Diocesan priests and visiting bishops have been celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in several diocesan parishes since late September. Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, confirmed young men and women at St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Waynesboro on Oct. 29.

The ninth-graders, all members of the southern Franklin County parish, had been preparing for the sacrament for the past year and half, noted Father John Bateman, pastor.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation – including baptism and Eucharist. By the Sacrament of Confirmation, the confirmands receive the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

In his homily, Bishop Thomas, who was ordained a bishop in 2006, told the young men and women that, if they ever find themselves in a difficult situation, they should recall the prayer, “Come, Holy Spirit.”

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‘Come, Holy Spirit’

By Carol Glatz

Saints aren’t superheroes, they are regular people who just never left God’s side after encountering him and his love, Pope Francis said on the Feast of All Saints.

“Being a saint is not a privilege of the few, like someone getting a large inheritance. All of us have inherited through baptism the ability to become saints,” he said Nov. 1.

Before reciting the Angelus with people gathered in St. Peter’s Square, the pope talked about God’s call to holiness.

“The saints are friends of God,” he said. But they “are not superheroes, nor were they born perfect. They are like us, each one of us.”

What makes them stand out, he said, is once they encountered Jesus, they always followed him.

“The path that leads to holiness has a name and has a face, it’s the face of Jesus Christ; he teaches us to become saints.”

Jesus shows the way in the Gospels, especially with the beatitudes, Pope Francis said. Saints were people who followed God “with their whole heart – unconditionally and without hypocrisy; they spent their lives serving others; they put up with suffering and adversity without hatred; they responded to evil with goodness and spread joy and peace,” he said.

The kingdom of heaven is for those who put their trust in and derive their sense of security from God’s love, not material things, he said.

The kingdom is for those “who have a simple, humble heart; who don’t assume to be righteous and don’t judge others; who know how to suffer with those who suffer and rejoice with those who rejoice; they aren’t violent, but are merciful; and they seek to be builders of reconciliation and peace,” the pope said.

Saints always tried to reconcile people and help bring peace to the world, the pope said, and that is what makes holiness beautiful; “it’s a beautiful path.”
Congratulations to the following young men and women who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Andrew Church in Waynesboro on October 29 from Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia:

Ogochukwu MARTIN Akamelu
Elizabeth FRANCIS Baker
Jaden JUDE Barling
Jordan FRANCIS Barling
Kristian Melchior Bennett
Colton THOMAS Bourdeau
Alyssa ALICE Carbaugh
Julia ELIZABETH Clark
Timothy TIMOTHY Correll
Maggie GENEVIEVE Dennis
Thomas PATRICK DeWald
Francisco SEBASTIAN Maya
Hannah ROSALIA Dickinson
John PAUL Foreman
Chloe MARY Garling
Jason RICHARD Heinrich
Georgia CECELIA MacZura
Megan ELIZABETH ANN Rowe
Fiona BRIGID Short
Catherine BRIGID Skehan
Julianna ELIZABETH ANN Toro
Quinn THERESA Wandalowski
Preston ACHILLEUS Witte
In Anchorage, Alaska, Father Leo Walsh met with a young couple seeking to enter into an interreligious marriage. The young Catholic woman, whom he had baptized, given First Holy Communion and confirmed, had returned from college with her fiancé, a young Muslim man.

Father Walsh helped them to discern whether they had the resources to make their marriage work. “A Pastoral Approach to Interreligious Marriage” was the topic of the LARC (Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic) Day of Dialogue held at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg Oct. 28. It is an annual gathering hosted by the Diocesan Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, which is under the direction of Father Paul Fisher.

Among those in attendance were Father Robert M. Gillilan, Jr., Diocesan Administrator, who led Morning Prayer; Bishop Robert L. Driesen of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Church in America; and Bishop James S. Dunlop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Church in America.

The theological, pastoral, spiritual and canonical issues unique to interreligious marriages are critical to address “because these marriages are a reality in the Church right now,” said Father Walsh, the Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer of the Archdiocese of Anchorage and former staff member of the USCCB Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

“I faced this situation in Alaska, so I guarantee it is something to be faced here in Harrisburg,” he said. “It is a reality that clergy are going to have to deal with because it will walk through your door. Parishes have to help couples discern, and to support them in that marriage.”

Father Walsh offered two presentations, the first on the basic principles of interreligious marriage, and the second on a particular case involving a Catholic-Muslim marriage.

He pointed to recent findings from the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life indicating that, nationally, 45 percent of people marry outside of their faith tradition.

“We have to help couples understand the challenges they will be facing in these marriages,” Father Walsh told The Catholic Witness. “Most young people – whether Catholic, Protestant, Jew, Hindu, Buddhist or Muslim – think, ‘We are so in love, so we can work it out.’ But they don’t understand how deeply rooted their religious convictions are.”

Typically, those convictions will surface during times of transition in a marriage, such as the birth of children, the celebration of holidays, or the deaths of family members, Father Walsh pointed out. “Those are all times when we fall back on our faith tradition to give us context. When couples come from two very different perspectives, it can lead to conflict.”

Father Walsh said the pastoral challenge in ministering to these couples is to help them discern whether they have the resources for a successful marriage.

“Chances are, when they first start out, they don’t have those resources,” he said. “They can, but they have to discern.”

Support for couples in interreligious marriages is something that all clergy, ministers and church communities can give, regardless of their religion, Father Walsh remarked.

“In our dialogue, we move from conflict to co-existence to cooperation with people of other traditions,” he said. “We set up covenants, working arrangements. Hunger has no religion. Homelessness has no religion. Support has no religion. These are things that we can work on together.”

(For information on the events and offerings of the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, contact Father Fisher at 717-657-4804.)
Technology Safety through the Eyes of Faith

Devices to Look Out For

How we consume media such as TV shows, movies and music has changed radically. We now watch through online services such as Netflix, iTunes, or Hulu. A number of streaming media devices or set top boxes are now available that pull content from the Internet. You can watch that content on your computer, TV, tablet or phone.

As a parent, this explosion of media options may seem overwhelming and daunting. Where do you begin? The good news is that parental controls are available for many of these channels.

Parental controls help moderate the kinds of movies, TV shows and music that can be played or accessed on certain devices. The bad news is that you need to enable parental controls for them to work. A password is normally required to disable or bypass parental controls after they are activated. The kinds of devices that have built-in parental controls are: TVs, computers, cell phones (like the iPhone), streaming media services (like iTunes or Netflix) and music players. Some parental control solutions work better than others. It’s best to think of parental control solutions like your kids. They’re never a substitute for responsible parenting; so never consider them a foolproof solution.

Parental Controls: To Enable or Not

Ok, let’s be up-front: parental controls aren’t always convenient. Not all parental controls are user friendly. In many instances (like a TV’s V-Chip) parental controls are annoying so many don’t use them.

However, even though some parental control options are far from perfect, we still suggest that you secure all child-accessible media devices. Enabling parental controls gives you additional peace of mind and might prevent your child from coming into contact with pornographic content or strangers online. Always remember, if a device is able to connect to the Internet, then it has access to web sites, social networks, chat rooms, and other services that you may not be aware of. Your child’s safety is worth a little inconvenience.

Devices to Secure

Thinking about where to start is daunting. A prepared list of things to be aware of in your home (or those of friends and neighbors) is available at: faithfastafety.org/what-to-look-out-for. A shortcut to the site is on the homepage of the Diocesan website, www.hbgdiocese.org. When you look at the list, you may be amazed at all the different devices that you may need to be attentive to. We suggest you create a written inventory of the specific things you find in your home. Write down the manufacturer or vendor along with the specific model of the device to help you stay organized. If you want to enable parental controls, please refer to each item’s user manual for specific details. If you don’t have a user manual, don’t worry. Most companies now have all their user manuals available online. You can also call their support number for more information.

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The American Academy of Pediatrics issued a new policy statement Oct. 28 on the dangers of too much screen time for children. It replaces its prior statement, formulated in 2001, when tablets didn’t even exist, and smartphones weren’t nearly as smart as they are now. Media by itself is not the leading cause of any health problem in the United States, according to the pediatricians’ group, but it can contribute to numerous health risks. Those include obesity, lack of sleep, school problems, aggression and other behavior issues.

“A healthy approach to children’s media use should both minimize potential health risks and foster appropriate and positive media use — in other words, it should promote a healthy ‘media diet,’” said a statement by Dr. Marjorie Hogan, co-author of the new policy.

“For nearly three decades, the AAP has expressed concerns about the amount of time that children and teenagers spend with media, and about some of the content they are viewing,” said the other co-author, Dr. Victor Strasburger. “The digital age has only made these issues more pressing.”

The pediatricians’ organization has three tasks for parents.

First, they can model effective “media diets” to help their children learn to be selective and healthy in what they consume. Parents can take an active role in children’s media education by viewing programs with them and discussing values.

Second, parents can make a media-use plan, including mealtimes and bedtime curfews for media devices. Screens should be kept out of kids’ bedrooms.

Parents also can limit entertainment screen time to less than one or two hours per day; for children under age 2, they should discourage exposure to screen media.

There’s plenty of independent justification for the new policy. Common Sense Media, in a report issued this fall, “Zero to Eight: Children’s Media Use in America 2013,” did its best to remain neutral on its findings, but the numbers will raise eyebrows, and maybe some hackles.

Common Sense Media did a similar report two years ago, and plans to issue updates every other year. Based in San Francisco, the nonprofit organization advocates on child and family issues, and regularly studies media and technology’s effects on young users.

The one major bit of good news in the latest study was that total screen time actually decreased, from 21.6 a day to 15.5 a day, a shrinkage of 21 minutes. And more children are using mobile devices to read, although reading still finishes last among the uses cited in a survey of families by Common Sense.

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So why do kids have TVs in their bedrooms? The top two reasons, according to the pediatricians’ group, are that most parents don’t think they have to allow their kids to watch TV in their rooms, and that they are more likely to have the TV on the wall, and for children to have a TV in their bedroom.

Surely, we can do better than this.

(Pattison is media editor for Catholic News Service. When you keep your eye on TV, what do you see? What are your likes or dislikes? What are your concerns and criticisms? Be as general or as specific as you wish. Send your comments to: Mark Pattison, Media Editor, Catholic News Service, 321 Fourth St. NE, Washington, DC 20001.)
Saints

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Saints “suffered lots of adversity, but without hating,” he said. “The saints never hated” others because love comes from God and hatred “comes from the devil, and the saints stayed far away from the devil.” The saints “know what it is to have joy in their hearts and bring it to others. Never hate, serve others – the neediest, pray and be joyful, this is the path of holiness.”

The pope said the saints’ message to women and men today is to “trust in the Lord because he never disappoints.” “He’s a good friend who is always at our side,” he said.

With the example of the way they lived their lives, the saints encourage all Christians “to not be afraid to go against the tide or to be misunderstood and derided when we speak about (Jesus) and the Gospel.”

Marriage isn’t Easy, but it’s Beautiful, Pope Says

By Cindy Wooden

Catholic News Service

The Catholic Church must help young people understand that marriage isn’t always easy, “but it is so beautiful,” Pope Francis said.

“There are problems in marriage: different points of view, jealousies, arguments, but tell young couples to never let the day end without making peace. The sacrament of matrimony is renewed in this act of peace,” the pope said Oct. 25 during a meeting with young people in Rome.

“Any time a child is abandoned or an older person marginalized, it is not only an act of injustice, but marks the failure of that society,” he said. “Taking care of little ones and of the elderly is a mark of civility.”

Pope Francis, departing from his prepared text, told members of the council, “When I hear the confession of a young married man or woman, and they refer to their son or daughter, I ask, ‘How many children do you have?’ and they tell me. Maybe they’re expecting another question after that, but I always ask, ‘And tell me, do you play together with your children? Do you waste time with your children?’”

“The free gift of a parent’s time is so important,” he said.

Pope Names Pittsburgh Seminary Rector to Head Eparchy in New Jersey

Catholic News Service

Pope Francis Oct. 29 appointed Father Kurt Burnette, rector of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Pittsburgh, to head the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, N.J.

The diocese covers Byzantine and Ruthenian Catholics living in New England and on the East Coast.

Bishop-designate Burnette succeeds Archbishop William C. Skurla, who headed the eparchy until he was appointed to head the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh in January 2012. His enthronement as metropolitan was in April of that year.

The pope said Father Edward G. Cimbala has been administrator of the Paschal Eparchy in the interim.

In a brief statement about his appointment, the bishop-designate told the Catholic News Service Oct. 25: “Bishops are here to remind people of God’s compassion and love.”

The newly named bishop will be enthroned Dec. 4 at St. Michael the Archangel Cathedral in Passaic.

Bishop-designate Burnette, who has been a rector of the Pitts- burgh seminary since October 2012, was born in England in 1955. He was ordained a priest at St. Mary Cathedral in Sherman Oaks, Calif., for the Holy Mary of Protection Byzantine Eparchy of Phoenix April 26, 1989, by the late Bishop John M. Bilock.

He was pastor at several parishes including St Nicholas of Myra in Fontana, Calif.; St. Irene the Virgin and Great Martyr in Port- land, Ore.; St. Gabriel the Archangel in Las Vegas; and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Albuquerque, N.M.

He also served as chaplain for the Fontana Police Department and regularly visited jails and prisons in California, Oregon, Washington and New Mexico. He served his eparchy as “economos,” or financial administrator, and consultor from 1991 till 1994.

He served as the official chaplain for his own eparchy, and also for the Archdiocesan of San Fe, N.M.; the Diocese of Phoenix, and the Diocese of Gallup, N.M.

Bishop-designate Burnette has a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Utah and taught mathematics, engineering, physics, and computer science from 1978 until 2004 at that university and also at the University of California at Irvine, California State University at San Bernardino and the University of Portland, where he led one of the first classes in the world on quantum computing.

He is a member of the California Bar Association and has a licen- tiate in canon law from the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome.

Born in South Reuters Army Force Base in Norfolk, England, Bishop-designate Burnette grew up in Texas – Corpus Christi and Houston. He has two sisters and a brother, and nine nephews and nieces. His father is from Los Angeles and his mother is from Mari- etta, Ohio. His parents live in Corpus Christi.

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic stretches the entire length of the East Coast, from Maine to Florida, encompassing 16 states, as well as eastern Pennsylvania and the District of Colum- bia.

The eparchy has 14,356 parishioners and 77 priests in 84 par- ishes.

Elections, Marriage and Confirmation Texts among Bishops’ Agenda Items

Catholic News Service

Elections for a new president and vice president, a discussion and vote on a Spanish-language book of prayers at Mass, and a proposal to develop a statement on por- nography are among the issues awaiting the U.S. bishops when they gather in Baltimore for their annual fall assembly.

At their Nov. 11-14 meeting at the Balti- more Waterfront Marriott Hotel, the bish- ops also will hear a status report on their strategic/pastoral plan and vote on the final translations from the International Com- mittee on English in the Liturgy on liturgi- cal practices regarding marriage and con- firmation.

As is customary, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Arch- bishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic nunc- cio to the United States, will address the assembly.

The bishops will elect the next president and vice president to lead the USCCB for the current triennium, which ends in 2015. The candidates. Their term begins at the close of the meeting.

The candidates are: Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond of New Orleans; Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia; Bishop Wenceslao W. Gómez of Los Angeles; Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky.; current USCCB vice president; Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore; Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr of Cincinnati; Archbishop Allen H. Vigneri- on of Detroit; and Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami.

Under USCCB bylaws, a president will be elected from the full slate. The vice president will be chosen from the remain- ing nine candidates. If a candidate does not receive more than half of the votes cast on the first ballot, a second ballot will be cast. If a third round of voting is necessary, the ballot will include the names of the top two vote-getters from the first ballot.

The bishops will vote on accepting the “Misal Romano” from Mexico as the base text for the Spanish-language missal used in U.S. parishes. The bishops’ conference received approval from the Vati- can, or “recognitio,” to use the text earlier this year. The U.S. version of the missal would be available by the end of 2014 or early 2015 under current USCCB plans.

Several adaptations in the missal also will be voted on by the bishops.

Other liturgical changes on which the bishops were expected to vote concern the celebration of marriage and confirmation.

If adopted by the bishops, the text of celebrating marriage will be sent to the Vat- ican for “recognitio.” A second vote on four adaptations to the order also is planned.

The order of confirmation that will be considered is a retranslatation from ICEL and would bring the order into accordance with the norms of “Liturgiam Authenticam” (“The Authentic Liturgy”), the 2001 docu- ment setting liturgical translations from the Vatican’s Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacred Liturgy.

The bishops also will vote for chairman-elect of the committees on Canonical Af- fairs and Church Governance, Child and Youth Protection, Ecumenical and Inter- religious Affairs, Evangelization and Cate- chesis, and International Justice and Peace. They also will elect a new president for one year then begin a three-year term as chairman of their respective committees in November 2014.

A new chairman will be elected to head the Committee on Catholic Education and will serve a three-year term as chairman of the meeting. He will succeed Bishop Joseph P. McFadden of Harrisburg, Pa., who died May 2.

A vote on new members of the boards of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network and Catholic Relief Services is also on the agenda.
Special Mass Remembers Sandy’s Victims, Celebrates Parish’s Resilience

By Marie Elena Giossi
Catholic News Service

Joyful prayers, songs and conversation could be heard along the street as the parish community of St. Francis de Sales in Belle Harbor, N.Y., gathered to observe the first anniversary of Hurricane Sandy.

Brooklyn Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio was the main celebrant of a special evening Mass of remembrance and thanksgiving Oct. 26.

As parishioners filled the pews, it was hard to believe four years had passed since that night when wind, water and fire ravaged their homes and community. Some are rebuilding or have already done so. Many are determined to return. Others may never come back.

Looking upon the congregation, Bishop DiMarzio recalled the tragedies that had befallen them over the last 12 years—from the lives lost in the 9/11 attacks and the November 2001 crash of American Airlines Flight 587 shortly after takeoff from New York’s Kennedy International Airport, to last year’s 2001 New York City Marathon, to now the anniversary of Hurricane Sandy.

Despite significant water damage from Hurricane Sandy in the parish school and convent, the church served as a recovery center, meeting the basic needs of thousands of residents who lost everything from heat and hot water to entire homes.

The bishop asked how one community could be so resilient, and he offered this answer: “You’ve kept the faith. Unbreakable.”

He credited former pastors, Msgr. Martin Geraghty and Msgr. John Brown, with pressing confidence in the new pastor, Father Dennis A. Reardon, S.J., and parishes like St. Charles Borromeo.

Noting how appropriate it was that themes of consolation, pueblo, Home, and hope were woven through the day’s readings, the bishop assured the faithful that, as the responsorial psalm said, “God hears the cry of the poor. “I’ve run the race. I’ve kept the faith,” the bishop said, repeating the words of St. Paul to Timothy in the second reading. “How much is that a message for the people of Belle Harbor? You’ve kept the faith and it’s been a tough race in many ways.”

He added that St. Paul states that the crown of righteousness awaits those who continue to profess the faith, to live the faith. “That is truly the message today ... that by being people of faith you receive the reward. Fill it up, it is that. And the more we are filled up with faith as something to sustain us. It is a gift, it sustains us in the difficult times in life.”

Faith is what carried parishioner Mary Banyan through the past year.

Hours before the storm hit, she and her family left their house, which is right next to the point of the storm’s anniversary with a special program, titled “Unbreakable and Unstoppable.”

“I said, ‘I rather die in the water than in the fire,’ ” she recalled.

The sisters were spared — but the convent and parish school suffered damages. The sisters were displaced to a convent in Hempstead on Long Island, and the school was relocated to the De La Salle Institute in the Gravesend area of Brooklyn. Both buildings were refurbished and put back in use early this year.

“The school now has over 520 students and there are 400 in the religious education program,” Father Doyle said.

He said the school planned to mark the storm’s anniversary with a special program, titled “Unbreakable and Unstoppable.”

“That’s the kind of resilience I’ve found here,” said Father Doyle. “The process of rebuilding is still slow but the spirit is upbeat. “We’re here, and we’re going to keep moving forward,” he said.

Philadelphia Archdiocesan Seminary Will Retain, Rebrand College Program

By Lou Baldwin
Catholic News Service

A Philadelphia archdiocesan task force appointed last May by Bishop Charles J. Chaput dismantle the Philadelphia Seminary’s college division has unanimously recommended that the division remain open, the seminary announced.

The panel also called for a strategic plan to be implemented over the next three to five years to provide a vibrant, sustainable house of formation and education for future generations of seminarians.

St. Charles Seminary has two residential divisions on opposite sides of the city campus in the Philadelphia suburb of Wynnewood: the college division, which houses undergraduate seminarians; and the theology division, which houses the postgraduate theology seminarians.

The Philadelphia Archdiocese also operates the Graduate School of Theology and Program of Catholic Studies at the seminary as well as the Department of Permanent Deacons and Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood.

In March, it was announced that the huge college division building, opened in 1928, will be closed and the seminary will be consolidated in the buildings that now house the theology division, with 45 of the seminary’s present 75 acres to be sold.

At an announcement of the appointment of the task force, the main question put to it was should the college division close entirely?

The recommendation of the task force, which was chaired by Neumann University President Rosalie M. Mirenda, was that the college division be re-established at the next level, along the lines of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary College and “marketed as a totally renewed institution, maintaining academic excellence and high standard of preparation for the evangelical and pastoral work of future priests.”

“Implementing the recommendations of the task force will allow the college seminary to grow in size and adapt to the needs of today’s students,” said Philadelphia Auxiliary Bishop Timothy C. Senior, rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. “We’re taking a nationally recognized college program to the next level. Considering the overwhelming support and resources available to us, the potential of the college seminary is unlimited.”

It would not have been surprising had the task force recommend the peak ordination year was 1939 with 51 priests ordained.

Past generations, most seminaries offered undergraduate and at times high school programs, but today few do so. Men who come to these seminaries pre-college usually receive spiritual formation at a house of studies with academic courses taken at a nearby college or university. By remaining open, the Seminary College of Philadelphia will be able to provide new and timely formation to men who come to the Archdiocese but may at times be released for Neo-Catechumenal Way ministries.

It has not yet been decided if the upper floors of St. Charles’ main theology building will be renovated to house the college seminary or if there will be new construction, according to Bishop Senior.

“We need to have excellent facilities, we need to have state-of-the-art facilities,” Bishop Senior said. “We need to have the men trained in the city and growing together in an environment that is conducive to that.”

The seminary has a consultant to ascertain the potential value of the portion of the seminary property to be leased or sold. Renaming the college means “we are going to be focused on the college separately,” Bishop Senior explained. “We are going to talk about it as a college that has a unique mission — to form young men in accord with the 12th commandment of the Church’s theology seminary, which is quite successful as well.”

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Renovations or any new construction will be funded in part from the Heritage of Faith-Vision of Hope Capital Campaign, the sale of selected pieces of artwork from the seminary’s collection and a new capital campaign focused solely on the seminary.
With a solemn Mass and much appreciation of its history, St. Joseph Parish in Hanover began a yearlong celebration of its 150th anniversary Nov. 2. Msgr. James Lyons, current pastor, celebrated the Mass, and was joined at the altar by several priests significant to the parish’s history: 101-year-old Msgr. Vincent Topper, a native son of St. Joseph’s; Msgr. Robert Gribbin and Father Joseph Gotwalt, longtime former pastors; and Father Stephen Kelley, newly-ordained parochial vicar.

The parish traces its historical roots to November 1863, when a priest came from Adams County to establish a Catholic mission in Hanover. By 1877, the congregation was building a new church to replace the former Methodist church in which it initially worshipped. Built on Baltimore Street, this new house of worship featured stained-glass windows from the Innsbrook Glass Company of Switzerland and Stations of the Cross painted by Lorenzo Scattaglia.

In 1963, the church was condemned, but the Stations of the Cross, along with many of the original stained-glass windows, were saved. The current church on Grandview Road was dedicated in 1975. In 1977, the Stations were donated to the State Museum of Pennsylvania and eventually restored. They are on display during this 150th anniversary year, and were highlighted during the anniversary Mass.

Under the strategic efforts of the 150th Anniversary Committee, St. Joseph Parish and its parochial school are planning a number of events during this special year of celebration, including an auction/gala in February, a visit to see the original Stations of the Cross at the State Museum, the placement of a time capsule, school students’ participation in 150 acts of kindness, and a closing Mass in November 2014. For information on these planned activities, contact the parish at 717-637-5236.
Matthew 25 Collection

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me; ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.... Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brethren of mine, you did for me.” — Matthew 25:35-36, Revised Common Lectionary

In this Scripture passage on the Judgment of the Nations, Jesus calls us to give care and assistance to those in need.

It is the foundation behind the purpose of the Matthew 25 Collection, which will take place in the diocese Nov. 24, the Feast of Christ the King.

Monies from this special collection, now in its fourth year, directly benefit those in need in our parishes and communities.

Seventy-five percent of funds collected go to the diocese to be distributed via grants to parish-supported projects like soup kitchens and food and clothing banks. Twenty-five percent of the collection remains in the parishes for their own support of people who need assistance.

In the parishes, these charitable efforts can mean handing out bus passes or gas cards for people who can’t afford transportation, or writing checks to help someone pay their electric bill or buy groceries.

The needs can vary from parish to parish and community to community, noted Father Daniel Mitzel, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Lancaster and a member of the Matthew 25 Collection Committee, yet hunger, homeless and poverty are real in our diocese.

“A parish in the suburbs is less likely to have the day-to-day poor ringing the doorbell, but at the same time, that parish can still have parishioners who find themselves unable to pay for necessary medicine or a heating bill,” he said. “At a parish in a city, the need is so visible and there are people at the door every day looking for things like food or clothing.”

St. Anthony’s Parish, for example, recently joined neighboring churches in helping to pay the November rent for a family in danger of being evicted while the mother lined up job prospects. The parish also purchased $300 worth of necessary medication for a parishioner, and has provided gas cards for those in need of transportation to their job.

Sharon Turner, a member of the Matthew 25 Collection Committee, noted that the people who are assisted through the collection can be homeless folks seeking food and shelter, or fellow parishioners who need a little help to buy groceries this month.

“The need in our diocese is growing rapidly. Since the economic crisis of 2008, more people are unemployed or underemployed in our area,” she said. “For example, the family that has sat next to you at church for years may be using the services of the organizations that this collection supports. The world has changed for so many, and in many cases you may know them but are unaware of how drastically their economic circumstances have changed.”

The programs to which grants are awarded by the Matthew 25 Collection Committee are those that are supported by parishes, and also have an infrastructure already in place.

“In most cases, the money is going to something that already exists, that is already up and running because of a desire to provide food, shelter, clothing or other assistance that is needed,” Father Mitzel pointed out. “The grants that we are giving them help enhance the programs and go directly to the poor.”

This year’s Matthew 25 Collection date is Nov. 24. Financial contributions can be given through parishes, or online at www.hbgdiocese.org/matthew25. See the box at the bottom of page 9 for specific information on supporting the collection.

“Christ’s teaching in the Matthew 25 passage is so powerful, and for me truly reflects Jesus’ love for the most needy among us,” Mrs. Turner said. “Pope Francis is constantly reminding us and trying to re-focus all Christians that we have a duty to provide food, clothing, shelter and more to the poor, sick and downtrodden.”

The Matthew 25 passage is a direct instruction on how paramount charity should be in our lives, Father Mitzel said. He, too, pointed to Pope Francis’ example.

“The call to charity is consistent and constant with our praise and thanksgiving, adoration and petition, worship and sacrifice,” he said. “Our Holy Father holds that up so visibly. It is so front and center with the lifestyle that he has lived, his personality, his value system and his consistent and constant call for us to be charitable.

“The possibility of our being credible witnesses very much rests in the extent to which charity is front and center in our lives,” he said.
Ulysses Jones always seems to have a smile on his face as he goes about his work at the St. Francis Soup Kitchen in Harrisburg.

He says he enjoys his job there, and it shows. There’s a glimmer of joyful hope in his eyes, whether he’s preparing food for the daily meal, washing dishes or mopping floors. He laughs easily with the kitchen’s staff, and talks amiably with the people coming in for a hot, nutritious meal.

But Ulysses didn’t always have such a sunny disposition there. When he began volunteering at the St. Francis Soup Kitchen five years ago, it was out of sheer obligation.

He had been at a rehab/correction center in Harrisburg for substance abuse, and was mandated to perform community service. So he connected with the soup kitchen, which has been serving the hungry and homeless for 32 years.

“It also gave me a good attitude,” Ulysses says of his first days there. “I was just here because I had to be, and I didn’t like it.”

He worked to fulfill his obligation. He cleaned the bathrooms, emptied the trash, arranged tables, and soon, his attitude changed.

“Being here, I’ve found out that there are a lot of people who are as fortunate as I am,” Ulysses said. “Everybody appreciates what we do. People say ‘thank you’ and ‘you made my day.’ That makes me feel good.”

On a recent weekday morning visit with Ulysses, the staff and volunteers are busy as usual. And today, they are bringing in newer tables and chairs for the facility.

Young men fulfilling community service hours here—just like Ulysses did five years ago—make way for the furnishings. The noise of tables and chairs sliding across the laminate floor merge into a racket with the clatter from the kitchen.

The busyness of the morning is nothing new. It’s all part of the daily effort to feed the hungry.

The soup kitchen serves meals Monday through Saturday to anyone who comes to the facility, which is located in the former school behind St. Francis of Assisi Church.

Some days, the staff and volunteers serve more than 200 meals.

“The ministry relies on donations of food and finances to keep it up and running. It has been a recipient of grants awarded through the diocese’s Matthew 25 Collection for the past three years.”

“The generosity of people helps us. Without their support, we wouldn’t be here to feed the hungry, said Chuckie Palmer, who took on the job of director there last September.

“The need is here every day,” she said. “The people we serve need us every day of the week.”

She was a volunteer at the soup kitchen for four years before becoming coordinator last year, and she has come to rely on Ulysses, who now works there six days a week.

“Ulysses is invaluable,” she said. “He’s a big asset to this place. He’s really changed his life around.”

There’s no question that Ulysses’ life today is markedly different from what it once was.

Several years ago, he was living in Phoenixville—a town in Chester County about 30 miles from Philadelphia—drinking and doing drugs, associating with guys who did the same.

“I was running the streets. I was a hothead, trying to make my way,” he said. “But there was nothing but trouble. Everywhere you went, someone was getting their ass beat up.”

The eventual arrest of a friend, who is now in prison, shook Ulysses to the core and motivated him to make a change.

He said that the rehabilitation services he received in Harrisburg, along with his community requirements, did it now work six days a week.

“They’re reasons why I’m here,” Ulysses said. “Without the help I’ve received here, I would be in prison.” Ulysses said, wiping tears from his eyes. “I’d be in prison, or dead.”

“Being here, being happy to serve people, I realized there is a lot to live for, a lot going on for myself. Drinking and drugs, that’s the furthest from my mind,” he said.

Now, he stands as an example for others he meets through the soup kitchen.

“I tell people about where I’ve been, about where I am now,” Ulysses said.

Often, his honesty helps break down barriers for those coming to the soup kitchen for the first time.

“They’re unsure,” he says of the newcomers. “They come and don’t know what to do, as if they should sit, where they should get in line. I show them through, show them what to do.”

“Some people come in embarrassed. They’re embarrassed about what they need food,” Ulysses noted. “But I say, ‘There’s nothing to be embarrassed about. That’s what we’re here for.’ We try to keep them happy, be friendly, so that they can come back again instead of going hungry.”

Today, Ulysses has a positive outlook. He’s had his own place in the city for the past six months, and has remained drug- and alcohol-free.

“I plan to stay here,” he said, placing his hand firmly onto one of the tables at the soup kitchen. Behind the counter, staff members are cooking pasta and slicing cakes for the day’s meal. Soon, people will be lined up at the door, ready to eat.

“Some volunteers will be there to serve them. “As long as they’ll have me, I’ll stay. It’s my way of giving back,” he said.

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Family Ties to Gate of Heaven Motivate New Cemetery Manager

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Meandering through Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Joe Bransky looks over the grounds and grave sites to ensure that everything is respectfully in order. He stops every now and then to straighten a marker or a light fixture, reverently moving among the burial plots.

At one grave in particular, he bends down on one knee and bows his head in prayer and reflection. This is where his grandmother is buried.

It is a source of motivation behind his unwavering efforts to provide people with the utmost service and ensure the sacredness of the grounds as manager at Gate of Heaven and at Holy Saviour Cemetery in York.

“The cemetery is a place for people to mourn, to remember their loved ones, to celebrate their families’ lives,” Mr. Bransky said. “I know how upset I would be if something was out of place with my grandmother’s marker or grave, and I remind myself of that in my work.”

“Whether it’s the grave of a baby, a teenager or a person who lived to be 100, I put the same effort in as I would do for my own loved ones. I care about the graves of others’ family members as much as I do my own,” he said.

Joe Bransky is succeeding his father, Tom Bransky as manager at Gate of Heaven and Holy Saviour Cemetery in York. Tom, who has given dedicated service to Diocesan Cemeteries for more than 25 years, became manager at Holy Cross, Mount Calvary and Resurrection cemeteries in July of this year upon the retirement of Ed Sholly after 35 years of service.

When Tom took charge in Harrisburg, Joe, who had been a groundskeeper at Gate of Heaven for several years, elected to take the reins in Mechanicsburg and York.

Officially, Joe Bransky became the new manager on July 1, 2013. But, he’s been connected to Gate of Heaven since he was a young boy.

He remembers days when he would join his father at work, sometimes taking a seat on a backhoe, or watching as the groundskeepers set up a tent. He remembers when the original crypt was built, and when the Pietà was placed in its prominent location.

Cemetery work was part of the Bransky family life, he pointed out. In addition to his father’s work as manager, his mother, Dorothy, worked in the cemetery business as well, including as a salesperson for the diocese.

In his youth, Joe Bransky planned to follow in his parents’ line of work. But eventually, he took jobs in customer service. And even when he worked elsewhere, he still looked after Gate of Heaven Cemetery in his own way.

“I would stop in at night, on my way home from work, and drive through to check on things,” he said. “When you spend so much time somewhere, it becomes a part of you. You notice when something is out of place or when something needs attention. You want every detail to be perfect.”

He is striving to continue to develop the initiatives that his dad established, such as family lots and cremation gardens. At Gate of Heaven, the finishing touches are being put on a brand new crypt.

“When I’m walking the grounds, I’m always thinking of how we can develop more, offer people more options,” he said.

Mr. Bransky spends most of his time in the cemetery offices now, selling burial plots, assisting with people who wish to purchase their graves and markers in advance, or assisting the bereaved as they plan their loved one’s final arrangements.

“We approach people with care and empathy, and oftentimes with just an ear to listen as they grieve,” Mr. Bransky said of Diocesan Cemeteries. “I might spend an hour with someone as they talk about their loved one who has just died. We’re here to give them compassion. The bottom line is, we do whatever we can to help people in their time of need.”

“Catholic cemeteries are an extension of the Church’s ministry,” Mr. Bransky said. “People choose Catholic cemeteries because of their connection to the Church and as an extension of their faith.”

“Our job is to make every effort to keep these cemeteries solemn,” he continued. “We have Stations of the Cross, statues, the Pietà, areas where you can celebrate your Catholic faith as you remember the lives of your loved ones.”

“Our work is not a job, it’s a mission of caring. We want the cemeteries to look their best. We want to give our best service to people,” he said. “Cemeteries are holy ground, sacred places. We work to keep them beautiful, as remembrances of the people who are buried here.”

(For more information on Diocesan Cemeteries and the services they offer, visit www.hbgdiocese.org. For information about the new crypt at Gate of Heaven, contact Joe Bransky at 717-487-0266 or jbransky@hbgdiocese.org.)
Zombies and Vampires, the End, Oh My!

By Eva Gontis

Ah, October! A beautiful month! A welcome chill comes into the air after a hot and humid summer; leaves burst forth in radiant color; there’s a spring in our steps. So, naturally, our thoughts turn to... turn to what? To death? To death? What? That’s right. October, especially within the secular culture, is a month-long celebration of death. But really, it’s more than just October. In recent years, there has been a trend in Hollywood, and in society as a whole, to focus on death.

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Presented by Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts

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The end of this world will come, for each of us individually, and for all of us collectively. Jesus will come at a time unknown to the human race, to judge the living and the dead at a time appointed by Himself. Our work is to cooperate with His grace and make sure our lamps are lit with the oil of sanctifying grace. Our Lord says that we have only to fear the spiritual death that can destroy the body. And with that, all the various terrifying end-of-the-world scenarios wither at the feet of a loving God who wants us to live with Him in eternal peace and glory. The only ultimate tragedy is to die in the state of mortal sin, and then live forever in a state of everlasting death, “consumed” by hatred, fear, isolation, and despair – a fear that I believe is manifested by the zombie/vampire craze, but which also bespeaks a subconscious desire for the Eucharist: to feed upon Him… to be united body and soul, with the living God.

The ghoulish fascination with vampires and zombies is turned on its head by the remedy for our ills, Jesus Christ. He offers Himself to us daily in the Eucharist: to feed upon Him… to be united body and soul, with the living God.

The Sisters of Life, a religious community founded in 1991 by John Cardinal O’Connor for the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of every human life, will visit St. John Neumann Parish in Lancaster Nov. 9 and 10.

The Sisters will be at the Masses there on Saturday at 4 p.m. and on Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The Sisters minister to protect life. Evangelization trips take them across the country, where they speak at universities, conferences, young adult events and retreats to bring God’s message of life and love.

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The ghoulish fascination with vampires and zombies is turned on its head by the remedy for our ills, Jesus Christ. He offers Himself to us daily in the Eucharist: to feed upon Him… to be united body and soul, with the living God.

The Sisters of Life are women pregnant women to live in their convents, and assist pregnant women in need. They also invite those who have suffered abortion to hope and healing, through retreats.

Their missions are carried out with the heart of the Church and with the hope of revealing to them serve the inherent goodness and beauty of their own lives, so that each person may see and experience the truth that they are an unrepeatable creation of God.

For more information on the Sisters’ visits, contact St. John Neumann Parish at 717-569-8531.

The Priests, in Concert

November 21, 7:30 p.m.
Presented by Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts

The three “Fathers of Ireland” Fathers Martin O’Hagan, his brother Eugene and David Delargy are the most recognized musical trio in the religious and secular worlds. Their debut album was recorded by special permission at The Vatican in St. Peter’s Basilica and placed them in the Guinness Book of World Records as the fastest-selling classical debut ever.

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Obituaries

The names of the following deceased persons have been submitted by their parishes:

BERWICK – Immaculate Conception BVM: George W. Gabszewics, Jr.

CAMP HILL – Good Shepherd: Gerlinde (Linda) Bobb, John Brazen, Joseph E. Hansarick

CARLISLE – St. Patrick: Diana R. Bitting

CHAMBERSBURG – Corpus Christi: Mary Crist, Roger Lehman, Lillian Seidler

COAL TOWNSHIP – Our Lady of Hope: Andrew Dzuic

CORNWALL – Sacred Heart of Jesus: Helen Getz, Rosemary T. Showers, Judith Ulrich

DANVILLE – St. Joseph: William Coleman, Carl Schmidt

ELIZABETH TOWN – St. Peter: Thomas Clark

ENOLA – Our Lady of Lourdes: Charlie Thaugn

GETTYSBURG – St. Francis Xavier: Doris VanBrakle

HANOVER – St. Vincent de Paul: Sharon Lawrence

HARRISBURG – Holy Family: Margaret Taljan; St. Catherine Laboure: Gerald Miller, St. Margaret Mary: Alphonsus A. Cherry

HERSHEY – St. Joan of Arc: Regina Pronio

LANCASTER – Assumption BVM: Edwin Jankiewicz

LEWISTOWN – Sacred Heart of Jesus: Lucy Ross

MANHEIM – St. Richard: Betty McGeehan

MC BHRYSTOWN – Annunciation BVM: Harry M. VonSas

MECHANICSBURG – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Bob Scekereks; St. Katharine Drexel: Norman Omdoff; Stephanie Wisnieski

MIDDLETOWN – Seven Sorrows BVM: Margaret Otrel

MILLERSVILLE – St. Philip the Apostle: Thomas J. Gibbons, III

MOUNT CARMEL – Divine Redeemer: Marguerite M. (Menapace) Budic; Our Lady: John Taylor

PALMYRA – Holy Spirit: Gladys Ainge, David A. Balberchak, Deacon


STEELTON – Prince of Peace: Angelene Selvig

SUNBURY – St. Monica: Vivian M. Miller, A. Thomas Trotto

TREVORTON – St. Patrick: William A. Bohner, Jr.

WILLIAMSTOWN – Sacred Heart of Jesus: Vincent T. McNamara, Sr.

Sister Anne Amrhein

Sister Anne Amrhein, OSF, formerly Sister John Camil, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, died Oct. 24 at Assisi House in Aston, Pa. She was 87. A native of Baltimore, Md., she entered the congregation in 1944. She earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Villanova University and a master’s degree in math from Trenton State College. Sister Anne ministered in education in elementary and high schools in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey. She served for 53 years in the Diocese of Harrisburg, including as a teacher at Lancaster Catholic High School from 1975-1990. She was also vice principal. She continued to volunteer at the high school as a tutor until 2010, and during that time also volunteered at Lancaster Regional Medical Center, serving as a receptionist at the Women’s Concerns Center and the Spiritual Care Department. She moved to Assisi House in 2010, where she served in prayer ministry until her death. The funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 31 at Our Lady of Angels Convention Chapel in Aston. Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery there.

REMEMBER OUR DECEASED CLERGY


Lourdes House Open House

December 8, 1-3 p.m.
120 Willow Road, Suite A, in Harrisburg

Learn about the pro-life ministry at Lourdes House in Harrisburg, which provides for pregnant women, new moms and babies. At Lourdeshouse, moms and moms-to-be find shelter and support as they look to start a new life for themselves and their babies. Meet and greet the staff, enjoy coffee and desserts, and participate in an auction of Penn State memorabilia. For information, call Lourdeshouse at 717-412-4865.

Christmas Bazaars

St. Benedict the Abbot Parish in Lebanon, Christmas bazaar, Nov. 9 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the social hall. Poppy, nut and apricot rolls, cookies, homemade candy and soups, kielbasa, haluski, halupki, pierogies, egg rolls, Spanish foods. Tables of preserves and crafts, basket raffle and more.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Lancaster, Christmas bazaar, Nov. 9 from 8-2:30 p.m. at Resurrection Catholic School. This year’s theme is “Spice of Christmas.” All items are made or donated by parishioners or businesses. Food, crafts, holiday decorations, gifts, wreaths, jewelry, a children’s shopping room, raffles. Raffle for gift baskets, photographs, tickets and gift certificates. Musical entertainment by accordionist Cody McSherry.

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Gettysburg, “Share the Love” gift fair and holiday bazaar, Nov. 9 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at Xavier Center on Table Rock Road. Local vendors and artisans, fair trade gifts, coffees, teas and chocolates. Handcrafted holiday gifts, baked goods, religious articles, gift basket raffle. Café offers breakfast and lunch. For information, call 717-334-0333 or visit www.sfxpcwc.org.

St. Mary’s Women’s Societies in York, holiday bazaar, Nov. 9 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Nov. 10 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in St. Mary’s Parish Hall, York. Handmade crafts, homemade candy and baked goods, Attic Treasures, Book Nook, Santa’s Secret Shop, raffles, gingerbread house workshop for children and much more! For more information, call the parish office at 717-845-7629.

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Waynesboro, Christmas bazaar, Nov. 9 from 8-2:30 p.m., sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women. Twenty displays of home items, lunch available.

St. Anne’s Retirement Community Auxiliary, bazaar and craft show to benefit residents of the retirement community, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Nov. 16 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Anne’s Retirement Community. Handcrafted items, seasonal decorations, St. Anne’s note cards, baked goods, crafts, vendors. Lunch of chicken corn soup, hot dogs, BBQ. Donate baked goods Nov. 14 and 15.

St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Annville, holiday bazaar, Nov. 16 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Handmade crafted items for decorating and gift-giving. Homemade cookies, candies, pies, cakes and more. Café features homemade chicken pot pie, hot dogs, meatball sandwiches, soup, doughnuts, bagels and drinks.

Trinity High School in Camp Hill, fall craft fair, Nov. 16 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. More than 80 vendors, food, bake sale. Contact Heather O’Donnell at heather_o2002@yahoo.com or 717-732-5453.

The Sacred Heart Home and School Association in Conewago, Sacred Heart School Craft Show and Bazaar, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on the historic grounds of the Conewago Chapel. Handcrafted vendors and artists, homemade baked goods, raffles, lunch and much more. For more information, contact the school office at 717-632-8715 Mon.-Fri. between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the children of Sacred Heart School.

St. James Parish in Lititz, Christmas bazaar, Nov. 22 from 4-8 p.m. and Nov. 23 from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Crafts, wreaths, floral arrangements, knitted items, white elephant sale, children’s room with Santa, bake sale, basket raffle, silent auction 25-cent bingo, fish bowl, raffle for prizes. St. James Café open Friday. Saturday menu includes light breakfast, soups, sandwiches, homemade pierogies, salads for lunch, ham/turkey dinner in the evening. For information, call the parish at 717-626-5580.

St. Cecilia Parish in Lebanon, Christmas bazaar, Nov. 23 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the State Drive social hall. Walnut, poppyseed and apricot strudel, sugar cookies, homemade candies, needlework and crafts, gift baskets, jewelry and handbag boutique, chance booth, flea market items, a children’s store with gift wrapping available, Christmas booth, lunch.

Mary Mother of the Church Parish in Mount Joy, Christmas bazaar, Nov. 23 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the social hall. Craft vendors, Chinese auction, homemade baked goods and candies, Moosilauke, coffee and muffins, soups and sandwiches. For more information, call the parish office at 717-653-4903.

Holy Family and St. Frances of Assisi parishes in Harrisburg, joint holiday bazaar, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Holy Family Parish. Flea market, hand-crafted items, homemade foods, baked goods, live music, face painting, raffles. To rent a table for $10, call Ann at 717-564-9234.

St. Philip the Apostle Women’s Auxiliary in Millersville, Christmas craft show, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the parish gym and classrooms. More than 50 crafters, used book sale by the Lancaster Friends of the Library, kitchen open for sandwiches, soups, snacks and baked items.

St. Joseph Parish in Mechanicsburg, Christmas bazaar, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. at Nicholas, silent auction, raffle, bingo, food and baked goods, entertainment, children’s games, face painting. Christmas crafts, religious items, 18-inch doll clothes, jewelry, accessories, cosmetics, candles, cross-stitch, kitchen and glassware. For more information, contact Valerie Spangler at vjdspn@verizon.net or 717-790-9172.
The Sisters of Life, a religious community founded in 1966, is committed to the spiritual transformation of the sanctity of human life. They will present a daylong conference on the sanctity of life in our modern world. There is no need to register for the conference. For more information, call 717-763-2427.

Mass in the Polish language will be celebrated by Father Walter Sempko Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. at St. Catherine Labouré Parish in Harrisburg. Confessions are heard in English and Polish after Mass.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Lancaster will hold its Centennial Mass Nov. 19 at 10:30 a.m. Father Simon Galagher, OFM Cap., an internationally known retreat master, is the speaker. He will focus on “Jesus and the Beatitudes,” a reflection on the Beatitudes from the perspective of the Spiritual Exercises. He will share insights into facing the presence of God in one’s everyday life.

Young Adult Event – Are you a young adult between high school and college age? Young Adults each month as they gather at various local Catholic parishes to discuss different faith and community building opportunities. Whether it be speakers, group prayer or social events, there is something for everyone! Your next event will be a Getaway to the Old Mill in Lititz on Saturday, November 16 at 7 p.m. Contact Mike Creavey at mcreaveyseas@gmail.com or visit www.stfrancispa.org/youngadults for more information.

Diocesan Catholic Committee for Scouting - Adult Boy Scout Leaders are invited to attend the final meeting of the DCCS for 2013 on Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. at the Cardinal Keleher Center in Mechanicsburg. Please register by Nov. 23. Prayer intentions or notes of Thanksgiving can be put in the basket in the narthex of the church. For more information, visit the parish website, www.sscm.org or contact Monica Maline at mos06@comcast.net.

Jody Cole will be conducting two icon writing workshops. The first workshop is for beginners only, beginning Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. in the church, and the second workshop, for those with basic icon writing skills, will be held Nov. 24 from 8-11:30 a.m. in the parish hall. A registration fee of $25 covers the cost of materials, instruction and transportation to the icon painting workshop. For more information, contact Jody at 717-919-8710 or icons@aol.com.

All Girl Scouts, Daisy through Ambassador, are invited to spend the cold days of November baking and making and keep the faith in God. The workshop will take place Jan. 11 at Holy Spirit Hospital Conference Center in Hummelstown. Registration is required by Dec. 4. All details and additional information is available by contacting St. Joseph parish office at 717-766-9433 or contact Monica Maline at mmaline@diocese.org.

A pilgrimage to Italy to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Trinity High School in Camp Hill will be held June 12-20, 2014 and will conclude in Rome. Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Vatican, Florence, Assisi and Rome, including attendance at the Papal Audience at St. Peter’s. The price of the tour is $3,998 and includes roundtrip transportation from Altoona-Johnstown to Rome and back, flights, all taxes, including all taxes, sightseeing fees, accommodations and breakfast and dinner daily. For more information, on a brochure and application, visit www.rrclos.org or contact Janet Quigley, Director of Development, at jq@rrclos.org or call 717-334-3271. Registration deadline is Dec. 31.

Events & Fund-Raisers

A donkey basketball game will be held at Trinity High School in Camp Hill. Trinity Friends and Alumni of Trinity will ride live donkeys while playing basketball. Tickets are $5 at the door. For information, call 717-334-3271.

A Polish pottery bingo will be held at St. Mary’s Parish Center in Bensalem Nov. 10. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and games start at 1 p.m. Twenty games, doors prizes, raffles. Admission is $25 pp. No credit cards are sold. Tickets available at the parish office; call 750-781-1111.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Marysville will hold its Fall Spaghetti Dinner Nov. 14 at 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All dinners are $7 and include dessert. Children 6-12 are $3. Tickets are available at the rectory and at the door. For information, call 717-797-8358.

St. Richard Parish in Manheim is seeking a CRE/DRE. If interested, send a resume to St. Richard Church, 200 Main Avenue, Manheim, PA 17545 or visit www.sscm.org and click current events. St. Richard Parish will host its Fall Spaghetti Dinner Nov. 14 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. All dinners are $7 and include dessert. Children 6-12 are $3. Tickets are available at the rectory and at the door. For information, call 717-334-3271. Registration deadline is Dec. 15. There is a nominal fee to attend. If interested, please call St. Richard Parish or visit www.sscm.org and click current events.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in New Oxford will host a night out with Breeze-Man, the Official DJ of the Hanover Area Petarod Head Society, Nov. 16 at New Oxford Social Club from 7-11 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Petarod Foundation to provide fun for special needs individuals. There will be dancing, raffles, food and small games of chance. Tickets are available at the rectory. Contact: 717-834-7090.

St. Patrick Parish in Trevorton will hold a Gala Card Bingo on Nov. 17. Keep gift certificates for yourself or give as gifts. Tickets are $20, and you will get 50 cards per ticket. Proceeds of bingo night starts going towards Food and Fall Sales. Contact J. 797-8257 (Monday-Thursday) for more information.

St. Philip the Apostle Youth Ministry in Millersville is sponsoring their annual fundraising event, “A Christmas Sing Along” Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and bingo begins at 3 p.m. Ticket price is $18. Special games and a 50-50 raffle will be offered. Children’s meals for sale include hot dogs, beef barbeque, meatball sandwiches, bagged snacks, baked goods, and drinks. For more information, contact John Steele at 717-763-7036 or email stpaulsmill@gmail.com. Youth Ministry is also selling Christmas items.<br>Parishes & Organizations

The JustFAITH Carding and Calendars collection will be conducted at Holy Spirit Parish in Palmyra throughout the year. St. Joseph Parish in Mechanicsburg will also be conducting the collection. All gift cards will be accepted. For more information, call the parish office at 717-733-9063.

St. Richard Parish in Manheim is seeking a CRE/DRE. If interested, send a resume to St. Richard Church, 200 Main Avenue, Manheim, PA 17545 or visit www.sscm.org and click current events. The Diocesan Pastoral Personnel Office will gratefully accept your donations of new/unused holiday and all-occasion cards (with envelopes) and 2014 wall calendars. Used cards must be in good condition. We will accept donations before and after weekend Masses (Vigil at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m.) only. No cash is accepted. Cards will be set up in the vestibule of the Church entrance. All information is available by calling St. Richard Parish at 717-512-1919 or Anne Seare at 717-533-8063.

The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown is seeking a Catholic Campus Minister for January 2014. The Catholic Campus Minister at University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown coordinates Sunday Liturgies, social outreach activities, faith formation for young adults, retreats, and the development of student leadership opportunities. The Campus Minister must have a familiarity with these documents prior to the presentation. Offering Compassion and Effective Problem Solving, Catholic Spirituality, Communication Skills and a Collaborative Spirit are essential, as is Good Ministry, or an equivalent experience in campus ministry. Good communication skills and a collaborative spirit are essential. The Campus Minister will be responsible for the following:

- To promote and coordinate Campus Ministry activities, events and programs.
- To develop and cultivate student and faculty relationships.
- To design and implement programs to enhance the faith formation of students.
- To work with the Dean of Students and other administrators, to ensure the smooth operation of Campus Ministry.
- To coordinate events and programs with other religious organizations on campus.

For more information, contact the Campus Ministry Office at 717-773-6200 ext. 7189 or email damathey@psu.edu. Applications are due by November 15, 2013. The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.
Delone’s Camaraderie ‘Sets Up’ for Second District Title

Emily M. Albert
The Catholic Witness

Volleyball is a team sport. All six players on the court must communicate. For the second year in a row, Delone’s Squirettes have proven their undeniable ability to communicate on the court to bring home a District 3 Class AA victory (3-1).

Almost the entire team, minus one young lady who just arrived at Delone this year, have attended Catholic school together, whether at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in McSherrystown or Sacred Heart in Conewago. They have either played with each other or against each other for the last eight or so years. The girls agreed that it has been interesting to see their skills progress.

Maddie Comly, junior, commented, “I’ve played with Mary [Gingrow] since fourth grade. We know how to communicate and pick each other up.”

They aren’t just a team though. The girls explain how they work like a family.

“We don’t always like each other, but we love each other,” said Hanna Lawrence while her teammates expressed a collective “Aww.” They feel like their respect and dedication to each other gives them an advantage in games. They attribute their maturity and respect on the court to their Catholic education.

Coach Jason Leppo agrees that the camaraderie and bonding they have with each other make them a special team to work with. “They all know each other, there are no petty differences. We deal with differences the way a family would.”

Each year watching seniors progress forward in their college careers can be bittersweet for a coach. Last year Coach Leppo and the team said goodbye to six seniors. When asked if there was concern for this year, he easily commented, “You just have to be prepared for the graduating class. No one should feel like they are being replaced, or are the replacement. You come in and be you, bring what you have to the table and we maximize that as a team.”

The Squirettes will move on to compete in the PIAA state championships during the next two weeks.

Katie Laughman makes a save off court.

Cheyenne Atland leaps for a block.

Squire Harriers Win Again

Delone Catholic repeated as District 3, Class A champions on a perfectly cool day for cross country running, Oct. 23, at Hershey’s Parkview course. The Squires placed five runners in the top-20 and were led by Kate Mowery, who finished third with a time of 21:04 on the 3.1 mile course that features hilly and varying terrain. Mowery placed in the top-20 at the PIAA state championships held a week later on the same course.

EMILY M. ALBERT THE CATHOLIC WITNESS
**Attitude Change Spells Success for Crusader Field Hockey**

**By Jen Reed**
*The Catholic Witness*

In field hockey, the term “push” is a method of moving the ball in which the stick remains in contact with the ball and the ground. It’s a type of pass conducive to quickly moving the ball short distances.

And at Lancaster Catholic High School, it’s an appropriate metaphor for the way in which the field hockey team continues to progress—in swift and steady increments.

Three short years ago, when the current seniors joined the team as freshmen, Lancaster Catholic wasn’t a field hockey contender. The Crusaders had never qualified for league playoffs or won a section title since entering the Lancaster-Lebanon League in 1976.

Until this year.

In early October, they capped off a successful season by winning the Lancaster-Lebanon League Section Three title and qualifying for the District 3 AA playoffs for the second year in a row.

“Our attitude has changed,” Lauren Poillon said of the reason for the team’s improvement. “Starting out as freshmen, we never would have thought that we would win the section in our senior year. But our coaches these past two years have really helped build our self-confidence, and that has definitely reflected on the field.”

The girls credit second-year head coach Karyn Schnader with taking the lead in helping the team to develop a positive mentality.

“I’d never heard someone tell us that we had to believe in ourselves, and that we could win,” said Lauren Carroll. “We would always just go into our games—especially our biggest games—already thinking we were going to lose and telling ourselves to just do the best we could.”

“These past two seasons, we were actually told, ‘You’re going to win, and you have to believe in yourselves,’” she added.

Teammate Maria Anater also pointed to the conditioning regimen.

“Coach Schnader is big on having us stay in shape,” she said. “Our preseason was focused on running, getting to a level where we could be faster and quicker to the ball than other teams. I think that too has contributed to our progress.”

In this year’s District 3 tournament, the Crusaders entered as the sixth seed. After a first-round bye, they won their first game, a 2–1 overtime win, against Susquehannock. But their season came to an end in the quarterfinals against the defending district champs from Oley Valley.

For the past two seasons, the Crusaders’ goal has been to perform better than the previous year. They’ve met that goal together, as a team.

“We work together as a team more than we’ve ever had,” Lauren Poillon said. “Now, we not only hope that we’ll win, but we have that positive attitude and we go in believing we can win.”

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**Shamrocks Come up Short in District Soccer Play**

**By Jen Reed**
*The Catholic Witness*

For the second year in a row, Trinity and Northern York girls’ soccer teams faced off for the District 3-AA title at Hersheypark Stadium. The Shamrocks were hoping for a repeat result of last year’s championship game, in which they brought home the gold hardware.

The teams have forged a competitive rivalry of late, and shared the Mid-Penn Capital division crown this year. The teams split games in regular season play, with the Shamrocks winning the match at Northern, and then the Polar Bears taking the victory on Trinity’s home turf a week later.

In the district title match on Nov. 2, the Shamrocks spent most of their time on the offensive attack, outshooting the Polar Bears 16–4. The game was scoreless after regulation, but wasn’t without exciting scoring chances from Trinity’s Micaela Olvierio, Savannah Schultz and Mary Durle, the team’s leading scorers with a combined 49 goals and 32 assists on the season.

After fending off Trinity’s offensive attacks early in overtime, Northern York found the quality shot they needed. Allison Speese scored on a rebound that deflected off Shamrock goalkeeper Mary Stephen, capturing this year’s title for the Polar Bears.

At press time Tuesday, both teams were preparing to head into the PIAA state playoffs. Trinity’s boys’ soccer team, which placed third in District 3 competition, also heads into the state tournament this week.
Orange for Owen Glows Bright

By Chris Heisey  
The Catholic Witness

When the Bishop McDevitt Crusaders played the Colts of Cedar Cliff on a definitely brisk and cold Friday, Oct. 25 at Rocco Ortenzio Stadium in Harrisburg, everywhere you looked there were fans bundled up with some sort of orange attire. The game, designated as the second “Orange for Owen Bowl II,” commemorated Owen Brezitski, a student at Holy Name of Jesus School in Harrisburg, who died after he was struck by a vehicle operated by a distracted young person behind the wheel in front of the old McDevitt High School on Market Street on March 17, 2011.  After his tragic death, his family began Orange's Foundation, which honors a lasting legacy to have all drivers slow down, be alert and save a life behind the wheel while refraining from the distractions of phones, texting, conversation or music in the car. Spectators and students were asked to sign a pledge not to drive distracted, and all were then entered into a raffle drawing that included gift cards and various donated media platforms.

The foundation’s goal is to bring continued awareness to the epidemic problem of distracted driving on today’s busy and hectic roadways. Their website is www.orange4owen.org. The Crusaders lost, 49-41, on what was also Senior Night for their only regular season loss.

At Delone, Coach Dooley Remembered for His Way of Looking Out for Students

By Jen Reed  
The Catholic Witness

At Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown, Jim Dooley, boys’ basketball coach and former teacher, is being remembered for his deep care and concern for the students he mentored.

The longtime coach, who donned sweater vests and saddle shoes during his years on the benches of several south central Pennsylvania teams, died Oct. 31 at his home in Gettysburg from complications due to aplastic anemia. He was 69.

Dooley had been a fixture at Delone these past ten years, and though he stepped out of the classroom several years ago, he has maintained connections with the students through his coaching position.

“Before games, he would give a tribute to an elated Dooley, she saw him not reveling in the moment himself, but instead looking into the crowd to find his wife, Mary. “For me, that was the defining moment of Coach Dooley. It wasn’t just about him,” Dr. Thiec said. “Jim and Mary’s relationship is and was special.”

Jim Dooley was a member of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Gettysburg. He is survived by his wife, Mary, his daughter, Molly Wiles, and her husband, Steve, his son Danny Dooley, his sister, Eileen Norton and her husband, John. He also has three grandchildren, Sarah, Jake and A.J. Wiles, as well as several nieces and nephews. Viewings will be held from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 8 and 9-10 a.m. Nov. 9 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Gettysburg. The funeral Mass will be Saturday at 10 a.m.

Delone Catholic High School will host a celebration of his life on Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. At Delone, Coach Dooley Remembered for His Way of Looking Out for Students

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The humorous poems drew much laughter, and at the same time pointed to the coach’s love for his team. “Mr. Official, you missed that call,” Dr. Thiec said. “Even that shows how he was watching out for the students every step of the way.” In some 45 years of coaching high school boys’ basketball — at Shippensburg, Cumberland Valley, Gettysburg and Delone — Dooley amassed 702 wins, District 3 gold and a spot in the Pennsylvania Basketball Hall of Fame. Dr. Thiec said her most poignant moment of Coach Dooley.

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