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The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark will be filled on Saturday, May 23 at noon on the joyous occasion of Archbishop John J. Myers ordaining a dozen new priests. The Class of 2015 includes (left to right, standing) Father Jason Joseph Makarow; Father Thomas P. Quinn; Father Antonio T. Sarento Jr.; Father Oliver D. Nilo; Father Paul David Importico; Father José Arturo Ortiz; Father Luis Fernando Díaz Romero; Father Cesar Augusto Infante Romero; (seated) Father Hermes Diaz Vargas; Father Brian Orlando González; and Father Johan David Betancourt Hurtado. Father Kevin M. Ward Kilgore was in Rome when this cover photo was taken.

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# RJ's epic birthday bash

## Community celebrates birthday of young cancer patient

TENAFLY—Seven months ago, Richard Sy Jr., “RJ” was like most 3-year-old boys; he played with his siblings and he loved fire trucks and super heroes. His diagnosis of stage 4 Neuroblastoma, a cancer that effects young nerve cells, in September 2014 has changed what the term superhero means to all those around him.

On April 19, the community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish, threw an elaborate party to celebrate the brave youngster's 4th birthday.

“People ask me all the time what a Christian community should look like,” Pastor Very Reverend Leonard J. Gilman, O.Carm, said. “From now on I won't have to use words, I can just point to what we saw and experienced here today.”

Over 400 parishioners, two mayors and numerous entertainers and children's performers gathered at the church to celebrate.

RJ, who lives with his parents, Cheely and Richard, and two older sisters in Bergenfield, has been spending most of his time at the Ronald McDonald House near Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York City where he receives costly and, often, painful treatment. But on a beautiful spring afternoon he rode to his birthday party with a fleet of fire trucks from the Tenafly Fire Department and was greeted by well-wishers in the church parking lot along with a local TV news crew. The festivities included proclamations from Bergenfield Mayor Norman Schmelz, and Tenafly Mayor Peter Rustin, who named RJ “Birthday King for the Day.”

Also on hand were the superheroes Spiderman, Wolverine and Iron

Man, not to mention magicians, face painters, popcorn and hot dog vendors and a DJ all courtesy of Total Entertainment, which donated their services.

David Waterman, co-owner of Total Entertainment, said 25 of his employees donated their time to the event. “RJ's story just touched them and this was their way of helping,” he said.

“From pizza and soft drinks to cake and cupcakes everything at today's party was donated by parishioners or local businesses,” Elliot Guerra, the parish's director of mission development, said. As a result, all proceeds from t-shirt sales and donations went toward helping the Sy family offset RJ's mounting medical bills.

“The instinctive reaction is to ask ‘why do bad things happen to great people like the Sy family,’” said Guerra. “But

I think the way to look at today is that RJ's struggle and sacrifice is an opportunity for us to prove that we can love each other, serve each

other and give us the opportunity to be a true Christian community. RJ's battle with cancer convinces us to be better to one another.”

For more information on RJ's story, visit [www.facebook.com/RJsBattle](http://www.facebook.com/RJsBattle) or donate to [www.giveforward.com/fundraiser/8kq5/rj-sy](http://www.giveforward.com/fundraiser/8kq5/rj-sy).



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Surrounded by firefighters and dressed in bunker gear, RJ, is held by his father Richard and accompanied by his mother Cheely and older sisters Abbey and Cassie.

RJ's mother Cheely was interviewed by a TV reporter.

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# Caldwell University holds candlelight walk in support of Nepal

The Caldwell University community gathered for a candlelight walk April 29 to support its Nepalese students and alumni following the devastating 7.8-magnitude earthquake that struck the country on April 25. Caldwell has 33 students from Nepal and many alumni from that nation.

The evening included remarks from Nepalese students and Caldwell University staff and administration, a minute of silence, prayers, music, videos and a candlelight walk to the campus peace pole.

Sister Kathleen Tuite, O.P., vice president for Student Life, introduced the event and discussed how the earthquake has impacted the entire campus. "Tonight the Caldwell University community gathers in solidarity with our family from Nepal," she said.

Maulin Joshi, director of International Student Services and advisor of the International Student Organization, introduced a prayer and reflection and showed a video of Nepal before and after the earthquake.



Submitted photos

Hritesh Regmi, a student from Nepal and a communication arts major, said that for the Nepalese students the extent of the trauma is incomprehensible. The places that they grew up loving, that "thousands from across the world came to visit, are now gone," he said. "The idea of walking around our hometown and nothing being the same is disorienting."

Caldwell's president, Dr. Nancy Blattner, expressed relief that as

of this time, no immediate family members of students were among those who perished. "Together as a community, we mourn for the loss experienced by our students and their family members—loss of homes and personal possessions, loss of familiar landmarks in Kathmandu, loss of cultural heritage in Nepal that dates back to 300 AD," she said.

Students are raising money for

the America Nepal Medical Foundation and created a Facebook site in support of the cause.

Blattner said the university is committed to supporting the Nepalese students and alumni now, and in the future. "In the days, weeks and months to come, we will work with you to raise money to be sent to Nepal for the humanitarian efforts underway to assist the survivors who already are working to rebuild."

Regmi said the response of the Caldwell University community has been incredible in helping the students process the tragedy and assist them in their outreach and fundraising efforts.

"The whole nation (of Nepal) may be disoriented, but our friends in the global community are still helping us find our feet," Regmi urged those in the audience to hold on to hope and to believe that the worst has passed and that things can get better. "Let's continue to do what we can, and let's always continue to pray for Nepal."

To learn more, visit

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From left to right, Robert Mauriello, Director of Operations and Parish Cemetery Liaison at Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark, recently presented a check to Sharon Reilly-Tobin, program manager for the Emergency Food and Nutrition Network, and Catherine L'Insalata, division Director of Catholic Community Services. The funds, donations collected during the Christmas season, will help provide food to the area's poor, low income and homeless.

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## *Immaculate Heart senior accepted to competitive NYC dance program*

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP—Immaculate Heart Academy senior and Nutley resident Jaclyn Scerbak was recently accepted to the Ailey School/Fordham University Dance B.F.A. program.

Beginning this fall, she will live next door to Lincoln Center, train at the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater studios, and attend classes at the Jesuit university. This competitive, the conservatory-style program only accepts 35 dancers from more than 600 students who audition. Jaclyn will major in dance with an academic minor.

“Conservatories prepare students to work as professional performers,” Jaclyn explained. “Because the Ailey School is partnered with Fordham, they focus on the whole person. They want their dancers to be committed artists and scholars. That is what drew my attention to this school from the very beginning.”

Jaclyn has wanted to pursue dance in college since she was three years old. Although it has been her passion since she took her first ballet class, she knew that dancing in college could be difficult. With support from her family and friends, she decided to give her dreams a chance.

Although the Fordham University program always ranked at the top of her list, she was unsure she would be accepted. “Leave it to me to fall in love with a school that has under a 9 percent acceptance rate for its dance program,” Jaclyn said.

The Ailey audition was the first of five college auditions

for Jaclyn. Although her legs could not stop shaking from nervousness, she promised herself to give everything she had that day. “To dance in front of the directors of The Ailey School for just one audition was a privilege in itself,” she said. “I was not going to let this incredible opportunity pass me by. In my heart, I knew that that was the only place that I wanted to be for the next four years.”

When Jaclyn received the acceptance e-mail, she felt all of her hard work in both school and dance had finally paid off. “The nights when I stayed up until 2 a.m. doing homework because I had a three-hour dance rehearsal that night as well, proved to be worth it,” she said. “It is an overwhelming feeling when someone gives you the chance to follow your dreams. I am so grateful that Ailey and Fordham recognized my potential and decided to give me this amazing opportunity.”

Jaclyn said that Immaculate Heart prepared her for the college application/admissions process and she is especially grateful for her guidance counselor, Geraldine Boland.

“Two years from when I began this whole college process, I can honestly say I couldn’t be happier,” Jaclyn said. “I am so appreciative of the people who helped me along the way and got me to where I am. I look forward to a new, exciting and challenging road ahead.”



Jaclyn Scerbak



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Don Bosco Preparatory School, Ramsey, sponsored its annual youth ministry trip to Nicaragua during the school’s winter break. Led by Father Manny Gallo, director of youth ministry and a native of Nicaragua, the trip included 24 members of the senior class, faculty mentors and several family members. The students helped build a home at the Mama Margarita Foundation, which provides food and shelter for women and children in need. They also visited Granada Street Kids, a school for at-risk youth; helped youth who struggle with disabilities at Los Pepitos house; and fed impoverished workers who collect recyclables at a dump site. The group is shown here visiting Don Bosco Colegio Salesiano, a Salesian technical school in Granada.

# Cardinal O'Malley offers insight on immigration at Seton Hall

By Al Frank  
Associate Publisher

Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley said he expected Pope Francis to address immigration issues during his upcoming visit to the U.S. as part of his ministry's continuing efforts to rally the world to the poor and marginalized.

"I'm certain the Holy Father will address the immigration question on his visit," the cardinal said during an April 22 address at Seton Hall University.

One of nine cardinals who serves in Pope Francis's "kitchen cabinet," the archbishop of Boston said the pontiff's focus on the plight of immigrants and refugees is a needed antidote to the "globalization of indifference."

In the week he spoke, 800 immigrants from Africa drowned after their boat capsized in the Mediterranean, and O'Malley noted how the pope lamented the tragic deaths of others attempting to enter Europe during a 2013 visit to the gateway Italian island of Lampedusa.

Here in the U.S., where O'Malley dedicated years of his Franciscan ministry to Hispanic immigrants, he said more programs are needed to overcome the legal, linguistic and cultural barriers that delay full assimilation.

While immigration is a divisive issue, he quoted Pope Francis's advice for finding common ground: "You must prioritize the connection — the path you walk together. After that, settling differences becomes easier."

The convocation, at which O'Malley received an honorary doctorate, celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Joseph A. Unanue Latino Institute, which trains Latinos for leadership roles in the Church and ministry to Hispanics.

"How difficult to be an immigrant in a strange land," he said, after recounting the story of a husband who came to him while he served in Washington, D.C. The man was distraught because his wife back home had written and accused him of abandoning their family.



Photo by Joy Yagid  
Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley (at podium) was joined onstage by, left to right, Provost Larry A. Robinson, Bishop Manuel A. Cruz and Archbishop John J. Myers.

The man could not understand because he faithfully sent home every dollar he made working two jobs and depriving himself of basic necessities. Only when O'Malley questioned how he sent the money did he

learn the man had mistaken a gaudy blue trash can for a postal box.

This was but one example of how immigrants turn to the Church for help, which was no surprise in Washington, where he said the num-

ber of Catholics has doubled due to Hispanic immigration.

Nationwide, 55 percent of Catholic under 30 are Hispanic, while 70 percent 19 and younger are. Yet, O'Malley continued, Latinos comprise only three percent of enrollment in Catholic schools — where they are far outnumbered by Protestant students.

**"YOU MUST PRIORITIZE THE CONNECTION — THE PATH YOU WALK TOGETHER. AFTER THAT, SETTLING DIFFERENCES BECOMES EASIER."**

—POPE FRANCIS

"If we are ever going to get a hearing in this world it will be because of the authenticity of our lives and our dedication to love," the cardinal said.

The address inspired many in the audience. "The way he spoke about God's special care for the poor and how I'm going to live that out in my priesthood is something I am really going to have to think about," said Deacon Thomas P. Quinn, who is to be ordained a priest this month.

"It was definitely a reminder how someone who is marginalized, or on the periphery, can be heard when people are listening," said Andrea Bartoli, dean of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations.



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Brother Ryan Dela Pena, C.R.M., center, professed his solemn vows in the Order of the Clerics Regular Minor (Adorno Fathers and Brothers) April 6 at Saint Joseph Parish, Lodi. He was ordained to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone on April 11 at Jesus, Our Risen Savior Church, in Spartanburg, SC. The paschal mystery is at the heart of the charism of the Clerics Regular Minor. In the order's tradition, living in the presence of the Lord is especially manifested in devotion to the Eucharist. The Adorno Fathers have missions throughout the Philippines, Africa, Germany, India and Italy.

# Archbishop Myers speaks in Rome

On May 2, Archbishop Myers addressed the audience, which included guest of honor Pope Francis, at a day of prayer and reflection on the life of the Blessed Junipero Serra at the Pontifical North American College, Rome. Born on the Spanish Mediterranean island of Majorca, Blessed Serra, a Franciscan priest, is to be canonized in September. Archbishop Myers's remarks are as follows:

Holy Father,

As Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Pontifical North American College, and on behalf of the Board of Directors, our rector, faculty, staff and 310 seminarian and priest students of our College, I am honored to welcome you today.

Since your predecessor, Pope Pius IX, founded our beloved college here in Rome, it has worked hard to form wise and generous pastors capable of sharing our faith, bringing people to Jesus Christ by transmitting the Catholic faith, bringing the infinite grace of the Son of God to the weak and the lost, and making sure that the Catholics of America become the leaven of the Gospel in our nation.

In addition, we are committed to the formation of priests who are particularly devoted to the Bishop of Rome and who embrace your concern for the needs of the Church in the world, especially those who are suffering. Our seminarians come from 101 of the dioceses of our nation, truly making this college "the American seminary in Rome." This is the fourth year that we have reached our numerical limit and, thank God, we have a waiting list for admission to next year's class for the first year of study. All these signs of vitality and hope are the result of much prayer and evangelization by our bishops, priests and faithful ... We are grateful to God for these blessings.

Holiness, I hope that you will experience the same kind of vitality during your upcoming visit to Washington DC, New York and Philadelphia. Your coming to our college and your future visit to our motherland are moments of pure renewal for us. We all, together with the faithful in the United States, are full of hope for the success of your Apostolic Visitation, but we are full of sincere gratitude to your fatherly love toward us. On this occasion, we renew our commitment to a more profound conversion to the Gospel message and offer to you our support, our love and our prayers. Our people are so excited about your impending arrival. Your message of mercy and outreach to the poor have touched the deepest chords of our hearts.

Thank you for coming here today. Know that our love and our prayers are with you. We ask you to continue to pray for us and bless us, our alumni and all of our loved ones.



Photo courtesy of Pontifical North American College

## Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

### ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

**Reverend John J. Cryan**, Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy and Our Lady of Sorrows Parishes, Jersey City, has been appointed Director of Pastoral Formation at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, effective July 1.

**Reverend Mark F. O'Malley** has been appointed Archbishop's Liaison for Mission and Ministry, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, effective April 15.

**Reverend Zachary Swantek** has been appointed to the faculty of Seton Hall Preparatory School, West Orange, with residence at Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory, West Orange, effective July 15.

### PASTORS

**Reverend Stephen A. Carey**,

Pastor of Madonna Parish, Fort Lee, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Mary Parish, Dumont, effective July 1.

**Reverend Thomas J. Ciba**, Pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Jersey City, has been appointed to a second six-year term as Pastor, ending July 1, 2021.

**Reverend Gerardo Gallo**, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Elizabeth, has also been appointed Administrator of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, Newark, effective July 1.

**Reverend Bruce G. Janiga**, Parochial Vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, Union, has been appointed Pastor of Madonna Parish, Fort Lee, effective July 1.

**Reverend Dennis E. Reiff**, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Nutley, has been appointed to a second six-year term as Pastor, ending July 1, 2021.

**Reverend Ivan Sciberras**, Pastor of Saint Peter Parish, Belleville, has been appointed to a second six-year term as Pastor, ending July 1, 2021.

**Reverend Monsignor Robert H. Slipe**, Pastor of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Cedar Grove, has been appointed to a second six-year term as Pastor, ending Feb. 1, 2021.

**Reverend Andrew Zmarlicki**, Pastor of Saint Hedwig Parish, Elizabeth, has been appointed to a third six-year term as Pastor, ending July 1, 2021.

### ADMINISTRATORS

**Reverend Patrick Donohue** has been appointed Temporary Administrator of Saint Mary Parish, Dumont, effective June 15 until Dec. 31.

**Reverend Dave Thomas N. Sison**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Anthony Parish, Belleville, has been appointed Administrator there, effective immediately.



### PAROCHIAL VICARS

**Reverend Yunior Almonte** has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Union City, effective March 30.

**Reverend Albino Tiago dos Santos, S.D.V.** has been appointed Parochial Vicar at Saint Nicholas Parish, Palisades Park, effective May 1.

**Reverend Robert S. Gajewski**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Michael Parish, Cranford has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Anthony Parish, Belleville, effective May 20.

### CHAPLAIN

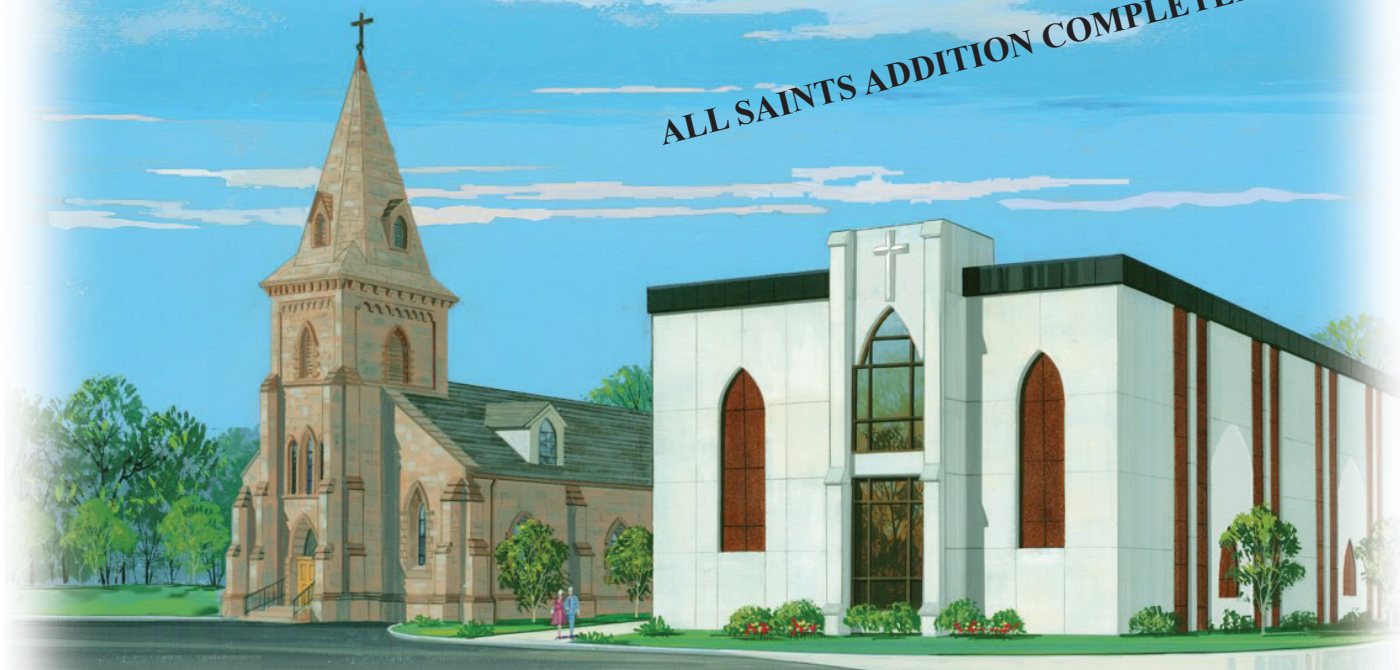
**Reverend Monsignor Robert S. Meyer**, Pastor of St. Peter and Paul Parish, Hoboken, and Administrator of Saint Lawrence Parish, Weehawken, has also been appointed Chaplain for the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps, effective April 21.

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## Sisters of Charity celebrate 25th anniversary of Seton Associates

MORRISTOWN—The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth and their lay affiliate the Seton Associates, celebrated their 25th anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving in Holy Family Chapel followed by a luncheon at the Madison Hotel on March 21.

Award-winning author Joan Barthel, who wrote “American Saint, The Life of Elizabeth Seton” delivered the luncheon address. The event drew 200 sisters and Seton Associates.

Established in 1990, the Seton Associates are lay women and men who seek a deeper spirituality and engage in ministry by living the sisters’ charism of charity. There are 275 members.

General Superior Sister Rosemary Moynihan, S.C. called the Seton Associates “a vital presence among us for the Church and the world and a milestone event in the history of the Sisters of Charity.”

Sr. Rosemary praised the associates for “embracing this new vocation, for reaching out, seeking to

touch people’s lives, to integrate the spirituality of love into family life, work and social situations, and advocacy for the evolving needs of the world today, particularly for those on the margins of society.”

Father Martin D. Rooney, M.S.A., director of pastoral care at Saint Joseph Medical Center in Paterson, led the liturgy, assisted by concelebrants Msgr. Charles Gusmer and Father Peter VB Wells, all of whom are Seton Associates.

During the luncheon festivities, Seton Associate Director Rosemary Lalevée Carroll presented a book to Sr. Rosemary that includes heartfelt letters from Seton Associates to sisters, living and deceased, thanking them for the impact their work and kindness have had upon them. Copies were distributed to all in attendance.

Carroll also presented, on behalf of the associates, a sculpture entitled “Hand in Hand,” depicting a line of people holding hands and walking forward. The sculpture was hand-crafted by congregation staff



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Left to right, Seton Associate Director Rosemary Lalevée Carroll, author Joan Barthel and General Superior Sister Rosemary Moynihan, S.C.

carpenters Joe McEntee and Bobby Geraghty.

The Seton Associates honored founding director Sister Julia Scanlan, S.C. of Jersey City by announcing the establishment of the annual Sister Julia Scanlan Ministry

Project. She received an album of photographs from the first project on March 16 when the group, in cooperation with Family Promise of Morristown, hosted a house shower for a homeless woman who was moving into her new apartment.

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# A dozen faithful men answer the call to priesthood

By Al Frank and Melissa McNally

**T**welve men are to be ordained priests of the Archdiocese of Newark on May 23, the Saturday before Pentecost.

It is the second consecutive year 12 men are to be ordained in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, and one week after nine other men were to enter the clerical state when they were ordained deacons. Typically they will serve in a parish before they are ordained priests next year.

This year's class of priests were mostly born overseas with five from Colombia and two from the Philippines. All but two are 30 or older and half entered the seminary after working in other jobs.

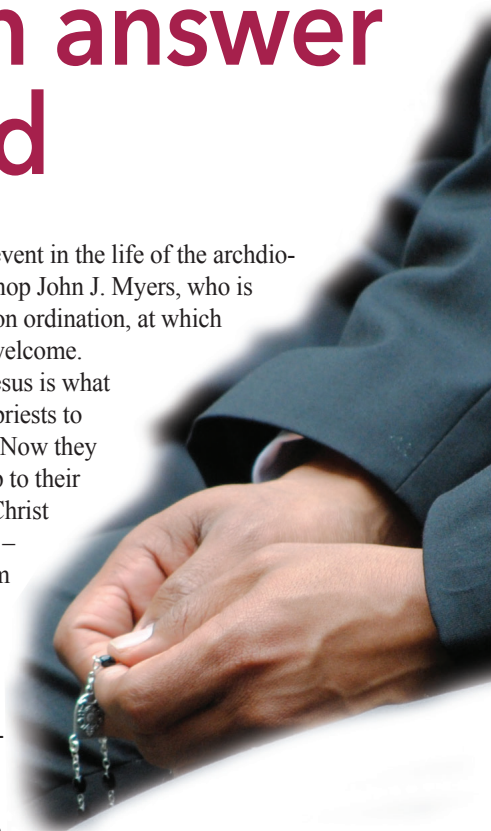
These traits reflect national trends, as measured by the survey of this year's 595 ordinands by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University. The total is up from 477 priesthood ordinations in 2014 and 497 in 2013.

Nationwide, about 60 percent worked other jobs – mostly in education – before deciding on the priesthood. The survey found the average age is 34 but only 25 percent were born outside the U.S. and just 14 percent reported they were Hispanic or Latino. The survey had a 69 percent response rate.

"It is a blessed event in the life of the archdiocese," said Archbishop John J. Myers, who is to preside at the noon ordination, at which all the faithful are welcome.

"Closeness to Jesus is what brought these new priests to the altar," he said. "Now they will strive to live up to their dignity as another Christ – the *alter Christus* – living their call from the Lord fully by serving God's people attentively and enriching them through the celebration of the sacraments."

The archdiocese has 726 priests to serve 1.2 million Catholics in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties. Their median age is 54 and 239 are retired, while 53 serve outside the diocese.



## Father Johan David Betancourt Hurtado

**F**r. Betancourt, 25, knew from a young age that he was destined for the priesthood. A native of Colombia, he entered the Seminario de Cristo Sacredote immediately following high school. He credits the intercession of the Blessed Mother with helping him discern his vocation.

"I prayed to (Mary) every day in order to obtain an answer from God so to see if the priesthood would be what He wanted for me," Fr. Betancourt explained. "She did answer me and through her God gave me the chance to participate on the Inter-

national Vocation Program of my beloved Archdiocese of Newark."

It was during his formation at Immaculate Conception Seminary that he was "able to mature fully in the knowledge of God and of His Church."

Fr. Betancourt served his diaconate at Immaculate Conception Parish in Secaucus and will celebrate his first Mass at Saint Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, on May 23 at 5:30 p.m.



## Father Luis Fernando Diaz Romero

**T**he middle child in a family of eight children, Fr. Diaz, 30, worked at a

nursing home in his hometown of Espinal Tolima, Colombia, prior to entering the seminary. He was encouraged by his parents Maria Argenis and Luis Alberto to join the priesthood.

"It was not easy for (my parents) but since the beginning they knew that I would do well serving Jesus as a priest. I grew up in a Catholic family where I received good life values and a good Catholic education."

It was his mother's invitation to a Charismatic Mass that led Fr. Diaz to accept his vocation. "It was an amazing encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist that night as I felt that He called me to be His disciple serving Him and His people. I thank God for His invitation through my mother."

Fr. Diaz entered the Seminario de Cristo Sacredote in his native Colombia in 2007. He will celebrate his first Mass May 23 at Saint Joseph the Carpenter Parish in Roselle, where he also served his diaconate.



## Father Hermes Diaz Vargas

**"A**t the beginning, I was so afraid to say yes to God," Fr. Diaz, 38, explained. Although he felt "in love with the Eucharist" at age 7 in his hometown of San Bernardo in Tolima, Colombia, he was hesitant to answer "yes" to the call.

"I felt the presence of God in my life since I was very young, around 6 - 10 years old. I saw many priests in my town, and I said to myself that I would like to be like them some day."

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While studying financial administration in college, Fr. Diaz would find solace by visiting the university's chapel. "My best moments were spending hours without words, contemplating Jesus in His sanctuary."

Fr. Diaz entered the seminary in Colombia before attending Immaculate Conception Seminary. "It was not easy to get a new country, culture, and a new language, especially at the beginning of my thirties, but the Spirit of God helped me a lot; God breaks the walls and makes bridges, because He wants all His children find their mission, their destination."

Fr. Diaz will celebrate his first Mass at Saint Stephen Parish in Kearny on May 24, where he also served as a deacon.



## Father Brian Orlando González

At the age of 16, Union City native Fr. Gonzalez, now 31, discovered that "God existed and loved me." He credits Father Fernando Carranza, former pastor of his home parish of Sts. Joseph & Michael, and the Neocatechumenal Way with helping him discern his vocation.

"He was the first priest that I truly knew and through whom God revealed His love for me," Fr. Gonzalez explained. "Fr. Fernando initiated the catechesis of the Neocatechumenal Way in the parish, married my parents, encouraged them to force me to come and listen, and this saved my life."

Fr. Gonzalez entered Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Kearny, in 2004. "Some of the fondest memories that I have of the seminary were the pilgrimages that we made to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico, Israel and the missions in California," he recalled.

Fr. Gonzalez will celebrate his first Mass May 24 at Saint Aloysius Parish, where he also served as a deacon.



## Father Paul David Importico

Fr. Importico, 46, earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome. Born in Plainfield, he is the only child of Nick and Elisa Importico.

He cited his great-grandmother as a major influence in joining the priesthood. He recalled "playing priest" with her as a child while she cared for him after school.

"I used to watch her attend Mass every day at Saint Anne in Garwood," Fr. Importico said. "Even in times of illness and in her old age she still managed to always be able to walk to the church and attend Mass and the services. This inspired me greatly for I saw in her a real and living example of self-sacrifice and devotion."

His great-grandmother's devotion and care helped influence Fr. Importico's ministry to the sick and in local hospitals. "I desire as priest to have as my model Jesus as the Good Shepherd. To tend his flock, care for it, give it guidance and direction, and be present to it is how I desire to live and work as a priest."

Fr. Importico will celebrate his first Mass May 24 at Saint Joseph Parish, Bogota, where he served as a deacon.



## Father Cesar Augusto Infante Romero

Fr. Infante, 28, is a native of Colombia and is the eldest of three children. His mother Maria Teresa was at first hesitant when her son chose to enter the seminary.

"She was encouraging me to be

a veterinarian, but she was always very supportive," he recalled.

He attended the Major Seminary of Tunja, Colombia, and always envisioned serving as a priest in a Spanish-speaking country.

"It wasn't until 2008 when two friends who studied with me in the same seminary in Colombia and are now priests for the Archdiocese of Newark told me about coming to the United States," Fr. Infante said. "It was of course very challenging, because that meant that I had to learn a language, leave my family, culture, friends and country behind."

Though there were roadblocks along the way, he never doubted his commitment to the priesthood. "I have learned to appreciate my vocation and the vocation of others," he said.

Fr. Infante will celebrate his first Mass at Saint Bartholomew the Apostle Parish in Scotch Plains on May 24 at a noon.



## Father Kevin M. Ward Kilgore

Fr. Kilgore, 30, was studying for a theological degree at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome when a family tragedy bought him even closer to his faith.

"The greatest challenge during my seminary formation was walking with my mother through her battle with pancreatic cancer," he recalled. "She was diagnosed on July 4, 2013, and passed on March 11, 2014. I spent the majority of that time in Rome, continuing my studies for priesthood."

He was able to visit his mother several times before her death, and taught her more about the Catholic faith. She entered RCIA during the fall of 2013 and was received into the Church and confirmed three days before her passing.

"The greatest lesson I learned from that experience was the value of the Gospel. It can, and always should be, a source of strength, faith, and hope for all who believe

whether in times of trial or joy," he said.

Fr. Kilgore earned a bachelor's degree in diplomacy and international relations from Seton Hall University and worked as an elementary school teacher at Newton Street School in Newark.

He will celebrate his first Mass at his home parish, Our Lady of Sorrows in South Orange, on May 24.



## Father Jason Joseph Makarow

Bloomfield native Fr. Makarow, 33, worked as Director of Institutional Advancement at Seton Hall Prep School, West Orange, for seven years before entering the seminary.

The son of Anthony and Elaine, he attended Saint Lucy Parish in Newark along with his two sisters. While enrolled at Immaculate Conception Seminary, he and his classmates attended the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha, NE, where he became even more convinced the Lord called him to a priestly vocation.

The 10-week program taught Fr. Makarow to pray using the exercises of Saint Ignatius. He has applied that foundation of prayer throughout his spiritual life.

"Through the combination of my spiritual director along with the eight-day silent retreat, I was able to discern God's will for me," he explained. "Praying about and discussing the spiritual consolations during that retreat over the next nine weeks, I became thoroughly convinced of my vocation to the priesthood."

Fr. Makarow served his diaconate at Saint Henry Parish, Bayonne. He will celebrate his first Mass at Saint Luke Parish, Ho-Ho-Kus on May 24 at 3 p.m.





## Father Oliver D. Nilo

Native of Tampoong, Philippines, Fr. Nilo, 37, is the second-youngest in a family with 12 children.

"My family is very much involved in the Church. My father would sometimes invite the priests and seminarians at home for dinner and they would have a very long and interesting conversation," he recalled.

After graduating high school, Fr. Nilo decided to enter the seminary and be a missionary. He earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education at the University of Cebu, Philippines. He worked as a teacher for four years before entering the seminary.

"I find religious education a meaningful experience for me," Fr. Nilo said. "After working with students for few years, I realized their hunger for meaning, inspiration and truth. I believe that only Jesus can fill them."

He entered the seminary in 2010 and called it "the most beautiful thing" that has happened in his life. Fr. Nilo served as a deacon at Saint Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook. He will celebrate his first Mass at Saint Aloysius Parish in Jersey City on May 23 at 5:30 p.m.



## Father José Arturo Ortiz

Born in Medellin, Colombia, Fr. Ortiz, 42, has four brothers and four sisters. During a youth pilgrimage to meet with the initiator of the Neocatechumenal Way at "el Salitre" in Bogotá, he first heard the call to priesthood.

Fr. Ortiz's parents José Anto-

nio and Maria Elda were deeply involved in the Neocatechumenal Way and encouraged their son to participate.

"(My parents) saw that God was doing many miracles in their lives; they then invited me to listen to the catechesis because they thought that the Lord would also give an answer to my life. Little by little my catechist also saw that I had a vocation and eventually invited me to a pilgrimage."

Fr. Ortiz will celebrate his first Mass at Saint Columba Parish, Newark, where he also served as a deacon, on May 24 at 11 a.m.



## Father Thomas P. Quinn

The eldest of five children, Fr. Quinn, 33, earned a bachelor's degree in history from Caldwell University. The Montclair native also graduated from Seton Hall University with a master's degree in ecclesiastical history and a Master of Divinity.

In the summer of 2012, he attended the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha, NE, with fellow seminarians. Using the spiritual exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the classes gave the aspiring priests a solid foundation on which to build their ministry and life.

At the retreat, Fr. Quinn explored the five Christological dimensions of every priest's life and identity.

"It was the time in prayer I spent with these five categories that opened my heart to a deeper awareness of my vocation and to a burning love for the work and mission of the priest – that *alter Christus*," he explained. "The priest is he who through the Lord's gift alone perpetuates His power and love to all generations."

Fr. Quinn served as a deacon at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, North Bergen. He will celebrate his first Mass May 24 at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Cedar Grove.



## Father Antonio T. Sarento Jr.

Coming from Bukidnon, Philippines, Fr. Sarento, 33, is the youngest of four children. He credits his parents, Antonio and Thelma, with guiding him to his priestly vocation. "My family plays a big role in

my decision to enter the seminary," he explained. "Growing up, I saw the fidelity of my parents in their marriage and their stewardship of time for Church activities. I was born on my father's birthday and with that, he considers me as a perfect gift he received from God on that day."

Raised on a farm, he leaned to trust in "divine providence" at a young age. While in high school, he "began to see the joy of priesthood in the life and ministry."

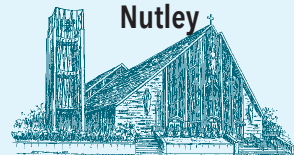
Fr. Sarento served his diaconate at Holy Family Parish in Nutley. He will celebrate his first Mass on May 24 at his home parish Our Lady of Victories, Jersey City.

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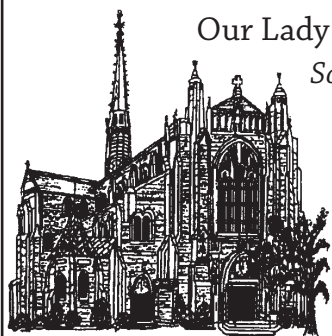
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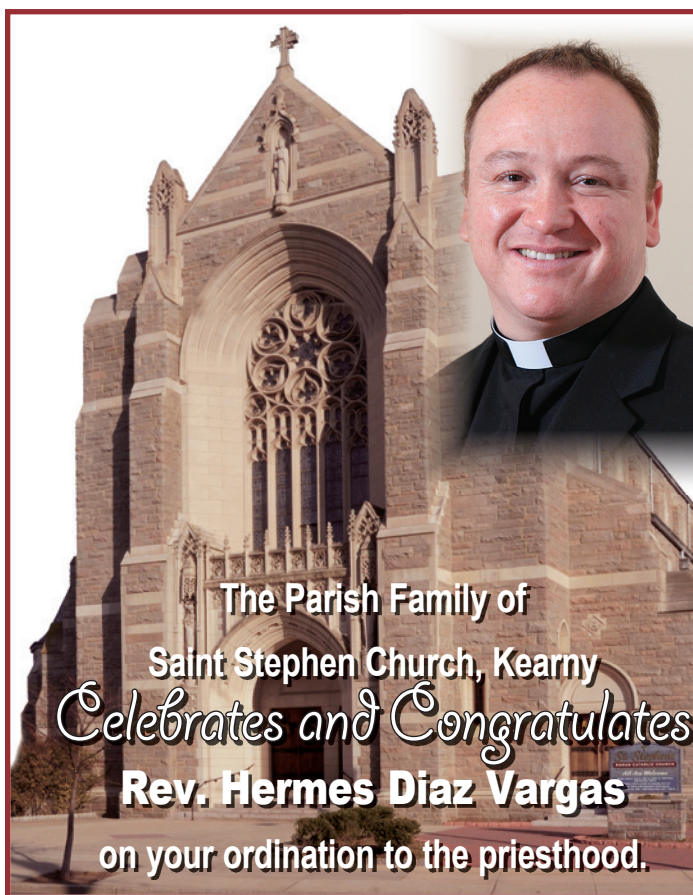
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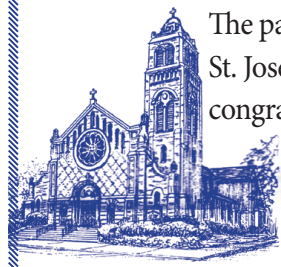


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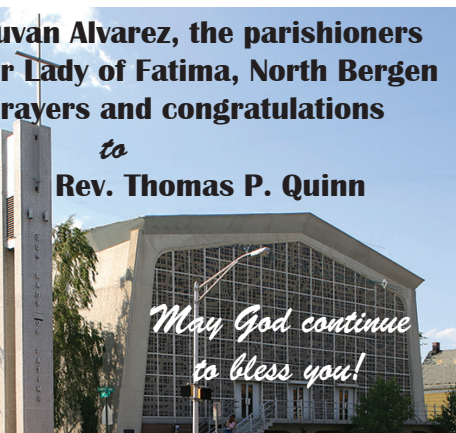
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# Paramus Catholic breaks ground for new music conservatory

Paramus Catholic High School is getting a makeover with the addition of a new music conservatory. The project, which will be completed before the start of the 2015-16 school

year, kicked off with a ground breaking on April 30.

About 200 Paramus Catholic students, administration, faculty, staff and alumni attended the event. Dr. Margaret Dames, Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Newark, and Paramus Mayor Richard LaBarbiera also attended, along with representatives from Cibco Corp.,

and WESKetch Architecture, which are constructing the addition.

The ground-breaking included an invocation and blessing by the high school's chaplain, Father Donald Hummel. The event included a project review by Paramus Catholic President James P. Vail, performances by the school's marching band, choir, and orches-

tra, and other speeches.

Gary Sabak, Paramus Catholic's coordinator of music, choir director and founding director of the Marching Paladins told the crowd this was the proudest moment of his 10-year career at the school. He also said he could not wait to walk in the conservatory's and teach on the first day of completion.

The addition will have more than 3,000 square feet of space dedicated to the music program. The suite will include classrooms, rehearsal space and a 120-seat amphitheater. The rehearsal space will be adjacent to three practice rooms.



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## May 15

**Union Catholic Regional High School,** Scotch Plains, Special Needs Teen Night, for children 12-17, includes music, dancing, face painting, games and crafts, 7-9 p.m., e-mail at [nsaggio@unioncatholic.org](mailto:nsaggio@unioncatholic.org) for registration form.

**St. Michael Medical Center,** Newark, "Spring into Health" women's wellness fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., offers free health screenings, education, giveaways and more, call (973) 877-2853 or visit [www.smmcnj.org/spirit](http://www.smmcnj.org/spirit).

## May 17

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

## May 19

**Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children,** Archdiocese of Newark, 31st Annual Fund-Raising Dinner, at The Park Savoy in Florham Park, 6 p.m., call Barbara Cortes at (973) 497-4278 or e-mail [cortesba@rcan.org](mailto:cortesba@rcan.org).

**Lumen Center,** Caldwell, "Oh Lord, Speak to Me! What Gifts have you Entrusted to Me?" 5:30 p.m. supper, presentation from 6:15 - 7:45 p.m., cost: \$25, call (973) 403-3331 ext.25 or e-mail [lumencenter@caldwellop.org](mailto:lumencenter@caldwellop.org).

## May 20-24

**Holy Trinity Parish,** Hackensack, 16th annual carnival,

Wednesday through Friday from 6-11 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 3-11 p.m., (201) 343-5170.

## May 21

**Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center,** Kearny, "A Gathering on Youth Ministry," 7-9 p.m., call Rich Donovan at (201) 998-0088 ext. 4150 or e-mail [donovari@rcan.org](mailto:donovari@rcan.org).

## May 22

**St. Mary of the Assumption High School,** Elizabeth, 10th annual golf tournament, at Glenwood Country Club in Old Bridge, shotgun start at noon, cost: \$150 per person, call Joanne Shigo at (908) 352-4350 ext. 8 or e-mail [jshigo@stmaryhsnj.org](mailto:jshigo@stmaryhsnj.org).

## May 29

**Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace,** Englewood Cliffs, vocation retreat for women and men (age 18-40) interested in religious vocation, at St. Mary by-the-Sea

Retreat House in Cape May Point, through May 31, cost: \$60, call (201) 608-5401 or e-mail [religiouslifernvc@gmail.com](mailto:religiouslifernvc@gmail.com).

## June 2

**Lumen Center,** Caldwell, "Blessings..." retreat day, begins at 9:30 a.m., cost: \$30, call (973) 403-3331 ext.25 or e-mail [lumencenter@caldwellop.org](mailto:lumencenter@caldwellop.org).

## June 6

**Office of Family Life Ministries,** Archdiocese of Newark, "A Day of Comfort and Hope" retreat for parents who have suffered the loss of a child, at Notre Dame Parish in North Caldwell, (973) 497-4327.

**Blue Army Shrine,** Washington, "You at Least Try to Console Me," with guest speaker Father Ronan Murphy, includes confessions, Mass and Divine Mercy Chaplet, begins at 10 a.m., call (908) 689-1700 or visit [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com).

## Obituaries

## Sister Zita Torlai, M.P.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Lucy Chapel in Villa Walsh, Morristown, for Sister Zita Torlai, M.P.F., 97, who died March 22.



Born in Italy, Sr. Zita entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1936.

Sr. Zita served in pastoral ministry at Saint Francis, Parish Hackensack; Holy Rosary Parish, Jersey City; and Saint Joseph Parish, Lodi. She also served as a teacher in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, South Carolina and Ohio.

For 14 years, Sr. Zita served as the sacristan at the Saint Lucy Filippini Chapel (1990 to 2004). She entered Saint Joseph Hall Infirmary in 2007.

## Sister Mary Ann Tierney, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 30 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Mary Ann Tierney, S.C., 83, who died March 25.

Formerly Sister Mary Leonella, the Montclair native entered the Sisters of Charity on Oct. 7, 1951 and was a member for 63 years.



Sr. Mary Ann was general treasurer of the Sisters of Charity, and was chief financial officer of the Congregation of the Passion, Union City. She was a volunteer at Caritas Academy, Jersey City, and Immaculate Conception High School, Montclair. She moved to Saint Anne Villa in 2014 where she resided until her death.

## Sister Eileen Reinhardt, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 15 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Eileen Reinhardt, S.C., 96, who died April 12.



Formerly Sister Charles Eileen, the Ridgefield Park native entered the Sisters of Charity March 25, 1935, and was a member for 80 years.

Sr. Eileen served as a teacher

at Academy of the Sacred Heart, Hoboken, and Holy Trinity High School, Westfield. She was a teacher, librarian and media specialist in Paramus Catholic High School and became an administrative assistant at Saint Philip the Apostle School, Saddle Brook.

Sr. Eileen retired to Our Lady of the Rosary Convent, Paramus, in 1998. She moved to Ascension Convent, New Milford, in 2003 and relocated to Saint Anne Villa in 2009, where she resided until her death.

## Sister Rosemary McNabb, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 20 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Rosemary McNabb, S.C., 88, who died April 15.



Sr. Rosemary entered the Sisters of Charity Sept. 8, 1946, and was a member for 68 years.

Sr. Rosemary taught at Saint Michael School, Union City; Saint Thomas the Apostle School, Bloomfield; Mount Saint Joseph Children's Center, Totowa; and Immaculate

Conception School, Elizabeth. She was principal at the Saint Aloysius Elementary School, Jersey City.

She also served as an educator and a social worker in the states in Mississippi, and Massachusetts. She retired to Saint Anne Villa in 2008 where she resided until her death.

## Father Joseph V. Dolan, S.J.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 5 at the Fordham University Church, Bronx, NY, for Father Joseph V. Dolan, S.J., 98, who died April 20.



From 1948-1949, he taught philosophy at Saint Peter's College, Jersey City. Fr. Dolan was ordained to the priesthood June 22, 1952 and was a priest for 62 years. He returned as an instructor at St. Peter's from 1962-1964.

In 1964, he taught at his alma mater, Fordham University, and remained there for the remainder of his life. In 1989, Fr. Dolan was named Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the university.

# Children's author inspires Oak Knoll students

SUMMIT — Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child celebrated its annual Author Day April 27 by hosting New Jersey author Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen, who shared writing tips with students in kindergarten through grade 6.

Bardhan-Quallen explained character and plot development, and even worked with the students to map out their own original stories during her presentation.

"The characters in my books are the characters in my life," she said. "Funny stories you share at dinnertime; the people who make you laugh, cry, angry — those are your characters. A lot of the kids I meet end up as characters in my books."

Students shared the story ideas, characters and plot they created, which they were allowed to expand on after the presentation.

Elinor Takenaga, Lower School librarian, called Bardhan-Quallen an engaging speaker who provided her students with a fun and educational experience.

"Oak Knoll's Author Day allows students to be able to meet



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published writers in person and perhaps one day envision themselves as writers," she said.

Bardhan-Quallen is the author of 42 fiction and nonfiction books, including "Duck, Duck, Moose," "Snoring Beauty," and "Chicks Run Wild," which she read aloud

at Oak Knoll.

She said that for every five or six books she's written, only one of them ends up getting published — teaching the students that no matter how bad failure feels, it is important to be able to work through it.

"When someone doesn't like

your writing, it feels really bad," she said. "You can't control what other people like to read. Just make sure whatever you write that has your name on the paper — make sure you're proud of it," she said. "I'm proud of every book I've written."



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### South Orange, NJ

Graduate/Undergraduate	Gnosis & Political Theology	Dr. Giuseppe Gennarini	May 20 – June 4
Graduate	Marian Spirituality	Rev. Frederic Miller	May 26 – June 25
Graduate	American Christianity	Rev. Msgr. Raymond Kupke	June 1 – 25
Graduate	New Evangelization & Catechesis	Dr. Julie Burkey	July 6 – 30

### Madison, NJ

Graduate	Biblical Call Narratives	Allan Wright	June 27 – July 25
Graduate	Prayer, Discipleship & Community	Dr. Dianne Traflet	June 1 – 29

### Online

Graduate	Theological Aesthetics: God, Beauty & Film	Dr. Justin Anderson	May 19 – June 10
Graduate	Scripture & Forgiveness	Dr. Gregory Glazov	June 11 – July 10

For details and registration information, please e-mail [theology@shu.edu](mailto:theology@shu.edu) or call (973) 761-9633.

After learning about the effects of Cyclone Pam on the islands of Vanuatu, the students of Notre Dame Academy, Palisades Park, were eager to research the country and find ways to help. The cyclone made a direct hit, with Category 5 winds, on March 13 in the Republic of Vanuatu in the South Pacific Ocean, including the capital city of Port Vila. The event will likely be one of the worst natural disasters in the island chain's history. The National Junior Honor Society held a fund-raiser where students wore the colors of the Vanuatu flag and also hosted a bake sale. On April 1, Honor Society members, accompanied by moderator Jeanne Loukas, far left, and Principal Mark Valvano, far right, visited the Permanent Mission of Vanuatu to the United Nations in New York City. The group met with Ambassador Odo Tevi, center. As of press time, Notre Dame has raised over \$1,700 and continues to ask for donations.



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### NOVENAS

#### PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

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

E.M.N.

#### PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

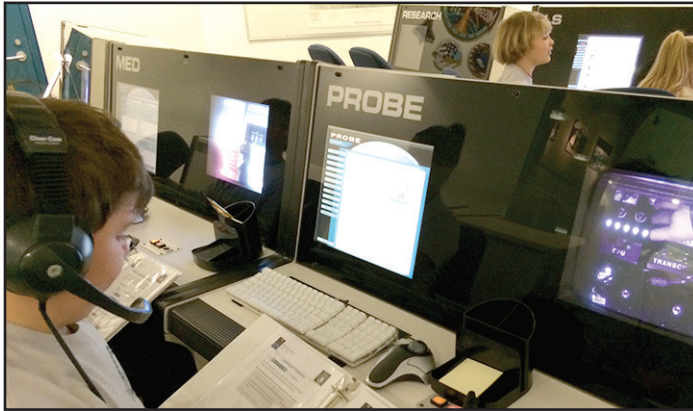
Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me that you are my mother. Oh Holy Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. I place this cause in your hands. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Novena is published in gratitude. Thank you.

J.G.

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D.C.



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Fifth and sixth grade students from Lacordaire Academy, Upper Montclair, visited Buehler Space and Science Center located in Paramus on March 30. Teachers Brittan Finner, Kelly Ang and Middle School Coordinator Victoria Roche organized the trip where students underwent an extensive training program. Students have prepared for their simulated trip in space since November, writing resumes and cover letters, designing a patch and t-shirts, and researching various space missions. Once they were selected for specific space mission jobs, the young astronauts and crew worked with teammates to solve problems that arose during the mission.

## PEREGRINACION Octubre 4 al 13, 2015 Turquia y Grecia

Siguiendo los pasos de San Pablo, visitando las Siete Iglesias del Apocalipsis, la Casa de la Virgen Maria en Efesos lugar donde tambien Pablo predico, la Basilica de San Juan; un crucero por las islas Griegas visitando algunas de ellas, terminando en Grecia.

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# Memorial Day Mass



## Serving God and Country: A Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes

Monday, May 25th at 11:00am

### HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

NORTH ARLINGTON, NJ

Most Reverend John J. Myers *(Celebrant)*

### GATE OF HEAVEN CEMETERY

EAST HANOVER, NJ

Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda *(Celebrant)*

### MARYREST CEMETERY

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Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Nydegger *(Celebrant)*

### HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY

EAST ORANGE, NJ

Reverend Philip J. Waters, O.S.B. *(Celebrant)*

### ST. GERTRUDE CEMETERY

COLONIA, NJ

Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz *(Celebrant)*

### CHRIST THE KING CEMETERY

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ

Most Reverend John W. Flesey  
*(Celebrant)*

### HOLY NAME CEMETERY

JERSEY CITY, NJ

Most Reverend Thomas A. Donato *(Celebrant)*

#### PARISH CEMETERIES

*\* Location where mass will be celebrated*

##### St. John Cemetery

\* St. John Parish - Orange, NJ - 8:00 am  
Reverend George Faour

##### \* Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Bloomfield, NJ - 8:30 am  
Reverend Lukasz S. Rokita

##### St. Peter Cemetery

\* St. Peter Parish - Belleville, NJ - 9:00 am  
Reverend Ivan Sciberras

##### \* St. Rose of Lima Cemetery

Short Hills, NJ - 9:00 am  
Reverend Msgr. George R. Trabold

##### \* Mt. Calvary Cemetery

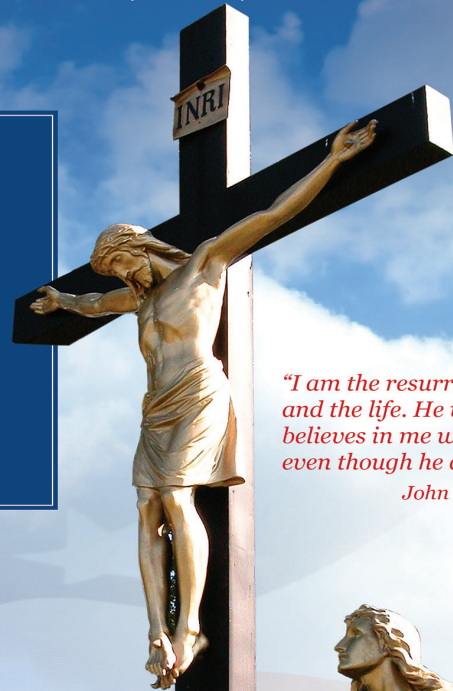
Saint Adalbert - Linden, NJ - 11:00 am  
Reverend Krzysztof Szczotka

##### \* St. Luke Cemetery

Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ - 8:00 am  
Reverend James M. Manos

##### \* Immaculate Conception Cemetery

Upper Montclair, NJ - 9:00 am  
Reverend Joseph Scarangella



*"I am the resurrection  
and the life. He who  
believes in me will live,  
even though he dies"*

*John 11:25*

