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Most Rev. John J. Myers, J.C.D.
Archbishop of Newark
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Holy Thursday, April 1, 7:00 p.m., Newark Cathedral, Newark, N.J.
Good Friday, April 2, 3:00 p.m., Newark Cathedral, Newark, N.J.
Easter Sunday, April 4, 8:00 a.m., Newark Cathedral, Newark, N.J.

Most Rev. Peter L. Gurry
Archbishop Emeritus of Newark
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Most Rev. Edgar W. de Cuir, S.D.M.
Auxiliary Bishop of Newark
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Auxiliary Bishop of Newark
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Auxiliary Bishop of Newark
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Most Rev. Michael A. Cruz
Auxiliary Bishop of Newark
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Good Friday, April 2, 3:00 p.m., Newark Cathedral, Newark, N.J.
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Most Rev. Dominic A. Marini
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Series ponders Easter season

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

“Without the Cross, there is no crown,” declared Rev. Msgr. Edward G. Bradley. “Without

Jesus’ death, there is no Resurrection. Easter is our primary feast and it reminds us to appreciate the life we have now. We should live each day doing our best so we are prepared for eternal life with God.”

Msgr. Bradley is one of the speakers in the Archdiocese of Newark’s Lenten Reflection Series, “Open Our Hearts to Jesus.” The six-week lunchtime forum, which concludes March 31, is based on the eponymous booklet co-written by Father Thomas B. Iwanowski, former pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Jersey City.

Combining readings from the Gospel, prayer and discussion in small groups, the series—held at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark—is designed to facilitate dialogue on the sacred season of Lent and prepare the faithful for the celebration of Easter.

“Sister Donna L. Ciangio, O.P., who worked with me at Our Lady of Czestochowa, originated the idea of writing a book for small groups to use as a guide during Lent,” Fr. Iwanowski explained. “The editor at Ave Maria Press said we worked well together and had a similar writing style. The reflections and questions asked in the book came out of my homilies.”

Fr. Iwanowski led the first session of the series; an installment entitled “Shining Divinely.” Based on the Gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28-36), the presentation dealt with gaining a deeper understanding of Jesus and others.

“The discussion was based on the idea that people can always surprise us; loved ones, people close to us. During the Transfiguration, the Apostles received a deeper understanding of who He is. They learned that Jesus was much more than their leader. We are called to discover more of who Jesus is and who we are,” Fr. Iwanowski said.

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Alleluia!

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HONORED GUEST FROM HAITI—Most Rev. Francois W. Ligonde (right), Archbishop Emeritus of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, met with Archbishop John J. Myers (left) and Rev. Msgr. Beaubrun Ardouin, the coordinator of the archdiocesan Haitian Apostolate, at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, on March 19. Working with Msgr. Ardouin, Archbishop Ligonde conducted a weeklong retreat for the Haitian Apostolate at Saint Leo Parish, Irvington, Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary and Saint Michael Parish, Elizabeth, and Holy Spirit and Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, East Orange. Archbishop Ligonde was in Philadelphia on Jan. 12—the day the deadly earthquake struck his country—to participate in the annual celebration for Haitian Independence Day. Born in Haiti in 1928, Archbishop Ligonde became the Port-au-Prince archbishop in 1966, serving in that capacity until his retirement in 2007. Tragically, Archbishop Ligonde's successor, Archbishop Joseph Serge Miot, died in the quake, which took the lives of over 200,000 people (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Jan. 27). The Archdiocese of Newark, in recent weeks, has raised more than \$1.2 million to assist the Haitian people in their time of need. A Mass for Haiti was celebrated March 6 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 10).

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Guest speaker Rosalyn Rueff (center) is pictured with SVA students Brianna Farrar (left) and Kelly Rainho. Rueff's visit was the culmination of an interdisciplinary unit of freshman curriculum at SVA.

SVA students hear survivor recall Holocaust memories

NEWARK—Freshmen at Saint Vincent Academy (SVA) studying the Holocaust recently heard a first-hand account of the horrors from that era. Livingston resident Rosalyn Rueff made a return visit to the school to share her experiences with the 81-member freshman class.

Sharon Falkin, president of the Essex County Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women, introduced Rueff by describing her story as “touching, provocative and a lesson for life.” Rueff told of her experiences as a Jewish child in Poland and Germany before and during World War II. Rueff's mother was born in Newark, but returned to her native Poland.

Rueff described life in the Jewish ghetto in Poland and her family's eventual transfer in freight trains to a Polish prison and eventually to the notorious Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany. Her immediate family members survived and were liberated by American soldiers on April 13, 1945. Rueff went on to attend a Catholic school in Belgium. Her family eventually immigrated to the United States.

“Your story is now part of me,” Stephanie Wawira SVA student, told Rueff. “I will do my best to keep your story alive and never forgotten so that history does not repeat itself.” Students thanked Rueff for having the courage to share her story with them.

Located at 228 West Market St., SVA was founded in 1869 and is sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth (Web site: www.svanewark.org).

Online courses to provide faith formation education

NEWARK—Parishioners and staff members at parishes and schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark can register for online courses in partnership with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation.

Participation in the effort, initiated by the archdiocesan Catechetical Office, is available at \$40 per course. Cycle Three courses will be offered April 11 through May 15. Registration is open through April 7. Most courses run for five weeks.

Among the course offerings are Images of Jesus, Catholic Beliefs, Sacraments, Old Testament, New Testament, Letters of Paul, Church History, Prayer, Morality, Faith and Values and Mary in Scripture and Tradition. Some courses are accepted for Catechist certification.

Call Elizabeth R. Foer, Catechetical Office associate director, at (973) 497-4297 for details on the program or visit the Web site (www.rcan.org/catechet). To learn more about the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community and course availability, visit (<http://vlc.udayton.edu>).



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Fourth Day	Thursday, April 8, 2010	•	6:00 PM		Confessions will be heard throughout the afternoon
Fifth Day	Friday, April 9, 2010	•	6:00 PM	4:45 PM	Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament
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Braving hurricane-like conditions on Saturday, March 13, men from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark and beyond flocked to Seton Hall University, South Orange, to take part in the second Catholic Men's Conference, sponsored and hosted by the Men's Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark. Dynamic speakers, songs of praise, fellowship, spiritual strengthening, all-day confessions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers (center) highlighted the conference, which carried the theme "Champions of Faith." Despite the dreary, stormy weather, Archbishop Myers described the gathering as a "spiritually uplifting day." Jorge L. Repollet (top left), chairman of the archdiocesan Men's Commission and the director of cemetery services for the archdiocese's Catholic Cemeteries assembly, which drew more than 2,340 faithful men. Featured speakers included Father Andrew Apostoli, member of the Franciscan Renewal; Curtis Martin, founding president of the

Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), which has chapters at Seton Hall and Ramapo College; Edward Moccia, director of the Seton Hall branch of Saint Paul's Outreach, an evangelistic Catholic campus ministry that serves students and young adults; and two men from the world of professional sports—former New York Jets defensive lineman Joe Klecko and Major League Baseball coach Rich Donnelly. The success of the archdiocesan men's conference reflects a burgeoning national trend. According to a recent report, citing information from the National Fellowship of Catholic Men, Waco, TX, more than 60 Catholic men's conferences will be held this year throughout the United States, up from just 12 in 2001. Additional photos from the conference can be found online at *The Catholic Advocate's* recently redesigned Web site (www.rcan.org/advocate). An article recapping the event is slated for the April 14 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*.



Pope Benedict apologizes to victims in Ireland abuse scandal

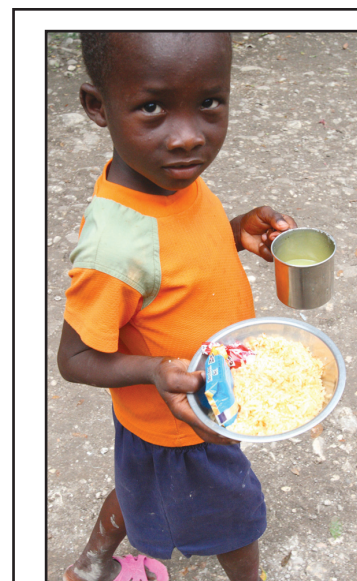
VATICAN CITY (CNS)—In a letter to Irish Catholics, Pope Benedict XVI personally apologized to victims of priestly sexual abuse and announced new steps to heal the wounds of the scandal, including a Vatican investigation and a year of penitential reparation. Addressing priests and religious who have abused children, the pope declared: “You betrayed

the trust that was placed in you by innocent young people and their parents, and you must answer for it before almighty God and before properly constituted tribunals.” The pope urged bishops to fully implement the Church’s new policies against abuse and to “continue to cooperate with the civil authorities in their area of competence.” He said bishops

had made serious mistakes in responding to allegations of sexual abuse. Addressing young people in Ireland, he urged them not to give up on the Church. “It is in the Church that you will find Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever.”

Nuncio: women still face threats

UNITED NATIONS (CNS)—The status of women around the world has improved in the last 15 years with better educational opportunities, less discrimination and more laws against domestic violence, but women continue to suffer, Archbishop Celestino Migliore said March 8. The progress of women also can be seen in their promotion as “key to eradicating poverty and fostering development” and the growth of their participation in civil society, the Vatican’s U.N. nuncio told leaders of the world body. However, he said women and girls remain victims of various forms of violence,



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HELPING HAITI—A boy walks with a meal outside a Salesian-run camp for earthquake survivors in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, March 4. The Salesians, who sponsor the largest network of Catholic education in the country, are rethinking their programs following the devastating Jan. 12 earthquake. Father Adriano Bregolin, vicar general of the Salesians, during a visit to Port-au-Prince, said Haiti requires a massive rebuilding effort with backing from the United States and Europe if the poverty-ridden country is to ever recover. “The greatest poverty of the people is absence of government and a humane system,” he said.

including female feticide and infanticide, and account for a significant number of those infected by HIV/AIDS, he said. They also make up the majority of those who are trafficked across international borders and sexually exploited. Archbishop Migliore’s statement was delivered during a session of the Commission on the Status of Women, a body of the U.N. Economic and Social Council.

“Around the world girls and women are victims of physical, sexual and psychological violence, including rape as a weapon of war in various parts of the world, not to mention economic abuse,” the archbishop said. Reasons for the “precarious situation” of women and girls, he said, can be found in part in “cultural and social dynamics as well as delays and slowness of policy.”



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God's eternal promises must 'settle' in our hearts

BY MSGR. ANSELM NWAORGU
Special to The Catholic Advocate

The joy of Easter Sunday is not just because Christ rose from the dead; rather it takes its full force because of Good Friday—the day that Christ was crucified. Without Good Friday, Easter Sunday will not be as powerful an event in history as it is today in our lives as Christians.

Such is life—full of ups and downs, sorrows and joys. Like a bed of roses, there are thorns as well as color and beauty. The problem is that our need for comfort usually resents the thorns that adorn the bed of roses.

The truth is that life would be a boring thing if there were no struggles to deal with, difficult situations to resolve, challenges to beat, mountains to move and obstacles to overcome. Carl Jung once observed that “Even a happy life cannot be without a measure of darkness and the word ‘happy’ would lose its meaning if it were not balanced by sadness.” Just as the rainy season makes the dry season

desirable and vice versa, so it is in life. If we did not sometimes taste adversity in life, prosperity would not be so welcome.

If this is so—if trials and tribulations are part of life and are unavoidable and do serve to help us grow in maturity—the problem we face, then, is not how to avoid struggles but how to deal with them.

There are many people who are tempted to deal with suffering with an attitude of apathy—a defeated acceptance of tribulations in life under the pretence that it is God's will. This kind of outlook, in the face of tribulations, only guarantees more defeat because it stunts initiative, kills creativity, defeats hope and renders prayers useless. It denies one the power to become a faithful “overcomer” under the grace of God.

It was not the spirit of apathy that got Christ through the crucifixion and brought Him to the resurrection. Rather, He was an active participant in that whole process.

Some others see hardships as situations to be bulldozed over with defiance; with human power,

money and influential connections. Minds like these do not see any “teachable moments” in human tribulations. An approach like this negates the fact that human power is so limited and that our struggle, sometimes, is not with “flesh and blood but with principalities and powers and the evil forces in the heavenly places” (Eph 6:12). Remember, if the Lord does not keep watch, in vain does the watchman keep vigil. Moreover, the experience of tribulation has been known to strengthen the soul, clear up vision, inspire ambition and lead to greater success.

There are also those who develop an attitude of self-pity in the face of difficult situations and behave, as though, their hurt is the worst in the world. As Marcus Aurelius rightly said: “if you are distressed by anything external, the pain is not due to the thing itself, but to your estimate of it and this you have the power to revoke at any moment.”

In the face of suffering and tribulations, our attitude needs to be such that we can “settle it in our hearts.” The word “settle” comes

from the Greek word “*tithemi*,” which means, to “set” or “put” something in its place. To settle something in the heart is to have an unshakable confidence in God; to deposit it with God and not let even the total collapse of the entire cosmos interfere with it.

The confidence behind settling things in our heart comes from the promises that God has made to us. The Bible tells us that “God is faithful” and that with every temptation He “will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13). We need to believe, in the face of tribulation, that God is preparing a window of escape for us. We must believe that He is using our situation to mold us into what He wants us to become. Remember His promise: “When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

No matter the situation we find ourselves in, therefore, we need to “settle it” in our heart that the faithfulness of our God and His generosity will have the last word,



Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

just as it had for Jesus. Remember that our God is “Ancient of Days,” the One who is, who was and who is to come.

(Editor's note: Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, Ph.D. is the pastor of Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Church, Newark, and the author of the book, “Beating the Odds: Inspirations from Matthew 25” and the devotional, “Devotions to the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Specific Intercessory Prayers.” For more information about these books and other reflections by Msgr. Anselm, visit his Web site at: www.franselm.com).

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Archdiocesan students demonstrate writing finesse

BY BARBARA DOLAN
Special to The Catholic Advocate

NEWARK—The results of the

annual standardized CTB Writing Assessment, administered to students in Grades 4 and 7 highlight the strength of the writing pro-

grams in the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Writing assessment results reveal insights on the development

of writing skills for individual students as well as group achievement. This data is used to evaluate the effectiveness of writing programs and the instructional needs of students.

A high percentage of students earned scores in the upper range of the assessment. The results of these writing scores, coupled with TerraNova results, attest to the emphasis that is placed on providing strong language arts programs and developing the writing proficiency of each student in the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Newark.

The writing assessment, developed by national test publisher CTB/McGraw-Hill, is administered to the students in Grades 4 and 7 each November. The purpose of the writing assessment is to provide teachers and school administrators with an objective rating of students' writing proficiency.

The CTB Writing Assessment requires students to respond in writing to a specific prompt. The writing task is completed in a classroom, under the supervision of a teacher/proctor, during a 30-45 minute period. Once it is completed, the student's writing sample is submitted to CTB/McGraw-Hill for scoring by a trained evaluator.

Each writing sample is assigned a holistic score ranging from 1 through 6. The holistic score is based on the student's incorporation of various elements of effective writing.

The average score for the fourth grade students in the archdiocese was 3.8 on a 6-point scale. According to the norms published

by CTB for the particular prompt used in Grade 4 a score of 4.0 places a student at the 72nd national percentile. Fifty-six percent of the 1,947 fourth grade students received a score of 4 or higher on the writing assessment administered in November 2009. More than half of the fourth grade students in the archdiocese received scores that were higher than 72 percent of the national group.

The group mean for the seventh grade was 4.3 with 81 percent of the 2,157 seventh grade students scoring 4 and higher on the CTB Writing Assessment. According to the published norms for the prompt used this year in Grade 7, a student earning a 4.0 scored higher than 65 percent of the national group. The results indicate that on average seventh grade students in the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Newark exhibit above-average writing skills.

A comparison of the results of the Fall 2009 Writing Assessment with the results of the Fall 2008 Writing Assessment shows a marked increase in the percent of students scoring above average. In addition to the students' strong performance on the writing assessment, all grade levels achieved above average median national percentile scores on the Language section of the TerraNova standardized tests administered in March 2009.

(Editor's note: Barbara Dolan is the assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and assessment for the Schools Office of Archdiocese of Newark.)

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Youth rally looks to engage 'prophets of life, love, joy'

SOUTH ORANGE—The seventh annual "Pro-Life Youth Rally," organized by the Salesians of Don Bosco, will be held Friday, April 23, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of Seton Hall University.

"Prophets of Life, Love and Joy" is the theme of this year's event, which welcomes high school and college students, parish-based family and apostolate groups and religious education organizations. The rally will emphasize educating and evangelizing young people to the "Gospel of Life."

Registration forms are available online (www.salesianym.com). Completed forms should be mailed to Father Steve Ryan, 315 Self Pl., South Orange, NJ, 07079 or faxed to (973) 763-9330. Registration forms are needed no later than April 9 to facilitate planning for the event. For additional information call Fr. Ryan or Lina Tauazon at (973) 761-0201.

Brian Kissinger, a youth minister in Fairfax, VA, will serve as the keynote speaker. Other speakers will include representatives from pro-life groups such as New Jersey Right to Life, Crossroads, Lifenet and the Archdiocese of Newark's Respect Life office.

Father Joseph Meagher, director of the archdiocesan Respect Life Office, located in Linden, will celebrate Mass, with Father Leo Butler, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Norwood, serving as the homilist.



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CELEBRATING SEUSS—Pre-K students at Visitation Academy, Paramus, recently celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss, the beloved author of 44 children's books. The youngsters sang, read a variety of Dr. Seuss stories and processed throughout the school building proudly displaying their "Cat in the Hat" hats. Theodor Seuss Geisel was born March 2, 1904 and died in 1991.

Caldwell to show 'Calling' and host director of film

CALDWELL—Caldwell College will present "The Calling," a documentary film exploring the nature of belief, the bonds of family and religious life, April 14, 6:30 p.m., in Alumni Theater.

Director and producer David A. Ranghelli, a New York-based filmmaker, will speak at the screening.

The Calling is the winner of this year's Best International Documentary Award at the Queens Film Festival. The story follows Orlando Castillo, a young man who embraces the religious life, and the members of the Catholic community that aids the poor in Lima, Peru.

For additional information contact Sister Kathleen Tuite at (973) 618-3534.

Queen of Peace set to perform Bye Bye Birdie

NORTH ARLINGTON — Queen of Peace High School, 191 Rutherford Place, will present "Bye, Bye Birdie" as its annual spring musical in the Sonny Connors Gymnasium during the weekends of April 23 and 24 and April 30 and May 1. Curtain time for all performances is 8 p.m.

The musical comedy won Broadway's 1961 Tony Award.

For ticket information, call Cheryl Riley at (201) 998-8227, ext. 39. Tickets will be sold at the door based on availability. Additional details on the production can be found on the Queen of Peace Web site (www.qphs.org).

Sacred Heart classmates plan a reconnection party April 24

BLOOMFIELD—Classmates of Sacred Heart School (SHS), which closed in 2004 after operating for 125 years, will gather for a gala reunion Saturday, April 24, 6:30 p.m., at the old school's auditorium, located at 683 Bloomfield Ave.

Tickets are \$40 per person. The gathering will include food, beer, wine, soft drinks, dancing and DJ music, a slide show, memorabilia table, trivia questions, a photographer and prizes.

Call Phil Giordano at (973) 429-9594 or Sacred Heart Parish at (973) 748-1800 for details. Gail

Gehringer (phone: 201-923-3411; e-mail: gail@primemsp.com) is the chair of the reunion committee.

SHS opened in 1879—one year after the founding of Sacred Heart Parish by Father Joseph Nardiello. The school originally operated from the church basement and eventually moved to 683 Bloomfield Ave.

Giordano said the growing list of reunion attendees, which includes clergy members, former pastors and priests, teachers, faculty, alumni, graduates, parents, deacons, coaches and scout leaders, demonstrates the SHS family spirit that still exists.

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Holy Week 2010 Schedule

Chrism Mass: Monday, 29th

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark • 8:00 pm

Confessions:

Friday, March 26th • 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Monday, March 29th • 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Tuesday, March 30th • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Holy Thursday, April 1st

Morning Prayer: 9:15 am
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 pm

Good Friday, April 2nd

Morning Prayer: 9:15 am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

Morning Prayer: 9:15 am
Blessing of Food: 9:30 am
No 5:30 pm Mass

Easter Vigil, April 3rd

7:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 4th

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am and 12:00 Noon



Holy Week schedule for bishops

Most Rev. John J. Myers, J.C.D. **Archbishop of Newark**

(All at the Cathedral Basilica
of the Sacred Heart, Newark)

Palm Sunday, March 28, noon, Mass

Chrism Mass, March 29, 8 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., Mass

Good Friday, April 2, 3 p.m., Celebration of
the Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil, April 3, 8:15 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4, noon, Mass

Most Rev. Peter L. Gerety **Archbishop Emeritus of Newark**

(All at Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Verona)

Palm Sunday, March 28, noon, Mass

Holy Thursday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., Mass

Good Friday, April 2, 3 p.m., Celebration of
the Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil, April 3, 7:30 p.m.

Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. **Auxiliary Bishop of Newark**

Palm Sunday, March 28, 9 a.m. and 10:30
a.m., Mass, Holy Cross Parish, Harrison

Holy Thursday, April 1, 8 p.m., Mass, Saints
Peter and Paul Parish, Hoboken

Good Friday, April 2, 3 p.m., Celebration of
the Lord's Passion (in Spanish), Holy Cross
Parish, Harrison

Easter Vigil, April 3, 8:30 p.m., Holy Cross
Parish, Harrison (tri-lingual Mass in English,
Portuguese and Spanish)

Easter Sunday, April 4, 9 a.m. and 10:30
a.m., Mass, Holy Cross Parish, Harrison

Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato **Auxiliary Bishop of Newark**

(All at Saint Henry Parish, Bayonne)

Holy Thursday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., Mass

Good Friday, April 2, 7:30 p.m., Celebration
of the Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil, April 3, 7:30 p.m., Mass

Easter Sunday, April 4, 8 a.m., Mass

Most Rev. John W. Flesey, S.T.D. **Auxiliary Bishop of Newark**

Saturday, March 27, 5:30 p.m., Mass, Saint
Margaret of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry

Palm Sunday, March 28, noon, Mass, Most
Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes

Easter Vigil, April 3, 7:30 p.m., Mass, Most
Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes

Easter Sunday, April 4, 10:30 a.m., Mass,
Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Hoboken

Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz **Auxiliary Bishop of Newark**

Palm Sunday, March 28, 10 a.m., Mass
(in Spanish), Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred
Heart, Newark

Holy Thursday, April 1, 7 p.m., Mass (Eng-
lish and Spanish), Saint Catherine of Siena
Parish, Hillside

Good Friday, April 2, 7:30 p.m., Celebration
of the Lord's Passion (in Spanish), Saints Peter
and Paul Parish, Hoboken

Easter Sunday, April 4, 10 a.m., Mass
(in Spanish), Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred
Heart, Newark

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

Palm Sunday, March 28, 10 a.m., Mass, Saint
Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Linden

Holy Thursday, April 1, 7 p.m., Mass, Saint
Theresa of the Child of Jesus Parish, Linden

Good Friday, April 2, 7:30 p.m., Celebration
of the Lord's Passion, Saint Margaret of
Cortona Parish, Little Ferry

Holy Saturday, April 3, noon, blessing of
Easter food, Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus
Parish, Linden;

Easter Vigil, April 3, Saint Philomena Parish,
Livingston

Easter Sunday, April 4, 9 a.m., Mass, Saint
Theresa Parish, Kenilworth

Most Rev. David Arias, O.A.R. **Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark**

Palm Sunday, March 28, 1 p.m., Mass, Saint
Francis Xavier Parish, Newark

Chrism Mass, March 29, 8 p.m., Cathedral
Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark

Holy Thursday, April 1, 7 p.m., Mass, Saint
Anthony of Padua Parish, Union City

Good Friday, April 2, 3 p.m., procession
through the streets of West New York; 5 p.m.,
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Saint Joseph
of the Palisades Parish, West New York.

Easter Sunday, April 4, 1 p.m., Mass, Saint
Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth

Most Rev. Charles J. McDonnell **Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark**

Easter Sunday, April 4, Mass, 10:30 a.m.,
Saint Mary Parish, Nutley



Pope sees Lent as a time to change lives

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Lenten call to conversion is not an attempt to make people feel bad about themselves, but to promote their true good, which is eternal life, Pope Benedict XVI said. Celebrating Mass March 7 at

the Rome parish of Saint John of the Cross and reciting the Angelus at the Vatican afterward, the pope focused on the day’s Gospel story in which Jesus tells His followers they must convert or they will perish.

At the parish, which was founded in 1989, the pope said Lent is “an invitation to the conversion of our lives and to doing appropriate acts of penitence.” “During Lent, each one of us is called by God to make a change, thinking and living according to the Gospel, correcting things in our way of praying, acting, working and relating to others,” he said. “Jesus makes this appeal to us not with an aim of severity, but because He is concerned for our welfare, our happiness and our salvation.” The crowd Jesus was addressing in the Gospel story thought that people who met a sudden and violent death were sinners, while the fact that members of Jesus’ audience were still alive meant they had nothing to

worry about, the pope said. However, the pope pointed out Jesus warned them that by not recognizing their own sins and not setting out on the path to conversion, they would not be saved. Reciting the Angelus later with visitors in Saint Peter’s Square, the pope said the Gospel story teaches Christians not to look for fault among the victims of disasters, but to recognize how much they need God in their own lives and to ask for the strength to convert. “In the face of sin, God reveals Himself to be full of mercy and does not hesitate to call sinners to avoid evil, to grow in His love and to concretely help their neighbors in need so they can live in the joy of grace and not face eternal death,” the pope said.



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Pope Benedict XVI described Lent as like “a long retreat,” a period when people can reflect and listen to the voice of God. He said Lent is a time of spiritual training, undertaken not with an attitude of pride, but in an effort to live more closely with Jesus through prayerful reflection and penitential practices.

Nutley youth group troupe to stage Stations of Cross

NUTLEY — The combined youth groups of Holy Family and Saint Mary parishes will perform Stations of the Cross at Holy Family, 28 Brookline Ave., on Palm Sunday (March 28), 7:30 p.m.; Saint Mary, 17 Msgr. Owens Pl., on Good Friday (April 2), 2 p.m.; and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 120 Prospect St., also on Good Friday, 7 p.m. Amy Jackson, Holy Family youth minister, is the director of the production. The cast, a troupe of 30 teenagers, includes Rob Woll

(the centurion); Paul Carnicella (Jesus); Steven Filippe (Pilate); Marta Russoniello (Mary); Natalie Reitz (Veronica); Rich Garbowski (chief priest), Anthony Peschi (Simon of Cyrene); Joe Caputo (Judas) and Chris Clark (Peter). Call Tara Freschi, Saint Mary youth minister, at (973) 580-3938 for more information.



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Chrism Mass at Cathedral to bless oils for sacraments

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK — The annual chrism Mass will be celebrated Monday, March 29, 8 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St. Archbishop John J. Myers will be the principal celebrant.

Each year hundreds attend the Mass, part of the celebration of Holy Week, to witness the consecration of chrism and the blessing of other oils, which are dedicated for sacramental use in the archdiocese for the coming year.

Archbishop Myers, in a letter to parish catechetical leaders, wrote that “many of those to whom you minister will relate to these oils. The newly baptized are anointed and confirmed with the chrism. Catechumens are prepared and disposed for baptism with the Oil of Catechumens and the sick are anointed in their illness with the Oil for the Sick. Witnessing the blessing of the oil is an impressive moment of grace.”

Chrism typically is composed of olive oil and balsam, an aromatic resin. Father Tom A. Dente, director of the archdiocesan Office of Divine Worship, explained the Church maintains



During Mass the chrism, stored in large metal urns, is carried to the altar. The archbishop blesses the oil by breathing on it.

an ancient tradition of anointing with sacred oil. It strengthens catechumens for baptism; offers the healing of Christ to those who are ill; and is used in the sacraments of confirmation and baptism.

Fr. Groeschel’s words of wisdom to highlight Divine Mercy Mass

LIVINGSTON—Father Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R., founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and co-founder of Good Counsel Homes, will be the homilist April 11 for Divine Mercy Sunday at Saint Philomena Parish, 386 South Livingston Ave.

The celebration begins with confessions at 1:15 p.m. followed by Mass at 2 p.m. Following Mass there will be adoration and dedication of the Blessed Sacrament, singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and veneration of a first-class relic of Saint Faustina and the Image of Divine Mercy. Call (973) 992-0994 for more information. Rev.

Msgr. John J. Laferrera is the pastor of Saint Philomena.

According to the biographical information posted on the Good Counsel Homes Web site (www.goodcounselhomes.org), Fr. Groeschel was born in Jersey City on July 23, 1933—the oldest of six children. He attended Saint Aloysius elementary school, Caldwell, and Immaculate Conception High School, Montclair. He entered the Capuchin Order on July 6, 1951 and was given the name Benedict Joseph on Sept. 1, 1952. He was ordained a priest June 20, 1959.

Based in Hoboken, Good Counsel Homes was founded in 1985 by Fr. Groeschel and Chris Bell, a national leader in the pro-life movement. Good Counsel shelters homeless pregnant women in a secure family environment. Good Counsel operates five facilities in the greater metropolitan area.

Pope John Paul II, on April 30, 2000, established Divine Mercy Sunday—celebrated on the Sunday after Easter—as a universal feast day when he canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), a Polish nun.



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Academy's career day attracts panel of talented role models

ELIZABETH—Benedictine Academy, 840 Broad St., the all-female Catholic college prep high school, held a "career day" forum March 10, which trumpeted the theme: "women speaking to women."

The event drew 23 accomplished professionals, including a silver medalist in the 1976 summer Olympic Games, held in Montreal, and the nation's first female chief of transit police. Many of the guest speakers were graduates of Benedictine Academy.

Sister Germaine Fritz, O.S.B., president of Benedictine Academy, offered a prayer to launch the forum. Kenneth Jennings, academy principal, encouraged students to listen to the presenters with their hearts as well as hear the underlying message behind each career-development story. "My hope is that our students will discover their own passion for what they love to do, using their God-given talents as they

move through life."

Benedictine students took part in small workshops according to their career interest, interacting with guest speakers who described their respective professions. The session ended with a panel discussion.

Julienne Brazinski Simpson, B.A. Class of 1970 (sports), a silver medalist in the 1976 Olympic Games, co-captain of the U.S. women's basketball team, a member of the Class of 2000 Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, Knoxville, TN, and director of athletics and assistant to the vice president for student life at the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, and Mary Rabadeau (law enforcement), the first female chief of transit police (NJ) in the nation and a deputy chief and police director for the Elizabeth Police Department, headed the list of inspirational speakers.

Other presentations were given by Corinne Ambrosi, M.D.

(physician/forensic pathology), acting deputy chief medical examiner, office of the chief medical examiner, City of New York (Queens); Gloria Berlinski (communications), a freelance medical writer and editor for the pharmaceutical and biotech industries; and Sister Mariette Therese Bernier, O.S.B. (vocations/psy-chology), vocations director, the Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth.



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Liz McConahay Wanfried, (back row, far right), director of Benedictine Academy's theatre program, spoke with students about career opportunities in the performing arts. An arts educator, Wanfried's own performance credits include Broadway productions and TV programs. Benedictine Academy (Web site: www.benedictineacad.org) was founded in 1915 by the Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth.

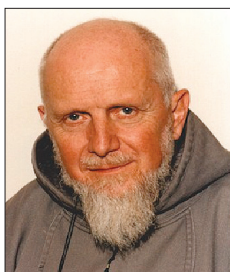


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Divine Mercy Sunday with Fr. Benedict Groeschel April 11, 2010

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Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR
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'Paschal Mystery' points to deeds of the Messiah

A priest's early experiences in a parish can be memorable. In 1963 I was asked to help in a country parish for the Sacred Triduum. It was my privilege to give the sermon on Easter Sunday, so I focused on the way that the sacraments are rooted in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection.

During the Vigil Mass we had blessed a large container of water so I pointed to this sacramental as I explained that the verb "to baptize" means to submerge into water. The difference from Jewish ceremonial immersion and the Baptism of John is that, besides being a sign of cleansing from sin, Christian Baptism points to the way in which our lives are transformed by being plunged into the mystery of Christ's death, burial and resurrection. "Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were indeed buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life (Rom 6:3-4).

After the Mass the pastor thanked me for assisting him. Then he remarked: "At Easter, the sermon should focus on the triumph of Jesus over death as the great sign of His heavenly Father's approval, showing that He is the Son of God." His theological studies had not progressed in recent decades!

Such was the pattern of preaching before the Second Vatican Council. We would be told to preach a series of sermons on the sacraments, another on the Creed a third on the Decalogue (Ten Commandments). Perhaps one

could make a connection with the Sunday Scripture readings, but a homily that drew upon the Scriptures of the day to guide the faithful into a deeper appreciation of God's Word was a novelty for many. Of course, there is a need for adults to receive doctrine and moral instruction and the challenge today is to offer insights into Catholic theology in other settings. Sunday Mass should not be the only context that adults grapple with the great challenges to faith and the moral life.

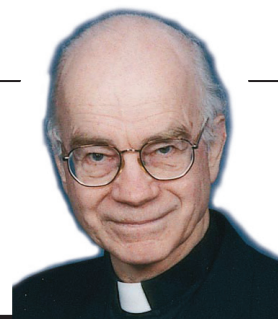
What did the Second Vatican Council offer for the clergy and all the faithful to appreciate the sacraments? "Just as Christ was sent by the Father so He sent the apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit...so that they might preach the Gospel to every creature and proclaim that the Son of God by His death and resurrection has freed us from the power of Satan and from death, and brought us into the Kingdom of His Father... Thus by Baptism people are grafted into the Paschal Mystery of Christ; they die with Him, are buried with Him and rise with Him" (Sacred Liturgy No. 6).

Through the term "Paschal Mystery" the Second Vatican Council emphasized the profound unity of the various events that are commemorated in Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum. The persecution, trials and death of Jesus must be understood in relation to his resurrection, ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit. The first three Gospels present the Passion and Resurrection as a series of events so that we can contemplate the details, which Catholic piety has incorporated into devotions such as the Stations of the Cross and the Mysteries of the Rosary. However, Saint John drew attention to "the hour" of Jesus, which encompassed every moment—from the Last Supper to the sending of the Holy Spirit. In His commit-

In His commitment to the Father's will, Jesus manifested Himself as the Good Shepherd.

SUNDAY READINGS

By Rev. Lawrence Frizzell



ment to the Father's will, Jesus manifested Himself as the Good Shepherd. "For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again" (Jn 10:17).

By using the phrase "Paschal Mystery" to describe these culminating events of the ministry of Jesus, the Church draws our attention to the primordial paradigm for understanding the work of Jesus, "the deeds of the Messiah." The Aramaic word for the Passover Sacrifice of the lamb and the meal that was the context for narrating the Exodus is Pascha, translated as "Passover." John's account of the Last Supper begins: "Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that His hour had come to pass from this world to the Father" (Jn 13:1). Through word, gesture and symbolic food and drink, this was Israel's experience, of liberation from servitude to the Pharaoh of Egypt so that the children of Abraham would be free to serve the living God in their own land. To understand the preparation for another stage of deliverance, Saint John pointed to the sacrifice of the Passover (Paschal) lamb at the very time two lambs were offered daily in the Temple for the forgiveness of sins. "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29).

The earliest record of Christian teaching focused on the death and resurrection of Jesus in relation to the human need for deliverance from sin and for the reorientation of life. Saint Paul reminded the Corinthian

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Time to ponder

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Currently on sabbatical in Normandy Beach, Fr. Iwanowski is also a participant in the small-group discussion at a local parish. "It has been interesting participating in it with a group of 10 to 12 people. You hear other people and see how it helps them. That is the value of working in a small group—you learn more about others and yourself."

Almsgiving and sacrificing during Lent is imperative to gaining a better appreciation of Easter, the priest noted. "How can you say you love God if you don't love your neighbor? Showing our love for others gives us an outer focus. It moves us away from selfishness and self-concern. Sacrifice allows us to be free and not be possessed by our possessions."

Some Catholics who do not regularly attend Sunday Mass still attend Easter Mass—a sign that God is touching their lives, according to Fr. Iwanowski. "People are looking for something more and the call to attend Easter Mass is a proclamation that God is doing something in their lives. The risen Lord has touched them and that is why they are at Mass. Easter brings hope and new life. You can have a fuller, deeper, richer life with Christ."

At 50 days, the Easter season is the longest in the Church calendar. Fr. Iwanowski said the Easter Mystery is so profound and all-encompassing that the length of the

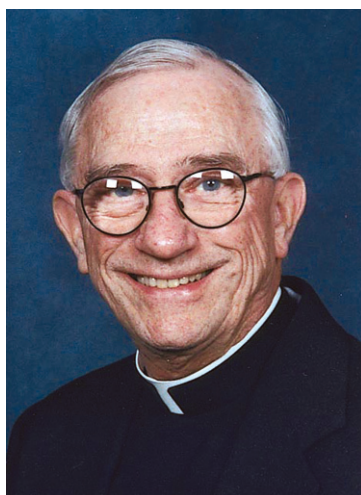
season provides the time needed to fully reflect upon key spiritual concepts. "There are not many passages (in the Bible) on the Resurrection. There really is no need; the Apostles knew Jesus was alive, well and present. There was no need to prove what they already knew. We need to open our eyes to the Lord who is risen."

Msgr. Bradley, the archdiocesan director of ministry to retired priests, led the second week's discussion titled "Investing in God." His session focused on the Gospel parable of the fig tree (Luke 13:1-9).

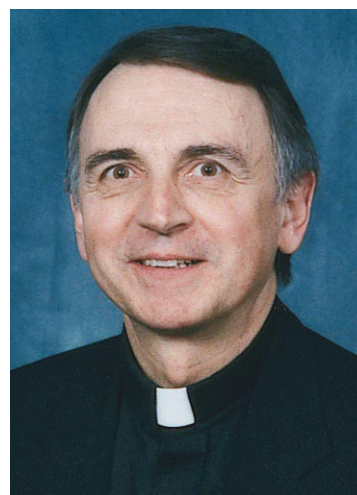
"The owner of the fig tree wanted to cut it down because it bore no fruit. The gardener did not want to get rid of the tree yet and said to give it a chance to grow," Msgr. Bradley explained. "The owner invested in the tree and felt he was getting nothing in return. God invests in us and gives us grace, but sometimes we don't use it. God always gives another chance to use our grace."

Lent is a time for growth, Msgr. Bradley pointed out, emphasizing that through reflection and sacrifice, Catholics can truly rejoice in the Easter season. "In giving something up, we appreciate the things we have. It's part of life. It takes the hard times for us to cherish the things we have. We have to get back to our roots of love and gratefulness."

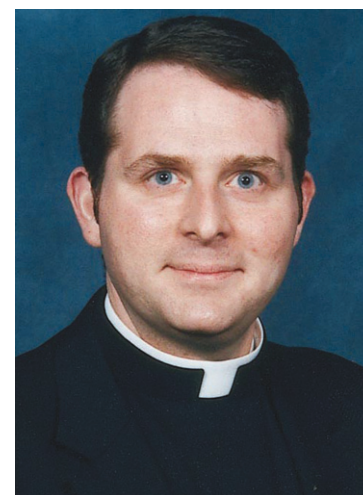
The parable of the prodigal son was the basis for the third week in the reflection series (Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32). Rev. Msgr. James M. Sheehan, judicial vicar of the arch-



Msgr. Edward Bradley



Fr. Thomas Iwanowski



Msgr. James Sheehan

diocesan tribunal, led the presentation "Love Unconditionally."

"The relationship between the father and two sons in the story represents a parable of supernatural love. God is the 'father' and we Christians are the 'sons.' God sent His son Jesus to us and His self-gift of Jesus' life is what we celebrate on Easter. We are promised eternal life and that gift was given to us freely. It is up to us to say yes

to the promise of eternal life," Msgr. Sheehan explained.

In today's hectic world, finding time to reflect on faith can be difficult, according to Msgr. Sheehan. "People are always running and busy. We don't take the time to sit and reflect on the great mystery of what God has done for us. People feel that connection to faith at Easter."

During Lent, Christians focus

on the love of God shown by the cross, Msgr. Sheehan said. "The crucifixion is an act of violence but also an act of love. Christ is the ultimate sacrifice. Anytime we take the time to contemplate and learn at a deeper level what we believe in, it is for our benefit. Lent is a time to deeply reflect, appreciate and respond to the gift of love given to us. Everyday should be a time to reflect."

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Christians: "I delivered to you what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures..." (1 Cor 15:3-4).

This brief synthesis of our faith stresses the unique foundation for the Christian way of life, making it different from a philosophy or an exalted code of ethics. We do need prolonged instruction to apply the principles of the biblical heritage to the complex challenges of adult life; this is the function of theology as an examination of the principles flowing from the Church's faith. But to

distinguish the Christian searching for meaning from other systems of thought, we look back to the person and work of Jesus and, through His Sacrifice and the sacraments flowing from Calvary, we enter into prayerful union with Him. "In Christ Jesus you are all children of God, through faith. For as many of you who were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal 3:26-27). This image of being clothed in Christ means that we have been gifted with a new identity. A very real change has been effected in the life of each baptized person so that each of us has been adopted into the family of God and the family of Abraham and Sarah. "And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise" (Gal 3:29).

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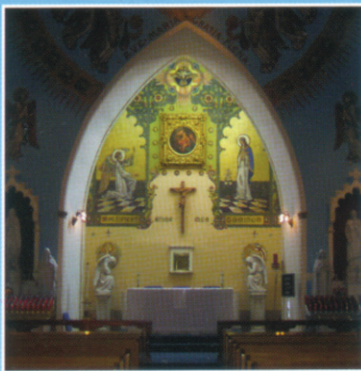
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Rekindle the flames of faith when embers grow cold

Here we are approaching the end of Lent, anticipating the Church-filling solemnities of Palm Sunday and Easter. Hopefully the days between the blackened cross of Ash Wednesday and the fresh-cut scent of the new palms to be blessed next weekend, come the praiseworthy stories of people's Lenten sacrifices and interior conversions.

Parish scrutinies relating to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) should have helped the larger parish community to reflect on their own journeys of faith: where they've come from, where they are now, and, most especially, where they are going.

Meanwhile, the month of March hinted at the beginning of things to come with the arrival of the first day of spring (March 20). Though snow has been no stranger to our area this year, there remains a hope for warmer days and brighter evenings as we approach April and Easter.

Part of any Lenten program is personal renewal and spiritual growth, yet it also should also have motivated us to reach out to someone who has been away from

active faith practice, to invite them to consider rekindling the hearth of their souls with new warmth and enthusiasm.

"The Silent Sermon," an anonymous story working its way around the Internet, offers a powerful illustration of our interconnectedness as members of Christ's Body, the Church.

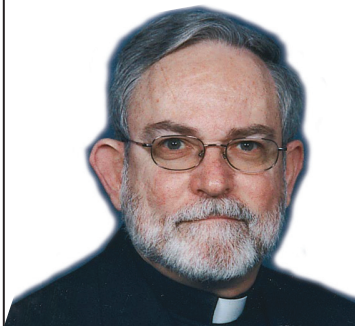
A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs.

After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in

SEEING & BELIEVING



By Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz

quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more, with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek: 'Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday.'

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

Palm Sunday provides us with a tremendous opportunity to reach out to a relative or neighbor who might be open to returning to Church. While bringing up the subject with some people seems to produce only a heated argument, I still vividly recall a video I saw many years ago, detailing the ministry of an elderly priest. He found himself at a party in someone's home, when a woman walked up to him and said, "I've been away from the Church for a long time."

Not sure how to react, he simply said, "Have you ever thought of coming back?" He was astounded by her reply, "Yes, many times," so he asked why she hadn't returned sooner. Her simple answer—"no one ever asked me before"—prompted him to devote

the remaining years of his priesthood to encourage people to follow his example and ask others more often.

Clearly our personal witness and way of life is the strongest invitation.

This is how the early Church grew. From Mary Magdalene and the Apostles and the Emmaus disciples to countless generations thereafter, they weren't afraid to share their experiences of the Risen Jesus. With hearts burning within them, by word and action, they credibly drew so many more to join them. The love Christians had and showed for one another inspired outsiders to come in, willing to risk death to be part of the community that lived the life Jesus espoused, and who, we believe, found the eternal life, which Jesus promised.

May our celebration of Holy Week and Easter put us in touch more deeply with Jesus who gave Himself completely for us and encourage us to live our lives in such a way that they speak loving volumes about what it means to be alive and in love with Christ, our Risen Lord!



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Crocuses will bloom and help end winter's gloom

As I write this, the snow lies all around the building in which I live. The sky is gray. The wind seems to send a constant chill over the world. For two months, storm after storm has turned our streets into dark and icy places.

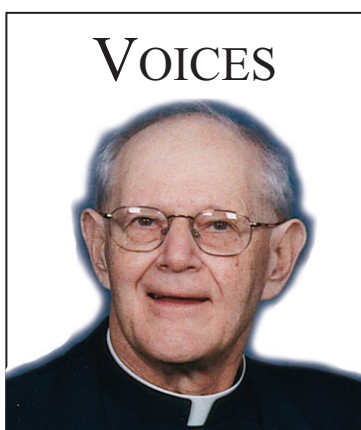
And world events have not lifted our spirits. The loss of jobs, the fear about pensions and health-care, the fiscal condition of our country and the State, weighs upon our citizens. Call it a recession or call it a depression, its all the same for a person out of work—especially one with dependents—it is a dark night.

Truly this has been our “Winter of Discontent.” And yet, in this season of Lent, for those who love God, all things can work together unto good.

In times of trouble, of pain, of fear and of sorrow, the cross emerges for those who have faith, out of the gloom, into the light of reality to strengthen our souls.

It is impossible to even imagine Jesus Christ as anything other than our suffering Messiah. How could we ever feel a relationship to a conquering hero like Alexander the Great, or a wonderful teacher like Socrates, or some sort of wonder worker or scientist, or just great humanitarian? Even if He were to come as a “Prophet like Moses,” how could He affect us more than any ordinary prophet of the past?

No, Jesus is our own flesh and blood. He truly knows our suffering because He has endured psychological and physical pain. It is easy to speak about pain, but when we have been injured, then and only then, at that moment, when hurt burns into our very essence do



By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist

we hear the shriek of agony in our head, and then perhaps let it come from our inner soul into the eyes and ears of those close by, does pain achieve reality.

Only those in mental stress know fully what depression, fear, and anxiety can do to the soul. How many of us have awakened and we lie there trying to force our body into action. We do not want to face the day. Jesus not only talked the talk, He walked the walk, to Calvary—in fear, as He freely confessed in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Yet, as I look out my window, I see patches of green. Just under the snow, the grass awaits. I know that in a very few days, the sun will become bright, the wind will turn gentle and warm, the crocuses and the daffodils will lift up their heads.

I am older now. And so, I am certain that the winter of our recession will pass. I saw it disappear after the Great Depression and in many other times of financial crisis over the years.

Above all, there is the Risen

Savior. Oh how glorious is our Easter Sunday. All our hopes and dreams are wrapped up in that one divine event. How could there be a Christ—a Messiah without a resurrection? He has opened the door so that we might peek into eternity. “This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad.”

What else could we ever ask for? What more could we ever

dream of? Eternal life shines radiantly in the risen body of God’s only Son, our brother. What belongs to Him now—glory and eternal life—will one day be ours.

So we come back to the beginning. Jesus had to become one of us. God was willing to let His Son share our sorrow so that we might share His glory.

Let not your soul be troubled.

Whatever has hurt you will pass. Just over the horizon glory awaits. In the meantime let the words you hear at Holy Mass lift up your soul.

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Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution requires a census of the population every 10 years to

ensure the fair allocation of representatives in Congress.

In recognition of the 259th birthday of James Madison, the principal writer of the Constitution and the fourth President of the United States, Census Bureau Director Robert Groves visited Montpelier—Madison’s colonial

home—on March 16.

Groves stood in Madison’s library, the very room that one of the Founding Fathers used to draft the Virginia Plan that became the Constitution.

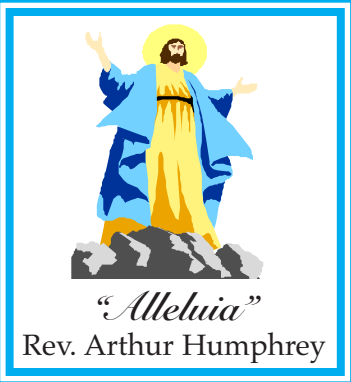
“I have devoted my professional career to the science of statistics. Being in this room profoundly re-

minds me of my own personal civic obligation to participate in the census and ensure we get it right,” Groves said.

The Constitution had a bold idea to empower the people over their new government, Groves said. The plan was to count every person living in the newly created United States of America and to use that count to determine representation in Congress.

The 2010 Census is a count of everyone living in the United States. By law, everyone in the United States, both citizens and noncitizens, must be counted every

10 years. Census data are used to reapportion congressional seats to states and directly affect how more than \$400 billion per year in federal funding is distributed. For more information, visit the Census Web site (www.census.gov).



Series shines a ‘spotlight on faith’

NEWARK—“Spotlight” courses on catechism and the Scriptures, a series to introduce adult Catholics to key teachings of the faith, will be held in April and May. Dr. Eugene Tozzi, associate director for Adult and Family Catechesis, archdiocesan Catechetical Office, is the series coordinator.

Dr. Sylvia McGeary, assistant professor in the Religious Studies Department of Felician College, Lodi, will present “Spotlight on Faith: The Creed Our Heritage in Faith” at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, 28 Livingston Ave., Roseland, on Saturday, April 17, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Father John D. Gabriel, director of the archdiocesan Vocations Office and Emmaus House of Discernment, will present the Spotlight course on the New Testament, Saturday, May 1, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Parish, 99 Broadway, Jersey City.

Participants must register at least one week in advance of each course. The \$40 registration fee includes lunch. Courses are open to the general public. A certificate will be given at the completion of each course. Parish catechists, Catholic school religion teachers, team members involved in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and others in the catechetical ministries can earn doctrinal certification from the Catechetical Office by completing the entire Spotlight series.

For additional information, to request a brochure or to register, contact Tozzi by phone at (973) 497-4288 or e-mail (attozzieug@rcan.org). Brochures are also available in many parish, religious education and school offices and on the Catechetical Office Web site (www.rcan.org/catechet).

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Technology helps create connections for Deaf Catholics

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Staff members of the Archdiocese of Newark’s Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf, based at the Archdiocesan Center, visit isolated deaf senior citizens and interpret scriptural readings. In addition, staff members teach deaf children by using the visual, kinetically complex language of ASL.

Just as hearing parishioners typically contact their clergy simply by picking up the telephone, Deaf Catholics require and deserve direct and immediate access to our ministry, especially in time of need.

For many years we were forced

to use telecommunication relay services to correspond effectively with parish community members and clients. Next to our voice phone we have a TTY (a “text telephone,” also known as a TDD or “telecommunication device for the deaf”). A TTY is used for typing English messages between parties. The basic TTY technology first was developed more than 40 years ago.

Quite often the TTY messages left in our office on this system were incomplete or garbled, forcing us to guess what deaf parish members were trying to say, since “spoken English” is their second language and not easily understood by them.

Telecommunication technology has advanced significantly in recent years and is now capable of conducting a clear-streaming image of the person signing. As a result, many Deaf adults now have high-tech video phones, instead of old-technology TTYs. Video phones, because of their advanced capabilities, allow them to use their natural language (ASL) rather than English.

Unfortunately, despite the technology advances, our ministry office in Newark was one step behind the curve and continued to depend on old-technology and video relay services. For example, when we wanted to call a deaf person on their video phone, we



Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

Helen Berry (left), a representative of Sorenson Video Relay Services demonstrates video phone capabilities to Joetta Krasnoborski (seated), and Deacon Thomas Smith. Three years ago Krasnoborski, who is deaf, was honored by the NJ Coalition for Inclusive Ministries for her work with the Archdiocese of Newark’s Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf.

would have to speak to a communication assistant (a certified ASL interpreter). The interpreter, in turn, would “sign” our message to the Deaf person at the other end of the telephone line. Conversely, the Deaf person wishing to contact our office would “sign” to the interpreter, who would “voice” the message to us on our regular telephone (or answering machine) through this same relay service.

Even with the great capabilities of video phones, we had a technology gap, which required a “third-party” connection between the deaf Catholic and our ministry office. As a result, this situation reduced the effectiveness of our communication. The Deaf person

would see a person other than the one with whom they were communicating and we would hear a stranger’s voice relaying information from one of our church members—an awkward, cumbersome process.

However, in recent weeks, the Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf has installed its own video phone, which now closes the communications gap. The number is (862) 279-7645 or (877) 350-4614 (yes, we even have a toll-free number for those who need it). This phone number is only for use by those persons using their own Video Phone to call our Video Phone, installed at the office of the Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf.

Using this technology upgrade, we now can “sign in real time” with our parish members, connecting directly with the person with whom we are communicating; no more “go-betweens,” missed calls or miscommunication. Thanks be to God to our dedicated Information Technology Services group at the Archdiocesan Center and to the technicians from Sorenson Video Relay Services—a business unit of Sorenson Communications, Salt Lake City—who made this vital connection possible.

(Editor’s note: Deacon Thomas M. Smith, C.S.W., is the director of the Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf for the Archdiocese of Newark.)

NJCC raises concerns over adoption privacy issues

TRENTON—Senate Bill 799, now ready for a vote by the New Jersey Senate, would eliminate an important privacy for birth mothers—a privacy that is a covenant between the mothers and the state that has been protected by law for decades, according to a statement issued by the New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC).

The NJCC said groups supporting S-799 continually have made misstatements and misrepresentations about NJ’s adoption law. These groups claim the law only protects the adopted child; that claim is wrong. The law protects all of the parties: the child, the birth parents and the adopting parents.

“We consider this bill to be punitive against birth mothers,” Patrick R. Brannigan, executive director of the NJCC, said. “This bill would take away the rights of a birth mother to retain her privacy. It would force birth mothers to take a deliberate step to inform the state of New Jersey that they do not want contact with the child. Why would the state of New Jersey deny privacy to a birth mother who gives her child to a loving family that will nurture and raise that child?”

The Catholic Church has provided adoption services in the Garden State for well over a century. The NJCC has long supported mutual-consent reunions and the sharing of

health information between adoptees and birth parents. Catholic charity agencies provide adoptees with information about their social background and health histories even in instances when they are unable to facilitate a reunion.

Superior Court Judge Philip Gruccio, in *Mills v. Atlantic City Department of Vital Statistics*, 148 NJ Super. 302 (Ch. Div. 1977), explained that the purpose of NJ’s Adoption Act is to protect the interest of all three parties: the child, adoptive parents and birth parents. The law, as it now exists, assures birth parents that the intensely private and emotional decision to place their child for adoption will not become public knowledge.

The adopting parents, too, are granted confidentiality by the law since they take into their home the child of others to raise and love as their own, and, in Judge Gruccio’s words, “the State has an active interest in protecting and nurturing the growing family relationship it has statutorily created.” Thousands of birth mothers placed their children for adoption through NJ courts in reliance on this statutory assurance of privacy.

The NJCC is working with the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey, New Jersey Right to Life, the New

Jersey State Bar Association, and the Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry to support a simple and fair approach to this very sensitive issue. This coalition supports sensible and compassionate legislation that would take into consideration the interests of all parties. The foundation of such a system is an effective mutual-consent registry established by the state to provide adoptees with access to their birth parents’ medical history and to link birth parents and adult adopted persons when the parties have requested and consented to such a reunion.

This mutual-consent registry system would use qualified individuals and agencies to function as intermediaries to attempt to locate adopted persons and birth parents. In the case in which a birth parent is unwilling to reunite, the intermediary would attempt to obtain family and medical history for the adoptee.

(Editor’s note: The NJCC represents the Archdiocese of Newark, Diocese of Camden, Diocese of Metuchen, Diocese of Paterson, Diocese of Trenton, Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic and Our Lady of Deliverance Syriac Catholic Diocese. Archbishop John J. Myers is president of the NJCC.)

Father Benedict Militello succumbs

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated March 10 at Saint Anthony Parish, Northvale, for Father Benedict P. Militello, 78, who died March 6.

A native of Jersey City, he was Pastor Emeritus of Most Holy Name Parish in Garfield. He was a graduate of Seton Hall University, South Orange, and earned a master's in divinity from Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington.



Fr. Benedict Militello
Ordned on May 25, 1957, Fr. Militello's first assignment was parochial vicar at Saint Anthony Parish, Northvale, and then Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Bayonne. Fr. Militello served as parochial vicar at Saint Joseph Parish and Saint Anne Parish, both in Jersey City. He was pastor for 12 years at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Jersey City, and was pastor at Madonna Parish, Fort Lee, for two years. In 1995, he was named pastor at Most Holy Name Parish in Garfield. After retiring in 2000, he returned to Saint Anthony in Northvale. Fr. Militello also served as dean of the Jersey City North Deanery from 1986-1989.

Obituaries

Sister Anne Conlon, C.S.J.P.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated March 13 at Saint Michael Villa Chapel, Englewood Cliffs, for Sister Anne Conlon, C.S.J.P., 84, who passed away March 10.

Born in County Longford, Ireland, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Peace at Cabra, Ireland, on May 18, 1941 and pronounced final vows at St. Michael's Novitiate, Englewood Cliffs, on Sept. 8, 1948.

Following ministry in Scotland, Sr. Anne served in New Jersey at Saint Mary Residence, Newark, and Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck. Sister Anne served as a dietician, social worker and in pastoral care. She retired to Saint Michael Villa in 2003.

Sister Ursula Maphet, C.S.J.P.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated March 8 at Saint Michael Villa Chapel, Englewood Cliffs, for Sister Ursula Maphet, C.S.J.P., 84, who passed away March 3.

A native of Jersey City, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace on March 6, 1942, and pronounced final vows on Sept. 8, 1947.

She ministered at Saint Luke High School, Ho-Ho-Kus and Annunciation School, Paramus. Sr. Ursula also taught high school in Bukidnon, Philippines. After returning to the United States, Sr. Ursula ministered at Saint Joseph Magazine Office, Jersey City, and retired to Saint Michael Villa in July 1998.



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Knights collect items to aid Haitian people

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Noting the generosity of local residents and organizations, the Knights received contributions from the local Volunteer Ambulance Corps, the Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Mary Immaculate Council 12769 in Secaucus, Immaculate Conception Council 9021 in Norwood and New Milford's Saint Joseph Council 3841.

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XAVIER RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER, Convent Station, "Journey of a Celtic Heart," 10 a.m.-3 p.m., cost: \$45, (973) 290-5100.

March 28

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, Franklin Lakes, Living Stations of the Cross, performed by parish youth group, 8 p.m., (201) 891-4200.

BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, Oradell, Hall of Fame Dinner at The Fiesta, Wood-Ridge, 5 p.m., call Marge Millus at (201) 634-4142.

ST. ANNE PARISH, Jersey City, "The Way of the Cross" presented by the Franciscan Mystery Players, 8 p.m., (201) 656-2490.

March 29

CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION, Upper Saddle River, separation and divorce ministry, through May 24, 7:30-9 p.m., call Milli Stellatos at (201) 327-1313 ext. 812.

March 30

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, Scotch Plains, adult book study and discussion, "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace, One School at a Time," 7:30pm, (908) 889-2100.

March 31

ST. ANDREW PARISH, Westwood, Lenten Musical Reflection, 7:30 p.m., (201) 666-1100.

April 2

SACRED HEART PARISH, Bloomfield, Living Stations of the Cross, 8 p.m., (973) 748-1800.

ST. ANDREW PARISH, Westwood, Ecumenical Walk of Faith, noon, (201) 666-1100.

April 4

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, Scotch Plains, Easter Sunrise Celebration, 5:30 a.m., (908) 889-2100.

April 7

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, Union, Holy Hour for Life, 7:30 p.m., (908) 687-3327.

April 9

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5437, Garwood, fish fry, 6-8 p.m., cost: \$12 for adults/\$7 for children, advance tickets only, (908) 789-9809.

NJ BLOOD SERVICES, blood drive at St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, 1-7 p.m., call Marie Forrestal at (732) 616-0798.

April 10

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12769, Secaucus, Pasta Night, 6:30 p.m., cost: \$15, call Robert at (201) 491-8058.

April 11

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART, Newark, Mass celebrating married couples celebrating five and 25+ years of marriage, 3 p.m., (973) 497-4323.

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April 6

Gate of Heaven Chapel, East Hanover

April 7

Holy Cross Chapel, North Arlington

April 9

St. Gertrude Chapel, Colonia

ST. LUCY PARISH, Newark, Mass celebrating St. Gerard's birthday, procession in parish plaza to follow, 12:15 p.m., call Paul Perillo at (732) 674-1966.

April 13

CALDWELL COLLEGE, evening of remembrance and intercession for those touched by abortion, at Motherhouse Chapel, 7 p.m., (973) 618-3357.

ST. CATHARINE PARISH, Glen Rock, bereavement group sessions, nine consecutive Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-noon, call Gladys Van Langer at (201) 652-8837.

April 14

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, Secaucus, fund-raiser raffle of two cruise ship tickets, 9 p.m., cost: \$25, (201) 863-4840.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES, Newark, annulment information evening, at St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth, 7:30 p.m., (973) 497-4327.

April 16

XAVIER RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER, Convent Station, "My One Wild and Precious Life," 7 p.m. through 1:30 p.m. April 18, cost: \$175, (973) 290-5100.

ORATORY PREPARATORY SCHOOL, Summit, "April in Paris" spring gala, at Brooklake Country Club, Florham Park, honoring Father Paul Manning, cost: \$135, contact Gayle Khoury at OPgala @oratoryprep.org.

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Expanded role 'renews' Sr. Terry's spirit

PLAINFIELD—Archbishop John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., has appointed Sister Theresa ("Terry") Rickard, O.P., to serve as both president and executive director of RENEW International.

Sr. Terry, who succeeds RENEW co-founder Rev. Msgr. Thomas Kleissler as president, expands her role as executive director of the 35-person organization, which serves the needs of people and parishes throughout the world with a variety of pastoral processes, community outreach efforts and publications.

Operating under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Newark for the past three decades, RENEW (Web site: www.renewintl.org) fosters spiritual renewal in the Catholic tradition by empowering individuals and communities to encounter God in everyday life, deepen and share faith, and connect faith with action.

Archbishop Myers, in his capacity as the chairman of the RENEW's corporate board, followed the recommendation of trustees with regard to the appointment of Sr. Terry. "I am pleased RENEW International's important mission will be carried forward by someone with Sr. Terry's experience and enthusiasm for serving God's people," he said. "I thank Msgr. Kleissler for his many years of dedication and

vision renewing parishes in the United States and abroad."

Msgr. Kleissler, a Newark priest for over 50 years, co-founded RENEW International with Rev. Msgr. Thomas Ivory in the Archdiocese of Newark, beginning as the Office of Pastoral Renewal in 1976 under then-Archbishop Peter L. Gerety. During Msgr. Kleissler's tenure as president, RENEW's work spread outside the archdiocese, the Garden State and even the United States, serving communities in Europe, Central America, Asia, Australia, and Africa. Msgr. Kleissler will continue to utilize his gifts as a member of the RENEW team.

A Dominican Sister of Blauvelt, NY, Sr. Terry holds a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching degree from Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis. She earned a Master of Divinity degree at Union Theological Seminary, and a Master of Arts in Religion and Religious Education degrees at Fordham University, both in New York City.

Under Sr. Terry's watch, RENEW has focused on evangelization, faith formation and spiritual renewal. One popular program is "Why Catholic?" (and the Spanish-language counterpart: ¿Por qué ser católico?), a process designed to help Catholic adults grow in their faith and their confi-

dence to share that faith with others. RENEW, in recent years, has implemented "Why Catholic?" at 40 parishes in Bergen, Hudson, Essex and Union counties through a partnership with the Archdiocese of Newark's Office of Evangelization, which is led by Liliana Soto and Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D. (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Jan. 13). To support the "Why Catholic?" initiative, RENEW has employed innovative communication tools such as Web-based video, podcasts, webinars, and online social networks to help parishes engage both active and inactive Catholics.

RENEW also helps parishes reach out to young adults with its signature "Theology on Tap" series, which is offered to parishes throughout the United States in collaboration with the young adult ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

"ARISE Together in Christ" is RENEW's latest pastoral renewal service, developed in collaboration with Cardinal Seán O'Malley and the Archdiocese of Boston's Office of Worship and Spiritual Life. Adopted by the Boston archdiocese as the spiritual centerpiece of its recent bicentennial, the program helps to build bridges between merged parishes, connecting diverse ethnic communities and forging deeper relationships

among faith community members. RENEW also recently introduced "Longing for the Holy," a faith-sharing resource for parish use and individual reflection based on selected spiritual insights of Father Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I., a best-selling Catholic author and national columnist.

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GIRL SCOUT AWARDS—Girl scouts, their leaders and parents from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark filled the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, March 7 for the annual awards service. Archbishop John J. Myers welcomed the gathering, saying “how proud we are of all of you. We thank God for you.” In his remarks, Father Donald K. Hummel (inset)—an Eagle Scout who has spent a lifetime in scouting—cited the portion of the Girl Scout oath that calls for service to God. “You know who God is,” he declared.

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Tea time: April 27 event looks to laud Legacy Society donors

NEWARK—The annual Legacy Circle Planned Giving Society tea and prayer service will be held Tuesday, April 27, 2 p.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St.

Archbishop John J. Myers will serve as the host for the gathering, which is organized by the archdiocesan Planned Giving Office to honor members of the Legacy Society. The event begins with a prayer service in the Cathedral, followed by light refreshments in the archbishop’s residence.

The Legacy Society Tea honors those friends of the Archdiocese of Newark who have included the archdiocese and/or their parish in their will; established a charitable gift annuity or a trust; or named the Church as beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy or other planned gift that will benefit the Church and help those in need. Contact Anne DeVivo DeMesa, director of planned giving, by phone (973) 497-4048 or via e-mail (demesaan@rcan.org) for more information.

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Catholic Charities puts out welcome mat in Dumont

DUMONT—Domus Corp., a non-profit housing development affiliate of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, celebrated its newest community initiative March 8: the opening of Saint Mary's Senior Residence.

The 50-unit, low-income complex, located at 280 Washington Ave., offers handicap-accessible, one-bedroom rental apartments for residents ages 62 and older.

"Addressing the housing needs of a graying America is paramount," Dr. Phillip Frese, president of Domus, said. Quality-of-life challenges in an aging population—such as a looming housing shortage due to economic pressures and demographic shifts—need to be addressed, he said.

Statistics cited by Domus indi-

cate Americans age 55 and older represent 74 million people or nearly 25 percent of the total US population. Within the next 20 years, nearly 30 percent of households will be headed by a person over 65, with nearly half of those a single-person household.

Frese said creating affordable housing projects for seniors within communities is part of the mission for Catholic Charities. In recent years, Domus has worked aggressively and creatively to develop affordable housing and provide related support services in the four counties of the archdiocese: Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union.

Domus has spearheaded low-income housing projects for older Americans, as well as people with disabilities. Since 1995, the cor-



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The new 50-unit Saint Mary's Senior Residence on the grounds of the Dumont parish was dedicated March 8. Participants included, left to right, Father Robert G. Laferrera, the pastor of Saint Mary Parish; Mayor Matthew McHale; Michael Horn, chairman of the board, Federal Home Loan Bank; Bergen County Executive Dennis McNerney; Most Rev. John W. Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark; Msgr. Ronald J. Rozniak, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood; Dr. Philip Frese, chief executive officer of Catholic Charities; and Walter Kreher, director, Newark, Multifamily Program Center, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

poration has completed seven housing projects similar to the Dumont site with more on the drawing board. It has opened facilities in Kearny, Union City, and Elizabeth. Currently under consideration is a 51-unit senior complex in Rahway, while Lyndhurst re-

cently inquired about collaborating on the development of a senior housing project.

"We have a very successful track record of not only working with both local communities and government leaders, but also with securing the funding needed for

these projects," Frese said. Domus receives funding for its projects from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, (HUD) and by the Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program. Corporation officials work closely with local and state officials to secure the land, select contractors suited to the project, and, upon completion of the property, manage the facility through a real estate management company who is an expert in the field.

Frese pointed out there's often a misconception that people from "other towns" move into these properties; in effect, shutting out residents within the community. However, he pointed out that nearly 95 percent of occupants either have relatives in the town or have a long-standing relationship with the community. As such, "seniors who cannot afford retirement homes, which were purchased or rented elsewhere in New Jersey, or even in the country, can return to a familiar setting so that they can enjoy retirement with family and friends," he said.

For more information about Domus and affordable-housing projects in the Archdiocese of Newark, call (973) 596-4052. The corporation is located at 590 North 7th St., Newark, and functions as the housing development corporation on all archdiocesan permanent-housing initiatives.

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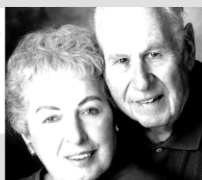
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EARLY MORNING MUSICAL WELCOME—Members of the gospel choir at Newark’s Christ the King Prep—one of 24 Cristo Rey network schools nationwide that target the needs of inner-city high school students—welcome guests to a jobs summit March 11 at Mayfair Farms, West Orange. The focus of the “breakfast” confab was to generate additional corporate sponsors for Christ the King, which opened its doors Sept. 4, 2007. A representative of a current sponsor, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, cited the impressive “caliber and work ethic” of the students assigned to her firm, calling the program a “win-win” situation. The lynchpin of the Cristo Rey education program is establishing corporate internships where students are placed in entry-level positions—working one day out of the regular school week. The salaries earned by students help support the school, while the work experience introduces teenagers to life in a business environment. Father Robert J. Sandoz, O.F.M., is president and Kevin P. Cuddihy is the principal of the coed Newark school, which is located at 239 Woodside Ave. For additional information on Christ the King, visit the school’s Web site (www.cktkprep.org).





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Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

PAROCHIAL VICAR

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CHAPLAIN

Reverend Michael Barone, Parochial Vicar of Saint Mark Parish, Rahway, has been appointed Chaplain at Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, effective March 1.

RELEASE

Reverend Julio I. Roman, has had his release to continue his pastoral service in the Archdiocese of Asuncion, Paraguay extended for an additional three years ending June 21, 2012.



Reverend Arthur B. Schute, has had his release to continue his pastoral service in the Diocese of Venice, FL, extended for an additional three years, ending Nov. 15, 2012.

Reverend Peter J. West, has had his release to continue his ministry with Priests for Life extended for an additional three years ending April 1, 2013.

RETIREMENT

Reverend Monsignor John S. Antao, Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Elizabeth, has been granted retirement effective July 1.

Reverend George M. Reilly, Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, New Milford, has been granted retirement effective July 1.





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