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## LIFENET celebrates 20 years in pro-life education

By Melissa McNally  
Editor

In 1994, Christine Flaherty, then a chemical engineer, took a one-year leave of absence from her job. "I felt as though God was calling me," she recalled. "This was an emergency." She never looked back.

The urgent issue for Flaherty was abortion and the value of human life. A Montclair native, she had been sidewalk counseling at a local high-volume abortion facility since 1989. At a New Jersey Right to Life Conference five years later, she heard former Pennsylvania Legislator Gregg Cunningham speak about a long-term strategic

plan to stop abortion.

"He said Planned Parenthood literally has thousands of people working to kill babies and we in the pro-life movement have the best people but everyone is a volunteer," Flaherty explained. "He thought we should level the playing field with full-time professionals working to save children."

At the conference, she met fellow chemical engineer Bill Calvin, Ph.D., founder of LIFENET. In 1994, the organization was incorporated and in February of 1995, following her leave of absence, Flaherty worked for LIFENET full-time. She is currently executive director.

Cunningham will be honored at

LIFENET's 20th anniversary "Night with the Stars" fund-raising gala Dec. 5 at Mayfair Farms in West Orange. This is the first major event the organization has planned.

The organization received a four-year grant from the Archdiocese of Newark that ended last year. The gala is an opportunity to raise money and spread the word about LIFENET's mission. "We make over 200 presentations a year. We hope to launch a public school initiative in 2015 and continue to grow," she said.

LIFENET relocated from Flaherty's hometown of Montclair to office space in the Archdiocesan Center in Newark last March. She

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Christine Flaherty

## Archdiocese to launch 'Living Stones' campaign

By Al Frank  
Associate Publisher

Pastors have been meeting with archdiocesan officials to prepare for next year's kickoff of a \$90 million campaign, which will return to the parishes half the money they raise.

Meetings for the pastors were held in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties to outline "Living Stones," which takes its theme from Saint John Paul II's address during his 1995 visit to the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

"Parish health and vitality is central to the role of the campaign," Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda told

priests meeting at Saint Teresa of Avila Parish in Summit.

Archbishop Hebda, who is to succeed Archbishop John J. Myers, said the natural inclination of dioceses awaiting a new bishop is to delay major initiatives, like a capital campaign.

"In the 10 months I've been here I'm increasingly convinced that we don't have that luxury," he said, adding that economic constraints have "dramatically affected our ability to serve our people to do what we're supposed to do as Christians."

He said the pastoral and capital needs of parishes continue to grow, as they have delayed new ventures

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Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda addressed priests during a Sept. 15 meeting at Saint Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit.

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said Cheryl Riley, associate director of the Respect Life Office, and Executive Director Father Larry Fama were “the catalyst” for the move.

“Cheryl and Father Larry have done so much for us,” Flaherty explained. “Cheryl is like a force of nature; she is a fabulous resource.”

Twenty years ago, the organization had to decide what niche to fill in the pro-life movement. The team concluded that focusing on educating young people was of utmost importance. LIFENET created standard pro-life and chastity presentations, including the True Love Waits program. They train young speakers who visit local schools, youth groups, catechism classes and conferences.

On Oct. 18, LIFENET will present the skit “Planned Parenthood is Not Your Friend” during the Critical Life Issues Conference at the Saint John Newman Conference Center in Piscataway. The conference is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen and the Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office.

### “I FELT AS THOUGH GOD WAS CALLING ME.”

— CHRISTINE FLAHERTY

“The antidote (to the horrors of abortion) is living a chaste life and embracing the chastity message,” Flaherty said. “By having young presenters, just by their witness, young people see that living a chaste life is achievable. Over 80 percent of abortions are performed on unmarried women. We know that if we can change the culture in this way, we wouldn’t be swatting at mosquitos;

we would be draining the swamp.”

Much has changed in the culture over 20 years. Flaherty is “extremely concerned” by the Health and Human Services mandate that would allow the government to pay for abortions. Twenty years ago, RU-486, or the abortion pill, was under development; now its use is routine

a thumbs-up when we pray outside the abortion clinic. I’m not saying that were winning in a huge way, but the trajectory is heading in the right direction as far as people’s attitudes. It’s been really encouraging to actually see people changing.”

Flaherty credits the easily-accessible Internet as a powerful tool in changing the culture’s perspective on abortion.

“If someone is really seeking the truth about abortion, they can find it. There are excellent Web sites out there. Many children have been saved because they can see exactly what it is. When most people see abortion, they reject it because it is outside the range of normal human behavior. Sometimes people just don’t want to know.”

For more information about the LIFENET anniversary gala, visit [www.lifeneteducation.org/gala.html](http://www.lifeneteducation.org/gala.html).

## ‘Living Stones’ campaign

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and repair projects to meet other expenses.

Father Larry Evans, one of the pastors who served on a campaign study panel, said his parish of Saint Francis of Assisi in Ridgefield Park is an example of how financial liabilities have grown and how the campaign can help.

He said he turned to the archdiocese for help covering some \$500,000 in health care expenses and some \$250,000 of the parish’s assessment. “If they weren’t paying we’d be forced to close,” Fr. Evans said.

While a lease of one of its buildings to the borough will help the parish repay the debt and finally see black ink on its ledgers in five years, not all churches are as fortunate, he added.

“If so much as one parish is unstable we are all bearing the weight of that,” Fr. Evans said. “The capital

campaign is not about the hierarchy of Newark; it’s not about us individually; it’s about the People of God.”

In all, parishes and schools owe almost \$59 million to the archdiocese. Unpaid assessments and non-payment of health insurance premiums account for \$28.6 million of the total while unpaid liability insurance and employee pension programs and emergency loans for building repairs comprise the balance.

Meanwhile, the archdiocese estimates that parishes will need almost \$125 million over the next 10 years to maintain and repair 1,100 churches, schools and rectories, parish centers, ministry offices and other buildings.

Parishes can use campaign cash for those purposes and other pastoral needs they list in case statements each is to develop for the fund raising.

Moreover, they will share in the proceeds of a new \$8 million endowment for parish renewal. Parish-



Father Larry Evans II

es will be able to request funds from the endowment to spend on parish faith formation programs, including evangelization and training for pastors, catechists and lay leaders.

Another \$18 million is to comprise a new endowment for tuition assistance in archdiocesan Catholic schools; \$8 million is to be dedicated to increasing the endowment for seminarians and \$6 million is

earmarked for the growing medical expenses of retired priests.

“Even so, much of the other 50 percent is parish-focused,” Archbishop Hebda said.

Parishes will be assigned to groups with staggered times to start the campaign, beginning early next year. The second group is to follow by mid-2015 and the last in 2016. Parishes will be exempt from the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal during their kick-off years.

The campaign is coupled with additional archdiocesan efforts to ease financial pressures on the parishes.

One venture involves forgiving \$6 million in outstanding debt and the other involves scaling back new school assessments—which had not been raised for more than 30 years. Applications a parish or school can submit for debt forgiveness are being developed but the new assessment model has already been announced. It calls for a two-year, phase-in meaning the 2015 assessment will be reduced by half to \$2.9 million.

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# World Mission Sunday message 2014

By Father Michael M. Walters

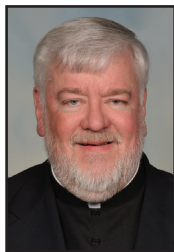
**W**hen we think of a cathedral, most of us picture a towering edifice of stone and stained glass, something like our own Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

On the wind-swept plains of Mongolia, a cathedral is not made of stone and glass at all, but leather and cloth, a traditional round tent called a Ger. Twenty years ago, there was no Catholic Church in Mongolia. After decades of Communist rule, a democratic government indicated openness to Catholic missionaries.

Supported by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, three missionary priests were sent into the country. There were no Catholics, no churches, and no parish communities. Poverty and its related ills, alcoholism and domestic abuse, afflicted many families. Government services were minimal at best. Yet the missionaries found a people who were searching for God and for holiness. With funding provided through the World Mission Sunday

collection, the missionaries have been able to make a difference. The world's youngest Catholic Church may still number less than a thousand souls in an area of over 600,000 square miles (the Archdiocese of Newark is 513 square miles) but the Gospel is being preached and lived and making a difference in the lives of people.

Countless stories like that of Mongolia can be told from the 1,100 missionary dioceses that are directly supported by your gifts to the World Mission Sunday collection. The theme for World Mission Sunday on Oct. 19 is, "I Will Build My Church." Building the Church is not simply a matter of telling somebody about Jesus and leaving him to fend for himself. Preaching the Gospel means getting involved with the people: helping them to find ways out of poverty; curing their ills; educating them; helping them build



homes and businesses to shelter and provide for their families. It is the essential combination of prayer and good works that makes a difference (cf. James 2:14-17).

Most of us cannot travel to distant lands to actually do the work that is needed to be done, but all of us can share in the work by sharing a part of the blessings that God has given to us with those in need. Missionaries work with the poorest of the poor throughout the world, people often beyond the reach of government or other charities. Would you be willing to sacrifice a little of your comfort in order to give someone else a taste of hope?

The people of the Archdiocese of Newark have generously opened their hearts to the needs of the missions for many years. Your brothers and sisters in mission lands pray that you will continue that generosity. As the world seems to be becoming a much more dangerous place, your gift on World Mission Sunday will help eliminate some of the root cause of that danger, the poverty and hopelessness which breeds despair and violence. Help the Lord build



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the Church and proclaim His message of love and peace. Please be generous on World Mission Sunday; share your blessings with God's poor ones. God love you!

*Very Rev. Michael M. Walters, JCL, VF, is the director of Pontifical Mission Societies for the Archdiocese of Newark.*

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# *Beatification of Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, S.C.*



Sisters of Charity fill the pews of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark on Oct. 4 for the two-hour celebration.



Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda venerates the relic of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich near her portrait, which was unveiled during the Mass.



Faithful venerate the reliquary containing locks of Blessed Miriam Teresa's reddish brown hair.



To the joyful strains of "Holy God We Praise Thy Name," acolytes begin the procession from the sanctuary at the end of the Mass.



Cardinal Angelo Amato embraces Archbishop John J. Myers at the start of the Mass. Cardinal Amato is prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican and read Pope Francis' declaration of Miriam Teresa's beatification.

Photos by Jerry McCrea





Four bishops who have served the Diocese of Fall River gathered for a photo prior to the Installation Mass. From left: retired Archbishop of Hartford, CT, Daniel A. Cronin, 1970-1991; retired Bishop George W. Coleman, 2003-2014; Bishop da Cunha; Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., 1992-2002.

Photos by Dave Jolivet, editor of *The Anchor*



Bishop da Cunha processes into the Cathedral of Saint Mary.



Cardinal Sean O'Malley embraces Bishop da Cunha after leading him to the *cathedra*, the cathedral seat and symbol of his apostolic authority.

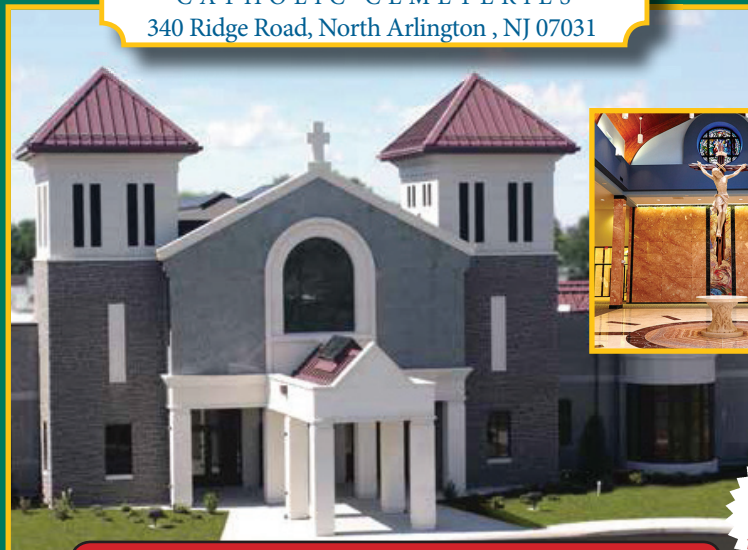


Bishop da Cunha listens to the applause of the capacity congregation after he sat in the *cathedra* for the first time as the eighth Bishop of Fall River.



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# Shrine of St. John Paul II celebrates first anniversary

By Father Miroslaw Krol

A year ago, on Sept. 29, Archbishop John J. Myers, in the presence of many clergy and the faithful from the whole archdiocese, declared Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish in Linden as the Archdiocesan Shrine of then Blessed John Paul II. During the solemn vespers the side shrine was blessed and the Archbishop signed the decree at the altar. A letter from Pope Francis was read. The Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary in the Vatican granted plenary indulgences for the faithful who visit the shrine, pray and venerate the relics of John Paul II.

A year later, on Oct. 22, faithful will celebrate the first patronal solemnity of Pope John Paul II who was canonized last May in Rome. I am very grateful to Archbishop Myers, for declaring this church of Saint Theresa as a special place of prayer and devotion to Saint John Paul the Great. This Pope was very much the "people's pope." He died on April 2, 2005, but this special bond



between him and the people he so faithfully served, is still very tight. We can witness this here in the many who come to pray at the shrine of his relics and ask his intercession.

Many people who come to our shrine still remember very well their personal encounters with the saintly pope, especially during his visit to Newark. When I speak with them they say that it was one of the most amazing moments in their lives. However, people who were never blessed with the opportunity to be personally in his presence also talk about their special love and connection with Saint John Paul II whose life and ministry was completely dedicated to God and Mary, and how much they were inspired by his words and his life.

Since the establishment of the archdiocesan shrine, I see how many more people come from all over the archdiocese, and even from

of Saint John Paul II.

There is one particular case in which the parents of five children received the news that they would have another child. However, the doctors told them that the unborn child would have Down syndrome and recommended an abortion. I will never forget the day when they came for the evening Mass, and with tears in their eyes, shared that news with me. "Father, we will



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Archbishop Myers venerated the relic of Saint John Paul II at the archdiocesan shrine Sept. 29, 2013.

never kill this child, we will love it no matter how sick it will be, but we will also pray here at this shrine to John Paul II to ask God for a miracle for us," they said.

Their whole family would come for the evening Mass and the novena to Saint John Paul II. They also prayed at home every night. They were praying and hoping. When the day came, we all witnessed the miracle: a completely healthy girl, Anielka, was born. What a joy it was! And the question in my mind arose right away: were the doctors mistaken in their diagnosis? Probably they were right, but God had the last word and we all knew what has happened; with God all things are possible.

Many other couples come here and pray for a miracle to be blessed with a child. Others come to look for strength to overcome their weaknesses and addictions; they ask to be reconciled with their families. I can testify that here, in this shrine in Linden, people who come and pray with faith, truly experience a special power of the Lord, a special presence of the spirit of the pope who, not only while here on earth, but even more now, helps us from the house of his and our Father.

The beautifully ornamented shrine, with the pope's portrait, encloses in its center the blood of John Paul II, snippets of his hair, the red mozetta he wore after his election on Oct. 16, 1978, his white zucchetto (skullcap), his pectoral cross and also the chasuble he wore at the Mass at Giants Stadium during his 1995 visit to the U.S. The chasuble was a gift of Archbishop Myers. The other relics were obtained thanks to the generosity of Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, former personal secretary of John Paul II.

On Oct 21, at 7 p.m., the vigil of the shrine's solemnity will begin with a Mass in Spanish. The main celebrant will be Bishop Manuel A. Cruz and the homilist Father Manuel Rios. After the Mass the faithful will have the opportunity to venerate the blood relic of the saint.

*Father Canon Miroslaw Krol is the pastor of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus in Linden and the first rector of the Archdiocesan Shrine of Saint John Paul II.*

**On Oct. 22, the Shrine of Saint John Paul II in Linden will have a rich, multicultural celebration in honor of the feast day. The schedule includes:**

- 8-9 a.m. .... Confession
- 9 a.m. .... Mass with the Anointing of the Sick (in Polish)
- 11:30 a.m.-noon..... Confession
- Noon..... The Angelus and Mass with the Anointing of the Sick (in English)
- 1 p.m. .... Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and adoration
- 3 p.m. .... Divine Mercy Chaplet (English/Polish/ Spanish)
- 5 p.m. .... Rosary (English/Polish/ Spanish)
- 6 p.m. .... Benediction
- 6-7 p.m. .... Confession
- 6:15 p.m. ... Poems of Karol Wojtyla (John Paul II) performed by Krzysztof Bigaj, an artist from Krakow, Poland
- 7 p.m. .... Mass celebrated by Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda (English/ Polish) After Mass, there will be a special blessing for expectant mothers and fathers and an opportunity to venerate the relic of Saint John Paul II.
- 8:30 p.m. ... Performance on the life of John Paul II by parish youth group
- 9 p.m. .... Salutation to Our Lady of Czestochowa (Polish)

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## Bergen County parishes launch Eucharistic adoration

By Al Frank  
Associate Publisher

**A** graphic artist from Norwood is spearheading an effort to organize a nightly Holy Hour in parishes in northeast Bergen County.

So far, James Santoro, a parishioner of Immaculate Conception, has enlisted three parishes to expose the Blessed Sacrament from 7 to 8 p.m. every Monday (Saint Mary, Closter), Tuesday (Immaculate Conception, Norwood) and Thursday (Our Lady of Victories, Harrington Park). Saint Anthony, Northvale, will do so on the first Wednesday of the month while continuing its weekly rosary recitations; the Friday slot is yet to be filled.

"It's a work in progress," Santoro said, adding that he hopes the movement will eventually spread across Bergen County and beyond.

Father Paul A. Cannariato, pastor of Saint Mary, said Santoro's efforts are paying off and a fifth parish will likely be added soon.

"There is great power when we

come together and pray," Fr. Cannariato said. "I believe in the power of Eucharistic adoration and I've seen the fruits of it in my own parish. When we give him that time to the Lord, he blesses that."

Santoro, who was born Catholic, said he was away from the church for 16 years until reconnecting about 18 months ago. Ivette, his

wife of 10 years, who was also baptized Catholic, soon joined him.

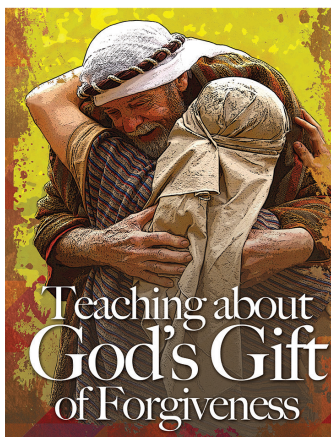
Their return was marked by his profession of faith, her celebration of Confirmation and Eucharist. They then celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Even so, Santoro said he did not appreciate the doctrine of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist

until 18 months ago. "When you really know he's there, how can you stay away?" he said.

From that came the idea of holding the Holy Hour in convenient nearby parishes. Although the location would change — so as not to become burdensome to a single parish — the 7-8 p.m. time slot would remain the same.

## Paramus Catholic to host Convocation



PARAMUS—The Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark will host its annual Catechist Convocation Nov. 8 at Paramus Catholic Regional High School, 425 Paramus Rd.

Titled "Teaching about God's Gift of Forgiveness," the convocation is designed to serve the needs of parish catechetical leaders; directors of religious educations; catechists; Catholic school teachers; Eucharistic Ministers; parish sacramental teams; social justice teams and adult spirituality teams; liturgists; adult faith formation teams and youth ministers.

Registration and hospitality on Nov. 8 begins at 8:15 a.m. The welcome, opening prayer and acknowledgment ceremony, held in the school's auditorium, are slated to start at 8:45 a.m. The closing prayer for the event is set for 3:30 p.m.

The convocation will feature English and Spanish language workshops. Attendees can choose from three workshops during the day.

Contact Elizabeth Foer, associate director of the archdiocesan Catechetical Office, by phone at (973) 497-4297 or e-mail foereliz@rcan.org.

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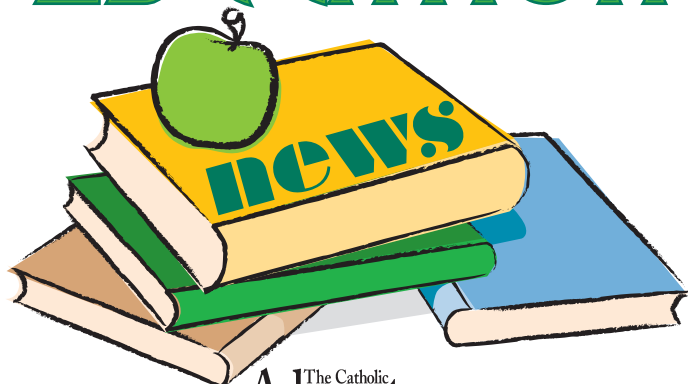
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# EDUCATION



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## Newly-appointed director of School Services strives to foster quality education

**K**aren Mirro-Drew began work as director of School Services for the Archdiocese of Newark this summer. An alumna of Saint Peter's School in Belleville, her duties will include bringing PowerSchool, an online grading program, to the next level. She explains her role in the archdiocesan Schools Office.



**Q:** Tell me a little about your background in Catholic education.

**A:** My career did not start in Catholic education, but in working at Montclair State College (when it was still called a college back in the 1980's) briefly before moving on to manage law firms in New Jersey. I transitioned to education when a dear friend was president of the board of trustees for a Newark-based charter school. She asked if I would be interested in managing the school's business office and I quickly found that channeling the sum of my efforts for the benefits of student education helped me to give back and make a difference in the lives of the students (and families) we served. As Director of Finance & Operations / Development I was able to help with items such as grant writing, fund-raising, budget, facilities and state compliance issues. It changed my focus. I returned to graduate school to earn my certification in School Business Administration which increased my desire to foster quality education.

**Q:** What are some of your responsibilities as Director of School Services?

**A:** As Director of School Services, I will have many diverse opportunities to serve and assist all the archdiocese's schools. A large portion of my position will be to insure that all schools have the tools they need to function at their highest capacity. Under the guidance of Dr. Margaret Dames, Superintendent of Schools, I will assist in initiating projects and programs that will assist schools in using technology, writing grants, identifying alumni, establishing E-Rate and implementing PowerSchool and SchoolReach throughout the diocese.

**Q:** Can you explain the online grading program PowerSchool?

**A:** It provides the full range of features needed by administrators at the district and in the schools in addition to portals for teachers, parents and students. PowerSchool is the fastest-growing, most widely used web-based student information system (database) that enables today's educators to make timely decisions that impact student performance while creating a collaborative environment for parents, teachers and students to work together.

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## Caldwell University celebrates anniversary with weekend-long festivities

**C**aldwell University celebrated its 75th anniversary with community and education leaders, alumni, friends, donors and the campus community at an academic convocation and Mass on Sept. 19, and Homecoming and Family Day on Sept. 20.

In her remarks at the convocation, President Nancy Blattner, Ph.D., paid tribute to foundress Mother Joseph Dunn, O.P., “who worked tirelessly... to implement her vision to provide young women of simple means with an opportunity for a Catholic college education.” For six more decades that leadership continued with the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell, who worked “to ensure that the legacy that Mother Dunn created” would continue and thrive, said Dr. Blattner. Caldwell owes special appreciation to the Sisters, “for it was from the fruits of their missionary labors and their love that Caldwell College was born and flourished,” she said.

“Now, as we celebrate our 75th anniversary, Caldwell University through our Catholic identity, our Dominican heritage and our liberal



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Nancy Blattner, Ph.D., left, president of Caldwell University, was given the key to the city by Caldwell Mayor Ann Dassing.

arts foundation pledges to continue the legacy of the Sisters of Saint Dominic in the years and decades to come,” said Dr. Blattner.

President Blattner presented Sister Arlene Antczak, O.P., prioress of the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell with an oil painting of Saint Dominic. Sr. Arlene called Caldwell University “a sacred place ... a trib-

ute to the Dominican Order and also to the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell.” Caldwell University, she said, has a “powerful past, purposeful present and promising future.”

Among the other attendees was Rochelle Hendricks, state secretary of higher education, who said she was delighted to share in the “truly momentous and moving occasion.”

“This is a place where values matter and preparation for leadership and service to the community, the nation and world is as important as career preparation,” said Hendricks.

Nancy Costello-Miller, who chairs the Board of Trustees, said she “could not be more proud to be an alumna.” The core values of respect, integrity, excellence and community were present when she was a student and guide the institution today, she said.

The keynote remarks were given by Father Paul Murray, O.P., an Irish Dominican and poet who is professor of spiritual theology at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, the Angelicum, Rome. Pointing out that Caldwell’s motto contains the words scientia (knowledge) and sapientia (wisdom), he said, “All the information in the world will never add up to that illumined knowledge, both simple and profound, which we call wisdom.”

He spoke of the “adventure of education” that was encouraged by the 12th-century author and Irish mystic and theologian Richard of

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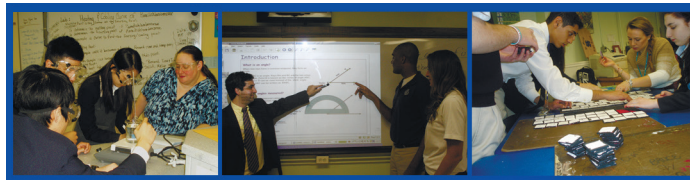
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On Sept. 11, Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township, honored members of the sophomore, junior and senior classes for their academic achievements at this year's Honors Convocation. After being welcomed by Kelly Tweed, assistant principal of enrollment, senior Margaret Rosenblatt led the opening prayer. National Honor Society president, Kelly Saldarriaga then gave the opening address. Stephanie Abdallah Brodeur, assistant principal of academics and technology, presented certificates and Jason Schlereth, vice principal, presented awards. Patricia Molloy, principal, made closing remarks in the school's newly remodeled cafeteria. Pictured left to right are seniors Elizabeth Miller, Lindsey Carpenter and Lauren Bruno.

## College of Saint Elizabeth to host pediatric nutrition event

**MORRISTOWN**—A pediatric nutrition conference will be hosted by the College of Saint Elizabeth on November 7 and 8 in the Octagon at Mahoney Library. The two-day conference will examine the role of nutrition in pediatric clinical practices. Lead practitioners in the field will focus on the skills needed to enhance nutrition assessment, identify factors affecting physical growth and development, and discuss the guidelines for the nutrition needs of patients with specific diagnosis such as cystic fibrosis or oncology.

Four of the presenters are alumni of the Foods and Nutrition Program at the College, including: Bethany Squillante, M.S., R.D., L.D.N., clinical dietician II, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Robin Gayle, M.B.A., R.D., L.D.N., C.D.E., program coordinator in diabetes education at Saint Luke's University Health Network in Pennsylvania; Aimee Goyette, R.D., Respiratory Center for Children in the Goryeb Children's Hospital in Morristown; and Jenifer Stein, M.S., RD, bariatric navigator, New Jersey Bariatric and Metabolic Institute of the Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

For more information call (973) 290-4117 or visit [www.cse.edu/pnc2014](http://www.cse.edu/pnc2014).

## Felician launches 'Older is Better' program

LODI-Felician College recently announced the fall schedule of activities for "Older is Better." The open-membership program for men and women 55 and older is designed to foster and support lifelong learning. Participants have the opportunity to learn more about a broad range of topics, including history, music, literature, art and theology, all designed to encourage discussion and nourish the spirit.

The program meets Friday afternoons on Felician College's Lodi campus, 262 South Main St., in the Lecture Hall in Obal Hall. Members and their guests may first celebrate Mass at 11:30 a.m. before they attend the informational session at 1 p.m. After the lecture, participants gather for coffee and discussion in the Goya Dining Hall. There is a \$3 fee to attend each program, or participants have the option of paying annual membership dues. New participants are welcome.

For the fall schedule and information, contact Mary Mallia at (201)559-6072.

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On Sept. 11, students from Saint Genevieve School in Elizabeth participated in a prayer service to mark the 13th anniversary of the terror attacks. The student council, moderated by Gina DiCosola, led the prayers. Principal Mary Gibbons and Pastor Father George Gillen addressed the students, faculty and staff about the importance of patriotism, service and gratitude to our first responders and armed forces. The Saint Genevieve children's choir performed renditions of "Amazing Grace" and "God Bless America." The City of Elizabeth Fire Department and Police Department Color Guard was in attendance, complete with a 21-gun salute and a trumpeter who performed "Taps." Each person held an American flag throughout the service. Each flag was later affixed to the fence surrounding the school and church as a reminder of the many prayers for peace offered at the commemoration.

## Oratory receives sports award



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SUMMIT—Oratory Preparatory School, is the recipient of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Safe Sports School award for its sports medicine program. The award recognizes secondary schools that provide safe environments for student athletes and reinforces the importance of providing the best level of care, injury prevention and treatment.

"Oratory Prep is honored to receive this 1st Team recognition from NATA, and we remain committed to keeping our student athletes safe during physical education classes, team practices and games so they can accomplish their own goals of great competition, winning records, fair sportsmanship and good health. Our goal is to lead our athletics program to the highest safety standards for our players," Bob Costello, Head of School, said.

"There has been an increase in competitive sports, which are, unfortunately, not without risk," NATA President Jim Thornton said. Proper planning with proper equipment and personnel is vital to the safety of student athletes today, he notes.

In order to achieve Safe Sport School status, athletic programs must pass an extensive checklist including: create a positive athletic health care administrative system; provide or coordinate pre-participation physical examinations; and promote safe and appropriate practice and competition facilities.

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# Union Catholic students celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival

SCOTCH PLAINS—Union Catholic High School has a diverse enrollment, including a number of international students who hail from countries such as China, Brazil, South Korea, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Italy and Ukraine. Director of School Counseling Jennifer Dixon is helping to ensure that the international students feel included in the school's community.

"We want them to feel welcome," said Director of School Counseling Jennifer Dixon. "We also want our American students to understand and appreciate other cultures."

To better integrate and service Union Catholic's international students, Principal Sister Percylee Hart, R.S.M., hired English as a Second Language teacher Ya Wen this academic year. Wen works part-time at the school and teaches English to all international students one to three times per week.

To celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival, one of the most important festivals in China, Wen shared the traditional festival food, "moon



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Teacher Ya Wen, standing, with her Tuesday ESL class, which enjoyed moon cakes, the traditional festival food for the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival during the second week of September.

cakes," with her students in class. The Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as Moon Festival, celebrates three fundamental concepts: gathering (such as family and friends coming together, or

harvesting), giving thanks (for the harvest or for harmonious unions), and prayer (asking for a spouse, longevity, etc.).

Union Catholic also hosted an orientation for international and

transfer students before the regular orientation days to acclimate students before the start of school. Students received laptops, engaged in laptop training, toured the school and ate pizza.



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## Archbishop Hebda kicks off school year at Oak Knoll

SUMMIT—The Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child community welcomed Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda, at a Mass of the Holy Spirit on Sept. 16. The archbishop was the celebrant and homilist at the school's annual Mass in the Mother Mary Campion Center for Performing Arts.

The traditional Mass signals the official start of the new school year, which the archbishop called a "blessing," and encouraged the students to embrace each and every day, with strong hearts and open minds.

"Oak Knoll is teaching you how to listen to God's word to see where he is leading you, helping you to be inspired by the Holy Spirit," the archbishop said. "The Holy Spirit is given to us so we can do great things."

He commended the parents and families for sending their children to Oak Knoll, where they can not only learn in school, in sports, arts, and in social activities, but to learn how to listen to God.

"I know that God has a plan for each of you," he said. "Thank you for your willingness to pray with me today that God blesses us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

Head of School Timothy J. Saburn said the school was honored to have Archbishop Hebda leading the Oak Knoll community in prayer at its annual Mass, which is attended by all students, faculty and staff.

Saburn called the Mass a unique, special event for everyone, noting it had been more than 20 years since an archbishop had been to the Summit campus.

"What a wonderful experience for our students and entire community," Saburn said. "Getting the chance to hear Archbishop Hebda speak, and even meet him personally after Mass, was an exciting opportunity for all of our students. We hope to continue and build on that excitement as we continue further into the new year."

Following Mass, the archbishop visited students in classrooms in both the Lower and Upper schools,



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and toured the 11-acre campus with two members of the senior class. Archbishop Hebda inquired about the students' daily life at the school, how they spent their summers and their plans post-graduation.

"Meeting the archbishop was really a moving and exciting experience," said senior Natasha Pontoriero, who helped guide Archbishop Hebda around campus. "His friendly and approachable demeanor was something I admired about him."

When he saw the Lower School kids lining up after recess, he was so eager to meet them. I am honored that I had the opportunity to give Archbishop Hebda a tour of Oak Knoll. Meeting the archbishop was truly a memorable experience."

Kathleen Lynch, chair of Oak Knoll's theology department and director of campus ministry, arranged the archbishop's visit, and said it was a great opportunity for the entire school community to meet him.

"It was also a wonderful opportunity for Archbishop Hebda to participate with our entire school community gathered for the Mass of the Holy Spirit," she said. "This gave him a chance to see us as a worshipping community and to also meet individual students, faculty and staff after Mass. His warmth and humor was evident to all. This was a great day for Oak Knoll and a great experience of the Church for all of us."

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## Saint Dominic Academy to hold annual Leadership Awards Gala

JERSEY CITY— On Thursday, Nov. 20, Saint Dominic Academy will host its 16th annual Leadership Awards Gala to benefit the academy's scholarship fund. The event will be held at Nanina's in the Park, Belleville, at 6 p.m. Live and silent auctions will be held throughout the evening that will also include a "Fund a Scholar" segment. Proceeds from the gala benefit the scholarship fund for young women.

The Saint Dominic Academy Class of 2014 was awarded over \$9.9 million in college academic scholarships and 100 percent of the graduates have gone on to attend college.

This year's three Dominican Pillar Award honorees demonstrated commitment to their professions, their respective communities and to the education of young women.

Sister Patricia M. Hogan, O.P., is a 1959 graduate of Saint Dominic Academy. She has been a Dominican Sister of Caldwell for 54 years and is currently in her 35th year as principal at Our Lady Help of Christians School in East Orange. Sr. Patricia attended Villanova University

and has a master's degree in administration/supervision. She began her teaching career at Saint Aedan School in Jersey City and went on to teach at Saint Ann School, Newark, where she later became principal. She hopes that Our Lady Help of Christians School "remains primarily a deeply religious school based on the teachings of Jesus, as well as a school with great values, academic achievement, and respect for all cultures and creeds."

Susan Mulvaney Odenthal, Class of 1973, is another Dominican Pillar Award honoree. She holds a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in communication from Seton Hall University, where she also attended the Paul Stillman Graduate School of Business. Mulvaney Odenthal has spent two decades with Johnson & Johnson in diverse communications



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This year's third honoree, Julia M. DiGioia, M.D., F.A.C.S., was born and raised in Jersey City and is a 1969 graduate of the Academy of Saint Aloysius. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Saint Peter's University and master's degree with honors from the University of Rome Medical School. In 1990, after completing many years of gen-

eral surgery and trauma surgery, Dr. DiGioia dedicated her practice to the diagnosis and surgical treatment of breast cancer. She and her husband and partner, Dr. Stephen C. Hall, a plastic and reconstructive surgeon, share a unique oncoplastic surgical approach to patients requiring breast surgery and reconstruction.


Dr. DiGioia received the American Cancer Society's Medical Honoree Award in 1998 and the Luster for Life Award as Survivor of the Year in 2010. She is a Fellow of The American College of Surgeons, the American Society of Breast Surgeons and the Metropolitan Breast Tumor Group. Among her many staff positions and accomplishments, on Dec. 17, 2011, she was named as one of the nation's top 32 physicians by The New York Times. The motto for the Hall-DiGioia Surgical Associates had always been "Hope Starts Here." Since Dr. DiGioia's diagnosis and recovery from breast cancer, it is now "Hope Starts, Lives and Works Here."


For more information about the gala, contact Kate Lillis Magnus at [klillis@stdominicacad.com](mailto:klillis@stdominicacad.com).

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# Benedictine Academy observes centennial

ELIZABETH—Benedictine Academy, an all-female Catholic college preparatory high school, successfully kicked off its centennial celebration with three special events designed to encourage students, parents, alumnae and the community to participate in honoring the academy's important milestone.

On Sept. 15, the school hosted the 9th Annual Golf Outing at the Maplewood Country Club. This year's centennial golf event honored alumnae of the 1960's. Special recognition was given to Linda Cuccurrolle Farrell '69, Ginny Murphy '65, Peg Harrington MacNeill '62, and Mary Ann O'Brien DeSantis '60. All are dedicated supporters of the academy and of the yearly golf event. Proceeds from the event will benefit the school and assist in its mission.

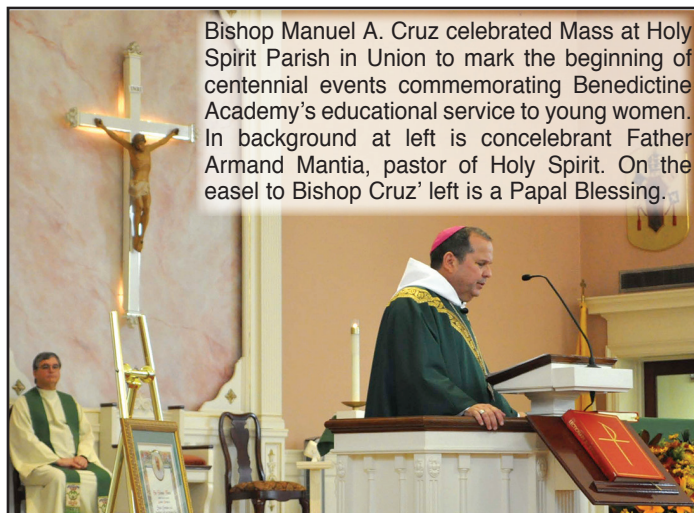
An opening Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by Newark auxiliary Bishop Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, at Holy Spirit Parish in Union on Sept. 21. Students, parents, teachers, graduates, friends and the religious community joined to celebrate 100 years of the academy. A highlight of the Mass was

a performance of *Ave Maria* by Benedictine Academy President Sister Germaine Fritz, O.S.B.

"We are thrilled that we can celebrate 100 years of serving the community and helping young women advance in so many ways, and at the same time observe this momentous occasion in our history," Sr. Germaine, class of 1954, said. "Our mission is to provide college-preparatory education to young women of various ethnic, socio-economic and religious backgrounds."

A reception in the Holy Spirit parish hall followed with slide shows photos of the past century. Uniforms and gym attire worn through the years were also on display.

Father James Martin, S.J., author and "America" editor-at-large, presented a centennial lecture, "Jesus: A Pilgrimage," at Kean University in Union on Sept. 24. A frequent guest on National Public Radio and national talk shows, Fr. Martin walked the audience through a lively interpretation of the life of Jesus. He answered questions many in the audience had regarding the relation-



Bishop Manuel A. Cruz celebrated Mass at Holy Spirit Parish in Union to mark the beginning of centennial events commemorating Benedictine Academy's educational service to young women. In background at left is concelebrant Father Armand Mantia, pastor of Holy Spirit. On the easel to Bishop Cruz' left is a Papal Blessing.

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ship of Jesus and Mary Magdalene, the role of women in the Church, the gospels and more.

The Benedictine Academy centennial special events will continue in 2015 with a Night of Artistic Expression to be held at the school on Feb. 20. On March 8 the Centennial Speaker Series will feature Sister Simone Campbell, S.S.S., executive

director of NETWORK and the force behind the Nuns on the Bus tours.

Additional centennial celebration activities are planned for 2015 with a Grand Finale Gala Dinner and Auction to be held in April.

Information and tickets for all events are available at [www.benedictineacad.org](http://www.benedictineacad.org) or by calling (908) 352-0670 ext. 106.

Whether it's cradling a lacrosse stick or juggling a soccer ball, senior Emma knows how to maintain control! She has been recognized with All-League honors twice for lacrosse and helped the team to win a division championship in 2013. This year she gets the chance to demonstrate her leadership skills as captain of the soccer team. Emma manages a diverse schedule, participating in clubs like SADD and Friends Against Bullying. Through these clubs, she works with her peers to promote healthy life choices and to create and maintain an atmosphere of tolerance within the school community. A dedicated student as well, Emma manages a full course load that includes three AP classes and a growing passion for Art History. Be an Angel and take control of *your* future!

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**Q:** Are there any new programs/initiatives that will be unveiled this academic year?

**A:** Yes, there have been many items discussed that will help the School's Office plan for the future. One such program that we look forward to developing this year is called the Catholic Alumni Program. This program will engage elementary schools in retrieving alumni records, working with social media, and creating newsletters to organize annual alumni fund raising events.

**The Parish Family of the Church of St. Michael, Cranford, extends prayerful congratulations to Father William P. Sheridan on the occasion of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of his ordination.**

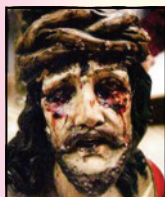


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## Caldwell University

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Saint Victor who said, "Learn everything. Afterwards you will discover that nothing has been wasted. A narrow science is no fun."

"The best student in the class is not necessarily the one who gets the highest marks," said Fr. Murray. "The best student is the one who is the most alive and the most aware of all that is happening around her or around him, the student most open to knowledge and wisdom in all its forms."

Sister Elizabeth Michael Boyle, O.P., read the poem "Anniversary Perspectives," which she had written for the 75th.

Students Kaitlyn Kazalunas, Sean Puzzo, Shyam Sharma and Romas Tamrakar were thrilled to witness the historic celebration. "Powerful, phenomenal campus spirit," said Tamrakar, who pointed out that students were wearing T-shirts that said "75 years strong." "It was an awesome thing to be a part of," said Puzzo. It gave me "goose bumps," said Sharma. "Warm, emotional; I can't wait to

come back in 25 years," Kazalunas said.

The university was presented a New Jersey Assembly resolution from Speaker Vincent Prieto and Assemblyman Thomas Giblin and other members for the anniversary. Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen sent a letter of congratulations with a flag that was flown over the Capitol at his request in honor of the 75th anniversary.

On Sept. 20, Dr. Blattner was given the key to the city by Caldwell Mayor Ann Dassing, an alumna of Caldwell.

Other weekend activities included the President's State of the University Address, alumni awards, a carnival and barbecue, faculty lectures, the Golden Anniversary Tea, a Veritas lecture featuring the Sisters of Saint Dominic, a faculty favorites concert, a bonfire, and a Mass celebrated by Newark auxiliary Bishop John W. Flesey, S.T.D. Mass was concelebrated by Father Bob Stagg, who served as Caldwell's chaplain for many years and the university's chaplain, Father Al Berner.

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Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda presided over the dedication of the Genesis Chapel Mausoleum and altar at Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum in North Arlington on Sept 13. Archbishop Hebda sprinkled the mausoleum and those present with holy water (center top photo). The altar was anointed with Sacred Chrism (left photo) and solemnly venerated during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.



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## October 16

**St. Mary Parish**, Rutherford, bereavement support group, continues on Thursday evenings through Nov. 20, 7:30-9 p.m., (201) 438-2200.

## October 17

**Archdiocesan Retreat Center**, Kearny, Gennesaret weekend retreat, for those with life-changing illnesses, though Oct. 19, call Hilare Reinold at (732) 566-7237 or e-mail [momr9@optonline.net](mailto:momr9@optonline.net).

**St. Michael Medical Center**, Newark, Connie Dwyer Breast Center "Harvest of Hope," at the Park Savoy Estate, Florham Park, 6:30 p.m. - midnight, includes cocktail reception, dinner, awards presentation, auctions and raffle, call Janet Lesko at (973) 877-2624 or [jlesko@smmcnj.org](mailto:jlesko@smmcnj.org).

## October 18

**The Community of God's Love**, Rutherford, Life in the Spirt Seminar, a faith enrichment program, also held on Oct. 25,

noon-4 p.m., (201) 935-0344 or e-mail [secretary@thecgl.org](mailto:secretary@thecgl.org).

**Respect Life Offices of the Diocese of Metuchen and Archdiocese of Newark**, Critical Life Issues Conference, St. John Neumann Conference Center, Piscataway, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., cost: \$25 per person, visit <http://diometuchen.org/critical-life> or call (732) 562-1990 ext. 1629 or 1543.

**Franciscan Friars of the Renewal**, Most Blessed Sacrament Friary, Newark, Men's Day 2014 "Become Who You Are," registration at 8 a.m., lecture and music at 9 a.m., featuring Damon Owens, director of the Theology of the Body Institute, (973) 622-6622.

**Catechetical Office**, Archdiocese of Newark, Spotlight on the Catechism Series, "Celebrating God's Presence" presented by Rev. Msgr. Paul L. Bochicchio, at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., cost: \$40, call Dr. Eugene Tozzi at (973) 497-4288 or e-mail [tozziueg@rcan.org](mailto:tozziueg@rcan.org).

## October 19

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish**, Ridgewood, career ministry job workshop, 1 p.m., call Carol Shea at (201) 447-4215 or Tom Lewis at (201) 445-1864.

**Franciscan Friars of the Renewal**, Most Blessed Sacrament Friary, Newark, open house, 3-5 p.m., Holy Hour from 2-3 p.m., (973) 622-6622.

**Immaculate Heart Academy**, Washington Township, open house, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., (201) 445-6800 or visit [www.ihanj.com](http://www.ihanj.com).

## October 21

**The Community of God's Love**, Rutherford, "Dominican Spirituality" presented by Sister Maureen Murphy, O.P., 7:30 p.m., also held on Oct. 28, (201) 935-0344 or e-mail [secretary@thecgl.org](mailto:secretary@thecgl.org).

## October 23

**Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry**, Archdiocese of Newark, "A night with Archbishop

Hebda" town hall-style gathering, at St. Theresa School, Kenilworth, doors open at 7 p.m., call Rich Donovan at (201) 998-0088 ext. 4150 or e-mail [donovari@rcan.org](mailto:donovari@rcan.org).

**Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth**, Convent Station, Harvest Festival Gala dinner at The Madison Hotel, Morristown, honoring Mary Mazarrella DeMayo, M.D. and Tim McLoone, dinner ticket: \$200, (973) 290-5454.

## October 25

**Concerned Persons for Adoption**, Whippany, 33rd annual "Let's Talk Adoption" conference, at Rutgers University, Busch Campus Center, Piscataway, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., call (908) 273-5694 or visit [www.cpfan.org](http://www.cpfan.org).

**St. John the Evangelist Parish**, Bergenfield, tricky tray and pasta dinner, doors open at 5 p.m., calling starts at 7 p.m., cost: \$15 for adults/ \$10 for ages 10 and under, call Diana at (201) 446-0355 (after 6 p.m.) or e-mail [ssjsbnj@gmail.com](mailto:ssjsbnj@gmail.com).

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## October 27

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,** West Orange, St. John Paul II Essex County pro-life meeting, 7 p.m., call Cheryl Riley at (973) 497-4350 or e-mail [rileych@rcan.org](mailto:rileych@rcan.org).

## October 28

**St. Mary High School,** Rutherford, open house, 7 p.m., call John Taormina at (201) 933-5220 ext. 220 or e-mail [jtaormina@stmaryhs.org](mailto:jtaormina@stmaryhs.org).

## November 1

**Catechetical Office,** Archdiocese of Newark, Spotlight on the Catechism Series, "God's Thirst" presented by Father Terrence J. Moran, C.Ss.R., at St. Joseph, Maplewood, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., cost: \$40, call Dr. Eugene Tozzi at (973) 497-4288 or e-mail [tozzieug@rcan.org](mailto:tozzieug@rcan.org).

## November 2

**Sisters of Mercy of the Americas,** Wachung, Mass of Remembrance, at the Chapel

of the Immaculate Conception, Mount Saint Mary Academy, 2:30 p.m., call Sister Marlene Fritz, R.S.M., at (908) 756-0994 ext. 4007 or e-mail [mfritz@mercymidatlantic.org](mailto:mfritz@mercymidatlantic.org).

## November 5

**Holy Spirit Parish,** Union, Holy Hour for Life, 7:30-8:30 p.m., call Jim at (908) 451-0876 or e-mail [jsondey@comcast.net](mailto:jsondey@comcast.net).

## November 12

**Metropolitan Tribunal,** Archdiocese of Newark, annulment information evening, at St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Saddle River, 7:30 p.m., (973) 497-4145.

## November 15

**Knights of Columbus Council 13678,** Wyckoff, 10th annual Wine Tasting Benefit, at the Brick House Restaurant, 7 p.m., cost: \$65 in advance/ \$70 at the door, call Len Giuliano at (201) 819-2718 or e-mail [len.guiliano@gmail.com](mailto:len.guiliano@gmail.com).

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## Official Appointments

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



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**Most Reverend Thomas A. Donato**, Regional Bishop of Hudson County and Pastor of St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, has also been reappointed a Consultor of the Archdiocese of Newark for a term of five years, effective July 1.

**Most Reverend John W. Flesey**, Regional Bishop of Bergen County and Pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes, has also been reappointed a Consultor of the Archdiocese of Newark for a term of five years, effective July 1.

**Reverend Monsignor Michael A. Andreano**, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Newark has also been appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Newark, effective Sept. 3. He has also been appointed a Consultor of the Archdiocese of Newark for a term of five years, effective Sept. 5.

**Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Nydegger**, Former Pastor of St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, and Executive Director of the Office of Clergy Personnel has been appointed Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Newark, effective Sept. 3. He has also been appointed a Consultor of the Archdiocese of Newark as well as to the Finance Council of the Archdiocese of Newark, both for a term of five years, effective Sept. 5.

**Reverend Monsignor Ronald J. Rozniak**, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, and Vicar General has also been reappointed to the Finance Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a term of five years, effective Sept. 1.

**Reverend Monsignor Robert F. Coleman, J.C.D., Minister for Priests** at Seton Hall University, South Orange, has also been appointed to the Presbyteral Council, effective immediately and ending Aug. 31, 2016.

**Reverend Justino Cornejo**, Formator at Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Kearny, has also been appointed a Consultor of the Archdiocese of Newark for a term of five years, effective Sept. 5.

**Reverend Joseph A. Ferraro**, Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Nutley has also been reappointed a Consultor of the Archdiocese of Newark for a term of five years, effective Aug. 1.

### PASTOR

**Reverend George Faour**, Pastor of St. John Parish, Orange has been reappointed to a third six-year, ending July 1, 2021.

**Reverend Gerald T. Hahn**, Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Northvale, has been reappointed for a third six-year term, ending Jan. 31, 2021.

**Reverend Charles Pinyan**, Pastor of Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale, has been reappointed for a third six-year term, ending Jan. 31, 2022.

**Reverend Juancho G. De Leon**, Pastor of St. Valentine Parish, Bloomfield, has been appointed Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, effective Oct. 8.

**Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Fuhrman**, Associate Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, has been appointed Pastor of St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, effective Oct. 8.

**Reverend Peter G. Wehrle**, Administrator of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, Bayonne, has been appointed Pastor. He will also continue as Administrator of St. Andrew Parish, Bayonne, effective Oct. 8.

### ADMINISTRATOR

**Reverend Monsignor Robert S. Meyer**, Pastor of St. Peter & Paul Parish, Hoboken, has also been appointed Administrator of the Parish of St. Lawrence, Weehawken, effective Sept. 15.

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

**Reverend Paul G. Keenan, O.F.M.**, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Assumption of Our Blessed Lady Parish, Wood Ridge, effective July 1.

**Reverend Marcin Kuperski** has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington, effective Sept. 23.

**Reverend Alexander Orozco**, Parochial Vicar of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Nativity Parish, Midland Park, effective Oct. 1.

**Reverend Vincent Paczkowski, S.D.B.**, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Orange, effective Aug. 22.

**Reverend Jose Felix Troncoso, O.A.R.**, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Holy Family Parish, Union City, effective Sept. 1.

**Reverend Allen H. Weber, O.F.M.**, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Assumption of Our Blessed Lady Parish, Wood Ridge, effective July 1, 2014.

### DEAN

**Reverend Frederick A. Pfeifer**, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, East Orange, has also been appointed Dean of the Essex Central Deanery, Deanery #17 for a five-year term, ending Oct. 3, 2019.

**Reverend Robert G. Laferrera**, Pastor of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland, has also been appointed Dean of the Essex West Deanery, Deanery #15 for a five-year term, ending Sept. 29, 2019.

### CHAPLAIN

**Reverend John D. Gabriel**, Pastor of St. James Parish, Springfield, has also been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Msgr. Francis X. Coyle Council, No 5560, Springfield, effective immediately.

**Reverend Joseph A. Mancini**, Pastor of St. Stephen Parish, Kearny, has also been appointed Chaplain of the Kearny Fire Department, effective immediately.

**Reverend David Santos**, Parochial Vicar of St. Bartholomew Parish, Scotch Plains, has also been appointed Chaplain of the Scotch Plains Fire Department, effective immediately.

**Reverend Peter G. Wehrle**, Administrator of St. Mary, Star of the Sea and St. Andrew Parishes, Bayonne has also been appointed Chaplain of the Hudson County Serra Club, effective immediately.

### RESIDENCE

**Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. McDade**, in residence at Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory, Mountainside, and on staff at the College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown, has been appointed to residence at St. Luke Rectory, Ho Ho Kus while continuing his ministry at the college. This appointment is effective Nov. 1.

### RETIREMENT

**Reverend James P. Whelan**, Pastor of St. Lawrence Parish, Weehawken, has been granted retirement, effective Sept. 15.

## Father Benedict Joseph Groeschel, C.F.R.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 11 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, for Father Benedict Joseph (Robert Peter) Groeschel, C.F.R., 81. A famed author, speaker, psychologist, and spiritual director, Fr. Groeschel died at Saint Joseph's Home for the elderly in Totowa on Oct. 3.

The eldest of six children, Fr. Groeschel was born in Jersey City and attended Catholic schools in both Jersey City and Caldwell. Ten days after his 1951 graduation from Immaculate Conception High School in Montclair, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars of the Province of Saint Joseph in Huntington, IN. He pronounced his first vows as a Capuchin in 1952 and his final vows in 1954. In 1959 he completed his theological studies at the Capuchin Franciscan Seminary of Mary Immaculate in Garrison, NY, and was ordained to the priesthood.

Fr. Groeschel's first priestly assignment was chaplain at Children's

Village in Dobbs Ferry, NY, a residential facility for troubled children. He stayed at Children's Village for 14 years, and that experience prompting him to begin graduate study in psychology. After earning a master's degree from Iona College in 1964 and a doctorate from Teacher's College, Columbia University in 1970, he began lifelong work as a counselor. He taught pastoral psychology for nearly four decades at Saint Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY.

Fr. Groeschel founded Saint Francis House in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn in 1967 to serve the needs of older adolescents. In 1973, he became the founding director of Trinity Retreat in Larchmont, NY, a retreat house primarily for Catholic clergy and religious. During his 40 years there, he became known throughout the Catholic world for the depth of the spiritual and psychological direction he offered. Throughout his life, he published forty-six books, most of which remain in print.

For years, Fr. Groeschel traveled



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the globe. He became for a voice of orthodoxy, as well as of common sense. He took to the airways 30 years ago, appearing on *EWTN* television network and hosted the Sunday Night Live show.

Along with Chris Bell, he founded Good Counsel Homes in 1985, to give young pregnant women a safe and supportive place to live.

In 1987, striving to live more faithfully the Franciscan life, Fr. Groeschel left his religious order with seven other friars to form a new religious community, of which

he became the first Servant (Superior). The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, based in the south Bronx and dedicated to the service to the poor, have grown from eight to 115 members, and in the same year a similar community for women, the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal was formed, which currently has 35 members.

Most Blessed Sacrament Friary, Newark, is home to Franciscan Friars of the Renewal novices (with an average of 12 novices each year) and a number of professed friars.

## Father Mark A. O'Connell

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 28 at Saint Peter Parish, Belleville, for Father Mark A. O'Connell, who died Aug. 22.



A native of Jersey City, he attended Saint Nicholas School and Saint Michael's High School in his hometown.

A member of the Class of 1965 of Seton Hall University, he received a degree in classical languages. Following graduation, he joined the Dun & Bradstreet Company, where he enjoyed a successful business career.

While working at Dun & Bradstreet, he earned a law degree from New York Law School in 1973. He was admitted to the New Jersey Bar and served as law secretary to Judge Edward F. Hamill of the New Jersey Superior Court.

He answered the call to the priesthood and graduated from Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, with a master of arts in theology in 1979. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 26, 1979.

Fr. O'Connell was a parochial vicar at Saint Peter the Apostle

Parish in River Edge, where he was active in youth ministry, spiritual retreats and vocation efforts. In 1990, he was appointed to Saint Peter Parish, Belleville, where he became fluent in Spanish to minister more effectively to the large number of Hispanic parishioners.

## Sister Marjorie Crean, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 17 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Marjorie Crean, S.C., 92, who died Sept. 14.



Sr. Marjorie entered the Sisters of Charity on March 25, 1941, and was a member for 73 years. She graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and from Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, with master's degree in education and administration.

Sr. Marjorie taught at Saint Mary School, Jersey City; Saint Mary Elementary School, Dumont; and Saint Paul School, Clifton. She also ministered throughout Connecticut and served Saint Raphael Hospital, New Haven.

She moved to Saint Anne Villa in 2006 where she resided until her death.

## Father Stephen J. Duffe

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 29 at Our Lady of Counsel Parish, Washington Township, for Father Stephen J. Duffe, 71, who died Sept. 25.



Born in Newark, Fr. Duffe attended the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and worked as an investment manager for the Prudential Insurance Company before studying at Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange. He also served as a military policeman in the U.S. Army.

Prior to his priestly ordination, he was assigned to Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Hillside; Saint Theresa Parish, Kenilworth; and Ascension Parish, New Milford.

He was ordained to the priesthood on May 26, 1996. He was assigned to Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish as parochial vicar and served there until his death.

## Sister Mary Garozzo, M.P.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 3 at Villa Walsh, Morristown, for Sister Mary Garozzo, M.P.F., 89, who died Sept. 30.



Sr. Mary entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1945, received her habit a year later and made her religious profession in 1949. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Seton Hall University, South Orange.

She taught in elementary schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark including Most Holy Rosary School, Jersey City (1946-1948), and Our Lady of Mount Virgin School, Garfield (1955-1964). She also ministered in the Diocese of Trenton and New York.

Assigned to Villa Walsh from 1964-1974 and 1990-2009, Sr. Mary assisted in the finance office, directed the Villa Gift Shop and held many other administrative duties for 29 years. Due to illness, she entered the infirmary at Saint Joseph Hall where she resided until her death.





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