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## Festive events to celebrate Saint Patrick

The 76th annual Newark's Saint Patrick's Day Parade will step off on Friday, March 18. Members of the NJ Army and Air National Guard will be honored as recipients of the parade dedication. In addition, the parade committee will host "Irish Heritage Night" on Wednesday, March 16, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC).

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# Lent: a season to examine faith priorities

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

**D**uring the Lenten season, Catholics are encouraged to renew their baptismal commitment to love and serve the Lord. Traditionally a contemplative, penitential time, the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are stressed in order to prepare faithful for Jesus' joyful resurrection at Easter.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, when Catholics are asked to repent for their sins and fast in preparation for the season. Father Thomas Dente, director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Archdiocese of Newark, noted that in the ancient days of Christianity, those who had committed serious sins were entered into the Order of Penitents.

"They wore sackcloth and

ashes. They would remain in the Order of Penitents and would not attend Eucharist. On Holy Thursday, those who had served their time in the Order were received back into the church. Fortunately, today, the confession of sins and penance are a private matter between the penitent and the priest," Fr. Dente said. "Truthfully, we are all sinners, so on Ash Wednesday we are all smeared with ashes, but on Easter we are reminded that our sins were washed away by Christ when we renew our baptismal promises and are sprinkled with holy water."

Lent, Fr. Dente explained, is a more intense time of prayer for Catholics and a larger number of faithful attend weekday and evening masses. Fasting is also an ancient practice of the Church that has its roots in the Jewish heritage. Catholics are also encouraged to make personal commitments and

sacrifices during Lent.

"The purpose of fasting is to remind us of the sacrifice of Christ's death. Sacrifice and abstinence should not just be physical, but should affect the spiritual forma-

tion of each person. We should be irrevocably changed both physically and spiritually during Lent and hopefully moved closer to Christ," Fr. Dente said.

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Archbishop John J. Myers

## ARCHBISHOP RECUPERATING FROM SUCCESSFUL SURGERY

—On March 2, His Grace, Archbishop John J. Myers, underwent a successful emergency eye surgery to repair a detached retina. Given the extent and delicacy of surgery, as well as an equally delicate and extensive treatment and recuperation period, his schedule of appointments, appearances and travel will be suspended for some time. Please keep Archbishop Myers in your daily prayers and masses. He sends his blessings and commits his prayers to you as he anxiously awaits his return.

# With ordination on horizon, deacons reflect

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

**N**EWARK—As it has done consistently over the last several years with priestly ordinations, the Archdiocese of Newark is among the national leaders of men who will be ordained to the permanent diaconate later this year.

Archbishop John J. Myers will ordain 35 men May 21 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

Because of a nationwide effort launched some six years ago by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to revamp the permanent diaconate program with an emphasis on uniformity, the Church of Newark last ordained men to the permanent diaconate in June 2005. The number of ordinandi then was 36.

Explaining that the nationwide average this year is 15 ordinandi, Deacon Tom Dubois, executive director of the National Association of Diaconate Directors in Columbus, OH, noted that number is on the upswing in some dioceses due in part to the new formation process. Impressed with the number of those to be ordained in the

Archdiocese of Newark, Deacon Dubois said he felt it was due in some measure to "a good screening process."

According to Deacon Dubois, a total of 498 men will be ordained to the permanent diaconate in 2011. Newark is close to the dioceses of Houston and Dallas that

done locally at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark.

Fr. Teti has been director of formation since late 2006—the Class of 2011's discernment year. Fr. Teti characterized that time as a crucial period for candidates to "reaffirm their commitment." The revamped program, he continued,

with somewhat younger men.

The several-years gap between ordinations, explained Deacon McKenna, allowed for increased focus on the academic and pastoral aspects of formation. The Class of 2011, he stressed, is characterized by "a wide range of ethnic backgrounds."

Deacon McKenna, who was ordained in 2002, sees a deacon as "a cleric at a parish through facilities granted by the archbishop." Among a deacon's primary duties are participation in liturgical celebrations, preaching, baptisms, weddings and funerals.

The diaconate in the Archdiocese of Newark, explained Deacon McKenna, is a vital ministry, saying pastors continually make requests for deacons. Typically a deacon serves at his home parish but it is understood assignments can be at other parishes or archdiocesan agencies. Looking back on the past nine years, Deacon McKenna affirmed the rewards of being a deacon.

Three of the men who will be ordained in May are Kenneth DiPaola, who works in the Development Office for the Archdiocese of Newark and is a member of Our Lady of Peace Parish in

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*Several men confessed that life-altering experiences played a major role in their decision to become a deacon.*

both have 37 candidates. Latest tallies, Deacon Dubois continued, show candidate totals in Los Angeles at 75, Pittsburgh 70 and Philadelphia 66.

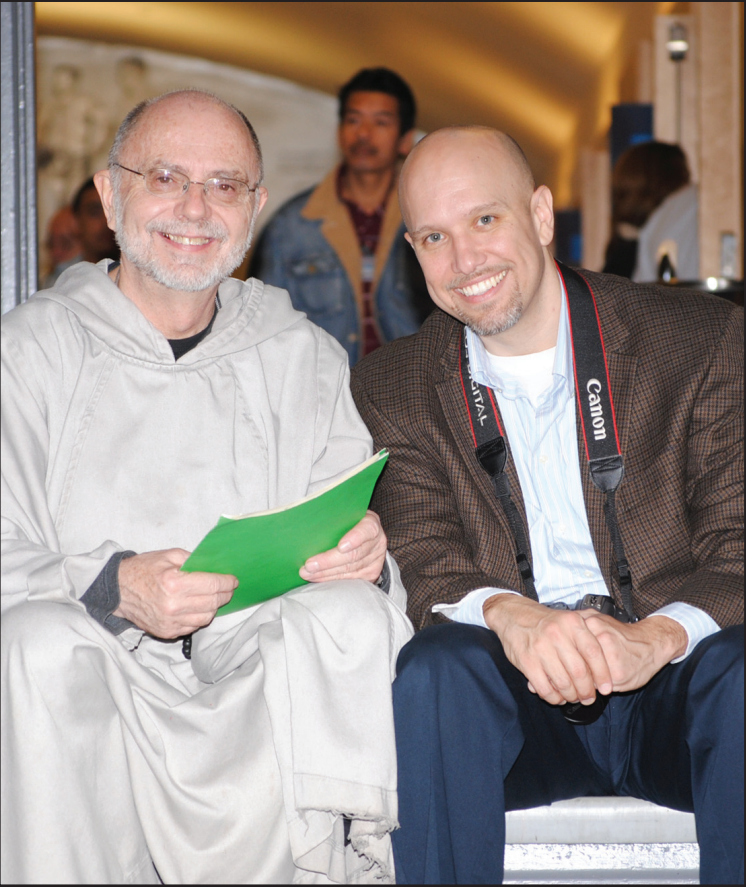
Under updated guidelines, there are now two co-directors in the Archdiocese of Newark. Father James V. Teti, S.T.L., pastor of Annunciation Parish in Paramus, is director of formation for the permanent diaconate, while Deacon John McKenna serves as director of deacon personnel.

Preparation for the permanent diaconate has been expanded from four to five years. The first is set aside for the crucial discernment process. The remaining years provide classroom training

now takes more of an holistic approach. He cited the emphasis on giving diaconate candidates as much as a parallel experience in the classroom to that provided for those studying to become a priest. Key areas, Fr. Teti added, are pastoral life and the spiritual aspects of the diaconate.

He described the diaconate as a "bridge" between clergy and the laity. Calling the diaconate program in the Archdiocese of Newark vibrant, he cited the mix in the local Church of parishes with deacons and others without such a ministry. Noting that the average age of the Class of 2011 is in their late 50s, Fr. Teti saw the need to "rejuvenate" the local program





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**INSPIRING MEN TO ‘RISE UP’**—The Archdiocese of Newark’s third annual Catholic Men’s Conference, which carried the theme “Rise Up, O Men of God,” was held March 5 on the campus of Seton Hall University, South Orange. Jorge L. Repollet (middle left photo; right), director of cemetery services for the archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries office, served as conference chairman. Repollet, seated with Father Mariusz Koch, C.F.R., of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, said he hoped that those attending the event would be inspired to “to rise up and become more deeply involved in their faith.” The gathering included separate English- and Spanish-language tracks with featured speakers, music, fellowship, exhibitors and a closing Mass, celebrated by Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. (top right photo; far right). The March 23 edition of *The Catholic Advocate* will contain a full report on the conference. Visit the newspaper’s Web site ([www.rcan.org/advocate](http://www.rcan.org/advocate)) for additional photos, while a blog created by the archdiocesan Communications Department provides information and images of the event (<https://sites.google.com/site/rcanblog/men-s-conference-live-blog>).

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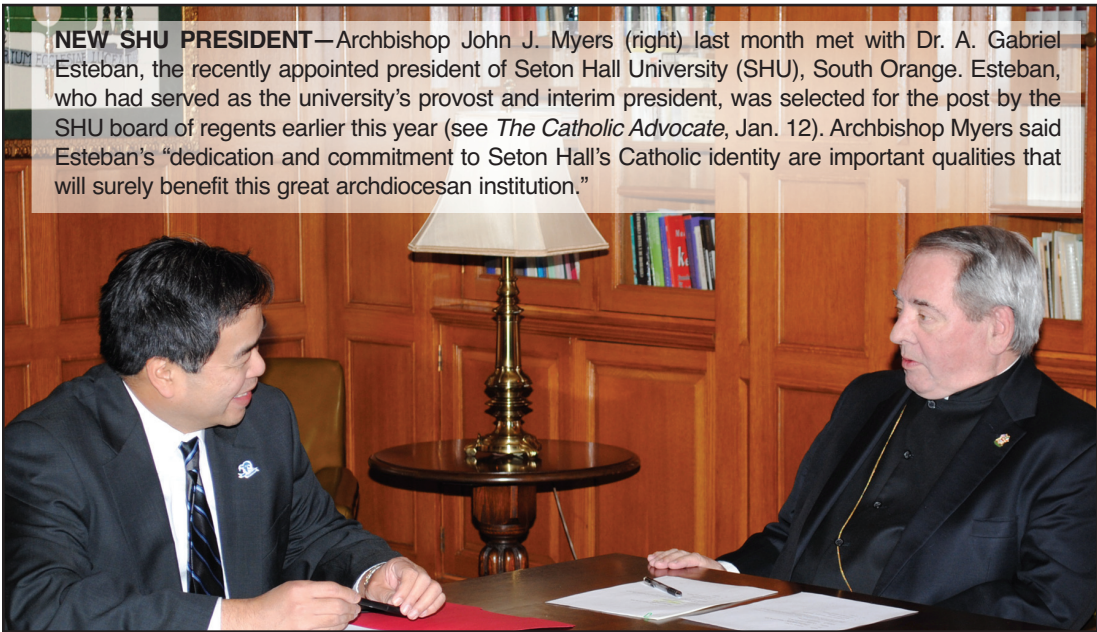
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October 12 & 26, November 9 & 23, December 7 & 21

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**NEW PASTOR**—Father Joseph Mancini, left, is congratulated by Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, at Fr. Mancini's Feb. 19 installation as pastor of Saint Stephen Parish in Kearny. Fr. Mancini, ordained in 2001, has served as a parochial vicar at Saint Stephen and is also coordinator/master of archdiocesan ceremonies at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. His ministry has also included serving as director of Emmaus House in Newark and executive director of the archdiocesan CYO. Interviewed last year to mark the 150th anniversary of Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange, Fr. Mancini cited the "common sense of prayer" that strengthens and unites the brotherhood of priests.

# Prep planning peace, justice forum

WEST ORANGE—Seton Hall Prep, 120 Northfield Ave., will host a "Peace and Justice Day" program March 30, featuring a keynote address by Father John Dear, S.J., an internationally acclaimed voice for peace and nonviolence.

Justin Kiczek (e-mail: jkiczek@shp.org), the school's director of service learning for social justice, is the organizer of the event, which will include a prayer service and a pair of afternoon workshops.

Fr. Dear, a Jesuit priest, is the author and editor of 25 books, including his autobiography, "A Persistent Peace," called "one of the best books of 2008" according to a review in *The Washington Post*. That year he also was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa.

Following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, Fr. Dear served as a Red Cross chaplain, working with 1,500 family members who lost loved ones, as well as hundreds of firefighters and police officers. He also spoke out against the U.S. bombing of Afghanistan. From 2002-2004, Fr. Dear served as pastor of several parishes in north-eastern New Mexico, co-founded Pax Christi New Mexico and works on a nonviolent campaign to disarm Los Alamos.



Father John Dear, S.J



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## USCCB committee chair supports statement on Wisconsin workers

WASHINGTON—Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, CA., chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, expressed his "support for and solidarity" with the Wisconsin bishops' statement on the rights of workers.

In a Feb. 23 letter to Archbishop Jerome E. Listek of Milwaukee, Bishop Blaire wrote that "you and our brother bishops in

Wisconsin are offering a timely reminder of what the Church teaches on the rights and duties of workers, including the right to form and belong to unions and other associations, and the obligation to address difficult problems with respect for the rights and needs of all. As you insist, 'hard times do not nullify the moral obligation each of us has to respect the legitimate rights of workers.'"

"The situation in Wisconsin is not unique," the letter stated.

"Other states and the federal government also face daunting challenges of growing budget deficits and how to allocate burdens and share sacrifice in ways that reflect principles of social justice, economic fairness and wise stewardship. Your efforts to share the consistent teaching of the Church in the midst of this controversy are an example for all of us on how to apply our moral principles to the 'signs of the times.'"

"Catholic teaching and your statement remind us these are not just political conflicts or economic choices; they are moral choices with enormous human dimensions."

In his letter, Bishop Blaire stated that the debates over worker representation and collective bargaining are not simply matters of ideology or power, "but involve principles of justice, participation and how workers can have a voice in the workplace and economy."

Recalling the teachings of Popes Benedict XVI and John Paul II on unions and the rights of workers, Bishop Blaire praised the Wisconsin bishops for consistently sharing the "teaching of the Church in the midst of this controversy" and made a call to everyone involved to overcome differences and put the common good first.



Advocate photo – M. Gabriele

**FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH**—Pictured is a statue of Saint Joseph the Carpenter on display in his namesake parish in Roselle. March 19 is the international feast day for Saint Joseph. Described in the Gospel of Matthew as an "upright man," the angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph, telling him to take Mary and the baby Jesus and flee to Egypt to avoid the wrath of Herod. After Herod's death, Joseph returned to Israel with his family, traveling to the region of Galilee and settling in the town of Nazareth. On March 18 students at Saint Joseph the Carpenter School, Roselle, will celebrate a "hospitality" feast in the school cafeteria, with parents providing ethnic food. The Union County school, marking its 95th year, will sponsor an alumni reunion the weekend of Oct. 22-23. Call the school at (908) 245-6560 for details on the reunion.

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# We are dust and unto dust we shall return

Symbols by their very nature tend to be understood universally or, if not, at least by many people. While, in my parish of people born in 55 countries of the world, there are many expressions particular to one culture or another, one visible sign expressed at any funeral, regardless of the linguistic or cultural ethnicity of the congregation, is the tear. It is a common expression of sorrow that is immediately recognized and understood.

Another symbol fairly well recognized among Catholics and many other Christians is the cross of ashes marked on our foreheads every Ash Wednesday. Made from burning the dried-out palm of the previous year's Passion Sunday, they are blessed as a sacramental to help remind us of our own mortality ("Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return.") as well as our need for repentance ("Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.").

## CENTER BLESSING—Rev.

Msgr. Richard Arnhols, pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Bergenfield and archdiocesan Vicar for Pastoral Life, blesses the new Pregnancy Resource Center of New Hope, Inc., Englewood, an outreach program for first-time single mothers and their babies. Also pictured is Carol Lavis, left, co-founder and administrator of New Hope.



Submitted photo

For most people, the normal encounter with ashes comes about from cigarettes, charcoal, fireplaces or major conflagrations. We all understand that something previously solid has been transformed into something now easily scattered by the wind.

In more recent years, however, many people have tended to equate these forms of ash with the cremated remains of a human being. The Church teaches us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead. The care we give the body at death also reminds us of the continued spiritual relationship of the deceased through the communion of saints.

The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and their

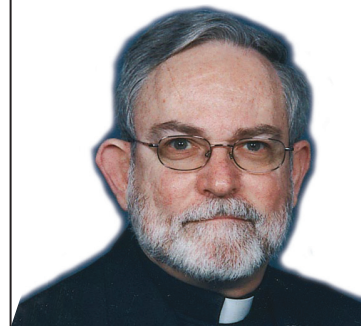
final disposition.

The cremated human remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. Contrary to what we sometimes see in the movies or hear from friends of other denominations, the practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or a friend of the deceased, is not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.

Whenever possible, appropriate means for memorializing the deceased should be utilized, such as a plaque or stone that records the name of the deceased. The pastor should be advised at the time that funeral arrangements are made as to the final disposition of the cremated human remains. If at a nearby cemetery, a funeral committal service at the time of interment or entombment can be readily arranged with a priest or deacon of the parish.

As we begin once more the

## SEEING & BELIEVING



By Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnhols

Holy Season of Lent, our penitential practices, popular devotions and charitable sacrifices all should be geared to helping us live a holier life now so that we may one day live eternally with God in heaven.

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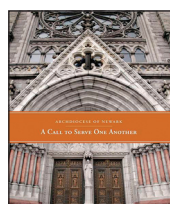
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**HEROISM HONORED**—Father John Washington, who seven decades ago had been a parochial vicar at Saint Stephens Parish in Kearny, was remembered at the 68th annual “Four Chaplains Mass,” honoring the sacrifice of Fr. Washington and three other U.S. chaplains who gave their lives to save others on the USAT Dorchester, a troop transport ship, during World War II. Pictured at the Mass are, left to right, Kearny Mayor Alberto G. Santos; Father Joseph Mancini, the new pastor of Saint Stephen’s; Most Rev. Dominic Marconi, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus; and Gerald Kryzefski, state commander of the Catholic War Veterans. The Knights of Columbus Assemblies Msgr. Peter B. O’Connor and Santa Maria provided the honor guard at the Mass. A German sub sank the USAT Dorchester in the North Atlantic on Feb. 3, 1943, killing 672 men, including the heroic Four Chaplains.

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## St. Cassian Parish to host March 13 ‘Vigil for Life’

UPPER MONTCLAIR—The Pro-Life Ministry at Saint Cassian Parish, 187 Bellevue Ave., will host “Our Lady’s Monthly Prayer Vigil for Life” on Sunday, March 13 at 7 p.m. The event is being organized in association with the Archdiocese of Newark’s Respect Life Office, based in Linden.

Many families and individuals have been impacted, directly or indirectly, by the sorrow of abortion and “the culture of death,” according to a statement by the event organizers. The vigil will provide a place for those seeking healing and wisdom in the “gospel of life.”

The vigil will begin with Mass at Saint Cassian. Father Joseph A. Meagher, the archdiocesan director of the Respect Life Office, will celebrate the Mass. The evening continues with a eucharistic holy hour and a program that includes teachings on pro-life issues, praying the rosary and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Contact Michelle Krystofik, associate director of the Respect Life Office, by phone at (732) 388-8211 or e-mail ([arnewrespect@sanj.net](mailto:arnewrespect@sanj.net)) for more information. The next prayer vigil will be held April 13 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 1 Passaic St., Ridgewood.

## Archbishop’s gala set April 5

NEWARK—Archbishop John J. Myers and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark will host the sixth annual “Archbishop’s Gala” celebration and fund-raiser on Tuesday, April 5, 6 p.m., at Nanina’s in the Park, 540 Mill Street, Belleville.

For tickets, sponsorship op-

portunities or more information about the gala call Catholic Charities at (973) 596-4052.

Stephen N. Adubato, Sr., founder and former executive director of the North Ward Center in Newark and a member of the board of trustees of Catholic Charities, will be honored as “Humanitarian of the Year.” Archbishop Myers will also present the “Spirit of the Heart” awards to individuals who, through hard work and perseverance, have benefited from the programs offered by Catholic Charities and its affiliates.

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John 1:38-39

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**FUNDS FOR CYO**—The 18th annual Archbishop's Business and Labor Recognition Reception, held March 1 at Mayfair Farms in West Orange, raised \$625,000 to benefit archdiocesan CYO programs—a generous sum for a variety of programs and activities that will serve young people of every religion and ethnic background. In the top photo, the evening's two honorees, Dean Janeway, second from left, president and chief operating officer of Wakefern Food Corp., and Marty Schwartz, third from left, of Local 164 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, were congratulated by (left to right) Thomas G. Conboy, director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries in Kearny; Rev. Msgr. John E. Doran, Vicar General, Moderator of the Curia and Chancellor; and Rev. Msgr. Michael A. Andreano, Vice Chancellor and Secretary to the Archbishop. Pictured at the start of the evening (left photo), Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz (center), Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, offered his best wishes to Janeway and Schwartz. Addressing the event, Msgr. Andreano described the honorees as "exceptional examples of gentlemen who manifest goodness in their public and private lives. Thank you for being who you are." Janeway, during his remarks, cited Conboy for the "spectacular job" he is doing at the Kearny center and stressed that young people attending the annual CYO summer day camp learn respect and values. Schwartz also underlined the value the CYO programs provided by the Archdiocese of Newark, noting "the key to all of it is the children." Since its inception the annual reception benefit has generated more than \$2 million. Last summer the two award winners toured the CYO summer camp in Kearny with Archbishop John J. Myers (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 11, 2010). Other dignitaries in attendance at the event included Sister Marilyn Minter, C.S.S.F., associate director of parish outreach and training; Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz, the pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Bergenfield, and the archdiocesan Vicar for Pastoral Life; and Rev. Msgr. John J. Gilchrist, pastor emeritus of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison. The two monsignors also serve as steadfast columnists for *The Catholic Advocate*.

## 'Quest' contemplates season of Lent

AREA—Faith Quest 2011, an adult spirituality forum, will be held Wednesday evenings, beginning March 16 and running through April 6, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Notre Dame Parish, 359 Central Ave., North Caldwell.

The topics featured at this year's series are prayer and spirituality; understanding sacred Scripture; faith formation; and spirituality.

An offering of \$3 a session or \$10 for the four-week series will be accepted to defray expenses. Pre-registration is requested to help with logistics planning. Each week participants can choose one course they wish to attend.

For brochures and registration forms, contact Notre Dame Church office at (973) 226-0979 or call any of the other sponsoring parishes. Call Patricia Fitzpatrick at (973) 994-0173 for information on program topics and speakers.

Organizers of the series say participation in Faith Quest is a way for the faithful in the Archdiocese of Newark to celebrate and contemplate the season of

Lent. Launched in 2007 as part of the archdiocese's "New Energies" initiative, the four cluster parishes of West Essex (Saint Aloysius, Caldwell; Notre Dame, North Caldwell; Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Roseland; and Saint Thomas More, Fairfield) collaborated to develop an adult education and information program during the Lenten season.

Faith Quest speakers include Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Reilly, rector of the College Seminary Saint Andrew's Hall, Seton Hall University; David Vincenti, engineer, poet, educator, lector and Saint Aloysius parishioner; Father Frank McNulty, teacher, pastor and author; Father Thomas A. Dente, director, Office of Divine Worship Archdiocese of Newark; Father Theodore W. Osbahr, pastor of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament; Father Dominic Ciriaco, parochial vicar of Notre Dame Parish; Mary Bertani, pastoral minister, licensed therapist, and an experienced presenter on adult spirituality and formation; and Father Edward Ciuba, a former pastor of Notre Dame Parish, now at Seton Hall University.

## Caldwell to download online degree courses

CALDWELL—Caldwell College is offering online degree programs in its graduate education division as well as a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and in business administration.

The college is accepting applications for the new courses, which begin March 21 and will be run for eight weeks. Call the office of admissions at (973) 618-3544 for more information.

In the education division, online courses are being offered that will lead to a master's degree in educational administration and supervision, a New Jersey post-master's supervisor certification or a post-master's principal certification. The undergraduate programs in criminal justice and business administration will begin this summer.

"These learning options are exciting, because now Caldwell students will have the chance to learn and study online on 'their time' and still get the benefit of a quality education with outstanding professors. Students with family and work priorities will have the flexibility to manage their own learning schedules," Joan H. Moriarty Ed.D., assistant professor in Caldwell College's education division, explained.



# Lent

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Traditionally, Lent is 40 days long, a significant number due to the Israelites' 40 years wandering in the desert, the 40 days of the great flood and the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness.

Lent is a special season for those preparing to be baptized at Easter. "Baptism is not a celebration of just one person, but a celebration for the whole community," Fr. Dente stressed. "That is why the rites of initiation are so public, so that the entire assembly can participate in the birth of new Christians."

Charity and almsgiving are especially important during the 40 days. Even though the recent recession and financial crisis has affected all people, not just Catholics, offering a small amount to help those who are in greater need is expected.

Finding time for deeper reflection and prayer during Lent can prove to be difficult in our fast-paced, consumer-driven culture. Fr. Dente believes that taking a little time each day, even 15-20 minutes on the commute to work, can help Catholics strengthen their relationship with God during this contemplative season.

Fr. Dente is wary of Catholics who simply celebrate nominal practices, such as receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday or palms on Palm Sunday, without being formed in faith. Some view these symbols as "lucky charms" and are not taking time to alter themselves spiritually.

liturgical year as a river that flows through us; it works slowly over time, much the same way a river carves a canyon. The power of a single Mass or even a season like Lent is not felt immediately but if we attend to them consistently, we should be able to look back over our lives and see where spiritual growth and development has taken place."

Father Albert T. Holtz, O.S.B., director of formation at Newark Abbey, noted that during the life of Saint Benedict of Nursia, (circa 480-543 AD), Lent had different practices than today. Considered



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—Father Albert Holtz, O.S.B.

the founder of Western monasticism, Saint Benedict wrote that Lent was a time of private prayer and for paying more attention to spiritual life. Lent was not designed to be a somber season of suffering, but changed its characteristics during the Middle Ages.

"Saint Benedict wrote about abstinence from food and drink during Lent; it was a time to practice virtues and root out vices. In the Middle Ages, Lent became more focused on Christ's suffering and death while people venerated the sacred nails, the crown of

aspects of Jesus' Passion. The rich variety of Lenten practices drifted away and Lent became narrowed down to a penitential season," Fr. Holtz explained.

The season of Lent should be a time for examining priorities, Fr. Holtz suggested, and the three pillars—prayer, fasting and almsgiving—must be practiced consciously. "When you fast, you should do so in solidarity with those who are hungry all over the world. In fasting, you identify with the suffering of Christ and the deprivation He suffered during His passion," he added.

Although contributing to charity can be difficult with today's financial concerns, Catholics are encouraged give to those with even less. "Now is the time to understand what almsgiving means. It is giving of something that costs you; this is an opportune time for almsgiving," Fr. Albert said.

While Lent is denoted as a special time for contemplation, practices during the season could carry over throughout the year to enrich spiritual lives. "If you do the right things during Lent, why do you have to stop? If you are participating in intense awareness and reflection, it is something you should continue," he recalled.

Fr. Holtz noted that during the Middle Ages, religion was also considered more private, between just an individual and God. Vatican Council II stressed all of us as the people of God and "the pilgrim Church." He encourages a communal spirit during Lent, resulting in a more fulfilling, deeper relationship with the faith. "There is something to be said for inviting someone to Stations of the Cross at

## Official Appointments



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

### PASTOR

**Very Reverend Paul A. Cannariato, V.F.,** Pastor of Saint Mary Parish, Closter, has been appointed to a second six-year term ending June 30, 2017.

**Reverend Stephen A. Carey,** Pastor of Madonna Parish, Fort Lee, has been appointed to a second six-year term ending June 30, 2017.

**Reverend Antonio F. Da Silva,** Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Newark, has been appointed to a second six-year term ending Feb. 1, 2017.

**Reverend Paulo Frade,** Pastor of Saint Aloysius Parish, Newark, has been appointed to a second six-year term ending July 1, 2016.

**Very Reverend John J. Paladino, V.F.,** Pastor of Saint Bartholomew Parish, Scotch Plains, has been appointed to a second six-year term ending June 30, 2017.

**Reverend Frank J. Rocchi,** Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, Irvington, has been appointed to a second six-year term ending June 30, 2017.

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

**Reverend Ezio Antunes, S.D.V.,** has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Holy Trinity/Epiphany Parish, Newark, effective immediately.

**Reverend Camilo E. Cruz,** Parochial Vicar of Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Cassian Parish, Upper Montclair, effective March 1.

### CHAPLAIN

**Reverend John A. Quill,** was appointed Chaplain at Bergen Regional Medical Center, Paramus, effective Feb. 15 with residence at Saint Michael Rectory, Lyndhurst, effective March 2.

## Tracing origins of Lent

Lent is a breaking of time, a breaking of one's routine. Originally, "Lent," from the German, meant simply the spring season. In Latin, the term *quadragesima* was applied to this time period, meaning the "40 days."

Some Church Fathers as early as the fifth century believed that the fast of 40 days had been instituted in the time of the Apostles. Scholars today dispute that position, pointing to the diverse practices regarding the fast before Easter during the preceding centuries.

The earliest known mention of Lent occurs in Eusebius' history of the Church—*Historia Ecclesiastica*. He quotes from a letter to Pope Saint Victor to Saint Irenaeus, the second century bishop of Lyons, a disciple of Polycarp (a follower of the Apostle John the Evangelist).

Irenaeus acknowledges a long-standing controversy of the time, keeping Easter as well as the duration of the period of fasting before Easter. "The dispute is not only about the day, but about the actual character of the feast. Some think that they ought to fast for one day, some for two, others for still more. Some make their 'day' last 40 hours on end. Such variation in observance did not originate in our own day, but very much earlier, in the time of our forefathers."

Tertullian, another of the pre-Nicene Fathers (those theologians who wrote before the Council of Nicaea in 325) wrote of "the days on which the bridegroom was taken away" (presumably meaning Good Friday and Holy Saturday, when Jesus lay in the tomb) as a common term of fasting for Christians. But there is little else we can point to that proves there was a full-fledged Lenten fast in his time that had originated during the days of the early Church.

In the fifth canon (law) that came out of the Council of Nicaea is the first mention of the *tessarakoste* (a Greek term), the 40-day period before Easter, then after Easter and up to the Feast of Ascension. During this time Church meetings, called synods, should not be held.

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## Archdiocese issues guidelines for Lent

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, Msgr. Doran explained. 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 (1) 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. (\*Canon 920, No. 1—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.)



## Diaconate

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New Providence; retired Nutley police sergeant Craig Stewart, whose parish is the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart; and Paul Carris of Corpus Christi Parish in Hasbrouck Heights, a senior engineering manager for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Carris was working on the 71st floor in the northwest corner of One World Trade Center on 9/11. He helped co-worker Judith Toppin—whom he did not know until that fateful day—out of the doomed building minutes before its collapse. That experience was a factor in his pursuit of the permanent diaconate.

Calling the permanent diaconate “a position of service,” DiPaola said he had pondered “the idea” of becoming a deacon “for many years.” He sees the ministry as “serving God by helping at a parish.” DiPaola is hopeful of being assigned to his home parish which is without a deacon.

A deacon, he explained, helps with the liturgy but “more importantly works with the faithful.” DiPaola called the permanent dia-

conate a “unique” situation in that “you have one foot in the clerical world and the other in the secular world.” As a result, he feels, a deacon can “relate” to issues arising among parishioners while gaining a deeper understanding of “how the clergy thinks.”

Citing the discernment process, DiPaola noted that prior to initial screenings, there had been upwards of 60 candidates. Each aspiring deacon, he added, is required to get a spiritual director. Citing the ages of the soon to be ordained permanent deacons, DiPaola commented “we’re mature guys.”

Life-altering events played a major role in Stewart’s decision to become a deacon. The convert to Catholicism lost close friends who had been members of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police on 9/11. And then in October 2000 he “literally dropped dead” at work. His fellow officers revived him with a defibrillator. Seeing that experience as a “second chance,” Stewart explained, he quickly realized “the reason I’m here is that there is work to be done.”

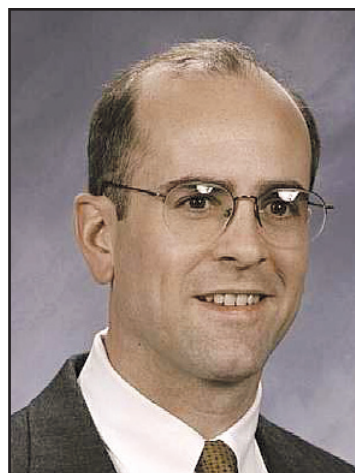
Becoming a permanent deacon, he explained, is a “deeply personal and spiritual” experi-

ence. His conversion, the former policeman went on, “changed my life 100 percent. Everything was right about it.”

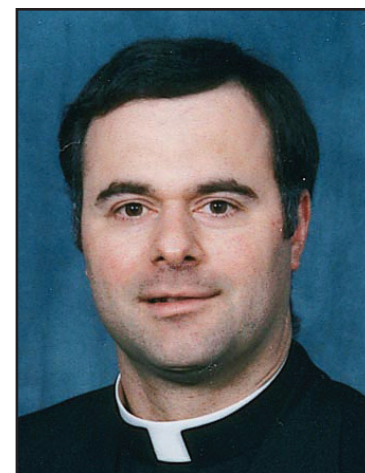
As a permanent deacon Stewart hopes to help those who have had experiences similar to what he has gone through. “Life is too short. We should all try to help each other out.”

Both DePaola and Stewart were struck by the fact that 35 men began the process of becoming a permanent deacon and not one dropped out. Stewart described the Class of 2011 as “a special group of guys, we’ve bonded, we’re a real brotherhood.”

In an account of 9/11 entitled “Angels Walk Among Us,” Toppin recalled of Carris “I asked him to leave me behind and save himself since he had a family and I was moving much too slowly. My words fell on deaf ears.” Referring to Toppin’s recollections, Carris explained “I did not recognize myself in her description and that started me searching for who I was. I experienced anger and rage a few months later (after 9/11).” Carris went to Franciscare in Elmwood Park, a counseling service run by Father James Kelly O.F.M. where he spent nine months in therapy dealing with



Deacon John McKenna



Father James Teti

“my rage and other issues with mixed success.”

His pastor, Rev. Msgr. Lewis Papera, suggested a Carsillo Retreat that Carris attended in the fall of 2002. “That weekend changed my life,” he declared. What he learned the permanent diaconate candidate noted was that “before 9/11, I was content with where my life was going. After 9/11, I had this unrecognized emptiness that needed to be filled. I realized that I was looking for a relationship with God and I now had the tools to pursue that.”

Carris began reading books on the saints and spirituality, attending daily Mass, “praying more,

volunteering to help others more, doing silent retreats, journaling and overall beginning to learn and live my faith in ways I never had before.” He participated in a Christian Foundations Ministry program under the “tutelage” of Sister Virginia Stanton, S.S.J. “She ignited a thirst for knowledge of our faith that was not there before. I started seeing God more in my everyday life. I began to recognize coincidences as ‘God-instances.’” His call to the permanent diaconate “has reinforced my experiences of faith, which I hope I can share with those to whom I will be ministering,” he said.

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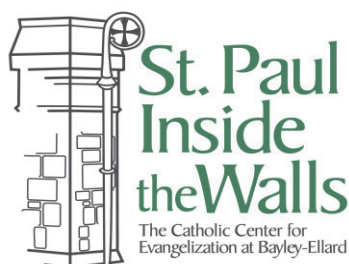
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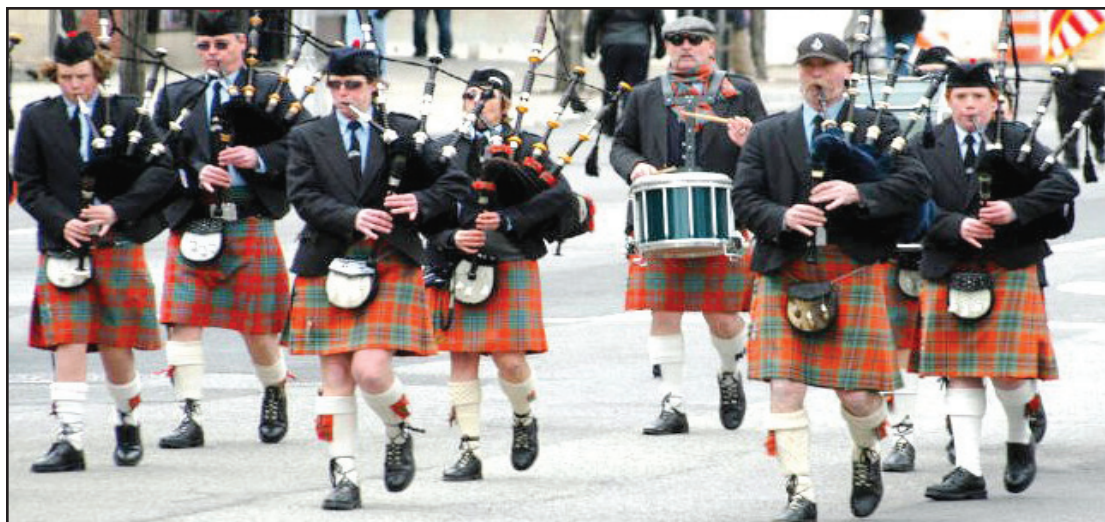
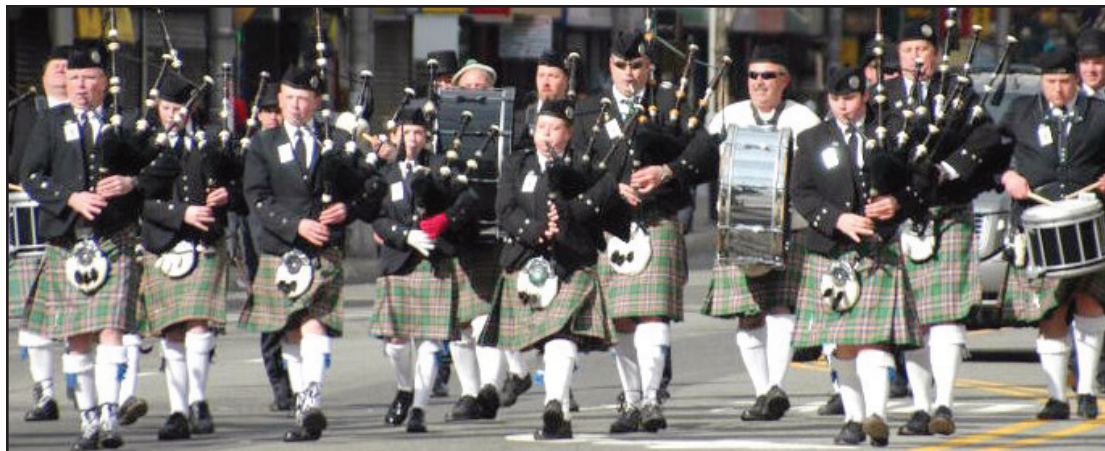
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**MARCHING WITH PRIDE**—Pipe and drum ensembles, adorned in their full, colorful regalia, along with marching bands from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark, will provide the musical spark and spirit for the 76th annual Newark Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Friday, March 18. Members of the NJ Army and Air National Guard will be honored as recipients of the parade dedication. Pictured on this page are images of recent Newark parades. Michael D. Byrne, general chairman of the event, said the theme for the

Newark parade is: "The Second 75 Years—Keeping the Tradition Alive." Byrne said the parade, much like the city of Newark, "has weathered a great deal of adversity over the years. But the Irish, and like all the people of Newark, we don't give up too easily."

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## Marchers to step off March 18

# Festive event to celebrate tradition, pride, heritage in the heart of Archdiocese

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

The 76th annual Newark's Saint Patrick's Day Parade, led by grand marshal Archbishop John J. Myers and deputy grand marshal Susan A. Feeney, Esq., State Bar Association president-elect, will be held on Friday, March 18. Members of the NJ Army and Air National Guard will be honored as recipients of the parade dedication.

The day begins at 9:15 a.m. with an Investiture Mass at Saint Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, 91 Washington St. Grandstand ceremonies will begin at noon and the parade steps off at 1 p.m. The march will commence on Mulberry Street at the Prudential Center, making its way past the Gateway Complex and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, passing Military Park on Center Street, to Central Avenue leading up to Saint Patrick's Pro-Cathedral and ending in Washington Park.

"We are honored and humbled to have Archbishop Myers, Susan Feeney and representatives of the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard usher the Newark Saint Patrick's Day Parade into its 76th year," Michael D. Byrne, general chairman of the event, said. "We hope Irish-Americans statewide will support this year's parade. Though the route has evolved over the years, the parade committee has been proud to consistently call Newark home for over seven decades, keeping the tradition alive. We're looking forward to doing so for the next 75 years."

In accepting the invitation to lead the parade, Archbishop Myers said that he did so "with the greatest of pleasure and excitement," adding that it's his "hope that this year's parade will go far in reconnecting the local Church of Newark with

its Irish ancestry."

Feeney said she was honored to serve as deputy grand marshal, noting that her Newark law firm, McCarter and English, LLP, is proud to be part of the Newark parade and to support the city while celebrating the life of Saint Patrick.

"We are all aware of the popular legends that have grown up around Saint Patrick," Feeney said. "He is the patron saint of Ireland. He is also one of the Church's most famous and popular saints, even among those who are not Irish or even Catholic."

Saint Patrick has been credited with curing the sick, driving the snakes out of Ireland by ringing his bell, explaining the Holy Trinity with the



The official logo for the 76th annual Newark Saint Patrick's Day Parade features the seal for the Archdiocese of Newark, in honor of Archbishop John J. Myers, the grand marshal; the iconic scales of justice in honor of Susan A. Feeney, the deputy grand marshal, and the flags of the United States and Ireland.

use of a shamrock and many missionary accomplishments, she said. "He is the only saint I can think of who has his day celebrated by people of all ethnic and religious backgrounds with a grand parade."

She also paid tribute to Saint Patrick's spiritual journey and his accomplishments as a man of faith. "He was born in Roman Britain, captured by pirates in his mid-teens, and sold and kept as a slave for six years," Feeney said. "This experience could have made him bitter and desperate, but instead he learned to trust more in God and developed a life of prayer. By the time he made it home, he was a changed person and trained for the priesthood. He returned to Ireland and is credited with the conversion of the pagan Celts and the establishment of the Church.

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### Newark parade schedule—March 18

- 9:15 a.m.** . . . . Investiture Mass, Saint Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, 91 Washington St.
- 10:45 a.m.** . . . . Irish breakfast at McGovern's Tavern, 58 New St. (\$10-\$15 per person)
- Noon** . . . . . Grandstand Ceremonies, Gateway Complex, 100 Mulberry St.
- 1 p.m.** . . . . . Parade steps off, Prudential Center, 165 Mulberry St.
- 4 p.m.** . . . . . Post-parade reception, Kilkenny Alehouse, 27 Central Ave., (\$20 per person)

(Editor's note: All locations listed above are in Newark. For updated information on events, visit: [Facebook.com/NewarkParade](https://www.facebook.com/NewarkParade))

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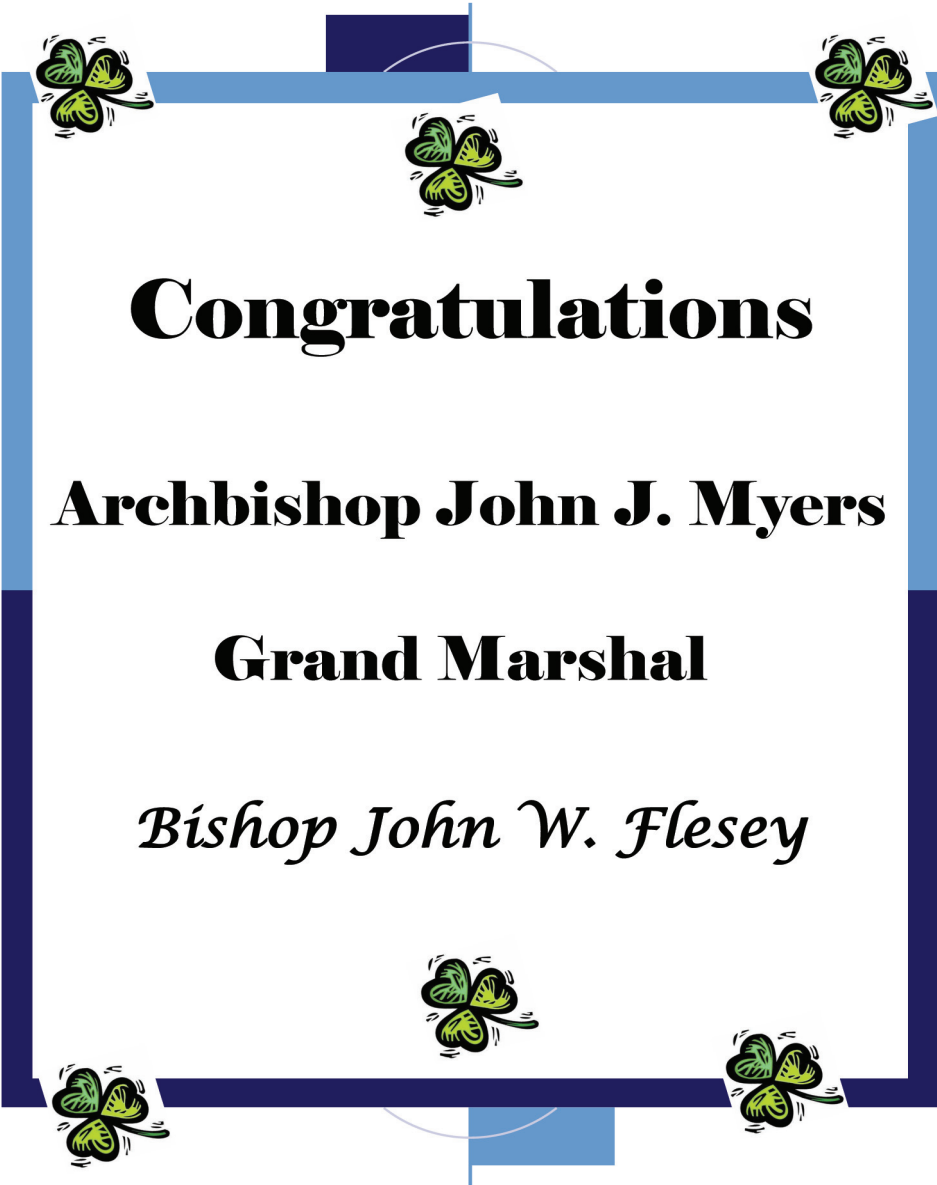
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## Pondering spiritual journey of Patrick Calpornius

# 'We beseech thee, holy youth, to walk amongst us'

BY DR. CHARLES J. ROONEY, JR.  
Special to The Catholic Advocate

If God wanted to convert the "heathen nation of the Celts" to Christianity, He could not have chosen a better instrument than Patrick Calpornius. Described by his enemies during his lifetime as being "unlearned, uncultured, incapable in his methods, and indiscrete in rushing into situations in which he was sadly unprepared," he had the perfect resume for an evangelizer in a hostile land.

All along the way, at critical junctures, he was guided by divine inspiration, and early on, he learned in a dream that the people of that land were calling him to come back to bring the word of God. But it would be some time before he returned.

First, he would be introduced to Ireland as a young lad of 16 captured by Viking pirates from his home in West Britain to be sold as a slave to a Druid master in Ireland. He prayed often in his lonely work as a shepherd boy, remembering his rudimentary education as a Christian from his fairly well-to-do parents and from the local school.

Over the next six years he became fluent in Celtic, learned the ancient traditions and beliefs of the native peoples from his Druid master, and by a seeming miracle, was able to endure the harshest weather as an ill-provided shepherd boy.

After six years, he received a message in a dream "to go home, the ship is waiting." He knew nothing of a "ship" but walked many miles to a port to see a ship leaving for Gaul. At first they refused to take this penniless young lad aboard, but as he began to leave they changed their mind.

Upon arriving in Gaul, he and the crew found the land ravished by raiding marauders. After finding nothing to eat for days, they asked him to pray to his God for them and in a short while came upon a herd of swine and survived. The year was 407. He wouldn't get back to Ireland for the next 25 years.



Charles J. Rooney

After returning home and promising never to leave again, he had three mystical experiences telling him that the people of West Ireland, a largely pagan land, were saying: "We beseech thee, holy youth, to come and walk once more amongst us." To prepare him-

self, he went to the renowned monasteries in Gaul. Here, under the tutelage of Saint Germanus in Auxerre, he learned to grow spiritually and to acquire the knowledge needed for the priesthood. He was not a scholar, but had an extensive knowledge of scripture.

In 430, Pope Celestine asked for missionaries to be sent to Ireland, not only for conversion of the heathen, but to give succor to the captured Christian slaves. Saint Palladius was chosen—a blow to Patrick who had been preparing for almost 20 years for this role. However, within a year, Palladius died.

Patrick's own monastery in Auxerre was the next scene to choose a new missionary. Saint Germanus, noticing how Patrick humbly accepted his rejection in the first ballot, chose him and ordained him a Bishop, sending him back to Ireland with an elderly priest, Segitius. They stepped on shore at Strangford Lough in what is now County Down in 432. He quickly converted the local King Dichu who gave him land upon which he built a church near the village of Saul, now known as "Saul Padraig."

For the next seven years he worked tirelessly, approaching local kings and druids, the learned class who kept the ancient traditions of the Celts alive. Though he con-

verted many, he also created enemies, especially among the Druids. However, his success reached Rome, and three more bishops were sent to help: Secundinus, Auxilius, and Iserminus. Patrick set his seat at Armagh, and together with his fellow bishops created a collection of canons for the government of the Catholic Church in Ireland.

As a testimony to his abilities as an administrator, Patrick helped develop a number of monasteries, places from which he could gather and ordain new priests. He was especially vigilant in promoting vocations among local youth, natives of Ireland who could best relate to their own people. Later, in the sixth and seventh centuries, these monasteries would become famous as repositories of learning and scholarship, of which the Book of Kells is a fine example. These same monasteries would also become a peaceful refuge for famous scholars who fled the turbulent conditions on the continent.

(According to information found on various Web sites, the Book of Kells, sometimes known as the "Book of Columba," is a medieval Irish manuscript that contains the four Gospels and other information.)

At the end of his almost 30 years of evangelization, he wrote in his "Confession" that he started his missionary activities in Ireland as a middle aged man. He describes his typical daily life in a striking statement: "I journeyed for your sake through many places, even where no man dwelt, and where never had anyone come to baptize, or to ordain clergy, or to confirm the people. I have by the bounty of God the Lord, done everything carefully and most gladly for your salvation." The Confession was written late in his life to answer his critics in Europe who accused him of leaving his post as a Bishop to go to a foreign land.

Of his two written documents left for us, the other is entitled "Letters" in which

he protests raids by Britons upon his people in Ireland as retribution for the earlier raids by the Irish Vikings. No follower of Christ can justify enslaving other peoples, he argues, but his appeals seems to have fallen on deaf ears as they saw their actions as truly justified.

As most saints have learned, cooperating with divine grace requires prayer and some sacrifice. In Patrick's case, he sought solitude in remote places to spend time in prayer. In one case, he climbed a 2,500-foot mountain facing Clew Bay (just south of modern day Westport in Mayo) and built a small shelter to brace against the fierce Atlantic winds for the six weeks of Lent. Even today one can hardly stand up while climbing to the top in the face of terrific ocean winds on what is known as Craogh Patrick. On another occasion he spent Lent on a remote island in the desolate Lough Derg.

His prayers and the intercession of the Holy Spirit kept him pursuing his mission. One time he wrote: "For daily I expect either murder or robbery or enslavement. Nevertheless, they seized me and my companions and most eagerly desired to kill me. But my time had not yet come."

For the last four years of his life in Ireland, he returned to Saul where he landed 26 years before. He then retired as Bishop of Armagh, but not before composing with his fellow Bishops the "Collection of the Canons of the Church of Ireland."

By the day of his death March 17, 461, almost all of Ireland had been exposed to the Catholic faith, churches and monasteries had been established, young natives were entering the priesthood and religious life and the framework of an ongoing Church structure had been established. Who would have thought it all started with a desultory lad of 16 who knew so little about his faith but a few prayers.

(Editor's note: Charles J. Rooney Jr., Ph.D., is the senior executive vice president of Felician College, Lodi and Rutherford.)



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*—Pictured is the rugged landscape of Connemara, in western Ireland*






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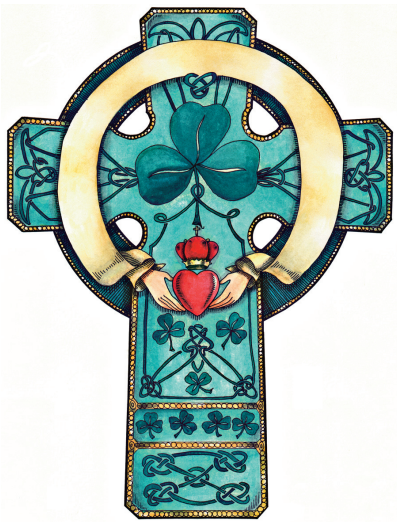
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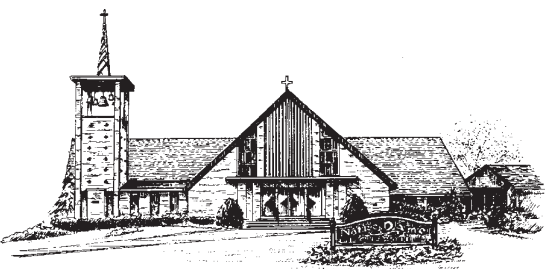


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Deputy Grand Marshal, Susan A. Feeney, Esq.; Grand Marshal, the Most Rev. John J. Myers; Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee Inc. General Chairman, Michael D. Byrne; and Major General Glenn K. Rieth, Adjutant General of the NJ Army and Air National Guard (names for all those pictured listed left to right).



(Pictured with Feeney, Archbishop Myers and Major General Rieth) "Culture" honoree, Tom Vesey, North American Vice Chairman, Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann; "Business" honoree, Rob Lynch, proprietor, Kilkenny Alehouse; "Labor" honoree, Hon. Michael B. McGlynn, business representative, Local 68 IUOE; and "Public Safety" Honoree John O. Melody, Essex County Prosecutor's Office (Ret.); (missing from photo, "Honorary Irishman," Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo)



(First row) Lieutenant Colonel Paul Nema (2-113th Infantry, Battalion Commander); Brigadier General Michael Cuniff (108th Wing Commander); Feeney; Major General Rieth; Captain Omar Minott (2-113th Alpha Company Commander); (Second row) Sergeant First Class Jorge Ditren (2-113th Alpha Company Readiness Non-Commissioned Officer); Command Sergeant Major Thomas Alexander (2-113th Command Sergeant Major); Command Chief Master Sergeant Michael Francis (NJ Air National Guard Command Chief); Command Sergeant Major Jerome Jenkins (State Command Sergeant Major); (seated in front, Archbishop Myers)



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## Friendly Sons to toast young Mr. McNany

THE ORANGES—Brian D. McNany, a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in South Orange, will be honored as "Young Irishman of the Year" by the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick of the Oranges at its 110th anniversary dinner on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, at Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange.

State Assemblyman and former West Orange Mayor John F. McKeon, the Friendly Sons' selection in 1993, will serve as the keynote speaker for the event.

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails followed by dinner. Reservations, at \$125 per person, are available through J. Michael Nolan, Jr., Esq., society president, by calling him at (973) 422-2974.

Entertainment will be provided by The Essex County Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Pipers and the Grace Notes Duo—Melissa Courter and Joanne Egan of Verona, on the flute and Celtic Harp.

A portion of the dinner proceeds is earmarked for Project Children which brings together Catholic and Protestant Children from Northern Ireland for visits to the United States. Another portion will

go to the Irish Way program of the Irish American Cultural Institute which provides scholarships to Irish-American high school students for study in Ireland.

In addition to being active at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, McNany—a graduate of Seton Hall Prep in West Orange—is an adjutant with the Newark Saint Patrick's Day Parade. He volunteers with the Community Food Bank of New Jersey in Hillside and works as a portfolio manager in the U.S. Corporate Banking Group at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ.



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# Chieftains at NJPAC following reception 'Irish Heritage Night' to honor community service

NEWARK—The Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee Inc. will host the 2011 Irish Heritage Awards program during "Irish Heritage Night" on Wednesday, March 16, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), 1 Center St.

The awards program will be held in conjunction with a concert by the world-renowned Chieftains. A wine and cheese reception will run 5:30-7:30 p.m., to be followed immediately by the concert.

Tickets for the wine and cheese reception, which will be held in the NJPAC Chase Room, are \$40 per person. The gala reception will feature live music, dancing by the DeNogla School of Irish Dance and bagpipes. Ticket prices for the Chieftains' concert range from \$23 to \$92. Visit the NJPAC Web site ([www.njpac.org](http://www.njpac.org)) or call 1-888-GO-NJPAC. For additional information on Irish Heritage Night, contact BML Public Relations, Montclair, at (973) 337-6395.

Honorees for the Irish Heritage Awards, selected by the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, reflect their involvement and support of the Irish-American community during the last 12 months. The honorees include: "Honorary Irishman," the Hon. Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County executive and long-time supporter of the Newark Saint Patrick's Day Parade; "Business," Robert Lynch, proprietor of Newark's Kilkenny Alehouse; "Labor," Michael B. McGlynn, affiliated with International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 68; "Public Safety," John O. Melody, retired from the Essex County Prosecutor's Office; and "Culture," Thomas Vesey, North American vice-chairman of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, an international organization, founded in 1951 based in Dublin, Ireland.

Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann will host the 2011 Mid Atlantic Region Fleadh and Hall of Fame Induction and Irish Music and Dance Weekend Extravaganza April 1-3, at the Hilton Parsippany Hotel. Call the hotel at (973) 267-7373 to make reservations or contact Vesey at (973) 977-8863 for details. Information also is available online ([www.cce-ma.com](http://www.cce-ma.com)).

"The Irish-American community in New Jersey is privileged to have many talented leaders who have left indelible marks in their respective fields and who have made significant contributions to the community at large," Michael D. Byrne, general chairman of Saint Patrick's Day Parade, said. "Each of this year's honorees has distinguished himself within the Irish community, earning the much deserved recognition of their peers at our annual Irish Heritage Awards ceremony."

Byrne praised the Irish Heritage Award honorees as the most-accomplished Irish-

American leaders in New Jersey. "We hope Irish-Americans across the Archdiocese of Newark and throughout the state will come out to see the parade (on March 18)," Byrne said. "Though the route has evolved over the years, the parade committee has been proud to consistently call Newark home for over seven decades, zealously 'keeping the tradition alive.' And we're looking forward to doing so for the next 75 years."

The Chieftains band launched its North American tour on Feb. 2 with a performance schedule that included Chicago, Seattle, Atlanta and Dallas, as well as Garden State appearances in New Brunswick and Princeton. The beloved band, formed in 1962 and led by Paddy Moloney, has won six Grammy awards.

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The Chieftains



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Members of the DeNogla School of Irish Dance will perform at the Irish Heritage Night reception in the NJPAC Chase Room. Dancers are pictured with dignitaries from the Newark Saint Patrick's Day Parade: (back row, left to right) Deputy Grand Marshal, Susan A. Feeney, Esq.; Grand Marshal the Most Rev. John J. Myers; and Major General Glenn K. Rieth, Adjutant General of the NJ Army and Air National Guard.

## Saint John the Apostle presents Irish awards



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**CLARK**—Saint John the Apostle School in Clark kicked off the Saint Patrick's Day season on Feb. 19 with its first Irish Night festivities, starring the Willie Lynch Band. The event was held in the auditorium of the Union County school. Nearly 300 guests joined in honoring guests of honor Jim Finnegan and Sister Donna Marie O'Brien, O.P., school principal, as "Irish Man" and "Irish Woman" of the year. Pictured (left to right) are Sister Donna Marie, John McSharry, event chairman and member of the parish's spirit committee, and Finnegan, head of the parish's Saint Vincent de Paul Society and a member of the church choir.





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# Traditions lost; recalling essence of St. Patrick

BY DONAL MALONE

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**W**atch out! Saint Patrick's Day is coming. And here they come: dancing leprechauns, shamrocks galore, "Kiss Me I'm Irish" buttons, piles of brick-hard soda bread, overcooked corned beef and cabbage, green beer, tasteless Saint Patrick's Day cards and raucous parades.

Alcohol consumption goes way up as this day becomes one of the busiest for bars and restaurants. Celebration and inebriation seem to be the order of the day for many without quite knowing why. And I must admit—I was a celebrant on many an occasion. But Saint Patrick's Day did not start out this way.

Years ago, in Ireland, Saint Patrick's Day began as a holy day of obligation. It was a religious feast day to honor the life of a man who had done so much for Ireland and to celebrate the achievements of one of its most revered saints.

My mother, who grew up in Ireland in the 1920s and 1930s, said it typically was a somber day. There were no parades and ostentatious displays of ethnic pride. People went to Mass and spent the rest of the day at home with the family.

It was one of the few days during the year that the pubs were closed. It was a day set aside for reflection and spiritual renewal and prayers for those missionaries continuing in the path of Saint Patrick.



Donal Malone

The Irish reverence for Saint Patrick is attributed to his role in promoting Christianity in Ireland during pagan times. Most Irish feel a debt of gratitude to him for this as well as for his forgiving nature.

Saint Patrick, who was not Irish, was captured at age 16 by Irish bandits and held as a prisoner for several years before escaping to Gaul (France). After many years of religious training and his ordination as a priest, he returned to Ireland to minister to its Christians and to foster Christianity.

He also is admired for his association with important Irish Catholic symbols. He is said to have been responsible for introducing the Celtic cross, which has an ancient Irish symbol of the sun, superimposed on it to create its distinctive look. Legend has it that he chose a three-leaved clover or shamrock to illustrate the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

Saint Patrick is also said to have stood on a hilltop and, with the wave of his wooden staff, banished all snakes from Ireland. While we now know that Ireland had no snakes, this story is interpreted as Saint Patrick's elimination of

paganism from Ireland and the triumph of Christianity.

While these stories may be the stuff of legends, they symbolize the deep religious and cultural significance of Saint Patrick to the Irish people. It is Saint Patrick's contribution to the religious and cultural life of the Irish that has endeared him to them.

The stories of his steadfast faith, forgiving nature and commitment to serving others, captured the hearts and minds of the Irish. These were the traditional reasons for celebrating Saint Patrick's Day. The Irish wanted to pay tribute to the life and example of Saint Patrick and take a moment to reflect on how they might emulate him.

However, it seems we have lost sight of the earlier spiritual and cultural meaning of Saint Patrick's Day. Today, in Ireland and the United States, the secularization and commercialization of Saint Patrick's Day has robbed it of its original meaning. This largely religious holy day has been converted into the most famous series of parades in the world. Many celebrate it with no idea of its origin or earlier significance.

This is most visible in the absence of

Saint Patrick himself from this day. His image, voice, spirituality, sense of forgiveness and commitment to others is conspicuously absent among the sea of ersatz versions of Irish culture. Stories of his life, achievements and significance to the Irish are eclipsed in the rush to "celebrate."

While the celebration of Saint Patrick's Day is respectfully conducted by many, perhaps it would be useful to establish an education campaign to restore the original meaning of this day. We can start in the schools by teaching children about this man and his work and the importance of spirituality and serving others. Also, we can begin media campaigns to counteract the erroneous, garish and embarrassing displays of what passes for Irish culture on this day.

Most importantly, we can challenge ourselves to serve others on this day as our way of honoring Saint Patrick. Now that would be something worth celebrating.

*(Editor's note: Donal Malone is an associate professor of the Sociology and Urban Studies Department at Saint Peter's College, Jersey City.)*

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## Festive event

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"Archbishop Myers has said that it is his hope that this year's parade will go far in re-connecting the local Church of Newark with its Irish ancestry," she continued. "We can all take time to reflect on the life of Saint Patrick—a man of prayer, of spiritual depth, piety and deep pastoral concern.

Byrne noted the depth and breadth of the influence of the Irish on this city, state and our Church is unparalleled. "As we march past the first seat of bishops at Saint Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, we'll be mindful of Archbishop Myers humble service and strong leadership."

Featured in the escort section of the parade with the grand marshal and deputy grand marshal will be representatives from the NJ Army and Air National Guard. Byrne said that the committee wanted to recognize the brave men and women of the Army and Air National Guard, at a time when none of its units are currently deployed overseas.

For more information on the parade or the associated activities of Newark's Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, contact Byrne by phone at (973) 746-3280, e-mail (NewarkParade@gmail.com), or go online to visit Facebook.com/NewarkParade or Twitter.com/NewarkParade.




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**PALADIN PRIDE**—The Paramus Catholic High School Marching Band will be featured in the 76th annual Newark Saint Patrick's Day parade on March 18. The Marching Paladins also will perform in Saint Patrick's Day parades in New York City (March 17) and in Pearl River, NY (March 20). "We are proud and excited to be part of these three great celebrations of Irish-American heritage, particularly since Irish-Americans played such an important role in establishing so many Catholic churches and schools in our area," Gary Sabak, director of the Paladins, said. "We are very blessed and very grateful to have the opportunity to showcase our talents in these renowned parades." In addition to the Paramus Catholic High School Marching Band, other units slated to march in the Newark parade include Holy Spirit School, Union; Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains; Mater Dei Academy Fife and Drum Corps, Kearny; Knights of Columbus State Deputy; Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry; and Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree.







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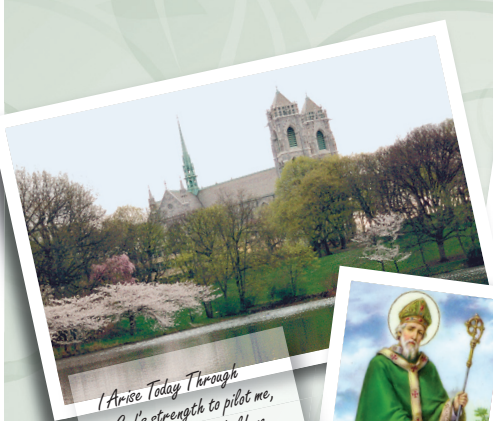
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# Hibernians applaud appointment of Jere Cole

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

NEWARK—Jere E. Cole, Jr., a parishioner at Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell, is a new national director of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. Cole was elected to the post at the groups' 95th annual convention, held last year in Cincinnati.

Cole, who recently retired as a detective in the Essex County Sheriff's Department, is one of six national directors for the Hibernians. He represents members in New Jersey, New York and the New England states. In addition, he serves as the Catholic Action chairman for the organization.

A member of the Michael L. Delahunty Montclair Local Division 9 for more than 20 years, Cole is serving out his second two-year term (ending in May) as NJ president for the Hibernians.

The thrust for the organization—which will mark its 175th year in May—is assisting clergy, community outreach, fund-raising and charity work, all to support the Irish Catholic community. Division 9 marked its 111th an-



niversary with a gala dinner/dance March 5 at Mayfair Farms, West Orange.

Eamonn Ryan, the current president of Division 9, offered words of praise for Cole and his years of service to the Hibernians. "Jere served as president of

Division 9 and inspired me with his exuberance and tireless efforts. He was involved with every committee during his tenure. He was instrumental in transforming our annual dinner/dance into the premiere Irish-American event in New Jersey. I don't think I know of any man with more energy or passion when it comes to promoting and preserving Irish heritage.

"I cannot tell you how proud we are to have Jere as our state president and national director," Ryan continued. "Jere Cole continuously gives of himself for others and asks nothing in return. The Ancient Order of Hibernians remains at the forefront for issues concerning the Irish because of noble men like Jere Cole."

Bill Young, NJ state secretary for the Hibernians and a friend of Cole for many years, cited drive, commitment

and caring for others as being the hallmarks of Cole's character. "We love working with Jere and support his leadership and Catholic Action direction to our membership," Young said.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, Cole traces his Irish heritage to County Cork on his mother's side. His family moved to West Caldwell when he was seven. He is a U.S. Air Force veteran who served in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Cole is a 37-year member of the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department, where he served as first assistant chief. He is past president of the Fireman's Association and past state secretary of the New Jersey State Exempt Fireman's Association. He sat on the board of managers to the Fireman's Home in Boonton representing the volunteer firemen of Essex County and is currently the secretary/treasurer of the New Jersey State Fire Chiefs' Association.

He is a member of the Newark Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, serving as general chairman in 2003-2004. He also works with the West Orange Saint Patrick's Day Committee and was general chairman of the 30th annual New Jersey Irish Festival in June 2000.



Jere Cole

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (Web site: [www.aoh.com](http://www.aoh.com)) is America's oldest Irish Catholic fraternal organization founded concurrently in Pennsylvania and New York City in May, 1836. The group has more than 80,000 members throughout the United States, Canada and Ireland.



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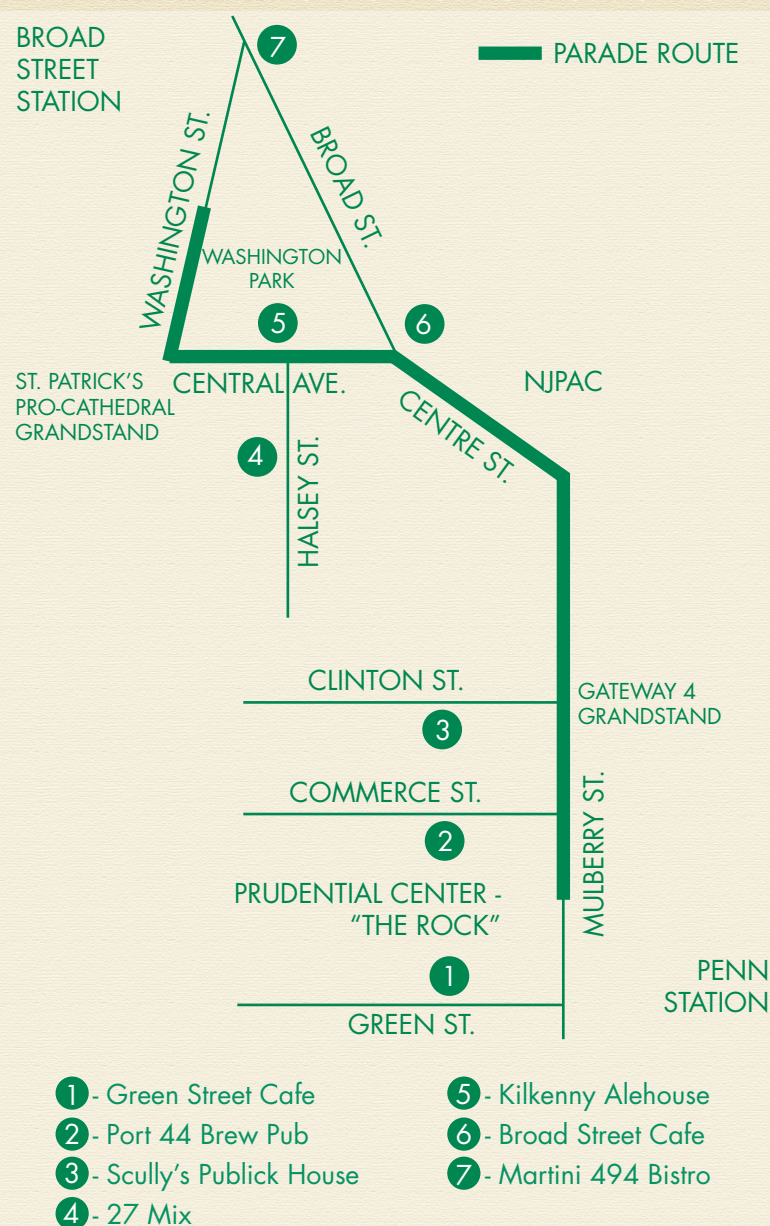
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## Msgr. Edward Matash; led Slovak Catholic Federation

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 22 at Saint Joseph Parish, Bayonne, for Rev. Msgr. Edward M. Matash, 80, who died Feb. 15.

Msgr. Matash attended Immaculate Conception Seminary, Dar-

lington, and was ordained May 26, 1956. He celebrated his first Mass at his home parish, Saint Mary of the Assumption, Passaic.

His first assignment was as a parochial vicar at Saint John Nepomucene Parish, Guttenberg,

where he served for 10 years. In June 1966, Msgr. Matash was assigned to Saint Joseph Parish, Bayonne.

During his first 19 years at Saint Joseph, he was appointed as chaplain to the Msgr. A. L. Adzima Memorial Post No. 621, the Catholic War Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary. He also served as the Hudson County representative of the New Jersey State Department of Catholic War Veterans and the national chaplain of the entire United States of America.

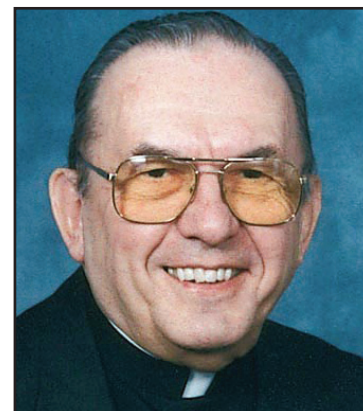
He received his Master of Divinity degree from the School of Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary in June 1982. In 1985 he was appointed to his first pastorate at Holy Family Parish, Linden.

For six years, Msgr. Matash was president of the Slovak Catholic Federation of the United States and Canada. The Slovak Catholic Federation was founded

in Wilkes-Barre, PA, on Feb 11, 1911. The group, according to its Web site, promotes Slovak Catholic heritage and maintains the bonds of fraternal cooperation among Slovak Catholic societies in North America.

Throughout his life Msgr. Matash was deeply involved in promoting the Slovak heritage and participated in various activities and events, such as the New Jersey Slovak Festival. He served as chairman of the Slovak Youth Federation and the head of yearly seminars for Slovak clergy held at the Pontifical Slovak Institute, which aids the Catholic Church in Slovakia.

Msgr. Matash returned to Saint Joseph Parish, Bayonne, on Feb. 16, 1991 as pastor. He was appointed chaplain to Msgr. A.L. Adzima Post No. 621 and served



Msgr. Edward Matash

as friar for the Knights of Columbus Star of the Sea Assembly No. 675, 4th Degree, and as chaplain to Alhambra El Jarrow Caravan No. 154, all in Bayonne.

He celebrated the 50th anniversary of his priesthood in 2006 at Saint Joseph Parish. In 2007, he retired to Saint John Vianney Residence, Rutherford.

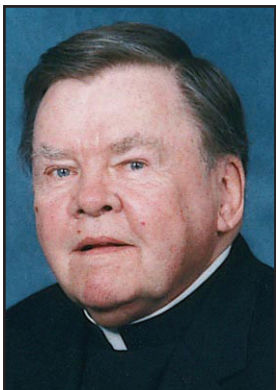
## Father Patrick J. Leonard

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 11 at Epiphany Parish, Cliffside Park, for Father Patrick J. Leonard, 74, who died Feb. 7.

Fr. Leonard was ordained in 1963 at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Mahwah. He served as parochial vicar of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Oakland (1963-1975), and administrator at Epiphany Parish, Cliffside Park (1975-1989).

He served as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Parish, Lyndhurst (1989-1994), and administrator at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kearny.

In 1997 Fr. Leonard was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, and served there until his retirement in 2003.



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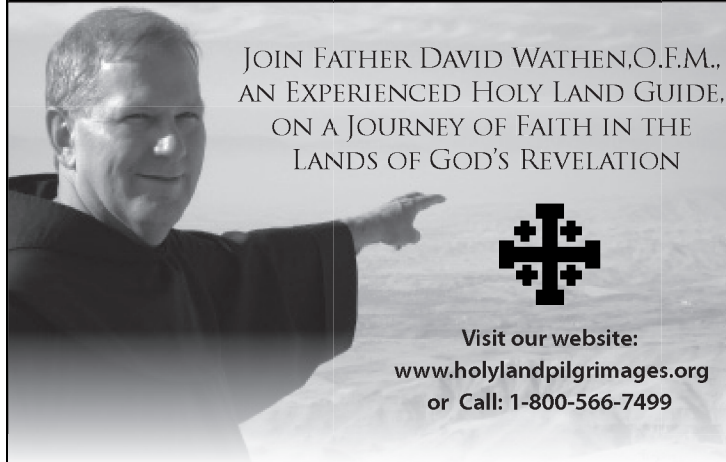
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## 'Bread' workshop eyes global poverty

NEWARK—Fifty participants from varied denominations met Feb. 26 at the Archdiocesan Center for the annual "Bread for the World Offering of Letters" workshop.

Sponsors for the event included the archdiocesan Office of Human Concerns, Catholic Charities, the Episcopal Diocese of Newark and the Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry.

Bread for the World is an ecumenical organization working towards the end of hunger nationally and worldwide. Each year a specific topic considered

"timely and important" is selected, Father Timothy Graff, director of the archdiocesan Office of Human Concerns, explained.

"With the drastic (federal) budget cuts going on in Washington, the topic was the need to keep international development assistance going to countries fighting poverty," Fr. Graff said. "The workshop serves as a model for parishioners to return to their home congregations and have members write letters to members of Congress in support of poverty programs." Call Fr. Graff at (973) 497-4341 for more information.

## Rutgers to host 'DeaFest'

NEW BRUNSWICK—The first Catholic "DeaFest," sponsored by the deaf ministries of all five New Jersey dioceses, will take place Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Catholic Center of Rutgers University, 84 Somerset St.

There is no admission charge and the site is fully accessible.

DeaFest will include exhibit booths, morning prayer, lunch, workshops, Mass and a social. For additional information contact Deacon Tom Smith, C.S.W., director of the Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf for the Archdiocese of Newark, at (973) 497-4312, TTY at (973) 497-4311 or via e-mail (smiththo@rcan.org).

Kate Slosar from the Diocese of Camden will serve as the keynote speaker, addressing the topic "Faith in Action." Her presentation will explain how faith can be applied to one's everyday life. Her address will be given in American Sign Language (ASL) and voiced by an interpreter. Slosar, who is deaf, ministers to deaf faith communities in southern New Jersey.

## Seton group seeks members

CONVENT STATION—An open house for those interested in becoming a Seton Associate or learning more about the program will take place in the Founders' Room at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity, 2 Convent Rd., on Saturday, March 12, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Attendees will meet Seton

Associates and have the opportunity to ask questions. Booklets will be available. To attend the open house or to request information, call Rosemary Carroll, director of Seton Associates, at (973) 290-5336.

Seton Associates are single and married women and men who seek deeper spirituality and en-

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**FOR THE POOR**—Archbishop John J. Myers, seated, right, last month welcomed members of the First Neocatechumenal Community from Holy Cross Parish in Harrison to the Archdiocesan Center in Newark to accept a donation on behalf of the poor in the Church of Newark. Making the presentation is Leide Carla de Sousa, the community’s leader/coordinator. Also pictured are, left to right, Alan Alarco, Ana Gabriela Alarcon, the pastor, Father Joseph D. Girone, Father Francisco J. Rodriguez, Parochial Vicar, and Catechists Margarita and Agustin Rodriguez.

# Caldwell to honor grads at Veritas

CALDWELL—Three alumni will be honored for their professional achievements by Caldwell College at the 26th annual Veritas awards dinner, which will be held at the Essex Fells Country Club, Essex Fells, 219 Devon Rd. on Friday, March 25 at 6 p.m.

The Veritas Award is the highest honor Caldwell College bestows on its alumni for professional excellence. The awards dinner is open to all alumni and members of the community. For further information, contact Kathleen Buse by phone at (973) 618-3411 or via e-mail (kbuse@caldwell.edu).

The honorees are Elizabeth Howson, Class of 1969 (“Excellence in Chemical Education Award”); Dr. Veronica Dowling, Class of 1972 (“Excellence in Orthopedic Medicine Award”); and Marion Goldstein, Class of 1978 (“Excellence in Poetry Therapy Award”).

Howson has dedicated her 25-year career in chemistry education to students at Wayne Valley High School, Madison High School and Chatham High School. She is a member of the executive board of the New Jersey Science Teachers Association, which named her a Fellow in 2007, and a recipient of the Edward J. Merrill Award for excellence in high school chemistry teaching from the North Jersey Section American Chemical Society.

Dowling is an orthopedic surgeon practicing in Arizona. After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Math and Biology from Caldwell College, she pursued her MMS from New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry. She was the first female orthopedic resident

to complete the residency at the University of Colorado Medical Center and went on to complete a trauma fellowship in Switzerland. She is a member of the Association of Women Surgeons and the American Medical Women’s Association.

Goldstein earned a B.A. in Sociology as an adult student at Caldwell College. She obtained a

M.A. in Psychology from the New School for Social Research and began a career in poetry therapy in schools and nonprofit organizations, such as the Carrier Foundation, where she spent 18 years as a counselor and director of the Women’s Trauma Program. She runs her own psychotherapy practice.

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ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE SCHOOL, Clark, gift auction/ tricky tray, doors open at 6:30 p.m., drawings at 8 p.m., cost: \$10 in advance/ \$12 at the door, call Linda at (908) 276-0498.

March 12

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES PARISH, Jersey City, "Healing of the Family Tree," 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., (201) 433-4152.

LUMEN CENTER, Caldwell, "The Heart of the Season," 9 a.m., cost: \$20, 973-403-3331 ext 25.

March 13

QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH, North Arlington, Rosary Society com-

munion breakfast, after 9 a.m. Mass, cost: \$10, call Santa at (201) 998-0789.

ST. PAUL PARISH, Wyckoff, Lenten Parish Mission, through March 15, 7:30 p.m., (201) 327-4740.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH, Lenten Parish Mission, through March 15, 7:30 p.m., (201) 666-2707.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK, Respect Life Office, Our Lady's Monthly Prayer Vigil for Life, at St. Cassian Parish, Upper Montclair, 7 p.m., (732) 388-8211.

SAINT DOMINIC ACADEMY, Jersey City, "SDA on the Runway- A Fashion Show Spectacular," at The Westin Ballroom, 12-4 p.m., call Cindy Sepulveda at (212) 299-5786.

March 15

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH, West Orange, Lenten Mornings

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XAVIER RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER, Convent Station, "Our Journey to Jerusalem," 7 p.m. to 3 p.m. March 19, cost: \$75, (973) 290-5100.

LACORDAIRE ACADEMY, Upper Montclair, "Seussical," though March 19 at 7 p.m., March 20 at 3 p.m., cost: \$10 for adults/ \$5 for children, call Debby Irwin at (973) 744-1156.

ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL, RUTHERFORD, fish and chips dinner, 6-8 p.m., cost: \$14 for adults/ \$9 for children, call Doreen Stumper (201) 288-0322 or e-mail dms320@hotmail.com .

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THE FIRST CATHOLIC "DEAFEST," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Catholic Center of Rutgers University, 84 Somerset St., New Brunswick. For additional information contact Deacon Tom Smith, C.S.W., director of the Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf for the Archdiocese of Newark, at (973) 497-4312 or TTY at (973) 497-4311.

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PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, who light all roads so that I can attain my goals. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and that in all instances of my life, You are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm once again, that I never want to be separated from You, even and in spite of all material illusion. I wish to be with You in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Published in gratitude of grace attained and for many requests granted.

V.G.

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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.

M.N.

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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.)

M.G.R.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Amen. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. Published in gratitude. Thank you, St. Jude.

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## Stillman earmarks gift funds to aid future Beck Scholars

SOUTH ORANGE — The Elsie E. and Joseph W. Beck Memorial Fund of the Community Foundation of New Jersey has established a memorial scholarship and research fund at Seton Hall University's (SHU) Stillman School of Business.

The \$1-million gift to the Stillman School honors the memory of Elsie E. and Joseph W. Beck, the trustees of the foundation, which was established in 1973.

"Joseph Beck served on the Stillman School's advisory board for several years, and this gift creates a living legacy through the work and achievements of these Beck Scholars and researchers," Stephanie Hauge, director of corporation and foundation relations at SHU, explained.

"These funds will help to open the doors for talented students for whom the cost of a private school education may be out of reach and will allow us to support outstanding research," Joyce A. Strawser, Ph.D., acting dean of the Stillman School of Business, said.

With this gift, which will be distributed over the next 20 years, the school can select up to five students annually to receive \$10,000 each. These students will be known as "Beck Scholars." Any business undergraduate student with a financial need is eligible, and students may receive awards in multiple years. In addition, up to a third of the annual funds may be used to support faculty research.

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# Benedictine applauds 'Students in Action'

ELIZABETH—Five Benedictine Academy students were honored recently as “Students in Action,” citing their efforts in community outreach and serving.

Emilie Burke of Colonia, Martha Devia of Elizabeth, Chisom Emeana of Hillside, Andrea Mendoza of Union, and Ariana Taveras of Newark were recognized for “taking their initiatives beyond the ordinary” at an awards ceremony held at the academy on Feb. 11.

“These students have given their time and compassionate hearts to help save lives and make our communities a better place,” Linda Michalski, Benedictine Academy campus minister said, as she introduced the group during the awards ceremony.

Benedictine Academy is a “Jefferson Awards Service Leadership School,” one of 25 leadership high schools from New Jersey. The academy is the first New Jersey school to participate in the “Students in Action” program. The “Students in Action” Club at Benedictine Academy recognizes the exceptional work of students.

Jefferson Awards Service Leadership Schools promote a culture of volunteerism, youth ethics and leadership. The Jefferson awards for public service were created in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis; Sen. Robert Taft, Jr.; and Sam Beard, a former staff associate to Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, to foster public and community service in America.

Working with Newark Beth Israel Hospital, Emeana organized a workshop at Benedictine Academy for certification in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), using a AED (automated external defibrillator) and First Aid. Taveras and Mendoza have been developing a new anti-bullying program for the academy and other schools in nearby communities. They organized a peer mediation training workshop for the academy’s Peace and Justice Club.

Devia works evenings and weekends as a leader and an assistant to help young people as part of various parish youth programs.

Burke organized a blood drive at Benedictine Academy, after learning a local blood center needed 250 people to donate blood each day to meet the needs of the communities.



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Benedictine Academy last month honored its “Students in Action” at an awards ceremony. Pictured are (left to right) Emilie Burke, Andrea Mendoza, Ariana Taveras and Martha Devia (missing from the photo is Chisom Emeana). Benedictine Academy is an all-female Catholic college prep high school.

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## Lacordaire schedules summertime activities

UPPER MONTCLAIR—Lacordaire Academy, 155 Lorraine Ave., will run a two-part summer enrichment program for students. The registration deadline is March 15. The first session will run from June 20-July 8 followed by a second session July 11-29.

All programs are under the guidance of certified teachers. For more information and a registration form, visit the Lacordaire Web site ([www.lacordaire.net](http://www.lacordaire.net)).

The first session will feature a performing arts musical review for grades 3 through 6. A half-day summer camp for grades Pre K through grade 2 will engage students in science experiments, creative writing, outdoor activities and art. The second session will include a full-day gifted and talented cultural studies program for grades 6-9.



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**SDA ACHIEVER**—Fantasia Jenkins, a senior at Saint Dominic Academy (SDA), Jersey City, is as a recipient of the 2011-2012 Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship. Funded through the Comcast Foundation, the scholarship recognizes high school seniors from Comcast communities for “commitment to community service, academic achievement, and demonstrated leadership.” Recipients receive a one-time \$1,000 grant. Jenkins is a member of the SDA International Baccalaureate program and serves as student council president. Founded in 1878, SDA is sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell.

## All Saints to laud Bayonne luminaries

BAYONNE — All Saints Catholic Academy will honor three Bayonne natives at its second annual “It’s All About the Kids” spring gala on Saturday, April 2, 7 p.m., at Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange.

The academy will honor Joseph Gelchion, assistant vice president of development at Notre Dame University; Agnes Gillespie, Bayonne First Ward councilwoman; and Dr. Jack Smith, a physician and

veteran of service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The gala supports the academy’s tuition fund. For additional information, contact the school by phone at (201) 443-8384 or e-mail ([mbell@ascabayonne.org](mailto:mbell@ascabayonne.org)).

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