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## Lenten Season

Rev. Msgr. John E. Doran, archdiocesan Vicar General, Moderator and Chancellor, said Lent is the time for the faithful to be “ever more attentive to the word of God and prayer, to prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises” at Easter (cf. *Paschalis Solemnitatis*, 6). The virtue and practice of penance is a necessary part of the preparation for Easter. Penitential practices such as fasting and abstinence are to be encouraged by the Church.

- The days of both fast and abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

- On a day of fast, only one full meal is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

- On a day of abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence “substantially,” or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

- The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 13 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 19. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

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## 9/11 memorial at Holy Cross Cemetery

# A place to heal on solemn 10th anniversary

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

NORTH ARLINGTON — Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark, making preparations to mark the solemn 10th anniversary of Sept. 11, will dedicate a major outdoor memorial installation at Holy Cross Cemetery, 340 Ridge Rd.—a heartfelt representation of the Twin Towers artistically depicted through steel, stone, stained-glass and titanium.

Archbishop John J. Myers will celebrate Mass at the cemetery’s memorial site at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11.

The site is located in the cemetery’s “9/11” section, where victims of the terrorist attack are interred, along with police officers, firemen and U.S. soldiers. The memorial site is situated on a hill that offers a view of the lower Manhattan skyline, where the World Trade Center Twin Towers once stood.

Andrew P. Schafer, executive director for Catholic Cemeteries, said there will be a brief, simple unveiling ceremony of the memorial site on May 30 (Memorial Day), following the annual outdoor Mass held at the cemetery.

The installation features stainless steel beams, measuring 20 feet in height, which provide a scale-model version of the Twin Towers. The design in the steel frame includes “gaps” that echo the impact points of the jet planes during the terrorist attack. The gaps are designed to create a “rising cross,” which will be highlighted with yellow, orange and red stained glass.

Four etched, blue-tint titanium panels, each measuring 24 by 38 inches and depicting a montage of over 40 images of the attack and the heroism of first responders, will be attached to the stainless steel panels.

The base of the memorial installation is composed of original paver stones from the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, arranged in the shape of a cross. Schafer pointed out these stones carry the “spiritual footprints” of Pope John Paul II, Mother Teresa,

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Submitted illustration

An architectural drawing illustrates the 9/11 memorial monument, designed by Mountainside artist Bronna Butler, soon to be unveiled at Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington. Plaques at the site will carry the words of New Testament passages, offered as contemplative thoughts for visitors to consider. “Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good,” one inscription reads, quoting Romans 12:21.

## Catholic Men’s Conference prepares to ‘Rise Up’ March 5 at Seton Hall

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

NEWARK—With just 10 days to go, anticipation and enthusiasm levels among the faithful planning to attend the third annual Catholic Men’s Conference is palpable.

Themed “Rise Up, O Men of God,” with an emphasis this year on attracting more young men, the spiritually nourishing all-day event will take place Saturday, March 5, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on the campus of Seton Hall University (SHU) in South Orange.

Citing registrations coming in daily from throughout and beyond the Archdiocese of Newark, conference chairman Jorge L. Repollet expressed appreciation for the efforts of pastors and the many parish conference leaders (PCLs).

The PCLs, Repollet stressed, are “the heart and soul” of making the Men’s Conference a success. “They have been wonderful,” he added. As a result of the past two conferences, its chairman pointed out, many parishes have instituted men’s groups.

In addition to a concerted effort to attract and appeal to younger men, several other changes are being incorporated according to Repollet. Reflecting on this year’s theme, he stressed the need “to rise up and become more deeply involved in our faith.”

The closing liturgy will feature more Spanish segments including the homily. As has been the case since the conference’s inception, there will be separate English and Spanish tracks.

On a purely logistical level, the conference admission ticket now has a three-fold function: admission at the campus security gate; admission to the conference itself; and lunch. New too this year is placing the conference on Facebook ([www.rcan.org/menscommission](http://www.rcan.org/menscommission)).

Any questions about the gathering can be directed to conference organizers at (973) 497-4545 or via e-mail ([Catholicmen@rcan.org](mailto:Catholicmen@rcan.org)).

The day begins with registration and breakfast. Music starts at 9:15 a.m. followed by the first speaker and a testimonial at 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, more music and exhibitors are slated for 10:30 a.m. Fifteen minutes later the second speaker is scheduled. Lunch begins at noon as well as more fellowship and the chance to visit exhibitors.

An adoration service will be held at 1:30 p.m. followed by the keynote speaker an hour later. The concluding Mass, celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers, starts at 4 p.m. Confessions will be heard throughout the day.

Father Mariusz Koch, C.F.R., an archdiocesan

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# Operation Rice Bowl begins Ash Wednesday



AREA—Faithful from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark will again take part in Operation Rice Bowl, the annual Lenten program sponsored by Baltimore-based Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9.

Each Lent, parishes and schools from more than 12,000 communities nationwide use symbolic rice bowls as the focal point for prayer and fasting. Participants make the small sacrifice of preparing simple, meatless recipes each week while putting the money that otherwise would have been spent on more elaborate meals into the rice bowls. Funds generated by the effort support CRS's mission of fighting global hunger and poverty.

Each year Catholics raise more than \$8 million through Operation Rice Bowl. A full 75 percent is earmarked for hunger and poverty projects in 40 countries. The remaining 25 percent stays in United States dioceses to support soup kitchens and food pantries. For additional information visit the CRS Web site ([www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)).



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Desir Jeanne Ornelie, 55, is pictured in her garden in rural Bom Pas, Haiti, with eggplants she is raising as part of a CRS-supported agricultural and reforestation program. This is one example of the type of efforts made possible by the dollars raised by Operation Rice Bowl. The theme for this year's drive is: "We Are Disciples for All Nations."

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## Cavins' DVD to map out a 'journey' for faithful

AREA—Six parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Newark, in collaboration with the archdiocesan Office for Evangelization, will host eight-week classes on the study of the Bible.

"A Quick Journey Through the Bible" is an eight-part introduction to the "Bible Timeline" learning system developed by author, educator, evangelist and TV host Jeff Cavins. The eight-part series will feature recorded presentations by Cavins with a moderator leading the sessions.

The six parishes hosting the series are: Our Lady of Peace, 111 South St., New Providence, (Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., beginning March 29); Saint Elizabeth, 700 Wyckoff Ave., Wyckoff (Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., beginning March 22); Saint Joseph, 120 Hoboken Rd., East Rutherford (Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., beginning March 31); Saint Philomena, 386 South Livingston Ave., Livingston (Thursday, 7-9 p.m., beginning March 24); Corpus Christi, 218 Washington Pl., Hasbrouck Heights (Saturdays, 9-11 a.m. beginning April 2); and SS. Peter and Paul, 404 Hudson St., Hoboken (Sundays, 5-7 p.m., beginning March 27).

The cost to register is \$22 per person. Checks payable to "The Archdiocese of Newark" can be mailed to: The Office of Evangelization, Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark, NJ 07104. Additional information on the series will be provided at the offices of the six participating parishes or by calling the Office of Evangelization at (973) 497-4353. Information also available online (Web site: [www.rcan.org/evangelization](http://www.rcan.org/evangelization)).

Liliana Soto-Cabrera, archdiocesan coordinator for evangelization, said the sessions are designed to answer Pope Benedict XVI's declaration in the apostolic exhortation *Verbum Domini*.

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Reception to spotlight archdiocesan legacy circle

NEWARK—The Archdiocese of Newark’s Legacy Circle Planned Giving Society’s prayer service and reception will be held Thursday, March 31, 2 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St.

A reception, hosted by Archbishop John J. Myers, will take place immediately following the prayer service. The Planned Giving Office of the Archdiocese of Newark organizes and hosts the annual reception.

Each year the event recognizes and honors those individuals who have included their parish, school or other ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark in their will or made some other type of planned gift.

Anyone who has named their parish, an archdiocesan school or ministry of the Church in their will/estate plans is eligible for membership in the Legacy Society.


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Archbishop John J. Myers

archdiocesan parish in their will or is considering doing so can contact Anne DeVivo DeMesa, archdiocesan director of planned gifts by phone (973-497-4048) or e-mail (demesaan@rcan.org) to learn about the benefits of membership.

Last year over 40 guests attended the event. The Legacy Society was established to honor the generosity of those who have made a commitment to the future of the archdiocese. Legacy Society members receive invitations to special archdiocesan events held throughout the year.



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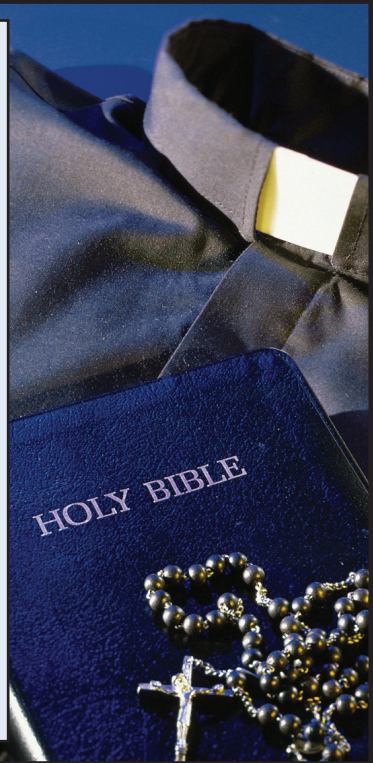
They said to Him, “Rabbi, where do you stay?”

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Apostolica Ministries to lead Hillsdale parish Lenten mission

HILLSDALE—Saint John the Baptist Parish, 69 Valley St., will hold a Lenten mission beginning Sunday evening, March 13 through Tuesday evening, March 15.

The mission at the Bergen County parish will be conducted by Apostolica Ministries—the team of Deacon Anthony “Tony” Siino and Cantor Sherry Ottoson of Saint Jude’s Parish in Budd Lake.

Apostolica Ministries evangelizes in the Diocese of Paterson, performing spiritual concerts featuring original music based on Scriptures. Recently Apostolica Ministries has expanded its format by offering talks and parish missions that seek to present listeners with a spiritual guidebook for life through song, prayer and laughter.

The Lenten mission, titled “Surviving the Recession: Using God’s Stimulus Package to Avoid Spiritual Bankruptcy” is geared for adults and teens. It will be intro-

duced at weekend masses on March 12-13, continuing at the evening sessions on March 13-15, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the church. The Tuesday program will touch on the themes of forgiveness and reconciliation.

The mission program is free and

open to the public. A free-will offering will be accepted at the door. For further information call the parish center at (201) 666-2707.

Father John J. Korbelak is the pastor of Saint John the Baptist, while Father Bruce E. Harger serves as parochial vicar.


Business and labor dinner to benefit CYO programs


NEWARK—The 18th annual Archbishop’s Business and Labor Recognition Reception will be held Tuesday, March 1, 6 p.m., at Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange.

Tickets are priced at \$200 per person or \$1,800 for a group of 10 people. Proceeds from the dinner benefit the archdiocese’s CYO programs, which serve young people of every religion and ethnic background.

Since its inception the recognition dinner has generated more than \$2 million. Contact Geraldine Menegolla at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4154 to reserve tickets for the reception.

Dean Janeway, president and chief operating officer of Wakefern Food Corp., Keasbey, and Marty Schwartz, business agent, Local 164 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Paramus, will be the honorees for the event.





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# U.S. bishops raise red flags on budget cuts, moral choices

WASHINGTON—Expressing concern over proposed federal budget cuts in the fiscal-year 2011 Continuing Appropriations Resolution, the heads of two U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) committees and the president of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) sent letters to Congress on Feb. 14, reminding elected officials that “decisions on how to allocate opportunities and burdens in setting budget priorities are more than economic policies—they are significant moral choices.”

More than 300 Catholic leaders, attending the 2011 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (Feb.

13-16), brought the bishops’ message to Capitol Hill on Feb. 15, in a day of visits to their representatives and senators.

Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, chairman of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace, and Ken Hackett, president Catholic Relief Services, said in a joint letter that “in a time of austerity and fiscal restraints, the poor have a special moral claim on limited financial resources.”

According to an analysis by USCCB and CRS, the budget’s proposed continuing resolution makes over 26 percent in cuts for poverty-focused international

assistance, but only 2.6 percent in cuts overall.

“Shared sacrifice is one thing; it is another to make disproportionate cuts in programs that serve the most vulnerable,” said Bishop Hubbard and Hackett in the letter. “It is morally unacceptable for our nation to balance its budget on the backs of the poor at home and abroad.”

Church leaders said international assistance is an essential tool to promote human life

and dignity, advance solidarity with poorer nations, and enhance security throughout the world. The letter warned that many of the proposed funding reductions will disrupt existing programs mid-stream, undermining their impact, the capacity of local partners and ultimately the moral credibility of United States.

The letter also welcomed the restoration of the Mexico City Policy that prohibits funding groups that perform or promote abortion and the denial of funding to the U.N. Population Fund, which supports a program of coerced abortion and involuntary sterilization in China, but noted that the budget’s continuing resolution also makes dramatic cuts that are life-threatening.

In a separate letter, Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, CA, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, called on Congress to place the needs of the poor, the unemployed, the hungry and other vulnerable people first, in setting priorities in the fiscal-year 2011 Continuing Appropriations Resolution.

“A moral measure of the budget is how it treats ‘the least of these’ at all stages of life from conception until natural death,” Bishop Blaire said. “In a time of economic crisis, the poor and vulnerable are in greater need of assistance, not less. Preserving the national security of the country is without doubt imperative, but we cannot secure the nation while at the same time furthering the insecurity of the poor and vulnerable in our midst.”

Bishop Blaire called for “reasonable solutions and strategies to address the federal deficit that will ensure stability and security for future generations.” He advocated for “a balanced approach that is just and works to preserve the well-being of poor and vulnerable people.” He also said, “decisions should be made that not only reflect a commitment to national and long term fiscal security but demonstrate justice, compassion and fairness. Our plea, then, is simple: Put the poor and vulnerable first as you consider how to spend limited federal resources.”

Among the main concerns highlighted by Bishop Blaire in his letter are the proposed cuts to funding for community health-care centers, affordable housing programs, job training programs, and critical refugee funding. The letter also welcomed the bill’s retention of all appropriations riders against abortion funding, and its restoration of a consistent ban on such funding in the District of Columbia.



*Shared sacrifice is one thing; it is another to make disproportionate cuts in programs that serve the most vulnerable. It is morally unacceptable for our nation to balance its budget on the backs of the poor.’*

— Joint statement issued by  
USCCB and CRS

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# Marking precious gift of time during Lent

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Everyone will take advantage of this retirement time in their own way. The approaching Lenten season, for many, retired or not, is a time to step back and reflect. For all of us, priesthood is forever. The Divine Office and holy Mass are the backbone and structure of our lives. We “help out” and “fill in” wherever we are needed. People never forget who we are and what we represent.

There is hardly a day when someone does not ask a retired priest to say a prayer for their intention. We may be “shepherds on a shelf,” but the people do not

see us that way. I think that older priests in some ways seem more approachable.

The most common conversation when we meet someone concerns their own past contacts with the Catholic Church. A stranger will tell you about the parish of his or her youth, the priests that touched their lives, the nuns who taught them and the parish school that they attended. Of course, if someone has had a grievance against some cleric or Religious or some aspect of the Church, we hear about that also. Our role in that scenario is one of reconciler.

Retired priests also have more time to pray and more time to remember. This too is part of the spirit of Lent. Some of the men have lived long, joyful lives. They love to get together and retell stories about the past. A priest may not have seen a classmate for 20 years but when they meet it is as if they were in the seminary only yesterday.

However, no one is perfect. For example, I only know my own in-

terior life. Yet, as I look back, I have a thousand regrets. If I only had it all to do over again how different it would be. I think about how many mistakes I have made; how impatiently I may have acted; how many people I may have hurt by a careless or angry remark.

Dealing with the young hasn’t changed. It’s difficult. Living at the Archdiocesan Youth Center in Kearny gives me the opportunity to see these gangly teenagers in action. The chaperones have their hands full.

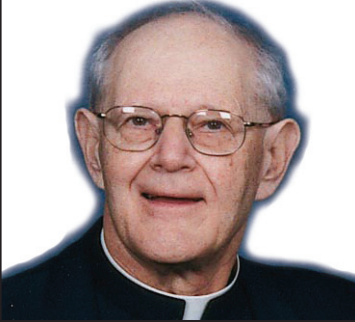
Therefore, time is a precious gift. It gives us the possibility to reflect, to thank God for the good things and to have sorrow for the bad things in our lives. And yes, even senior citizens can look forward to tomorrow. Perhaps tomorrow can be better than yesterday.

I ask you to approach this season of Lent as if you were in the autumn of your years. Take time to look back honestly and peacefully, then turn your face to tomorrow. God will grant you a new day, a new beginning. It is the


greatest gift that a mortal could possibly ask for. Psalm 116:12-14 seems so fitting for the retired priest. This psalm can be yours as well: *How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me? The cup of salvation I will take up and I will call on the name of the Lord.*

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By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist



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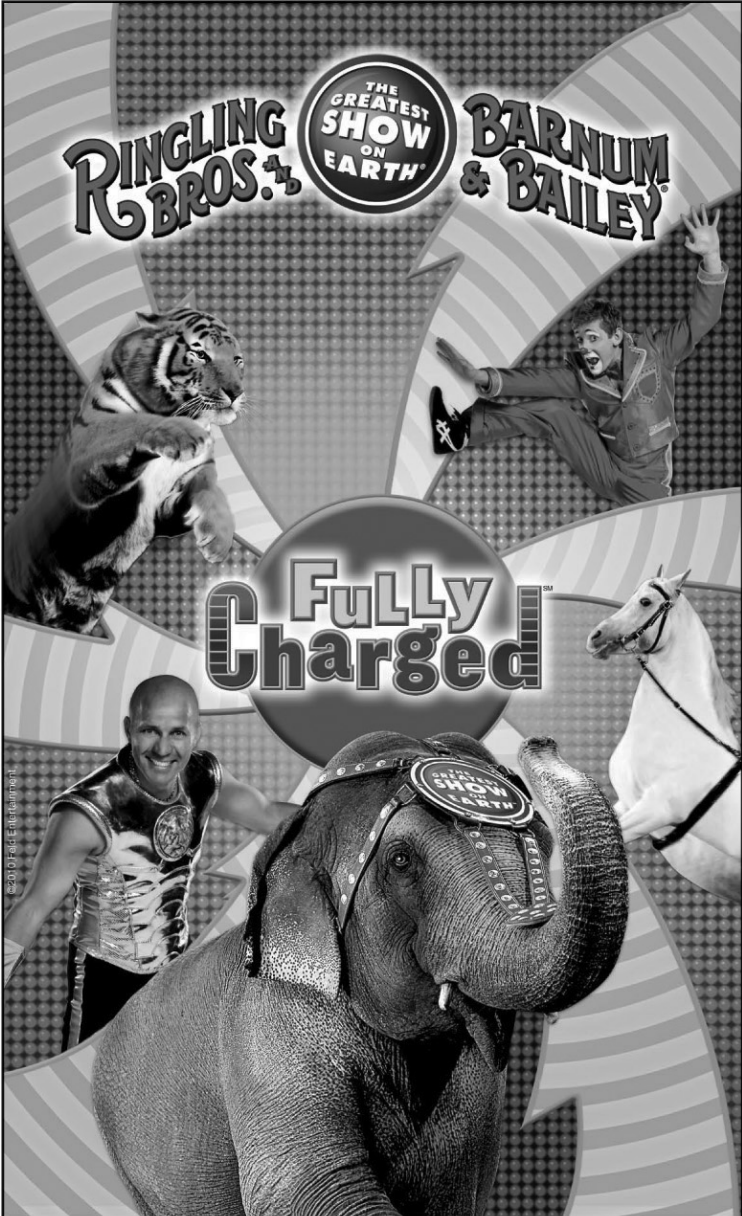
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# Archdiocese to host Ilibagiza, survivor of Rwandan genocide

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

NEWARK—Immaculee Ilibagiza, Rwandan genocide survivor and *New York Times* best-selling author, will be sharing her inspirational story at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., on Wednesday, April 6.

The Archdiocese of Newark's Office of the African-American, African, and Caribbean Apostolate, led by Sister Patricia Lucas, D.H.M., is the sponsor and organizer of the event.

A light reception at the archdiocesan chancery, in honor of the visiting author, will be held between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm. Ilibagiza is slated to begin her presentation at 7 p.m. to be followed by a book sale and signing. Tickets are priced at \$40 per person and seating is limited. Call

Marissa Acosta at (973) 497-4013 for more information.

Ilibagiza's book "Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust," was released in March 2006 and became a *New York Times* bestseller. Later that same year she was interviewed on the CBS-TV news magazine show "60 Minutes."

Four years ago Ilibagiza gave a talk at Caldwell College, recalling her harrowing experiences of survival during the 1994 Rwandan Genocide. In 2008, she was the keynote commencement speaker during graduation ceremonies at Seton Hall University, South Orange.

According to various news reports, the Rwandan Genocide was a bloody 100-day rampage that began on April 6, 1994 and left an estimated 1 million people dead. The violence, for the most part, involved Tutsis being killed by Hutu militias. Clubs, machetes and handguns were the crude weapons of mass destruction.

Ilibagiza and seven other women escaped the slaughter by hiding in a small room for 90 days.

In her book and during her 2007 program at Caldwell College, she described, in vivid detail, her fear and anguish. The experience proved to be an intense spiritual journey. Raised in a devout Catholic family, she credits the power of prayer for her survival. During her ordeal the rosary was the focus of her daily prayers.

"Prayer is the practice of love," she told an audience of 600 at Caldwell College four years ago. "Prayer can change the world. Hold onto hope and find peace in your heart. Put your trust in God."

While in isolation and surrounded by the militias, she said she had a battle within her heart to find strength. "The killers were outside my door," she recalled. "How do you forgive killers? There were days that I was sweating because of my anger. I thought to myself: this is what it feels like to hate."

Today Ilibagiza travels throughout the world, speaking out on peace and reconciliation. According to biographical information provided by publisher Hay House Inc., she holds honorary doctoral degrees from The University of Notre Dame and Saint

Best-selling author Immaculee Ilibagiza will share her story of prayer and survival during a program on April 6 at the Newark chancery. In 2007 she was awarded the prestigious Mahatma Gandhi International Award for peace and reconciliation. In recent years she has addressed audiences at Caldwell College and Seton Hall University.



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John's University.

Ilibagiza was born in Rwanda and studied electronic and mechanical engineering at the National University. In recent years she has written two other books: "Led by Faith: Rising from the Ashes of the Rwandan Genocide" and "Our Lady of Kiboho: Mary Speaks to the

World from the Heart of Africa."

The Office of the African-American, African, and Caribbean Apostolate sponsors events throughout the year, including the annual Bishop Joseph A. Francis Mass and Awards Luncheon, which was held last November (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Nov. 24, 2010).

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## Silver Jubilee slated April 3 in Teaneck

# Event to celebrate 25 years of interfaith dialogue



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Four years ago Most Rev. John W. Flesey (right), Regional Bishop for the Archdiocese of Newark, served as the keynote speaker for the annual luncheon of the Interfaith Brotherhood/Sisterhood Committee of Bergen County.

TEANECK—The Interfaith Brotherhood/Sisterhood Committee of Bergen County will host its “Silver Jubilee” celebration Sunday, April 3, 3-5:30 p.m. at the Marriott Glenpointe, 100 Frank W. Burr Blvd..

Twenty-five years ago Father Donald Sheehan (currently in residence at Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale), along with Rev. Gregory Jackson (Protestant/Baptist), Rev. Stephen Giordano (Protestant/Reform), Anne Breslin (Roman Catholic), Rabbi Martin Freedman (Jewish) and Rabbi Neal Borovitz (Jewish/Reform) founded the Interfaith Committee of Bergen County.

Over the years the group has expanded and presently includes eight faith traditions: Baha’i; Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Muslim, Protestant, Roman Catholic and Sikh. Each year the committee hosts events that bring together people of all faiths.

Tickets for the Silver Jubilee must be purchased by March 19. Tickets are priced at \$35 for adults and \$12 for children age 12 and under. Checks should be made payable to “The Bergen County Council of Churches” and mailed to Rev. Peggy Niederer, 313 Woodland Place, Leonia, NJ 07605. Contact Rev. Niederer by phone at (201) 403-4341 or via e-mail (pniederer@aol.com) for more information.

Rev. Dr. Eileen Lindner, an educator, author, theologian and community activist, will serve as the keynote speaker for the April 3 event. The title of her presentation is “Seeking Understanding through Interfaith Dialogue and Social Action.” Rev. Lindner has served as the deputy general secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

In 2007 Bishop John W. Flesey was the keynote speaker at the 21st annual Interfaith Brotherhood/Sisterhood brunch. In his remarks, Bishop Flesey, who also serves as the pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes, praised the diversity of those gathered at the luncheon. “We realize our interconnectedness with one another as people of faith,” he told the audience. “Faith welcomes all but also challenges all.”

The Silver Jubilee celebration will include a buffet lunch; a liturgical dance performance by the youth of Mount Olive Baptist Church, Hackensack; an Interfaith Youth Choir (grades 4-7), special awards and prayers for unity.

The interfaith committee will be collecting items during its Silver Jubilee celebration for distribution through Christ Church Community Development Corp. and the Health, Housing, and Human Services Center in Hackensack. Donations of clothing, blankets, first-aid and toiletries items (in trial or travel size) will be accepted during the event.

## Around the Archdiocese

### February 25

LACORDAIRE ACADEMY, Upper Montclair, “An Evening of Magical Moments” performance, 7 p.m., cost: \$15, call Debby Irwin at (973) 744-1156 or e-mail dirwin@lacordaire.net .

### February 26

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3428, North Arlington, 50’s Dinner Dance, 6:30-10:30 p.m., cost: \$25, advance tickets only, (201) 988-0183 or (201) 997-2086.

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES PARISH, Jersey City, Divine Mercy lectures, “The Experience of Divine Mercy in Your Soul” and “The Divine Mercy Connection to the Shroud of Turin,” 10 a.m.-noon, (201) 888-2313 or (551) 689-0107.

### February 27

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, Scotch Plains, Lenten Parish Mission, “Do Not Be Afraid- I Am With You,” through March 1, 7:30 p.m., (908) 889-2100.

### February 28

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, Nutley, Rosary Society meeting, featuring lecture “A Refresher Course in Examining Your Conscience,” 8:15 p.m., call Joyce Ritacco at (973) 235-0668.

### March 2

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, Union, Holy

Hour for Life, 7:30-8:30 p.m., call Deacon Stanley W. Kwiatek, Jr. at (908) 964-7653 or e-mail skwia@aol.com .

### March 4

MOTHER SETON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Clark, “Pot of Gold” gift basket auction, doors open at 5:30 p.m., cost: \$15, advance tickets only, (732) 382-1952 or e-mail giftauction@motherseton.org .

SODALITY OF THE CHILDREN OF MARY OF ST. TERESA, Jersey City, recitation of the “Little Office,” 3:15 p.m., call Katherine T. Crossan at (201) 689-1471.

### March 5

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, Mahwah, St. Patrick celebration, featuring Irish dancers and pipe band, 7 p.m., cost: \$48, (201) 327-1276 or (201) 825-3251.

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

### March 6

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, Ridgefield Park, concert by Catholic singer/songwriter, Steve Angrisano, 7 p.m., (201) 641-6464.

ST. MARY PARISH, Dumont, concert celebration in honor of

50th anniversary, 4 p.m., (201) 384-0557.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH, Bergenfield, “Challenging Behaviors: What’s a Parent to Do?” autism awareness lecture, featuring Executive Director of Autism New Jersey Linda S. Meyer, 2:30-4 p.m., (201) 384-3601.

LEGAL CENTER FOR DEFENSE OF LIFE, Morristown, brunch reception featuring Walter M. Weber, Esq., 11 a.m.-2 p.m., cost: \$55, RSVP by March 1, (973) 984-0725.

### March 7

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS SCHOOL, Jersey City, Class of 1975 reunion, at La Reggia Restaurant, Secaucus, call Don Verpent at (540) 869-0539 or Tom Conroy at (845) 440-3742.

### March 12

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5427, Washington Township, St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Dance, 7-11 p.m., cost: \$35, RSVP by March 4, call Jim Dugan at (201) 666-3425 or Paul Kearney at (201) 263-9229.

### March 13

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH, Hillsdale, Lenten Parish Mission, “Surviving the Recession: Using God’s Stimulus Package to Avoid Spiritual Bankruptcy,” through March 15, 7:30 p.m., (201) 666-2707.

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## Obituaries

### Rev. Msgr. Martin Robert Kelly, 89

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 11 at Saint Aloysius Parish Jersey City, for Rev. Msgr. Martin Robert Kelly, 89, who died Feb. 2.

Msgr. Kelly attended Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington. Following his ordination in 1947, he was assigned to Saint Bridget Parish, Newark. In 1953, he was assigned to Saint Catharine Parish, Glen Rock, where he served until 1960.

He volunteered for the missions in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where he founded Saint Joseph the Worker Parish and served as pastor until 1967. Returning to the archdiocese, he served as parochial vicar of Saint Bridget Church, Jersey City, where he worked in

particular with the emerging Hispanic community. Later, he became Pastor of Saint Bridget.

As pastor, Msgr. Kelly was actively involved in the renovation of Saint Bridget School. In 1990, he was assigned to Saint Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, where his ministry to the Hispanic community continued. He retired and moved to Saint Joseph Home for the Elderly, Totowa, in 2008.



Msgr. Martin Kelly

### Father Patrick Donovan, M.M., 83

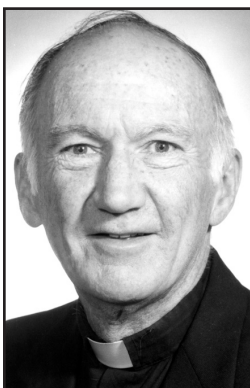
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 28 in Ossining, NY, for Father Patrick J. Donovan, M.M., 83, who died Jan. 22.

Born in Bayonne, Fr. Donovan was a priest for 53 years. He joined the US Navy in 1945 where he served as a seaman in the South Pacific. He attended Saint Peter's College, Jersey City, where he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and later earned a master's degree in divinity from Maryknoll School of Theology, Ossining, NY.

After ordination on June 8, 1957, Fr. Donovan was assigned to Peru, where he spent his entire missionary career, except for two years of fundraising, mission education and recruitment in St. Louis, MO (1970-1972) and three years as assistant direc-

tor of the Office of Society Personnel at Maryknoll's headquarters in Ossining (1980-1983).

In Peru, Fr. Donovan administered to the poor and underprivileged in cities and mountainous areas. He taught in the seminary in Puno, and performed parish work in Juli and Lima. He also served as Superior of the Maryknoll Society Center House in Lima. From 1974 to 1980, he was assistant Regional Superior.



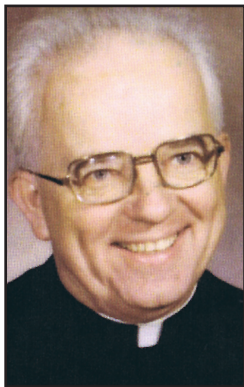
Father Patrick Donovan, M.M.

### Father Joseph S. Sapeta

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 28 at Saint Hedwig Parish, Elizabeth, for Father Joseph S. Sapeta, 92, who died Jan. 24.

A graduate of Seton Hall University, South Orange, he entered Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, and was ordained May 31, 1947. He was assigned to Saint Hedwig Parish, Elizabeth, where he was parochial vicar.

Fr. Sapeta was moderator of



Father Joseph Sapeta

the Third Order Society, The Young Ladies Sodality, and the altar boys while at Saint Hedwig. He was the parish director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Program and also organized Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Cub Scout troops.

Among his many activities with various organizations, Fr. Sapeta was the Catholic Chaplain of the Union Council Boy Scouts of America and Honorary Chaplain of the Polish Legion of American Veterans Elizabeth Post 91. He was the grand marshal of the Pulaski Day Parade in 1995.

After his retirement in 1993, Fr. Sapeta continued to celebrate masses, visit and bring communion to the sick, and assisted in all parish activities.

### Sister Agatha Intelisano, M.P.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 31 at Villa Walsh, Morristown, for Sister Agatha Intelisano, M.P.F., 85, who died Jan. 28.

Sr. Agatha entered the Religious Sisters Filippini Jan. 2, 1945 and made her religious profession in 1949. She received the

"Catechist Award" from the Archdiocese of Newark in 1994 and in May 2000, received the "Outstanding Educator's Award."

She served as a teacher at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Newark, for 37 years. Her other assignments in the archdiocese included: Our Lady Of Sorrows,

Jersey City; Holy Rosary, Jersey City; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Jersey City; and Saint Francis Xavier, Newark.

From 2002-2006, she assisted in the food services program at Sacred Heart School, Vailsburg. Working outside of the Archdiocese of Newark, she had teaching assignments in Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Connecticut.



Submitted photos

Etched titanium panels, each with a montage of images from the 9/11 attack on the Twin Towers, will be featured at the Holy Cross Cemetery memorial site. Pictured above are the panels "Initial Attack" and "Immediate Aftermath."

## Sept. 11

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and other dignitaries who visited the Newark cathedral over the years. The installation also includes permanent black-granite bench seating, a flag pole and memorial plaques.

The site represents the creative efforts of various contributors. Artist Bronna A. Butler of Mountainside is the designer of the installation. Edward T. Czuba of South Orange is the architect and planner for the site. Brennan Industrial Contractors Inc., Kearny, serves as the metal fabricator. Horie Corp. of Japan is providing the titanium panels. Ray Clagnan Stained Glass Studio Corp., Toms River, is the supplier of stained glass that will be embedded in the rising cross.

"The 9/11 memorial monument of the Archdiocese of Newark's Catholic Cemeteries is being built to remember those who lost their lives...and honor the many individuals who came to the aid of others in need, during and after the tragedy," Butler wrote.

"There were two kinds of sacrifice during the 9/11 tragedy; the sacrifice of the innocent and the sacrifice of oneself for others," Butler continued. She noted the tragedy is a juxtaposition of the "worst and the best of the human

race—the worst hatred next to the greatest love." This contrast represents the hateful motives of the 9/11 masterminds compared with the bravery of firefighters, police officer, EMS workers and fellow victims, "sacrificing their own lives, exemplifying human beings at their best."

She noted that the "rising cross" design element of the installation is meant to symbolize Christ's great love and self-sacrifice for humanity. "The cross, centered in the monument, reminds us that God was present in the midst of the crisis. It invites us to look carefully in order to see the ever-present God."

Sept. 11 is the 10th anniversary of the cataclysmic event, which included the destruction of the Twin Towers, damage to the Pentagon in Washington DC, and the crash of a jet (Flight 93) in a field in Shanksville, Somerset County, PA. According to government estimates, more than 670 New Jerseyans, many of whom resided in the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark, lost their lives at the Twin Towers.

An article in the Sept. 8, 2010 edition of *The Catholic Advocate* featured an interview with Father Thomas Iwanowski, a former pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Jersey City, who shared his memories of the fateful day.



# 'Tragedy of Fr. Hector's ministry was its brevity'

BY MSGR. FRANCIS R. SEYMOUR

Special to The Catholic Advocate

January of this year marked the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of John F. Kennedy as the 35th President of the United States. He brought a whole new dimension to the White House with his own youthful appearance and a young and very attractive family. He made his official residence into a showplace of art and culture, something long missing from that location. All of this came to a crushing end with his assassination less than three years later.

A popular Broadway musical at the time was "Camelot." This show recounted the joys and sorrows from the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table. Shortly after President Kennedy's tragic death, people started drawing comparisons between his brief public life and the glorious but short reign of Camelot. Both showed great promise of new hope and joy in their lands only to have them come falling down in tragedy. Ever since then, Camelot and the Kennedy administration have become forever intertwined in the public perception.

Here in the Archdiocese of

Newark, I feel we have a story that could rival Camelot and the Kennedy presidency, although it is not as world famous or strikingly glamorous as those two productions were. However, I am convinced that this experience made a lasting impression on all who came in contact with it.

I am speaking of the hopes and dreams that arose for many when Father Hector Fabio Galvis Rios began his priestly life in our midst. Fr. Hector was ordained on May 23, 2009 and died a few weeks ago. He served as a priest for only 20 months.

Fr. Hector was born in Colombia and went to high school in a minor seminary there. He moved on to a major seminary for a few years before coming to the United States in 2003. First he went to a seminary in Connecticut and then completed his seminary formation at our Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange. After being ordained a deacon, he was assigned to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Jersey City. When he was ordained a priest the following year, Archbishop John J. Myers appointed him a parochial vicar at that same parish. This was a universally applauded decision because he had shown great interest in the people and issues of that parish,



Father Hector Fabio Galvis Rios

so they were delighted to have him continue his ministry among them.

I met Fr. Hector when he was at our seminary. I never saw him without a smile on his face. He was always cheerful and lifted up the spirits of those he met. One way he did this was practicing his art as a first-class barber for his fellow seminarians. Another role he played with equal expertise was as a liaison for a large number of his fellow Colombian brothers who wanted to come to our seminary. He was the one they sought and he gave them every possible assistance and encouragement he could.

The tragedy of his ministry was its brevity. He must have had a sense of this because he drove himself relentlessly in fulfilling all of his priestly duties. A year ago he was diagnosed with leukemia. While that condition was not active it was still there and he never let it interfere with the responsibilities he shouldered. He always enjoyed the company of his fellow priests and the many seminarians he shepherded.

Fr. Hector never looked to be the center of attention nor did he ever try to stir up crowds of people with flamboyant rhetoric. His approach to ministry was much simpler and laid back. He served his parishioners in his own quiet way by just showing up when he was needed and staying as long as he was needed. His time and his convenience were never factors in his life when he was summoned by those who desperately sought his assistance.

Recently, he fulfilled a monthly ritual observed by him and the priests he worked with in Mount Carmel Parish and Saint John the Baptist Parish. They all went out to dinner and a movie. The next morning, a Saturday, he did not feel well and was taken to Christ Hospital in Jersey City. There he found out he had pneumonia and it was serious.

He must have known just how serious his condition was because later that day he told a very dear seminarian friend: "I don't think I am going to make it." The friend tried to assure him that everything would be OK, but in the next two days five "code blues" were sounded in the hospital. A "code blue" rings out to call all available medical staff to assist a patient who has a very sudden crisis. Four of those alarms were successful, but the last was not.

On Monday evening his worried and concerned parishioners crowded into Mount Carmel Church to join in a Mass of intercession for Fr. Hector. Five minutes after the Mass concluded, so too did the earthly life of Fr. Hector. The date of his death was Monday, Jan. 31—his 34th birthday.

The funeral masses for priests are usually held in the churches of their last assignments. However, it was anticipated that the crowds who would attend Fr. Hector's obsequies could only be handled comfortably in our Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. A hint of the wisdom of this decision was borne out on the night before his funeral when a Vigil Mass was offered in his parish Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The number of people

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## Plans start percolating for Saint Patrick festivities

AREA—The joyful sounds of colorful parades and gala dinner-dances to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day (March 17) soon will be heard throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

Archbishop John J. Myers and Susan A. Feeney, Esq., president-elect of the NJ State Bar Association—serving as grand marshal and deputy grand marshal, respectively—will lead the city's 76th annual Saint Patrick's Day parade, which will be held on Friday, March 18. For more information, call (973) 746-3280 or visit the parade's official Web site ([www.NewarkParade.org](http://www.NewarkParade.org)) or [facebook.com/NewarkParade](https://www.facebook.com/NewarkParade).

Grandstand ceremonies begin at noon and the parade steps off at 1 p.m. from the Prudential Center on Mulberry St., going past the Gateway Complex to NJPAC. From there, the parade travels along Center Street and Central Ave., past Military Park and Saint Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, ending at Washington Park.

The Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council No. 5427 in Washington Township will host festivities on Saturday, March 12, 7 to 11 p.m., at the council hall, located at 79 Pascack Rd.

In addition to traditional corned beef and cabbage, the menu includes dessert, coffee and an open bar. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the McLaughlin Irish Dancers and bagpiper Dan Boyce.

Paid-in-advance reservations are required and seating is limited. March 4 is the deadline for purchasing tickets—\$35 per person. For additional information call (201) 263-9229 or (201) 666-3425.

A dinner-dance at Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, will take place Saturday, March 19, 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Conlon Hall, 19 North William St.

Tickets are priced at \$28 per person must be purchased by March 14. Tickets will not be available at the door. The feast includes corned beef and cabbage, shepherd's pie, lemon chicken, homemade Irish soda bread, beer, soda, set-ups, dessert, coffee and tea. Music for the evening will be provided by "Black Velvet" and there will be a presentation by the Bergenfield School of Irish Dance. Additional information on the event is available by calling Carolyn Olmo at (201) 244-5435 or Betty Kiernan at (201) 384-0101.

Immaculate Conception Parish, 900 Darlington Ave., Mahwah, will host a celebration Saturday, March 5. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The show will feature members of the Early-McLoughlin School of Irish Dance, the Bergen Irish Pipe Band and Terry Feeley and his Band (from County Roscommon).

Tickets are priced at \$48 per person. Call (201) 327-1276 during business hours and (201) 825-3251 during evenings to reserve tickets.

The Secaucus Knights of Columbus will sponsor at Saint Joseph/Saint Patrick dinner March 19, 6:30 p.m., at Immaculate Conception Parish auditorium, 760 Post Pl., Secaucus. Tickets are priced at \$30 per person. Call Grand Knight Paul Pinkman at (201) 866-8621 for more information.



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NEWARK—A series of six courses in the ongoing “Spotlight” series sponsored by the archdiocesan Catechetical Office begins in March.

“Spotlight on the Catechism” will offer one course each on the four parts of the Catechism of the Catholic Church while the “Spotlight on Scriptures” segment has two courses focusing on an introduction to the Old Testament and New Testament respectively. All courses will take place on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

Rev. Msgr. Paul L. Bochicchio, pastor of Holy Family Parish in Nutley, will present “Morality: The Search for Truth” at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, 28 Livingston Ave., Roseland, on March 12.

The topic for March 19, “The Creed: Our Heritage of Faith” will be addressed by Dr. Sylvia McGeary, an assistant professor of Religious Studies at Felician College in Lodi, at Saint John the Evangelist Parish, 29 North Washington Ave., Bergenfield.

Sister Christine Tobin, S.F.C.C., director of religious education at Saint Paul Parish in Ramsey, will speak April 9 on “The Paschal Mystery: Past, Present and Future” (location in Hudson County to be announced).

Those planning to attend must register at least one week in advance of each course. The fee is \$40 per course. Lunch will be provided.

Participants will receive a certificate upon completion of each course. Parish catechists, Catholic school religion teachers, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) team members and others in 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 call Dr. Eugene Tozzi at the Catechetical Office at (973) 497-4288 or e-mail him at [tozzieug@rcan.org](mailto:tozzieug@rcan.org). Brochures are available at many parish, religious education and school offices and on the Catechetical Office Web site ([www.rcan.org/catechet](http://www.rcan.org/catechet)). Driving directions to each location are also available on the Web site.

# Father Hector

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present that night overflowed to the steps of the church. Bishop Thomas A. Donato presided at this Mass and Fr. Hector's Pastor, Father Michael Santora, gave the homily.

Over a thousand people and dozens of priests came to Newark for his Funeral Mass in the same church where he was ordained a deacon and a priest such a short time before. Bishop Manuel A. Cruz presided and the homily was delivered by Father John Galeano, the pastor of Saint Francis Parish, Lodi. Fr. Hector and Fr. Galeano were long-time friends from their native country of Colombia.

The next day his body was transported back to his hometown of Barbosa in Colombia. Three of our archdiocesan priests traveled there for the funeral, which was held in the church where he had been baptized. Some 2,000 people filled this huge church and scores of priests were there as well. Fr. Galeano was the principal celebrant and homilist. Fr. Hector was buried besides other priests in the parish cemetery.

This was not some veteran in the priesthood or a well-known television evangelist who drew these enormous numbers of people to his funeral. Fr. Hector was a priest who wanted nothing more than to be a priest for his people. Everyone who met him saw how genuine he was and this is what attracted so many faithful followers in the all-too-short time he had on this earth.

Like Camelot and the Kennedy presidency, Fr. Hector did not have a long time to do the work he had hoped to accomplish. But as with those two phenomena, we can look back to some very pleasant memories as we call to mind the great joy that lifted us up whenever we were with Fr. Hector Galvis. Fr. Santora spoke for all of us when he concluded his Vigil Mass homily with these heartfelt sentiments: “Thank you Fr. Hector for being so easy to love. Thank you Fr. Hector for showing us the side of God's face that is joy and delight.”

*(Editor's note: Rev. Msgr. Francis R. Seymour is the archdiocesan archivist and the book editor for the Archdiocese of Newark's annual Directory and Almanac.)*

# Life issues seminar to amplify 'a message of compassion, hope'

NEWARK—The Archdiocese of Newark's Respect Life Office and the Office of Continuing Education for Priests will sponsor “Life Issues Seminar for Priests: Preaching the Pro-Life Message with Compassion and Hope.”

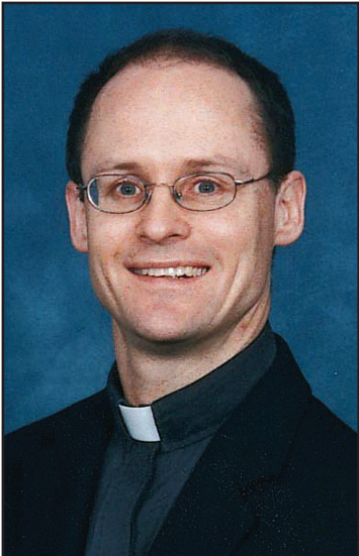
The forum will be held Friday, March 25, 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave. (registration begins at 12:15 p.m.). Priests should contact the Linden-based Archdiocesan Respect Life Office by phone at (732) 388-8211 or e-mail ([arnewrespect@sjan.net](mailto:arnewrespect@sjan.net)) to register for the event, which will include lunch. Those planning to attend should register no later than March 1.

Program speakers include Archbishop John J. Myers, along with three nationally recognized

advocates of the Gospel of Life: Father Frank Pavone of Priests for Life, Staten Island, NY; J. Kevin Burke, a licensed social worker and the co-founder of Rachel's Vineyard Ministry, King of Prussia, PA; and Dr. Kyle Beiter, an obstetrician and gynecologist at Gianna, the Catholic Healthcare Center for Women, New York.

Conference organizers said the March 25 forum is the first in a series of seminars on pro-life topics. Geared for priests, the forum will focus on ways to effectively preach the Church's message on the sanctity of life. Other topics, such as information on post-abortion syndrome, also will be covered.

Father Joseph A. Meagher, a parochial vicar at Saint John the Baptist Parish, Jersey City, is the



**Father Joseph A. Meagher** archdiocesan director of the Respect Life Office. Michelle Krystofik is the associate director.

# Conference

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priest the past 42 years, will do double duty as a speaker in the English track and leader of the adoration service.

Giving witness will be Chris Bell of Good Counsel Homes.

From the gridiron and baseball diamond come speakers Chris

Godfrey, a nine-year veteran of the NFL, and former Los Angeles Angels catcher and outfielder Dennis Miller respectively.

Addressing the English track as well will be convert Steve Wood, founder of Saint Joseph's Covenant Keepers, a movement that seeks to change society through transformation of fathers and families.

The Spanish track will see

the return of Telemundo 47 broadcaster Luis Alejandro. He will be joined by Francisco “Paco” Gavrilides, coordinator for Evangelization and Catholic Men's Ministry in the Archdiocese of Detroit. New this year is guitarist Tony Melendez who was born without arms. He will give witness at the Spanish track and provide music at the English track.



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Pictured is one of the family rooms at Villa Marie Claire. In conjunction with pain and symptom management, the hospice has a broad range of integrative services, including massage as well as art, pet, music and horticulture therapies.

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# Holy Name's Villa Marie hospice provides family-focused services

SADDLE RIVER — Villa Marie Claire, a new residential hospice, represents comprehensive, end-of-life care provided by Holy Name Medical Center's Hospice and Palliative Services program.

Located at 12 West Saddle River Rd., the hospice is a 20-bed manor situated on 26 acres.

Michael Maron, president and chief executive officer for Teaneck-based Holy Name Medical Center, said Villa Marie Claire provides a family-focused philosophy and an interfaith/intercultural healthcare team, with overnight accommodations for family members.

The hospice “speaks to a profound belief that quality can be achieved at every stage of life, regardless of an individual’s medical diagnosis or physical and cognitive abilities,” Maron declared.

Jean Leone, Holy Name’s executive director and clinical administrator of Holy Name’s Hospice and Palliative Services, said the hospice emphasizes living well during the final

months, weeks or days of an individual’s life.

“The goal of hospice is to create and foster a pain-free and peaceful existence through symptom management and a compassionate presence so that this part of an individual’s life may be spent with dignity and comfort,” Leone said. Patients, caretakers, loved ones and even cherished pets all work as partners in realizing a patient’s wishes at the villa, she explained.

Villa Marie Claire’s interfaith and intercultural approach to end-of-life care is a unique feature and integral to the Villa’s mission. “Our interdisciplinary team is educated and focused conceptually on interfaith traditions,” Leone said. “Our sanctuary is a place where anyone, no matter their beliefs or cultural mores, can feel welcome.”

Villa Marie Claire’s mission also includes educating individuals and the professional healthcare community about end-of-life issues.

Charles Vialotti, MD, medical director of Villa Marie Claire, said national studies suggest patients receiving hospice care often live longer because of increased physical comfort, holistic care of body, mind and spirit, and the sense of relief that a burden has been lifted from family and loved ones.

“People who are terminally ill can still be effective,” Vialotti said. “They can make decisions. They can participate in family life. In a nurturing environment where palliative care is accepted, patients live better and often longer and family members are able to come to terms with what’s happening.”

The architecture and facilities at the hospice feature high ceilings and wood floors, hospitable furnishings and fireplaces, and the availability of both intimate and community spaces for socializing and consultation.

For more information, contact Villa Marie Claire by phone at (201) 783-8870 or e-mail ([vmc@holyname.org](mailto:vmc@holyname.org)).

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## Elder law eyes aging population

AREA—Considering the complex legal needs of the expanding U.S. senior citizen population, Benjamin D. Eckman, Esq., a graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law, focuses his practice on elder law and estate planning.

He defined elder law as legal assistance for individuals whose lives “will extend or have already extended beyond the time when children are usually out of the house and when regular employment ceases.”

The services typically include the drafting of legal documents, analysis of tax considerations, protection of estate assets, advice on Medicaid eligibility and the financing of nursing home costs.

Eckman is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, the Elder Law Section and Real Property. He has offices in Union, (908) 206-1000; Wayne, (973) 709-0909; and Westwood, (201) 263-9161.



## Trinitas nursing grads set record for school

ELIZABETH—With 89 members, the newest Trinitas School of Nursing graduating class has set a record for the 120-year-old school program.

The culturally diverse class includes 67 graduates from New Jersey, 21 from New York and one from Pennsylvania. The class is the latest to complete the nursing/associate degree program recognized as a National League for Nursing Center of Nursing Excellence for its commitment to nursing education excellence among its faculty and student body.

With 2,000 students, the Trinitas School of Nursing is the third-largest nursing school in the United States, according to *Modern Healthcare Magazine*. As a Cooperative Nursing Program with Union County College, Trinitas School of Nursing confers a diploma from Trinitas and an associate in science degree from the college.



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**THE COLOR OF A CURE**—Students at Queen of Peace High School (QPHS), North Arlington, sold pink bracelets last October and raised \$175, which they donated to the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute—an organization that educates healthcare professionals and the general public through research publications, lectures, and the internet, on ways to reduce breast cancer incidences. Among those taking part in the effort were QPHS seniors (left to right) Artie Jordan, Alyssa Gordillo, Rachel Guzzo, Gaida Escobar, Mario Costa, Alexa Santana, Ruben Montalvo and Kristine Ong.

**BIG-HEARTED GUYS**—Bergen Catholic High School seniors (left to right) Todd Picariello, Mark Richards, Elliot Conn, Phil Ubriaco, Ferdinand Monteleone and John Caruso, were among the students who helped raise more than \$1,700 on Feb. 3 in support of the annual American Heart Association program: “Go Red for Women.” The proceeds were donated to the heart association’s Bergen County chapter. Heart disease is the number-one killer of American women, claiming some 433,000 lives each year.

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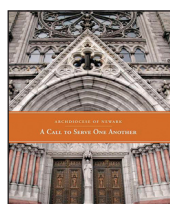
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**SCOUTING SALUTED**—The Catholic Committee on Scouting of the Archdiocese of Newark held its annual Order for the Blessing of Those Receiving Awards on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, presided. Bishop da Cunha presented each award including the Parvuli Dei Award to Alan Bodtman of Pack 116, Rotary Club, Roselle Park. In his homily, Bishop da Cunha cited the day's readings about choices one makes in life. Being a scout, he stressed, was such a choice in their young lives.

## Bergen Knights serving breakfast

WOOD-RIDGE—The Bergen Federation Knights of Columbus will host its third annual Communion breakfast Sunday, Feb. 27, 11 a.m., at The Fiesta, Route 17 South.

Mass will be celebrated prior to the breakfast buffet at Assumption of Our Blessed Lady Parish, 143 First St., at 9:30 a.m. Father Brian Cullinane, O.F.M., pastor, will be the celebrant.

The breakfast buffet will include scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, French toast, home fries, assorted Danish, muffins, bagels and fresh fruit.

Donations are \$20 per adult or \$35 per couple.

Contact Vito Mazza, DD, Bergen Federation president, for reservations by phone at (201) 446-4072 or e-mail (vitom3@aol.com).

Father Joseph A. Meagher, director of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, will be the guest speaker at the breakfast. Fr. Meagher is a 3rd Degree Knight of Columbus and Charter Member of Seton Hall University Council No. 10563. He's also parochial vicar of Saint John the Baptist Parish, Jersey City, and spiritual director of "Spirit & Truth," a young adult ministry.

## Parish plans three-day Lenten mission

RAMSEY—Saint Paul Parish, 200 Wyckoff Ave., will hold a three-day Lenten mission March 13-15, with each session beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Father Frank McNulty, a former pastor of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Roseland, and former archdiocesan vicar for priests, will be the featured speaker for the series.

The parish described the mission "is a time to concentrate on the fundamentals—self-esteem, relationships, the love of God, suffering and prayer. Topics for the three evenings are: "In Life Itself," "In Suffering" and "In Music."

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### Novenas

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#### PRAYER TO ST. THERESA

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

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#### PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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

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# Married couples invited to take part in ‘encounter’

AREA—Worldwide Marriage Encounter of northern New Jersey, an organization that serves the Archdiocese of Newark and the Diocese of Paterson, will sponsor a marriage-encounter weekend April 9-10 at the Comfort Inn 425 E. Route 59, Nanuet, NY. The event is being organized jointly with the Archdiocese of New York.

To register for the April 9-10 weekend retreat, call (800) 795-5683 or contact Mike and Eileen Morgan by phone at (973) 827-9606 or via e-mail ([njwwme@peoplepc.com](mailto:njwwme@peoplepc.com)). Details on the program also are available on the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Web site ([www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)).

Mike and Janet Turco, members of the faith community of Saint Anthony Parish in Hawthorne, recently were designated as the new leadership team for the northern New Jersey area. They have been involved in the movement for since 1990 and also serve as a presenting team for the North Jersey area. They have been married for 46 years.

Father Michael (“Mitch”) M. Walters, J.L.C., M.A., the Archdiocese of Newark’s director of the Ministerial Development Center, is a member of Worldwide Marriage Encounter’s North American Secretariat Ecclesial Team (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 12, 2009). He is a former pastor of Holy Spirit/Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in East Orange.

Based in San Bernardino, CA, the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement is represented in over 90 countries, with 6,000 presenting couples and 1,200 presenting priests. The organization has a 40-year history of helping to enrich marriages. Develop communication skills based on writing and sharing feelings is central to this experience as couples learn how to keep love growing over the years.

Participants in the encounter sessions listen to presentations by a married couple and a priest and later write their thoughts and feelings, which they share in the privacy of their room.

“World Marriage Day,” a national celebration that was held Feb. 13, is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. The celebrations continue to grow and spread to more countries and faith expressions every year. World Marriage Day was celebrated in a variety of ways in the Archdiocese of Newark. Some parishes sponsored “coffee ands,” social gatherings or luncheons. Other parishes invited couples to renew their wedding vows. Still others, like Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Orange, included the sacrament of marriage in the general intentions of the Mass and asked married couples to stand at the end of mass just before the final blessing, blessing them and thanking them for living out their marriage vows.

World Marriage Day was established to honor husbands and wives as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. The program was launched in Baton Rouge, LA, in 1981, when

couples were encouraged by Church and government officials to proclaim Saint Valentine’s Day as “We Believe in Marriage Day.”

The event was so successful that it was presented to and was adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter’s National Leadership. In 1982, 43 governors officially proclaimed the day and celebrations spread to U.S. military bases in several foreign countries. The name was changed to “World Marriage Day” the following year, which was designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in February. In 1993, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day (available at [wmd.wwme.org](http://wmd.wwme.org)).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter’s mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic “experience” and ongoing community support.

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Fr. Michael Walters

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# Hibernians gear up for March 5 merriment

MONTCLAIR—The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Michael L. Delahunty Division 9, will celebrate its 111th anniversary with a dinner and dance on Saturday, March 5, 6:30 p.m., at the Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange.

Verona resident Eamonn Ryan, Division 9 president, said the group has selected three guests of honor: Father Michael A. Hanly, the pastor of Our Lady of the Lake, Verona; Veronica "Ronnie" McGovern of Wayne; and Terence M. McHugh of Verona.

The evening will include a cocktail hour with open bar, hot and cold appetizers, a martini bar and a "silent auction." Dinner and dancing will follow, with Irish and American music provided by The Eamonn Ryan Showband.

Reservations are \$85 per person and can be made by calling co-chairmen Michael Clifford at (973) 271-8146 or Jim Fallon at (201) 245-2267. Reservations also can be booked through the organization's Web site at ([www.aohdiv9.com](http://www.aohdiv9.com)).

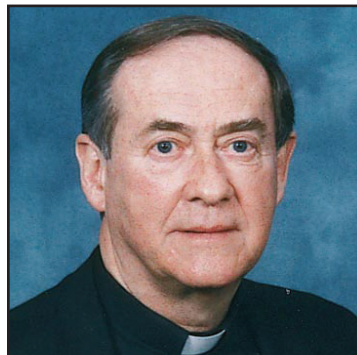
Fr. Hanly is the eldest son

of Michael Francis and Rita (Westlake) Hanly. His Irish roots are found in Roscommon (Elfin and Strokestown) and in Kerry (Dunquinn).

After attending the College Seminary at Seton Hall University, South Orange, he entered the Major Seminary at Darlington. Subsequently, he received his graduate degree in Theology from The Catholic University in Washington DC. He was ordained in May 1967.

In addition to his work as pastor, Fr. Hanly has served as chaplain of the Verona Police Department since 1994.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) is a national, Catholic fraternal organization founded in New York City in 1836. In addi-



Father Michael Hanly

tion to its annual dinner-dance, AOH Division 9 sponsors a golf outing to benefit the Msgr. John P. McHugh Scholarship Fund; an annual hurling exhibition with the West Orange Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, and marches in the West Orange and the Newark Saint Patrick's Day parades.

## Ridgefield Park parish plans to host concert by Angrisano

RIDGEFIELD PARK—Contemporary Catholic singer and songwriter Steve Angrisano will perform in concert at Saint Francis of Assisi Church, 114 Mount Vernon St., on Sunday, March 6 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$10 per person in advance or \$12 at the door. For information on group discounts, call the Saint Francis rectory at (201) 641-6464.

Angrisano is a veteran musician and youth minister who has performed at World Youth Day and National Catholic Youth conferences. He has served as a keynote speaker at several of the Archdiocese of Newark's "Youthfest" rallies, which are held at Youth Retreat Center in Kearny. One of Angrisano's signature songs is "Go Make a Difference."

The March 6 concert will mark the third time Angrisano has visited the Bergen county parish. The Saint Francis Youth Group will sponsor the event.

"We are excited to have Steve back at our parish," Jenn Ferraioli, youth coordinator at Saint Francis, said. "His stories and audience participation make his performances memorable and fun."



## Official Appointments

**Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:**

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

**Reverend Ken Evans** was appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, effective Feb. 1.

**Reverend Piotr F. Koziolkiewicz**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Cedar Grove, was appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City, effective Feb. 15.

**Reverend Melvin Oseguera**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City, was appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint John the Baptist Parish, Fairview, effective Feb. 12.

**Reverend Bryan E. Page**, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Verona, was also appointed part-time Chaplain/Campus Minister at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey as well as Campus Minister at Rutgers Newman Center, Essex County College and NJIT, Newark, effective Feb. 1.

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