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Football stars warm hearts during brutal winter

By Al Frank
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JERSEY CITY — Sacred Heart School provided the Denver Broncos one bright moment in an otherwise disappointing week, as team members with New Jersey ties distributed 260 winter coats to needy kids as part of a Knights of Columbus program.

Bronco defensive end Robert Ayers, who attended Sacred Heart in the 1990s, participated in the giveaway to needy kids with other teammates, including running back Knowshon Moreno, of Middletown and safety Mike Adams of Paterson.

"It definitely puts a smile on my face and it touches my heart to be able to do this," said Ayers, 28, who attended the school until eighth grade, but said the discipline it instilled never left him.

Moreno said playing the Super Bowl in New Jersey was a great home-coming, especially when coupled with the oppor-

tunity to participate in a worthy cause. "It's awesome to see family and friends and, giving back and spending time with little ones is always a good thing," he said.

The Broncos arrived to a boisterous welcome and were serenaded with "You Gotta Have Hope" by the school choir, led by kindergarten teacher Asuncion Delos Reyes.

Then, amid a crush of television cameras and reporters, youngsters were called up to long tables, where players and volunteers ensured they received coats that fit just right. The students also used the opportunity to take pictures and collect autographs.

"This is the best day of my life," said sixth grader Jalen Best. "I actually got to meet football players."

While some students scrounged notepaper from reporters, sixth grader Jala Bash improvised by getting Ayers to scrawl on her right sneaker.

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Advocate photo- Kelly Marsicano

Knights of Columbus members joined Denver Broncos players Terrance Knighton, Knowshon Moreno and Mike Adams at Sacred Heart School, Jersey City, to distribute cold weather gear to children as part of the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program. Since the program's inception in 2009, the Knights of Columbus in the United States and Canada has given away 150,000 coats to children in need. Visit www.kofc.org/coats for more information.

Local parish begins solemn season with Lenten mission

In his Message for Lent 2014, Pope Francis describes the season prior to Easter as "a fitting time for self-denial" and encourages Catholics to ask "what we can give up in order to help and enrich others." This year, the Holy Father takes inspiration from the words of Saint Paul (2 Cor 8:9), and asks Catholics to contemplate Paul's invitation to live "a life of evangelical poverty."

Following Ash Wednesday on March 5, the first day of Lent, local faithful are sacrificing time from their hectic schedules to participate in spiritual reflection.

Holy Spirit Parish, Union, will be hosting a Lenten parish mission/retreat on March 10-12. Father Anthony Burrascano, O.A.S., will make two presentations daily, at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. An Augustinian friar, he first visited Holy Spirit last summer while supporting a mission appeal. He has been traveling to area parishes and leading Lenten retreats for the last six years.

"The Lenten mission is an opportunity for people to take a little time out of their busy schedules to find some peace," Fr. Burrascano explained. "It also builds up a sense of community by being together in reflection."

The retreat lasts only about an hour and has a simple format that includes hymns, prayer and Scripture

readings with individual and group reflections. Participants are also given questions for further contemplation.

For first-time attendees, there is usually a bit of hesitation, according to Fr. Burrascano. "People do not understand the experience unless they've been to one. There's always a little trepidation at first. Each night builds on the next and everyone gets more comfortable. The goal of the Lenten mission is to have everyone find some inner quiet."

According to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms during this solemn season.

Father Bruce Janiga, parochial vicar at Holy Spirit, asked "Father Tony" to lead the evenings following the positive response parishioners had to the priest.

"The retreat is an invitation to get into the spirit of the season and is a great kick-off to Lent," Fr. Janiga said. "Hopefully those who attend will be more in touch with themselves and their spirituality."

Parishioner Cora Galano has participated in past Lenten retreats and believes the experience recharges



Father Anthony Burrascano, A.O.S.

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The event took place on Jan. 28, five days before the Seattle Seahawks crushed the Broncos 43-8 in MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford.

Coats for Kids was launched by the Knights of Columbus in 2009 for needy youngsters who live in areas with harsh winters. In the last four years, more than 1,000 Knights of Columbus councils in the United States and Canada have given away 150,000 coats. For the 2012-13, 910 councils purchased and distributed 41,292 coats, up from 32,508 the year before.

Broncos defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio and his wife, Linda, have been long-time supporters. They came to Sacred Heart School, as did retired Mets catcher Mike Piazza, who said he stopped by as part of his in-

volvement with Catholic Athletes for Christ. "Obviously I'm very friendly with other fraternal Catholic organizations and I wanted to lend a hand," Piazza said.

Ayers said he attended Sacred Heart School until eighth grade and attended Hoboken High School for a year before moving to South Carolina. He introduced his cousin, Ashley Dickey, who now attends Sacred Heart with another cousin, Shaila Bennett.

"I'm just thrilled and very proud he made the right choices in life," said Sister Frances Salemi, S.C., school principal.

The school's vice principal when Ayers attended, Sr. Frances said she was particularly impressed that his late mother Charlotte was so actively involved in the education of her children.

As for Ayers, "he was skinny then," she marveled as she cast a glance toward the 274-pound defensive lineman.



Sixth grader Maricella Vargas has her shoe autographed by Denver Bronco defensive end Robert Ayers during the player's visit to Sacred Heart School Jan. 28.

Advocate photo- Kelly Marsicano

Lenten mission

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her faith. "It's like Advent and Christmas; people forget that there is no Easter without Lent. For the hour that you are there, you forget about the rest of the day and concentrate on what Jesus did for us," she explained.

Having time to reflect on her faith centers Galano and grounds her spiritually. "I'm more focused on Christ after the retreat. I think about my life as a journey and envision myself on a road to Jesus. Nothing else is more important in my life. The retreat reaffirms why I am Catholic," she said.

According to Galano, the Lenten reflection is open to everyone, not just parishioners. Even those who have never been on a retreat can benefit from the experience. "If you didn't realize how great God's love for you is, come to the retreat.

Journey to the Foot of the Cross: 10 Things to Remember For Lent

By Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, WI
Chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis,
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

1: Remember the formula. The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.

2: It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

3: It's a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. Fasting is a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

4: It's a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, do something positive.

5: It's about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control – it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering.

6: Don't do too much. It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it's best to keep it simple and focused.

7: Lent reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.

8: Be patient with yourself. When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

9: Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering or otherwise in need.

10: Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on cross for all of us.

View the unedited version of the list at
<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-resources/lent/index.cfm>.

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Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda celebrated Mass for the World Day for Consecrated Life on Feb. 9 at Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. During Mass, vowed religious from across the Archdiocese of Newark renewed their commitment to consecrated life. Jubilarians were presented with a gift commemorating their years of service by Archbishop Hebda and Sister Theresia Maria Holtschlag, C.S.J., Interim Delegate for Religious. “Pope Francis said that those in consecrated life bring the light of Christ wherever the shadows are darkest,” Archbishop Hebda explained. “We gather to give thanks and to pray for you.” Cardinal Joao Braz de Aviz, prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, announced that the Church will celebrate a Year for Consecrated Life in 2015 to provide help to religious and to evangelize the vocation. It was called for by Pope Francis at the end of his meeting with 120 superior generals of male institutes.



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'Cyber days' replace snow days at Mount Saint Mary Academy

WATCHUNG—Like many students throughout New Jersey and the tri-state area, students at Mount Saint Mary Academy have received several phone calls over the past several weeks notifying them that bad weather has resulted in the closing of school. Rather than going back to sleep on what might be viewed by some as another day off, Academy students have opened their tablet computers and gotten to work.

Despite multiple snow days since the start of 2014, classroom instruction has continued in earnest. Faculty have employed the latest technology to ensure that while snow prevents their students from making it to class, they do not have to stop learning.

Though the snow day message from Directress Sister Lisa Gambacorto, R.S.M., may vary slightly, it always ends the same: "Students must check Moodle for subject area assignments and teacher instruction."

Moodle is the web-based course management system used

by teachers to post assignments on a regular basis and it has been an integral part of class instruction during the recent inclement weather. Students log onto their class homepages and view their instructions for the day. While teachers have the basic ability to post assignments and documents for their students to access, they have also employed more creative uses of the technology to offer direct instruction, answer questions, and lead discussions.

"The technology allows us to deliver content in various ways to support learning," said Technology and Media Studies Department Chair Joan Mruk. "This gives students access to faculty and a rich array of resources. It also provides them with experience in asynchronous learning, an activity they are likely to encounter after high school."

Teachers have gone about the process of instructing remotely in many creative ways. While the Moodle homepage is always the starting point so students have a consistent location

from which they can obtain their instructions, teachers utilize a multitude of platforms to ensure students receive the most extensive, subject-specific instruction.

Faculty members have hosted live discussions through Moodle. They have initiated online forums and blogs where students can post responses to their teachers and to each other. Others have created podcasts and narrated animated PowerPoints. Some use Google Apps with its document-sharing ability to allow students to collaborate on projects.

Remote instruction is made possible largely because of the technological infrastructure already part of the Mount Saint Mary curriculum and a culture which embraces technological innovation. "Cyber day" has been in place at the school since 2010, the first full year of school-wide one-to-one computing.

"The benefit of a one-to-one environment is that students have all the tools they need to complete projects and continue to receive instruction," said Director of Technology Carolynn Parisi, "even though they are physically away from school."

Mount Saint Mary Academy is a Catholic, independent high school which provides college preparatory education for young women. The Academy was founded in 1908 as a sponsored work of the Sisters of Mercy.



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Snow-covered Mount Saint Mary Academy has devised an innovative way for students to learn despite the many recent storms.

The Diaz family recently presented a rare 24-piece ancient Roman and Byzantine coin collection to Saint Theresa School, Kenilworth, to commemorate the 193rd Anniversary of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's death. The collection includes coins depicting the face of Augustus, the first Roman Emperor (27 BC-14 AD), and the face of Jesus Christ under Romanus III (1028-1034 AD). The bronze and copper coins were excavated in today's Balkan region of eastern Europe. The children celebrated with a Mass and a history lesson from Angel Diaz, former US Marine. The special collection will be displayed at the school. Surrounded by Saint Theresa students are, left to right, Father Jose Erlito Ebron, parochial vicar at Saint Theresa Parish, Pastor Father Joseph S. Bejgrowicz, Angel Diaz and Principal Sister Theresa Lee.



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22nd Annual Spirituality Convocation April 5, 2014 *Transformation and Hope*



Morning Keynote – Rev. Jan Michael Joncas

THROUGH THE VALLEY OF DEATH: SUFFERING, HOPE AND TRANSFORMATION

Father Joncas “lost” the academic year 2003-2004 to a bout with Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a neurological disorder. This presentation reflects the stages of suffering he went through, how it affected his spiritual life, and how the music he has created since reflects his encounter with the God of rescue. *Rev. Jan Michael Joncas is Artist-in-Residence at University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN, a noted theologian, author, composer, and recording artist.*



Afternoon Keynote – Rev. Terry Hershey

SHALL WE DANCE?

Terry invites us all to dance “as if nobody is watching.” What would our life look like if we cherished our days, and lived vulnerable, curious, lighthearted and playful lives? What does it mean when God takes the box we’ve created for control, flattens it, and makes a dance floor for us to celebrate life? So, shall we dance? *Rev. Terry Hershey is an inspirational speaker, humorist and author. His work has been featured on The Hallmark Channel, CNN, PBS, and NPR.*



Morning Keynote (In Spanish) – Dr. Timothy Matovina

LATINO CATHOLICISM: CURRENT REALITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The mutual influence of Catholicism and Latinos in the United States is shaping not just the future of American Catholic life, but also the life of the nation. This presentation will examine these mutual transformations and their influences in areas such as leadership, parish life, apostolic movements and forming young people in faith. *Timothy Matovina is Professor of Theology and Executive Director of the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame.*

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The alumnae association of Immaculate Conception High School, 258 South Main St., Lodi, will sponsor "A Taste Of...2014." The culinary event features local restaurants and bakeries providing samples of their signature dishes and delicious desserts. The event will be held Thursday, April 10 in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are \$30 with a reserved table of 10 for \$250. Gift certificates from many local restaurants and themed gift baskets will be raffled, and silent auction items will be available for bidding. For more information about the event, advertising and sponsorships, or to purchase tickets, call Nadine Mooers, director of Institutional Advancement at (973) 472-7231. Pictured at last year's "A Taste Of..." are owners of The Tasting Dish Cheryl Gugliotti, far right, and Silvana Daidone, center, with members of their staff.

Annual Business & Labor Reception held March 4

NEWARK—Archbishop John J. Myers announced that Dominick J. Romano, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for RoNetco Supermarkets, Inc., and Harry J. Harchetts, Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the International Union of Painters & Allied Trades (IUPAT) District Council 711, will be honored at the 21st Annual Newark Archbishop's Business & Labor Recognition Reception on Tuesday, March 4.

The event, attended annually by hundreds of business, labor and religious leaders, will be held at Mayfair Farms, West Orange. Proceeds benefit the Archdiocese's Catholic Youth Organization, which serves thousands of young people of every race, religion and ethnic background. The event has generated more than \$2 million since its inception.



Dominick J. Romano

"Dominick and Harry exemplify the best in leadership qualities and are well known for the generous amount of time they dedicate not only to their professions but to charitable work as well," Archbishop Myers said. "They are icons of character and success among their peers and the type of leaders whom we have honored these many years."

Romano is the third generation to serve in a leadership capacity for RoNetco Supermarkets, Inc., the operator of numerous ShopRite stores located throughout Northwestern New Jersey. Romano is responsible for all operational and promotional activity for RoNetco and serves on RoNetco's executive committee, incentive compensation committee and the RoNetco Store development committee.

Romano was elected to serve on Wakefern's Board of Directors in 2007, chairs its seafood committee, and is a member of the Wakefern Grocery Buying Committee, the leadership succession committee and Wakefern's PriceRite Operating Committee.

He is a past chairman and has been a member of the board of the Hilltop Country Day School in Sparta since 1991. In 2002 he was elected to the Board of Trustees of Blair Academy, a college preparatory high school in Blairstown, where he also serves on the executive committee, the budget committee and the buildings and grounds committee.

The son of a Teamster, Harchetts grew up in a union household. He graduated from Union County Vocational High School, where he was a Master Counselor of DeMolay (Young Masons) and a member of the Naval ROTC program.

Harchetts began his career as an apprentice and member of Local 1976 of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) Drywall Tapers & Finishers, where he also served as an apprentice trustee and an instructor for the apprenticeship program. He holds trade related degrees from the University of Kansas City, Tulane University, the University of Milwaukee and Marshall University. He was named master trainer of IUPAT in 1986 and served as director of education for the Finishing Trades Institute of New Jersey for many years.

He was elected president of IUPAT Local 1976 in 1985 and held that post for 16 years until he was named organizer and later a field representative for IUPAT District Council 711. In 2008 he became Director of Service for IUPAT District Council 711 and was elected to his current position as business manager/secretary-treasurer in 2009.

For more information, contact Geraldine Menegolla at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4154.



Harry J. Harchetts



AHA appoints new president



Melinda Hanlon

DEMAREST—The Board of Trustees of the Academy of the Holy Angels, announced Jan. 28 that Melinda Hanlon will be the Academy's next president.

Hanlon began her career in the Glen Rock public schools system as a speech and language pathologist and a member of the child study team. She has dedicated the past 20 years

to Catholic education serving as a teacher, assistant principal and principal in Catholic schools. She is currently the principal of Holy Savior Academy in South Plainfield.

Hanlon earned a bachelor's degree in speech pathology from East Stroudsburg University, PA, and a master's degree in communication sciences and disorders from Montclair State University. Hanlon also holds a master's degree in educational leadership and administration from the Catholic School Leadership Program at Seton Hall University, where she is a candidate for a Doctor of Education degree.

Hanlon is an alumna of Mount Saint Mary Academy, an all-girls private Catholic high school in Watchung, where she has been active in the alumnae association and has served on the development cabinet.

Sister Sharon Slear, S.S.N.D., Ph.D., president of the Holy Angels Board of Trustees, expressed her enthusiasm for the board's selection, "Melinda is committed to Catholic education



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The New Jersey Chinese Catholic Apostolate at Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, and Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church, Middlesex, celebrated Chinese New Year of the Horse Feb. 2 at Holy Cross Parish. The event followed a Mass presided by Rev. Msgr. Joseph Chiang. The children are pictured singing the song of the 12 animals that symbolize each Chinese New Year.

and academic excellence. She will move Holy Angels into the future."

The Academy of the Holy Angels, founded in 1879, is a private, Catholic college-preparatory school dedicated to the

education of young women in the tradition of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. The academy is part of the global network of schools sponsored by the community in the United States and throughout the world. Holy

Angels is a U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and was chosen by The Corporation for National Service as a National Service Learning Leader School.

Faith Quest 2014

ROSELAND—Faith Quest, an adult spirituality forum, will be held on Wednesdays, March 12, March 26, April 2 and April 9 from 7:30-9 p.m. at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, 28 Livingston Ave.

Faith Quest began in 2007 as part of the Archdiocese of Newark's New Energies Initiative. The four cluster parishes of West Essex (Saint Aloysius, Caldwell; Notre Dame, North Caldwell; Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Roseland; and Saint Thomas More, Fairfield) collaborated to develop an adult education and information program during Lent.

The three major topics this year are Prayer and Spirituality, Understanding Sacred Scripture, and Faith in Practice.

Presenters for Prayer and Spirituality include: William Mascitello, "Saint and Pope: What Francis can mean for us now..."; Msgr. Joseph R. Reilly, "Go as Far as You Can See

—You've Got All the Light You Need"; Sister Sandra De Masi, S.S.J., "Sunday Mass, What's In it For Me?"; and Judge Andrew Napolitano, "Religious Liberty in America."

Presenters for Understanding Sacred Scripture are: Father Jack Martin, "Catholic Social Teaching, Our Best Kept Secret"; Jonathan D. Lace, "Genesis and Evolution"; Father Robert Laferrera, "Parables of Jesus"; and Father Anthony Randazzo, "Walking to Jerusalem with Jesus of Nazareth."

Faith in Practice presenters include: Sister Suzanne Golas, C.S.J.P., "Water: Gift of Life, Sign of God's Presence"; Laura Sodano, "Hunger 101—Education"; Sister Peggy Ann Clinton, O.P., Joan Connelly and Kathy Youzwak will participate in a panel discussion titled "Theology... the Book and Beyond"; and Dianne Traflet, J.D., S.T.D., will present "Dorothy Day, Edith Stein, Therese of Lisieux:



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Members of the Faith Quest committee include, seated left to right; Father Robert Laferrera, Pat Collura, Sister Alice Uhl, O.P., Maureen Bezer and Maureen Pollock. Standing left to right are Cathy Cappiello, David Vincenti, Peg Johnston and Chairwoman Retta Desiderio.

Women of Sacrificial Love in the Heart of the Church."

Sessions will "stand alone," i.e., attendance at prior sessions is not necessary to benefit from participation at other sessions,

and all sessions qualify for catechist certification.

To defray expenses, an offering of \$3 a session, or \$10 for the four week series is requested. Pre-registration is also re-

quested to help with planning. For a brochure and registration form, contact Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish office at (973) 226-7288, or any of the other sponsoring parishes.

Newark goes green for St. Patrick's Day parade

Newark — The 79th Newark Saint Patrick's Day parade will be held March 14, with a step off time at 1p.m. Dr. John A. Brennan, president and CEO of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and the Children's Hospital of NJ, is this year's grand marshal. He also serves as executive vice president of Barnabas Health. A resident of Randolph and parishioner of Saint Matthew the Apostle, his family roots are in Dublin and Kilkenny.

Marion C. O'Neill, manager of Corporate Contributions at PSEG, is the deputy grand marshal. A resident of North Caldwell, she is a parishioner at Notre Dame. She and her family are well known to many in the local Irish-American community and trace their roots to Counties Roscommon and Tipperary.

This year's parade will be dedicated to the committee's Counsel Emeritus and Seton Hall University School of Law Profes-



John A. Brennan

sor Emeritus, Dr. Francis P. McQuade, Esq. With his wife Theresa, "Doc McQuade" has been a mainstay in the Irish-American

community and a loyal supporter of the Newark Saint Patrick's Day parade for decades.

Grandstand ceremonies will



Marion C. O'Neill

begin at noon and followed by the start of the parade. The parade will begin in downtown Newark on Mulberry street at the Prudential Center, then will make its way past the Gateway Complex; to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center; passing Military Park on Center Street; to Central Avenue; to Saint Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, located at the corner of Washington Street

and Central Avenue; and ending in front of the Newark Museum and Washington Park.

Founded in 1936, the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc. is composed of delegates from nearly 100 Irish, fraternal, Catholic and public safety organizations as well as other civic, social and athletic organizations. Michael D. Byrne is the parade's general chairman.



Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land Jan. 29–Feb 9. Forty-one seminarians and three priests from the seminary visited many biblical sites in the land of Israel. During the pilgrimage, seminarians reenacted the Stations of the Cross on the "Via Dolorosa" in the streets of Jerusalem. Within the Old City of Jerusalem, "Via Dolorosa" is believed to be the path that Jesus walked, carrying His cross, on the way to crucifixion. The winding route from the Antonia Fortress west to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is a distance of about 600 meters (2,000 feet). Pictured left to right are seminarians Danny Peterson, Joe Furnaguera, Jesse Mazzola and Cesar Infante. According to Father Christopher M. Ciccario, associate dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary, the popes have called the Holy Land "The Fifth Gospel" and it is "beautiful that those preparing for the priesthood are able to visit the places where the history of salvation have taken place. It enriches their own prayer life, makes Scripture come alive in a new way, and will deepen their preaching," he added. For video documenting the pilgrimage, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUwMlpV6Krk>.



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Michael D. Byrne

Archbishop Myers dedicates senior residence

RAHWAY — A dedication ceremony of the Jack and Margaret Myers Senior Residence was held Oct. 11, 2013 in honor of the parents of Archbishop John J. Myers. The new facility officially opened its doors July 3 of last year.

The archbishop spoke of his late parents, shared warm childhood memories and traced his family ancestry to Ireland, England and France. Many of Arch-

bishop Myers' relatives settled in northern Illinois during the late 1800s. The Myers family farmed near Earlville, IL, a town of 1,400. Prayer was a significant part of the family's daily routine and young John Myers was an altar server at his local parish, Saint Theresa.

John Westervelt, chief executive officer for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark and president of Domus Cor-



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Archbishop John J. Myers unveiled the Jack and Margaret Myers Senior Residence with a ribbon cutting last fall. Pictured with the archbishop are, left to right, Father Charles M. Kelly, Rahway Mayor Samson Steinman, Bette Jane Kowalski, John Westervelt and Angelo Del Russo.



poration, officiated at the dedication ceremony. Other speakers included the mayor of Rahway, Samson Steinman, Union County Manager, Alfred Faella, and Union County Freeholder, Bette Jane Kowalski.

Both Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark and the Domus Corporation, co-sponsors of this project, specifically involved members of the community in the planning and development of the Myers Senior

Residence. The co-sponsors worked with the city of Rahway to create the Myers Senior Advisory Board.

The board was comprised of residents with an interest in affordable housing, who interfaced with Domus and members of the project team during the course of development, to directly identify the needs of the elderly population. The Myers Senior Residence is the ninth Domus project since its found-

ing in 1995 and the third Domus project completed in Union County.

The Myers Senior Residence is a mid-rise apartment building comprised of 51 units, housing approximately 55 elderly residents and a resident manager. The project was developed in response to the escalating need for senior housing as evidenced by the long waiting lists for subsidized apartments for the elderly within the area.

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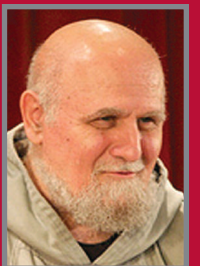
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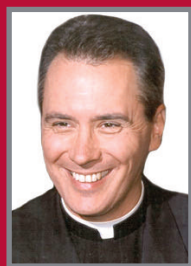
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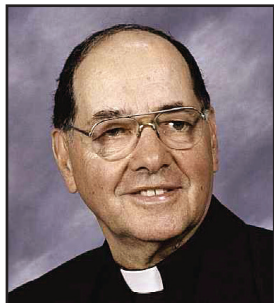
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 9 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Mariella James Matthis, S.C., 86, who died Jan. 5.

Sr. Mariella was born in Boston, MA, and entered the Sisters of Charity April 2, 1950. She was a member for 64 years.

She served in the care of orphans and as a chaplain in the state of New Jersey. She served at Saint Bridget Parish, Newark; Our Lady of Grace Orphanage, Hoboken; Saint Mary Orphanage, Newark; and Mount Saint Joseph Children's Center, Totowa. She was an assistant in Seton Commissary and worked in the personnel office for the Sisters in Convent Station.

Sr. Mariella was a chaplain at Saint Mary Hospital, Passaic, and retired there. She moved to

Saint Anne Villa in 2008, where she resided until her death.



Father Rocco F. Provinzano

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 16 at Saint Catherine Parish, Middletown, for Father Rocco F. Provinzano, 83, who died Jan. 12.

A native of Jersey City, Fr. Provinzano was ordained May 28, 1966 after graduating Seton Hall University, South Orange, and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington. He was an active member and officer of Saint Michael Parish CYO in Union City and was a member and chairman of the Hudson County Senior CYO prior to entering Seton Hall.

Fr. Provinzano was first assigned to Immaculate Conception Parish, Newark, as parochial vicar from 1966 to 1972. He served in Marriage Encounter Ministry from 1972 to 1980 and traveled the country providing Marriage Encounter weekends to various parishes.

He continued to serve as parochial vicar for Saint Francis De Sales Parish, Lodi (1980 to 1985), Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Washington Township (1985 to 1987), Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Verona (1987 to 1989), Saint Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, Bayonne (1989 to 1990), and Saint Andrew Parish, Westwood, from 1990 until his retirement in 2000.

During his retirement, Fr. Provinzano continued to serve as an assisting priest for several parishes.



Sister Angelina I. Pepe, M.P.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 28 at Villa Walsh, Morristown, for Sister Angelina I. Pepe, M.P.F., 98, who died Jan. 23.

Born in Trenton, Sr. Angelina entered the Religious Teachers Filippini June 24, 1926, received the religious habit July 5, 1931, and had her final religious profession three years later.

Sr. Angelina earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Seton Hall University, South Orange, and a master's degree in counselling from Marywood College in Scranton, PA.

She taught in elementary schools in the Archdioceses of Newark, Hartford, CT, New York, NY, and in the Diocese of Trenton. She was principal at Queen of Peace School, Maywood (1951-61), and Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Park Ridge (1961-1966). In many of the schools where she ministered, Sr. Angelina also taught music.

When she retired to Villa Walsh in 1995, Sr. Angelina assisted in the community's archives until she was no longer able to serve. It was only in her last month that she became a resident of Saint Joseph Hall in Villa Walsh.



Father Norbert F. Laskowski

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Father Norbert F. Laskowski who died Jan. 29.

A Newark native, he graduated from Saint Stanislaus School and Saint Benedict's Preparatory School, both in the city. Fr. Laskowski also attended the McAllister School of Embalming of New York, Seton Hall University, South Orange, and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington.

His diaconate year was served at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City. Fr. Laskowski also served as parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception Parish, Secaucus; Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington; and Holy Spirit Parish, Union. He was pastor of Saint Cecilia Parish, Kearny, and Sacred Heart Parish, Rochelle Park.



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Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

February 25

Lumen Center, Caldwell, “To Pray without Words,” 5:30 p.m. supper, presentation from 6:15-7:45 p.m., cost: \$25, call (973) 403-3331 or visit www.lumenctr.org/.

February 27

Office of Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Newark, “The Rites of the RCIA,” at St. Peter the Apostle Parish, River Edge, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., cost: \$35 per person before Feb. 21/\$50 after Feb. 21, (973) 497-4345.

February 28

St. Phillip the Apostle Parish, Sadle Brook, “Exposition of Sacred Relics: Treasures of the Church,” over 150 relics displayed from St. Francis of Assisi, St.

Anthony of Padua and more, 7 p.m., call (201) 843-1888 or visit www.treasuresofthechurch.com.

March 1

Respect Life Office, Archdiocese of Newark, “Afternoon of Prayerful Remembrance and Intercession,” for those affected by abortion, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Maywood, includes personal testimonies, Mass and Eucharist Adoration, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., call Cheryl Riley at (973) 497-4350.

March 2

Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township, Anthony Kearns of The Irish Tenors in concert, performing Irish and Broadway favorites, 2 p.m., cost: \$35 for general admission/ \$100 for VIP ticket, e-mail Lynn McCormack at

lynnmccormack@oasisnj.org or visit www.oasisnj.tix.com.

March 5

Holy Spirit Parish, Union, bereavement group sessions, for eight consecutive Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., (908) 687-3327.

March 8

Family Life Ministries, Archdiocese of Newark, support group for fathers whose children have died, at Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell, 10 a.m., (973) 497-4327 or e-mail mccormja@rcan.org.

Catholic War Veterans Post 1612, Bayonne, blood drive, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., call Red Cross at (201) 652-3210.

March 10-12

Holy Spirit Parish, Union, Lenten retreat, featuring Father Anthony Burrascano, O.A.S., sessions at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., (908) 687-3327.

March 11

Lumen Center, Caldwell, “Lost: Stories and Songs of Reconciliation and Faith,” 5:30 p.m. supper, presentation from 6:15-7:45 p.m., cost: \$25, call (973) 403-3331 or visit www.lumenctr.org.

March 12

Metropolitan Tribunal, Archdiocese of Newark, annulment information evening, at St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, 7:30 p.m., (973) 497-4145.

Local News

Caldwell College to laud alumni

CALDWELL—Caldwell College will honor two outstanding alumni for investing their talents locally. Sister Patricia Stringer, O.P., and Gail Sutton Kuchavik will be honored with Veritas Awards, the highest honor the college bestows on its alumni for professional excellence, at a reception March 28 at the Essex Fells Country Club.

Sr. Patricia, Class of 1969 is a councilor on the leadership team of the Sisters of Saint Dominic

of Caldwell. She will receive her award for Excellence in Ministry Leadership. She spent 10 years developing a small school in the Dominican Republic from four grades to eight as well as a high school. Sr. Patricia also served Caldwell College as assistant dean for student affairs and taught mathematics.

Sutton Kuchavik, Class of 1997, was the first graduate of Caldwell’s gerontology program in 1992. She will receive her

award for Excellence in Geriatric Advocacy. She continues to work with the local elderly population and is director of marketing for Arden Courts Alzheimer’s/Dementia Assisted Living.

She initiated programs including the Living Treasures of Morris County Award, recognizing the elderly, and coordinated the first International Day of the Elderly with United Nations Ambassador Julia Alvarez, an annual event held worldwide Oct. 1.



Sister Patricia Stringer, O.P.



Gail Sutton Kuchavik



Submitted photo

Perfect score

Senior Thomas (TJ) Hartnett of Clark was recognized for achieving a perfect score in the writing section of the SAT’s. Sister Percylee Hart, R.S.M., Principal of Union Catholic High School, commended Hartnett for his outstanding achievement, which places him in the top one percent nationally. He attributes his success to his English teachers throughout high school at Union Catholic. “Mrs. Dellanno, Mr. Gottilla, and Ms. Webber have all helped me tremendously in becoming a better overall writer and in achieving success as an articulator,” he said. “My determination to become the best possible writer I could be was encouraged in every activity I performed throughout high school.” In addition to Hartnett’s outstanding academic achievements, he serves as a school ambassador, captain of the forensics team, and lead anchor for UCTV News. He also recently implemented a new program that will broadcast all of Union Catholic’s sporting events across a live stream Internet broadcast network.

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