came to the United States 30 years ago. During his homily, Msgr. Ardouin spoke eloquently and passionately regarding the suffering in his homeland. "Not even an earthquake can separate us from the love of God," he declared. "The home where I grew up, the school I attended and the Church where I was baptized all were destroyed. The one thing that wasn't destroyed was my faith. I want you all to know that Haiti will rise because the Haitian people have faith and hope." The Archdiocese of Newark, in recent weeks, has raised in excess of \$1.2 million for Haiti—the largest collection in archdiocesan history in response to disaster relief.

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moment to pause and recall our baptism

Readings: Jos 5:9-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32.

uring the season of Lent we recall the important truth that "the salvation of the Church is mystically prefigured in the exodus of God's chosen people from the land of bondage" (Vatican Council II, Declaration of the Church's Relation to NonChristian Religions No. 4).

As we heard on the third Sunday of Lent, the reading from Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians interprets for Christians the crossing of the sea and desert wandering after Israel's departure from Egypt. Our life of faith and the season of Lent itself are stages in the pilgrimage toward perfect union with God. Just as the

Israelites passed through the sea, so Christians are baptized or plunged into waters liberating them from sin so that they may appreciate the divine gifts in this sacrament. Just as God sustained Israel with food and drink for their journey, so Christians are nourished through the sacraments as gifts of Christ and His Spirit.

The immediate preparation for entry into the Promised Land is proclaimed from the Book of Joshua so that we will become more alert to our proximity to Holy Week and Easter. Except for Joshua and Caleb, the generation that departed from Egypt died in the wilderness. Joshua circumcised all the men born in the desert as a sign that, having crossed the Jordan River dryshod, they were making a new beginning.

How often do I recall my baptism? Every time we use holy water, we should renew our commitment in faith and love. How carefully do I prepare for the eucharistic banquet?

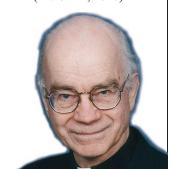
The "parable of the prodigal son" is a superb example of the need to make a fresh start in our relationship with God and neighbor. The parable is a familiar one. The father celebrates his errant son's return with a banquet. Do I recognize myself as prodigal?

The older brother is insulted by his father's forgiveness and joy. Is he jealous that the younger man was the recipient of unmerited love? The father explains that being faithful and remaining in the bosom of the family, the older brother has untold benefits. Do I recognize myself as selfrighteously proud of my efforts to remain "on the straight and narrow?" Do I compare myself with others and feel that my virtues are unlauded, my work unappreciated?

The parable has a message for all, but the great point on which Jesus wants us to focus is the mercy of God toward the sinner who humbly acknowledges the need for divine help in order to re-

SUNDAY READINGS

4th Sunday of Lent (March 14, 2010)



By Rev. Lawrence Frizzell

build a decent life. The movement from spiritual death to a renewed and treasured life in communion with God should evoke a celebration in the community.

None of us knows whether some day he or she may be like the prodigal. May we commit ourselves anew to our Lenten journey as we turn to the heavenly Father through union with his Son's passing from death to life!

Union City sets stage for Passion Play drama

UNION CITY—The Passion Play will be performed during March at the Park Performing Arts Center, 560 32nd St.

An Easter tradition, the play tells the story of Christ's last days on earth. The play is a modernized version of a production originally staged in Oberammergau, Germany, since 1634.

Saturday and Sunday performances (March 13, 14, 20, 21 and 27) will start at 2 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$25. There are discount rates of \$23 per person for groups of 10-19 people, \$22 (20-29 people) and \$21 (groups of 30 or more). There will be a student matinee Thursday, March 25, 10 a.m. Tickets are available by calling (201) 865-6980 or online at www.parkpac.org.

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ARCHBISHOP CON-FIRMS MISSION PARISHIONERS-

Archbishop John J. Myers, in mid-February, visited the archdiocesan mission in Turks and Caicos (a chain of islands located 650 miles southeast of Miami) to confer the sacrament of confirmation on twodozen young people, many of whom were refugees from Haiti following 2008's Hurricane Ike. During his two-day visit, the archbishop met with officials from the island's government regarding the status of efforts to assist both these Haitian immigrants and newer refugees who fled Haiti following the recent earthquake. A number of buildings on the Turks and Caicos mission. which encompasses parishes on several islands staffed by priests of the archdiocese, were damaged by the 2008 hurricane.

Msgr. Radano outlines progress on dialogue for Christian unity

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE **Editor**

March 10, 2010

NEWARK-An archdiocesan priest, who for more than 20 years worked on the front lines of international ecumenical dialogue, provided insights on the global efforts to pursue Christian unity.

Rev. Msgr. John A. Radano, a professor at Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange, served on the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity from 1984-2008 (see The Catholic Advocate, Feb. 9, 2009). He concluded that despite global tensions 2010 is a moment that marks a "privileged time" for relationships between the great religions of the world as well as an opportunity to accelerate Christian unity efforts.

The Interfaith Dialog Center, a Muslim good-will organization founded by Turkish business leaders in New Jersey, hosted Msgr. Radano Jan. 20 as the feature speaker in the group's monthly luncheon forum.

"I see a lot of healing taking place today among Christians, Msgr. Radano declared. "But the healing can go even further. Seeds are being planted today for closer relations between religions to benefit all mankind. We must strive for mutual understanding and social justice. We need to go beyond tolerance."

This "privileged time" traces its roots to the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), according to Msgr. Radano. Much healing has occurred during the last 45 years to promote greater Christian unity, which in turn creates an environment that could promote further progress. Msgr. Radano also noted how the Catholic Church has cultivated better relations with Jews and Muslimsonce again, efforts launched by the Second Vatican Council.

Regarding Christian unity, Msgr. Radano identified examples of progress that defines his view of the present privileged time. He said divisions between Rome and the Oriental Orthodox churches have been healed in recent years thanks to new theological insights and a spirit of cooperation. The divisions date back to the Council at Chalcedon in the year 451, where disputes arose between the understanding of the nature of Christ as true man and true God.

Earlier this year Vatican officials and leaders of the Oriental Orthodox churches met in Antelias, Lebanon, to review a major document outlining agreements on key areas of faith, members of their dialogue team continued studying the way Christians expressed their unity in the first five centuries after Christ, according to a report by Catholic News Service (see The Catholic Advocate, Feb. 10).

The Oriental Orthodox churches participating in the international dialogue included the Armenian Apostolic Church, Coptic Orthodox Church, Ethiopian Orthodox Church, Syrian Orthodox Church, Malankara Syrian Orthodox Church and Eritrean Orthodox Church, Dialogue that took place between 1971 and 1996 has enabled the Catholic Church and the Oriental Orthodox churches to resolve many of their differences.

The healing also extends to long-standing divisions between the Catholic and Lutheran churches. Msgr. Radano recently marked the 10th anniversary of the "Lutheran and Catholic Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification" during a scholarly



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Msgr. John Radano (right) is welcomed by Levent Koc, Ph.D., the chief executive officer of the Interfaith Dialog Center (Web site: www.idcnj.org). A 1959 graduate of Saint Peter's College, Jersey City, Msgr. Radano was ordained in the Archdiocese of Newark in 1965.

forum held at SHU (see The Catholic Advocate, Dec. 9, 2009).

Last October, the official Catholic-Orthodox dialogue commission met in Cyprus. As reported by Catholic News Service, the meeting of the "Joint International Commission for Theological Dialogue Between the Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church" focused on a key factor in the ongoing division between Catholic and Orthodox: the role of the pope as Bishop of Rome.

Pope Benedict XVI, last fall, established a special structure for Anglicans who want to

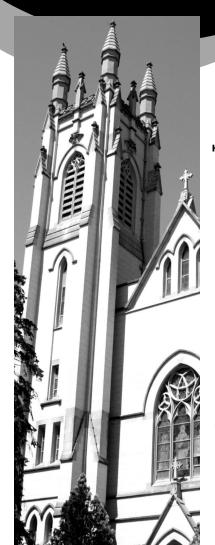
establish full communion with the Catholic Church (see The Catholic Advocate, Oct. 28, 2009). Dialogue between the Anglican and Catholic churches will be on display in the Archdiocese of Newark June 10-12 at the 2010 Anglican Use Conference. The forum, to be held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, will examine "the means available to Episcopal and Anglican individuals and congregations to fulfill our Lord's call 'that we all may be one' in the Catholic Church," according to wording on the event's promotional flyer.

US bishops pledge to help rebuild Church in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (CNS)—Walking through the massive tent city at the Petionville Club March 2, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of San Antonio, TX, wondered what will become of the thousands of Haitians left homeless by the Jan. 12 earthquake. Archbishop Gomez, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America, was in Haiti leading a three-day tour of the earthquake-damaged Haitian capital as part of an advisory group from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The group is exploring ways to help rebuild Haitian churches

and aid survivors. "Besides (damage to) the structure of the whole archdiocese, losing the archbishop and the cathedral has created a vacuum and emptiness that (the bishops) are trying to fill with all of us in rebuilding the Church," he said at the conclusion of two intensive days of visits to damaged parishes, convents, seminaries, schools and hospitals. The delegation included Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston, Auxiliary Bishop Guy Sansaricq of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Oblate Father Andrew Small, director of the bishops' Church in Latin America office.

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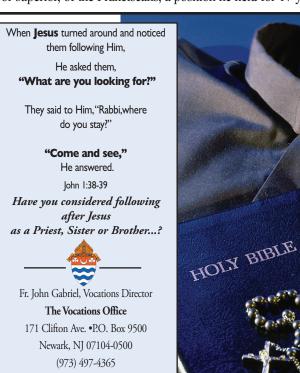


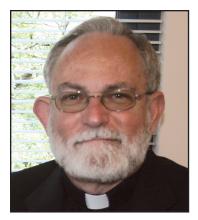
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A group of children pose at the L'Ouverture Cleary School near Portau-Prince, Haiti, March 2, during a visit by U.S. bishops who were assessing damages following the Jan. 12 earthquake. Haitian bishops estimate the death toll to be nearly 300,000 people.

Pope praises life of St. Bonaventure

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI praised a 13th-century theologian and saint for emphasizing that the faithful should hold Christ and His teaching of poverty, chastity and obedience as a model for their lives. In his weekly audience at the Vatican March 3, the pope talked about the spiritual and intellectual vigor of Saint Bonaventure, an early follower and biographer of Saint Francis of Assisi. The saint and doctor of the Church was exemplary because of the way he managed to use wisdom and moderation to mitigate violent conflicts within the Church regarding the mendicant religious orders that were influential at the time, the pope said. The saint also taught and wrote that all believers should do as Saint Francis, who strived to imitate Christ in his own life. Born in central Italy around 1217 as Giovanni da Fidanza, the saint wrote that he had been saved from a probably fatal illness through the intercession of Saint Francis. A good student, he went to study in Paris where he became familiar with the mendicant Franciscan order, the pope explained. He became a Franciscan friar in 1243 and changed his name to Bonaventure. Pope Alexander IV called on Bonaventure to become the master general, or superior, of the Franciscans, a position he held for 17 years.





Msgr. Richard Arnhols

Saint John planning a green party

BERGENFIELD—Saint John the Evangelist Parish, 29 North Washington Ave., will hold a Saint Patrick's Irish dinner/dance on Friday, March 19.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. and running through 12:30 a.m. in Conlon Hall, the event will feature a complete Irish dinner and music by the Black Velvet Band.

Tickets are priced at \$28 per person. Call Jane Dunn at (201) 385-9635 to make reservations. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnhols is the pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Parish, archdiocesan Vicar for Pastoral Life and a columnist for The Catholic Advocate

Academy student wins Hispanic essay contest

GLEN ROCK-Ingrid Noriega, a seventh grader at Academy of Our Lady, won first prize in the second annual "Power to Learn" Hispanic Heritage Month essay contest.

A nationally recognized education initiative sponsored by Cablevision, Power to Learn encourages learning by bringing broadband online technology into the classroom as well as facilitating home/school connections for families. The technology initiative gives students and teachers access to educational information and resources via high-speed Internet and digital voice-over cable services.

Noriega, a resident of Paterson, was recognized for her achievement in an award ceremony Feb. 3 (during Catholic Schools Week) at Academy of Our Lady. She read her winning essay during the awards ceremony, an event attended by her mother and father,

Maria and Alfredo Noriega; school administrators; Rev. Msgr. Ronald J. Rozniak, the pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood; Cablevision executives; and a host of Bergen and Passaic county government officials. Patricia Keenaghan is the principal of the academy.

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Cablevision's Power to Learn program and Olympusat Inc. sponsored the essay contest for sixth, seventh and eighth graders that asked, "What Does It Mean to be a Latino?"



Ingrid Noriega

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SPIRITUAL JOURNEY-Near the end of the annual Rite of Election service, held Feb. 21 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, godparents placed their right hand on the shoulders of their catechumen as they returned to their pews from the altar. Archbishop John J. Myers presided at the service. Rev. Msgr. Charles W. Gusmer, pastor emeritus of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Cedar Grove, told the catechumens "your journey of faith began when you first fell in love with Jesus. God is indeed at work in your life. You are participating in a moment of salvation history." Archbishop Myers, the previous day, led the annual Call to Continuing Conversion service at the Cathedral.

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DEANERY 6		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUN
Epiphany	Cliffside Park	\$2,230.0
Holy Rosary	Edgewater	1,000.0
Holy Trinity	Fort Lee	2,814.0
Madonna	Fort Lee	1,392.0
O.L. of Grace	Fairview	1,909.0
Sacred Heart	North Bergen	1,300.0
St. Cecilia	Englewood	2,745.7
St. John Baptist	Fairview	589.0
St. John Evangelist	Leonia	3,099.0
St. Matthew	Ridgefield	2,053.0
St. Michael	Palisades Park	1,479.0
St. Nicholas	Palisades Park	692.0
DEANERY #6 TOTA	AL	\$21,302.7

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PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Assumption	Woodridge	\$2,417.00
Corpus Christi	Hasbrouck Hts.	2,367.00
O.L. Mt. Carmel	Lyndhurst	1,827.00
Queen of Peace	No. Arlington	4,303.00
Sacred Heart	Lyndhurst	1,745.18
Sacred Heart	Wallington	3,719.00
St. Joseph	E. Rutherford	2,328.00
Im. Conception	Secaucus	2,295.00
St. Mary	Rutherford	4,386.00
St. Michael	Lyndhurst	1,841.00
DEANERY #7 TOTAL		\$27,228.18
BERGEN COUNTY 7	TOTAL	\$260,269.89

HUDSON COUNTY

DEANERY 8

P	ARISH	CITY	AMOUN'
Н	loly Family	Union City	\$ 496.5
Н	loly Redeemer	W. New York	846.00
C	L. Fatima	No. Bergen	1,267.55
C	L. Libera	W. New York	190.08
St	t. Anthony Padua	Union City	823.00
St	t. Augustine	Union City	2,022.00
S	S. Joseph & Michael	Union City	850.00
St	t. Joseph Palisades	W. New York	2,617.00
St	t. Rocco/St. Brigid	Union City	1,000.00
D	EANERY #8 TOTAL	L	\$10,112.19

DEANERY 9

PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
O.L. of Grace	Hoboken	\$1,291.00
St. Ann	Hoboken	4,090.00
St. Francis	Hoboken	3,450.00
St. Lawrence	Weehawken	1,549.00
SS. Peter and Paul	Hoboken	6,311.91
DEANERY #9 TO	TAL	\$16,691.91

DEANERY 10

PARISH	CITY	AMOUN
O.L. Mt. Carmel	Jersey City	\$885.00
St. Aedan	Jersey City	1,110.0
St. Ann	Jersey City	559.00
St. Anne	Jersey City	1,206.00
St. John the Baptist	Jersey City	717.25
St. Joseph	Jersey City	812.00
St. Nicholas	Jersey City	817.00
St. Paul of Cross	Jersey City	810.50
DEANERY #10 TOT	TAL	\$6,916.75

DEANERY 11

PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Holy Rosary	Jersey City	\$600.00
O.L. Czestochowa	Jersey City	717.70
St. Anthony	Jersey City	525.00
Resurrection:	Jersey City	1,790.00
St. Bridget	Jersey City	
St. Boniface	Jersey City	
St. Mary	Jersey City	
St. Michael/St. Jude	Jersey City	
St. Peter	Jersey City	
DEANERY #11 TOTA	AL	\$3,632.70

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PARISH	CITY	AMOUN
Christ the King	Jersey City	\$870.0
O.L. Mercy	Jersey City	2,203.0
O.L. of Sorrows	Jersey City	350.0
O.L. of Victories	Jersey City	692.0
St. Aloysius	Jersey City	3,445.0
St. Paul (Greenville)) Jersey City	1,445.0
DEANERY #12 TO	TAL	\$9,005.0

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PARISH	CITY	AMOUN'
O.L. Mt. Carmel	Bayonne	\$2,177.00
O.L. Assumption	Bayonne	1,146.00
St. Mary Star of Sea	Bayonne	1,992.00
St. Andrew	Bayonne	3,350.50
St. Henry	Bayonne	2,935.00
St. Michael/St. Joseph	Bayonne	1,504.00
DEANERY #13 TOTA	L	\$13,104.50

DEANERY	14	
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Holy Cross	Harrison	\$1,453.00
O.L. Czestocho	wa Harrison	510.00
O.L. Sorrows	Kearny	1.250.00

O.L. Sorrows	Kearny	1,250.0
St. Anthony	E. Newark	442.0
St. Cecilia	Kearny	1,956.0
St. Stephen	Kearny	4,273.0
DEANERY #14 TOTAL		\$9,884.0
HUDSON COUNTY TOTAL		\$69,347.0

ESSEX COUNTY

DEANERY 15	5	
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Blessed Sacrament	Roseland	\$4,816.00
Notre Dame	No. Caldwell	7,686.00
O.L. of the Lake	Verona	5,915.00
O.L. of Lourdes	W. Orange	1,803.00
St. Aloysius	Caldwell	4,699.00
St. Catherine of Siena	Cedar Grove	5,411.00
St. Joseph	W. Orange	2,643.00
St. Philomena	Livingston	7,949.00
St. Raphael	Livingston	2,313.00
St. Thomas More	Fairfield	3,374.00
DEANERY #15 TOTA	AL.	\$46,609.00

DEANERY 16

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PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Holy Family	Nutley	\$5,753.00
Im. Conception	Montclair	3,100.75
O.L. Mt. Carmel	Montclair	1,146.00
O.L. Mt. Carmel	Nutley	2,459.00
Sacred Heart	Bloomfield	2,127.00
St. Anthony of Padua	Belleville	1,893.00
St. Cassian	Up. Montclair	3,127.00
St. Mary	Nutley	3,105.00
St. Peter	Belleville	1,943.52
St. Peter Claver	Montclair	580.00
St. Thomas the Apostle	Bloomfield	5,928.60
St. Valentine	Bloomfield	1,900.00
DEANERY #16 TOTA	L	\$33,062.87

DEANERY 17

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PARISH	CITY	AMOUN'
Holy Name	E. Orange	\$1,562.00
Holy Spirit/Help C	Christ. E. Orange	1,216.00
O.L. Mt. Carmel	Orange	679.00
O.L. Valley	Orange	1,076.00
St. John	Orange	2,592.00
Sac. Heart & St. Jo		484.00
DEANERY #17 T	OTAL	\$7,609.00

DEANERY 18

AMOUNT \$600.00 717.70 525.00 1,790.00

PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Good Shepherd	Irvington	\$ 439.00
O.L. Sorrows	S. Orange	5,108.22
Sacred Heart of Jesus	Irvington	550.00
St. Joseph	Maplewood	1,653.25
St. Leo	Irvington	800.00
St. Andrew Kim	Maplewood	2,167.00
DEANERY #18 TOT	AL	\$10,717.47

DEANERY 19

PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Im. Conception	Newark	\$ 621.00
O.L. Good Counsel	Newark	965.00
Sacred Heart Cathedral	Newark	1,760.00
St. Francis Xavier	Newark	2,064.00
St. Lucy	Newark	1,224.00
St. Michael	Newark	1,430.00
DEANERY #19 TOTA	L	\$8,064.00

DEANERY 20

PARISH	CITI	AMOUNT
Bl. Sac./St. Charles	Newark	\$443.00
Sacred Heart	Newark	660.01
St. Antoninus	Newark	849.00
St. Columba	Newark	178.00
St. John	Newark	134.00
St. Mary	Newark	1,082.00
St. Patrick Pro Cath.	Newark	101.82
Parish Transfiguration	Newark	368.00
St. Rose of Lima	Newark	120.00
St. Stanislaus	Newark	450.00
DEANERY #20 TOTA	AL	\$4,385.83

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PARIS	SH	CITY	AMOUNT		
Holy 7	Trinity/Epiphany	Newark	\$581.00		
Im. He	eart of Mary	Newark	596.00		
O.L. F	atima	Newark	1,120.00		
O.L. N	Mt. Carmel	Newark	710.50		
St. Alc	oysius	Newark	504.00		
St. Bei	nedict	Newark	597.00		
St. Ca	simir	Newark	509.00		
St. Jan	nes	Newark	847.64		
DEAN	IERY #21 TOTA	\L	\$5,465.14		
ESSEX	COUNTY TO	TAL	\$115,913.31		

UNION COUNTY

DEANERY 22

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PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Little Flower	Berkeley Hts.	\$6,102.83
O.L. of Lourdes	Mountainside	3,514.00
O.L. of Peace	New Providence	11,167.00
St. James	Springfield	3,534.50
St. Rose of Lima	Short Hills	28,976.00
St. Teresa	Summit	8,949.33
DEANERY #22 TO	TAL	\$62,243.66

DEANERY 23

PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Assumption	Roselle Pk.	\$1,522.00
Christ the King	Hillside	1,474.76
Holy Spirit	Union	4,564.00
St. Anne	Garwood	1,640.00
St. Catherine	Hillside	1,588.30
St. Joseph	Roselle	694.00
St. Michael	Union	3,014.00
St. Michael	Cranford	4,105.00
St. Theresa	Kenilworth	2,439.50
DEANERY #23 T	TOTAL	\$21,041.56

DEANERY 24

PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Holy Family	Linden	\$ 504.00
St. Agnes	Clark	6, 380.00
St. Eliz. of Hungary	Linden	2,103.00
St. John Apostle	Linden	3,872.00
St. Theresa of Child	les. Linden	1,160.00
DEANERY #24 TO	TAL	\$14,019.00

DEANERY 25

PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Blessed Sacrament	Elizabeth	\$ 938.00
Holy Ros. & St. Mich.	Elizabeth	1,502.00
Im. Conception	Elizabeth	2,198.00
O.L. Fatima	Elizabeth	571.00
St. Ada/SS. Ptr & Paul	Elizabeth	2,229.00
St. Anthony Padua	Elizabeth	1,573.00
St. Genevieve	Elizabeth	3,130.00
St. Hedwig	Elizabeth	751.00
St. Mary	Elizabeth	1,475.00
Immac Hrt/St. Pat	Elizabeth	619.00
St. Thomas Aquinas	Newark	288.00
DEANERY #25 TOTA	L	\$15,274.00

DEANERY 26

PAKISH	CHY	AMOUNT
Holy Trinity	Westfield	\$13,162.81
Im. Hrt. of Mary	Sc. Plains	7,361.00
St. Bartholomew	Sc. Plains	4,221.50
St. Bern. & St. Stan.	Plainfield	1,210.00
St. Helen	Westfield	7,794.00
St. Mary	Plainfield	1,395.00
DEANERY #26 TO	TAL	\$35,144.31
UNION COUNTY	TOTAL	\$147,722.53

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THE BISHOP MEETS OLIVER-Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, engaged students at Saint Joseph of the Palisades Elementary School, West New York, including kindergartner Oliver Hernandez, to mark Catholic Schools Week last January. As part of his visit, Bishop Cruz celebrated Mass at Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish and during his

homily reminded students to always know, love and serve God.

Seton group to celebrate anniversary

CONVENT STATION—Inspired by the vision of the Second Vatican Council, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth began their Seton Associate program in 1990.

To mark the program's 20th anniversary, a celebration will take place Saturday, March 27 with a liturgy at the Holy Family Chapel, located on the campus of the College of Saint Elizabeth, followed by a luncheon at the nearby Madison Hotel, 1 Convent Rd., Morristown. Contact Rosemary Lalevee Carroll by phone at (973) 290-5336 or via e-mail (rcarroll@scnj.org) for more information.

Zeni V. Fox, professor of Pastoral Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, is the keynote speaker for the luncheon.

The Seton Associates program is an outreach for lay people called to a life of charity, good works and deeper spirituality. Although members do not take vows, they have a deep connection with the Sisters of Charity.



VERONA TO VAN-COUVER—Jamie Langenbrunner, who participated in the recently concluded Winter Olympics held in Vancouver. Canada, as the captain of the U.S. Olympic hockey team, visited Our Lady of the Lake School, Verona, last

Langenbrunner is also the captain of

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the NHL's New Jersey Devils. Sister Mary Agnes Sullivan, O.P., principal, presented Langenbrunner with a school sweatshirt.

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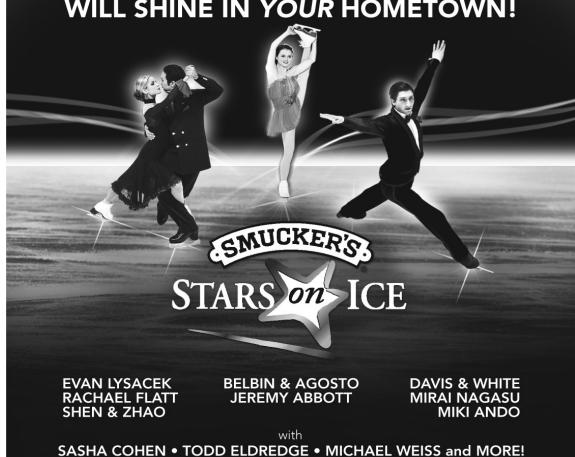
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NEWARK—The 75th annual Newark Saint Patrick Day Parade will be held Friday, March 12, 1 p.m. featuring 20 marching bands and over 60 Irish-American community, religious and civic organizations.

Stepping off at the Prudential Center, located at 165 Mulberry St., the parade route proceeds on Mulberry Street, past the NJ Performing Arts Center and concluding at Washington Park. There will be two reviewing stands: Mulberry and Clinton Streets; and Central Avenue and Washington Street. Kilkenny Ale House, 27 Central Ave., will be the post-parade reception site.

The Honorable Christopher J. Durkin, Essex County clerk, will serve as the parade's grand marshal, while Jennifer McGovern, the founder and director DeNogla School of Irish Dance, Verona, is

"Seventy-five years is a noteworthy accomplishment," Kevin P. Frey, general chairman of the parade, said, expressing pride in the event's diamond anniversary. "This is the longest-running Saint Patrick's Day parade in New Jersey." Frey said the parade is dedicated to Hon. Paul "P.J." Mac Donald, councilman of the Township of Belleville and president of the Belleville Irish

Heading the list of Irish Heritage Award recipients to be honored during the parade is Patrick R. Brannigan, the executive director of the Trenton-based NJ Catholic Conference. Brannigan has served as executive director since 2006. Other honorees include Ed McNany, president of the Essex County Emerald Society, Chapter One; Kevin and Keith Rafferty of Dublin Scrap Metal; Kim Erin O'Connor, M.S., L.P.C., administrative director of behavioral health, East Orange General Hospital; Myles P. Varley, director of development, House of the Good Shepherd; and Essex County Freeholder Linda L. Cavanaugh.

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St. Patrick's Day

A man of prayer, spiritual depth, unresting piety

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t this time of year, when every meal seems to be corned beef and cabbage and every drink a foaming pint of Guinness, spare a thought for the man we celebrate and the country he brought to Christ. Saint Patrick lived over 1500 years ago and is surely not forgotten today but he is still, somehow, the saint that everyone claims and the man that no one really knows. That is a pity, because to make his acquaintance is to meet an extraordinary human being.

Historians have been fighting over him for ages. Even the simplest things—his date and place of birth, his length of life, his years in Ireland—still produce good-natured scholarly squabbles.

Most authors have him born around 390 and dying around 460, spending roughly 30 years in

he has remained. Even during his life, and soon Jump start your new year!



listed on Wall Street. Most of this is innocent, of course. Here in New Jersey, the

Dermot Quinn

Ireland. But one or two will place him a generation after that, perhaps dying as late as the 490s. We will probably never know for sure. The fighting Irish will fight about anything, even about the man who preached a gospel of peace.

In the absence of fact, legend takes over. The Patrick we commemorate today—the banisher of snakes, the wielder of shamrocks, the bishop with a beard and crosier—is a largely mythic figure. He was invented to symbolize a certain kind of Irish Catholicism and so, for centuries,

after his death, his achievements were being crusted over by myth. Within a couple of centuries, biography had given way to hagiography. By the early 17th century, when an Irish Franciscan called Luke Wadding persuaded Church

in the universal liturgical calendar, he was a fully fledged "National Apostle." Now he is an excuse (if excuse were needed) for a party. The man has all but disappeared. Even the saint is hard to see. He has become, instead, a kind of trademark, a greeting card, a blur of green and gold. Soon he may be

party has been going on for a long time, with few adverse consequences. In March 1780 George Washington, encamped in Morristown with an army bored to the point of mutiny, held a Saint Patrick's Day Ball which, he hoped, would be conducted "with the least rioting or disorder." In Jersey City in 1865, "the citizens (witnessed) the processions of the various Irish American associations of our city," wrote a correspondent to The Daily News, and in the evening, the more youthful and jovial (participated) in the grand Irish National Ball." And so it has continued to the present. "We implore you to give us the right to eat meat at this (Saint Patrick's Day) luncheon," telegrammed one West Orange group to Archbishop Thomas Walsh in 1950. They need hardly have worried. It would have needed a reinforced miter to refuse.

But it is odd, all the same, to notice this distance between the man and the myth. For one thing, the legendary Patrick is not an especially attractive figure. In most accounts, he comes across as a somewhat imperious magician, more of a druid than a disciple of Christ. For another thing, the real Patrick,

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the Patrick of history, is a far more compelling figure—a man of prayer, of spiritual depth, of anguished and unresting piety. He is a saint for the modern world as much as for the dark and troubled world

"I am Patrick, a sinner, the most unlearned of men." Those opening lines of his confession set the tone of his life and of his mission. As you read that confession, you know it is not false modesty. He really did think himself a man of poor learning and poor Latin, painfully inadequate to the task ahead of him. He knew one book inside out—the Bible—and that became his shield through all difficulties. Otherwise, he was more saint than scholar.

of the late Roman Empire.

He had no particular reason to love Ireland. He was not even Irish. He was brought to that western wilderness against his will as a young man and for six years was a captive, a swineherd, an adolescent alone in the world.

Yet that captivity deepened his faith. "The love of God increased in me," he wrote, "so that in the woods and on the mountains and even before the dawn I was roused

And when his days of slavery were over, he still felt, he said, the

"call of the Irish"; the need to be back among those who had taken his youth away from him.

And so, returning to preach the Gospel, his very inarticulacy became a kind of eloquence. "The stammering tongues shall quickly learn to speak peace," he wrote. "How much more should we earnestly strive to do this, we who are, so Scripture says, a letter of Christ for salvation even to the utmost ends of the earth?" And in this strange, magnificent outpost, three things grew greater in him: his love of Ireland, his love of Christ, and his love of the Irish in whom he could see Christ.

A blessing on the Munster people, he once preached:

Men, youths and women; A blessing on the land That yields them fruit. A blessing on every treasure Produced on their plains God's blessing be on Munster. A blessing on their peaks And on their flagstones A blessing on their glens

And on their valleys On slopes and plains, On mountains and hills. A blessing.

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That love of Ireland and her people was, at root, a love of the world. It was also a love of the world's triune creator, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Saint Patrick's hymn to the Trinity—his breastplate—has a brilliant vividness.

For a man who insisted on his unlearnedness, he was not as inarticulate as he thought. For a slave, he was as free as the air. For an exile, he longed for his true home, in heaven. For one who was mocked and derided, he was full of gratitude.

That is the person who has prompted a thousand parades. When the last glass is lifted, when the banners are put away for another year, we should think of him again in the quietness of the night. Saint, apostle and man of peace, Patrick is worthy of our celebrations. Let us hope our celebrations are worthy of him.

(Editor's note: Dermot Quinn, Ph.D., is professor of history at Seton Hall University, South Orange. He is author of "The Irish in New Jersey: Four Centuries of American Life.'



BEAUTIFUL MUSIC-Organist Vincent Carr and bagpiper George Hays will present a Irish musical program honoring Saint Patrick Wednesday, noon, March 17 (Saint Patrick's Day) at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., Newark, part of the Cathedral Concert Series. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. The program is being presented as an educational event for Catholic school students throughout the archdiocese. School administrators considering this invitation should contact the Cathedral's music office at (973) 484-2400 to plan seating arrangements

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Historic Orange parish remains a towering beacon of faith, hope

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Special to The Catholic Advocate

nown affectionately as the "Mother Church of the Oranges," Saint John Parish sits proudly atop the highest point in the City of Orange. From the top of Mount Prospect Avenue in West Orange looking east, down the hill towards Orange City, one can see on a natural rise in the terra firma, the historic parish of

In the spring of 2008, a strong wind loosed one of the four statues of the evangelists that sat within a corner niche of the tower from its anchoring. It tumbled to the ground and the metal statue of Saint Mathew shattered into hundreds of small pieces.



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The total destruction of this historic piece of art required the finest fabricator and restorer of architectural decorative arts be consulted. With the bar having been raised, the century old decorating firm of Jersey City-based Rambusch Studios was awarded the commission to replicate the destroyed piece of Orange history.

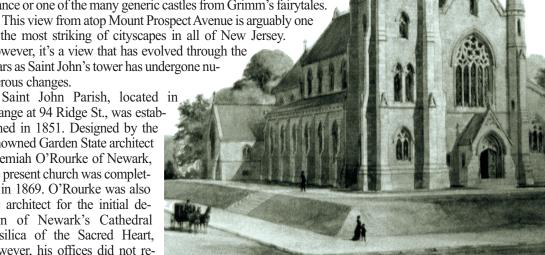
Viggo Rambusch, senior project manager and patriarch of the firm worked in close collaboration with Frank Valliciergo, the Archdiocese of Newark's project manager, and Troy Joseph Simmons, architectural historian, to complete the project. Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, following the celebration of Mass on Dec. 6, 2009, solemnly blessed the new statue of Saint Matthew. Very Rev. George Faour is the pastor of Saint John. Later this year, the statue of Saint Matthew will be hoisted up to its niche on the corner of the tower.

The monumental statue of the risen Christ, which crowns top of the school building, seems to be in dialogue with the bell tower of the church. This pleasant juxtaposition between the two on this slight hill in the center of town has, in the imagination of those who have viewed it, conjured up visions of Mont Saint Michel on the coast of France or one of the many generic castles from Grimm's fairytales.

of the most striking of cityscapes in all of New Jersey. However, it's a view that has evolved through the years as Saint John's tower has undergone numerous changes.

Saint John Parish, located in Orange at 94 Ridge St., was established in 1851. Designed by the renowned Garden State architect Jeremiah O'Rourke of Newark, the present church was completed in 1869. O'Rourke was also the architect for the initial design of Newark's Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, however, his offices did not retain the Newark Cathedral commission from conception until

The tower remained unfin-Continued on page 14



Jeremiah O'Rourke's watercolor rendering of the proposed Sacred Heart Cathedral façade from the July 1906 issue of The American Architect Building and News illustrates a strong influence for the proposed Newark cathedral towers from his design for the tower of Saint John in Orange.

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Earthquake

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is approaching in Chile. "We don't have a lot of money, but we still need to help."

Father Jose I. Gamba, coordinator of the archdiocesan Hispanic Apostolate, extends his prayers to the victims in Chile. "We pray to God for all those who have died and who are suffering. The community needs to show solidarity not only in prayers, but anything we can give to support, we must do it. This Lenten season is the perfect time to review works of charity. Charity should not be viewed just as a sacrifice, but a gift to those in need."

Fr. Gamba, who also serves as the pastor of Saint John the Baptist Parish, Fairview, encourages all people to aid the victims of devastation. "Saint James said that faith without works cannot survive. Everyone should unite together and unite as brothers and sisters. There are lives lost and there are people who are suffering.'

The earthquake, which struck at 3:34 a.m. local time, triggered a tidal wave that was more than 30 feet high in places, which swept inland more than a mile. Two days after the quake, more than 115 aftershocks measuring more than 5.0 were recorded, with nine of them registering more than 6.0. The strongest earthquake on record, which measured 9.5, struck the same area in 1960.



Aid workers in Chile sort donations of clothing for earthquake victims. Between 30 and 40 churches and chapels in the Linares Diocese were badly damaged or destroyed, along with two orphanages. In the coastal villages battered by deadly tidal waves, churches that remain standing have been turned into makeshift morgues.

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Although earthquake-prone Chile—a mountainous country along the Pacific coast-has upgraded its infrastructure over the years, many bridges collapsed and highways crumpled during the most recent temblor. In the hardesthit areas, around Linares, Chillan and Concepcion, people slept in the streets after the disaster.

While Church leaders mourned

the deaths, they also called for solidarity and condemned the looting of stores and businesses. Chilean President Michelle Bachelet imposed a strict curfew in Concepcion and sent military troops to stem the looting.

Despite resources being stretched thin in recent weeks due to the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti Jan. 12 (see The

Catholic Advocate, Feb. 24, Feb. 10 and Jan. 27), Catholic organizations are mobilizing to assist survivors in Chile. Caritas Internationalis (Web site: www.caritas.org), Palazzo San Calisto, Vatican City State, is working through its 23 centers in Chile.

(Editor's note: information from Catholic News Service was used in this article.)







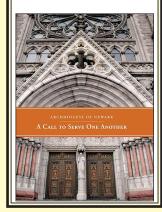
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PRAYERS FOR YOUTHFUL BENEFIT—Rev. Msgr. John J. Gilchrist, pastor emeritus of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, labor liaison for the Archdiocese of Newark, a columnist for The Catholic Advocate and long active in the labor movement, begins the 17th annual Archbishop's Business and Labor Recognition Reception with the invocation. The reception, which was held March 2 at Mayfair Farms, West Orange, and benefits the archdiocesan CYO/Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, raised \$140,000. Since its inception the event has generated more than \$2 million. On the dais with Msgr. Gilchrist are, left to right, the evening's two honorees, David Jones, president of the New Jersey State Troopers Association; Angelo Genova, Esq., partner and co-founder of Genova, Burns and Archbishop John J. Myers.

Gala to laud Sisters of Charity for 150 years of service, faith

AREA—The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, will celebrate the 150th anniversary of their founding with a gala Saturday, April 17, at the Hanover Marriott, Route 10, Whippany.

Tickets to the black-tie event, which begins at 6 p.m., are \$350. For further information, call (973) 290-5454 or visit the Web site (www.SCNJ.org). Reservations must be made by March 31.

Proceeds of the gala will benefit The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. The Sisters work in over 100 education, healthcare, pastoral and social service ministries in 14 New Jersey counties as well as 18 states. The Sisters also serve in the U.S. Virgin Islands, El Salvador, Central America and Haiti. The congregation consists of 401 vowed members.

The congregation was founded in 1859 when the New York Sisters of Charity appointed Sister Mary Xavier Mehegan to take charge of the new foundation, which was located on Washington Street in Newark, Sister Mary Xavier's assignment was the result of a request from Bishop James Roosevelt Bailey-a nephew of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the first Bishop of Newark—for the Sisters of Charity to start a community in the Garden State.

A year after establishing the Congregation in Newark, the original facility was already inadequate. In 1860, Mother Mary Xavier purchased property in Madison from the then-Diocese of Newark. The site was available because Seton Hall College was being relocated to South Orange. In 1873, Bishop Michael Corrigan, the second Bishop of Newark, appointed Mother Mary Xavier to "Mother for Life." During her 56-year tenure, the Sisters experienced remarkable growth and founded the first college for women in New Jersey—the College of Saint Elizabeth—in 1899.

Last September a special Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, for the Sisters.

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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 necessi ty (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

PRAYER TO ST. THERESA Oh Glorious Saint Theresa whom almighty God has raised

up to aid and counsel mankind. I invite vour miraculous intercession. So powerful are you obtain ing 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 vou. Amen. (Say prayer everyday for 9 days By 4th day, ask for a sign. If

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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.

Fr. Zygmunt Pikula

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 25 at Saint Casimir Parish, Newark, for Father Zygmunt Pikula, 79, who died Feb. 21.

Fr. Pikula was born on July 11, 1930, in Radziejow, Poland, and ordained June 26, 1955. He attended college at Volcawek Seminary in Poland and came to the United States in 1967. His first assignment in the archdiocese was Saint Casimir Parish.

He served as parochial vicar at

Saint Valentine Parish, Bloomfield, Saint Adalbert Parish, Elizabeth, and the Newark parishes of Saint James, Saint Aloysius and Saint Stanislaus. He also assisted in celebrating Mass at Holy Trinity Parish, Newark, and was chaplain at Beth Israel Hospital, also in Newark.

On March 1, 1997, Fr. Pikula retired to the Saint John Vianney Residence for Priests in Rutherford. Since 2006, he was a resident of the Allendale Community for Mature



Fr. Zygmunt Pikula

Sr. Mary Bernadine

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 3 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Mary Bernadine Fitzpatrick, 94, who died Jan. 31.

A native of Newark, Sr. Mary Bernadine entered the Sisters of Charity on Sept. 8, 1933 and was a member for 76 years. She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station.

Sr. Mary Bernadine served as an educator at the following archdiocesan

schools: Saint Joseph School, Jersey City (1934-1935); Saint Mary Elementary School, Plainfield (1935-1956); Saint Patrick School, Elizabeth (1956-1967); and Sacred Heart School, Rochelle Park (1970-1975).

She served as assistant administrator from 1975 to 1986 and staff member from 1986 to 1993 at Mother Seton Residence, Montclair. She resided at Saint Anne Villa before retiring to Saint Mary of the Assumption Convent, Elizabeth, in 1994. In 1998, she moved to Saint Anne Villa where she resided until her death.

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Saint John

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ished until 1881 when the spire was added. On the evening of Nov. 27 of that same year, eleven bells were solemnly blessed by the Most Rev. W. M. Wigger, Bishop of Newark. The Rev. H. P. Fleming had purchased three of the bells at the Paris International Exposition in 1878.

In 1915, George Huntington Hartford, founder of the A & P Grocery chain, became the first person to be baptized in the present church. His estate known as Hill Top bordered the parish property and he donated \$5,000 towards the purchase and instal-

lation of a clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stetson, founder of the Stetson Hat Company, also gave generously to the completion of the church tower. The Hartfords and the Stetsons where among Saint John's many affluent parishioners at the turn of the last century.

Perhaps the pinnacle event in the multi-tiered evolution of the conception, construction, addition and completion of Saint John's bell tower was when a neighbor and friend of the parish the famous inventor Thomas A. Edison—illuminated the clock shortly after its installation.

For 150 years the bell tower of Saint John's church has been a beloved landmark in the city of

Orange. Like the city in which it stands, the tower has undergone numerous alterations.

A story is told that one day in the late 1970s a long-time parishioner of Saint John's remarked to the young man driving her home after Mass: "Oh look...the bell tower of Saint John's. I liked it much better before we put the clock in."

Despite her feeling towards the tower clock and her father's having illuminated it, it is probably safe to assume that Madeline Edison Sloane would be very pleased with the new statue of Saint Matthew.

(Editor's note: Troy Joseph Simmons M.A, C.C., is the associate director of capital campaigns and architectural historian for the Archdiocese of Newark.)



Submitted photo

WOMAN OF FAITH—Rosemarie Flood (right), a member of Saint Therese of Lisieux Parish, Cresskill, was honored as the 2009 "Woman of Faith—Woman of Action" by the Newark Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women (NACCW). Mary Loftus, NACCW president, presented a plaque to Flood, who serves as a catechist and community volunteer.



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40 Days group gathers to pray

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During the 40 days of Lent, the campaign in Hackensack joins 165 cities nationwide and in Canada, Northern Ireland and Australia conducting intensive pro-life campaigns that focus on grassroots educational outreach efforts, prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities. Participants will stand in vigil across from the Women's Choice Medical Clinic, 10 Zabriskie St., between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

To learn more about 40 Days for Life, visit the Web sites (www.40daysforlife.com) and (www.40daysforlife.com/hackens ack) or call (201) 384-3947.

Assumption plans gala

MENDHAM—Assumption College for Sisters will hold its annual "Caring Basket" gala on March 25, 6:30 p.m. at the Hanover Marriot, 1401 Route 10, East Whippany.

Tickets, priced at \$200 per person, are available online (Web site: www.acs350.org) or by calling (973) 543-6528, ext. 230.

The Sisters of Christian Charity, sponsors of the event, have served the Archdiocese of Newark for over 124 years (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 24). Assumption College is the center for women discerning life as a member of the Sisters of Christian Charity.

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Around the Archdiocese

March 12

St. John the Apostle School, Clark, gift auction, 6:30 p.m., cost: \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door, (908) 347- 4548.

March 14

St. Peter Parish, Belleville, "A Call to Holiness," Lenten Parish Mission, through March 16, 7:30 p.m., call (973) 751-2002.

CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION, Upper Saddle River, Singles Ministry sponsoring Bear Mountain hike, meet at 10 a.m. at parish, lunch to follow hike, (201) 327-1313 or contact cynthiagjoyce@gmail.com.

St. Andrew Parish, Westwood, "Emotionally Listening to God," lecture by Christopher Robinson, 1:30-3:30 p.m., (201) 666-5697.

St. ELIZABETH PARISH, Wyckoff, Lenten pancake breakfast, after 10:30 a.m. Mass, cost: \$6 in advance, \$7.50 at the door, call Maryann at (201) 847-1187.

St. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH, Scotch Plains, pre-screening of the film "The Human Experience," 6 p.m., (908) 322-5192.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHAPEL, North Bergen, "The Way of the Cross" performance by the Franciscan Mystery Players, 4 p.m., call Marge Quinn at (201) 868-9319.

St. Anne Parish, Jersey City, Parish Lenten Mission, presented by Father Andrew Apostoli, through March 16, 7 p.m., (201) 656-2490.

March 16

SAINT JOSEPH THE CARPENTER PARISH AND SCHOOL, Roselle, events to celebrate the feast of Saint Joseph; triduum prayer services; multi-ethnic banquet; benefit concert at parish on March 21, 4 p.m.; tickets \$5 per person, (908) 241-1250.

March 17

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH, Linden, Healing Mass, 7:45 p.m., (908) 486-6363.

March 18

BIRTHRIGHT OF ESSEX COUNTY, INC., Bloomfield, spring luncheon, at The Women's Club of Upper Montclair, II a.m.-3 p.m., cost: \$30, call Pam Rafferty at (973) 669-5957.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, Scotch Plains, Lenten Reflections with Father Stanley Gomes, 7:30 p.m., (908) 889-2100.

March 19

St. LAWRENCE PARISH, Weehawken, Women's Cornerstone retreat, through March 20, call Adele Faulkner at (201) 863-6464.

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF PEACE, New Providence, tricky tray, at L'Affaire in Mountainside, 6 p.m., cost: \$48, call Jan Manger at (908) 665-2696.

LUMEN CENTER, Caldwell, "Celtic Songs and Reflections," 6:30 p.m., cost: \$25, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

LACORDAIRE ACADEMY, Upper Montclair, "Once on This Island" musical performance, through March 20, 7 p.m., matinee on March 21 at 3 p.m., cost: \$10 for adults/\$5 for children, (973) 744-1156 ext. 27.

March 20

SACRED HEART PARISH, Bloomfield, fish and chips dinner, 5 p.m., cost: \$15 for adults/\$9 for children, RSVP by March 15, call Terry at (973) 743-3230.

SODALITY OF THE CHILDREN OF MARY OF St. TERESA, Jersey City, St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, at Casino in the Park, noon, cost: \$45, RSVP to Catherine Zbyszynski, (201) 437-1251.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3962, Ramsey, St. Patrick's Day Party, 7 p.m., cost: \$35, call Phil Keating at (201) 739-1662.

March 21

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, Nutley, La Societa Oriundi Castellani Mass commemorating apparition of Our Lady of Sorrows, 2 p.m., (973) 667-0026.

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Montvale, Spring Craft Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., cost: \$2, (201) 391-2099.

MARYLAWN OF THE ORANGES, South Orange, reunion brunch, at Rock Springs Club, West Orange, begins with Mass at 10:30 a.m., cost: \$40, (973) 762-9222 ext. 12.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL Parish, Ridgewood, Career Resources Ministry, job workshop, noon, call Carol Shea at (201) 447-4215.

March 22

CALDWELL COLLEGE, "Mimi Duffy Maher: Wooded Landscapes," art exhibition, through April 9, reception with the artist on March 28, 3-6 p.m., call Professor Kendall Baker at (973) 618-3457.

March 25

ROSARY SHRINE GUILD, Summit, luncheon, at Corpus Christi Auditorium, Chatham, includes concert performed by "The Three Cantors," cost: \$30, (908) 273-1228.

March 26

DON BOSCO PREPARATORY SCHOOL, Ramsey, Moment of Magic Auction, at The Rockleigh Country Club, cost: \$50, call Digna Siclari at (973) 427-8722.

THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY, Summit, luncheon and baby shower, at St. Teresa's Memorial Hall, luncheon follows 11:30 a.m. Mass, (908) 277-6009.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3428, North Arlington, Ladies Auxiliary presents Meatless Pasta Night, 6-8:30 p.m., cost: \$15 for adults/\$10 for children, (201) 991-9606.

March 27

GOOD SHEPHERD ACADEMY, Nutley, Enrico Tamburri Memorial Fund beefsteak dinner, 7-11 p.m., cost: \$35 for adults/\$15 for children, RSVP by March 20, call Gina Tamburri at (973) 751-4187.

March 28

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, Franklin Lakes; parish youth group, led by youth minister Lori Flynn, will perform Living Stations of the Cross at 8 p.m.; (201) 891-4200.

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Conferences

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will be separate English and Spanish tracks for the men's confab. Keynote speaker Father Andrew Apostoli, a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and a prolific author who appears regularly on EWTN, will be joined by a series of speakers in both tracks.

Taking to the podium in the English track will be Curtis Martin, founding president of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), which has chapters at Seton Hall and Ramapo College. Joining him will be Edward Moccia, director of the Seton Hall branch of Saint Paul's Outreach, an evangelistic Catholic campus ministry that serves students and young adults. Scheduled to speak as well are two men from the world of professional sports—former New York Jets defensive lineman Joe Klecko and Major League Baseball coach Rich Donnelly.

Addressing the Spanish track will be local broadcaster Luis Alejandro Media of Telemundo 47; Father Gary Banks, S.T., of Misionero de la Santisma Trinidad; seminarian Pedro Repollet and Father John J. Galeano, pastor of Saint Francis de Sales Parish in Lodi, a member of the Archdiocesan Interfaith Development Committee and spiritual director of the Spanish Cursillo Movement.

Confessions will be heard throughout the day. Archbishop John J. Myers will celebrate Mass at 4 p.m. to end the conference.

Registration online is urged at www.rcan.org/ menscommission. Other registration options include contacting a parish conference leader, or archdioce-

san organizers at (973) 497-4545. Any questions can be directed to the same number or via e-mail at Catholicmen@rcan.org. Jorge L. Repollet, director of cemetery services for the Archdiocese of Newark's Catholic Cemeteries group, is chairman of the archdiocesan Men's Commission. The theme for the Women's Day of Reflection,

slated for Saturday, March 20, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., is "Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope." Featured speakers include Dianne M. Traflet, J.D., S.T.D., assistant professor of Pastoral Theology and founder and codirector of the Institute for Christian Spirituality at SHU, and Colleen Carroll Campbell, a fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. and host of the EWTN program "Faith and Culture."

Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. by Archbishop Myers. Priests will be available for confessions throughout the day. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction begin at 3 p.m.

Traflet, the author of "Edith Stein: A Spiritual Portrait," will discuss "The Way of the Cross with Edith Stein." Her classes at SHU include Women Mystics, Theology and Practice of Prayer and Marian Spirituality. Campbell's talk, "The Feminine Genius: A Call to Love," will focus on the teachings of Edith Stein (1891-1942), also known as Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Early registration is available online at www. rcan.org/womcom. For additional information, e-mail Pamela Swartzberg, chairwoman of the Women's Commission, at swartzpa@rcan.or call Loretta Lovell at (973) 497-4008.





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