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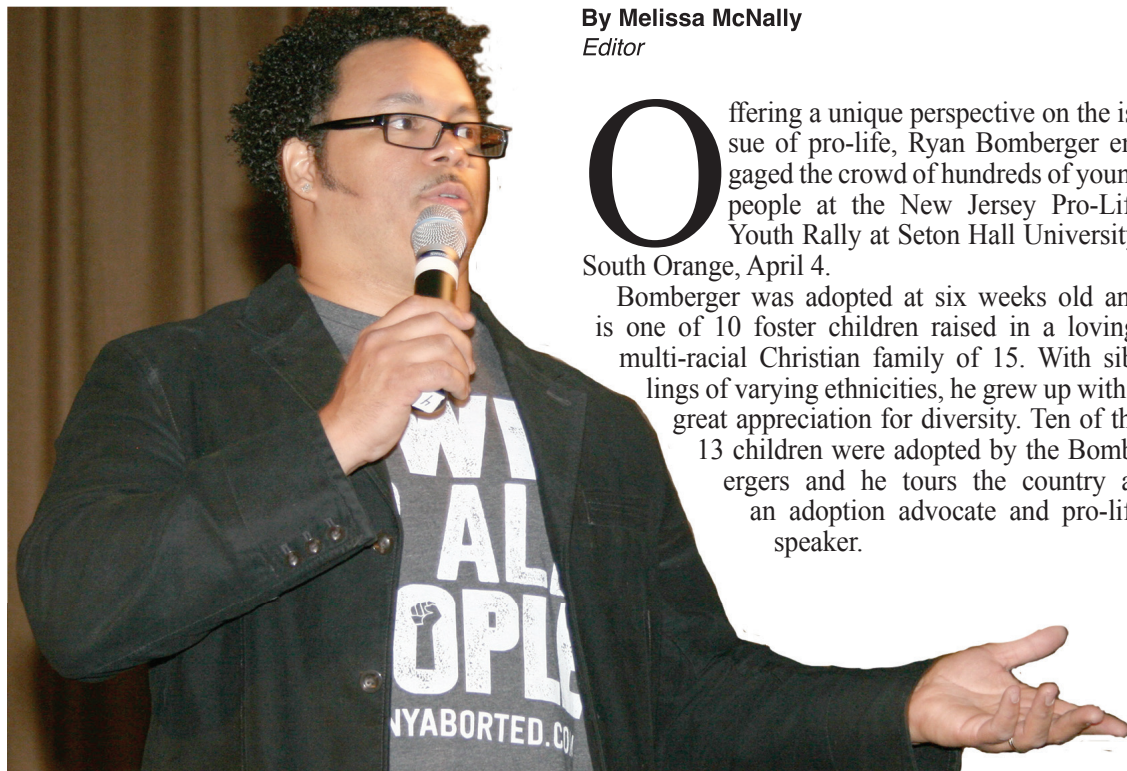
## HOSANNA TO THE KING!

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# Adoption advocate speaks at pro-life rally

By Melissa McNally  
Editor



Ryan Bomberger, one of 10 adopted children in a multi-racial family, addressed hundreds of local high school students at the New Jersey Pro-Life Youth Rally.

Offering a unique perspective on the issue of pro-life, Ryan Bomberger engaged the crowd of hundreds of young people at the New Jersey Pro-Life Youth Rally at Seton Hall University, South Orange, April 4.

Bomberger was adopted at six weeks old and is one of 10 foster children raised in a loving, multi-racial Christian family of 15. With siblings of varying ethnicities, he grew up with a great appreciation for diversity. Ten of the 13 children were adopted by the Bombergers and he tours the country as an adoption advocate and pro-life speaker.

Advocate photo- Melissa McNally

With his wife Bethany, Bomberger founded The Radiance Foundation, an “educational life-affirming organization” ([www.theradiancefoundation.org](http://www.theradiancefoundation.org)).

“We are relentless about exposing the (abortion) industry that says the only plan for an unexpected pregnancy is destruction. Some of the best things in life are unplanned” he explained.

Presented by the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey Right to Life and the Knights of Columbus, the Pro-Life Rally gathered high school students from throughout the state. Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda celebrated an afternoon Mass with the young adults.

Raised on a farm in Lancaster, PA, Bomberger believes his diverse family environment shaped the way he sees the world. “My brothers and sisters are white, black, Vietnamese—this is America. This is heaven. There is such beauty in diversi-

ty. We all share much more in common than you think. When you live with so many different types of people, you get to know what’s inside. My pigmentation doesn’t tell you anything about my moral conviction.”

Bomberger used bold graphics, music, multimedia and interactive question and answer segments to engage the audience. During his presentation, he asked those who were adopted to stand up and be recognized.

“Adoption unleashes purpose,” he explained. “Mainstream media speaks about adoption negatively. Adoption is a loving, courageous choice by the birth mother. My parents deliberately chose me to be a part of their family. My life shatters the myth of the unwanted child. Adoption is an act of social justice.”

Bomberger also believes abortion is a social justice issue and not just a religious issue.

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## Deaf Catholics show strength in community at annual conference



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Ordained in 2011, Father Christopher Klusman is one of only a handful of deaf priests in the United States. He is associate pastor at a southeast Wisconsin parish and is associate director of the deaf/hard-of-hearing ministry for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

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Editor

“God made me deaf,” Father Christopher Klusman of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, WI, proudly signed to the audience at the 4th annual DeaFest. “Some people have a lot of anger because they want to be like everybody else. They want to be ‘normal.’ You can’t let that anger consume you—it will become poison.”

Fr. Klusman was keynote speaker at the March 29 conference held at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, Kearny. The conference, sponsored by pastoral workers with the Catholic deaf from all five New Jersey dioceses, drew 250 participants. All presentations, including Mass, were signed with voice interpreting and open-captioning for non-signers.

Fr. Klusman stressed the idea of openness within the deaf community in his talk “Discipleship: Journey to the Great Banquet.”

“We have to share our experiences and form a bond to help overcome our everyday frustrations,” he explained.

Fr. Klusman is one of only eight deaf priests in the United States. He is associate pastor at Saint Roman Parish in southeast Wisconsin and associate director of the deaf/hard-of-hearing ministry for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

The youngest of four children in a devout Catholic family, he attended a regular “mainstream” school and would sign with his family.

“Growing up, I dealt with both the hearing and non-hearing communities. I think that influenced why I wanted to become a priest. I wanted everyone to be one big happy family,” he said.

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# pro-life rally

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“Abortion impacts more lives than modern slavery and human trafficking. Now people are trying to enshrine abortion as a human right. Abortion is the ultimate violation of human and civil rights.”

Through the Web/ billboard campaign [www.TooManyAborted.com](http://www.TooManyAborted.com), The Radiance Foundation launched the first pro-adoption themed ad campaign created to address the disproportionate impact of abortion in the black community. Since 2010, over 500 billboards have been placed in major cities across the country with seven different themes, including “Black & Beautiful” and “Black Children Are an Endangered Species.” The effort received massive media coverage including “The New York Times” and CNN.

“When you try to speak the

truth, people are up in arms,” he said. According to his Web site, The New York State Department of Health reports that in 2011, for every 1,000 black babies born alive, 1,223 are aborted. “People who are pro-choice can be as explicit as they want but when someone pro-life has something to say, freedom of speech goes out the window,” Bomberger added.

Organizations like Planned Parenthood, he argued, do not believe all human life has value. As a Christian, he believes all life is sacred.

“Purpose has been emblazoned on your heart from the moment of conception,” Bomberger explained. “Human beings overcome all the time; that is how we are wired. God has designed us to do the impossible. He created each life that is irreplaceable and unique. Planned Parenthood crushes purpose about 1,000 times every day.”

Although mainstream culture might say otherwise, he



Advocate photo- Melissa McNally

Local students celebrated Mass with Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda at the annual youth rally.

encouraged young people to defend their stance for life. “Don’t ever fear engaging in the conversation,” Bomberger

stressed. “Love and boldness is a delicate balance. You never know how many lives you are going to save.”

# Deaf Catholics

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Fr. Klusman studied linguistics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison with the goal of being an American Sign Language instructor. While in college he attended Bible study with a priest involved in deaf ministry.

“I realized I had never met a deaf priest before. I became enlightened like a candle. I thought I could be a role model for someone to follow,” he said. Ordained in 2011, he became the first-ever deaf priest to attend Saint Francis de Sales



Advocate photo- Melissa McNally

Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, left, welcomed attendees at the 4th Annual DeaFest.

Seminary in Milwaukee.

During his lecture, he emphasized that by banding together, Catholics can become devout, mature followers of Christ.

“Each of us is a single light burning by ourselves. Together, we are a strong, powerful light. For us to be disciples, we have to have strong security in God’s love. He loved us so much that He sent His only son to die for us. We must establish hope and continue to spread the Good News. We need to strengthen our faith and form a deep intimacy with God,” Fr. Klusman said.

Discipleship, he explained,

leads us to the “grand banquet” with God in heaven. “While here on earth, we do the prep work for the banquet. We have a taste, a sampling of what is in store for us. Every day, each of us takes a different path. There is always choice and consequences. We have to remember that there is a bigger feast waiting for us. Why stop and take a detour for something temporary?”

Making correct moral decisions is not easy in today’s society, Fr. Klusman noted. “Do we want the things of the world or the gifts of God? Patience is worth it for the reward that is

waiting in the end. Advertising is always trying to deceive you. In our society, we pursue the wrong things. We, as Catholics, need to keep our eyes on the prize.”

He explained that through baptism, everyone, regardless of their abilities, is a part of God’s family. “God welcomes all people. In the deaf community, we know how valuable the gift of sight is. We must never lose sight of God. We are all embraced by God’s hands. Allow Jesus to come into your heart. Remember that you are considered a living tabernacle. That way, Jesus is always with us.”



Sister Bonnie McMenamin, S.S.J., co-director of the Office of Ministry with the Deaf for the Diocese of Camden, energized the crowd of hundreds at the conference.



## Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

### PASTORS

**Reverend Peter K. Funesti**, Pastor of the Nativity Parish, Midland Park, has been reappointed to a second six-year term ending July 1, 2020.

**Reverend Monsignor Robert E. Harahan**, Pastor of Saint Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, has been reappointed to a second six-year term ending July 1, 2020.

**Reverend Andrzej Ostaszewski**, Pastor of Saint Casimir Parish, Newark, has been reappointed to a second six-year term ending July 1, 2020.

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

**Reverend Sabinus Iwuchukwu, S.D.V.** has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Michael Parish, Newark, effective March 1, 2014.

### RETIREMENTS

**Reverend Robert E. Tooman**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City, has been granted retirement, effective April 1, 2014.

**Reverend Monsignor Anthony J. Kulig**, Faculty Member and Advisor at Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, has been granted retirement, effective July 1, 2014.



# John XXIII and John Paul II: Our Newest Saints

By Christopher M. Bellitto

It was certainly no surprise when Pope Francis declared last July that Blessed John Paul II (1978-2005) would be the next papal saint. The Polish pope's canonization seemed only a matter of time, just like that of Blessed Mother Teresa.

However, in what is becoming his characteristic way of catching everyone unaware, Pope Francis declared not only that he was naming Pope John XXIII (1958-1963) a saint—and at the same time waiving the customary requirement of a second miracle—but also that he would canonize John XXIII and John Paul II together in the same ceremony on April 27.

Popes John XXIII and John Paul II will join 81 prior popes who have been canonized over the centuries. This comes out to about a third of the more than 260 successors to Saint Peter. Most date to the Church's first few centuries when many bishops of Rome were martyred during the episodic persecutions of polytheistic Roman emperors, often looking for scapegoats for their own failures in moral, economic, and political leadership.

Following Saint Peter, who is clearly his own category, every one of the next 48 bishops of Rome, except one, was canonized by local acclamation. The standout is Liberius, who was bishop of Rome 352-366. A weak man, he bent to political pressure and appeared to undermine the Nicene Creed by condemning its architect, the theologian Athanasius. That Nicene Creed is the same one we pray at Sunday Mass today.

The next 500 years of Christianity saw another 30 papal saints, culminating in Pope Gregory VII, who died in 1085 and revolutionized the papacy. Remarkably, before the upcoming canonization of John XXIII and John Paul II, only three popes have been declared saints since then: Celestine V (the pope who resigned in 1294), Pius V (1566-1572), and Pius X (1903-1914). Not counting the two new upcoming papal saints, there are nine other popes who have been beatified but not yet canonized.

Why is Pope Francis canonizing both men—and doing so at the same time? On the one hand, and at a certain surface level, if we buy into caricatures of John XXIII as a progressive pope and John Paul II as a conservative pope, the dual canonization can be seen as an attempt to satisfy two wings of the Church and unite them in a big tent. This was the conventional interpretation given when Pope John Paul II beatified Pope Pius IX (1846-1878), a staunch papal monarch and no friend

of modernity, along with John XXIII, a pope with a far softer and more collegial touch, who opened the Church to the world (and the world to the Church) in the 1960s.

Pope Francis certainly envisions the Catholic Church as something like Noah's ark, with all sorts of animals packed together: we may not like each other, but we are in the same situation and might as well get along for the common good in Christian charity. It could well be that Pope Francis feels the need for the support of all voices inside the Church as they are represented, if only superficially, by these popes.

Just a few weeks after his own election, Pope Francis prayed at the tomb of Blessed John Paul II on April 2, 2013, the eighth anniversary of his death. That is not unexpected, but in a signal that we all missed, that day he also stopped at the tombs of Blessed John XXIII and Saint Pius X.

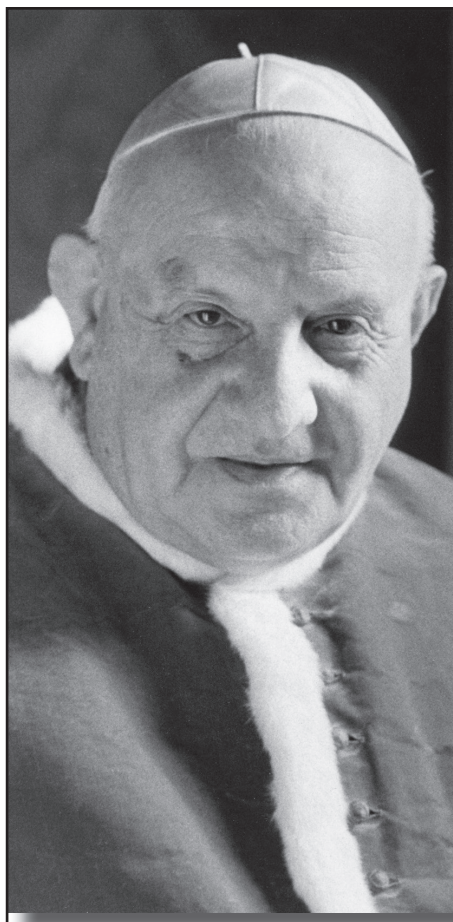
We must remember that the Catholic Church is far more complex than caricatures and factions. It defies standard labels. It cannot be forced into common definitions of right and left, conservative and progressive.

Take the three popes now forever linked together, for example. Certainly John XXIII, John Paul II, and Francis are all doing their duty as bishops, let alone as popes, of conserving the faith. But all three are at the same time leading voices in protecting the poor and unborn, advocating for social welfare and human rights, and speaking for those who have been left behind in a world of materialism and wealth that is out of control. So are they right or are they left?

We sometimes forget that John Paul II was as much a critic of capitalism as he was of Communism. Moreover, Benedict XVI was a complex voice on social issues, but call him a progressive or liberal, at least on those issues, and most would laugh at you. Those labels, and in particular American political labels, simply fail to describe and do justice to the complexity of Catholic teaching and values.

John XXIII and John Paul II were very different men. John XXIII spent most of his career as a diplomat, not a diocesan bishop; elected at 77, he had a short papacy. He was older, quite obviously of wide girth, and fairly quiet. John Paul II was an extrovert, an athlete, and a relatively young pope at 58 who ended up with the second-longest papacy in history, behind that of Pius IX (and Peter's traditional 35 years).

Despite his advanced age and somewhat old-world career, John XXIII conveyed a greater openness to new ideas and shared governance. And while an



Pope John XXIII (1958-1963)



John Paul II (1978-2005)

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openness to the world's diverse cultures characterized much of the first half of John Paul II's papacy, that approach took a backseat to the firmer, more centralized hand he played in internal Church affairs in the second half.

For all their apparent differences, however, both men shared a love of life and a sense that the Church needed to reach far and wide to spread the Gospel in a changing world. Taking up this challenge of balancing Church tradition and renewal while the world was often at war also linked them.

As a young priest, John XXIII had served as a military chaplain in World War I. During World War II he held complicated diplomatic posts in dangerous places, frequently doing what he could to aid Jews in escaping totalitarian regimes. John Paul II's formative years and career were spent fighting Nazism and Communism. Like John XXIII, he had positive personal experiences with Jews that significantly impacted his papacy and changed the Church.

Most important, both popes were men of Vatican II (1962-1965). As Pope Francis said of John XXIII, "He was also a man of the council: he was a man docile to the voice of God, which came to him through the Holy Spirit, and he was docile to the Spirit. Pius XII was thinking of calling the council, but the circumstances weren't right. I believe that John XXIII didn't think about the circumstances: he felt and acted. He was a man who let the Lord guide him."

Vatican II was specifically mentioned when John XXIII's canonization was announced and the lack of a

second miracle had to be explained. As Vatican spokesman Federico Lombardi, S.J., said, "He is loved by Catholics, we are in the 50th anniversary of the council, and, moreover, no one doubts his virtues."

Karol Wojtyla attended Vatican II as a young bishop and archbishop. With Paul VI and Benedict XVI, John Paul II played a critical—and not uncriticized—role in interpreting and implementing the council. By canonizing John XXIII and John Paul II together, it appears that Pope Francis is, in a sense, canonizing the council. Perhaps he is affirming, too, the multiple ways of understanding Vatican II's meaning as a blueprint for the future that grows vibrantly from a centuries-old tradition that firmly grounds the Church.

It may be, too, that Pope Francis will seek to draw on the papacies and followings of both men to shape and steer his own papacy. After all, in some senses John XXIII had the easy job: he called the council but passed away before the enthusiasm waned and the hard work of reconciling competing ideas of making Vatican II began. That fell to Paul VI, whose own papacy was marked by the turbulent 1960s and 1970s, and especially to John Paul II, the last of these four who was at Vatican II.

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# Caldwell College board leaders named outstanding philanthropists

CALDWELL—Caldwell College’s current Board of Trustees Chair Marilyn Bastardi and former Board Chair Anthony Bastardi have been named Outstanding Philanthropists by the New Jersey Chapter of the Association of Fund Raising Professionals (AFP-NJ). The husband and wife honorees will be recognized at the AFP-NJ’s Annual Excellence in Philanthropy Awards luncheon on Friday, May 16.

Anthony Bastardi is chairman of the board of trustees and chief executive officer of Strategic Development Group and its affiliate Construction Technology Corporation in Fairfield. Marilyn Bastardi, an alumna of Caldwell College, is director of administrative and marketing services for the companies.

In nominating the Bastardis for the honor, Caldwell College President Nancy Blattner, Ph.D. noted the long history the Bas-

tardis have in serving Caldwell College as benefactors, leaders and fundraisers. “Together, the Bastardis have served the college in 12 leadership positions.” This year, Caldwell College will become Caldwell University, “a transformative milestone made possible by the consistent and generous support of Anthony and Marilyn Bastardi,” said Blattner. She credited Mrs. Bastardi’s “impressive visionary leadership” in making university status a reality. Blattner said that Mr. Bastardi, who preceded his wife as chair of the Caldwell board, gave generously to the college “setting an example that inspired others to do the same.”

In endorsing the nomination, John B. Wilson, president of the Independent College Fund of New Jersey, said the Bastardis are “loyal and generous with their time, talent and treasure with respect to independent higher education in New Jersey,

as well as other worthy causes both social and artistic.” He said they are “excellent examples of people who make a difference and change lives for many in New Jersey.”

Among the other organizations the Bastardis have served in New Jersey are: NJTV, Christ the King Preparatory School, the Morris Museum and Birth Haven.

For information on tickets for the 33rd Annual Excellence in Philanthropy Awards luncheon call (732) 279-4258 or go to [www.afp-nj.org](http://www.afp-nj.org). Proceeds from the luncheon support AFP-NJ’s education and advocacy programs to advance philanthropy.

Since 1981, this AFP-NJ has held its annual recognition event offering the opportunity to acknowledge the individuals and organizations that are advancing philanthropy throughout the state.

## ‘iSing’ choral festival held May 8

KEARNY—Archdiocesan grammar school choirs will compete in the 4th annual iSing festival May 8 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Dr.

Sponsored by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, iSing is a choral festival that will bring grammar school choirs and choruses from the Archdiocese of Newark in a performance/competition setting. No level of experience is required to enter.

Up to eight school choirs can be accommodated for the festival. Groups would only be at the Center for a maximum of an hour and a half from arriving, registration, warm-up and performing.

Professionals from the choral education community will be on hand to judge the competition and spend some time working with each chorus in attendance.

The cost to enter a choir/chorus into iSing is \$100. Choirs that perform will receive taped and written comments from the adjudicators, a group photo, a plaque with a rating based on their performance and the chance to perform at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, at the iSing Preview Performance May 17.

For more information, visit [www.newarkoym.com](http://www.newarkoym.com) or contact Rich Donovan at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4150 or at [donovari@rcan.org](mailto:donovari@rcan.org).

# New Web site offers perspective on religious life

BALTIMORE, MD—The Sisters of Bon Secours, an international religious congregation of Catholic Sisters based in Marriottsville, MD, recently launched a unique website, [www.LifeAsASister.org](http://www.LifeAsASister.org). “Imagine a Sister’s Life” allows single Catholic women to imagine what it is like to be a nun and discover the possibilities of vowed religious life.

“At a time when women can be anything they desire, we want them to know that religious life as a sister is an exciting option,” Sister Pat Dowling, C.B.S., Bon Secours vocation director, noted. “Our site invites women from all walks of life, who are passionate about their faith, and who wish to use their unique gifts in helping others to explore, ask questions, imagine and listen to the voice of God in their own hearts.”

“Imagine a Sister’s Life” speaks to women in a relational way while also using interactive tools to visualize, research and inquire about a way of life as a Sister. Sisters narrate various aspects of their life through video technology. In addition to the standard blog and chat room found on sites, a wide array of multimedia tools allow women to journey at their own pace with Religious women, while helping them to discover their own call in life.

The Web site, built especially for smartphones, provides resources to understand a vocation; questions to ask throughout the process; explores how to use professional talents in ministry; highlights various ways religious communities live out their call; and offers suggestions for prayer, spiritual direction and self-exploration. The Sisters of Bon Secours will also add other features to assist visitors based on feedback.



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# Holy Week Schedule

**Most Rev. John J. Myers**

(All at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., Newark)

- April 13**, Palm Sunday Mass, noon
- April 17**, Holy Thursday Mass, 8 p.m.
- April 18**, Good Friday Mass, 3 p.m.
- April 19**, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.
- April 20**, Easter Sunday Mass, noon

**Most Rev. Bernard A. Hebda**

- April 12**, Palm Saturday Mass (Spanish), Saint Mary Parish, 516 W 6th St., Plainfield, 6:45 p.m.
- April 13**, Palm Sunday Mass, Saint Casimir Parish, 164 Nichols St., Newark, 9:30 a.m.; Immaculate Conception Chapel, Seton Hall University, 400 South Orange Ave., South Orange, 8 p.m.
- April 17**, Holy Thursday Mass, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange, 7:30 p.m.
- April 18**, Good Friday Mass, Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., Newark, 3 p.m.
- April 19**, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, SS. Peter and Paul Parish, 404 Hudson St., Hoboken, 8 p.m.
- April 20**, Easter Sunday Mass, Saint Michael Parish, 40 Alden St., Cranford, 10:30 a.m.

**Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz**

(All at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., Newark)

- April 13**, Palm Sunday Mass (Spanish), 10 a.m.
- April 18**, Good Friday, Stations of the Cross procession (Spanish), 5 p.m.
- April 20**, Easter Sunday Mass (Spanish), 10 a.m.

**Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.**

- April 13**, Palm Sunday Mass, Saint Mary Parish, 91 Home Ave., Rutherford, 10:30 a.m.
- April 17**, Holy Thursday Mass, Saint Joseph Parish, 115 East Fort Lee Rd., Bogota, 7:30 p.m.
- April 18**, Good Friday Mass, Saint Stephen Parish, 141 Washington Ave., Kearny, 7:30 p.m.
- April 19**, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, Immaculate Conception Parish, 211 Summit St., Norwood, 8 p.m.
- April 20**, Easter Sunday Mass (Portuguese), Saint Francis Xavier Parish, 243 Abington Ave., Newark, 9 a.m.

**Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato**

(All at Saint Henry Parish, 82 West 29th St., Bayonne)

- April 13**, Palm Sunday Mass, 8 a.m.
- April 17**, Holy Thursday Mass, 7:30 p.m.
- April 18**, Good Friday Mass, 7:30 p.m.
- April 19**, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.
- April 20**, Easter Sunday Mass, 10 a.m.

**Most. Rev. John John W. Flesey, S.T.D.**

(All at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, 787 Franklin Lake Rd., Franklin Lakes)

- April 13**, Palm Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.
- April 19**, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m.
- April 20**, Easter Sunday Mass, noon

**Most Rev. Dominic A. Marconi**

- April 13**, Palm Sunday Mass, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, 179 Hussa St., Linden, 10 a.m.
- April 17**, Holy Thursday Mass, Saint Francis Xavier Parish, 243 Abington Ave., Newark, 7 p.m.
- April 18**, Good Friday Mass, Saint Anne Parish, 325 Second Ave., Garwood, 3:30 p.m.
- April 19**, Holy Saturday, blessing of food, Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, 131 East Edgar Rd., Linden, noon; Easter Vigil, Saint Genevieve Parish, 200 Monmouth Rd., Elizabeth, 8 p.m.
- April 20**, Easter Sunday Mass, Saint Theresa Parish, 541 Washington Ave., Kenilworth, 9 a.m.

**Most Rev. Charles J. McDonnell**

- April 20**, Easter Sunday Mass, Saint Mary Parish, 91 Home Ave., Rutherford, noon



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# Benedictine Academy 'Cor Defenders' honored

ELIZABETH—Ten Benedictine Academy *Cor Defenders* students were awarded the 2014 New Jersey Child Assault Prevention (NJCAP) Award in Princeton recently for their outstanding efforts to help eradicate human trafficking.

The studnets were among 25 award recipients honored at a luncheon held at the Princeton Hyatt Regency March 28. This year's NJCAP theme was "The Power of One...the Strength of Many."

Since 1985, The NJCAP project has been hosted by the Educational Information and Resource Center, a public resource agency that provides a broad range of training and technical assistance to New Jersey's educators, parents and students. NJCAP is a program of the Division of Prevention & Community Partnerships. It is offered as a primary intervention program for children from pre-school through 12th grade.

The Benedictine Academy student leadership team won the award in the "Youth Led Project" category. The students have initiated numerous anti-human trafficking efforts over the past several years. The group has been recognized by the NJ State Division of Criminal Justice and state Attorney General's Office; the Frederick Douglass Family Initiative Foundation; the National Jefferson Awards; and local towns and agencies in the state and beyond. They were cited at the Awards ceremony in Princeton as "being a voice for the voiceless...speaking out at conferences, events, and community gatherings, often alongside government officials, to defend the dignity of all human beings, especially children." The name *Cor Defenders* translates

to "Defenders of the Heart".

Benedictine Academy, an all-female Catholic college preparatory high school, was the first in the country to become a Freedom Partner School with Ken Morris of Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives. Working together to abolish human trafficking through the power of education, the Benedictine *Cor Defenders* co-authored and proclaimed a New Proclamation of Freedom in Washington D.C. in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. They also participated in the filming of Build Strong Children, a new historical documentary, sponsored by the Douglass Foundation.

To help produce systemic change and advocate for prevention, the *Cor Defenders* released an innovative human trafficking training and prevention program known as "Be Five by Five." Slang for "be smart," it is a proactive action to empower children to be forewarned and safe. It is designed for use with middle and high school students, youth groups and adults. The *Cor Defenders* invited to hold workshops regarding their "Be Five by Five" preventative training program at the annual S.U.R.E.—Schools United for Respect and Equality—Student Summit sponsored by Gloucester County, held at Rowan University on March 20. The training program is also being distributed on USB drives throughout the state and is available upon request.

The students also testified in Trenton alongside Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttel on human trafficking, resulting in the passage of the strongest anti-human trafficking bill in the country. Additionally, they produced a short information-



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At the NJCAP award ceremony were Benedictine Academy Principal Kenneth Jennings; Academy President Sister Germaine Fritz, O.S.B.; Jada Yarbough; Karina Costa; Marina Santiago; Joyce Mendoza; Leila Fragiaco (seated, holding NJCAP Award); Destiny Tucker; Sydney Sigue; Eileen Conaty; Vanessa Fragiaco; Kayla Roque; Karol Pierre and Benedictine Academy Campus Minister and Mentor Linda Michalski. Leila Fragiaco and Destinee Tucker gave a performance during the presentation, with Tucker singing an original song about human trafficking and Fragiaco accompanying on guitar. Fellow student and *Cor Defender* Ewa Kowalczyk is absent from photo.

al video shown at the Working Girls International Teen Conference at the United Nations; have been interviewed on WKTU Radio station in New York City; and are currently working on the Mayors' Proclamation Initiative sponsored by the NJ Coalition Against Human Traffick-

ing. This Initiative is designed to encourage mayors throughout the state and the country to put their municipality on the record as to where it stands on human trafficking, and, to issue a proclamation for his/her town or city to help raise awareness about the signs of human trafficking.

The Benedictine *Cor Defenders* have been awarded the 2013 National Jefferson Ambassador Award Gold Medal for their anti-human trafficking work, and, the Elizabeth Rotary Award for their efforts to extinguish "this horrible crime against the youth of our society."



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**PRAYER TO ST. CLAIRE**  
Ask St. Claire for three favors; one business and two impossible. Say nine Hail Mary's for nine days with a lighted candle. Published the ninth day "May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, and glorified today and every day." Requests will be granted no matter how impossible they seem. Publication must be promised.

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**THANK YOU ST. ANTHONY**  
Prayer of Thanksgiving St. Anthony, God has helped me abundantly through your prayer and has strengthened me in my need. I thank God and I thank you. Accept this prayer and my serious resolve which I now renew, to live always in the love of Jesus and of my neighbor. Continue to shield me by your protection and pray to God for the final grace of one day entering the Kingdom of heaven to sing with you the everlasting mercies of God. Amen.

J.W.

**PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN**  
This is a novena to the Blessed Virgin. Say this prayer 3 times a day for 3 consecutive days and your prayers will be answered. You must promise to publish it.

Say this 3 times during each prayer:  
Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me here that you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (your request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands. After each prayer say 9 Hail Mary's. You must publish it and it will be granted to you.

M.V.

**PRAYER TO OUR LADY**  
Remember, O most gracious virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, and sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen

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Academy of Our Lady, Gen Rock, hosted an assembly March 24 for Matthew's Hearts of Hope Foundation. The organization raises awareness about Congenital Heart Defects (CHDs), offers support to CHD patients and their families and garners funds for research. The Foundation was named for 5-year-old Matthew Hatcher, photo at left, whose mother Marie is the organization's president and founder. Academy students and Matthew were thrilled by a surprise visit from the NJ Devils hockey team mascot. Students stuffed over 200 "Hug a Heart" pillows and several volunteers from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, and Saint Catharine Parish, Glen Rock, helped sew the creations. The pillows will be distributed to heart patients in tri-state area hospitals. For more information, visit [www.matthewsheartsofhopec.org](http://www.matthewsheartsofhopec.org).



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Students from the Academy of Holy Angels, Demarest, visited the United Nations March 18 to address a session of the Commission on Status of Women Conference. In October, religious studies teacher Carol Fay arranged that students attend a summit at Caldwell College on human trafficking. The conference inspired seniors, left to right, Jasmine McGlashan, Julianna Perez, Karen Suter and Noel Khamis, to produce a powerful video on the subject for their international studies class taught by Jennifer Cucchisi. The video was widely circulated on YouTube and featured in a School Sisters of Notre Dame newsletter. The Academy was then invited by Sister Eileen Reilly, S.S.N.D., a member of the United Nation's Commission, to present the video to fellow members. Jasmine and Julianna were invited to speak for the group. "They were the only student group invited to speak at this particular UN session thus, needless to say, this was a tremendous honor for the girls and we are so very proud of them," Cucchisi said. The experience was "surreal" for Jasmine, who is a member of Model UN at the Academy. "I couldn't believe that I was really speaking at the United Nations," she recalled. "It really showed me that this is what I want to pursue in the future. I feel so blessed to say that at 17 years old I did this."

## Chesterton Institute celebrates 40th anniversary

SOUTH ORANGE—The G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture at Seton Hall University marks its 40th anniversary this year.

Founded by Father Ian Boyd, C.S.B. in 1974, the Chesterton Institute is a not-for-profit educational organization that promotes the ideals of G.K. Chesterton and explores the application of Chestertonian ideas in the contemporary world. Chesterton called for a deepened moral and social imagination that remains relevant today.

The Institute sponsors international conferences, lectures, and research, gathering scholars from across the globe to explain and examine the moral and religious tradition that inspired Chesterton.

That Chestertonian tradition of orthodox Christianity is, according to Fr. Boyd, the urgent answer to many of the moral and social problems of modern society.

"Chesterton believed that the imagination was an organ of perception," he said. "His insights into life, the life of our nation, of America and the Western world, are still relevant today." Chesterton (May 29, 1874- June 14, 1936) was a noted novelist, playwright, philosopher, journalist, poet, essayist and artist.

The organization publishes "The Chesterton Review," a journal devoted to Chesterton and his intellectual circle. Published in five languages – English, Spanish, French, Portuguese and Italian – the journal brings together Christian thinkers who explore Chesterton's philosophy.

"Chesterton is a figure that speaks to our time in a profound and versatile way," Dermot Quinn, D.Phil., history professor at Seton Hall and associate editor of "The Chesterton Review, said. "At Seton Hall there is a natural home for that kind of Christian conversation."

Since its foundation, the Institute has grown in influence. "The Institute was devoted primarily to the publication of the Review. Now, in addition to that, we find ourselves involved in major conferences and research programs throughout the world," Quinn explained. The Institute's anniversary, he continued, is "a grace not only for us but for Seton Hall."

"I am profoundly grateful to Seton Hall for giving our work a home," Fr. Boyd said. "What we do is central to Seton Hall's mission as a Catholic university, as a place where 'the Church does its thinking.'"



## April 24

**ST. MARY PARISH**, Nutley, concert and talk on St. Therese, concert performance by Marty Rotella, Divine Mercy lecture by Father John Carlos DeSousa, 7 p.m., cost: \$10, call Marty Kleber at (973) 865-9075 or e-mail [Stthereseministry@gmail.com](mailto:Stthereseministry@gmail.com).

**FELICIAN COLLEGE**, Lodi, 7th Annual Pope John Paul II Lecture, "A Franciscan Theology of Stuff: Human Trafficking, Consumerism and Franciscan Action," presented by Father David B. Couturier, O.F.M. Cap., 7 p.m., (201) 355-1425.

## April 26

**COLLEGE OF ST. ELIZABETH**, Morristown, open house for traditional aged college students, 3 p.m., call 1-800-210-7900 or visit [www.cse.edu/learntolead](http://www.cse.edu/learntolead).

**CATECHETICAL OFFICE**, Archdiocese of Newark, "Skills for Adult Faith Formation," methodology course for catechists and parish leaders, at St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, 9:30 a.m. -

3:30 p.m., call Dr. Eugene Tozzi at (973) 497-4288 or e-mail [tozzieug@rcan.org](mailto:tozzieug@rcan.org).

## April 29

**SETON HALL UNIVERSITY**, South Orange, The College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception presents "Notes of Distinction" benefit concert, honoring Father Brian X. Needles, S.T.L. and Linda A. Graves, L.H.S., 7 p.m., \$100 donation, call Linda Valvano at (973) 761-9420 or e-mail [linda.valvano@shu.edu](mailto:linda.valvano@shu.edu).

## April 30

**NEW HOPE INC.**, Englewood, "Helping Hands, Precious Lives" gala, benefiting first-time single mothers and their babies, at Seasons, Washington Township, 6:30-10:30 p.m., cost: \$75, (201) 408-4726 or visit [www.newhope4lifeweb.org](http://www.newhope4lifeweb.org).

## May 3

**ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL**, Rutherford, spring clothing drive, drop off items in front of high school at 64 Chestnut St., from

9a.m.-1p.m., (201) 933-5220.

## May 6

**ST. DOMINIC ACADEMY**, Jersey City, open house, for girls in grades 7-12, 6-8 p.m., call Andrea Apruzzese, at (201) 434-5938, ext. 14 or e-mail [aapruzzese@stdominicacad.com](mailto:aapruzzese@stdominicacad.com).

## May 7

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

## May 8

**ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT CENTER**, Kearny, iSing festival, for archdiocesan grammar school choirs, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., call Rich Donovan at (201) 998-0088 ext. 4150 or e-mail [donovari@rcan.org](mailto:donovari@rcan.org).

## May 9

Office of Family Life Ministry, Archdiocese of Newark, liturgy for those whose children have

died, at Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell, 7:30 p.m., (973) 497-4327.

## May 13

**THE NATIONAL BLUE ARMY SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**, Washington, celebration of Our Lady's apparition in 1917, confessions start 10:30 a.m., Rosary procession at noon, guest speaker Father Anthony Apostoli, C.F.R. at 12:30 p.m., Mass at 1 p.m. celebrated by Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski, call (908) 689-1700 or visit [www.wafusa.org](http://www.wafusa.org).

## May 15

**ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL**, Rutherford, spring carnival at Memorial Field, May 15 from 6-10 p.m., May 16 from 6-11 p.m., May 17 from noon-11 p.m., cost: \$25 for all-night pass, (201) 933-5220.

## May 16

**ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT CENTER**, Kearny, Gennesaret Retreat Weekend, for those with life changing illness, through May 18, spiritual

director and medical team on staff, call Hilare Reinold at (732) 566-7237 or e-mail [momr9@optonline.net](mailto:momr9@optonline.net).

## May 19

**ST. JOSEPH SHRINE**, Stirling, "Recovering Joy: The Art of Prayer in a Stressful World," retreat led by Father Laurence Freeman, O.S.B., through May 20, cost: \$45 in advance/ \$55 at the door, (908) 647-0208 or e-mail [stewart.jaybird@gmail.com](mailto:stewart.jaybird@gmail.com).

## May 20

**SERRA INTERNATIONAL** (District 22), Archdiocese of Newark, 60th annual Vocation Fund Dinner, at Nanina's in The Park, Belleville, 6 p.m., cost: \$85, call Rose Marie Deehan at (973) 762-6180 or e-mail [rjdeehan@gmail.com](mailto:rjdeehan@gmail.com).

**THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR INNER CITY CHILDREN**, Archdiocese of Newark, 30th annual fund-raising dinner gala, at The Park Savoy, Florham Park, (973) 497-4278.

## Obituaries

## Rev. James A. Kirchner

A Memorial Mass was celebrated March 10 at Sacred Heart Parish in Prescott, AZ, for Father James A. Kirchner, 76, who died March 2.

Born in Kearny, he was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark May 25, 1963. Fr. Kirchner served as a parochial vicar at Saint Nicholas Parish in Jersey City and as a teacher at Seton Hall Preparatory School in South Orange.

After serving as teacher, he ministered in many parishes around the United States and in Mexico and as a chaplain aboard cruise ships. Fr. Kirchner moved to Arizona after he was granted retirement in June 2004.

## Sister Irma Papaleo, M.P.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 15 at Villa Walsh, Morristown, for Sister Irma Papaleo, M.P.F., 85, who died March 11.

Born in Montclair, Sr. Irma entered the Religious Teachers Filipini Aug. 18, 1943. She received the religious habit two years later and made her final religious pro-

fession Sept. 5, 1948. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Seton Hall University, South Orange.

Sr. Irma taught in the following elementary schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark: Our Lady of Sorrows, Jersey City; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Newark; Assumption, Bayonne; and Holy Rosary, Jersey City, where she later became principal for 14 years.

In addition to being principal at Holy Rosary School, she served as principal at Good Shepherd Academy, Nutley, for 17 years.

Sr. Irma was instrumental in the peaceful transitioning of the co-sponsored Catholic schools in Nutley. She received the Vision of Peace award in 2002 from Resurrection School, Jersey City, where she previously served as principal of the former Holy Rosary School.

## Sister Joan Connelly, S.S.N.D.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 24 at Villa Notre Dame, Wilton, CT, for Sister Joan Connelly, S.S.N.D., 79, who died March 21.

Sr. Joan studied at Rhode Island College of Education for one year before entering the Candidature of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Baltimore, MD, in August 1953.

In 1959 she moved to Fort Lee, where she taught sixth grade at Madonna School (1959-1961). After 14 years serving in elementary schools, she taught history and religion at Archbishop Walsh High School in Irvington from 1971-1978.

In 1978, Sr. Joan began ministry as a pastoral associate, serving parishioners throughout the state for 28 years. She served in many parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark including: Sacred Heart, Vailsburg (1978-1984); Saint Michael, Cranford (1984-1988); Saint Mary, Jersey City (1988-1989); Saint Aloysius, Jersey City (1989-1998); and Holy Trinity, Westfield (2003-2011).

## Sister Teresa Marie Mahon, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 4 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Teresa Marie Mahon, S.C., 83, who died April 1.

Born in Newark, Sr. Teresa Marie entered the Sisters of Charity March 24, 1948, and was a member for 66 years.

Sr. Teresa Marie served as a teacher throughout the Archdiocese of Newark including: Saint Lucy School, Jersey City; Saint Anne School, Jersey City; Our Lady of Grace School, Hoboken; Saint Catherine School, Darlington; Sacred Heart School, Bloomfield; Saint Mary School, Dumont; and Saint Catharine School, Glen Rock.

She was vice principal, principal and pastoral minister in Christ the King Parish, Hillside; pastoral associate in Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Saddle River and served in pastoral care at Saint Joseph Hospital and Medical Center, Paterson.

## Rev. Msgr. David J. Casazza

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 10 at Saint Peter the Apostle Parish, River Edge, for Rev. Msgr. David J. Casazza, 96, who died April 6.

Born in Hoboken, he attended Fordham University, Bronx, NY, and

Seton Hall University, South Orange, where he graduated in 1939.

He studied for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, and was ordained a priest June 19, 1943.

After serving two years at Saint Mary Parish, Elizabeth, Msgr. Casazza volunteered to serve in the US Navy Chaplain Corps and was commissioned in June 1945. Initially he was assigned to the Navy Department in Washington, D.C., and then with the Second Marine Division in Japan.

Thereafter, Msgr. Casazza returned home to serve at Saint Anthony Parish, East Newark.

At the outbreak of the Korean War, Msgr. Casazza returned to active duty.

During his military service, he served four tours of duty with the US Marine Corps, including the First Marine Division in Vietnam. His naval assignments included ministering in Florida, California and Morocco.

Msgr. Casazza's last assignment was as senior chaplain at the US Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. Upon his retirement from the Navy in June 1970, he returned to the Archdiocese of Newark to serve as pastor of Saint Peter the Apostle Parish, where he served for 18 years. He retired from active ministry in November 1988.

