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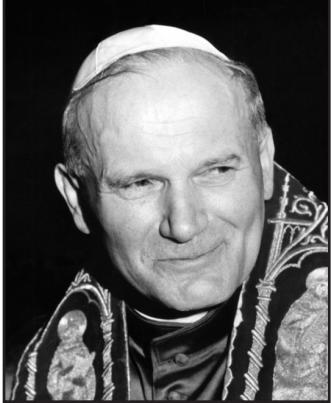


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## Beatification May 1 for beloved pope

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*'Painting' altar with palette of resplendent flowers***Snyder's craft illuminates Cathedral for Holy Week**

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

As she goes about the meticulous work of preparing Newark's Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart altar for the Easter season, accomplished floral designer Helen Snyder describes her annual assignment a blessing and a great honor.

Establishing her own floral design business over 35 years ago, the parishioner of Holy Trinity Parish in Westfield has been working with the Archdiocese of Newark for a decade and a half. The spiritual impact of her work at the Cathedral Basilica is a top priority.

Snyder is a freelance designer who works with select clientele whether it be corporate, country club, personal or classic settings. "Quality is my standard," she declared. She adorns the Cathedral altar for Christmas, ordinations and special events such as last year's Inaugural Day Mass for Gov. Chris Christie. She also works at Saint Bartholomew Parish in Scotch Plains and across the Hudson River at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

Calling the Cathedral Basilica her "favorite work space," Snyder cites scale as being crucial in her designs concepts. Working in harmony, the floral designs should never dominate the altar, she explains. Starting with white lilies—the traditional Easter flower—she typically introduces yellow as her complementary second color. "The combination is stunning and allows the congregation to focus on Christ."

For this Easter, she said the lilies and tulips were ordered early in February "from the finest New Jersey growers." Snyder gets her cut flowers on 28th St. in New York—Manhattan's renowned "flower district." Following her precise Holy Week procurement schedule, she traveled to the Big Apple on April 19 to order the cut flowers to be used



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on the altar and obtained materials needed for her handmade garlands and miscellaneous supplies. On April 20 the potted materials were delivered to the Cathedral Basilica and the garlands made.

Tomorrow (Holy Thursday) at 5:30 a.m., Snyder will be back in the city picking up her selection of Cala lilies for services that day. She will select 12 to represent each of the Apostles. Returning to the Cathedral Basilica to meet her crew, she will prepare the planters to be placed on the altar Easter Sunday.

On Good Friday Snyder will make her final trip into New York to pick up the last of the cut flowers. That evening she and a crew of eight, whose talents she praised profusely, will arrive in Newark at about 9:30 p.m. to arrange the display, working throughout the night and early morning hours. On Saturday morning, April 23, she will install

**Helen Snyder and Lou Loprete**

the cut-flower arrangement.

Her steadfast liaison at the Cathedral Basilica is parishioner Lou Loprete. Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and the rector of the Cathedral, married Loprete and his wife Debra in 1984. At that time, they co-chaired the arch-

who supply and install decoration for significant religious events and occasions.

The satisfaction of a job well done is paramount to Snyder. Part of that feeling of pride in her craft comes from the fact that, as a grand spiritual venue, the Cathedral Basilica is "comparable to anything in Europe. Her flowers "reflect the beauty that God has made."

Reactions to her work over the years include a deep appreciation of what she and her crew have done for the greater glory of God. She has been complimented on the detail and beauty of her work. Many times people bring friends and family to the Cathedral Basilica to see the floral designs.

Visit Snyder's Web site at ([www.helensnyderfloraldesigns.sutterfly.com](http://www.helensnyderfloraldesigns.sutterfly.com)) to learn more about her work in floral designs and installations.

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# Catholic Charities’ gala salutes Adubato, Bowers



Advocate photos – Melissa McNally

**A BLESSING THAT ‘CHANGES LIVES’**—Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark hosted the sixth annual Archbishop’s Gala celebration and fund-raiser April 5 at Nanina’s in the Park, Belleville. Archbishop John J. Myers was unable to attend the event due to his recent eye surgery. Stephen N. Adubato Sr., founder of the North Ward Center and the Robert Treat Academy Charter School, received Catholic Charities’ Humanitarian of the Year Award. Addressing the audience, Adubato shared his struggles as a boy growing up in Depression-era Newark, thankful for the guidance provided by the Sisters at Saint Lucy Parish, Newark. Catholic charity, he said, is a blessing that changes lives, citing himself as an example. “Catholic charity is the whole meaning of who we are. I never dreamed (receiving this award) could happen to me.” Martin Bowers, who was mentored by and now works for Catholic Charities, received the “Spirit of the Heart” award. Pictured at the event (top photo at left, left to right) Henry J. Amoroso, Catholic Charities chairman of the board; Bishop Manuel A. Cruz; Bishop David Arias, O.A.R., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark; Bowers, “Spirit of the Heart” award winner; Most Rev. Peter Leo Gerety, Archbishop Emeritus of Newark; Adubato; Bishop John W. Flesey, S.T.D.; and Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. In the bottom photo, award recipients Adubato (left) and Bowers (right) pose for the camera with Dr. Phillip Frese, president and chief executive officer of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark. Each year proceeds from the gala support the programs and services of Catholic Charities and its affiliates—Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System and Mount Carmel Guild Schools. Visit the group’s Web site ([www.ccannj.com](http://www.ccannj.com)) for more information on community outreach programs. Catholic Charities traces its roots in the Archdiocese to July, 1903, when a group of lay Roman Catholics founded the Catholic Children’s Aid Society of New Jersey. The organization touches the lives of tens of thousands of individuals and families each year through many programs from multiple sites.

## Saint Patrick alums to host gala reception

ELIZABETH—The alumni association of Saint Patrick High School will host the 20th annual “Hall of Fame” dinner on Saturday, April 30, 6 p.m., at the Gran Centurions banquet hall, 440 Madison Hill Rd., Clark. Tickets are available at \$60 per person. Contact the Union County school by phone (908-353-5220) or e-mail ([principal@stpatrickhs.org](mailto:principal@stpatrickhs.org)) for more information. Details on the event also are available on the school’s Web site ([www.spnj.org](http://www.spnj.org)). For this year’s gala, the Saint Patrick alumni association will celebrate the 40-year career of Joe Picaro, who has served as principal of the school since 1992. The event also will honor Sister Dorothy Jose Lichtenberg and Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage.



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Saturday, May 14, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.-12 Noon  
**Wednesdays for Women–Presenter: Sr. Helen Beairsto, rc**  
Wednesday, May 18, 2011 – 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
**Labyrinth Presentation – Presenter: Sr. Anita Constance, SC**  
Tuesday, June 7, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.-12 Noon  
**Meditation in Motion – Presenter: Linda Telesco**  
Saturday, June 18, 2011 – 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Registration is necessary. Please call.



## Divine Mercy Sunday May 1, 2011

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# Parishes to mark pope's beatification

NEWARK—Parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Newark, which reflect a Polish community heritage and tradition, have planned special masses and events that will coincide with the May 1 beatification of Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.

Pope Benedict XVI will celebrate the beatification of his predecessor, an event that's expected to attract thousands of pilgrims to the Eternal City.

According to biographical information provided by the Vatican's Holy See press office, Pope John Paul II, elected to the papacy Oct. 16, 1978, was born Karol Józef Wojtyła in the Polish town of Wadowice, not far from Krakow, on May 18, 1920. He was the youngest of three children born to Karol Wojtyła and Emilia Kaczorowska.

His pontificate lasted nearly 27 eventful years that were highlighted by more than 100 pastoral visits outside Italy and 146 within Italy. Among his many achievements, he penned 14 Encyclicals, 15 Apostolic Exhortations, 11 Apostolic Constitutions, 45 Apostolic Letters and other books.

Father Andrew Ostaszewski, Ph.D., the pastor of Saint Casimir

Parish and the coordinator of the archdiocesan Polish-Slovak Apostolate, compiled the following list of celebrations to mark the beatification of Pope John Paul II.

*(Editor's note: parishes are listed in alphabetical order by their town or city. Celebrations will take place on Sunday, May 1, unless otherwise indicated. Those interested in attending masses and related events should contact the individual parishes for further information.):*

- Bayonne; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 39 East 22nd St.; Mass of Thanksgiving at 3 p.m.
- Elizabeth; Saint Adalbert/SS. Peter & Paul, 250 East Jersey St.; Mass at 3 p.m.
- Elizabeth; Saint Hedwig, 600 Myrtle St., April 29, 30 and May 1, celebration of the Holy Tridium to the Divine Mercy, 3 p.m. each day
- Garfield, Saint Stanislaus Kostka, 184 Ray St.; combined celebration of the pope's beatification and Divine Mercy Sunday during regular masses on May 1
- Hackensack; Saint Joseph, 460 Hudson St.; concert at 6 p.m. in thanksgiving for beatification of Pope John Paul II.

- Harrison; Our Lady of Czestochowa, 115 South Third St.; Novena to Divine Mercy and Liturgy of Thanksgiving at 3 p.m.
- Irvington; Sacred Heart of Jesus, 537 Grove St.; April 29, 30 and May 1, celebration of Holy Tridium; Devotion to Divine Mercy, 2 p.m. on May 1
- Jersey City; Saint Ann, 291 Saint Paul's Ave.; Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by a special ceremony
- Jersey City; Saint Anthony of Padua, 330 Sixth St.; Mass at 3 p.m. followed by a concert
- Linden; Holy Family, 210 Monroe St.; Liturgy to Divine Mercy, 3 p.m.
- Linden; Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus, 131 East Edgar Rd.; April 29, 30 and May 1, Novena to Divine Mercy, 3 p.m. each day; May 1, unveiling and blessing of place of remembrance for Pope John Paul II, containing the

- pope's relic, following Novena
- Lyndhurst; Saint Michael the Archangel, 624 Page Ave., Holy cards and refreshments will be given out after each Mass
- Newark; Saint Casimir, 164 Nichols St.; Mass at 10:45 a.m. followed by a luncheon, which will feature a pre-recorded TV broadcast of the beatification ceremonies in Rome; May 8, Mass of Thanksgiving at 8 a.m., celebrated by Archbishop Zygmunt Zimowski, president of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers
- Newark; Saint Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr, 146 Irvine Turner Blvd.; May 22, Mass at 11 a.m. celebrated by Archbishop Szczepan Wesoly, president of the John Paul II Foundation
- Plainfield; Saint Bernard of Clairvaux and Saint Stanislaus Kostka, 1235 George St.; Blessing and special dedication



Pope John Paul II

- of life-size statue of Pope John Paul II at all masses
- Wallington; Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 127 Paterson Ave., April 30, 6 p.m., multicultural Vigil mass followed by a reception in the parish auditorium.

## EWTN to offer TV coverage from Rome

IRONDALE, AL — The EWTN Global Catholic Network will air complete coverage of the beatification of Pope John Paul II beginning on April 30.

EWTN's Raymond Arroyo will anchor the coverage of beatification events from Rome, with analysis and commentary provided by Knights of Columbus Supreme

Knight Carl Anderson, Father Raymond J. de Souza, and EWTN Rome Bureau Chief Joan Lewis.

Vatican beatification events will include:

- Vigil in Honor of the beatification of Pope John Paul II: airs 1:30 p.m. ET (live), Saturday, April 30, with an encore at 8 p.m. ET, Sat., April 30
  - Beatification of Pope John Paul II: Airs 2:30 a.m. ET (live), Sunday, May 1 with encores at 8 p.m. ET, Sunday, May 1, 2 p.m. ET, Monday, May 2, and 2 p.m. ET, Saturday, May 7
  - Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of the beatification of Pope John Paul II: airs 4:30 a.m. ET (live), Monday, May 2, with an encore at 5:30 p.m. ET, Monday, May 2.
- Check EWTN's Web site ([www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)) for many other related programs including a special "World Over" from Rome. The program airs 8 p.m. ET, Thursday, April 28. EWTN also will provide coverage of the May 1 celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday.

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# Spotlight reveals faithful efforts of volunteers

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

*(Editor's note: The following article is the second and final installment of a special report to celebrate April as National Volunteer Month. The report offers a profile of Catholics throughout the archdiocese who offer their time, talent, and treasure to assist those in need.)*

For the past 11 years, Carol Shea and the Career Resources Ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, has given practical advice and lent a sympathetic ear to the unemployed. Everyone from former chief executive officers to blue-collar workers gather in the parish's basement, eager to find a way to get back into the job market (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Nov. 11, 2008).



Carol Shea

Shea, a retired vice president of IT recruiting at Berman, Larson, Kane in Paramus, offers her expertise to a growing number of frustrated job seekers. Ed McCabe, senior counselor/trainer for Lee Hecht Harrison, and Richard Kritzer, a sales/marketing specialist and senior account executive with FedEx, conduct the workshops. Tom Lewis is also a member of the ministry team.

The four-session workshops began in February with 55 new people, a significant increase from last year. The next workshop on April 10 was expected to have even more participants. The final workshop is on May 15 and new sessions will begin again in the fall.

"We offer a mini version of an outplacement program. We assess what their goals are. We develop a marketing plan and ask them where they want to look for a job. We teach them what they should be doing everyday. The final session is about the interviewing processes and negotiating for a job," Shea explained.

She claims that "looking for a

full-time job is a full-time job" and encourages the diverse group of workshop attendees to strive every day. "The need (for the workshop) is needed now more than ever. I get a lot of satisfaction out of being there. Being without a job can be devastating, both financially and emotionally," she added.

Shea views her mission as "doing God's work" and assures that not only practical skills being addressed. "I feel like I am helping my fellow man; we are definitely at the right place at the right time. People who are unemployed can get depressed and need moral support. Sometimes, they need a nudge in the right direction. When you get down, you tend to give up."

The career ministry ends each session with a poem, encouraging them to be resilient. "When things seem the worst, you have to start your search all over again. We end the meeting by letting them know God loves them very much. We try to show them what God wants them to do," she declared.

There are success stories, and Shea often receives e-mails from former participants. "If they put in practice what we are teaching them and follow the guidelines while being resilient, they will find a job. It is a tremendous feeling; a warmth, a glow, in knowing that you are reaching out."

## Bob Hibler, Kenneth Kaphammer

The Knights of Columbus is the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. In Washington Township, Mother Seton Council 5427, with close to 450 members, is one of the most active branches of the organization in the archdiocese. From benefit dinners to clothing drives, the activity calendar is filled with myriad opportunities to give back.

In March, the council held an Italian dinner and raised \$5,000 for Ramsey-based Several Sources Foundation, a shelter for young mothers and their children. This month, the Knights will be "shaking the can" throughout Washington Township to raise money for the developmentally disabled.

Bob Hibler is a Past Grand Knight and council activities program director. He joined the organization in 1990. "We have dozens of requests for assistance and we give away everything we raise. I joined because I believe you have to give back; it's really about the Golden Rule. I don't look for a reward, but I have been blessed in too many ways to count.

Volunteering is a great way to practice our faith and it just feels good to help out."

Kenneth Kaphammer joined the organization at the age of 18 in 1948. He became active in the organization during the 1990s. "It is very fulfilling and a great way to give back. You also get to have companionship with people that have the same values. You are

working with people who share your faith and ideals."

Last Christmas, the council hosted a Christmas dinner for The ARC of Bergen and Passaic Counties, an organization that services the developmentally disabled and their families. "It was heart-arming to see the families overjoyed to have their picture taken with Santa and celebrate the

season," Kaphammer said.

On April 16, the council celebrated a Testimonial Dinner where five people in the community were honored for their volunteerism. Ranging from police officers to coaches, those recognized had the money raised by the dinner donated to their favorite charity. Kaphammer noted that at the

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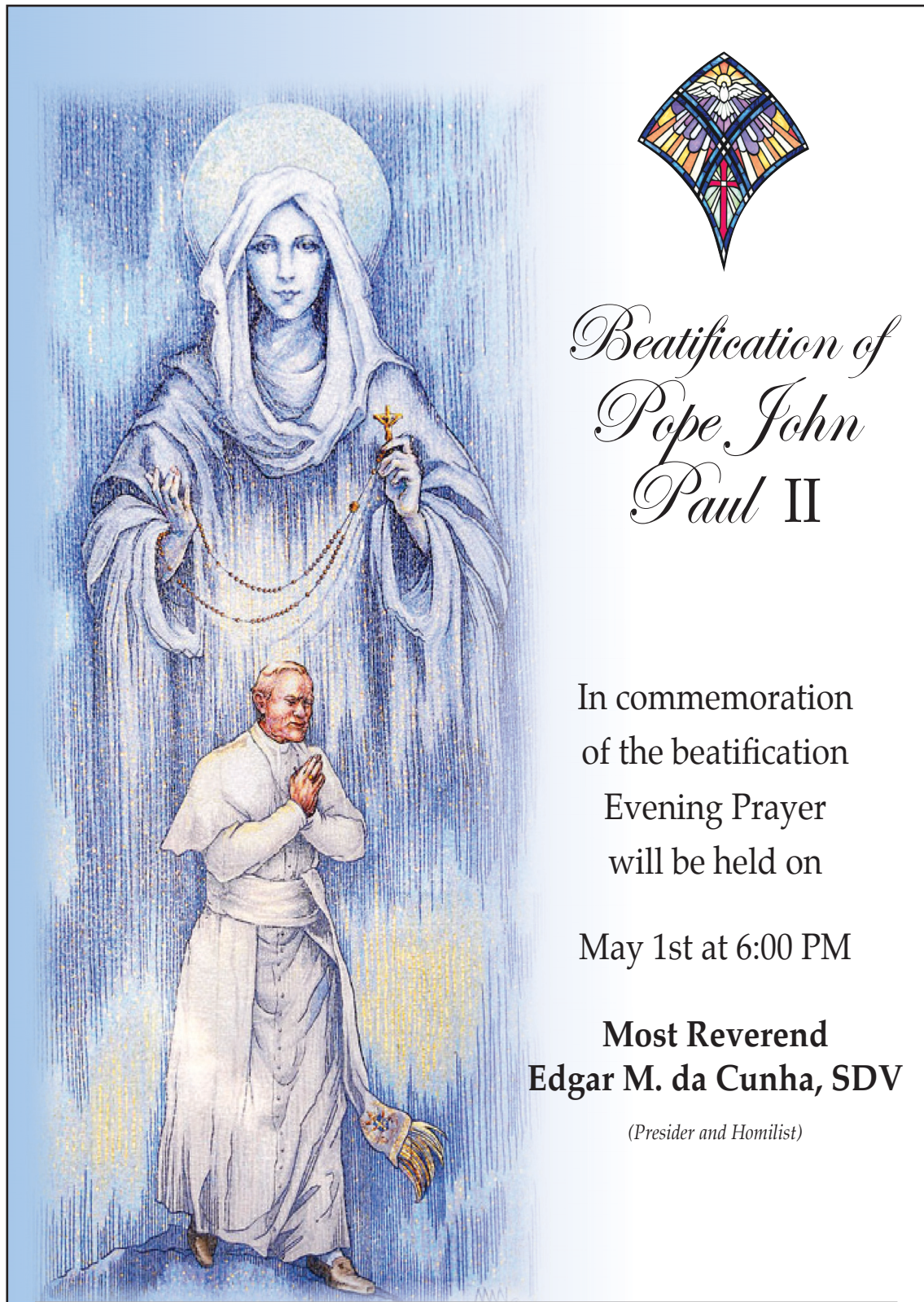
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*(Presider and Homilist)*



## Evening Prayer

Gate of Heaven Chapel Mausoleum

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*All are welcome!*



## Volunteers

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chapter's council meetings, new ideas and different ways to contribute are always encouraged. "We do whatever we can to help out," he said. From a priest ministering to a Native American Reservation in Mississippi to an organization raising money for children in India and Africa, people far and wide have benefited from the generosity of Mother Seton Council 5427.

### George Abaunza

A Native of Nicaragua, George Abaunza, associate professor for the Department of Philosophy at Felician College, left the Central American country with his seven brothers and sisters at the age of six. The family relocated to Miami and following his home country's

revolution in 1979, Abaunza had not been back since. In 2007, he decided to return and worked with the American Nicaraguan Foundation (ANF) while visiting his sister.

ANF receives goods that are distributed to almost a thousand organizations throughout the country. They provide everything from food, medical supplies and aid day-care centers, nursing homes and schools. Abaunza visited schools and clinics where he was so moved by the experience, he decided to share his country with students.

For the past two years, the professor has brought students from the archdiocesan college to the third world country in August. He created an itinerary that included everything from visiting farming co-ops and orphanages to a day at the beach and a trip to the village for Sunday Mass. The goal of the 10-day-long adventure, according

to Abaunza, is broadening the world view of students who are sometimes preoccupied by unnecessary distractions.

One particular location, the "comedor" had a particular impact on the professor and the young adults who accompanied him. Loosely translated to "cafeteria" the comedor is where at-risk children, ranging from age three to twelve, are given food, assistance with homework and a safe haven from the debilitating poverty that surrounds them. The instructors teach them prayers and basic skills. Some of the children live in homes constructed with plastic and dirt floors, yet are filled with joy and unyielding affection.

"I brought my students there to just sit and play with them, look them in the eye and love them. These children are at great risk for abuse and neglect. When you go there, almost 100 kids climb all over you. The culture is very heartwarming and giving," he explained.

The history, landscape and culture of Nicaragua are a new experience for the students who also learn to appreciate what they have. "When people visit foreign countries to volunteer, they usually ask 'What can I buy? What can I bring here?' You see these children with smiles on their faces and realize maybe we can learn from them. Maybe there is something that we are missing," Abaunza explained.

The student trips have allowed



Submitted photo

Felician College student Xiomara Hernandez, who traveled to Nicaragua in 2009, shows affection to the children at the Comedor Hermano Pablo Maria. "The comedor is a place where the kids go to eat, play, and in the words of one of the instructors, are 'given love,'" George Abaunza said.

Abaunza to reconnect with his roots, where his parents stressed the importance of giving back, thereby shaping his adult consciousness. "I recall when I was around four-years-old, walking with my family to donate food and clothing to poorer families. I remembered that same dirt road we were walking on outside was the same dirt floor inside their homes. That realization stayed with me; it informed my political and economic views and affected how I relate with people. I want that sort of realization for my students. I don't give them much direction, just say to them, 'look.'"

The trip to Nicaragua is not for every student, but for those who are self-sufficient, serious about learning and willing to appreci-

ate the full depth of humanity. Abaunza claims the students call the trip "life-changing" and many have never had direct access to extreme poverty. "People associate poverty with criminality but going on the trip is a reminder that you can be poor but still a good person. The trip reminds us of what is important."

For Abaunza, by volunteering and sharing his culture with students, he is deepening his spirituality. "Going to Nicaragua and volunteering is Catholicism in practice. Having compassion and empathizing with others is an opportunity to express what it means to be Catholic. Volunteering expresses every value and virtue of the Christian faith; it is the only way to be Catholic."



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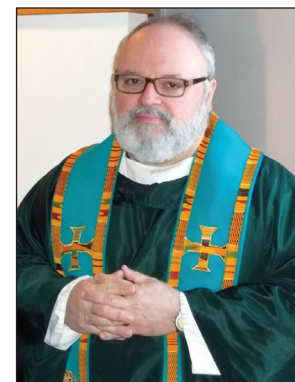
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**YOUTHFUL MOVEMENT**—The eighth annual New Jersey Pro-Life Youth Rally, organized by the Salesians of Don Bosco, was held April 8 on the campus of Seton Hall University, South Orange. Students from 28 Catholic high schools from across the state were in attendance, gathering under banner in the auditorium that read: “Human Life is Sacred” (bottom right photo, this page). “The pro-life movement in New Jersey, just like in the rest of the country, is making strides,” Fr. Steve Ryan, S.D.B., event coordinator, said. “The education and evangelization of young people in the gospel of life is aiding and strengthening the movement. Our young people are being empowered to be agents of transformation from a culture of death to a culture of life. High school students, college students, and young adults are getting involved in every aspect of Pro-Life work in greater numbers. Young people are taking this issue seriously and personally.” A presentation by Father Joseph Meagher, the director of the archdiocesan Respect Life Office, encouraged the young people to be prophets of life, love and joy. Before addressing the enthusiastic crowd, Sean Forrest (facing page, top photo), founder and president of Movin’ in the Spirit, took guitar in hand and played some rock favorites, including hit songs by the Beatles to which everyone sang along. He alerted students at the rally that, going forward, they would need to have “courage and determination to speak out for the unborn.” The morning’s first witness address was provided by Kristy Mancinelli (facing page, bottom photo), who lamented that more than 3,000 abortions take place in the world every day. “Beautiful lives are being destroyed.” There are no restrictions on abortions in New Jersey, Mancinelli stressed. Declaring “there are alternatives,” she cited pregnancy centers and adoption. Students took part in a powerful skit to illustrate the sorrow of abortion (this page, top photo). Throughout the morning the rally speakers and performers drew enthusiastic applause from the audience.

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**A VOICE OF RECONCILIATION**—Best-selling author, international activist and Rwandan genocide survivor Immaculee Ilibagiza (left) spoke April 6 at the Archdiocesan Center, sharing her experiences of survival, hope and reconciliation. Her appearance in Newark marked the actual date in 1994 when the 100-day slaughter began in Rwanda. Her entire village of 10,000 people was massacred during the rampage. The Archdiocese of Newark's Office of the African-American, African, and Caribbean Apostolate, led by Sister Patricia Lucas, D.H.M. (center), sponsored the event. Also pictured is Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholts, the Archdiocesan Vicar for Pastoral Life. "Why do I do this?," she said, referring to her international speaking engagements. "How do you speak about something like this? I speak the truth from my heart. God is real. The lessons I've learned involve the power of love."



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## National shrine of the Divine Mercy prepares a celebration for pilgrims

STOCKBRIDGE, MA—More than 18,000 people are expected to attend the annual Divine Mercy Sunday festivities the weekend of April 30-May 1 at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, the home of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception.

Also known as "The Feast of Mercy," Divine Mercy Sunday marks the Second Sunday of Easter (the "Octave Day" of Easter) and the fulfillment of one of God's most imperative requests made to the Polish mystic, Saint Faustina Kowalska, in a series of revelations in the 1930s. "The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter" (Diary 699).

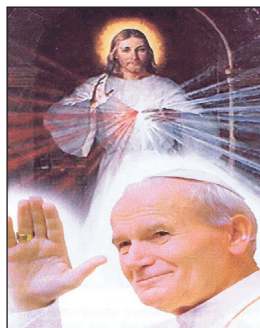
This year Divine Mercy Sunday will coincide with the beatification of Pope John Paul II in Rome (see page 4 for related articles). The late pope died on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday in 2005.

The Marian Fathers' celebration will offer cov-

erage of both events on the EWTN global cable network during a pre-show from 12-1 p.m. EST. The solemn Mass will follow along with singing from the Divine Mercy chaplet at 3 p.m. (the hour that Jesus died on the cross). A large screen on site will enable pilgrims to watch a special tribute to John Paul II, including video clips from the beatification earlier that day.

Information on the celebration is provided on the group's Web site ([www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org)). Call (413) 298-3931 or e-mail [mercysunday@marian.org](mailto:mercysunday@marian.org) for details.

The Marian Fathers received special papal blessings from Pope John Paul II—first in 1993 and again in 2001—commemorating the 60th anniversary of their promotion of the Divine Mercy message throughout the world. There will be numerous celebrations of Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Archdiocese of Newark (see page 14 for details).



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## Lenten speakers offer thoughts to define contemplative season

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

On April 24, the solemn, contemplative Lenten season reveals the joyful celebration of Easter. In order to fully illuminate the message and meaning of the Resurrection, Catholics gather together in groups for communal introspection and closer examination of the Gospel.

Two people who have helped to guide that introspection and examination in the Archdiocese of Newark are Sister Marilyn Minter, C.S.S.F., and Sister Donna Ciangio, O.P. Sr. Marilyn and Sr. Donna served as speakers in this year's archdiocesan "Lenten Reflection Series."

The associate director of parish outreach and training for the archdiocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Sr. Marilyn, leads parish missions throughout the archdiocese and the Youth Retreat Center in Kearny. Titled "Extreme Makeover:

Catholic Edition," she has brought her unique vision to parishes such as Saint Elizabeth, Wyckoff, and Saint Leo, Elmwood Park.

By using dramatic reenactments, music and prayer, the three to four-day mission allows the parish community to delve deeper into Scripture. Sr. Marilyn named the program after the popular reality television show because "we are the house of God." Renovating and reinventing how faithful receive the message of God is one of the mission's goals.

"The parish mission is an opportunity for us to touch the depth of our Catholic tradition. We examine the wonderful power, presence and symbolism of Catholic tradition. The program also builds relationships and helps to bring people back to the gifts of the sacraments. We dramatize the conversion of Saint Francis of Assisi and re-enact Lourdes, France; we are very interactive with both the parish community and the priests. I try to make the mission family oriented so everyone can get involved," Sr. Marilyn explained.

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and service, Sr. Marilyn noted, and participating in a retreat or parish mission helps facilitate a more rewarding Easter. "We are Easter people and are always preparing for the Resurrection. Lent is a time to recognize your own sinfulness and brokenness. We need to do penance and look beyond our own little space. We should see Jesus in the poor, or even in someone in the neighborhood who recently lost their job. Lent is about being available to God as Catholic Christians; that can be hard."

At the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, Sr. Marilyn participates in confirmation retreats for young adults led by peer ministers Kingdom Builders from Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington. "Confirmation kids are not the future of the Church, they

are the Church. The retreat is about the power of the Holy Spirit and living with passion. Our first retreat had 160 participate and the latest had 88 kids. Young people want to hear the truth and so does the Church."

The retreats include contemporary Christian rock music performed by Sr. Marilyn, prayer and dramatization of the gospels. Pope Benedict XVI's call to "live and be from the word of God" centers heavily in the program, with Scripture a focal point. Having young people being led by their peers is a powerful experience, Sr. Marilyn explained.

"The Church uses the gifts and talents of all people, of all ages. Being Catholic is about being universal in relationship with others and with the Church. Young people realize that through peer ministry, we all work together. They also love when priests participate. Kids love priests; they want to see priests who are in love with the Church," she said.

On the last Saturday of every month at the retreat center, candlelight Eucharistic Adoration is held



Sr. Marilyn Minter

and the response has been encouraging. "We have had up to 80 people from all ages attend and it is growing. Everyone sits in the darkness in a very meditative state and acknowledges that the Eucharist is the center of our lives. With text messaging, social network sites and technology, people are hungry for real presence and connection. In Eucharistic Adoration, you sit face-to-face with your chaos and lay your burdens before the Lord," Sr. Marilyn explained.

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Thoughts

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On April 6, as part of the Lenten Reflection Series at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark, she led the presentation “We Are Raised Up.” The session centered on Jesus’ resurrection. Sr. Marilyn noted that all Catholics should have a deeper connection with their faith. “Every Catholic has the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are the new Pentecost; we all need to have an experience with our faith.”

Sister Donna Ciangio, O.P., led the Lenten session “Lord, That I May See,” at the Archdiocesan Center March 30. She also participated in a six-week program at Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, where small faith sharing-groups met during Lent. Sr. Donna leads two out of the 21 groups who reflect on the upcoming Sunday Gospel. The groups use the text “Open Our Hearts: A Small Group Guide to an Active Lent” and applies its reflections and questions to better prepare for Easter.

“We have all ages in the groups—from teens to 90-year-olds. Those who participate say they listen to the Gospel in a different way and really understand it. They take time during the week to practice the Gospel and live it out everyday. At Sunday Mass, they come to church having already done their homework. Those in the small groups are more in tuned with the homily,” Sr. Donna explained.

Acting out the Word of God,



Sr. Donna Ciangio

dissecting the gospels and prayerful meditation enhance the spirituality of each participant during Lent. The weekly sessions have “opened people up” and made a difference in the lives of the parish, Sr. Donna believes. Lent is a season that lends itself to introspection, enlightening the true meaning of Easter.

“Lent is a journey. I like to think that the whole Church is on a 40-day retreat. The season is a time to take a good look at ourselves. We are fasting from negativity and feasting on affirmation. It helps people focus to get out of their routine and interact with the world,” she said.

By placing significance on more in depth contemplation of the Gospel and traditions of the Church during Lent, Easter should be a revelation. “At Easter, you should feel that you participated in changing yourself. We move out of the darkness and into the light.”

Rejoice in the Resurrection

BY FATHER PETER IWUALA  
Special to The Catholic Advocate

Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen. The events of Easter are the very essence of our faith, and we have to return to these events frequently, reflecting on their meaning in our individual lives. It is through baptism that one becomes a “shareholder” in the community of the redeemed people of God.

Saint Paul in his letter to the Romans 6:4 wrote: “We were indeed buried with Christ through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in the newness of life.” As we journeyed with Christ into his death, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

Christ came out alive and glorious from the tomb on that first day of the week, defeating death forever. The resurrection of Christ from the dead set us free

from the original sin of Adam and Eve. The tomb of Christ was to his enemies, the last bus stop until they were proven wrong by Easter Sunday. This day, life has triumphed over death like the beaming sun dispelling the deep darkness of night.

Saint Paul teaches us that Easter Sunday is a “new day”; a day of rejoicing and gladness, a day that will never end, for death has been defeated. The Holy Mother Church celebrates the victory over death, Easter Sunday, with special solemnity for a period of 50 days. Christ fought the fight and today we are rejoicing because He is risen. He paid the price with his precious blood and we are liberated from death. Saint Paul says to the Romans: “We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, will never die again; death has no more power over him. In the same way, you must consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus” (Rm 6:9-11).

If Christ did not rise from the dead, our lives would have been



Father Peter Iwuala

meaningless. The resurrection of Christ changes everything for us. When our lives seem to be empty like the tomb of Christ, remember Easter Sunday—the day of joy; the day of gladness.

Fill the emptiness in your life today with new hope, because Christ has gone ahead of us into impossibilities, into trials, into sorrows. He has come out with victory. He is risen! Alleluia!

(Editor’s note: Father Peter Iwuala, ordained in 2009, is a parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield.)

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Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7:30 pm

Good Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Morning Prayer: 9:15 am  
Cross Service: 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Morning Prayer: 9:15 am

No 5:30 PM Mass

Easter Vigil, April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
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## April 22

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**GATE OF HEAVEN CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM**, East Hanover, prayer service to celebrate the beatification of Pope John Paul II, presided by

Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., 6 p.m., (866) 773-7526.

## May 2

**ST. MICHAEL PARISH**, Union, "The Spirituality of Everyday," presented by Father Albert Holtz, O.S.B., 7:30 p.m., (908) 964-0965 ext. 107.

## May 3

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**, Maplewood, annual parish carnival, through May 7, 6-11 p.m., (201) 343-5170.

**ST. MARY, STAR OF THE SEA PARISH**, Bayonne, retreat in celebration of parish's 150th anniversary, through May 5, 7 p.m., (201) 437-4090.

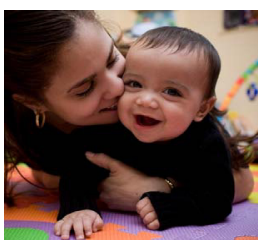
## May 4

**ST. ANTONINUS PARISH**, Newark, Life in the Spirit Seminar, Wednesdays through June 12, 8-10 p.m., pre-register with George and MaryAnn McGehrin at (201) 933-5983.

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## Holy Week schedule for bishops

### Most Rev. John J. Myers Archbishop of Newark

(All at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark)  
**Palm (Passion) Sunday Mass**, April 17, 12 Noon  
**Chrism Mass**, Monday, April 18, 8 p.m.  
**Easter Sunday Mass**, April 24, 12 noon

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

**Holy Thursday**, April 21, 7:30 p.m., Mass, Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River  
**Good Friday**, April 22, 3 p.m., Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River  
**Easter Sunday**, April 24, 10:30 a.m., Mass, Saint Michael Parish, Cranford

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

(All at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark)  
**Holy Thursday**, April 21, 7:30 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**Good Friday**, April 22, 3 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Homilist Father Anthony L. Marcantuono, Parochial Vicar, Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington  
**Holy Saturday**, April 23, 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

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

**Holy Thursday**, April 21, 7:30 p.m., Mass, Immaculate Conception Parish, Montclair  
**Good Friday**, April 22, 5 p.m., Passion of the Lord, Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth (Spanish)  
**Easter Vigil**, April 23, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kearny  
**Easter Sunday**, April 24, 11 a.m., Mass, Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth (Spanish)

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

(All at Saint Henry Parish, Bayonne)  
**Holy Thursday**, April 21, 7:30 p.m., Mass

**Good Friday**, April 22, 7:30 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
**Easter Vigil Mass**, April 23, 8:30 p.m.  
**Easter Sunday**, April 24, 10 a.m., Mass

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

(All at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes)  
**Holy Saturday**, April 23, Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.  
**Easter Sunday**, April 24, 10:30 a.m., Mass

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

**Holy Thursday**, April 21, 7 p.m., Mass Saint Genevieve Parish, Elizabeth  
**Good Friday**, April 22, 7:30 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Saint Margaret of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry  
**Holy Saturday**, April 23, noon, blessing of Easter food, Saint Theresa Parish, Linden  
Easter Vigil, 8 p.m., Saint Bartholomew Parish, Scotch Plains  
**Easter Sunday**, April 24, 9 a.m., Mass, Saint Theresa Parish, Kenilworth

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

**Holy Thursday**, April 21, 11 a.m., Holy Hour for Priests, Saint Henry Parish, Bayonne; 8 p.m. Mass at SS. Joseph and Michael Parish, Union City  
**Good Friday**, April 22, 3 p.m., Via Crucis through streets of West New York; 5 p.m., Liturgical Services, Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York  
**Easter Sunday**, April 24, noon, Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Newark

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

(All at Saint Mary Parish, Nutley)  
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**Holy Saturday**, April 23, Easter Vigil, 8 p.m., concelebrate with the pastor, Father Ernest G. Rush



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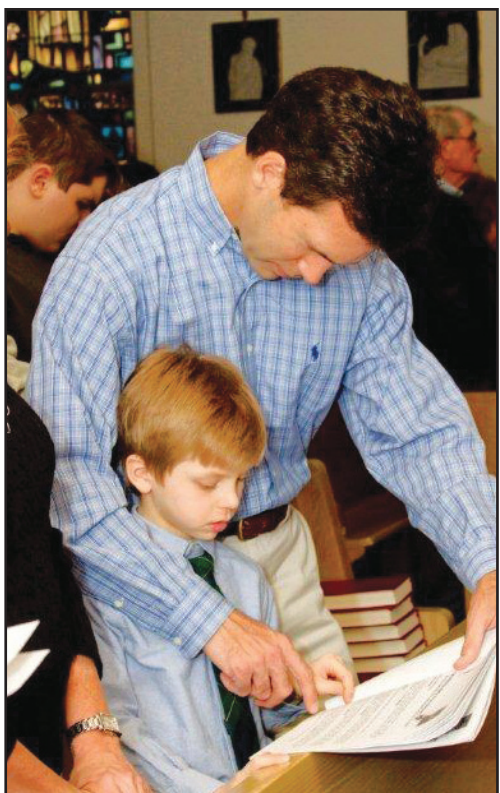
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Chase Keith and his father Eric were among those who attended the Inclusive Family Mass at Caldwell College. The college's Applied Behavior Analysis graduate program has teamed up with the archdiocesan Office for Pastoral Ministry for Persons with Disabilities to implement the "Attends Mass," a project aimed empowering parishes on ways to assist individuals with autism so they can more comfortably attend Mass with their families (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 23).



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## Inclusive Family Mass provides open doors to spiritual wellness

CALDWELL—Two hundred children and individuals affected by autism, as well as Caldwell College administration and faculty and representatives of the Archdiocese of Newark, came together April 2 for an Inclusive Family Mass to celebrate God's love and mark the fourth annual UN World Autism Awareness Day.

Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D., presided and Rev. Msgr. Richard Arnolds, M.Div. and Caldwell College Chaplain Reverend Albert Berner concelebrated in a chapel on Caldwell's campus.

During the liturgy, Caldwell College graduate and undergraduate students—designated collectively as "Mass Mentors" and "Mass Buddies"—were commissioned and given a blessing by Bishop da Cunha for their work in helping people with autism attend Mass. The bishop also invited families to attach pictures of their loved ones to an altar cloth banner as a concrete sign of offering one's self to God during the liturgy.

Anne Masters, the archdiocesan director of the Pastoral

Ministry with Persons with Disabilities said the Mass was "a celebration of God with us in which families felt welcomed, affirmed and renewed in a new way. I am grateful for all that has been achieved so far with the contributions of our Mass Mentors from Caldwell College, as well as for how many more students and faculty who wish to share their talents to open the door to the Mass for more individuals and families affected by autism."

Last month Masters underlined the importance of a program known as "Attends Mass," which she described as a guide to empower parishes to help individuals with autism attend Mass and share in the gifts of the Catholic faith (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 23). She said the immediate goal is to enable individuals with autism to become included in the liturgical life of a parish community.

"Successful inclusion rests on our ability to teach attending and participating in Mass," Masters explained. "This teaching requires work that is guided by science and animated by faith. Teaching the

ability to attend and participate in Mass is critical for catechesis of a child with autism."

Palma Wasilenko has a 10-year-old son who has autism. Her son went through the Attends Mass program with the Archdiocese of Newark. She described the program as "was one of the best experiences we have ever had," noting that she and her son are now able to attend Mass together.

Dr. Sharon Reeve, executive director of the Caldwell College Center for Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis, led a song with Elena Garcia-Albea, a doctoral student in the Caldwell ABA program. Reeve said she was moved by the love and acceptance that the families and friends shared at the special Mass. "What made the day so special is that many people came together at the Mass to share the joy of being welcomed members of a community that has opened its arms to people with autism and their families," Reeve said.

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## Holy Name gets grant for hospice center

TEANECK — Holy Name Medical Center received a \$500,000 grant from the Alfiero and Lucia Palestroni Foundation specifically earmarked toward the Villa Marie Claire Hospice and Palliative Care Center.

As a clinical hospice care facility, Villa Marie Claire, located in Saddle River, provides a family-focused philosophy, an interfaith/intercultural educated healthcare team and overnight accommodations for loved ones (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 23). The Palestroni Foundation is based in Englewood Cliffs.

"The Palestroni Foundation has always been a steadfast supporter of Holy Name's commitment to healthcare excellence," Michael Maron, Holy Name president and chief executive officer, said. "We are so grateful for their belief in our healing mission and our philosophy for Villa Marie Claire's end-of-life care."

"We're proud to support this important project and hope that patients and families will find the compassion and care they need at the villa during their final journey," Lucia Palestroni said.





**TEAM PHOTO**—The Archdiocese of Newark’s Legacy Circle Planned Giving Society held its annual prayer service and reception March 31 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, an event organized and hosted by the archdiocesan Planned Giving Office. Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, addressed the group, which gathered for a “team photo” inside the Cathedral. Each year the event recognizes those individuals who have included their parish, school or other ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark in their will or made some other type of planned gift. The Legacy Society was established to honor the generosity of those who have made a commitment to the future of the archdiocese. Members receive invitations to special archdiocesan events held throughout the year. To learn about the benefits of Legacy Society membership, contact Anne DeVivo DeMesa (pictured, far right), archdiocesan director of planned gifts, by phone (973-497-4048) or e-mail (demesaan@rcan.org).

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**Sports Camp Leaders**— responsible for teaching and coaching individual sports programs for ages 9-15. Counselors must be at least 18 years old. Sports include: Baseball, Basketball, Softball, Boys & Girls Lacrosse & Girls Field Hockey, Wrestling. Monday-Friday 8:30 am-12:30 pm.; two week session per sport. Camps run from June 27– August 5; Salary range: \$150-\$250 per week.

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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.

**J.D.**

**PRAYER TO ST. JUDE**

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**PRAYER TO ST. CHRISTOPHER**

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**R.C.**

**PRAYER TO ST. CLAIRE**

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**L.A.**

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**PRAYER TO ST. JUDE**

Oh, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition (make request). In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glorias. St. Jude, pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena must be said for 9 consecutive days. Thank you for answering my prayer.

**G.P.**

**PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH**

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by Your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below Your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Say for nine mornings for anything you may desire. It has never been known to fail, so be sure you really want what you ask. Novena is published in gratitude.

**R.C.**

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# Fund-raiser offers ‘love’ to victims of earthquake

FORT LEE—“Sending Our Love to Japan,” a fund-raising event to benefit the victims of the catastrophic March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan, will be held Friday, April 29, 6–10 p.m., at the Doubletree Hotel Fort Lee, 2117 Route 4 East.

The Japan/U.S. Alliance of New Jersey and the Japanese-American Society of New Jersey—two major Japan-related community organizations in the state—along with consulting company Motai Advisors, LLC, a bilingual consulting firm based in Alpine, will sponsor the event, which will include a charity concert, cocktail reception, and silent auction Admission is \$100 per person. Call Jun Motai at (201) 965-0263 for details.

In recent weeks, parishes and organizations throughout the four counties of the archdiocese have answered the call to help the people of Japan, who are recovering from the disaster. As reported last month, Archbishop John J. Myers authorized special emergency collections in the Archdiocese of Newark to assist victims of the devastation in Japan (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 23). The archdiocesan collection is separate from and not related to the April 29 event. Proceeds from the archdiocesan collection will be directed to Baltimore-based Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which is working with Caritas International and similar organizations to bring needed aid to the thousands of victims of this unprecedented natural disaster. Anyone interested in making a donation to this collection may do so at any parish or by sending funds to: Archdiocese of Newark, Japan Earthquake/Tsunami Relief, c/o Office of Finance, PO Box 9500, Newark, NJ 07104-0500.

Registration for the fund-raiser on April 29 can be done online by visiting the Web site (<http://on.fb.me/SOLTJ>). Registration and donations can also be made by check at the door. Checks should be made payable to “Doublestop Foundation” and can be mailed to Doublestop Foundation, 96 Linwood Plaza, No. 119, Fort Lee, NJ 07024. All proceeds will go to three nonprofit relief organizations in Japan: Médicins Sans Frontières, Japan; Megumi; and the Iwate Prefecture Disaster Relief.



**GOLDEN MILESTONE**—The 50-year anniversary of Rev. Msgr. Augustin Chang-Deuk Park’s ordination to the priesthood was celebrated during a Mass March 20 at Saint Andrew Kim Parish in Maplewood. The event was organized by five Korean churches in the archdiocese. Bishop Manuel A. Cruz presided at the Mass, which was concelebrated by 27 Korean and American priests. Pictured are (left to right) Father Don Bosco Park of the Church of the Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook; Msgr. Park; and Father Minhyun Cho of Saint Andrew Kim Parish.

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# Forum eyes parent, teen communication

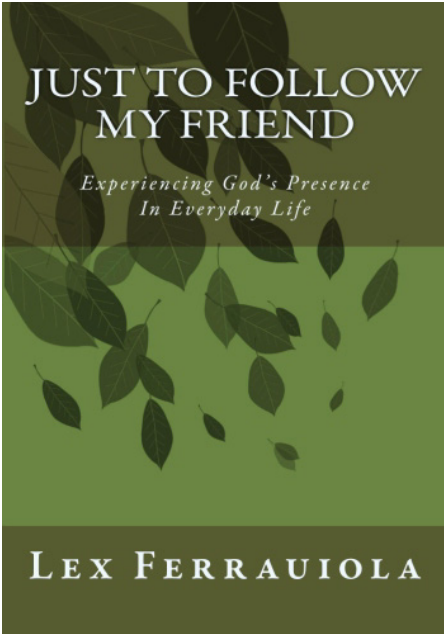
MONTCLAIR—LIFENET, a pro-life educational organization that works in partnership with the Archdiocese of Newark, will host “Talking to Your Teenagers About Sex,” a seminar geared for parents, on Saturday, April 30, 9:15 a.m. to noon, at Immaculate Conception Parish, 30 North Fullerton Ave.



Christine Flaherty

Registration cost is \$10 per person. The seminar will cover topics such as parents creating sensible boundaries for teens and Church teaching on love, marriage and sex.

The seminar is made possible by a grant from the Dolores Turco Foundation of Wayne. Christine Flaherty is the executive director of LIFENET. For more information on the April 30 event or the organization, call (201) 804-8331 or visit the group’s Web site ([www.lifeneteducation.org](http://www.lifeneteducation.org)). Last year LIFENET sponsored a seminar called “True Love Waits 2,” which was held at Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in Bloomfield.



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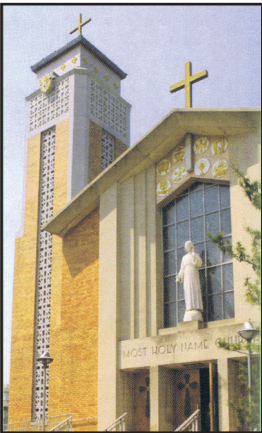
Deacon Lex Ferraiola is a husband and a father, residing within the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey. He holds a BA in Philosophy and a MA in Pastoral Ministry. *Just to Follow My Friend* is a work of love and faith. It is a collection of homilies and reflections that speak to the experience of God’s presence in everyday life.

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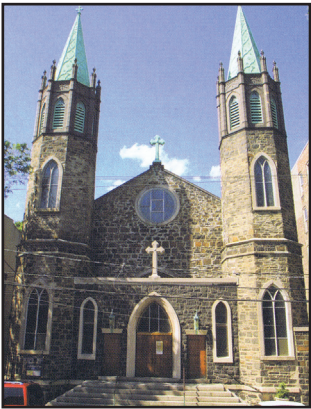
We regret that in the recently published 2011 Directory and Almanac of the Archdiocese of Newark three names were inadvertently left out of the roster of parishes observing significant anniversaries in this year of 2011.

We apologize for the omission and present them here:

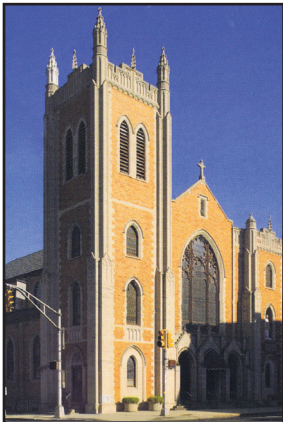
## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Holy Name Church, Garfield



Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, Jersey City



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## Obituaries

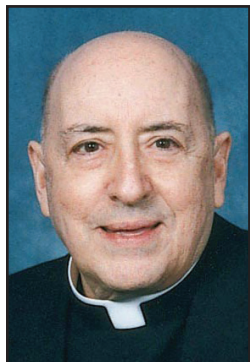
### Fr. Richard Nardone

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 30 at Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange, for Father Richard M. Nardone, 81, who died March 27.

Fr. Nardone graduated from SHU with a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1950, and a doctorate in theology from the University of Toronto. He earned a S.T.L. (Licentiate in Sacred Theology) from Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

After his ordination in 1954, Fr. Nardone served as parochial vicar at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield. He also served as a teacher at Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains, and parochial vicar at Saint James Parish, Springfield.

Fr. Nardone was a popular professor of religious studies at SHU for over 30 years, from 1968, until he retired in 2000. He also authored a number of articles, and a book, "The Story of the Christian Year."

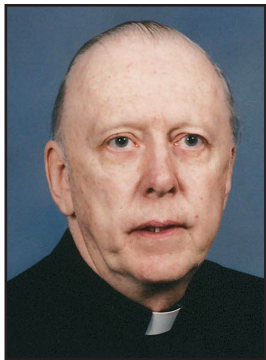


Fr. Richard Nardone

### Fr. John Waldron

Father John R. Waldron, retired parochial vicar of Saint Patrick Pro-Cathedral, Newark, died March 27 at the age of 81.

Ordained in 1956, Fr. Waldron ministered at the following archdiocesan parishes: Saint Phillip the Apostle, Saddle Brook, parochial vicar; Holy Name of Jesus, East Orange, parochial vicar; Saint Mary (Resurrection), Jersey City, parochial vicar; and Saint Peter, Belleville, parochial vicar.



Fr. John Waldron

## Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

### Archdiocesan Agency/Ministry

**Reverend Michel Marcil, S.J.**, Executive Director of the U.S./China Catholic Bureau at Seton Hall University, has also been appointed part-time Coordinator of the Chinese Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Newark for a period of five years effective immediately.

**Reverend Joseph E.S. dos Santos**, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Elizabeth, has also been appointed part-time Coordinator of the Portuguese Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Newark for a period of five years effective immediately.

**Reverend Juan Carlos Vargas**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, has also been appointed Assistant Director for Vocations Awareness in the Vocations Office for a period of three years effective immediately.

**Reverend Jose H. Victoria**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, was also appointed Assistant Director for Vocations Awareness in the Vocations Office for a period of three years effective March 15.

**Reverend Duverney Bermudez**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Luke Parish, HoHoKus, has also been assigned to the Metropolitan Tribunal for a period of two years effective immediately.



**Reverend Andres Codoner-Contell**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Columba Parish, Newark, has also been assigned to the Metropolitan Tribunal for a period of two years effective immediately.

**Reverend Christian P. Jaramillo**, Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph & Michael Parish, Union City, has also been assigned to the Metropolitan Tribunal for a period of two years effective immediately.

**Reverend Roberto Ortiz**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, has also been assigned to the Metropolitan Tribunal for a period of two years effective immediately.

**Reverend Raul Silva**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Joseph Parish, New Milford, has also been assigned to the Metropolitan Tribunal for a period of two years effective immediately.

**Reverend Rafael Velasquez**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Mary Parish, Plainfield, has also been assigned to the Metropolitan Tribunal for a period of two years effective immediately.

### PASTOR

**Reverend George J. Ruane**, Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish, Edgewater, has been appointed to a third six-year term, ending July 1, 2017.

### CHAPLAIN

**Reverend Krzysztof Maslowski**, Pastor of Saint Joseph the Carpenter Parish, Roselle, has also been appointed Chaplain of the Roselle Police Department effective immediately.

### RETIREMENT (all effective July 1)

**Reverend Francis J. Burla**, Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish, Montclair, has been granted retirement.

**Reverend Felipe Lopez**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, Jersey City, has been granted retirement.

**Reverend Mark A. O'Connell**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Peter Parish, Belleville, has been granted retirement.

**Reverend Peter A. Oddo**, retired Catholic Chaplain of the United States Navy has been granted retirement.

**Reverend Fernando R. Po**, was granted retirement effective March 1.

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## Malta Prison Ministry to host dinner

NORTH ARLINGTON—A fund-raiser dinner to benefit the New Jersey Order of Malta Prison Ministry and Queen of Peace High School will be held Sunday, May 22, at the Brick House Restaurant, 179 Godwin Ave., Wyckoff.

Cocktails begin at 4 p.m. followed by dinner at 5 p.m. Music will be provided by Joe Zisa and Friends Quintet with dancing available. The per-person donation requested is \$150. A 50/50 raffle is also available for \$100 per ticket. Contact the Queen of Peace Development Office at (201) 998-8227, ext. 28 or visit the school's Web site ([www.qphs.org](http://www.qphs.org)) for details.

The New Jersey Order of Malta Prison Ministry Inc. (Web site: [www.njompmi.org](http://www.njompmi.org)) brings God's love, forgiveness and hope to incarcerated inmates, parolees, victims and families.



# Eternal Life

Special to The Catholic Advocate April 20, 2011

## Each of us has our own gospel to write

At this time of year I often reflect with gratitude to our great and gracious God on my fortune on being born a Christian.

For many of my 21 years at Saint Cecilia High School in Kearny I taught comparative religions. Each year the students and I began as far back in time as we could go. Together, we looked first at primitive man and his beliefs, and then worked our way through the great religious cultures of the past.

We studied the creeds and moral codes of the Egyptians, the Chinese (Confucian and Taoism), the Hindu and Buddhist religions of India and South Asia, the religions of the Mayans, Aztecs and Incas, and the great mythological world of Greece and Rome.

In the second part of the school year we looked at Judaism and Islam and finished off the year with a look at Christianity in all of its differences—Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant.

For me personally, year after year as I prepared to introduce the students to the past, I became more and more aware of the debt I owe to God. Let me explain.

The human race wandered in darkness until God broke into his-

tory. When God spoke to Abraham and guided the Israelites, one group on earth had a rather vague idea of a God who cared. When God spoke again to Moses and finally identified himself on Mount Sinai, the Jewish people became one half of a covenant with the One who truly was Lord of the Universe. Eventually, hundreds of years later, while the sons of the Covenant were captives in Babylon, the first chapters of Genesis were written by the inspired writers.

Suddenly, it all became clear. While all the other peoples of the world walked in darkness, the Jews knew for certain what others did not know. The rest of the human race lived in a world of the eternal recurrences of nature, a mysterious world where the cosmic year was controlled by forces they did not understand. It was a world that had no beginning and where man was on an eternal treadmill—living constantly in fear, not knowing from whence he came or where he was going. So the human race invented a multitude of gods, demons and powers to whom they prayed out of fear and yet in hope that they would be protected by their

gods. By their myths they sought to bring some order out of the chaos of existence and some understanding to the mystery of life.

But with Genesis, the origins and design of our world became apparent. God, the infinite, the all-knowing, had created the world out of nothing. And all that God created was good and all was in order.

But there was still a certain darkness. God had clearly revealed the origins of the world. Also, we knew that the world was not just going in cycles. It had a beginning. It had a destiny. But what, for humans, was our destiny? What happened after death? Would the world just end? These questions remained largely a mystery.

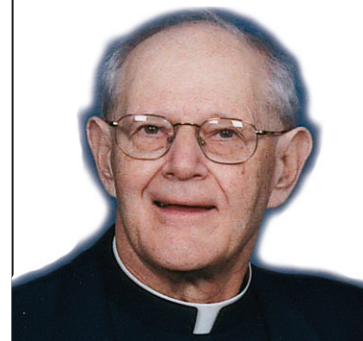
The Jewish people themselves had very few answers to these questions. They believed in a place called Sheol—a dark mys-

terious place for souls after death. But other religions also had that belief. At the time of Jesus many of the Jews believed in life after death and resurrection. Yet many others did not. Nor did the Hebrew Scriptures give definitive answers.

Then arrived the greatest gift of all. Jesus came and spoke plainly about His “Father’s house” and “paradise” where his followers would “Shine like the sun in the Kingdom of the Father.” When Jesus spoke, it was almost too much to hope for. Truly it seemed to many disciples on that awful “Good Friday” that all was lost. The dream seemed shattered.

But Easter Sunday brought to fulfillment all the hopes and desires of the human race. Two hundred thousand years of darkness vanished. The veil was pulled back. “It is I. Do not be afraid.” Eternal life shone on us from the

### VOICES



By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist

face of the Risen One. God had written the last page of the Divine Story. Eternal life is a reality.

So, now at Easter, I spend some time in remembrance. I review what I have learned over the years about the human story. I realize that each of us has our own gospel to write. Yet it is not in fear and trembling. We can lift up our eyes to the mountains and see the eternal vision. How good God has been to us. Alleluia!

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# Voices proclaim Paschal hymn of faith

The Paschal Mystery of Christ's death and resurrection constitutes the foundation of Christian faith and its expression in the eucharistic sacrifice and sacrament. The spiritual riches of our worship can be explored any number of times without exhausting their implications for our lives.

For this and other reasons Holy Week and Easter allow us to see the work of Jesus unfold in "slow motion." Then we should apply to the world and ourselves the principles of God's Word, culminating in the Gospel.

Recognizing that our world and our lives must be set right before God, "Christians state their belief that all human activity, in daily jeopardy through pride and inordinate self-love, is to find its purification and its perfection in the cross and resurrection of Christ" (Vatican Council II, The Church in the Modern World, No. 37).

The prayerful assimilation of divine revelation may be fostered in silence and meditation, but the experience reaches its summit in the liturgy, the community and worship of the faithful. How can this drama be remembered when people are faced with "daily jeop-

ardy through pride and inordinate self love?" The rhythms of poetry set to music contribute greatly to our efforts to imprint spiritual perspectives into our consciousness and conscience. How does this come into Holy Week and Easter?

"The flute and the harp make pleasant melody, but a pleasant voice is better than both" (Sirach 40:21). The genius of the human spirit in creating music and lyrics should be uplifting but at times may express profound sorrow and anguish. Both extremes find their place in worship, especially during the Sacred Triduum, the Church's reliving of Jesus' last hours, from the Last Supper to the Resurrection. Thus, on Good Friday we lament our human sinfulness in the words of the Book of Lamentations and we listen to the beautiful strains of the "Exultet" near the beginning of the Easter Vigil. (The Exultet is the early medieval hymn to the Paschal candle after it has been given the place of honor next to the pulpit and incensed.) There's no better way to incorporate these themes into our lives than to sing with the Church as the Bride of Christ.

From her earliest days, the

Church took the Psalms of Jewish Temple worship and family prayer into the daily and weekly rhythms of worship. Although the faithful of the first generation had no other hymn book, they did set specifically Christian prayer into poetry, probably to chant in common. Some of these texts are embedded in the letters of Saint Paul and other books of the New Testament.

The mysteries that reveal God's plan for creation express the sublime surprises offered to us in Baptism and in the life nurtured by the Eucharist. The poem proclaimed as the Second Reading on Palm Sunday comes from Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians. Probably Paul learned it as a neophyte and he may have taught it to his small group of converts in Philippi as a succinct expression of the Paschal Mystery. Did they already know that it included a challenge to imitate Christ? Besides presenting the Gospel "in a nut shell," it calls for conforming to the obedience of Jesus. "Have this mind among yourselves, which in Christ Jesus..." (Phil 2:5).

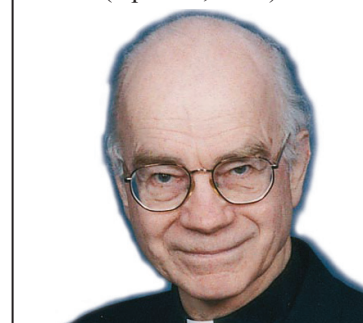
This hymn embraces the entire drama of salvation and is very sig-

nificant as early evidence of the doctrine that Christ was united with God the Father from eternity. However, this exalted status did not inhibit Him from becoming truly a member of the human race, albeit without the alienation of sin. "He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance He humbled himself..." (2:6-7). Retaining His unique relationship with the heavenly Father, but also taking human nature in the womb of Mary, Jesus was and is able to become the way of deliverance from sin and communion with God.

In the paradox of humility that accepted humiliation and death, "even death on a cross," Jesus seemed powerless before Pilate, yet this obedience to the Father became the basis for the power of God to triumph in the resurrection. Not only was Jesus thus vindicated and his fidelity rewarded, but he fulfilled the meaning of His name: He shall be called Jesus, "for He will save his people from their sins" (Matt 1:21). This fidelity of Jesus to His mission as healer and teacher reached its zenith in the act of service that embraces all humanity, "gathering into one the

## SUNDAY READINGS

Easter Sunday  
(April 24, 2011)



By Rev. Lawrence Frizzell

children of God who are scattered abroad" (Jn 11:52). Moreover, Jesus thus provides a pattern of obedience for all his followers.

However, the imitation of Jesus must be founded on the divine gift of faith as an insight into God's view of all reality and on our faithfulness to his call. Do we consider this point as we hear the priest prepare the congregation for the sign of peace? "Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church" invites us to see that faith must blossom into deeds of faithful service.

Because of Jesus' faithful obedience, "God (the Father) greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him "the Name," which is above every name, that in the Name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth..." (2:9-10).

The prophet Isaiah exercised a great influence on the Jewish people and on the infant Church. "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other... To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear" (Isa 45:22-23). Boldly this theme is taken by the Christian hymn writer to point out that Jesus is united with God the Father so that "there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me" (Isa 45:21).

By kneeling and by an act of faith, the Church represents the "first fruits" (the portion of the harvest dedicated to God) of all creation, confessing that "Jesus Christ is Lord" (See Rom 10:9; 1 Cor 12:3). The Greek title Kyrios translates the Hebrew Adonai, which substitutes for "the Name" revealed to Moses in the burning bush and on Mount Sinai (Ex 3:14; 34:6-7). This sacred ineffable Name is applied to Jesus "to the glory of God the Father." To acknowledge that the Name is applied to Jesus points ultimately to the unity of God, giving glory (i.e. praise and adoration) to the Father (see 1 Cor 15:28; Rom 6:10-11).

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# Transformed lives capture joy of spring

I am looking forward to Easter this year, but perhaps with even greater anticipation for a personal reason as well as a parish one.

With Easter being so late in April this year, I look forward to an Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Cooper's Pond in Bergenfield at 6:30 a.m. with the hope that I won't need hat, earmuffs, and gloves as was necessary the past few years. Given our especially snowy winter with a seemingly extended frosty blast well into the first part of spring, it is certainly a hope based on guarded optimism as I write this on a day still registering a high of only 45 degrees and looking at my Christmas cactus, which is starting to bloom again.

The parish reason for rejoicing is that four pre-teens and teens will be fully initiated into our Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. Through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, they will receive new life in Christ and become full and active members of the Catholic faith.

We had no catechumens at the

Easter Vigil last year, as this group began their first of a two-year process. Next year my parish anticipates sacramentalizing three adults who have been in the catechumenate since last fall.

Be they teens or adults, catechumens or already baptized candidates, it is so refreshing to watch the transformation that takes place in their lives from the time of the first meeting through

means to put Jesus' words into action in the everyday living circumstances of home, school, and workplace, they learn that being true to self and to Jesus will sometimes mean being quite countercultural in their dealings with family, friends, classmates or co-workers who share a radically different world view. The assurance of Christ's presence with us always gives us strength to meet

"Resurrection-Jesus-Jerusalem" to learn about the mystery. You could hear it expressed and see it lived in the lives of the early preachers and the Christian communities which they formed and served. As the Sundays after Easter are observed, we will be reminded of the experiences of the early Church to love one another as Christ had loved them.

Hopefully their stories help motivate us to love one another as Christ continues to love us today. The celebration of His Divine Mercy on the second Sunday of Easter (May 1) is another tangible reminder of Christ's overwhelming and ever abounding compassion.

Sure, I like to see trees budding, flowers blooming, temperatures rising and daylight increasing, but I am elated even more when I see people coming to a newer or deeper realization of their faith and the place of Christ in their lives. It not only gives call for a momentary happiness as sacraments are celebrated but also for a more long-lasting satisfaction as the manifestation of potential starts to be realized in people's

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the process of doctrinal education and spiritual formation that comprises the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). As the truths of our Catholic faith are revealed or reviewed, something happens to people's hearts, minds and souls, which draws them more deeply into a closer union with the Risen Jesus.

As they struggle with what it

these challenges with the wisdom of Christ.

Spreading the Good News of the Resurrection was a somewhat labor-intensive process in the Apostles' time. It was all done by word of mouth carried from place to place, without the benefit of newspaper, television or the Internet. On the other hand, you didn't have to Google

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relationship with God and others.

Most parish churches are filled on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Many return to normal practice (or lack of it) thereafter. I would like to believe, however, that at least a few each year, in addition to the newly sacramentalized, find reason for new hope and begin once again their journey of faith, as they celebrate these sacred mysteries in the Church or see compassion revealed in their neighbor, co-worker, or friend. Let us especially remember them this Easter, and every day, in our thoughts and prayers!

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