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Archdiocese celebrates Year of Mercy

By Al Frank
Associate Publisher

As parishes and schools throughout the archdiocese make plans to celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Archbishop John J. Myers has named six “pilgrim churches” to give the faithful the same Holy Year opportunities for special graces accorded those who travel to Rome.

The jubilee begins Dec. 8 when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door at Saint Peter’s Basilica. Five days later, on Dec. 13, he will open the holy door of

Saint John Lateran, the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome. That day, cathedrals throughout the world will open their doors as well.

At the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, the holy door in the east tower on the Clifton Avenue side will be opened during the noon Mass by Archbishop Myers.

Those who pass through the doors are making a symbolic pilgrimage of conversion and are accorded plenary indulgences by reflecting on mercy, celebrating the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation, making a profession of faith and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The same graces are accorded those who choose to visit pilgrim churches: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Wallington, Divine Mercy in Rahway, Our Lady of Mercy in Jersey City and Park Ridge and Saint Francis Xavier in Newark, the Archdiocesan Shrine of Divine Mercy, and Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus in Linden, the Archdiocesan Shrine of Saint John Paul II.

Meanwhile, parishes and schools are making plans to celebrate in special ways. For example, Saint Peter the Apostle in River Edge is erecting a “wall of mercy” on which parishioners

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Local parishes, schools contribute to ‘Harvest’

By Melissa McNally
Editor

Sharon Reilly-Tobin of the Emergency Food Network of Catholic Charities has made it her life’s mission to help feed the hungry. For over 30 years, she has worked with the organization to coordinate and support a network of over 50 food pantries throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

Based in East Orange, the network oversees the collection and distribution of food while providing services to the poor, low-income or homeless. In 2014, the organization provided emergency food to over 25,000 people in need.

But the face of hunger is changing. Food supply is at an all-time low and pantries are

struggling to keep up with the demand.

“We’ve seen the need increase because of the cost of housing in the area,” Reilly-Tobin explained. The cost of living makes it difficult for low-income wage earners to make ends meet. More than 50 percent of their income goes toward rent. They come to the pantry to help stretch their food budget.”

The rise of the working poor, those in the service industry, child or senior care, has left many local food pantries in desperate need.

On Oct. 16, the Emergency Food Network launched the Harvest of Hope food drive, encouraging parishes, schools and institutions to donate goods for the most vulnerable. In its 29th year, the collection helps bolster food resources, especially during

the busy holiday season.

Although the Emergency Food Network receives grants to purchase food to aid local pantries, individual donations are invaluable.

“We get calls all the time from pantries, especially in poorer areas, that have runs on food. Some call every month. We couldn’t do what we do without the donations from schools and parishes,” Reilly-Tobin said.

Saint Michael School in Newark has been “outstanding” in their support, according to Reilly-Tobin. For over 10 years, the school has contributed 2,000-3,000 pounds of food during Harvest of Hope. “Principal Dr. Linda Cerino really gets everyone involved. She challenges students to donate enough food to fill her office, or the gym or a classroom. It’s great to see these

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will affix notes describing the works of mercy they perform. "It gets everybody involved and the impact as you come in through the doors gets you thinking," said Deacon Andy Gordon.

The Youth Center in Kearny is coordinating a film festival with a Year of Mercy theme, said Rich Donovan, associate director of events in the archdiocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Meanwhile, Sister Marie Gagliano, M.P.F., associate superintendent of Elementary School Administration, said

cards listing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy can offer students handy check lists for discerning individual opportunities.

"These personal encounters with mercy are best lived on a local level," said Father John Gordon, associate to the Vicar for Pastoral Life and Coordinator of the Office for Evangelization. Mentioning regular parish events like confirmation preparation and Lenten retreats, Father Gordon added, "Almost everything we do can have a mercy theme."

"This year promises to be a time of grace and mercy for so many," Archbishop Myers said as he named a general commit-

tee to coordinate archdiocesan observances and to act as a resource for parishes.

Coming soon will be a "Year of Mercy" portal on the archdiocesan website (rcan.org) that will feature a calendar of jubilee celebrations and resources such as the works-of-mercy card and a communal penance service.

"There are a lot of things to discuss and to narrow down what is particular to the Church of Newark and to the Church as a whole and this will be a resource for material and ideas to help," said Father Joseph Mancini, coordinator of archdiocesan liturgies, and committee chair.

One major endeavor will be

to encourage widespread celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The archdiocese is currently looking into using signs that mark reconciliation rooms and confessionals with a cross bearing the legend, "Behold the Door of Mercy," said James Goodness, archdiocesan Director of Communications. Goodness is also looking into coordinating a single vendor for outdoor banners parishes can purchase to promote the celebration.

"If there's anything we've got to do, it's to get our churches open during the Year of Mercy," said Msgr. Richard Groncki of Annunciation in Paramus.

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elementary school kids have such a sensitivity to helping others," Reilly-Tobin said.

The Division of Volunteer Efforts at Seton Hall University and Saint Cassian Parish in Montclair also make regular contributions.

With the assistance of part-time driver Carlos Pineda, the donations are brought to the Emergency Food Network's depot in Newark. Pineda and Reilly-Tobin have worked together for more than a decade and are a highly efficient duo. "Carlos is a gem—he's much more than a driver. He'll let the school or parish know exactly where their food donations are going. Sometimes, especially at this time of



Sharon Reilly-Tobin

year, the donations are picked up and then dropped off directly to a food pantry in need," she said.

Food pantries, according to Reilly-Tobin, are the "unsung heroes" of the archdiocese. They

have a big impact on the lives of everyday people and have made significant adjustments along with changing times.

"At first, food pantries just served people and now, they are like mini social-service agencies. Most offer nutrition classes, budgeting courses and try to address the root cause of why the individual relies on the pantry," she said.

There has also been a change in the type of food being donated. "We really focus on how we can get healthy, nutritious food out to people. A lot of our clients have health issues like hypertension, diabetes and high cholesterol so what we give them is important. Food pantries have become more multi-faceted and realize the impact they have on the overall wellness of the individual."

Although Reilly-Tobin has been "holding down the fort" of the Emergency Food Network for decades she remains undaunted by the challenges. "It has really been a blessing and a privilege to be here. It's wonderful to see how generous people can be."

Correction

The story, "Bayonne parishes reconfigured in latest New Energies step," which appeared in the October 14, 2015 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*, misstated the locations of ministries to Hispanic Catholics that will be added or strengthened as part of this reorganization. The ministries to Hispanic Catholics will be centered at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish and Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish.

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Archdiocesan priest reflects on Synod

by Father Brian X. Needles

The invitation to be an assistant at the recently concluded Synod of Bishops has to rank high among the countless blessings I have experienced in Rome as a doctoral student in moral theology.

Much of the media's attention was focused on the hot button issue of communion for the divorced and civilly remarried. However, from the perspective of someone who was continually present during the three weeks the synod met, I can attest that the majority of the interventions from the synod floor, as well as the bulk of the time spent in the small group sessions, did not concentrate on that single issue. Instead, the emphasis was on the many other and varied challenges that confront families today. It's important to note that the participants also spent much time emphasizing the Church's appreciation for families who faithfully—and often times heroically—live the Christian vision for family life.

Some Church observers, as well as some special interest groups within and outside the Church, are analyzing the Synod's final document in an attempt to find elements that reinforce their ideas about what the



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Church should teach on matters of faith and morals in family life. Rather than getting caught up in that type of guesswork, it would be better and more productive to read the entire document and not just the more contested. You will readily see how much of it beautifully re-proposes the Church's vision of the family in today's complex world. It challenges us to live that vision in our families while we wait for Pope Francis to

give us further direction in an expected Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation.

The Holy Father has already provided some insight in his Oct. 24 closing address "Certainly, the synod was not about settling all the issues having to do with the family, but rather attempting to see them in the light of the Gospel and the Church's tradition and 2,000-year history," he said. "It was about urging everyone

to appreciate the importance of the institution of the family and of marriage between a man and a woman, based on unity and indissolubility, and valuing it as the fundamental basis of society and human life.

"It was about listening to and making heard the voices of the families and the Church's pastors, who came to Rome bearing on their shoulders the burdens and the hopes, the riches and the challenges of families throughout the world," he continued. "It was about showing the vitality of the Catholic Church, which is not afraid to stir dulled consciences or to soil her hands with lively and frank discussions about the family."

A month earlier, during September's World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, Pope Francis recalled how "the highest expression of love" was the sending of Jesus to live among us.

"And where did He send his Son—to a palace? To a city? No. He sent Him to a family. God sent Him amid a family. And He could do this because it was a family that had a truly open heart!"

May each family fulfill its role as the "domestic church" with open hearts that embrace God's word, the Church's teaching, and God's divine design for families, so that each may be a sacred place of communion and prayer and an authentic school of the Gospel.

14th Ordinary General Assembly

In their final document issued on Oct. 24, the synod fathers revisited many of the realities threatening marriage and family. War, cultural attitudes, economic pressures, poverty, ecology, structures of exclusion, domestic violence, abuse, human trafficking and pornography were among the topics examined for their negative impact on marriage and the family.

The final document emphasized the beauty of marriage and family, and explained the importance of both in terms of the attaining the common good. Along the way, the synod fathers strongly affirmed the Church's teaching on marriage and family. For example, they declared marriage to consist of the indissoluble union between one woman and one man, and noted that the family is both a gift of God and the basic unit of society. Likewise, they affirmed the Church's opposition to reproductive techniques such as in vitro fertilization, euthanasia and abortion, making the point that God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning to its end.

Contrary to some news accounts, the bishops attending the synod enjoyed a high degree of collegiality, according to Catholic News Agency correspon-

dent Elise Harris. This spirit of collegiality and the strength of bishops' affirmations of Church teaching were especially evident in the final document. All 94 paragraphs were endorsed by two-thirds of the 270 bishops, although two did so by a slim margin.

In the document, the synod fathers also addressed the question of the mission of the family. They noted that, from the beginning, God has generously directed his love toward his children in order that they might have fullness of life in Jesus Christ. Further, through the sacraments, God invites families into this life, "to proclaim it and to communicate it to others." In other words, the family is called to participate in the mission of the Church.

However, the family must first be evangelized before it can hope to evangelize others. To this end, the synod fathers observed, "The mission of the family encompasses the fruitful union of the spouses, the children's education, the witness of the sacraments, the preparation of other couples for marriage, and the accompaniment of those couples or families facing difficulties."

Faith Catholic.

Father Joseph F. Wortmann

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 13 at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the Seton Hall University campus, South Orange, for Father Joseph F. Wortmann who died Oct. 7.

Born in Newark, Fr. Wortmann attended Seton Hall Preparatory High School, West Orange, and Seton Hall University. He earned a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from Catholic University of America in 1958. He also received a master's degree in classical languages and education from Fordham University and Seton Hall, respectively.

Fr. Wortmann was ordained a priest May 31, 1958 and was assigned to Seton Hall Preparatory School where he served until 2002. He taught Latin and religion at the high school and was the advisor of the school's newspaper for 14 years. He was also chairman of the classical language department (1964-69) and the foreign language department until 1989.

Fr. Wortmann was recognized with Seton Hall Preparatory service award in 1971. He received the



Thomas A. Reynolds Award from the Prep Fathers Club in 1994. He retired from teaching in 2002.

Sister Nancy Grassia, O.S.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 17 at Stella Niagara, NY, for Sister Nancy Grassia, O.S.F., 79, who died Oct. 14.

Sr. Nancy attended Rosary Hill (Daemen) College in Amherst, NY, and received a master's degree in education from Niagara University. She was involved in both education and pastoral ministry throughout New Jersey, New York and Ohio.

In 1973, Sr. Nancy became Supervisor of Diocesan Education for the Diocese of Trenton and Assistant Superintendent of Diocesan Schools for the Diocese of Paterson in 1995. She served as part-time secretary at Christ the King Preparatory School, Newark, from September 2011 until June 2015.

**Rev. Msgr. James O. Sheerin**

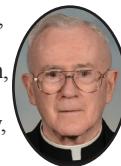
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 22 at Saint Mar-

garet of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry, for Rev. Msgr. James O. Sheerin, 85, who died Oct. 15.

Born in Jersey City, he was a graduate of Seton Hall Preparatory High School, West Orange, and Seton Hall University, South Orange. He attended Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, and was ordained to the priesthood May 26, 1956.

Msgr. Sheerin entered the U.S. Air Force as a Catholic chaplain in January 1963 and retired from service Aug. 1, 1988, at the rank of lieutenant colonel. During his 25-year military career, he served at Air Force bases throughout the world, receiving many meritorious service medals, including the Vietnam Service Medal.

Msgr. Sheerin served at the following archdiocesan parishes: Saint Patrick, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Saint Mary, Nutley, parochial vicar; Madonna, Fort Lee, pastor; Our Lady of Sorrows, Kearny, administrator; Saint Margaret of Cortona, Little Ferry, pastor; and Saint Valentine, Bloomfield, administrator.

**Sister Mary Matthew Cola, O.S.F.**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 29, at Assisi House, Aston, PA, for Sister Mary Matthew Cola, O.S.F., 88, who died on Oct. 26.

Sr. Mary Matthew entered the Franciscan Sisters of Ringwood (a congregation that later merged with the Sisters of Saint Francis of Philadelphia) in 1951 and professed her first vows in 1952.

She ministered in the Archdiocese of Newark for 20 years. She taught and served as principal at Assumption School in Emerson, then returned later as librarian and music/art instructor. Sr. Mary Matthew was also teacher and principal at Saint Anthony School in East Newark and principal at Saint Ann School in Hoboken.

**Father John C. Dowling**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 2 at Saint Joseph the Carpenter Parish, Roselle, for Father John C. Dowl-



ing, who died Oct. 28.

Born in Bayonne, Fr. Dowling attended Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington. He was ordained to the priesthood May 19, 1951.

Fr. Dowling was the pastor of Saint Joseph the Carpenter for 42 years and retired in 1993 as pastor emeritus. While serving the parish, he started numerous activities, including the CYO and the parish boys club. He was also chaplain of the Roselle Fire Department.

Father Dowling taught at Holy Family Academy and organized the transition of Girls Catholic to merge with Roselle Catholic in 1983.

**Sister Mary Emily Mentell, L.S.I.C.**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 3 at Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Cherry Hill, for Sister Mary Emily Mentell, L.S.I.C., 80, who died Oct. 28.

Born in Poland, Sr. Mary Emily made her final profession in 1966 at Saint Joseph Convent, Woodbridge, following her arrival in the United States in 1963.

A devoted principal and teacher, she ministered throughout New Jersey, including Saint Hedwig School, Elizabeth.

**Sister Marian Ingellis, M.P.F.**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 2 at Villa Walsh, Morristown, for Sister Marian Ingellis, M.P.F., 86, who died Oct. 29.

Sr. Marian entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1950 and received her habit that same year. Her final religious profession was in 1953. She earned a bachelor's degree from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, and received a master's degree in English from Villanova University, PA.

A teacher for 57 years, Sr. Marian taught at Saint Bartholomew, Scotch Plains; Saint Anthony, Belleville; Villa Walsh Academy, Morristown; and was the librarian at Holy Family School, Nutley.

Sr. Marian, a member of the National Council of Teachers of English, was awarded the Nation-

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Oak Knoll student organizes fund-raiser for fallen football player

SUMMIT— Oak Knoll junior Kim Sargenti knew almost immediately that she wanted to help the family of Evan Murray, 17, a senior at Warren Hills Regional High School who died Sept. 25 after sustaining an injury during a football game.

Kim's desire to help was borne from her family's connection to the Warren Hills coaching staff, lessons instilled by Oak Knoll foundress Cornelia Connelly, and the fact that she and so many of her classmates can identify with Evan.

"All of us can relate to Evan in some way," said Kim. "Several of us are athletes, and our teams play Warren Hills in competition."

The more than \$350 raised by the one-day bake sale held on Oct. 13 at the all-girls middle/high school at Oak Knoll will be donated to a Go Fund Me page set up to help the Murray family pay for funeral costs and medical bills.

In keeping with the spirit of service at Oak Knoll, baked goods that went unsold are being donated to the Market Street Mission in Morristown.

Kim said after hearing of similar efforts at her brothers' school, she knew Oak Knoll was the per-

fect place to start a fundraiser of her own.

"I know that Oak Knoll is a very giving community, so I thought what better place to do it than at my school," she said. "Evan died so tragically. Why not do as much as we can do for his family?"



Kim Sargenti

Kim said the sale was a good opportunity to involve her classmates and their families – between 10 and 15 students and their families took advantage of the long Columbus Day weekend to bake.

"I knew the girls and the faculty would love to be a part of this. Our entire basis is giving back. Cornelia Connelly, through her teachings,



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has shown us that," she said.

Upper School Division Head Jennifer Landis said Evan's youth hit home with Oak Knoll students who typically help those in need locally or in other parts of the country and the world.

"This is right in our own community and affects people that we

know and love," Landis said, adding that she's become "surprisingly used to" her students hosting bake sales and other generous forms of service.

The Go Fund Me Page has already exceeded its \$50,000 goal by raising more than \$65,000. For more information, or to donate, visit www.gofundme.com/wc57hv5s.



Submitted photos



"Pink-Out Day" was recently held at Sacred Heart School in Lyndhurst to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Led by the student council, students from pre-k through eighth grade participated in the fund-raiser. Teacher Blair Sommese is pictured with some of her eighth grade students in their pink gear. Inset photo, left to right, are student council officers Frankie Guanci, Jessie Guanci, Gianna Glover and Isabelle Mazgaj.



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The Performing Arts Company at Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains, presented its fall show "The Cripple of Inishmaan," from Oct 23- 25. The comedy, written by Irish playwright Martin McDonagh, was directed by alumni John Rotondo and produced by Maryann Carolan. Prior to the performance, the Central Jersey Police & Fire Pipes & Drums Band greeted the audience as they entered the theater. The evenings also featured pre-show and intermission performances by Irish Step Dancers from the Shea Jennings School of Irish Dance. The cast included, top row, left to right: Makay Johnson, Kimmy Paltz, Deirdre Pepe, Neill Lynskey, Lexi Marta and Matthew Gomez. Bottom row: Rebecca McQuade, Kaitlin Waldron and Edwin Rivera.

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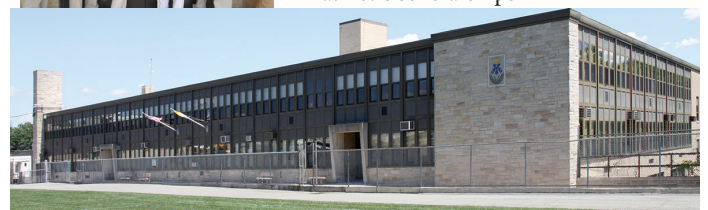
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November 20

Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township, fall musical "42nd Street" performance, Nov. 20 and 21 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 22 at 2 p.m., \$15, call at (201) 445-6800 or visit www.ihanj.com.

November 22

St. Joseph the Carpenter School, Roselle, kick-off celebration of centennial year, Mass at 10 a.m., followed by brunch in the school cafeteria, call (908) 245-6560 or e-mail personette@stjosephroselleschool.org.

December 2

Holy Spirit Parish, Union, Holy Hour for Life, 7:30- 8:30 p.m., call (908) 687-3327 or e-mail jsondey@comcast.net.

December 5

New Jersey Choral Society, holiday concert "Celebration of Carols," at Immaculate Conception Parish in Montclair, 8 p.m.,



Caldwell University will present its annual Christmas Spectacular 8 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 11**, in the Student Center auditorium. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call Laura Greenwald at (973) 618-3520.

also on Dec. 6 at 3 p.m., advance tickets are \$25 for adults/\$22 for students, seniors and patrons with disabilities, call (201) 379-7719 or visit www.NJCS.org.

December 10

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children, Archdiocese of Newark, Annual Christmas Breakfast, 8:15-10 a.m., at Saint Joseph School, East Orange, call (973) 497-4279 or e-mail Barbara Cortes at cortesba@rcan.org.

December 12

Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station,

Advent retreat for women, Mass at 8 a.m. (optional) at Holy Family Chapel, retreat from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the motherhouse, R.S.V.P to Sister Maryanne Tracey by Dec. 7 at choosecharity@yahoo.com or (973) 290-5325.

December 13

Loyola House of Retreats, Morristown, Advent retreat for men and women "In the Meanwhiles," 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., featuring presenter Anna Graziano, \$50, (973) 338-9538.

St. Margret of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry, Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, 3 p.m., (201) 641-2988.

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al Endowment for the Humanities Grants to attend Skidmore College and Rutgers University. She was inducted into the Wall of Fame at Villa Victoria Academy in 2002.



Father John E. Van Hook, O.F.M.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 11 at Saint Anthony Parish, Butler, for Father John E. Van Hook, O.F.M., 85, who died on Nov. 5.



Born in Fair Lawn, Fr. Van Hook was a professed Franciscan friar for 65 years and a priest for 60. In 1956, he was assigned to Siena College in Loudonville, NY, where he would remain for nearly 60 years. He was named an Outstanding Educator of America in 1975 and a visiting scholar at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City five times.

Fr. Van Hook retired from teaching in 2004, and relocated to Holy Name Friary, Ringwood, in July of this year.



Father John F. Kennedy

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 13 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scotch Plains, for Father John F. Kennedy, who died Nov. 7.



Fr. Kennedy attended Seton Hall University, South Orange, and Immaculate Conception Seminary. He was ordained May 25, 1963.

Fr. Kennedy was assigned to the following parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark: Christ the King, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Blessed Sacrament/ Saint Charles Borromeo, Newark, parochial vicar; Annunciation, Paramus, parochial vicar; Saint Francis De Sales, Lodi, parochial vicar; Our Lady of the Assumption, Bayonne, parochial vicar; Saint Phillip the Apostle, Saddle Brook, parochial vicar; Saint John the Baptist, Jersey City, parochial vicar and administrator; and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scotch Plains, pastor.

He also served as chaplain at Bayonne Hospital and Dean of Union County Southwest, deanery 26.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

PASTORS

Reverend Peter G. Wehrle has been appointed Pastor of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish, Bayonne, effective Jan. 1.

Reverend Hongshik Don Bosco Park has been appointed Pastor of the Church Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook, effective immediately.

ADMINISTRATOR

Reverend Monsignor Ronald J. Marczewski, V.F., has been appointed Administrator of Saint John Paul II Parish, Bayonne effective Jan. 1.



Reverend John D. Gabriel has been appointed Administrator of Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, effective Nov. 27.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Philip A. Sanders has been appointed Parochial Vicar at Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish, Bayonne, effective Jan. 1.

Reverend Pawel Dolinski has been appointed Parochial Vicar at Saint John Paul II Parish, Bayonne, effective Jan. 1.

Reverend Andrezej Kujawa, S.D.S., has been appointed Parochial Vicar at Saint John Paul II Parish,

Bayonne, effective Jan. 1.

Very Reverend John R. Barno, V.F., has been appointed Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, effective Nov. 27.

Reverend Dieuseul Adain has been appointed Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary and Saint Michael Parish, Elizabeth, effective Oct. 28.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend Philip F. Latronico has been appointed Chaplain of the Union County Sheriff's Office, effective immediately.

Reverend Ireneusz Pierzchala has been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council #2842, Rochelle Park, effective immediately.



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Students at Saint Rose of Lima Academy, Short Hills, recently attended an assembly presented by The Seeing Eye of Morristown. Each year about 500 puppies are born at The Seeing Eye. From the time they are 7-8 weeks old to about 18 months, puppies are cared for by families who participate in classes to help teach the dogs basic obedience and other skills needed to be guide dogs for the blind. Saint Rose of Lima students have agreed to raise money for the Pennies for Puppies program that helps fund the organization.

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Clergy, consecrated religious, seminarians and laity remembered the deceased bishops and priests of the archdiocese at a memorial Mass on Oct. 26 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Archbishop John J. Myers presided at the Mass and the homilist was Msgr. Robert F. Coleman, minister of the priest community at Seton Hall University. The Mass was sponsored by the Office of Catholic Cemeteries. Photo at left, Archbishop Myers and Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda; above photo, Msgr. Coleman.

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Felician College becomes a university

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The president and the Board of Trustees of Felician College announced Nov. 3 that the institution officially changed its name to Felician University following approval by New Jersey's Secretary of Education.

"Our vision of becoming a university spans many years and has only been made possible by the hard work and steadfast commitment of our Felician Sisters, dedicated faculty, staff, alums and supporters," said Felician president, Dr. Anne Prisco. "The state's approval makes it official, but what has occurred today is simply that our name caught up with what Felician has already become."

University designation more accurately reflects Felician's range and quality of academic offerings. It offers more than 16 graduate programs across all disciplines and two doctoral programs in addition to undergraduate programs in arts and sciences, business, education and nursing.

Felician recently received a



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grant from the National Science Foundation to establish a Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance/Cyber Defense. Fe-

lician will use the grant to increase the number and diversity of undergraduate and graduate students studying cyber security at Felician,

thus helping to build a workforce of skilled professionals to thwart cybercrime and develop more effective prevention strategies.

Immaculate Heart Academy puts girls 'first'

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP—

To celebrate the International Day of the Girl on Oct. 11, Immaculate Heart Academy's Culture Club participated in a world-wide movement started by the non-profit, She's the First. The organization provides scholarships to girls in low-income countries with the goal of creating first-generation graduates and the next generation of global leaders.

Members of Immaculate Heart's Culture Club held a bake sale on Oct. 14, making and selling special tie-dye cupcakes.

Immaculate Heart sophomore Kaitlyn Bertolino said she instantly knew she wanted the school to get involved when she first read about the program.

"I think it's wonderful that students my age across the nation are helping organizations like She's the



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Michelle Kaminski enjoyed one of the unique tie-dye cupcakes made by students to raise money for She's the First.

First because not only is it helping kids our age go to high school, it also makes a huge impact on the individual," Kaitlyn said. "When you

reach the goal you were going for, it makes you feel amazing. You feel like even though it's only one girl you're helping, you are still making a huge change. I think that everyone our age should be able to feel that way."

The Culture Club, moderated by social studies department chair Patrice McDonough, surpassed their fund-raising goal and raised \$507. Michelle Kaminski, a senior officer of the club is grateful to have the opportunity to help a foundation at such a young age.

"I know the struggles that many first generation families have to face, and given the chance to make a difference right within my school is something I wouldn't have even imagined possible," Michelle said. "It's not often that one will find teenage girls willingly making an effort to help other girls in need, and that is one thing which makes Culture Club and Immaculate Heart Academy so unique and special."

Over the past three years, the club has raised money for the Afghan Institute of Learning and the EdPowerment foundation, an organization that supports education in Tanzania, created by former Immaculate Heart faculty member and alumna parent, Moira Madonia.



Archdiocese honors thos

Archbishop John J. Myers served as the principal celebrant and homilist at the 23rd Annual Mass for Law Enforcement Officers Nov. 5 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. The Mass remembers with reverence the men and women who serve in the often-dangerous profession of protecting society, and honors in particular those who lost their lives in the line of duty in the past year. Attendance by men and women in law enforcement statewide at this Mass has grown every year since its inception over two decades ago. This year, some 1,500



e who protect and serve

representatives from federal, state, county, and municipal law enforcement departments attended. "It is important to gather together each year to thank God for the courage and honor that He has given the many men and women who answer the call to serve and protect us all," said Archbishop Myers. "We continue to ask God for His blessings for those who persevere in keeping our communities safe."



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Holy Angels' faculty recall school's legacy during retreat



Rejoicing, reflecting, remembering was the focus of Academy of the Holy Angels' first faculty retreat, on Oct. 5. The school's faculty and staff unplugged from daily life to enjoy a shared experience of spiritual renewal with a series of community-building activities organized by Joan Finn Connelly and the mission team. The retreat was part of the kick-off of the Proclaim Jubilee year, which began Oct. 2 with a visit to Holy Angels and special liturgy celebrated by Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda.

The group remembered the legacy of Academy of the Holy Angels, in October 1879, through photographs and stories.

Sister Carole Tabano, S.S.N.D., shared her experiences teaching at the school's Demarest campus for more than 27 years. She did so with the added perspective of a 1959 graduate of the school's 11-acre Fort Lee campus prior to its relocation in 1965. A high school basketball star, Sr. Carole began her studies at the school in 1955 when annual tuition was \$350, the first entrance exams were introduced, sports were limited to basketball, and major movie-making studios Universal and Fox surrounded the school, making Fort Lee America's film capital.

Development that followed the opening of the George Washington Bridge in 1931 had a profound effect on the school. Enrollment boomed because of the expanded population to the area. While the school moved to its expansive Demarest campus to address some of these changes, Sr. Carole maintained that Academy of

the Holy Angels "has successfully bridged the new with the tradition, dedication, spirit and love" fostered during the early days of the school.

Teacher and coach Patrick Dunne screened a scene of the Academy Award-nominated "Kiss of Death" (1947) filmed at the original school campus in Fort Lee, which spotlighted the grandeur of its domed ceilings and ornate marble floors.



Archival photos courtesy of Academy of the Holy Angels

Faculty and staff boarded buses to tour the original sites on Linwood Avenue and Main Street in Fort Lee. Remaining was the stone wall which surrounded the school for its 86 years at this site.

The mini-retreat included a visit to Fort Lee's Madonna Cemetery and Mausoleum and the resting place for 45 School Sisters of Notre Dame including the school's found-

ress, Sister Nonna Dunphy, who was buried there in 1931.

The trip continued to the 33-acre Fort Lee Historic Park, which offers a picturesque view of New York City, and provided a serene setting for contemplation, meditation, and fellowship with the Holy Angels community. The day concluded with an outdoor barbecue and a post-retreat discussion at the Demarest campus.



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Saint Dominic Academy, Jersey City, recently held the Underclass Honors Assembly honoring five members of the senior class. Honorees, pictured left to right, included Amanda Gaccione, Elinor Mokaya, Christina Trinidad, Sara Angrosina, and Jennifer Valencia. Gaccione received the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal for her outstanding academic achievement in the study of mathematics and science. She was also awarded The Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award from The University of Rochester for excelling in science during her junior year. The University of Rochester also recognized Mokaya for her outstanding academic achievement in the pursuit of innovative approaches and an appreciation for the possibilities of technology. Trinidad was awarded the University of Rochester's George Eastman Young Leader Award for her outstanding academic achievement and leadership. Angrosina received the Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award for her commitment to social justice. The Saint Michael's College Book Award for Scholarship and Service was awarded to Valencia in recognition of her active participation in National Honor Society and her outstanding commitment to volunteerism and leadership in her community service endeavors.

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Interested and qualified candidates should submit electronically a letter of introduction including a statement on the importance of Catholic secondary education for women, resume, and contact information for five professional references. Applications should be received by December 4, 2015. Information should be addressed to Head of School Search Committee and directed to sdasearchcommittee@gmail.com.

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Renowned musician Felix Hell recently performed a dedication concert at Saint Lawrence Church, Weehawken, in celebration of the parish's newly installed organ. Saint Lawrence's original organ was destroyed by Superstorm Sandy, when two eight-foot waves swept through the church and lower rectory. Over the course of nearly three years, the church has now been restored to full operational capacity, a reconstruction that has cost close to \$900,000. Established in 1887, the northern Hudson County parish is engaged in a grassroots movement to gather and share new energies with Saints Peter and Paul. Left to right are Pastor, Rev. Msgr. Robert S. Meyer, Felix Hell, Director of Music Ministries Matthew Still, and Chad Perry, owner of Chad Perry & Associates, the company that installed the organ.

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Trinitas undergoes \$18 million renovation

ELIZABETH—To best serve the 73,000 emergency visits it receives each year, Trinitas Regional Medical Center is in the early stages of a three-phase \$18 million project to renovate and expand its existing Emergency Department. The project will add 18 new treatment rooms, giving the medical center a total of 45 rooms for treating emergency visits. A 128-slice CT scanner will be housed in the new department, and separate emergency treatment areas for families, children and seniors will be created. The project will also add three new beds to the medical center's existing Intensive Care Unit.

"Trinitas has one of the busiest emergency departments in New Jersey," stated Trinitas president and CEO Gary S. Horan during a groundbreaking ceremony held in front of the emergency department. He noted that the number of annual visits increased over 40 percent in the last 15 years. The current emergency department was built in 2000 following the merger of Saint Elizabeth Hospital and Elizabeth General Medical Center. That merger created Trinitas Regional Medical Center.

The entire \$18 million cost of the project will be covered by donations from area foundations, corporations and individuals. Approximately half has already been raised, Horan said.

He pointed out that the expansion and facility enhancements are



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vital to patient care in Elizabeth and its surrounding communities.

"As a primary healthcare provider in the Central Jersey region, Trinitas has long been committed to the needs of the communities it serves. In the past 15 years, we have seen

that residents rely on us to care for them in the face of medical emergencies. With the expansion's expected completion in 2017, we'll be better able to continue to offer the highest level of patient care possible."

"This project is all about Trinitas' mission of service to the community," stated Sister Rosemary Moynihan, S.C., Chairman of Trinitas Health & Regional Medical Center. "By treating over 70,000 emergencies per year, Trinitas has become, more than ever, a true lifeline for those we serve."



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