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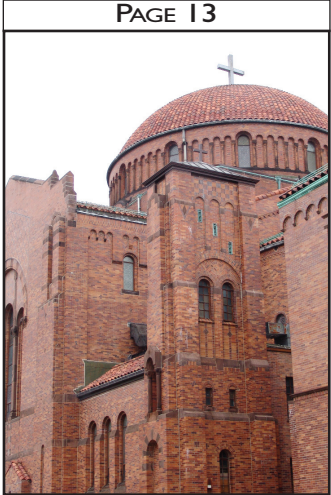


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College plans to embrace a landmark

The Archdiocese of Newark and Saint Peter's College have unveiled an arrangement where the college will assume responsibility for all operations of Saint Aedan Parish in Jersey City. The parish will transition into a college church, staffed by members of the Saint Peter's Jesuit community.

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Honoring spirit of volunteer awareness

The courage to touch lives of others

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

In these unstable economic times, it is not always easy to give. Some people have lost their jobs; others are in a constant struggle to make ends meet. Now more than ever, our fellow brothers and sisters need assistance.

April is National Volunteer Month. Faithful Catholics throughout the archdiocese are offering their time, talent, and treasure while lending a sympathetic ear to those weathering the storm of financial uncertainty. From a food bank in Hillside to an orphanage in Nicaragua, local citizens are following the call to aid others and putting faith into action.

"Being of service is intrinsic to living out the Gospel," Father Timothy Graff, director of the archdiocesan Office of Human Concerns, explained. "Volunteering is a direct extension of our call to live the faith. In the economic downturn, the need for help has grown even more."

The Office of Human Concerns offers various services throughout the archdiocese, including operating food pantries, soup kitchens and homeless shelters. Fr. Graff noted that volunteers are often surprised by the experience and learn about themselves while giving to others.

"People receive so much more than they give when volunteering," he observed. "You learn what people are able to overcome, especially in service to the poor. Volunteers see the reality of poverty that they might not have noticed before. We see Christ in others when we volunteer."

Fr. Graff cites Matthew 25:35-40 as inspiration for Christians living their faith through giving back. "For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited me in; naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me...as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me."

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Union County science teacher Angela Vasil (left) assembled gifts for children last Christmas at Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson. Her goal is to launch a national foundation called People Helping People. "I teach my students that even when they are sad and angry, they should still be thankful for all they have," she said. Pictured with Vasil are, left to right, Lillian Chakonis, Christina Chakonis and Joanna Czerwinski, a child-life specialist at Saint Joseph's.

Speaker assures Reflection audience feminine beauty conveys love of God

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

SOUTH ORANGE—A record number of faithful women from around the archdiocese gathered at Seton Hall University on March 19 for the annual Women's Day of Reflection, organized by the Women's Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Pamela M. Swartzberg, L.C.H.S., commission chairperson, noted that over 850 attended this year's conference compared to 350 guests the previous year. Swartzberg surmised that the inclusion of a young women's program along with a Spanish-speaking track contributed to the dramatic increase in participants.

Haley Timmons, youth minister with Denver-based Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women (ENDOW) ministries, began the young women's program by discussing the impact mainstream media has on today's youth culture.

"How many of you have had a hard time comprehending beauty?" Timmons asked. "We live in a culture of uncertainty and there are not many positive role models for young women. Our beauty should tell others about God. Every relationship we have has purpose and meaning."

ENDOW brings women together to discover their

God-given dignity and to understand their role in humanizing and transforming society. ENDOW utilizes small study groups, conferences and retreats to cultivate faith, fellowship and formation.

Timmons used the story of the Garden of Eden to illustrate that women have "equal dignity with men" and that both are "imbued with the breath of God."

"The story of Eve is really the origin of peer pressure. The devil planted a lie into her heart and that happens to us everyday," she explained. "How often are we told that in order for us to feel good, look good, or be popular, we have to buy a certain product?"

She then discussed the notion of "authentic femininity" and the biblical examples of true womanhood. "As women, we have a natural receptivity. We are relational and communicative. Women naturally reach out and bring things toward themselves; we are observers. Eve tells us who we are but Mary is our example of who we should be," she explained.

Through prayer and reflection, Timmons believes, young women can understand their true dignity. "Jesus wants to talk to you but if you never take the time to know Him, you will never hear His voice. Christ is a whisper in your heart; His voice is gentle and still. Prayer is a conversation. You have to keep checking in with God. Your talents and achievements do not determine your dignity; it comes from God."

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Angela Vasil

While on vacation in Florida three years ago, Angela Vasil's daughter Ariana suffered a grand-mal seizure. At the Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, FL, Ariana was diagnosed with epilepsy. It was her seventh birthday. At the hospital, the staff comforted the young girl with a present—a bag filled with activity books and crayons in celebration of her special day. "It made me feel better as a mom to see her recognized like that. After my experience, I wanted to give back," Vasil said.

A science teacher at Hillside Catholic Academy, Vasil had the idea to "pay it forward" by assembling gift bags, like those given to her daughter, for children and their parents in hospitals at Christmastime. Through donations from Hillside Catholic Academy and other archdiocesan schools, Vasil raised almost

\$4,000 toward activity bags to be donated to Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson, and Beth Israel Hospital, Newark.

Parents, students faculty, members, friends and relatives all helped give to those unable to celebrate the holidays at home. On one Saturday, Vasil's students from grades five through eight assembled 350 bags containing puzzle and activity books, notebooks and craft supplies. Not only were bags given to the children, but crates of crayons, craft sets and even a DVD player was also donated. Hundreds of get well cards where written by students for children confined to hospital beds during the season.

Vasil was overwhelmed by the response and donations. Along with friends, she personally delivered the bags to the children, including pediatric cancer patients. "We had over 1,000 gifts assembled into bags. People sent in checks, gifts cards, anything you can think of. The faces of the children when we delivered the presents were amazing; they just lit up.



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'A MAN FOR OTHERS'—BJ Giannone, pictured with his mother Maureen Giannone, posthumously received a Spirit Award at Saint Peter's Prep, Jersey City, during an assembly on Feb. 8. The award recognizes those who exemplify what it means to be a true "man for others." Giannone, Class of 2011, who resided in Mountainside, died suddenly after a swim meet on Jan. 31. Prep Principal James C. DeAngelo described Giannone as "one who shines like few others who have walked our halls." Bill Giannone said the award was one of the "greatest honors" for his son, because BJ "took such pride in his school. He felt it was very important to communicate his love of Saint Peter's to the younger students."

Bishop to address May bioethics confab

WORCESTER, MA—Most Rev. Zygmunt Zimowski, president of the Pontifical Council for Healthcare Workers at the Vatican, will be the keynote speaker May 4-5 at the seventh annual Medicine, Bioethics and Spirituality Conference at the College of the Holy Cross.

Healthcare Professionals for Divine Mercy, an apostolate of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, will host the event.

May 1 is the deadline for registration. Those planning to attend the conference can register online (www.thedivinemercy.org/worcester) or call (800) 462-7426 for further information.

Mass will be celebrated both days. A banquet for Bishop Zimowski will be held on the evening of May 4. The cost is \$32, reserved at the time of registration.

The bishop's keynote topic is "Human Suffering: Its Significance and Meaning for Patients." He also will discuss "The Church's Pastoral Care for the Sick and the Ethical Responsibility of Healthcare Professionals."

Last year Bishop Zimowski visited Newark's Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 27, 2010). He served as a celebrant and homilist for a Mass to commemorate the 32nd anniversary of Pope John Paul II's election to the papacy. The author of 120 articles, Bishop Zimowski served nearly two decades under then-Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger in the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican.



Bishop Zygmunt Zimowski

I will never forget it. Saint Joseph's Hospital said they have had companies donate to the children, but not as much as we gave. The hospitals said they could keep the residuals for at least a good year."

Along with teaching middle school science, Vasil is an artist, homeroom teacher and moderator of the student government association. She has a close relationship with her students and often gives them presents during the holidays. Last holiday season, she decided to try something different. "I teach the students the importance of giving back. I shared the story of my daughter with them and they responded. I asked students to make a sacrifice and told them about the Gift of the Magi. Many children are not able to celebrate Christmas with their families and that really hit home with them," Vasil explained.

Ariana, now 10-years-old, used to suffer 30-40 seizures per day. Today she is still on medication, but doing much better. She was a big supporter of her mother's idea to donate to kids in the hospitals and accompanied her on shopping trips. "She was very happy to help, but was upset we couldn't take their 'boo-boos' away. Even if we could have the children forget their pain for just five minutes, it would mean a lot to me."

The Corporeal Works of Mercy and the Christian propensity for helping the needy was stressed by Vasil. In the Christmas cards her students wrote, she noticed many of them said "remember Jesus loves you." "I didn't have to stress the Christian aspect of giving back, the kids just got it. At Hillside Catholic Academy, the students are always looking to participate and are very enthusiastic."

Through all of her trials, Vasil has relied on her faith for inspiration and stresses the importance of prayer to her students. "I can't answer everything, but you have to pray and understand that God has a reason."

Alex Wisniewski

While some 18-year-olds are preoccupied with purchasing the latest gadgets or playing video games until the wee morning hours, Alex Wisniewski chooses to spend his time with kids; third grade students to be specific. As a CCD teacher at Saint Theresa Parish, Kenilworth, Wisniewski instructs youngsters about their faith every Monday. He explains the Gospel and engages the children in activities such as crafts, puzzles and projects to keep faith learning interactive.

Wisniewski, who is home

schooled, assists his parish's religious education director in a summer Bible camp. He has also been an altar server for nine years. Being around kids just beginning to understand what it means to be Catholic is almost re-education for the teenager.

"I try to have a better connection with the kids. I learn more facts about my own faith while trying to communicate it to them. I always try to find ways to keep the kids involved. It is like a game to keep them interested."

Alex's mother Cecilia also volunteers at their home parish and is proud that her son inherited her instilled values. "Alex is deeply religious and he helps future generations to keep their faith. He has a good heart and we tried to keep him around positive influences. He has always felt the need to do something for mankind," Cecilia Wisniewski noted.

Alex has also volunteered at Overlook Hospital in Summit, and assisted patients by transporting them around the hospital and serving them meals. "It is important to share your time, talent and treasure with others," his mother stressed.

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Reflection

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The women’s program “Our Collaboration with God,” was lead by Susan Selner-Wright, Ph.D, professor at Saint John Vianney Seminary, Denver. “Jesus is saying, ‘I want to work with you.’ He wants our actions to really count. God is all-powerful and could go it alone, but He wants us as cooperators,” she explained.



Pamela Swartzberg

“We are radically inferior to God, but He didn’t create us to be slaves; He gave us will and intellect,” Selner-Wright continued. “Because we are free, we can do terrible things or we can freely embrace a relationship with Him. God has run that risk because He loves us so much.”

become more like Jesus affords Christians the opportunity to become their true selves, she explained. “As Christians, we have to conform to Christ. In the traditional way, conforming goes against our individuality and we are forced to give up our uniqueness. In being conformed to Christ, it is possible for me to become more fully what I am. In baptism, we are affirmed as who we are; Christ does not change us into someone else.”

Women play an important role in Christianity, Selner-Wright said, and should be proud of the responsibilities entrusted to them by the Creator. “God invented biology and women are the ones that create life. Mary was not just a vessel where Christ grew; her body nourished the body of Christ. God chose us.”

Azeneth Gonzalez, a musician and pro-life minister, was the featured speaker for the well-attended Spanish-speaking program. Most Rev. Manuel Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, celebrated both an English and Spanish Mass to conclude the day.



Advocate photo – Melissa McNally

Attendees peruse literature offered at a tabletop display during the annual Women’s Day of Reflection. The theme for the March 19 gathering was “Our Collaboration with God.” Pamela M. Swartzberg is the chairwoman of the Women’s Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark. Last year’s day of reflection focused on the life and legacy of Saint Teresa Benedict of the Cross (Edith Stein).



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SPELLING STAR—Charles Squillante, a sixth grader at the Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes, captured third place in the 2011 North Jersey Spelling Bee, which was held March 17 at Bergen County Community College. Spelling champions from approximately 135 schools across four counties participated in the scholarly event. Pictured with Squillante is JoAnn Mathews, principal of the academy.

Felician fund-raiser to laud Doherty of NJ Food Council

LODI—Felician College will honor Linda M. Doherty, president and chief executive officer of the Trenton-based New Jersey Food Council (NJFC), at its 29th annual “Founders Day” gala and fund-raiser, which will be held Thursday, April 28 at The Venetian, 546 River Dr., Garfield. Proceeds from the gala will support Felician’s Student Scholarship Fund and the NJFC scholarship. For registration information or to learn more about Founder’s Day sponsorship opportunities, call Kerrin Kissel, Felician director of development, at (201) 355-1307. Doherty, the fifth president in the 40-year history of the NFIC, served on Gov. Christie’s transition team as a member of the economic growth and development sub-committee.

New Jersey Divine Mercy Novena 2011

Divine Mercy Prayers, Chaplet, and Benediction

Good Friday, April 22, 9:30 AM

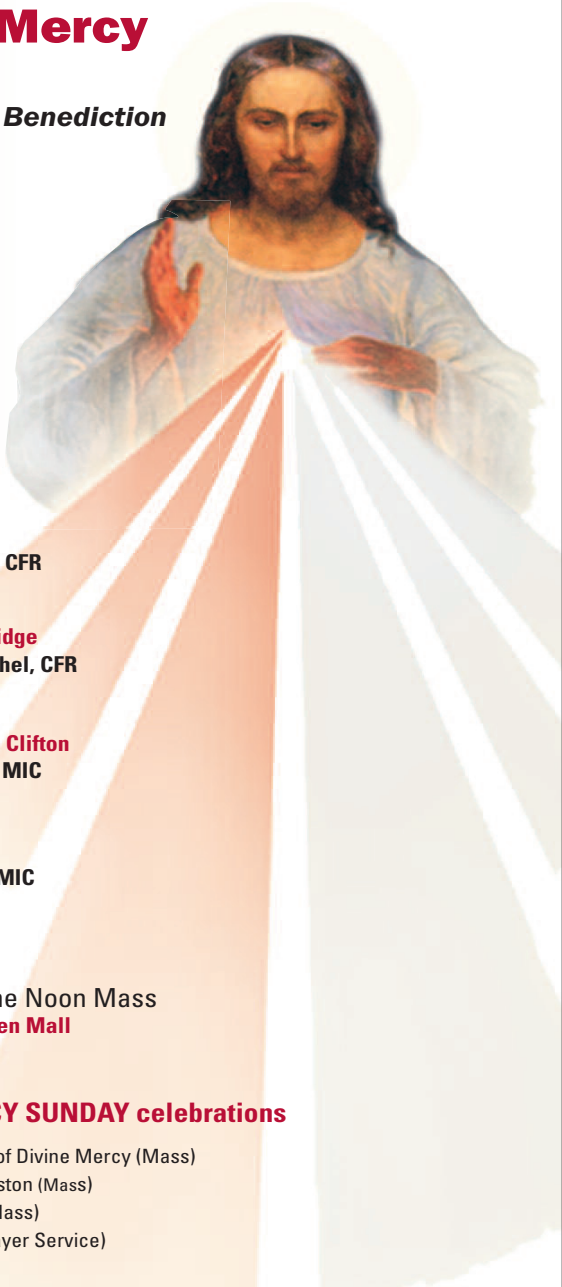
Stations of the Cross, Holy Rosary, and Divine Mercy Chaplet
Englewood Abortion Clinic

Holy Saturday, April 23, 1:00 PM

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
Washington Township

EASTER SUNDAY, April 24

Private prayer and reflection



Monday, April 25: 7:30 PM

St. Joseph Church, Oradell
Speaker: Fr. Bernard Murphy, CFR



Tuesday, April 26: 7:30 PM

St. James Church, Basking Ridge
Speaker: Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR



Wednesday, April 27: 7:30 PM

St. Philip the Apostle Church, Clifton
Speaker: Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC



Thursday, April 28: 7:30 PM

St. Francis Church, Hoboken
Speaker: Fr. Joseph Roesch, MIC

Friday, April 29: 7:30 PM

Private prayer and reflection

Saturday, April 30: Following the Noon Mass

Carmelite Chapel at the Bergen Mall
Deacon Fritz Kautz presiding

Sunday, May 1: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY celebrations

11:00 AM The New Jersey Center of Divine Mercy (Mass)
1:00 PM St. Philomena’s Church, Livingston (Mass)
2:00 PM Holy Cross Church, Newark (Mass)
3:00 PM St. Paul’s Church, Ramsey (Prayer Service)

Chilean miner rises from depths to proclaim his transformation

SOUTH ORANGE—Mario Sepulveda, one of 32 men trapped for 69 days following the Aug. 4, 2010 collapse of a mine in San Jose, Chile, stood triumphantly before a crowd of 200 students, faculty and alumni at Seton Hall University (SHU)

and declared he was “reborn.”

Wearing a distinctive large-brim hat, Sepulveda brought his message of faith, hope, endurance and leadership to the Jubilee Hall audience. Speaking through a translator, he said his life was transformed by the ex-

perience. He spoke about the importance of faith in helping him through the ordeal and his being widely recognized as having lead the group during their time underground.

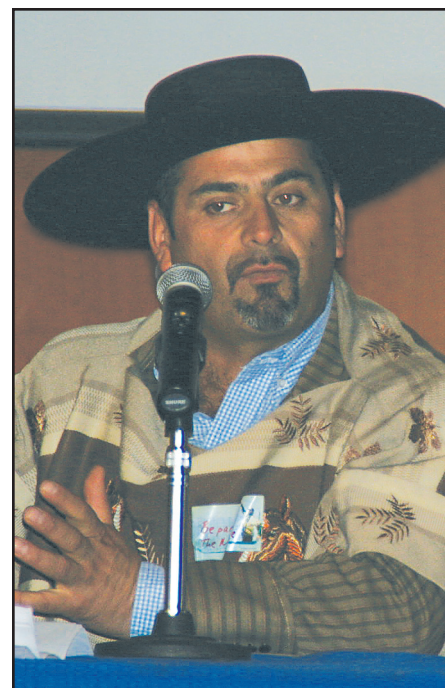
“I am very thankful for my life and I hope God gives me

a long life to be able to do good in the world,” Sepulveda said.

“Super Mario,” as he is known, began his day at Seton Hall with a tour of the campus followed by a noon Mass and press conference.

His March 24 visit kicked off a partnership between the SHU and Sepulveda’s newly formed non-profit group “Miner’s Miracle.” SHU donated \$1,000 and is working with the group to send students to Chile to aid in the rebuilding of homes devastated by the earthquake which occurred there earlier in 2010.

“The situation in Chile right now is very critical,” Sepulveda said. “Our accident was very bad, but it wasn’t an earthquake. The situation in those areas is complicated, because of the magnitude of the problems, and we made a decision to go to areas where a lot of



Mario Sepulveda

people didn’t get help.”

Sepulveda was accompanied by Julio Fiol, the Consul General of Chile, New York, and Eva Serebrinsky, the executive director of Miner’s Miracles.

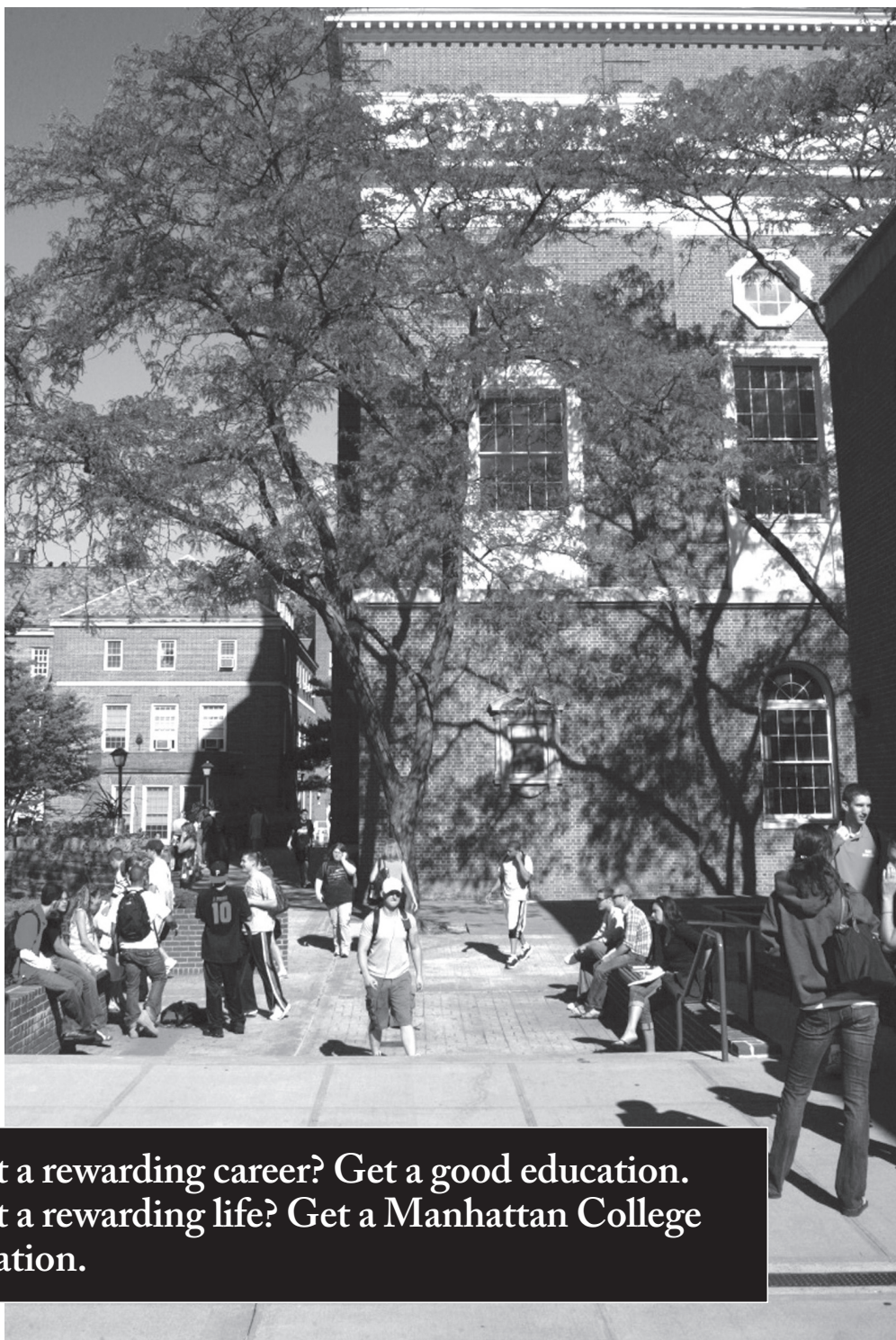
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Archbishop Dolan affirms charter to prevent abuse

WASHINGTON—Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, reiterated the U.S. bishops’ resolve to deal firmly with clerics who abuse children.

In a statement issued March 22, Archbishop Dolan highlighted and endorsed efforts by bishops, clergy and laity to implement the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which was drafted by the U.S. bishops in 2002 to deal with the crisis of sexual abuse of minors by clerics.

He said child abusers will not be tolerated in ministry. “We remain especially firm in our commitment to remove permanently from public ministry any priest who committed such an intolerable offense,” he said. “We have constantly reviewed the high promises and rigorous mandates of the charter, as we continually try to make it even more effective.”

When **Jesus** turned around and noticed them following Him,

He asked them,

“What are you looking for?”

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

“Come and see,”

He answered.

John 1:38-39

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Conference underlines the urgency to respect life

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK — Archdiocesan priests heard from a panel of experts on how to more effectively convey the pro-life position of the Church at the first in a series of life-issues seminars March 25.

Held at the Archdiocesan Center, the three-hour program was sponsored by the Respect Life Office and the Office of Continuing Education for Priests. Topics for subsequent seminars will be selected based on evaluations forms filled out at the initial gathering.

Declaring in his opening remarks that “our lives are in God’s hands,” Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, told his brother priests intense, end-of-lives issues and decisions confronting the faithful are situations that must be addressed. Bishop Cruz, who spent 14 years as a hospital chaplain, assured the priests they would leave the seminar with an enhanced knowledge of such issues—information that will reinforce their ministries to better serve parishioners.

Keynote speaker Father Frank Pavone of Priests for Life in Staten Island, NY, stressed the need to overcome the “culture of death.” Noting that preaching is a “liturgical act of worship,” Fr. Pavone said because Christ conquered

death “we’re not working for victory, we’re working from victory.” He recommended a basic thrust of preaching should be to acknowledge that death has been conquered.

Turning to abortion specifically, Fr. Pavone explained that “God’s choice is more important than ours” and that fact is what should give a person the courage to fight abortion. Fr. Pavone felt one way of doing that is for pregnancy centers to hold open houses for the clergy. With all of the available resources, Fr. Pavone stressed, “no abortion is necessary.” He told the priests to let that information get to those who

Those who work to end abortion are not interested in taking away the rights of women, but rather in taking away their despair.

—Father Frank Pavone

need it and “show the true face of the Church.”

The most visible national protest against abortion is the “March for Life,” held in mid-January each year in Washington DC (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Jan. 12). Those who organize and work to end abortion, he continued, are not interested in taking away the rights of women, but rather in taking away their despair. “We are pro-woman,” he said. Fr. Pavone was of the opinion too that it is important to “expose the reality of what abortion is and what it does.”

Emphasizing the need to communicate the “message of healing” to the faithful, Fr. Pavone said a post-abortion experience has a profound effect on marriage for women and men. Expanding on that point, he highlighted the work done by the Rachel’s Vineyard retreat program.

The Archdiocese of Newark is in the forefront of the Rachel’s Vineyard effort with 55 such sessions since its inception locally in 1997. Over 550 men and women have attended over the years. The archdiocese will hold its first Spanish-speaking Rachel’s Vineyard, in cooperation with the Diocese of Metuchen, April 29 to May 1 in Union City. Call Michelle Krystofik, associate director of the archdiocesan Respect Life Office (based at Saint John the Apostle Parish, Linden) at (732) 388-8211 for registration information. Father Joseph A. Meagher is the director of the Respect Life Office.

J. Kevin Burke, a licensed social worker and co-founder of Rachel’s Vineyard Ministry in King of Prussia, PA, also addressed archdiocesan priests. Citing the “expedient growth” of Rachel’s Vineyard on a worldwide scale, Burke told the priests that, following an abortion, an “internal war” is waged within both women and men.

Burke spoke of the “dynamics”

of denial and repression in the aftermath of an abortion. Burke mentioned too potential “traumatic triggers” following an abortion, such as the antiseptic smell of a doctor’s office and the birth of a couple’s first child.

He turned next to that popular “sound bite” that abortion is a private, personnel decision. It is anything but, he pointed out. Some 95 percent of men play a major role in a woman’s decision to have an abortion Burke said.

During a question and answer session, Fr. Pavone was asked by a priest what to do when a letter is received complaining about a homily on abortion. “You have to have attitude coupled with compassion and a positive approach,” Fr. Pavone advised. He urged his fellow priests to invite such letter writers to visit their respective parishes to talk and ask questions.

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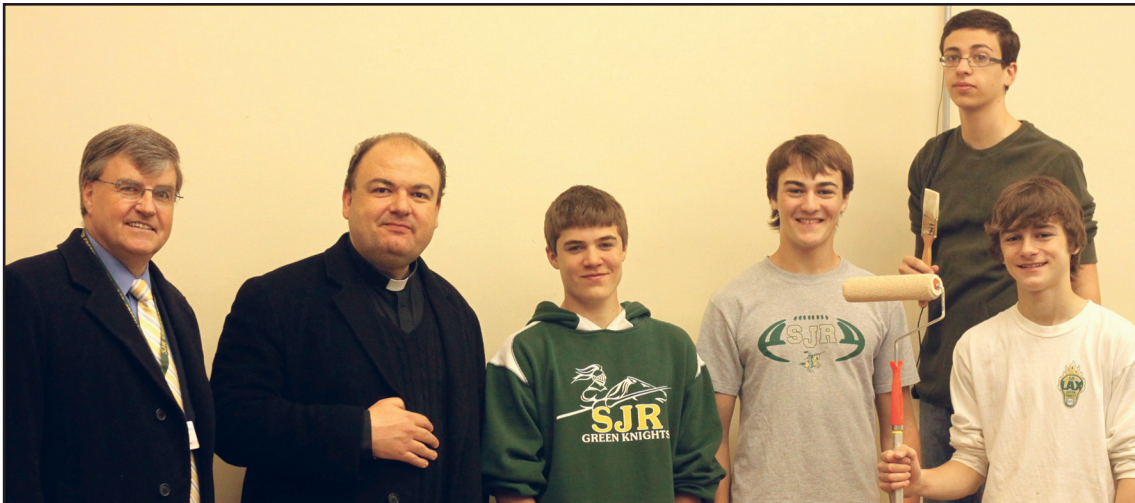
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“FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU...” JEREMIAH 29:11 (NIV)

ACOLYTE IN ROME—Joseph Laracy of the Archdiocese of Newark was among 53 seminarians of the Pontifical North American College, Rome, instituted recently into the Ministry of Acolyte during a celebration of the Eucharist. Laracy is in his second year of theological studies. As a seminarian, he has received the ministries of lector and acolyte in anticipation of his diaconal and then priestly, ordination. As the rite indicates, an acolyte is charged with assisting at the celebration of the Eucharist, purifying the sacred vessels and assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion.



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SCHOOL ‘ADOPTED’—As part of an “Adopt-a-School” program between Saint Joseph Regional High School in Montvale and Belleville’s Saint Peter’s Elementary School, students from Saint Joseph’s recently spent the day doing needed cleaning and painting at Saint Peter’s. The older high school students repainted the main office and music room. The crew included (left to right) Barry Donnelly, principal of Saint Joseph, Father Ivan Sciberras, Saint Peter’s pastor, Brian Mahoney, Matthew Parker, Armando Califano and Ryan Gallagher.



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LIVING STATIONS—The Youth Group at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, 787 Franklin Lakes Rd., Franklin Lakes, will present the “Living Stations of the Cross” on Sunday, April 17 at 8 p.m. The teen performers, singers and musicians are students at schools in the Bergen County area such as Indian Hills, Ramapo, Bergen Catholic, IHA, Don Bosco, Wayne Valley and DePaul Catholic. The performance is free to the public and appropriate for the entire family. Call the parish at (201) 891-4200 for details. The youth group is directed by Lori Flynn, who also serves as a resource center counselor at Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington.

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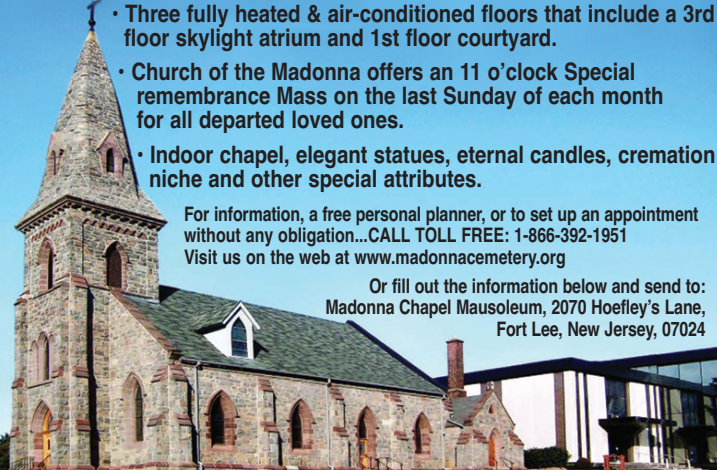
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Weighing personal, public faith dynamics

As the Second Vatican Council reminded us, one of the purposes of Lent is to stress a penitential spirit among the faithful. "During Lent, penance should be not only internal and individual but also external and social" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy No. 110).

As the Gospel (Mt 6:1-18) for Ash Wednesday emphasized, we must avoid hypocrisy and mere show in our religious practices. However, we need to understand that sin has severe social repercussions. Public acts of penance help us to realize the truth that our personal spiritual activities prepare us for the liturgy, the public expression of our faith and service of God. We should also sense that we are not alone in our struggle to die to sinfulness. Together with the saints of past generations and our contemporaries (some further along the road to sanctity than others), we strive to be united with Christ.

"Pressing upon the Christian are the need and the duty to battle

against evil through manifold tribulations and even to suffer death. But, linked with the Paschal Mystery and patterned on the dying Christ, each will hasten forward to resurrection in the strength which comes from hope" (Vatican II, The Church in the Modern World No. 22).

The readings for this Sunday show the bond between the individual and the entire People of God in this great task of modeling our life after that of Christ, hoping to share in His victory.

Ezekiel was a young priest taken into exile 10 years before Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem and deported the majority of those inhabitants who survived the siege. During a long career in which his own sufferings became a sign to his contemporaries of the national catastrophe they were undergoing, Ezekiel also enjoyed an intimacy with God that included visions to foster the people's hope. They complained that, apart from their land and signs of their national identity, they

were merely bags of bones, lifeless because true life is communion with the living God. Ezekiel drew upon an incipient hope in resurrection of the body to assure them that God could, and would, move them from their graveyard existence by His Spirit and restore them to their own land.

The Gospel according to John stresses the personal, interior dimensions of the Spirit's gift of "eternal life." However, throughout the ministry of Jesus, a community is formed so intimately linked with Him and each other that vine and its branches best expressed this reality.

In recounting the death of Lazarus, John portrays a family and community experiencing the Jewish approach to the social dimensions of death and mourning. When Jesus stated to Martha that her brother would rise, she enunciated the faith of the Pharisees: "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the

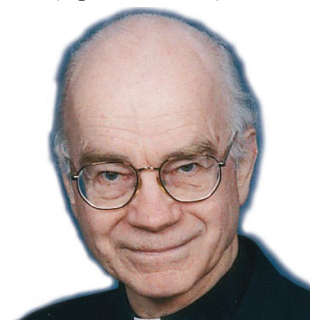
last day" (11:24). Jesus' next statement is startling: "I am the resurrection!"

The mystery of life is greater than our physical existence. Through the Spirit of the Father, Jesus assures His followers of a communion enabling them to transcend the death of the human body. "I am the bread of life...whoever eats this bread will live forever" (Jn 6:51). Of course, it was only in light of the Last Supper and the Paschal Mystery (the "hour" of Jesus' death and resurrection) that the disciples could appreciate how Jesus was to become their source of nourishment. "Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (11:25-26).

How do we come to appreciate this rich life more deeply? The Church knows that we need rhythms of discipline and order in our lives. Fasting and abstinence are means to prepare our-

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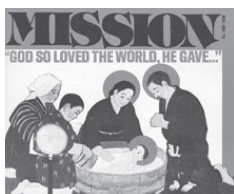


By Rev. Lawrence Frizzell

selves for both the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Week. If we are very hungry or thirsty, we then appreciate the food and drink that is prepared for us.

Among the reasons for fasting is the desire for a keener awareness that we need Christ in our lives. Then we will know the righteousness for which we must hunger and thirst to be truly satisfied (see Mt 5:6).

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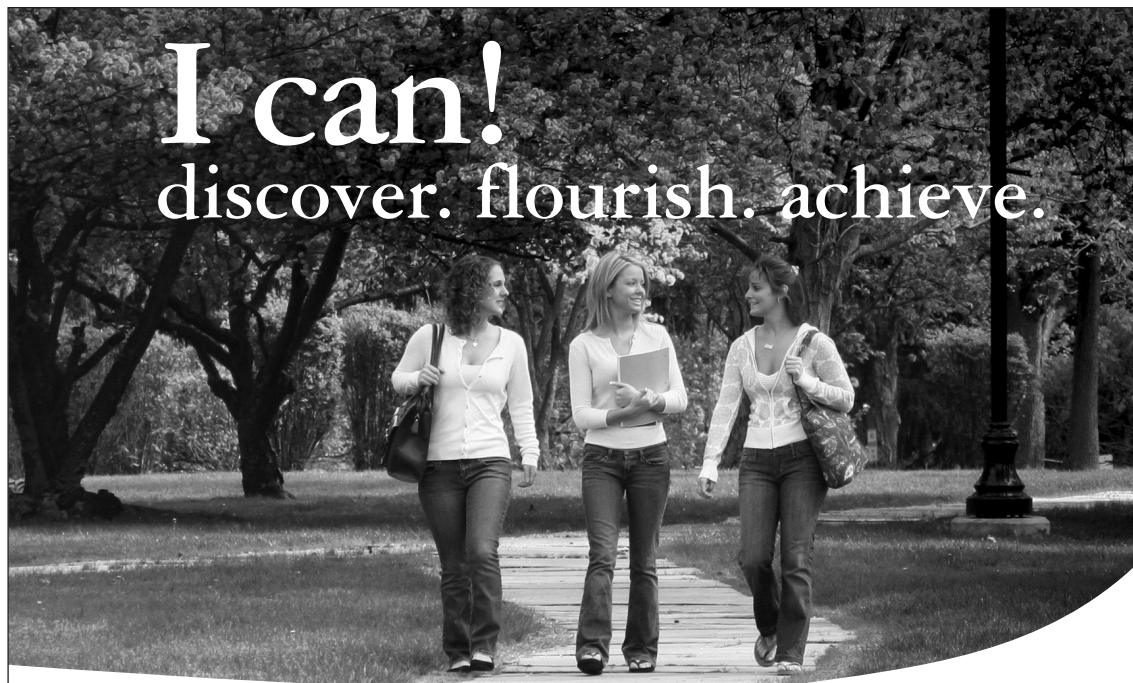
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Newark parade celebrates student artists, authors

NEWARK — The Newark Saint Patrick’s Day Parade honored winners of its art and essay contest for students in the Archdiocese of Newark during grandstand ceremonies prior to the start of the March 18 parade.

Michael D. Byrne, general chairman of the Saint Patrick’s Day Parade Committee, said the art and essay contest was designed to encourage students in archdiocesan Catholic schools to learn about the life of Saint Patrick and his impact on the Irish in the local Church.

Maura Grace Harrington, Ph.D., an instructor at Seton Hall University’s Department of English, South Orange, served as the chairperson for the contest. The following is a list of the contest winners.

Essay contest—first place (\$1,000 US Savings Bond), Catherine Bialkowski, Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark; second place (\$500 bond), Olivia Hrbek, Holy Family



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Maura Grace Harrington of Seton Hall University (far right) congratulated art and essay contest winners during ceremonies on Mulberry Street just before the Newark Saint Patrick’s Day Parade stepped off on March 18. In addition to being the chairperson for the contest, Harrington served as corresponding secretary for the Newark parade committee and is an advisor to Seton Hall’s Irish cultural organization known as PIPE (Pirates of Irish Persuasion and Extraction). Pictured at the grandstand podium, wearing the dark hat, is Michael D. Byrne, the parade committee’s general chairman.

Academy, Bayonne; third place (\$250 bond), Rosa Cuppari, Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains; honorable mention: Lauren Sauer, Mother Seton; school finalists: Taylor Diken and Gregory Gagliardi, Union Catholic; Shannen K. Gora, Mother Seton; Mickaylia

Mock, Holy Family Academy. Art contest (grades K-2), winner (\$250 donation to the school’s art program): Pablo Chavana, Saint Genevieve School, Elizabeth; (grades 3-5), winner (\$250 donation): Owen Doherty, Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes;

(grades 6-8), winners (\$125 donation): Hye Won Kim, Saint Joseph School, Oradell; Daphne Sapit, Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Jersey City; school finalists: Gabriella Cali, Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament; Lauren Mercado and Sophia Ramos, Our Lady of Mercy

Academy; Rhanja Kamel and Komal Khera, Saint Aloysius Elementary School, Jersey City; Taylor Andrews, Andrew O’Connor, and Todd Smith, Saint Genevieve School, Elizabeth; Ashley Barnerena, Natalia Duran, and Joyce Kouami, St. Francis Xavier School, Newark.



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Theology on track: joggers get ready for morning jaunt

NEWARK—The Soles for Faith Essex County Running Community in the Archdiocese of Newark will host an outdoor event on Saturday April 9.

The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with a prayer gathering at Saint Anthony Parish, 63 Franklin St., Belleville, and then will proceed with a brisk morning run at nearby Branch Brook Park. Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, will lead the prayer service and field of runners. Refreshments will be served following the jog through the park.

The event is open to all. Participants are advised to wear running shoes. Contact Liliana Soto-Cabrera, archdiocesan coordinator for evangelization, by phone (973-497-4353) e-mail (sotolili@rcan.org) for more information.

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Forum eyes faithful inclusion for Deaf Catholics

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK — It was about time.

Representative from the Archdiocese of Newark joined with the four other Garden State dioceses for the first New Jersey Catholic “DeaFest” conference, which was held March 19 at the Catholic Center on the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University.

Deacon Tom Smith, C.S.W., director of the archdiocesan Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf, said the gathering reflected the latest manifestation of his office’s guiding principle: “My house shall be a house of prayer for all people” (Isaiah 56:7)—with special emphasis on the word “all.”

Before DeaFest, Deacon Smith explained, events for Catholic Deaf faithful saw those living in the Camden and Trenton dioceses attending events in Philadelphia, while those from the Newark, Paterson and Metuchen dioceses typically traveled across the Hudson River to the Big Apple. That, ultimately, did not seem to make much sense, considering the recent collaborative events among the state dioceses’ Deaf ministries, he explained.

DeaFest joins several other faith-based initiatives for the Deaf, including an annual Catholic Deaf Retreat in June, and a regularly scheduled American

Sign Language (ASL) Mass celebrated each Sunday at 1 p.m. at Newark’s venerable Saint John’s Parish and special training for religious interpreters.

Father Pedro Bismarck Chau, a parochial vicar at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish in Garfield, who is fluent in American Sign Language (ASL), celebrates the ASL Mass at Saint John, which he began doing in September 2008, not long after he was ordained.

Everything his office does, Deacon Smith stressed, is aimed at fostering among the Deaf “full access and active conscious participation” in sacramental life and mission of the Church. Right now, he lamented, only 2 percent of all Deaf Catholics are active in their parishes or attend Mass.

The mission of the Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf, its director explained, is “to affirm and assist deaf and hard-of-hearing Catholics in reaching their full potential as valued members of their Church and community.” The latest example of that commitment is an April 16 American Sign Language performance of the world-famous Passion Play in Union City now in its 97th season. For additional information call (201) 865-0980 or visit the Web site (www.parkpac.org). A specially priced Sign Language-Interpreted student matinee performance is scheduled for April 14.

DeaFest attracted some 125 participants, including Deaf



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Practicing signing the readings before Mass at the recent DeaFest forum are, left to right, Father Pedro Bismarck Chau, Vivien Lepple of Saint John Parish in Newark, Betty Ann Krumm of the Camden Diocese and Deacon Smith. Ordained in 2008, Fr. Bismarck was inspired to learn American Sign Language by his beloved sister, who is deaf.

and hard-of-hearing persons as well as respective family members, friends and interpreting students. In fact, the deacon noted, there was a diverse mix of Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing and Hearing attendees. On hand throughout the day were interpreting college students, many of whom hope to become a Church Interpreter. Everything was designed, Deacon Smith said, to make known the resources for Deaf Inclusion available at each diocese in New Jersey, to build “communi-

ty” among Deaf Catholics and, most importantly, to “learn more about their faith.”

“Faith in Action” was the topic for keynote speaker Kate Slosar who is deaf. She ministers in the Diocese of Camden serving the greater South Jersey area. She spoke about faith and how a person can apply it to their daily lives. “How do you bring your faith into your life?” she asked.

In his workshop, “The Prodigal Son,” Deacon Smith stressed “God loves us all unconditionally, but

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—Deacon Tom Smith

you have to meet Him half way.” Sin, he continued, is “a bad choice that separates us from God, by hurting others, yourself and God.”

In an effort to make DeaFest accessible in every possible way, it utilized the latest technology with Computer Assisted Real-time Translation (CART) equipment. There were live interpreters signing for Deaf people and voicing for non-signers.

Reaction to DeaFest was immediate and prolific via e-mail. “Very happy” was one of the reactions while another offered “a big pat on the back.” The gathering’s “amazing team work” was also cited. Also among the comments was “what a beautiful, successful day.” Participants were impressed that the various workshops were signed, voiced and offered CART.



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Clichés don't cut the mustard during Lenten season

From time to time I meet people, or hear them in interviews on television, who only seem able to speak in clichés. "Everybody does it," is one popular example. I remember the nuns in my grammar school countering such a statement with "If everybody jumped off a bridge, would you, too?"

"Everybody does it...It's the way of the world...You can't fight city hall...What can anyone do?" For the most part, these are excuses or expressions of frustration, either with oneself or with things in the world around us.

We know how hard it is to change ourselves, so we can feel pretty powerless to do anything to change the bigger picture in the world around us. Coupled with physical fatigue, mental exhaustion, or spiritual emptiness, life can seem very overwhelming.

Ideally, Lent is a time for us

to pay more attention to our relationship with God and with our neighbor, to make some small corrections in the way we are living that can produce rich dividends of growth for the future.

The recent rituals at the Cathedral Basilica—celebrating

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someone said or did. A simple remark or an impromptu response can be the catalyst for someone to question or reject their faith or the spark to rekindle or deepen their relationship with God and the Church.

Hopefully, the things we say match the things we do, and both coincide with what Christ and the Church teach. The

Biblical events related during Holy Week, which will soon be here, prompt us to recognize in ourselves the propensity to easily let our lives slide from "Hosanna" to "Crucify Him," and from "I will never deny you" to "I do not know the man."

On the other hand, if we humbly dispose ourselves to God, we can move from "You'll never wash my feet," to "then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well," and from "they have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put Him," to "I have seen the Lord!"

As we pray for those who will encounter Christ sacramentally at this year's Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, and throughout the Easter season, let us also ask God for the grace, for ourselves and for others, to be touched anew by the presence of the Risen Jesus—not only through the prayers and rituals in

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church, but also through the words and example of those who by their very lives so beautifully proclaim that "Jesus is Lord," "Jesus loves," and "Jesus saves."

(Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholds is pastor of Saint John the Evangelist parish in Bergenfield, and Archdiocesan Vicar for Pastoral Life.)

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Immaculate Conception Parish, 1219 Paterson Plank Rd., serves as the home base for the ongoing

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plain the program. Parishioners are asked to fill the bottles with spare change. Bottles are returned the following weekend and put back into circulation for follow-up donations. By the third week most of bottles and

the donations are collected by council members.

The effort has grown each year through the combined work of Council 12769, the Catholic Daughters of Secaucus and People to People International.

Obituaries

Sister Jo Ann Jankowski, M.P.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 17 at Villa Walsh, Morristown, for Sister Jo Ann Jankowski, M.P.F., 72, who died March 11.

Born in Jersey City, Sr. Jo Ann entered the Religious Sisters Filippini July 16, 1953, and made her religious profession five years later.

She began her ministry in 1956 and taught grades two through six at the following parishes: Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Garfield;

Holy Family, Nutley; Our Lady of the Assumption, Bayonne; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Newark; Saint Francis Xavier, Newark; and Saint Peter the Apostle, River Edge.

From 1983-2010, Sr. Jo Ann ministered as director of religious education at the following archdiocesan parishes: Assumption, Roselle Park; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Newark; Our Lady of the Assumption, Bayonne; and Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Garfield.

Brother John P. Mahon, O.F.M.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 12 at Saint Anthony Parish, Butler, for Brother John P. Mahon, O.F.M., 62, who died March 6.

Br. Mahon was a professed Franciscan Friar for 38 years, and guardian of Saint Anthony Friary, Butler. He was received into the Order of Friars Minor at Saint Francis Friary, Brookline, Mass., in 1971. He professed his final vows at Saint Stephen of Hungary Parish, New York City, in 1976.

In 1982, Br. Mahon was assigned to Saint Anne’s Friary, Fair Lawn, while working at F.A.M.E. (Franciscan Advertising and Media) in Fair Lawn. In 1984, he handled the administrative responsibilities Saint Anne Parish. He also had assignments throughout New York and Massachusetts.

Sister Irene Mongrandi S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 4 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Irene Mongrandi S.C., 88, who died Jan. 31.

Formerly Sister Marcella Marie, Sr. Irene entered the Sisters of Charity Sept. 8 1944, and was a member for 66 years.

Sr. Irene was an educator in

New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts and was a licensed practical nurse in Connecticut, Kentucky and North Carolina. She served as a teacher at Saint Paul of the Cross School, Jersey City (1946-1948) and Our Lady of All Souls, East Orange (1953-1963). She served as a LPN at Saint Anne Villa from 1977 to 1978.

Sister Rose Vallelunga, M.P.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 18 at Villa Walsh, Morristown, for Sister Rose Vallelunga, M.P.F., 82, who died Feb. 13.

Sr. Rose entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in June 1946 and one year later, received her re-

ligious habit. In July 1950, she made her final profession.

She taught elementary school throughout New Jersey, Connecticut, Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania. She served as principal of Mount Carmel School, Jersey City in the Archdiocese of Newark.



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MEETING THE CHALLENGE—Eighty-eight students from religious education programs and Catholic schools gathered at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark March 5 for preliminary rounds of the annual Catholic Challenge, a two-part competition designed to enhance the knowledge of the Catholic faith and its teachings. Marena Trusso (alternate), Meghan Mailley and Sarah Speckhart (left to right) represented Saint James the Apostle School, Springfield. Mailley, an eighth grader, will compete in the final round on April 16.

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Archdiocese prepares to celebrate annual Chrism Mass April 18

NEWARK—The annual archdiocesan Chrism Mass will be celebrated Monday, April 18, 8 p.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St.

The Mass, part of the celebration of Holy Week, features the consecration of chrism and the blessing of other oils, which are dedicated for sacramental use in the archdiocese for the coming year. Parish representatives from throughout the archdiocese attend the Mass to pick up their designated allotment of oils.

Chrism typically is composed of olive oil and balsam, an aromatic resin. During Mass the chrism, stored in large metal urns, is carried to the altar. There are three urns—each covered with a colored veil to designate its usage. The urn covered with a green veil is oil of the sick; violet is oil of the catechumens; and white is Sacred Chrism.

Father Tom A. Dente, director of the archdiocesan Office of Divine Worship, explained the Church maintains an ancient tradition of anointing the faithful with sacred oil. It strengthens catechumens for baptism; offers the healing of Christ to those who are ill; and is used in the sacraments of confirmation and baptism, he said.



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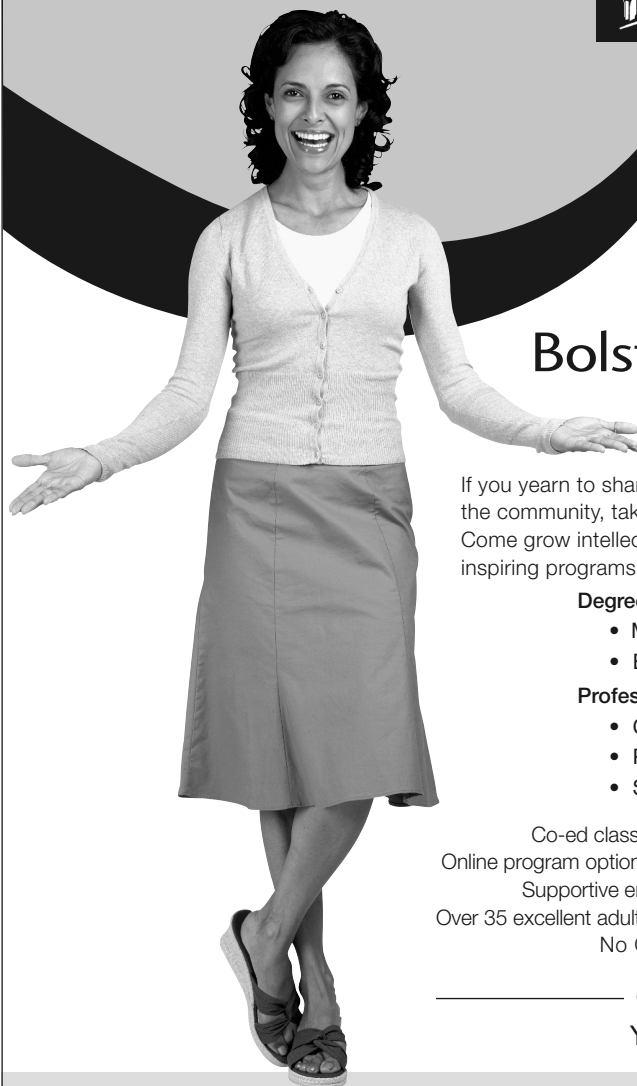
IMMIGRATION RIGHTS RALLY—On Ash Wednesday, March 9, several hundred participants from across northern New Jersey, including many from the Archdiocese of Newark, took part in a pilgrimage and rally for comprehensive immigration reform. Sponsored by several local organizations, including First Friends—whose members regularly visit immigration detainees in the Elizabeth Detention Center and area county jails where detainees are held—the pilgrimage started at Liberty State Park in Jersey City in the shadows of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and ended with a prayer vigil at the Elizabeth Detention Center. Among those taking part were students from Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark. Speakers included Father Eugene P. Squeo of Saint Patrick and Assumption/All Saints Parish in Jersey City and Father Timothy Graff, director of the archdiocesan Office of Human Concerns. Lent standing in solidarity with our immigrant brothers for their fair treatment and for our nation to seriously reform that our bishops have called for,” Fr. Graff said.



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St. Peter's College to 'embrace' landmark church

JERSEY CITY—Saint Aedan Parish, located at the corner of Bergen Avenue and Mercer Street, will serve as the cornerstone for a reinvigorated emphasis on ministry and mission at Saint Peter's College and the surrounding community.

The Archdiocese of Newark and Saint Peter's College jointly announced an arrangement where the college will assume responsibility for all operations of Saint Aedan's, including staffing. Near-term plans call for the parish to transition into a college church, staffed by members of the Saint Peter's Jesuit community. Eventually the site will be known as Saint Aedan: The Saint Peter's College Church.

The church will continue to operate as a place of worship for current and future parishioners. Efforts will be made to foster

faith development and provide opportunities for liturgical celebrations for the college and Jersey City community. In addition, Primary Prep, a private elementary school located in the former Saint Aedan school building, will continue to operate without interruption and a new, multiple-year lease arrangement is presently being prepared.

All of the structures and facilities, including the church, convent, rectory, school and adjacent parking lots, will be incorporated into Saint Peter's campus.

"Embracing Saint Aedan's into the life and mission of Saint Peter's College is a milestone achievement for us. A college church will help support the Jesuit mission of Saint Peter's College and our critical strategic goal of strengthening the Catholic identity of our institution," Eugene J.

Cornacchia, Ph.D., president of Saint Peter's College, said.

"I am pleased and grateful for the foresight of Dr. Cornacchia and his team, along with the foresight and dedication to ministry of the Jesuit community, in approaching the Archdiocese of Newark to formulate this partnership," Archbishop John J. Myers said. "All of us have been focused on bringing this to fruition for the joint benefit of the Saint Aedan's community, the Saint Peter's College community and the greater Jersey City community surrounding the college. We are confident that the rich and sacred histories of Saint Aedan's, Saint Peter's College and the Jesuit community will provide a solid foundation for continued development and hope for all members of these communities as proclaimers and sharers in the mission of Jesus Christ.

"Since we began our New Energies Parish Initiative almost 10 years ago, we have sought innovative ways to ensure the strength of our pastoral ministry to Catholics throughout the archdiocese and to those who seek to come to know Jesus Christ," Archbishop Myers continued. "This partnership with Saint Peter's College enables us to maintain a strong Catholic presence for decades to come."



Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

The architectural style of Saint Aedan's church is Romanesque, characterized by semicircular arches, massive walls, enormous piers and small windows. The interior features murals, designed by Italian artist Ilario Panzironi and installed under the supervision of Bruno di Paoli. Mosaic tiles form religious designs on the canopy over the main altar and around the sanctuary and side chapels. An unusual architectural feature is the communion railing, which extends 96 feet across the transept.

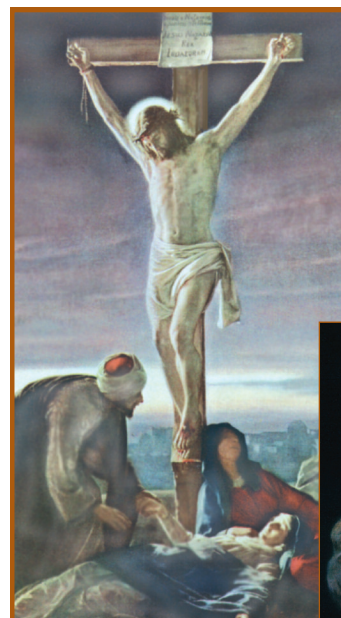
St. Ann to host Lent meditation

HOBOKEN—Mary Musella, a spiritual director and dramatist, will present "His Story," a Lenten meditation, on Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m., at Saint Ann Parish, 704 Jefferson St. (Saint Ann's Square).

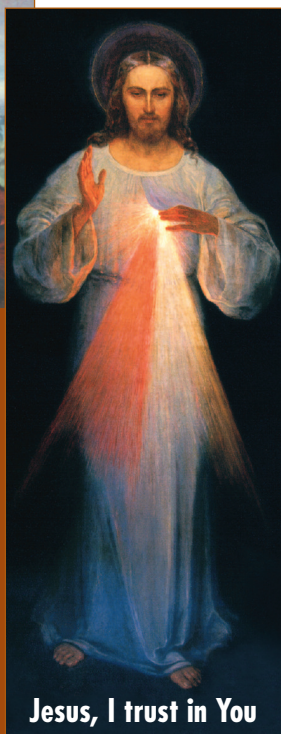
The event is free and open to the public. Call the parish at (201) 659-1114 for details.

Musella's meditation takes listeners on a Holy Week journey that spans Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Throughout the presentation, she calls out to God and transports the audience to ancient Jerusalem.

A resident of Westwood, Musella is a spiritual director at Saint John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale. She has presented dramatic spiritual meditations throughout New Jersey for more than 10 years.



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D.T.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

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S.L.

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April 7

HOLY NAME MEDICAL CENTER, Teaneck, multiple sclerosis lecture, 4-7 p.m., (201) 837-0727.

FELICIAN COLLEGE, Lodi, Health Fair, 10 a.m. -2 p.m., (201) 559-6080.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY, Summit, 5th Annual Baby Shower and Luncheon, at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Mass at 11:30 a.m., lunch at 12:15 p.m., call Kathryn Colao at (908) 598-7202 or e-mail

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April 8

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, South Orange, New Jersey Pro-Life Youth Rally, 8:30 a.m. -2 p.m., (973) 761-0201 or e-mail ProLife@salesianym.com.

ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL, Rutherford, tricky tray, 6 p.m., cost: \$10, call Joanie at (201) 394-8676 or e-mail smhsPRES@verizon.net.

April 9

SOLES FOR FAITH ESSEX COUNTY RUNNING COMMUNITY, run in Branch Brook Park, meet at St. Anthony Parish, Belleville, 9:30 a.m., (973) 497-4353.

FELICIAN COLLEGE, Rutherford, "Growing Your Business in Tough Times," business symposium, 9:30 a.m. call Patty McTaggart at (201) 559-3569.

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES PARISH, Har-

lington Park, "Mary the Arch of the Covenant," Lenten recollection, 2 p.m., (201) 768-1706.

April 10

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES PARISH, Harrington Park, Rosary Society communion breakfast, for women and girls, 10:30 a.m., cost: \$13, call Patrice Coyne at (201) 767-8409.

April 11

ST. CATHARINE PARISH, Glen Rock, "Forgiveness Leads to Wellness and Joy," parish mission, through April 13, 7:30 p.m., (201) 612-4660.

April 12

SISTER ROSE THERING FUND FOR EDUCATION IN JEWISH-CHRISTIAN STUDIES, South Orange, Evening of Roses benefit, at the South Orange Performing Arts Center (SOPAC), 7 p.m., (973) 761-9006 or e-mail marilyn.zirl@shu.edu.

LUMEN CENTER, Caldwell, "Diminishing Resources and Living Within," 5:30 p.m., cost: \$20, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

April 13

CALDWELL COLLEGE, "Women's Voices" poetry reading, noon, call Alison Self at (973) 618-3607.

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, South Orange, Celebrate Life Day 2011, 9 a.m., call Noreen Shea at (973) 761-9489 or e-mail Noreen.Shea@shu.edu.

April 14

XAVIER RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER, Convent Station, "Lunch and Learn," noon, cost: \$15, (973) 290-5100.

April 15

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH, South Orange, Lenten meatless pizza supper, 6 p.m., cost: \$5 for adults/\$4 for child, (973) 378-9039 or e-mail ffranzonia@gmail.com.

PIRATES OF IRISH PERSUASION & EXTRACTION (PIPE), South Orange, Irish Mass, at Seton Hall University's Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, 5:30 p.m., call Eilish Harrington at (973) 761-9733 or e-mail eilish.harrington@shu.edu.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH, South Orange, "Our Lady's Sorrows" (Via Matris), 8:15 p.m., presented by the OLS School Mystic Pizza Players, (973) 378-9039.

BENEDICTINE ACADEMY, Elizabeth, "Our Town" theatre production, also on April 16, 7 p.m., cost: \$6 for adults/\$4 for students, (908) 352-0670 ext. 105.

April 16

XAVIER RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER, Convent Station, "The Universe Story and Growth in the Interior Life," presented by Msgr. Edward J. Ciuba, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., cost: \$45, (973) 290-5100.

QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH, North Arlington, "For Men and Women: Healing of the Broken Heart," Lenten seminar, 8:15 a.m. -4:45 p.m., cost: \$10, register by April 12, (201) 998-0700.

ST. ANDREW PARISH, Bayonne, "Building a Monastery of Heart," one-day retreat, 9:30a.m.-4:30 p.m., cost: \$30, call Dorothy Perez at (201) 339-2624.

April 17

ST. ANNE PARISH, Garwood, Palm Sunday Concert, 5:30 p.m., (908) 789-0280.

April 21

RELIGIOUS TEACHERS FILIPPINI, Morristown, Holy Week Triduum Retreat, through April 23, begins Holy Thursday at 4 p.m. to 10 a.m. Holy Saturday, for single women ages 16 and over, call (973) 538-2886 ext. 124 or e-mail srmelloyd@gmail.com.

April 22

ST. MARY PARISH, Closter, "Touched by the Christ" Cantata, 8 p.m., (201) 768-7565.

April 24

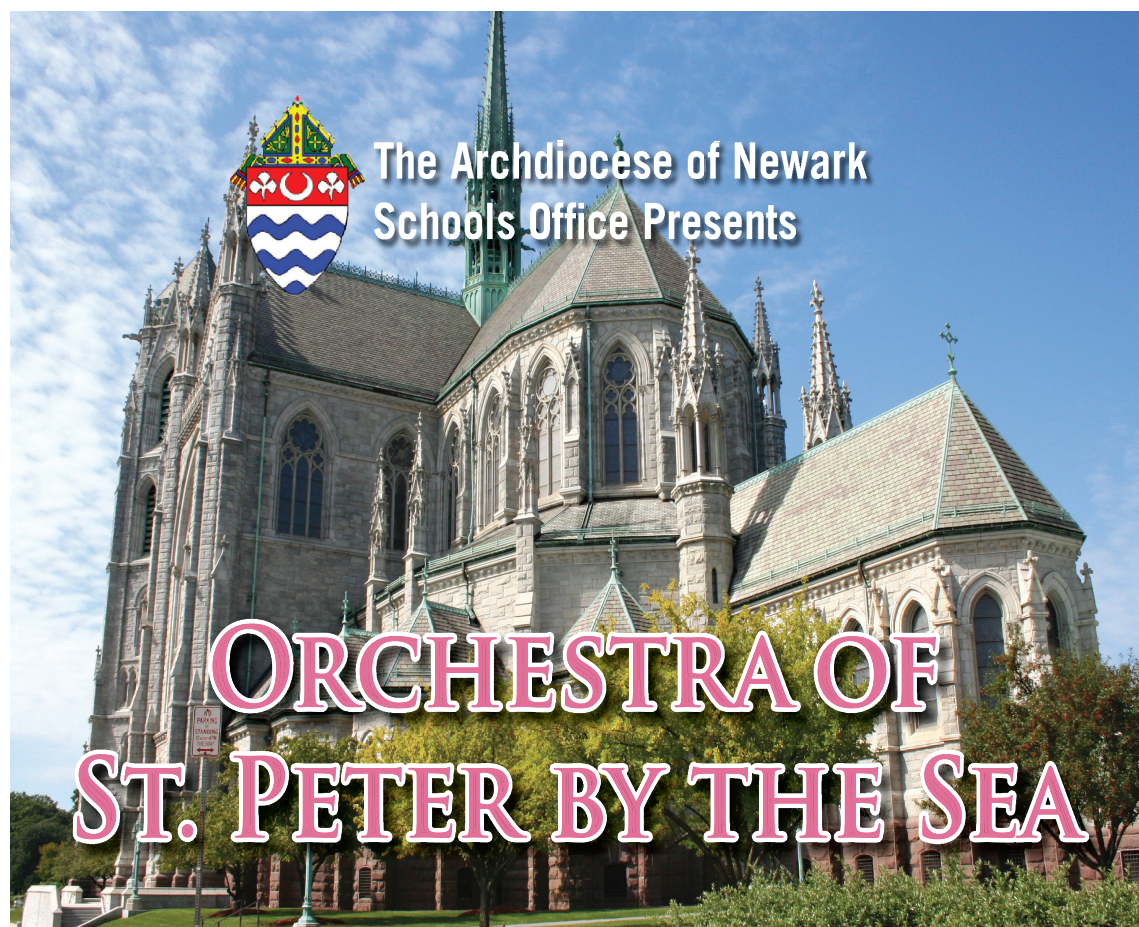
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, Scotch Plains, Easter Sunrise Celebration, incorporating traditions from the Philippines and Italy, 5:30 a.m., (908) 889-2100.

April 28

FELICIAN COLLEGE, Lodi, 29th Annual Founders Day Gala, at The Venetian, Garfield, call Kerrin Kissel at (201) 355-1307.

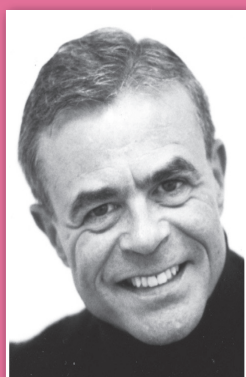
Other

CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION, Upper Saddle River, eight week "Flying Solo" series for newly single, Thursdays through May 26, 7:30-9 p.m., call Milli Stellatos at (201) 327-1313 ext. 812.



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