Discalced Carmelites Construct New Monastery in Fairfield

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

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True to Carmelite tradition and architecture in the footsteps of their foundress, St. Teresa of Avila, the nuns are creating a type of settlement that will include a chapel, a novitiate, a building for the professed, an infirmary, a guest cottage, chaplain’s quarters, walkways, gardens and a small farm.

On July 25, Bishop Ronald Gainer celebrated a Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Carmel’s newly-constructed barn that will serve as a temporary chapel until the permanent stone chapel is built. The new barn also includes a kitchen, refectory, choir, an area where people can leave prayer requests, donations and food, and a speak-room that allows the nuns to receive limited visits from behind a grille.

Nine Discalced Carmelites, including Mother Stella-Marie, moved from the at-capacity Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Elysburg to the Fairfield site on July 20. They will sleep in their individual cells in a temporary mobile home until the monastery is built.

Building for a Flourish of Vocations

This community of Discalced Carmelites first came to the Diocese of Harrisburg from Lincoln, Neb., in 2009, due to their growing numbers. Initially 11 arrived to the Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Elysburg, after the previous Carmelites there moved to their current location in Danville.

Since their arrival in Elysburg, their numbers have more than doubled, with the monastery filling to capacity with 28 nuns. Among them was a statue of St. Joseph is seen at the entrance to the construction site. The stone on which it stands was excavated from the site, and will be used in building the monastery.

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For a Lasting Remembrance

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The faithful of St. Benedict the Abbot Parish in Lebanon gathered on July 11 to commemorate their patronal feast, highlighted by holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Ronald Gainer.

St. Benedict is known as the greatest influence on monasticism in the West. Born into a distinguished family in Italy in 490 A.D., he was drawn to monasticism and withdrew to a cave in the mountains for three years. He would go on to gather various groups of monks into one monastery for the benefit of community unity. Gradually, the Rule of St. Benedict developed, prescribing for western monasticism a life of prayer, study, labor, and living together in community.

For the members of St. Benedict Parish, the Mass and the social on July 11 called to mind not only their patron saint, but also the history and heritage of the parish and its people. St. Benedict the Abbot Parish was established in 1995 following the merger of the former Sts. Cyril and Methodius – a Slovak parish – and Our Lady of Guadalupe – a Hispanic community. Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, which dates back to 1906, became the worship site for the new St. Benedict’s.

The joining of the two congregations, rich in heritage, gave birth to a vibrant multi-cultural parish, enriched with a vibrant music ministry, an annual Way of the Cross in the surrounding streets during Holy Week, and various multi-cultural celebrations, festivals and fund-raisers throughout the year. Its current pastor is Father José Elias Mera-Vallejos.
Father Farace Dies

Father Frederick Anthony Farace, 89, a priest of the Diocese of Harrisburg for more than 60 years, died on July 17 at his home, after a long illness. He had been residing in Berwick since his retirement.

Born June 13, 1929, in Hazleton, Pa., Father Farace was the son of the late Joseph and Rose (Morillo) Farace. He attended Most Precious Blood Elementary School in Hazleton, staffed by the Daughters of Mercy. He attended Hazleton High School and St. Andrew’s Preparatory School of Rochester, N.Y., continuing his studies at Mount St. Mary’s College, Emmitsburg, Md., and St. Mary University Seminary of Roland Park, Md.

He received the Licentiate of Sacred Theology from St. Mary’s Pontifical University in 1954 and was ordained into the priesthood on May 28, 1955, by Bishop George L. Leech. Father Farace also received a Master of Arts in Education and was appointed parochial vicar of St. Peter Parish in Mount Carmel. He also served as chaplain of Lancaster Catholic High School and founding pastor of Mary, Gate of Heaven Parish in Myerstown.

Father Farace was pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Berwick, and of St. Joseph Parish in York. He was appointed Dean of the Northern Region of the Harrisburg Diocese and Dean of the York Deanery.

In 1991, after 12 years as pastor of St. Peter Parish, Father Farace retired, at which time he was asked to teach in the Stigmatine Seminary of Thailand. After two years in the missions, Father Farace went to Brazil to do research for his book on the life of St. Pauline Visintainer. The book was published under the title “Love’s Harvest.” Father Farace was asked to become the Chaplain of the Sisters of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Danville, from which he retired in 1998.

Father Farace was preceded in death by his two brothers. He is survived by his two sisters, a niece, a nephew, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and a sister-in-law. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 24 at St. Joseph Church in Berwick. Burial was in Most Precious Blood Cemetery, Hazleton. Contributions can be made in Father Farace’s name to St. Joseph Church, 721 Monroe St., Berwick, PA 18603.

Deacon Weaver Laid to Rest

Deacon Robert E. “Bob” Weaver, 83, of Lancaster, died on July 12 at St. Anne’s Retirement Community in Columbia. Born in Hanover and raised in Columbia, he was the son of the late Fabian S. and Grace C. (Hockensmith) Weaver. He was the loving husband of Judith C. (Conner) Weaver, with whom he would have celebrated 60 years of marriage on Aug. 2.

Deacon Weaver was a 1952 graduate of Lancaster Catholic High School. He went on to proudly serve his country in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. Upon his honorable discharge in 1956, he attended the Lancaster Business College. Over the next 20 years, he owned several small businesses in the Lancaster area and began studying to become a permanent deacon in 1975.

In 1978, he was ordained as part of the first class of permanent deacons for the Diocese of Harrisburg. Deacon Weaver spent the next part of his life’s journey serving as a Chaplain for the former St. Joseph Hospital-Lancaster Regional Medical Center for more than 37 years.

Deacon Weaver was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Lancaster, where he was part of the Men’s Club. He also belonged to the Knights of Columbus Council #867, where he attained the level of 3rd Degree. In addition to his wife, Judy, Deacon Weaver is survived by his five children, two sisters, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 19 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Lancaster. Interment with military honors followed at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Baumsan. Contributions in Deacon Weaver’s memory may be made to Lancaster Catholic High School at www.lchsyes.org.

Diocesan Charismatic Day of Renewal

September 22 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg

Keynote Speaker: Sister Pamela Smith, SSCM, Ph.D., Secretary for Education and Faith Formation for the Diocese of Charleston, S.C.

For more than 40 years, Sister Pamela has served in education and administration in several dioceses. At present, in the Diocese of Charleston, she oversees Catholic schools, parish religious education, youth ministry, young adult ministry and campus ministry across the state.

Registration is now open at www.hbgdiocese.org. Click on the “Resources” link, select “Catholic Organizations,” and follow it to Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Registration is also available at www.aliveinthepsirit.net. Cost of $20 per person includes lunch if registered by Sept. 10.

For additional information, call Joyce at 717-308-7245.

BISHOP GAINER’S PUBLIC CALENDAR

• August 3-5 – Retreat Master at the 40th Annual Corpus Christi Men’s Retreat, Mount Saint Mary’s, Emmitsburg, Md.
• August 7-8 – Knights of Columbus National Convention, Baltimore, Md.
• August 8 – Harrisburg Serra Club Mass and Dinner, Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, 5:30 p.m.
• August 13 – Mass and Pastoral Visit, Holy Family Parish, Harrisburg, 10 a.m.
• August 15 – Mass for Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, diocesan camp for adults with intellectual disabilities, Camp Kirchenwald, Coplebrook, 11 a.m.

Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection Program

To report suspected abuse of a minor, call the toll free PA Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313

To report suspected abuse of a minor by a church official, employee or volunteer, also please call the Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection Hotline: 1-800-626-1608 or email: ReportAbuse@hbgdiocese.org

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Addendum

The photo caption that accompanied the article in the July 7 edition of The Catholic Witness on the Knights of Columbus’ financial support of the “Warriors to Lourdes” program did not include the name of Sir Knight James Dezagottis. Mr. Dezagottis was absent from the photo of the check presentation of $13,567 made by the Msgr. John J. Lawley Assembly 973 of the Knights of Columbus in Lebanon to send five military personnel on the pilgrimage to Lourdes.
Jubilee: The Holy Ground
Mary Brindle
By Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC
Special to The Witness

Several years ago, I had the great privilege of going on a mini-vacation with my sister to Cape May. We stayed at an historic hotel for a long weekend. I was looking forward to soaking up some sun and just spending time with Lisa, whom I dearly love.

After a wonderful day at the beach, watching the waves, enjoying the squawking of the seagulls and the dance of the sandpipers, we were ready to get to bed. As I prayed Morning Prayer within the Liturgy of the Hours on the balcony of our hotel room very early the next morning, a smile came to my face. You see, two young girls had joined me for Morning Prayer. They ventured out to the balcony outside of their room a floor below mine. As the sun began to rise over the ocean, they began to sing “Ave Maria,” “Our Father,” and “The Glory Be” in a melody that I had never heard before. Tears rose in my eyes and I praised God to experience the clarity of their voices as well as their love of an awesome God!

As my sister and I walked to church, I met these two young vocalist and their adoptive parents. The girls were from a part of the world (the place has escaped my memory) where each a display of faith was against the law. These young girls, who were no more than 8 or 9, experienced the slaughter of their entire village just because they were Catholic.

I could not help thinking of this experience as I continue the series of individuals who made our diocese holy. The list of canonsed saints, venerable, and servants of God have been exhausted. I now turn to an individual who did ordinary things in an extraordinary manner and who forever shaped our diocese by her fervent devotion to God: Mary Moraty Brindle. Mary was the 15-year-old daughter of an Irish immigrant father and a Philadelphia Presbyterian mother who were all probably among the original settlers of Mechanicsburg and was the only Catholic in town.

“Her lived devotion in her home for years for the few Cumberland Valley Catholics, but she persistently visited and wrote to the bishops of the Diocese of Harrisburg urging them to supply the small Mechanicsburg group with priests for Mass as well as a permanent place for worship. After 21 years of praying, visiting, and letter writing, in 1879 the first Mass was celebrated in a local home in Mechanicsburg for a group of sixteen people.”

The entire story is told in her diaries that have been kept by the Diocesan Archives. A summary of Mary’s life written many years after her death by an unknown author describes this event in this manner: “Her diaries “tell clearly the great Catholic that she was. … Few parishes are so fortunate as to have such a careful and complete record of beginnings, written with loving hands. They tell of her fidelity to her devotions, especially on Sundays when she had no opportunity but to pray and to kneel the miles to mass in Harrisburg. They tell of the way she found other Catholics – isolated and drifting no doubt toward the loss of faith, which is the tragic story of so many in the Cumberland Valley. One day she was working in the garden, singing the ‘Ave Maria’ and looked up to find a man looking at her over the fence, wonderingly. ‘Are you a Catholic?’ ‘So am I.’ She had found a friend and devoted co-worker in Mr. Albert Bihl who with his family joined forces with her in working for a church.

It seemed that Mary had to work with a group of people to deepen their own faith, which she would gather the group on Sundays. She would read the prayers of the Mass and a sermon on the Gospel of the day from a Catholic devotional. In 1872, she began to teach the Catholic children catechism. By 1890, Bishop McGovern took the first step toward establishing a permanent church when he purchased a plot of land on East Simpson Street for “St. Catherine’s” Church for Mechanicsburg. Finally, by 1900, under the personal patronage of Bishop Shanahan, the ground was broken and the church was completed. Bishop Shanahan paid for the building from his personal funds. He wrote to Mary, “My dear Mrs. Brindle – I thank you and the members of your family for the interest which you have taken in building of this little chapel in Mechanicsburg.”

The new chapel was called St. Joseph’s by Bishop Shanahan because “St. Joseph was a mechanic, and this suited Mechanicsburg, and this in spite of the fact that the title to the property has been taken by Bishop McGuigan for St. Catherine’s Church. … and the rest is the founding history of the parish of St. Joseph.”

What can we take from the life of Mary Brindle? I think that the plaque erected in honor of Mary at St. Joseph’s 40th anniversary and penned by Bishop George Leech says it amazingly well, “In loving memory of Mary E. Moriarty Brindle, Valiant Servant of God, whose exemplary Catholic Faith inspired her abundant good works in found and growth of the Church of St. Joseph.”

She is the woman who began a place of worship. She is a woman who had a vision. She is the woman who called them to be holy. The woman who did ordinary things in an extraordinary manner and who forever shaped our diocese by her fervent devotion to God. In 1890, Bishop McGovern took the first step toward establishing a permanent church when he purchased a plot of land on East Simpson Street for “St. Catherine’s” Church for Mechanicsburg. Finally, by 1900, under the personal patronage of Bishop Shanahan, the ground was broken and the church was completed. Bishop Shanahan paid for the building from his personal funds. He wrote to Mary, “My dear Mrs. Brindle – I thank you and the members of your family for the interest which you have taken in building of this little chapel in Mechanicsburg.”

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San Juan Bautista Celebrates ‘Gala de Fe’ with Bishop Rhoades to Mark Parish’s 15th Anniversary

Submitted by San Juan Bautista Parish

San Juan Bautista Parish in Lancaster held its second annual Gala de Fe on June 30, with headliner Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades — former Bishop of Harrisburg and current Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend – at the Emerald Foundation in Lancaster. This year, San Juan Bautista’s 15th anniversary coincides with the 150th anniversary Year of the Diocese of Harrisburg, thus the theme of this year’s Gala was “Living the Vision-Enriching the Heritage.”

Speaking about the Gala, Father Allan Wolfe, pastor, noted, “What a momentous occasion our second annual Gala de Fe was for our parish! Parishioners from not just our parish, but from other local parishes, gathered together in support of San Juan Bautista’s anniversary and the youth programming provided by the parish. Attendees were blessed to hear Bishop Rhoades’ insights into Hispanic ministry, in addition to participating in a silent auction and honoring six parishioners with Legacy Awards for their dedication to Christ’s mandate to make disciples of themselves and others. What a joyful evening it was – a grand time was had by all in attendance!”

“All funds raised from this event will go straight towards the operational costs of Plaza San Juan Bautista, the after-school program, which is the largest free after-school program in Lancaster County.

Father Wolfe continued, “When I look back at my 15 years as the pastor of San Juan Bautista, I am humbled by the strong example of faith that our parishioners have provided for those in our community.

The work that we do as a parish makes a tremendous impact on our neighbors in Southeast Lancaster. [The Gala] will enable us to carry on the mission to be the hands and feet of Christ to all those whom we encounter in our parish and beyond. And with the conclusion of this banquet, we are positioned to make an even bigger impact on the lives around us, particularly the children. We’re eager to continue our partnerships with those who attended our Gala and with the numerous people who already help us serve this portion of the diocese, as we connect the good will of so many people with the wonderful outreach going on at San Juan Bautista.”

For information about the after-school program, and how you can support it, call 717-392-4118, ext. 311, or visit www.GalaDeFe.com for more information.

The Harrisburg Diocesan Guild of the Catholic Medical Association invites all Catholic physicians, healthcare workers, medical students, residents and their families to attend their

ANNUAL WHITE MASS
Sunday, October 14 at 9:30 a.m.
St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg

Father Paul C.B. Schenck, Celebrant and Homilist
RSVP for reception to kneri@hbgdiocese.org

‘Beginning Experience’ Weekend for Those Suffering the Loss of a Spouse

Nov. 9-11, Camp Hebron in Halifax, PA

The Beginning Experience Team for the Harrisburg Diocese has booked Camp Hebron in Halifax, Pa., for a Beginning Experience Weekend, Nov. 9-11, 2018. The ecumenical Beginning Experience weekends are an approved program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Hundreds of persons have been helped to move towards successful, productive, happy lives by attending one of these weekends. The weekend is led by persons who have lost a spouse through death or divorce and are trained in facilitating a weekend. Each Beginning Experience Team is certified by the International Beginning Experience Organization.

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Understanding Palliative Medicine

(The first installment in a three-part series intended to increase awareness and understanding of palliative medicine. It is provided by Geisinger Holy Spirit for publication in The Catholic Witness.)

With its focus on relieving suffering and providing a plan of care for patients at any stage of a critical, complex or life-limiting illness, palliative medicine (also called palliative care) is meant to improve quality of life for patients and their families or caregivers.

“Palliative care providers are usually consulted as the transition begins from cure to care,” explains Arlene Bobonich, MD, who staffs Palliative Care at Geisinger Holy Spirit along with Kelly McCor- mack, DNP, a certified nurse practitioner.

“While there is a common under-standing of palliative care services, call 717-972-4217.”

“The distinction between palliative medicine and hospice care is often difficult to understand. While there is a common under-pinning of symptom care provided by both, patients are enrolled in hospice care when they have been told they have a limited life expectancy. “Because only heaven knows when a patient will pass away, the general question might be asked, ‘Would you be surprised if this person died tomorrow?’ If your answer is yes, then they are probably not a true candidate for hospice help,” explains Arlene Bobonich, MD, a palliative care provider at Geisinger Holy Spirit. “Disorders like congestive heart failure, advanced COPD, advanced stage cancer, Parkinson’s disease, severe dementia and sepsis often result in death and are common diagnoses that are seen in hospice care.”

Care for Quality of Life

Hospice care is usually delivered in the home by a group of nurses and aides, but it can be delivered in a hospice residence or an extended-care facility. However, patients receiving palliative care are seen daily when hospitalized.

“It is not unusual to see a blend of the two, such as hospice care that provides some life-prolonging treatments or palliative medicine programs that concentrate solely on end-of-life care,” says Dr. Bobonich. “When trying to distinguish between the two, it is helpful to remember that all hospice care is palliative, in that it is concerned with symptoms and plan of care at any point in the disease process. However, not all palliative medicine is hospice care, which is focused on end-of-life support as well as symptoms.”

Palliative Medicine vs. Hospice Care

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For Young Women and Religious, Joy Radiates at Fiat Days Retreat

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Counting on her fingers to keep track of points in an ice-breaker game she was playing with a young woman at the Fiat Days discernment retreat, Natasha Roig, an aspirant for the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco, rattled off the names of various scents from the Bath & Body Works collection: “Cucumber Melon,” “Lavender Vanilla,” “Country Apple.”

Thirty seconds later, the topic changed in the “Categories”-type game, to women in the Bible. Then it changed again, to clothing brands.

With each category, Fiat Days participants paired up with a new teammate, first introducing themselves, and then working together to list as many items in the category before tallying their own individual scores.

The ice-breaker session on Day 1 of Fiat Days served a dual purpose: for the 41 young women participants to introduce themselves to one another, and to the consecrated religious and adult chaperones on hand; and to illustrate that each person comes to discernment with their own gifts, knowledge and experience.

Fiat Days is an annual discernment retreat for young women, ages 15-25, hosted by the Diocesan Office of Vocations. This year, it took place July 1-3 at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md.

The retreat takes its name from Mary’s “Fiat” to be the Mother of Our Lord, and offers attendees a time to learn about consecrated life and better discern God’s call. One-third of this year’s participants were previous attendees, and it led to a joyous scenario as long-distance friends reunited in the seminary’s rec room as they arrived on July 1.

“One of the friends I’ve made at Fiat Days, I don’t get to see but once a year here,” said Zofia Joynt of Our Lady of Refuge in Doylesburg, a four-year participant. “We maintain a prayerful connection throughout the year, and because of that, our friendships are super strong.”

For Zofia, Fiat Days offers a humorous anecdote during the opening session at Fiat Days. She explained how she and another participant were previous attendees, and it led to a joyous scenario as long-distance friends reunited in the seminary’s rec room as they arrived on July 1.

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“For Zofia, 18, Fiat Days offers good conversation and quality time for discernment among like-minded women her age,” said Sister Patricia Jean of the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker, the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara, a consecrated virgin, a representative of the cloistered Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary, and chaperones.

“Fiat Days is a wonderful experience for the young girls, because so many times, the religious aren’t in their schools or even in their parishes, yet their desire for a religious vocation is there,” said Sister Patricia Jean of the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker, from Walton, Ky. “This gives the young women an opportunity to meet religious sisters, and to ask those heart-burning questions, like ‘How will I know?’ and ‘I wonder if...’ Here, they can explore and discern in a relaxed and welcoming environment.”

And they’re not alone in doing it,” added Mother Mary Christina, also of the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker. “They are with other women their age who have the same questions. They might be the only one wondering amongst their peers, but here, they’re not alone. There is common ground.”

As a three-year attendee of Fiat Days, Sister Patricia Jean encourages the women discerning a religious vocation to further their retreat experiences by visiting religious communities.

“If you’re interested in teaching, visit a teaching community. If you’re interested in nursing, go to a nursing community. God will direct you to where he wants you to be. He will fulfill all your desires,” she said. (For information on vocation discernment in the Diocese of Harrisburg, visit www.hbgdiocese.org/clergy/vocations.)

Welcoming new participants to Fiat Days, Sister Theresa, Vocation Director of the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco, and Jessica Bassili of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Lebanon react to a humorous anecdote during the opening session at Fiat Days.

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Sister Mary Magdalene of the Divine Heart (formerly Channing Dale of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Lancaster), who entered in 2013, and is currently enclosed in the Discalced Carmelite community in Philadelphia.

The Carmelites continue to attract young women to the congregation, and so the available farmland in Fairfield—owned by the parents of Mother Thérèse—offered an opportunity for expansion from Elysburg. Like St. Teresa of Avila and St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the Discalced Carmelites practice the traditional aspects of Carmelite and monastic life—prayer, fasting, enclosure, and union with God.

Entering the Carmel from locations throughout the world—including Australia and Ghana—they dedicate their lives to prayer and sacrifice to give themselves totally to God for the world. Enclosed in the monastery, and leaving behind family and friends, they spend their days in scheduled times of silent prayer, the Divine Office, holy Mass, recitation of the Rosary and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. They also have time for work in making clothes, baking bread and tending to the garden and farm; and recreational time for sewing, artwork and storytelling.

“I think young women are drawn to what is authentic,” Mother Stella-Marie said of the growing number of vocations to the community. “They are looking to live in our day and age exactly as St. Teresa of Avila did. They want to be enclosed because they want to give everything. Most of the women tell us that if they are going to dedicate their life to God, they want to go all the way and give absolutely everything to him.”

For this reason, it is critical that the new Carmel in Fairfield be built in the Carmelite tradition, said Mother Thérèse.

Watching as excavators wrenched stone from the land for construction, she told The Catholic Witness earlier this summer, “People expect us to be real nuns, all the way through. They don’t want to see a nice veneer on the outside, but then something different inside.

“We have a lot of young vocations coming. We need to be able to teach them not just one or two hours a day about tradition.

With hope and prayers for the future. Mother Stella-Marie and Mother Thérèse look at the site where a novitiate will one day stand at the Carmel in Fairfield. In keeping with their congregation’s tradition, the nuns’ faces cannot be shown in photographs.

The nuns bow in prayer as the bishop prepares to bless the temporary chapel.

Strengthening Charity and Evangelization

The blueprints for the monastery farmstead illustrate buildings designed to stand the test of time: a chapel, a refectory, a novitiate, a building for the professed, a caretaker’s home, chaplain’s quarters and a guest cottage.

Their construction requires authentic materials and craftsmanship as the Carmelites build for future generations of their congregation.

Throughout the project’s development, the nuns have continued to be the beneficiaries of generous donors and volunteers who have offered their time, talent and treasure.

They include stonemasons and timber framers, among them a mason from Scotland who instructed local volunteers in the craft, notably a “dry build” of the all-stone woodshed.

Benefactors have donated barn wood and stone that will be used to construct the buildings. Volunteers have spent time deep-cleaning the donated wooden beams. Others have been providing meals for the workers.

“The build has drawn assistance from an international Catholic men’s organization called The King’s Men; from a construction worker from Texas whose daughter now lives at the new Carmel in Fairfield; from an environmental specialist who is offering instruction in stewardship of the land; and from men of the local Amish community.

“It has been a beautiful way for us to evangelize and to connect with people we otherwise would not have contact with,” said Mother Thérèse. “We are hoping to continue to build on these connections and find ways to channel them into lasting relationships.”

As Mother Stella-Marie and Mother Thérèse walked the new grounds in Fairfield, they spoke also of long-fostered relationships with family and within the community, and how they change with time.
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Mother Thérèse’s family owns the property on which the new monastery is being built. Yet, because she has entered Carmel, her family remains separated from her as she lives the cloistered life of a Discalced Carmelite.

The experience of having a daughter enter Carmel is something that Mother Thérèse’s parents can use to connect with other families whose daughters enter the community.

“When someone’s daughter enters Carmel, there is a real pain in the family that happens because of the amount of separation, and a new relationship has to be forged,” Mother Thérèse observed. “My parents can be a source to guide new families through that process and let them know that there is light on the other side. It gives the families reassurance to know that there are others who understand their pain and know that there is something beautiful on the other side of it.”

The nuns too are experiencing a degree of separation in their community as this new chapter begins. Nine of the total 28 from the monastery in Elysburg are now forging a new foundation in Fairfield, and parted ways from their counterparts who remain enclosed some two hours to the north.

“It is a sacrifice to break away from each other, but it is a sacrifice that we make for the future of the congregation,” said Mother Stella-Marie. “We will stay united. Even though we won’t see each other any longer, we will remain close in prayer.”

The Discalced Carmelites are one of three contemplative communities in the Diocese of Harrisburg. The others are the Carmelites in Danville, who formerly lived in the monastery in Elysburg, and the Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary in Lancaster.

Looking across the vista on their grounds in Fairfield, Mother Thérèse smiled at the promise of the community’s future there.

“Holy Mother, St. Teresa of Avila, was looking for two things when considering a piece of land. She was looking for a source of water, and a place where the Sisters would have views. We are always cloistered, and so we need to be able to be outside of ourselves, and have an expansive view as we are praying for the world,” she said. “When Mother Stella-Marie and I stepped onto this property, we knew that it was the place to build.”

Thinking back to the ground-breaking ceremony on the site just two years ago, Mother Stella-Marie reflected. “It’s been a journey of trust. We noticed that every time we would go in one direction, Our Lord would supply us with what we needed just at the right time. He’s reminded us that this is his work. He’s made it clear to us that he wants this monastery to happen, and we’re just his instruments.

“It’s going to take many years for the buildings to be completed, but we are ready for that, and just by moving here, it will help us get our roots into this community,” she said. “We’ve experienced so much support and good will from the people. We’ve come to realize it is all God’s work.”

(For information about the Discalced Carmelite nuns, the progress of the monastery in Fairfield, and volunteer efforts, visit www.fairfieldcarmelites.org.)

How to Help

The Discalced Carmelite nuns welcome financial support, volunteer efforts and donations of time and talent. They also happily accept prayer requests. For information, and to learn about the progress of the new monastery, visit www.fairfieldcarmelites.org.
From St. Patrick Parish

On July 22, St. Patrick Parish in York commemorated the start of its Capital Improvement Campaign projects with a groundbreaking ceremony in the church courtyard.

The parish is approaching the 120th anniversary of the church building, which is the third church building of a parish predating the revolutionary war. Prayer warriors have worn the pews and kneelers in the interior while nature has waged war on the exterior. The Capital Improvement Campaign, titled “A Call To Restore and Preserve” (St Patrick Catholic Church), is focused on restoring the interior in keeping with period architecture, while taking action on the exterior to preserve the foundations of the church building by managing storm water drainage and repair of water damaged grounds and facilities.

The three-year campaign funds, presently totaling more than $1.2 million in pledges, will be spent 40 percent on the exterior and 60 percent on the interior.

Phase I, which started July 23, one day after the groundbreaking ceremony, focuses on storm water management. The highlight of Phase I will be restoration of the church courtyard, which has been destroyed by runoff. It will also include installation of a ramp from the basement cafeteria entrance to the north parking lot that will double as a delivery ramp wide enough for supply trucks to service the cafeteria, and, more importantly for the first time in the history of this church, provide for handicap access to the cafeteria.

Phase II, focusing on the interior, has several goals: replacing broken and torn kneelers and removing, repairing, reupholstering and reinstallation of the pews with two less rows and more favorable spacing between pews. While pews and kneelers are removed, the plan is to take a once in a lifetime opportunity to replace the entire flooring with a uniform floor throughout the church. This phase is estimated to begin in June of 2019.

There will also be renovation of the choir loft to remedy safety issues with the original railing, and modify an unusable riser schematic originally designed for the first installation of a pipe organ. Members of the Capital Committee and parishioners decided to take on the project themselves. The job moved ahead of both phases utilizing inside talent and is now complete.

The most important part of the campaign is the benefactors, who without hesitation came forward and generously pledged to “Restore and Preserve” St. Patrick Church, and those who have prayed fervently throughout this campaign for its success.

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Father Hoa Van Nguyen, Chaplain of the Vietnamese Community at St. Patrick Parish in York, rejoices during the ceremony.

Father Keith Carroll, pastor of St. Patrick Parish in York, offers a blessing during a ceremony July 22 to break ground for capital improvements to the church and its grounds.

St. Patrick’s in York Breaks Ground for Capital Improvement Campaign

Beautifully Crafted Eagle Scout Project Blessed in Abbottstown

By Chris Heisey
The Catholic Witness

Tyler Raubenstine is justifiably pleased with his Eagle Scout project – a beautiful crafted Rosary Garden – located adjacent to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Abbottstown. Given its idyllic setting amidst the sprawling farm and pasture lands just outside of town, the garden seems the perfect addition for the parish.

Father Timothy Marcoc, pastor, blessed the garden after early Sunday Holy Mass on July 22 in between drenching downpours as nearly 200 faithful gathered to support Tyler and his project. A reluctant sun pierced through the laden clouds to parishioners’ delight as Father Marcoc was sprinkling Holy Water around the entire garden.

“This project took a couple of years to complete from beginning to end,” Tyler said after the dedication, adding, “At times I needed a kick in the pants to get it done with all my other activities I had going.”

Tyler, a Life Scout and active member of Troop 127, which is sponsored by the parish, is grateful to the many parishioners who supported his fund raising efforts. And he is grateful to his family for their guidance and help. “I am very proud of this garden and how it all turned out. It’s been a great learning experience, and I hope the parish benefits using it.”
Festivals and Picnics

Holy Spirit Parish in Palmyra, Summer Festival Aug. 11 from 5-11 p.m. and Aug. 12 from noon-6 p.m. Food, music, entertainment, bingo, basket raffle, and lots of games for the kids. Come and enjoy.

St. Catherine Labouré Parish’s 3rd annual Dinner on Derry Food Truck Fest Aug. 19 from 1-6 p.m. on the parish campus in Harrisburg. Food truck vendors for every taste (even vegetarian!). Slow-cooked BBQ, cheesesteak sandwiches, pepperoni stuffed pretzels, plus plenty of sweet treats. Bingo, raffles, face-painting, indoor mini-golf, plus surprises for the adventurous. Information at www.schbg.org.

St. Patrick Parish in Trevorton annual Summer Parish Festival on the church grounds Aug. 10 and 11 from 5-10 p.m. Theme is “Emoji Nation.” Delicious food, games, raffles (cash and basket) and entertainment. Friday, Bigfoot “Live” Radio Broadcast 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and live band “R.A.T.L.” from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, live band “Reckless” from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and live band “The 60’s Boys” with some former “Mudflaps” members on Saturday. No coolers or pets permitted.

St. Mark and St. Luke Parish’s End of Summer Bazaar Aug. 18 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the St. Mark Parish Hall, Greencastle. Homemade baked goods, basket raffles, a silent auction featuring hand painted pictures, several items by Woodturners, Intarsia Wood Art, Jewelry etc., plant sale, book sale, kids’ games, bounce house, face painting and more! Lunch will include beef brisket sandwiches, sausage & pepper subs, meatball subs, hot dogs, pierogis, macaroni & cheese, potato salad, cole slaw and ice cream. The DJ Speaks will be sponsoring a photo booth with fun music and prizes. No admission fee. For more information, contact Mary Wittmer at mtwittmer@comcast.net or at 717-697-7645.

St. Joseph Church Festival in Berwick Aug. 3, 4 and 5 at 750 State Drive in Lebanon. Friday and Saturday from 5-10 p.m., and Sunday from 3-8 p.m. Entertainment Friday from 7-10 p.m. by “Cheyenne.” Saturday from 7-10 p.m. by “Flaming Dick and the Hot Rods.” and Sunday from 3-4 p.m. by Grupo J-Rengue featuring Spanish tunes, followed by D.J. Dave Mohl from 4-8 p.m. Enjoy bingo, basket raffle, kiddie corner, games, inflatables, beer tent and much more. Hot dogs, burgers, homemade fries, pierogi, halupki, haluski, tacos, empanadillas, tamales, egg rolls, fried rice, and more, fun, and games.

Holy Spirits Festival in Kulpmont, Aug. 3, 4, and 5 at the church grounds. Homemade food, meatballs, fireballs, porkette, potatoes pancakes, haluski, fried dough, refreshments, ice cream, homemade baked goods, basket and money raffles and more! Entertainment by “The Shorelines” on Friday, “The Legends” on Saturday and “Polka Punch” on Sunday. Games, inflatables, beer tent and much more. For the over 21 crowd, the ‘Beer Garden’ will be returning. Come and enjoy our delicious food, fun and celebration of our parish’s 90th anniversary!

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If you’re interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

The Knights of Columbus is a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and neighbor. They help meet the needs of those in the local community, provide “Coats for Kids” and “Food for Families,” support programs that benefit people with intellectual disabilities, and victims of natural disasters and other catastrophic events local and worldwide, donate wheelchairs to people without mobility at home and abroad, and save lives through initiatives such as the “Ultrasound Program.”

Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. Knights are men who get things done. They volunteer time to serve parishes and communities, and by working together, they were able to donate more than $1.4 billion and 664 million volunteer hours to worthy causes in the past decade.

Unity and fraternity are the second and third principles of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus was founded so that men could work together to serve their parishes and communities, protect the well-being of the Catholic families, and support each other in faith and in many other ways along life’s journey. The Knights of Columbus offers its members the opportunity to grow in their faith by living the example of a charity that evangelizes and by personifying what it means to be a Catholic gentleman through the practicing of good works.

From charity for worldwide causes, to helping closer to home with volunteer activities, to a top-rated insurance program that protects those closest to you, the Knights makes the most of its brotherhood. Make a stand among them, and you can discover how easy it is to make a difference in your life and that of others.

Visit www.kofc.org/join, and look for Knights of Columbus in your parish for information.
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 consolation of their loved ones.

### Abbotsbott
- Immaculate Heart of Mary: Regina "Polly" Renaut

### Berwick
- Immaculate Conception BVM: Anna Koch
- Rose Kochera
- Bette Walck

### Bloomsburg
- St. Columba: John E. Bubser
- Our Lady of Mercy: Dr. Edward Dailey
- Good Shepherd: James Bakner
- St. Rita: Anna E. Kundrick
- Blue Ridge Summit: Eleanor A. Miller
- Anna Mae Kleponis
- Anna Mae Koch

### Chambersburg
- Corpus Christi: John E. Bubser
- Conewago: Kulpmont: Jean L. Barr
- Holy Angels: Jean B. Krovic
- St. Joseph: Anna Cupp
- St. Monica: Jean B. Krovic
- Prince of Peace: Michael McConnell
- St. Peter: Margaret "Peg" Hartz

### Conewango
- Sacred Heart of Jesus: Nancy M. Grooker

### Dallastown
- Corpus Christi: Jeanne A. Goodling
- Goddess优化: Marilyn Ruback
- St. Joseph: Margaret Wilder
- Margaret "Peg" Hartz
- Dolores Yurkovic
- Anna E. Kundrick
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### Danville
- Immaculate Conception BVM: Ruth Ann Shultz
- Brad Wolfgang

### Greensastle
- St. Mark: Linda Fearnaw
- Rose Hudson

### Hanover
- St. Vincent de Paul: Arlene Frock

### Harrisburg
- Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick: Ronald Miller
- Brenda Rooks
- Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament: Jan Surf
- St. Catherine Labouré: Dolores Acri
- James Gillespie
- Mary Beth Kenny
- Susan Risteff
- Victor Woznowicz
- St. Francis of Assisi: Arquemides Manuel Flores

### Hershey
- St. Joan of Arc: Millie Landis

### Kulpmont
- Holy Angels: Andrew E. Kline
- Petronella Rick
- Pauline Sankowski

### Lancaster
- Assumption BVM: Devid W. Wicentweiser
- St. John Neumann: Margaret Maddox
- Maximillian McGlinchey
- St. Joseph: Altarcia Alicea
- William G. Braungard
- Eva C. King
- Josephine G. Krushinsky
- Clara Maloney
- Maria Theresa Osborn
- Loretta M. Wolf Rankin

### Lebanon
- Assumption BVM: Pamela Leach
- Margaret Dietzler
- Michael McConnell
- Grace Mimich

### McSherrystown
- Annunciata BVM: Genevieve Flanagan
- Linus Smith
- Richard A. Wieman

### Mechanicsburg
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Margaret Wilder
- St. Joseph: Asayo Dorosky
- Joe Kroluk
- Diane Mader
- Lydia Prestine

### Millersville
- St. Philip the Apostle: Gloria Potente
- Robert Potts
- Dorothy Rodgers

### Milton
- St. Joseph: Anthony L. Kaminski
- Patricia A. Rosbosch

### New Cumberland
- St. Theresa: Emily Biaueva
- Beatrice Canzoneri
- Timothy Kline

### New Freedom
- St. John the Baptist: Marian Birck
- Elizabeth "Betty" Neary
- Alexander Lee Powers
- Catherine Wheeler

### New Oxford
- Immaculate Conception BVM: Mary "Sis" Ornoff

### Palmyra
- Holy Spirit: Philip H. Heine

### Selinsgrove
- St. Pius X: Pietro Amato

### Steelton
- Prince of Peace: Jean L. Barr
- Laura B. Krovic
- Laurence J. Salinger

### Sunbury
- St. Monica: Anna Cupp
- Thomas A. Wieszowski

### York
- St. Joseph: Charles J. DiMarcoelll
- Martha Spreeninger
- Maria Vottero
- Charlene Walliblick
- Mary Weed
- St. Rose of Lima: Mary Cuglari
- Anthony Danna

### St. Katherine Drexel:
- Sam Andreoli
- Lois Hoffman
- Sophia "Delight" St. John-
- Brainerd

### Middletown
- Seven Sorrows BVM: Dolores Frischione

### Mount Carmel
- Divine Redeemer: William James McCadden

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Warren Altamore

### Mount Joy
- Mary, Mother of the Church: Toberl Underkoffer
- Marie Vottero

### Seven Sorrows BVM:
- Middletown: Deacon Morris MacAdam, 1996
- Msgr. Thomas McHugh, 1997
- Msgr. Leo A. Beierschmitt, 2002
- Father Charles Slough, 2009
- Father Joseph Kofchok, 2010
- Msgr. George W. Rost, 2012
- Deacon Frank Eckman, 2012
- Msgr. Thomas Smith, 2014
- Msgr. Robert Potts, 2012
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- Msgr. George W. Rost, 2012
- Deacon Frank Eckman, 2012
- Msgr. Thomas Smith, 2014
- Father Kenneth Lawrrence, 2017
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- Father Kenneth Lawrrence, 2017
New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, chairman of the U.S. Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, called for a national prayer campaign effort that “the change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life.”

“As soon as Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy announced his retirement, pro-abortion groups began lobbying the U.S. Senate to reject any nominee who does not promise to endorse Roe v. Wade,” the cardinal said in a statement.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops does not oppose or support the confirmation of any presidential nominee,” he said, “we can and should raise grave concerns about a confirmation process which is being grossly distorted by efforts to subject judicial nominees to a litmus test of support for Roe v. Wade. And we must pray,”

He invited all people of goodwill to pray each Friday from Aug. 3 to Sept. 28 in a “Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life.” The USCCB has made “Call to Prayer” materials accessible at https://bit.ly/2BU11MH. Materials include prayers and educational resources and an invitation to fast on Fridays for this intention.

Those wishing to join this nine-week prayer effort can sign up at www.usccb.org/pray to participate in this and subsequent Call to Prayer initiatives via email or text message.

“May Our Lady of Guadalupe intercede for the healing of our nation and our people from decades of abortion on demand,” Cardinal Dolan said.

### Prayer Campaign begins for Legal Protection of Human Life

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For example, the remains of St. John Neumann are at his shrine at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Philadelphia, since its foundation has been conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers. The saint was a member of that order and was the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. He was canonized in 1977.

Preparations for the new resting place for St. Katharine were funded by a grant from the Connelly Foundation. “The Connelly Foundation’s support for this project comes from reverence and respect for a true outstanding Philadelphia who gave totally of herself to help others,” said Josephine C. Mandevelle, the chair of the Connelly Foundation, which supports many charitable and educational endeavors in the Philadelphia Archdiocese.

In her lifetime, Mother Katharine’s only desire was to be buried in the convent cemetery alongside the pioneer sisters who had preceded her in death. During her years of quiet retirement before her death, the leadership of the congregation decided she should be entombed in a crypt shrine, and this was prepared with the permission of Cardinal Dennis Dougherty.

That her remains should now come to the cathedral is appropriate. Although it was not technically their parish, the Drexel family often worshipped there and her father was a generous donor to its construction (1846-1864).

At her death, Mother Katharine’s funeral was celebrated in the cathedral. At that time Bishop Joseph McShea, who preached at her funeral Mass, said, “I think she was a saint. I am convinced she was a saint and have no knowledge of any dedicated woman, no personal knowledge, that would exceed her in sanctity.”

For many years, the cathedral was the site of an annual memorial Mass long before her 2000 canonization. While the new tomb for St. Katharine will be available for quiet reflection and prayer by the faithful shortly after it is installed, a formal Mass of dedication will be celebrated Nov. 18 by Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput.

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### St. Katharine Drexel’s Tomb Will Be Moved to Philadelphia Cathedral

**By Lou Baldwin**

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A pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Md., is being sponsored by St. Catherine Laboré Parish in Hanover. The pilgrimage will take place Sept. 27 with departure at 6:45 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. Experience spiritual renewal and rejuvenation on the land where St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first native-born American saint, lived and labored. Immerse yourself in “the Valley of Blessings,” as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton referred to the beautiful and inspiring Saint Joseph’s Valley, where the shrine is nestled in Emmitsburg. For day-long event, the schedule includes parliament and rosary,攻打 homes guided tour, chapel and altar of relics tour, Mass, Confession, Adoration, Rosary and personal time for prayer, with all presentations conducted by Third Order Secular Carmelites of Elysburg. The cost of $35 per person includes all tours and transportation by deluxe motor coach leaving and returning from St. Catherine Laboré. For more information or to register, call Dawn at 717-564-1321 or dsalldin@gmail.com.

Walk the Camino Portugués for 128 feet from Sept. 27-Oct. 7 with Deacon Mike Oles as spiritual guide along the way. Several events are planned in Compostela at the end of your journey. Fantastic places to stay each night, with breakfast and most dinners included. There are four more pilgrims. E-mail rps1633@comcast.net or call Julie at 717-394-7715.

**Education & Enrichment**

**“A Call to Prayer” pilgrimage to Centralia**

will take place at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Centralia, Pa., on Aug. 26. Divine Worship will be at noon Mass celebrated by Archbishop Lori. The program will begin on Aug. 6 and continue through Aug. 13. The program consists of Mass, Confession, Adoration, Rosary and personal time for prayer, with all presentations conducted by Third Order Secular Carmelites of Elysburg. For day-long event, the schedule includes parliament and rosary,攻打 homes guided tour, chapel and altar of relics tour, Mass, Confession, Adoration, Rosary and personal time for prayer, with all presentations conducted by Third Order Secular Carmelites of Elysburg. The cost of $35 per person includes all tours and transportation by deluxe motor coach leaving and returning from St. Catherine Laboré. For more information or to register, call Dawn at 717-564-1321 or dsalldin@gmail.com.

**Mythology & Spirituality**

**God, Country and Notre Dame,** a humorous and historical lecture on the history of the United States through the lens of Notre Dame, will be presented Aug. 29 at 2 p.m. at York Catholic. The lecture is free. For more information, contact Karen Hurley at k.m.hurley1@gmail.com or George’s International Tours at (800) 566-7499, sales@georgesint.com or visit www.georgesint.com.

**Lorester Fest at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Shrine**

will be held Sept. 25. A 4-person, 8-formatta format with 8 a.m. shotgun start. $55 per person fee includes round balls, beverages, chicken and BBQ pork lunch, as well as numerous raffle prizes and a Chinese auction. Visit www.qmhr.net, or by calling the parish office at 570-235-2165 or Greg Martin at 717-858-5818.

**Diocesan Notebook**

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**Public Square Rosary rallies** take place on the squares in New Oxford, Littlestown and Hanover monthly at 1 p.m. on the 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.

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**Mass in the Croatian language** will be celebrated Aug. 5 at 11 a.m. at Grotto Park, Center and Penn Streets in Breslzer, prior to the Croatian picnic. Croatian hymns will be sung.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Lancaster** will hold its annual novena in honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, from Aug. 6-14 at 7 p.m., except on Saturday, when it will follow the 4 p.m. Mass. The novena consists of the nine days of novena prayers, and is approximately 30 minutes in length.

**Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, according to St. Louis-Marie de Monfort,** will take place Sept. 9 at Grotto Park. Grotto Park is located in Emmitsburg, Md., during noon Mass celebrated by Archbishop Lori. Since Jesus came to us through Mary, we will dedicate ourselves to her. Contact Grotto staff at (410) 751-0189 or visit www.grottopark.org for information or to register.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is available at the St. Pauline Center at 1150 Chestnut Street in Kulpmont at the St. Pauline Center at 1150 Chestnut Street in Kulpmont on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-11 p.m. Cost is $45 per person. Register online, www.bishopmcdevitt.org or call Cheri Comasco at 717-276-7937, ext. 2133.

**Teaching vs. Culture**

An evening with Stephen W. Areba Ave. in Hershey. There will be clothing, household items, books, games, puzzles, jewelry, toys, knick-knacks and much more. The sale will be held Aug. 16, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 450 are on the downtown square. For more information, call Margaret Miller at 717-266-4765.

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The sun bursts through one of the trees surrounding the garden, which is graced with a statue of Our Lady of Hope.

A statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus overlooks the garden, with its benches, shade and greenery to offer a place of serenity for those who mourn, reflect and pray.

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The Garden of Hope on the grounds of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Annville offers a sanctuary to remember babies and young children who have died.

Mature trees, lush greens, a walking path, welcoming benches and statues create a space where loved ones can grieve, pray and reflect. The Garden of Hope, located adjacent to the church’s main entrance, is a permanent place of remembrance.

At its center are statues of Our Lady of Hope and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our Lady of Hope is an image of Our Blessed Mother pregnant with our Savior, Jesus Christ. The Garden of Hope memorializes babies lost during pregnancy or birth, SIDS, stillbirth, miscarriage or termination of pregnancy – any kind of loss of a child – where people can openly share and remember.

The garden is also a place where all members of the parish community and the Diocese of Harrisburg can honor or remember any loved one with an engraved paver that is part of the special memorial. A section of pavers in the garden is reserved exclusively for parents and families of those babies lost in utero, in infancy and toddlerhood.

Those who would like to honor or memorialize loved ones may contact the parish office at 717-867-1525 for details. St. Paul the Apostle Parish is located at 125 South Spruce Street in Annville.