The Entrance Procession is seen during a Solemn Pontifical High Mass celebrated at St. Lawrence Chapel in Harrisburg on April 24 in observation of the centennial anniversary of the chapel, currently home to the Mater Dei Latin Mass Community. See page 9 for coverage of the Mass and the Mater Dei Community.

High Mass for Chapel Centennial

Blast of Cash Helps Pay for St. Matthew’s Catholic Church in Dauphin

By Mary Klaus
The Catholic Witness

Despite blasts of arctic temperatures, icy roads and piles of snow, January in the Dauphin community tends to be cheerful, thanks to the Knights of Columbus of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist Parish.

For the past five years, the Knights have turned January into a “Blast of Cash” month with a fun fundraiser that puts money in the pockets of many participants and the enriches the parish finances, too.

Father Paul Clark, St. Matthew’s pastor and the Diocesan Judicial Vicar, says it’s a win-win event. “Our Blast of Cash is an easy fundraiser and is beneficial to the parish,” he said, praising the parish Knights. “We have one of the largest groups of Knights in the Harrisburg area. With their help, we’ve been able to pay off our new church in 3 ½ years.” Blast of Cash involves the Knights selling 1,000 tickets for $20 each, with three-digit numbers up to 999. Tickets are sold from October through November.

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Final Approval Set for Canonization of Blessed Paul VI, Romero

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

The Vatican announced that final approval would be given May 19 for the canonizations of Blessed Paul VI, Archbishop Oscar Romero and four others.

Pope Francis already cleared the way for their canonizations earlier this year with the publication of decrees recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of each one of the blessed.

The Vatican said May 3 that an “ordinary public consistory” – a meeting of the pope with cardinals resident in Rome and invited bishops and other dignitaries – would be held May 19 to finalize the approval of six canonizations. This meeting of cardinals and promoters of the sainthood causes formally ends the process of approving a new saint.

The dates and locations for the canonization ceremonies are expected to be announced shortly after the consistory.

Meanwhile, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, has said that Blessed Paul’s canonization will take place at the end of the Synod of Bishops on youth and discernment, scheduled for Oct. 3-28.

The other men and women to be canonized include: Father Francesco Spinelli of Italy, founder of the Sisters Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament; Father Vincento Romano, who worked with the poor of Naples, Italy, until his death in 1831; Mother Catherine Kasper, the German founder of the religious congregation, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ; and Nazaria Ignacia March Mesa, the Spanish founder of the Congregation of the Missionary Crusaders of the Church.
Pope Accepts Resignation of U.S. Ukrainian Catholic Archbishop Soroka

Auxiliary Bishop Andriy Rabiy Named Administrator

Catholic News Service

Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Archbishop Stefan Soroka of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and has appointed Auxiliary Bishop Andriy Rabiy of the same archeparchy to be apostolic administrator.

Archbishop Soroka, 66, is resigning for medical reasons. Under Church law, a bishop is expected to submit his resignation to the pope at age 75. His resignation was accepted in accord with Canon 210 of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches which allows a bishop to resign before age 75 “due to ill health or to another serious reason.”

The resignation and appointment were announced in Washington April 16 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Ukrainian-born Bishop Rabiy was named an auxiliary bishop for the archeparchy last August and his episcopal ordination took place in his native Lviv last September. He will remain apostolic administrator until a successor to Archbishop Soroka is appointed.

Archbishop Soroka has headed the Philadelphia archeparchy since February 2001. In addition to Bishop Rabiy, Auxiliary Bishop John Bura also serves the archeparchy.

The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia includes the District of Columbia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and parts of eastern Pennsylvania. It has a total Catholic population of 128,846.

“I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the clergy, religious, seminarians and laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia,” Archbishop Soroka said in a statement. “These past 17 years have been filled with many challenges and blessings, some unique in the experience of the Philadelphia archeparchy.

“Success in responding to the varying needs of the archeparchy and its parishes was achieved with the positive and hopeful participation of clergy, religious and laity enabled by the grace of God,” he continued.

“Most gratifying to me was the personal journey of prayer and fraternity experienced with the clergy, religious and faithful of the archeparchy.

Archbishop Soroka said the highlight of his ministry as the head of the archeparchy leadership was being with parishioners “and their ministers in parish liturgical celebrations. The diocese said nearly 30,000 parishioners participated in meetings and provided feedback that guided the decisions announced by the bishop.

For three years, we have labored to discern how to best position our local Church for the future,” Bishop Zubik said in the letter. “We must respond to the reality that populations have shifted, that many Catholics have drifted away from Mass and that we will have fewer priests.

“We need to share and mobilize our resources to draw people deeper into the faith, seek the lost and serve those in need.”

During the process, key consultative groups recommended that Bishop Zubik increase to 57 groupings from 48 the number of parishes that would be placed into 57 groupings that will eventually become new parishes.

Clergy teams may include priests who are parochial vicars and parish chaplains as well as permanent deacons.

Priests are also being assigned as institutional chaplains to major hospitals, nursing homes, colleges, high schools and correctional institutions.

The maximum number of weekend Masses per grouping is based on the number of priests assigned there and other factors. Under canon law, the number cannot exceed three Masses per priest who has parish responsibilities. Priests who live at a parish, but whose duties are elsewhere, are not included in the count.

During the first year, clergy teams were to focus on building relationships with and among their parishioners.

“I truly believe that change can bring new life and joy,” Bishop Zubik said during his announcement. “I realize that such transformation takes time and heartfeels matters of faith and parish life. I know that this change will require us – the faithful, the clergy, and myself – to let go of some things that are precious and familiar.

“I also am convinced that our clergy and faithful have what it takes to form deep and lasting relationships within their groupings and to create welcoming communities.”

(De Witt writes for Pittsburgh Catholic, the newspaper of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.)
The Knights of Columbus of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist Parish in Dauphin present a check in the amount of $10,000 to Father Paul Clark, pastor, from the proceeds from this year’s Blast of Cash fundraiser. In the five years of the fundraiser, the Knights have raised $50,000 for the parish.

St. Matthew’s
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December. From Jan. 1 through Jan. 31, ticket holders check the Pennsylvania Lottery “Pick Three” number at the 7 p.m. televised nightly drawing, said Joe Rock, Grand Knight.

“If your number or a variation of it gets picked, you get paid,” he said. For instance, a person holding number 456 would win $150 if 456 is picked. If the numbers are transposed, the person wins $20. The parish notifies winners and mails out checks.

“We started this five years ago when we were working on the capital campaign for our new church,” Mr. Rock said. “We wanted a way to make a lot of money with not a lot of effort.”

Mr. Rock agreed.

“We have fish dinners for three Fridays in Lent, every other Friday alternating with fish dinners at St. Bernadette’s in Duncannon,” Mr. Rock said. “We make fish, homemade crab cakes and homemade pierogies.”

It worked. Mr. Rock said that the Blast of Cash is so popular that the Knights sold out of their 1,000 tickets the past few years. He said that many people buy them as Christmas gifts.

“We’ve given the church $50,000 over the last five years, helping pay off our church debt in short order,” Mr. Rock said. “We’ve also bought commercial appliances for our church – two convention ovens, a freezer, stainless steel counters to work on, a new gas stove top and oven, and a stand for our commercial grill.”

Father Clark calls the Knights “a very active part of our church.” Mr. Rock agreed.

He said that St. Matthew’s Knights were chartered in 2011 with 25 members. Now, he said, the group has 75 members from ages 18 to past 90. The Knights participate in other parish fundraisers, too.

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St. Matthew Parish recently celebrated the fifth anniversary of the Mass of Dedication of its new church building with a Mass and parish dinner. That evening, the Knights presented Father Clark with a $10,000 check from this year’s Blast of Cash.

“Our parish has been growing slowly but surely,” Father Clark said. “We have a strong history.”

This small but mighty parish of Dauphin and Middle Paxton Twp. residents began as an offshoot of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Harrisburg. In St. Matthew’s early years, a priest from OLBS would drive to Dauphin to celebrate Mass in an old one-room schoolhouse.

In 1964, St. Matthew’s bought a Presbyterian church built in the 1800s. That was the parish’s home for about 40 years. Eventually, the parish outgrew that building and began a capital campaign for the current church.

In April 2013, the late Bishop Joseph McFadden dedicated the new St. Matthew Church.

St. Matthew’s, a 6,212-square-foot traditional Catholic church, features vaulted wood ceilings, millwork, stained glass windows, stone veneer accents inside and out, a choir loft and a peaceful altar in front of a large crucifix mounted on a stone backdrop.

Father Clark says the church is beautiful and the parish a close-knit family. Next on the parish agenda, he said, is a beautiful statue of St. Matthew being made for us in Italy. It will go in our outside bell tower.”

(Mary Klaus is a freelance reporter for The Catholic Witness.)

BISHOP GAINER’S
PUBLIC CALENDAR

• May 13 – Celebrate the 60th Anniversary Mass for Holy Family Parish, Harrisburg, 10 a.m.
• May 19 – Diaconate Ordination – St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg, 10 a.m.
• May 20 – Celebrate Mass for Pentecost, St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg, 9:30 a.m.
• May 21 – Celebrate Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, at Mary, Mother of the Church, Mount Joy, 5:30 p.m.
• May 23 – Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School Baccalaureate, Coal Township, 7 p.m.
• May 24 – Bishop McDevitt High School Graduation, Harrisburg, 7 p.m.
• May 25 – Lebanon Catholic School Baccalaureate, Lebanon, 10 a.m.; Trinity High School Graduation, Camp Hill, 7 p.m.
• May 27 – Celebrate Pontifical Solemn Mass for 10th Anniversary of Latin Mass Community, St. Joseph Church, Lancaster, 1:30 p.m.

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By Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC
Special to The Witness

Some time ago, I had the wonderful opportunity to take my turn at cooking supper for the Sisters with whom I lived. I decided to make macaroni and cheese, from scratch – true comfort food. I had a simple recipe, and since the number of Sisters with whom I lived was larger than the original recipe, I had to multiply the ingredients accordingly.

Let’s say that my attempt to multiply the recipe was a bit overzealous. Needless to say, I had a HUGE amount remaining. As I put the leftovers away in the refrigerator, I said to myself, “Too bad that there is so much left over! I wish I could share this with someone looking for a meal.” It never ceases to amaze me how God answers prayers. Let me explain.

About two hours after supper, it became obvious that the furnace in the convent was not working properly. A phone call was made for a repairman, and within a short time after the call, the back doorbell rang. Thinking it was the furnace guys, I opened the door without looking through the window. To my surprise, there was a gentleman standing there in a threadbare sweatshirt asking for food. I said, “Yes! Glad that you are here!” I heated up the mac and cheese, made fresh coffee, gave him a bowl of salad as well as a heated roll, and then a piece of chocolate pie for dessert. I sat with him while he ate, allowing him to steer the conversation as I sipped a cup of coffee. Still having a bit mac and cheese left over, I packed a small container for him to take.

As I opened the door to let him go, the furnace guys came in to fix our heating problem. God did indeed answer my prayer, because he was the only person who ever came knocking at our door in the ten years that I lived at that convent!

I could not help thinking of this as I began doing research on our next Servant of the Catholic Worker Houses. As I write these words, I can hear you say, “Gee, Sister, you took a chance with that guy asking for food,” and, “There is no way I can ever do what Dorothy Day did! After all, SHE is to be a Servant of God and her virtues are heroic!” Well, these statements are both true. However, please re-read Day’s idea above about hunger.

I truly believe we Americans are hungry for something simple—faith that is found in the love of an individual. Wouldn’t our society be different if we took the time to look one another in the eye, respected others by our actions and words, and treated everyone – even the forsaken and forgotten – as members of our family that are welcomed around our tables?

This idea is simple, as simple as mac and cheese on a cold day. The challenge that I put forward to you: LIVE IT!


Of Christian Charity, Geralyn Schmidt, is the Wide Area Network Coordinator at the Catholic Worker Houses in our diocese, in Harrisburg and Lancaster.

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Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception
Saturday November 3, 2018 From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
In Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg 1868 March 3 – 2018
Holy Eucharist Celebrated by Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Eucharistic Adoration Most Holy Rosary
Prayed in languages of the Diocese in select chapels of the shrine.
Sacrament of Penance Free Time

Bus tickets are sponsored by parishes and are departing from sites across the Diocese; interested pilgrims should contact their local parish to make travel arrangements.

Flowers and greens grow in abundance outside of the St. Martin de Porres Catholic Worker House on Market Street in Harrisburg. Catholic Worker Houses are an outreach of the Catholic Worker Movement, an effort begun in 1933 by journalist Dorothy Day and philosopher Peter Maurin to promote justice and mercy.

Diocese of Harrisburg and the Director of Formation for Wives in the Diaconate Program. An educator for 30 years, she is responsible for Professional Development Programs for every age learner. Through her presentations, she challenges her audiences to be the individual God has called them to be.
Light of the East Shines on Holy Family Radio

By Joe Aponick
Special to The Witness

Supporters of Catholic radio in the Diocese of Harrisburg were treated recently to a spirited talk by veteran Catholic radio broadcaster Father Thomas Loya. The host of the long-running EWTN radio program “Light of the East” was the keynote speaker at a fundraising dinner on April 20 for Holy Family Radio, the non-profit that owns and operates WHYF AM 720. Funds are needed for the daily operation of the station as well as for a much-needed upgrade to the transmission tower and system. The station’s website, www.720whyf.com, offers more information as well as a link for donations.

The talk was inspired by the papal Letter from St. John Paul II, “Oriental Lumen,” (Light of the East) issued in 1995. In that document, the pope says that we are to learn about the Eastern Churches, that the Church must learn to breathe with both lungs, East and West. According to Father Loya, there are two reasons for this: to work toward unity and to be enriched by the gifts of the Eastern Churches. He remarked that each Church, East and West, can help the other to become the best version of themselves. The result is that both Churches become stronger.

Bishop Ronald Gainer offered prayers and remarks at the fund-raiser, and Tom Russell of CBS 21 was the master of ceremonies for the evening. A recording of the talk delivered by Father Loya will be available on the on the station’s website, www.720whyf.com.

(Aponick is the Director of Communications for the Diocese of Harrisburg.)

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St. Thomas Aquinas Meets Bluegrass in Best-Selling Album by Dominicans

By Kelly Sankowski
Catholic News Service

Bluegrass music may not be the first thing that comes to mind when people think of Dominicans, but for the 10 Dominican brothers and priests at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington D.C., who recently released their debut album, “The Hillbilly Thomists,” the two have a lot in common.

“The life of holiness is the happiest life. It is the good life,” said Brother Jonah Teller, who plays guitar on the album. “I was drawn, and I think a lot of men are drawn, by the joyful brothers exhibit … to be living this life, to be growing our souls, to be drawing closer to Jesus, and to do it with brothers.”

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Notre Dame’s Venerable Basketball Coach Speaks in Gettysburg

By Chris Heisey  
The Catholic Witness

Rivals are defined as “one of two or more striving to reach or obtain something that only one can possess” by Webster’s Dictionary, and they may as well give their example listing below the definition as the University of Connecticut versus the University of Notre Dame’s women’s college basketball programs.

Clearly, these two are the most successful women’s basketball programs in the past decade, with UConn having the upper hand with a recent 111-game winning streak, which was snapped last year along with its reign as national champions. They had won four in a row from 2013 to 2016 and won 11 national titles since 1995, all under the tutelage of head coach Luigi “Geno” Auriemma – the fiery and autocratic floor general.

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season, or you can challenge it. It’s a fear of all coaches when you win and reach the pinnacle, then the next year is ‘having every one gunning for us,’ and seeing how your ‘young team’ will handle the pressure. ‘That’s what makes Notre Dame, Notre Dame,’” she said. In addition, she looks for players who are unselfish, have fight, compete on every possession and show leadership. “I want leaders on my team who are not afraid, who want step up and handle the big moments,” Coach McGraw said with a gleam in her eye.

Sure that’s all good.”

Given that her rival wants to obtain something she has and her team has, that problem seems unlikely.

Dr. Robert Rempe, Kathleen Torchia Travers to Co-Direct ‘Rose of the Danube’ Operetta at Bishop McDevitt High School

A rare and special production of Arthur Penn’s operetta “Rose of the Danube” will be presented in Finestrata Hall at Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg on June 8 at 7:30 p.m. and June 9 at 2:30 p.m. Dr. Robert Rempe, a Shakespearean scholar and former English teacher at Bishop McDevitt High School, and Kathleen Torchia Travers, founding general director of Capitol Opera Companies, Inc., will co-direct the show.

Dr. Rempe saw a production of “Rose of the Danube” in the 1950s, and has spent the rest of his adult life trying to see another production of it. Unable to locate other productions or videos of the operetta, or recordings of the music, Dr. Rempe gathered all the information he could find on the composer and his compositions, in the hopes that someday he could see another production of “Rose of the Danube.”

Kathleen Torchia Travers heard that Dr. Rempe (who taught at McDevitt when she was a student there) was looking for a company to produce the work, and Capitol Opera Harrisburg will do just that for the June shows.

Dr. Rempe and Torchia Travers will co-direct the production; costume Keely Thompson will work her magic with the costumes. “Rose” will be sung by Alyssa Brode and Kira Kaplan; Matt Mangus will sing the tenor lead.

“The new, expanded version of ‘Rose of the Danube’ is a piece period piece in the 1930s. As an operetta, it is packed full of zany operetta humor and antics. General admission for the show is $20. Student admission (up to age 18) is $10. Purchase tickets at the door or online at www.capopera.com.

The Suffering Servants of Faith

Workshop presented by the Diocesan Office of Multicultural Ministries with the Black Catholic Apostolate of the Diocese of Harrisburg.

Saturday, June 30 from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg

Special guest speaker:  
Rev. Canon A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem.

Postulator for the Cause of the Servant of God, Father Augustus Tolton

Join us for a time of prayer, catechesis and inspiration, connecting the lives of six candidates for sainthood with our past and the relevant concerns of our world today:

Pierre Toussaint  
Elizabeth Lange  
Henriette Delille  
Julie Greeley  
Augustus Tolton  
Thea Bowman

There is no registration fee for the workshop.

RSVP to: jcurran@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804, ext. 313.
Cal Ripken Jr.'s Hall of Fame bronze plaque. The Hall of Fame dates back to 1939, when five of baseball's immortals were enshrined. Every last weekend in July, the village overflows with baseball enthusiasts who come to Cooperstown to welcome new inductees into the gallery.

By Chris Heisey

The Catholic Witness

Take a swing through the museum at the Baseball Hall of Fame in the hamlet of Cooperstown, New York, and much will strike you. The bottom floors are filled with the game’s humble beginnings in the late 19th Century and early 20th Century, when the United States’ urban centers were becoming manufacturing and industrial hubs. But it’s the top floor that strikes you as being a baseball aficionado all the more.

Filled with halls, tapestries, photos, videos and quotes, the section highlights the scores and records of the game’s nearly 150-year history. There is Cy Young’s amazing 511 career pitching wins and the even more astonishing fact he threw 749 complete games out of 815 starts. Slugger Hank Aaron’s 755 home runs and the video of his 715th on April 8, 1974, certainly does hit home. “Trying to hit a fastball by Hank Aaron,” Hall of Fame pitcher Warren Spahn once quipped, “is like getting a sunrise by a rooster. Just doesn’t happen,” the quote reads above Aaron’s picture. Reading about Yankee Joe DiMaggio’s 56-game hitting streak in the summer of 1941 as being as fascinating, as is watching Pete Rose belt a clean single to left center for his 4,192nd career hit, surpassing the great Ty Cobb’s record.

Yet arguably the most awe-inspiring record there in the corner of the room is Baltimore Oriole Cal Ripken’s streak of playing 2,632 straight games spanning from 1981 to 2001. The fact that he broke Lou Gehrig’s record of 2,130 games – a streak that many felt would stand forever – is seemingly our highest esteem.

It stood for 56 years until Ripken broke it on September 6, 1995, at Orioles’ Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore before 50,000 home fans who gave him a 22-minute standing ovation. Ripken volunteered to end his streak in 1997, and though he will be always remembered for “The Streak,” he also put up numbers every year that would have any Hall of Fame worthy: 3,184 hits, 431 home runs, 1,695 runs batted in, and the winner of two Golden Gloves at shortstop, to name only a few. In 2007, he was elected with 99 percent of the vote, leaving one to think he had to do to convince the other one percent.

In the Hall of Fame, whose glass ceilings allow light to spill about in haunting fashion all around the bronze plaques of hundreds of baseball’s immortals, you just don’t miss Ripken’s smiling relief and sobriquet “Iron Man” forged beneath his name.

In an interview with report-

Orioles’ Great Cal Ripken Muses About Love for Baseball

Cal Ripken Jr. and his family have loved baseball and youth baseball ventures in minor league baseball and youth baseball clinics and tournaments. He’s mindful that the game is criticized for being “boring” by many today, and he worries that the game will continue to suffer a decline if the youth game is not designed to keep kids involved. He likes “situational baseball,” where certain base or game scenarios are played out to keep kids involved. He also would like to see stricter enforcement of field tactics by players, managers addressed in the minor leagues so when the players arrive in the Major League, their habits are different are more aimed at speeding up the game, rather than slowing it down, which hurts the game, he feels.

“It’s really about how the game makes you feel,” he said in closing. “The key is loving the game, loving playing, loving baseball. That’s how we grow the game.”

That’s what Cal Ripken did for 2,632 straight games, and it’s why he is in Cooperstown with baseball’s greats whose feats strike you with time-honored awe.
**Pentecost Collection ~ May 20**

“The theme for this year’s Pentecost Collection, “For a Lasting Remembrance,” recalls our Anniversary Celebration and how important it is to care for those priests who have dedicated their lives to our Diocese while providing a proper education and formation for our seminarians and Permanent Deacon Candidates who are the future laborers in the Lord’s Vineyard in Central Pennsylvania.”

~ Bishop Ronald Gainer
2018 Pentecost Collection Letter

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**FOR A LASTING REMEMBRANCE**

Pentecost Collection
May 20, 2018

**DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG**

**MINISTRIES BUDGET**

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Your gift to the Pentecost Collection assists the Diocese of Harrisburg in supporting the men who served you in the past, who serve you today, and who will serve you in the future.
Pontifical Mass Marks 100th Anniversary of Historic St. Lawrence Chapel

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

The historic St. Lawrence Chapel in downtown Harrisburg has echoed the languages, traditions and music of generations of faithful in its 100-year history, from the German-speaking Catholics for whom its parish was established, and the State Street Academy of Music for young aspiring musicians, to the Mater Dei Community whose members currently call the chapel home.

On April 24, the Mater Dei Community welcomed Bishop Ronald Gainer, who celebrated a Solemn Pontifical Mass in observance of the 100th anniversary of St. Lawrence Chapel, located on State Street between Front and Second streets. The Mater Dei Community which participates in the celebration of the Mass according to the 1962 Roman Missal, participates in the celebration of the Mass.

The chaplain of the community is Father Gregory Eichman, FSSP, a member of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, a community whose members currently call the chapel home. Father Eichman and Father Franco served as deacon and subdeacon, respectively, for the centennial Mass. Sacred ministers also included Father Gerard Saguto, FSSP, District Superior for the religious order, Father Simon Harkins, District Bursar, and Father Robert F. Sharman, Director of the Diocesan Office of Missions and pastor of St. Bernard Parish in New Bloomfield. Seminarists from Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denver, Neb. served as masters of ceremony, and priests from the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and seminarians from Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., were in choir.

The parish of St. Lawrence was established in the mid-1800s for German-speaking Catholics in Harrisburg. It officially became a parish in 1868, with the church located on Front Street. The current church was dedicated by Bishop Philip McDevitt on April 20, 1918. During the parish consolidations in 1995, St. Lawrence merged with St. Patrick and Sacred Heart of Jesus parishes to form the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick. In 2003, the State Street Academy of Music opened a two-week summer program in St. Lawrence Chapel to introduce children to music-making activities in the neo-Gothic church. Today, there are 163 registered families in the Mater Dei Community, and Sunday Mass attendance has increased from 240 to 350 in the past three years. There are 30 teens that attend its monthly Youth Group, and 30 children in the St. Tarcisius group, where Father Franco leads them in meditation. The community’s Homeschool Co-op has 45 students. “Our Youth Group and St. Tarcisius group give the children the chance to learn directly from the priests, and to form friendships with other Catholics just like them,” noted Father Eichman.

The community also has a blossoming sacred music ministry. Last summer, they welcomed Patrick Torsell, a Music Director from Colorado, and have since formed a children’s choir which now has 39 members. An adult choir, formerly made up of men, has added women to its ranks and presents multiple-part hymns. This summer, the Mater Dei Community will host a week-long Chant Camp for parish and non-parish children to learn chant and sing for Sunday Mass.

“The parishioners’ dedication to Mater Dei is very edifying,” said Father Eichman. “They drive 30, 45 minutes or even an hour for Mass, or to attend our Youth Group or weekly Church History, Lives of the Saints and music courses for homeschoolers. “People come to Mater Dei for more than just the Latin Mass,” he pointed out. “Parents, in particular, come because they want to give their children a thorough knowledge of their faith, good friends, and in general a deep sense of the sacredness of God through the liturgy.” (For information on the Mater Dei Latin Mass Community, visit www.MaterDeiPa.com.)
Pennsylvania Primary 2018: U.S. Senate and Governor/Lieutenant Governor

**GOVERNOR / LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

(Bold denotes candidates who responded to the survey)

**Candidates for Governor**

Thomas W. Wolf (D), Paul Mango (R), Scott R. Wagner (R), Laura Ellsworth (R)

**Candidates for Lieutenant Governor**

Michael J. Stack (D), John K. Fetternan (D), Raymond Sosa (D), Kathleen M. Cozzone (D), Nilofer Nina Ahmad (D), Jeffrey A. Bartos (R), Kathleen Ann Coder (R), Diana Irey Vaughan (R), Peg Luksik (R)

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What is your position on legislation that would provide direct grants to parents to choose the schools that they believe are best suited for their children, including non-public schools?

Paul Mango (R): Support.
Diana Irey Vaughan (R): Support.
Peg Luksik (R): Support.

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What is your position on legislation that would add state restrictions to existing federal prohibitions concerning the hiring of undocumented immigrants or providing healthcare or government services to the undocumented immigrant?

Paul Mango (R): Support. While I support legal immigration, I strongly oppose sanctuary cities because they are dangerous, violate the law, and provide protections not afforded to all Pennsylvanians.
Diana Irey Vaughan (R): Support. They are undocumented, they are illegal; it is inherently unjust to say that only some people must obey the law.

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Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

a. Pennsylvania should cut public spending on health and human services programs and provide greater incentives for private non-profit organizations to meet local needs.
b. The state government should provide more funding for public-private partnerships that provide health and human services programs.
c. Pennsylvania’s state and local governments should assume more responsibility for providing health and human services to people in need.

Paul Mango (R): a. Localities best understand the populations they serve. We must protect religious freedom and support their missions, which are more effective than Harrisburg-driven bureaucracies.
Diana Irey Vaughan (R): a. Private non-profits meet more needs more effectively for less money.

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Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

a. Pennsylvania’s anti-discrimination laws for housing, employment and public accommodation should include “sexual orientation” and “gender identity or expression” as protected classes, no exceptions.
b. Pennsylvania’s anti-discrimination laws for housing, employment and public accommodation should include “sexual orientation” and “gender identity or expression” as protected classes, but should contain exceptions in narrow circumstances to protect religious institutions.
c. Pennsylvania’s anti-discrimination laws for housing, employment and public accommodation should include “sexual orientation” and “gender identity or expression” as protected classes, but should contain exceptions in narrow circumstances to protect religious conscience for business owners.
d. Pennsylvania should not amend its anti-discrimination laws to add “sexual orientation” and “gender identity and expression” as protected classes at this time.

Paul Mango (R): a. Pennsylvania’s anti-discrimination laws for housing, employment and public accommodation should include “sexual orientation” and “gender identity or expression” as protected classes, no exceptions.
Paul Mango (R): d. I am the only candidate who would veto these bills for privacy and religious freedom concerns. We must embrace, not close, these social accommodation would include bathrooms in schools. Our religious freedom and privacy should not be infringed.

Peg Luksik (R): b. Federal law already does this.

Assuming there is money in the state budget, what is your position on increasing funding for textbooks and instructional materials for non-public school students at the same rate as increases in subsidies for public school students?

Paul Mango (R): Support. A robust ESA (Education Savings Account) program would help ensure that all students have the necessary tools to become good citizens who are competitive in today’s global economy.

Diana Irey Vaughan (R): Support.

Peg Luksik (R): I am always leery of more state involvement in non-public schools; (I) do support (an) increase in EITC allowances.

Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

a. U.S. Congress should maintain federal funding for the Medicaid program to strengthen it as a safety-net for low-income, elderly and disabled people.

b. U.S. Congress should cap federal funding and issue block grants for Medicaid giving more responsibility to the states.

c. Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should be free from government regulation.

d. Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow low state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.

e. Childcare providers should be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.

Paul Mango (R): b. Washington will never solve Pennsylvania’s problems. We must reform Medicaid ourselves to focus on innovation, transparency, prevention, and consumer-centric care.

Diana Irey Vaughan (R): b.

Peg Luksik (R): b. Different states have different needs; government should be most local possible.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help School Welcomes Guests for Vocation Day

By Jen Francis
Special to The Witness

Our Mother of Perpetual Help School in Ephrata shared a joy-filled day with consecrated religious as they experienced a special Vocation Day on Monday, April 16. Guests included religious sisters, Redemptorist Order priests and diocesan priests.

It was an exciting and busy day for the entire school as the students in kindergarten through eighth grade engaged in sessions with their guests, who spoke of their special ministries in neighboring communities as well as their missionary labors. Participating guests were asked to share the story of their call to religious life, the joys of their vocation and their real life experiences so that OMPH students might better be able to explore options concerning future vocations and God’s calling in their lives.

The day began with Mass at 9 a.m. and included a general introduction of the special guests to OMPH students, followed by visits from each of the guests to several different classes. Sister Maria Thomas More Dziurak, SS.C.M., answered questions from kindergarteners about her congregation’s style of dress. Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC, spent time in second, sixth, and eighth grades telling stories of her calling from God. Father Paul Borowski, C.Ss.R., visited grades six, second, and fourth grades. He spoke about how God speaks to us in different ways, and the importance of listening to Him. Sister Seraphina Sarrowska, OSB, talked about the importance of prayer as a conversation with God, and how Mary became Mother to us all. Sister Lucy Kawau, CPS, and Sister Anastasia Mallya, CPS, spoke about their order and how it has spread worldwide since its inception in 1885.

Father Brian Wayne, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Harrisburg, visited the fourth, eighth, and sixth grade classrooms and spoke about how a vocation is a calling from God, not just a “job.” He shared that he did not know much about his faith when he was younger, and encouraged the students to really listen to what God is calling them to do. Father Ed Faliskie, C.Ss.R., a Redemptorist priest in Baltimore, encouraged students to find out who they are in order to reach their full potential. Sean Malloy, a worship and retreat leader, spoke about marriage as a vocation and how, as a student at OMPH School, he was guided to figure out what the Lord wanted him to be.

Father Mark Weiss stressed the importance of faith formation through our family and friends. Father Anthony Michalak, C.Ss.R., and Father Donald Bender, both graduates of OMPH School, shared stories of their time at OMPH and how important it is to listen to what God is asking you to do. Sister Mary Madonna Harvath, a Bernardine Franciscan Sister, enlightened students on the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Sister Mary Kay Faliskie, I.H.M., taught lessons on living a life of service to those in need.

As a culminating activity, guests and students participated in a game similar to Chutes and Ladders, with religious trivia questions being answered by the students. Sister Geralyn led the game, with help from Father Wayne, Mr. Malloy, Father Faliskie and Sister Mary Kay. It was a truly blessed day for the children and faculty of Our Mother of Perpetual Help School!

(Jen Francis is the Director of Public Relations at Our Mother of Perpetual Help School.)
Sainthood Candidate Father Flanagan Inspires New Children’s Book ... 

By Erin Keller

Catholic News Service

Each illustration took up to 20 hours, often done in the middle of the night after his family was asleep. And as each was completed, Hernandez and his children were able to complete his own project, “Dearest Children: A Message Inspired by Father Edward J. Flanagan.”


RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

... And Resurrection Students Connect and Share it via Twitter

Resurrection Catholic School fourth-grade students stand with the book “Dearest Children” by Eli Hernandez about Father Edward Flanagan’s words of wisdom. Father Flanagan founded Boys Town in Omaha, Neb., in 1917 as a home for orphans and it still serves the needs of children and families.

By Donna Walker

Special to The Witness

Fourth-grade students at Resurrection Catholic School in Lancaster regularly share classroom projects on social media via Twitter. With the handle @Grade4RCS, they’ve now become part of a group sending across the United States a book about Boys Town in Omaha, Neb.

Made famous by the 1938 movie “Boys Town” starring Spencer Tracy, the story begins with Father Edward Flanagan, who opened a home for boys in 1917. Still operating today as a place serving the needs of children of all backgrounds, Boys Town inspired the book “Dearest Children” by Eli Hernandez.

A group of teachers who communicate on Twitter are sharing one copy of the book which they read, sign, then send to the next classroom. The book began its travels in Omaha, Neb., at St. Margaret Mary School and will be read in classrooms in New Jersey, Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Illinois, with the list growing as it goes. Teachers share their thoughts about the book on Twitter with hashtag #ResurrectionSchool teacher Sylvia Butler said the book aligns with the lessons and discussions students have in school.

“It’s all about the good inside you, diversity and respecting others, standing up for people and accepting people with difficult problems,” she said.

In simple language for children in grades K-5, the book states a question on each page that contains a message, such as, “Have you heard we are all one people? ...” The opposite page contains a Father Flanagan quote that spurs discussion. “I see no disaster threatening us because of any particular race, creed or color. ...”

Author and illustrator Eli Hernandez used historical photographs from Father Flanagan’s time and his own children’s faces to create the book’s drawings. Thumbnails of the drawings and the actual photographs are detailed in the back of the book and offer a glimpse into the man and the times in which he lived.

“Not only is the book well done, but we researched Father Flanagan and found him to be admirable,” Butler said.

In May 2017, the Vatican declared that a judicially valid case exists to make Father Flanagan a saint, but the trek toward sainthood takes years. In the meantime, the priest’s work continues in Omaha and Boys Town branches all over the world.

( Donna Walker is the Marketing Director at Resurrection Catholic School.)
Young People Recognized for Academic Success

Faith Bee: Thirty-five youth participated in the annual Faith Bee at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg on April 23. Hosted by the Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, the Faith Bee featured 35 parish-level champions who demonstrated their knowledge in such areas as the Trinity, the saints, Scripture and virtues. This year’s winner was Adam Rubi, center, an eighth-grader at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Gettysburg and an eighth-grader at its school. Dylan Staub, right, of St. Aloysius Parish in Littlestown and an eighth-grader at St. Francis Xavier School, finished third. The winners are pictured with crucifixes from Bahret Religious Goods in Lemoyne.

Geography Bee: The annual Diocesan Geography Bee, hosted by the Diocesan Secretariat for Education on April 30, tested Catholic school students on their knowledge of landmarks, climates and natural land masses. The winner of this year’s competition, held at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg, was Connor Pushart, center, of St. Theresa School in New Cumberland. Oliver Lowden, left, of St. Joan of Arc School in Hershey placed second, and Luke Gertsen, right, of St. Joseph School in York finished third.

Education Department Awards Ray Tyo Scholars

The Diocesan Secretariat for Education recently honored a number of Catholic high school students who have been awarded the Ray Tyo St. Ferdinand Scholarship. The scholarship was founded by Mr. Ray Tyo in gratitude for his Catholic education. It is made available to students who graduate from a Catholic high school in the diocese and who wish to attend a Catholic college or university.

This year’s recipients are:
- Carolyn Albright – York Catholic High School
- Daley Ryan – Bishop McDevitt High School
- Morgan Fazzini – Lancaster Catholic High School
- Thomas Anthony Gamble – Trinity High School
- Stephen James Gontis – Bishop McDevitt High School
- Nathan Hatzfield – Lebanon Catholic High School
- Stephen J. Greish IV – Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School
- Madelyn Monefour – Trinity High School, Camp Hill
- Kelsey Myers – Delone Catholic High School
- Julie Reichert – Lancaster Catholic High School

Speech Contest: Dozens of students from Catholic schools in the diocese competed in the annual Speech Contest hosted by the Secretariat for Education on April 20 at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. The contest afforded students an opportunity to demonstrate their public-speaking skills in categories for persuasive speech, oral interpretation and duo dramatic interpretation. Presentations were evaluated by panels of judges for the selection of the top three place winners and honorable mention awardees for each category, shown in the group photo.
Obituaries

The names of the following deceased persons have been submitted by their parishes. Please remember in your prayers the happy repose of these recently departed souls and the consola-
tion of their loved ones.

Abbottstown
Immaculate Heart of Mary:
Rector Miranda
Doreen Oblack

Anville
St. Paul the Apostle:
Geme Cowhey

Berwick
Immaculate Conception BVM:
George Endres
Joseph Nutaitis

Blacksburg
St. Columbus:
Jerome L. Reinke

Camp Hill
Good Shepherd:
Dr. John Capello
Mary Connor
Dr. Stephen Grady
Norma Morbo

Chambersburg
Corpus Christi:
John Crosby
Phyllis Crouse
George DeFonzo
Ruth Finkley

Coal Township
Our Lady of Hope:
Roy Finkley

Columbia
Holy Trinity:
Charles Bender
Judy Bender
John Hecker
Mary Lou Jones

Conewago
Sacred Heart of Jesus:
Charles L. Olesner

Danville
St. Joseph:
Elda Klein
Emma Woll

Gettysburg
St. Francis Xavier:
Jean W. Sullivan

Hannover
St. Joseph:
Oscar “Frank” Ault
Dennis Hartmann
Janet L. Keffer
Vivian Mowry
Pearl E. Smith
Rose Ann Smith
Carolyn Ann Trone

Harrisburg
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament:
C. Rodney “Rod” Koch
St. Catherine Laboure:
Rosalie Polansky
St. Margaret Mary:
Emel Rucci

Hershey
St. Joan of Arc:
Nick DiDominico
John McCormick

Kulpmont
Holy Angels:
Richard Daya

Lancaster
Assumption BVM:
James Aten, Sr.

Levi-town
Sacred Heart of Jesus:
Michael Drozdka

Lykens
Our Lady, Help of Christians:
Rosemary Mahoney
Floyd Shutt

McSherrystown
Immaculation BVM:
Raymond Cingina
Donald Eltz
Margaret Sentz

Mechanicsburg
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:
Audrius Amelis
Richard “Peter” Murphy
St. Joseph:
Thelma Blilow
Theresa Catching
Joseph Dudding
Bernadine Keever

Middleton
Seven Sorrows BVM:
Sophia Montville
Rose Rinaldo

Mount Carmel
Divine Redeemer:
Stella B. Brososak
Joseph L. “Vish” D’Amico
Our Lady of Mount Carmel:
Mildred Dondero
David Hughes
Adeline Tloczynski

New Cumberland
St. Therese:
David Kallus
William T. Miller
Clarence Paulius
Ivan Schuckers

New Freedom
St. John the Baptist:
Giles W. Couch, Jr.
Evelyn Nelson
Harlan Smiegh

New Oxford
Immaculate Conception BVM:
Steven Bittell

Selinsgrove
St. Pius X:
Judith L. Gilbert

Shippenburg
Our Lady of the Visitation:
Richard E. Crumby

Steinl:
Prince of Peace:
William Finkinger

Sunbury
St. Monica:
Sandra Desiric
Susan Egan

Waynesboro
St. Andrew:
Carolyn Krouse
Darlene Mort

Williamstown
Sacred Heart of Jesus:
Gervis Doyle

York
St. Joseph:
Gloria Gehman
Walt Keffler
Gary Kriegler
Francis “Fritz” Nicholson
Marjorie Paschke
Louie Pena, Sr.
Lee McDonald
St. Patrick:
Brent Bittner
Dr. Suzi Scudell Coll
William Fabbi
St. Rose of Lima:
Doris Carroll
Michael Senn

Sister Mary René Procopio
Felician Sister Mary René Procopio died March 10 at the Felician Convent of Coraopolis, Pa., after a 33-year battle with progressive bulbar palsy, a form of ALS. She was 73.
Born Kathleen Ann Procopio, she was the daughter of Mary (Mirarchi) and Samuel Procopio of Mount Carmel, and attended St. Peter School there. She entered the Congregation of the Felician Sisters in Coraopolis after graduation from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School there in 1962.
Sister Mary René earned a bachelor of arts degree from LaRoche College in 1970 and a master’s in education from the University of Pittsburgh in 1975. She served for 15 years as an elemen-
tary school teacher the Pittsburgh area. For 21 years, she was principal at three elementary schools, including Holy Spirit School in Mount Carmel from 1995-2001.
In 2001, she founded a ministry to provide an after-school program to at-risk youth in Mooncrest, an area of Moon Township, Pa., and saw the min-
grow throughout her 16 years with it. In 2005, Sister Mary René and an-
other Felician Sister began to live in the Mooncrest neighborhood to be a pres-
ence among the people.
In 2017, having lost the ability to speak, Sister Mary René returned to the central convent in Coraopolis. The funeral Mass was celebrated March 17 at noon in the Convent Chap-
el.

Please pray for the following clergy who died in May during the past 25 years:
Msgr. George Lentovich, 1997
Father John Smith, 1999
Msgr. Hubert J. McGuire, 2003
Father John Cumpian, 2010
Father Richard P. Waldrum, 2011
Bishop Joseph P. McFadden, 2013
Spiritual Offerings
Public square Rosary rallies take place on the squares in New Oxford, Littlestown and Hanover monthly at noon. The rally in New Oxford is every second Saturday of the month, the rally in Littlestown is every third Saturday of the month, and the rally in Hanover is every fourth Saturday of the month. For information, call Grace at 717-624-2180.

St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland is holding a 63rd annual mission. The mission will be held at St. Francis Friars of the Fraternity of the Holy Spirit. Services will be held on Thursday, Friday, Monday, Tuesday, and Sunday, June 3, 4, 5, and 6 at 7 p.m. at the church. For more information, call Monday Masses at St. Thera- sa, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and St. Joseph Meχanicrochurches.

Community Children’s Bike Safety Event will include the opportunity to ride through an obstacle course, meet an Up- per Allen Town Bicycle Safety Officer, receive a bike checkup, and learn bike maintenance. Helmets and close-toed shoes are required for participation.

St. Patrick’s will also be accepting donations to the Wildcat: Project Bike, which assists students in the Meχanicro School District. For more information, contact LaDewanna RGees, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

St. Patrick’s will be holding a Healing Mass with Charismatic Prayer on June 4 at 3 p.m. Celebrate Father Timothy Maroce and Father Dwight Schialine. Music by FHU (Youth Ministry). For more info: 717-529-1798.

Mass in the Croatian language will be celebrated May 12 at 3:30 p.m. and May 13 at 11 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Father Todd Wonacott will be the Homilist. Questions? Contact Chris Urban at 717-352-347 or Jo Spigler at 717-977-8672.

The St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland will host a musical theater camp featuring the musical “Willy Wonka Kids.” The camp will be held during the week of June 4 through June 8, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland.

The Artwork of a Young Woman of Grace Retreat on June 9. Speakers this year include Father Kenneth A. Richards, SJ, Father Robert J. Martin, SJ, and Father David L. Houser, SJ. The retreat will be held at Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA.

The Bridge Group. For more information, contact Rosemary Denshaw, sjndisabilityadvocate@malvern.org. Part-time Cook will be responsible for the operation of the kitchen and dining area and for preparing, cooking, and serving food. Part-time cook must be able and willing to work varying hours depending on the need (approx. 15 hours per week). If interested, e-mail resume and references to keith@sjl.org, or to the Rev. John Neumann Church, Lancaster. Bridges offers a welcom- ing environment for adults with disabilities. The Bridge Group will meet at the same time to give support and to share ideas. This is the last Bridges Mass and Gathering until September, so do come – everyone is welcome! For more information, call Kathryn Wolf at 717-379-0216, or e-mail wolfepack99@comcast.net.

The Baby shower to benefit Lourdeshouse. All women of the diocese are invited. Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Harrisburg will be hosting a celebration of life on May 10 at 7 p.m. in the St. Joseph Church. For more information, contact JoAnne Wolfe at 717-293-7885 or wolfepack99@comcast.net.

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Council of Catholic Women is holding a Chinese Auction on May 19 in the Parish Hall at St. John Neumann Church. Lykens, PA. Beginning at 11 a.m., and the auction begins at 1 p.m. Refreshments along with baked goods will be available for purchase. $5 admission all day. Additional tickets will be available for gift baskets and larger items. You need not be present to win. If you are unable to attend on Saturday, May 19, please call the Parish Office, May 18, from 6-8 p.m. for shop and drop.

St. Francis Xavier PCCW in Gettysburg will be holding a Rummage Sale at Xavier Center, 465 Table Rock Rd., on May 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds going to benefit the kitchen and dining areas.

St. Cecilia’s Church Festival in Littlestown will be held June 8 and 9 at 750 State Drive, Lebanon. Meals served from 4-7 p.m. Thursday – spaghetti; Friday – fried fish; Satur- day – chicken pot pie. Bands from 7-10 p.m. – Thursday – The Johnson Brothers Band; Friday – Galbraith, Bridoic, & Friends; Saturday – Quickdraw. Baked goods, food court, alcohol, traffic and human themes, kidzland, bounce rides, raffle tickets and more.

St. Andrew Church in Waynesboro. Household items, decor, collectibles, antiques, toys, children’s clothes, kitchen items, books, cookbooks, jewelry, sports equipment, etc. Something for everyone! For information, call Kathryn Ostman at 717-352-347 or Jo Spigler at 717-977-8672.

The St. Catherine Labouré Knights of Czriusus Council 385 will be holding a Father’s Day BBQ on May 16 from 5-8 p.m. at St. Francis’ Restaurant, 401 High Pointe Blvd., Harrisburg. Proceeds will go to PennsylvaniaARC, helping those with special-needs and developmental disabilities, including, autism, down syndrome, and fetal alcohol syndrome. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

The St. Anne-Neumann Travel Club from St. Anne and St. John Neumann parishes in Lancaster will hold a Chocolate Lover’s Tour bus trip on June 27, departing from St. John Neumann Church at 7 p.m. Visit the Fury Candy Company in Allenwood. Four Friends Weekend, lunch at Le Jeune Chef Restaurant and a Susquehanna River cruise aboard the Hiawatha Riverboat in Williamsport.

Tour price is $144 per person. For more information, or to request a tour flyer, contact John Feycock at 717-589-1033.

The Knights of Columbus Msgr. George V. Lentcho Church Council 3501 in Middletown will host an all-you-can-eat baked spaghetti breakfast and a raffle on June 11 in Seven Sorrows School cafeteria. Adults are $5, children $3 for a la carte items. For more information, contact 717-708-0389 or youngjy@gs.org, or call Matt Sheaffer at 717-319-9065 or sheaf@comcast.net. All proceeds benefit Harrisburg Catholic charities and the school.

St. Theresa School in New Cumberland will host a summer musical theater camp featuring the musical “Willy Wonka Kids.” The camp will be held for three weeks, Monday through Friday, from June 19 through June 11-29. Sessions will include basic theater movements and techniques as well as cast for the musical. All students are encouraged to attend. Parents and families can find the show on June 29 at 7 p.m. Camp staff includes BJ Meagher, Julie Verino and Denise Au- sten. For information, call Father James Osbourn at 717-416-6+ (and grade 3 with approval from school music teacher). Cost is $150 per one, or $250 for two students. For informa- tion, or to register, contact BJ Meagher at bjmec- her@sttherietherschool.org.


Job Openings
St. Joseph Parish, Lancaster, is seeking a part-time cook who will be responsible for the operation of the kitchen and dining area and for preparing, cooking, and serving food. Part-time cook must be able and willing to work varying hours depending on the need (approx. 15 hours per week). If interested, e-mail resume and references to keith@sjl.org, or to the Rev. John Neumann Church, 440 St. Joseph Street, Lancaster, PA 7653, Attn: Personnel Coordinator, no later than Monday, June 4, 2018.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Elementary School (Grades K-6). New Freedom, will have an opening for a full time school secretary beginning in July 2018. This is a year round position. This position requires above average keyboard skills, excellent organizational and interpersonal skills with the ability to work independently as well as work independently. This person should possess an overall knowledge of general office procedures, familiarity with word processing software and computer skills. The person should be proficient in Microsoft applica- tions, most especially Word, Outlook, Publisher and Excel. Experience working on a seasonal basis is not a requirement. The ability to multi-task, independently and the ability to complete routine and delegated assignments in a timely manner are essential. If interested, please submit a cover letter and resume to Susan Marecek, Principal: smarecek@sjlfn.org.

York Catholic High School is seeking to fill the following teaching and staff positions for the 2017-2018 school year:

- Principal, ten-month position, primarily responsible for the supervision and professional development of the faculty. Other responsi- bilities include administrative duties, development and integration of learning environment setup, overseeing the hiring, mentoring, and training of all new teachers, and serving as a co-chair for the Middle States accreditation process. Library Media Specialist, ten- month position, responsible for the development and integration of an integrated school library media program. Other duties include the instruction of students and collaboration with regard to the programming, development and implementation of technology literacy skills, and use of equipment. English Teacher, ten-month position, to teach grades 7 through 12. Candidates will be responsible for teaching English Language Arts and School English courses will be given preference. Part-time Spiritual Life Coordinator, ten-month position, for grades 7 through 12. Candidates will be responsible for teaching as well as other duties that may include counseling, mentoring, leadership, and technology literacy skills, and use of equipment. Football Coach, ten-month position, beginning in July 2018. Candidates with experience teaching advanced level High School English courses will be given preference. Part-time Physical Science teacher for a full time school secretary beginning in July 2018. This is a year round position. This position requires above average keyboard skills, excellent organizational and interpersonal skills with the ability to work independently as well as work independently. The person should possess an overall knowledge of general office procedures, familiarity with word processing software and computer skills. The person should be proficient in Microsoft applica- tions, most especially Word, Outlook, Publisher and Excel. Experience working on a seasonal basis is not a requirement. The ability to multi-task, independently and the ability to complete routine and delegated assignments in a timely manner are essential. If interested, please submit a cover letter and resume to Susan Marecek, Principal: smarecek@sjlfn.org.

Submission Deadlines for Notebook
The deadline for submissions for the May 25 edition is Wednesday May 16 at 4:30 p.m. Written announce- ments and e-mail must be sent to bthepcitees@comcast.net. No ads or posters or PDFs, please.

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Pope Francis has decreed that Latin-rite Catholics around the world will mark the feast of “the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church” on the Monday after Pentecost each year. This year, the feast will fall on May 21.

In the Diocese of Harrisburg, Bishop Ronald Gainer will celebrate Mass that day at 5:30 p.m. at Mary, Mother of the Church in Mount Joy. The Gospel reading for the feast, which technically is called a “memorial,” is John 19:25-31, which recounts how from the cross Jesus entrusted Mary to his disciples as their mother and entrusted his disciples to Mary as her children.

The decree announcing the addition to the Church calendar was released March 3 by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments.

Pope Francis approved the decree after “having attentively considered how greatly the promotion of this devotion might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety,” the decree said.

Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the congregation, noted in a brief commentary published the same day, that Blessed Paul VI in 1964 had formally bestowed the title of “Mother of the Church” on Mary, but that recognition of her maternal care for the Church and for believers had already spanned centuries.

“The feeling of Christian people through two millennia of history has cultivated the filial bond which inseparably binds the disciples of Christ to his Blessed Mother in various ways,” the cardinal said.

Honoring Mary as mother of the church on the day after Pentecost also highlights for Catholics that Mary was present with the disciples on Pentecost, praying with them as the Holy Spirit descended. Cardinal Sarah said that Mary, “from the awaiting of the Spirit at Pentecost, has never ceased to take motherly care of the pilgrim Church on earth.”

A statue of Mary and the Christ Child is seen in 2017 at St. Rafael the Archangel Church in Quebradillas, Puerto Rico. Mary, Mother of the Church should be celebrated this year the Monday after Pentecost, and take precedence over any other possible liturgy that day, said Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments.