St. Catherine of Siena Celebrates 175 Years ‘with Endurance and Hard Work’

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Quarryville is celebrating founders, saints and the handing on of the faith this year, the 175th anniversary of its presence in southern Lancaster County.

Bishop Ronald Gainer celebrated an anniversary Mass for the flock on Sunday, May 19 in their 20-year old church.

“This is an amazing birthday for your parish. Think about 175 years and all the faithful that have gone before you, passing on the faith to each generation,” Bishop Gainer addressed the congregation. “St. Catherine of Siena once said, ‘Nothing great has ever been achieved without endurance and hard work.’ That is the story of your parish – it has endured for all these years.”

“It is the Holy Eucharist that draws the faithful together here, for 175 years. It was the hunger for Christ. At this altar is where we lift everything up to our Lord,” he said.

In celebration of the 175th anniversary, the parish undertook a “Bringing out the Saints” church enhancement project to add statues to its interior. When the current church was built in 1999, statues were not part of the plans.

Through the enhancement project, the parish added statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Catherine and St. John Paul II. A relic of the former pope accompanies the statue; one of the parish’s 20 relics of saints.

“With the addition of the statues, the parishioners are really enjoying the saints. The way the statues are placed, it looks like they’ve always been part of the church,” said Father Mark Speitel, pastor.
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Daniel Breen to Lead Catholic Schools in Diocese

By Rachel Bryson, M.S.  The Catholic Witness

With more than 25 years of experience in Catholic education, Daniel J. Breen is being welcomed by the Diocese of Harrisburg to our Education Department. Breen will join the department as both the Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Schools as of July 1. Breen was hired to replace Livia Riley, who is retiring as Superintendent of Schools in June.

“I am really looking forward to getting to know our Catholic schools and our staff throughout the Diocese and helping them achieve their mission,” Breen said.

“I am looking forward to having a broader perspective on Catholic education and contributing in a broader manner in this role. I’ve very eager to support the bishop in his teaching role and I hope in some way to contribute to the Kingdom of Heaven through my work.”

Breen, a native of Massachusetts who is currently serving as Principal of Sacred Heart Cathedral School in Knoxville, Tenn., added there were several factors that led to his applying for this position.

“It is a new day in Harrisburg. Some difficult days are behind us and we are now ready to chart a bold new course for our schools. I am eager to be a part of that new course,” explained Breen. “An opportunity to work with Bishop Gainer was also very appealing to me as he has shown such strong, transformational leadership as a bishop. I also saw a great opportunity to build on the established Catholic identity and strong academics already found in our Catholic schools in Harrisburg.”

As the Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Schools, Breen will oversee the operation of the Catholic schools in the Diocese.

“The primary responsibilities will be to ensure that we have Catholic schools that are healthy, accessible and excellent in every way, where students are safe, known and loved and where we seek to partner with parents to help them get their children on a pathway to heaven,” Breen said. Additionally, he will work to support the Catholic identity of our schools, and support pastors and principals with their school related responsibilities.

“I will also provide leadership, support, guidance and resources for our Catholic schools, implement the bishop’s vision for Catholic education in the Diocese, and promote and advocate for Catholic education throughout the Diocese,” Breen added.

Breen has a bachelor’s degree from Harvard University, a master’s degree from the University of Virginia and an Education Specialist degree with a focus in Educational Administration and Supervision from Eastern Kentucky University. He has 15 years of experience teaching Latin, Spanish and English in middle and high schools, and has also served as a boys’ basketball coach. For the past 11 years, Breen has served as an academic dean for a Pre-K through 12th grade Catholic school and has served as principal of a large Pre-K-8th grade Catholic school. Breen added that his areas of expertise include establishing Catholic identity, educational leadership, innovation management, curriculum development and foreign language instruction.

“I want to thank our parishes for their support of Catholic education and I implore them to do as much as they can to support us and to promote us. I know many of them benefited from a Catholic education themselves and there are so many children who are and who will,” Breen said. “Catholic education leads to strong people, families and communities.”

Breen, his wife Shealyn, and their seven children will be moving to the Harrisburg area in June.

The Diocese of Harrisburg has more than 10,200 students enrolled in five secondary schools, two Kindergarten through 12th grade schools, 30 elementary schools and one pre-school. To learn more about Catholic education in the Diocese of Harrisburg, visit www.GoCatholicSchools.org.

Correction

The “Religious Sisters Celebrate Jubilees” article in the May 10 edition of The Witness included incorrect information about the anniversaries of two Sisters. Sister Mary Clare Reinberg, ASC, is celebrating 65 years, and Sister Mary Peter Chioldo, ASC, is celebrating 60 years.
Donors Help Advance Diocese’s Programs, Services through Annual Campaign

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Can you remember getting your first paycheck as a teenager? How did it make you feel? Did you spend the money earned mowing lawns on a movie, or at the arcade? Did you pocket your paper-route income to save for a bicycle, or perhaps a used car? Maybe you put that paycheck into an account to start saving for college.

Inspired by the Gospel message of giving to the least of our brothers and sisters, 15-year-old Michael O’Hara donated his wages to the Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC). “After I turned 15 last year and started working through my generous support. Together, we are and can continue to make a difference in the lives of so many through our many homeless shelters, helping an immigrant family put down roots, teaching a single mother the basics of child care, providing a Catholic education, or supporting the next generation of clergy,” the individual said. “For example, you see elderly people who give $3 for a charity. That’s not a small amount; that’s generous because $3 can be significant for them.”

“Are there those of us who have benefited from the economy and success, so why not help other people through the programs of the Diocese, “the donor said. “If I can write a check that will help dozens of the Diocese’s ministries, even if they’re programs that I haven’t used — then what better way to help.” Each year, the Diocese is challenged to meet the increasing demand for services. It would not be able to continue to offer its programs and ministries without the support of pastors, priests and parishioners.

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**55 Years**

**Father Ronald J. Moratelli**
Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

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**Father Ronal M. J. Moratelli**

**Father William M. Weary**
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Lewistown, and St. Jude Thaddeus Parish, Mifflintown

**Father Robert F. Sharman**
St. Bernard Parish, New Bloomfield

**Father Kenneth G. Smith**
St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Mechanicsburg

**Father Michael M. Laicha**
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**Father Tri M. Luong**
St. Anne Parish, Lancaster

**20 Years**

**Father Sebastian Thekkedath, CMI**
St. Joseph Parish, Lancaster

**10 Years**

**Father Keith M. Carroll**
St. Patrick Parish, York

**Father Jose Mera-Vallejos**
St. Benedict the Abbot Parish, Lebanon

**Father Jonathan P. Sawicki, VF**
Immaculate Conception BVM Parish, York

**Father Joseph Quang Van Tran**
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**5 Years**

**Father Kyle S. Sahd**
St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, Gettysburg

The Diocese of Harrisburg cordially invites you to attend

**Holy Hours** for Ordination

**Friday, May 31, 2019**

**Matthew Cannon**
6:00 p.m., Saint Leo the Great Parish, Lancaster

**Samuel Miller**
7:00 p.m., Saint James Parish, Lititz

**Andrew St. Hilaire**
7:00 p.m., Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Gettysburg

**Joshua Weaver**
7:00 p.m., Saint Joseph Parish, Mechanicsburg

**Ordination to the Priesthood**

**Saturday, June 1, 2019, 10:00 a.m.**

**Matthew Edward Cannon**
Saint Patrick Cathedral
212 State Street, Harrisburg, PA

**Samuel Edward Good Miller**
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Bishop Blesses Refurbished Chapel at Trinity High School

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Home to weekly Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, club/team Masses, retreats, Advent and Lenten services and personal prayer, the chapel at Trinity High School in Camp Hill is spiritually and physically the heart of the school.

On May 18, Bishop Ronald Gainer blessed the renovated chapel – original to the 1963 building – during a Mass attended by dozens of members of the school community.

Students, faculty and alumni looked on as the bishop blessed the new tabernacle, altar, ambo and presider’s chair, fashioned by Patrick Pray. A member of St. Bernard Parish in New Bloomfield, Pray was formerly a member of St. Joseph Parish in Mechanicsburg, just a few miles from Trinity.

“There are so many things vying for attention in the school budget, but it says an awful lot that your school, your principal Mr. John Cominsky and the board of directors have made this a priority,” Bishop Gainer told those gathered for the Mass. “This chapel is the heart of this high school. Everything radiates from this chapel and spreads throughout the entire school.”

“We must not just look at these beautiful new furnishings, but look through them as well. That is where we see the mystery of our faith. Through the readings we hear the Word of God…. The Lord does not just inform us, he transforms us with His Word. What we do at this altar unites us. Heaven and earth are united at this new altar,” he said.

The chapel will also include four icons of the patron saints of Trinity’s new House system: De la Salle, Immaculata, Loyola and Seton. The House program places students, faculty and staff into the different groups as a means of bolstering school spirit and camaraderie.

“But our new House system, and other programs being offered by the campus ministry office, we are seeing an increase in the use of the chapel for communal and private prayer,” said Scott Root, Campus Minister. “The chapel’s beauty should recognize the presence of God and help one to be more comfortable entering into prayer.”

The refurbished chapel also includes new carpet and repaired stained-glass windows. Future efforts include refurbished pews, new vessels and altar appointments, and icons of Trinity’s supporting parishes.

“As a school community, we are looking at ways to maintain and improve what we have. The administration and board wanted to make the chapel the focus of renovations because it is where the source and summit of our community – Jesus, in his Eucharistic form – is present to us,” Root said.

New crucifixes in the gym, cafeteria and auditorium lobby, as well as icons of the Gospel writers and Trinity’s House patrons, also grace the school, Root said.

“Our goal is that all who enter our school know that we are Catholic – by what they see on our walls and more importantly what they see and experience by interacting with our students and staff,” he said.

(Learn more about Trinity High School at www.tthsrocks.us.)
2019 Golden Apple Recipients Reflect on Role of Forming Students

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

The Diocese of Harrisburg recognized seven Catholic school educators for their outstanding devotion through the 13th annual Golden Apple Awards on May 7 at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. The awards are based on nominations from school principals, parents, students and fellow teachers in acknowledgement of an educator’s professional excellence, leadership, commitment to Catholic values, and devotion to teaching in Catholic schools.

The 2019 Golden Apple recipients are:

• Kathy Alton, religion teacher at Lancaster Catholic High School
• Nancy Duffy, English teacher at Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown
• Corrinne Eck, principal of St. Joseph School in York
• Janice Kiker, mathematics teacher at Trinity High School in Camp Hill
• Kristy Legenstein, kindergarten teacher at Resurrection School in Lancaster
• Laura Mull, eighth-grade teacher at St. Teresa of Calcutta School in McSherrystown
• Lynda Starceski, first-grade teacher at St. Patrick School in York

The educators were recognized during the awards dinner by Bishop Ronald Gainer and Father Edward J. Quinlan, Diocesan Secretary for Education.

The Golden Apple Awards program was established by Jack and Rhodora Donahue from Pittsburgh in appreciation for the Catholic school teachers who provided a quality academic and faith-based education for their 13 children. As part of their recognition, Golden Apple recipients receive a $5,000 cash award, a golden apple, a certificate of achievement and an individual photo with the bishop, prior to the awards dinner. The program is funded through the Donahue Family Foundation.

Recipient Reflections

As part of their nomination packet for the Golden Apple Awards, the educators wrote an essay illustrating their vocation based on Pope Francis’ observation from March 1, 2014: “Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love: it is like giving life.”

The following are excerpts from each awardee’s essay:

Kathy Alton
Lancaster Catholic High School

“In 1967, I had my first encounter with a Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Her name was Sister Mary Etta. As a shy, scared first grader who struggled academically, I knew in my deepest being that I was loved by her, no matter how many mistakes I made. At Lancaster Catholic High School… Sister Ann Francis instilled in me a love of writing and reading that altered the trajectory of my life. During my senior year, at a time when I felt utterly unlovable, Sister opened a Bible to Psalm 139 and handed it to me. As I read those verses, God’s unconditional love washed over me and gave me hope.…”

As a Catholic educator, it is my deepest desire to share this beauty with my students. Just as Sister Mary Etta and Sister Ann Francis’ love bore fruit in my life, I pray that my love for my students, through Jesus Christ, will bear fruit in their lives for the glory of God. I want to spare them the pain of rebelling against God’s plan. It is a labor of love.”

Nancy Duffy
Delone Catholic High School

“The puzzle piece I carry into my classroom every day from my dad is to make the intangibility of faith tangible for my students. As an English teacher in a Catholic school, I have the opportunity and obligation to pray, to make the connections to life and faith using characters and literature. When I use the Scripture readings from Sunday Mass or the Gospel for lessons on figurative language, similes and allusions, I tell the students that ‘today’s lesson was brought to you by Hugh Duffy.’ It warms my heart to be able to pass along the faith in such a concrete, life-giving way and to perhaps be a small piece in my students’ life puzzle.

The great gift of Catholic education has buoyed me throughout my life and has been the source of incredible celebration. Sometimes, the students may feel that religion is restricting; however, what I hope to make tangible for them whenever we encounter each other in the hallways, in the classroom or on Sundays is that a life rooted in faith is freedom.”

Corrinne Eck
St. Joseph School

“When asked why I am a principal in a Catholic school, one might expect a heavily philosophical response, consisting of all the theological, theoretical and pedagogical evidence that I could offer. It might reference the dedication which all Catholic educators employ, the spirituality that faith-filled educators express, or the expertise, enthusiasm and excellence in educational practices to which Catholic educators aspire. But the truth as it lives, is simply this: I am a principal in a Catholic school by the hand and grace of God.…”

In the various positions that I served through [the] years, my goals as an educator were simple. I worked to be an exemplar model for my students as lifelong learners, ensuring families that their children were provided with the highest quality of education through my own continued education…. I am a principal of a Catholic school, because the love and grace of God has taught me how to bring an open mind and heart to school every day, and I love it!”

Janice Kiker
Trinity High School

“I have chosen to teach in a Catholic school because it allows me to demonstrate my Christian faith, which is very important to me. Although I may not be Catholic, I still attend weekly Masses and pray with the students before each class. I feel blessed that we can pray for their concerns. I love the way that Trinity High School is like a family. When there is trouble or celebrations, we come together as one.

I attend everything that I can at school, like sporting events, plays and concerts. Whatever the students are involved in, I am there. One of the parents said that I must have seen more Trinity events than anyone else. I laughed and said, ‘Is that because I have been around so long?’ They replied, ‘No, because you go to every one’s activities.’ I have students ask me to cheer for them when they have no one else to support them.’”

Kristy Legenstein
Resurrection School

“Teaching is not a 7:00-3:30 job. Most nights, work at home is required. There are many nights spent worrying about the students. Time spent researching a new way for a student to comprehend material that they are struggling with. Time spent praying for...
Youth Chant Campers to Sing for Solemn Mass

Children and youth ages 7-18 will honor Our Lord on June 28, raising their voices in song for a noon Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form on the Feast of the Sacred Heart at St. Lawrence Chapel in Harrisburg. The Mass will be the culmination of the students’ efforts during the annual summer Chant Camp hosted by Mater Dei Latin Mass Community.

Last summer, more than 40 children attended Chant Camp, a weeklong day camp that immerses students in the world of Sacred Music while providing opportunity for Catholic fellowship, sports, games, prayer and lots of laughter. After a week of study and exercises, Chant Campers have a solid foundational knowledge of the purpose and importance of music in the liturgy and a heightened sense of the Good, True, and Beautiful. They also learn many practical skills such as reading chant and music notation, singing and blending in a choral setting, along with learning chants and hymns to sing for the Mass which concludes the camp.

This summer’s camp is June 24-28, under the direction of Mater Dei Chaplain, Father Gregory Eichman F.S.S.P., and Music Director, Patrick Torsell. Other instructors include Father David Franco F.S.S.P., Rick Wheeler, Music Director at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Littleton, Col., and Dr. Richard Skirpan, Music Director at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Harrisburg. St. Lawrence is located at 110 State Street, Harrisburg. Learn more about Mater Dei’s Chant Camp and music program at MaterDeiPA.com/music.

Golden Apple

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students and families, that their home situations are resolved. Time praying for patience, as some students test boundaries of the rules.

It is like giving life, especially in kindergarten. Not only do I strive to prepare my students academically, so much of kindergarten is preparing students socially and spiritually. Basic life skills are needed: how to open food containers, how to zipper their coat, how to use manners, how to blow their nose, how to work with others, how to sit in church, how to pray and how to show God’s love… I take the time to teach these skills because I want the students to be successful in all aspects of their lives, not just academically.”

Laura Mull
St. Theresa of Calcutta School

“Students come to comprehend that being fair is providing what is needed, rather than identical circumstances, as each of us has diverse gifts. I live out this fairness by providing several versions of evaluations that meet the needs of my students. These evaluations allow students to demonstrate their knowledge through their individual learning style and are given opportunities to explore new ways to demonstrate their knowledge. Thus, adaptive evaluations allow students to shine and grow and to gain empathy for others…. Through the challenge to find their own paths, my students gain ability in leadership and responsibility. Additionally, they understand the world from new perspectives and subsequently see themselves in a new light. The exercises develop the whole child by allowing students to become their true selves and develop strong moral principles. In order to live a true life, you need to have integrity about who you are first so you can be true to others.”

Lynda Starceski
St. Patrick School

“As an educator at a Catholic school and as a mother of four, I am devoted to teaching children how important God is in their lives. I will give whatever I have to help my students succeed. My own children refer to my students as my “real” children because I often think of my students socially and spiritually. Basic life skills are needed: how to open food containers, how to zipper their coat, how to use manners, how to blow their nose, how to work with others, how to sit in church, how to pray and how to show God’s love… I take the time to teach these skills because I want the students to be successful in all aspects of their lives, not just academically.”

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(learn more about Catholic schools in the Diocese of Harrisburg, the Golden Apple Award and this year’s recipients at www.gocatholicschools.org.)
"We’ve been here 175 years in southern Lancaster County, which many people see as an Amish and Protestant area. I think it’s wonderful to be able to celebrate our roots here," Father Speitel told The Catholic Witness. "Going back to the Irish immigrants who established the parish, our families have passed on the faith from generation to generation. That is critical. I want our families to know how important it is that everyone help in passing on the faith to the next generation."

**Tradition of Faith and Service**

The verdant fields of southern Lancaster County hold the roots of Catholicism there. Work at an iron furnace in Drumore Township drew Irish Catholic immigrants to the area in the early 1800s, and priests traveled from nearby Lancaster or Chester County to tend to the faithful.

The first Mass in St. Catherine of Siena Parish’s history was celebrated in a grove that is now the site of St. Catherine Cemetery.

St. Catherine’s Chapel was built in 1844 on the property of a parishioner who bequeathed his home to the parish. Bishop Francis Kendrick of Philadelphia dedicated it on May 4 of that year. According to parish history, St. Catherine’s was almost named in honor of St. Patrick. Bishop John Neumann, recognizing the number of churches named for St. Patrick in the then-Diocese of Philadelphia, instead named the Quarryville church for Catherine, given the number of women in the parish of the same name.

The chapel was razed in 1933. When the Diocese of Harrisburg was established in 1868, St. Catherine’s became first a mission of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, and then of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, both in Lancaster.

Ground was broken for a church at Third and St. Catherine streets in Quarryville in 1896, and Bishop Thomas Mc Govern dedicated it on Nov. 8 of that year. The church was home to several generations for more than 100 years. As the population increased, so did the need for a larger church. Plans and fundraising for the current church lasted through much of the 1990s. The first Mass for the current church – located on Robert Fulton Highway – was celebrated in July of 1999.

Parish expansion continued, with the construction of a community room in 2005, featuring classrooms, offices and a spacious and equipped kitchen for social gatherings.

Members of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, named for a Doctor of the Church (1347-1380), continue to follow in the example of their patroness, known for bringing food and clothing to those in need, and caring for patients suffering from a plague. "Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire!" she once said.

Among the parish ministries are a Good Samaritan Group, which visits the sick and homebound, and sends them remembrances on birthdays and holidays. The parish tithes to help financially support A Woman’s Concern, a pro-life pregnancy and parenting resource center, the Solanco Food Bank, and funds for the poor. In addition, Father Speitel is a member of the Solanco Pastors Fellowship, an ecumenical group that works together in support of the community.

The parish is home to high school and middle school youth groups, and a “vibrant Knights of Columbus council and St. Catherine’s Women’s Group, which are an integral part of the parish with social events and liturgies,” Father Speitel said.

“We are a community-minded parish with a lot of volunteers who help at community organizations and give of themselves in many ways for their neighbors,” he said.
Annual Women’s Convention Celebrates Mary as Cause of Our Joy

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Amid the suffering, hardship and darkness that befall our lives, the Blessed Mother can be the cause of our joy, said the keynote speaker at the 94th annual convention of the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW).

Megan Murphy, a dynamic presenter on the New Evangelization, urged women at the event to bring Mary into their hearts and homes, to be led to a closer relationship with Jesus.

The annual convention welcomes women from throughout the Diocese for the celebration of Mass, a keynote presentation, workshops, a luncheon and religious exhibits. The event also provides an opportunity to support various efforts of the council, including a scholarship fund that annually benefits female high school graduates.

This year, it was at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg on the day before Mother’s Day.

The Saturday event marked a change for the annual gathering, which traditionally took place on Mondays. HDCCW President Alicea Laureti considered the change to enable more women to attend.

Women in the Diocese are considered members of the HDCCW, regardless of membership status at the parish council level.

The mission of the Council of Catholic Women – at parish, district and diocesan levels – is to serve to the parish, Church and community.

Our Lady’s Intercession

Father David L. Danneker, PhD., Diocesan Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia and pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Steelton, served as the principal celebrant and homilist for Holy Mass to open the convention.

Reflecting on the Gospel passage of the Wedding Feast at Cana, Father Danneker asked the congregation to consider why Jesus would perform his first public miracle to turn water into wine.

“Perhaps it was this – his mother’s intercession,” Father Danneker posed.

“This is why Mary is so powerful for us…. Women, as well as men, increasingly need counsel in dealing with the different challenges our world puts in front of us,” he said.

“How many mothers here have interceded with your husbands for your children? How many of you were able to convince that stubborn child to do something they didn’t want to do?” he asked the congregation. “Thus is the power of a mother’s love and intervention.”

Murphy carried the theme of Mary’s counsel and intervention throughout her keynote presentation. Examining the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, she illustrated with Scripture examples in which Mary is the cause of our joy.

“You can’t find Mary in all the Sorrowful mysteries. She doesn’t appear in all the Glorious Mysteries, nor will you see her in all the Luminous Mysteries. But you cannot miss Mary in every single one of the Joyful Mysteries,” Murphy said.


Mary’s “Fiat,” Murphy said, illustrates “she is about service, that all things might be done by God, in and through her.”

“Her humility is profound, even as she becomes the first Tabernacle for the Lord,” she said. “How many of us, when we’re faced with a cross, with what looks like an impossible situation challenging our faith, turn to confidence in God and say, ‘Let it be?’”

Such an attitude of confidence in the Lord is attainable, Murphy said, if we are filled with Mary’s Divine Spouse, the Holy Spirit.

“Pentecost is coming. We need to beg and pray boldly: ‘Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with your life. Renew us. Recreate us.’ What we pray for, we will see,” Murphy said.

She called on convention attendees to make a physical place for Mary in their lives – with statues and images of her in their homes – to bring her spiritually into their lives.

“If you do not have Mary in your home, get her there,” she urged. “The first thing you do if you desire a relationship with her is to take her into your home. From there, take her into your heart.”

“Spend time in Mary’s company. Get to know her, love her, honor her, and God will fill you.”

(Visit https://hdccw.webs.com/ for more information on how you can get involved, register for the retreat, or contact Jeanne Warren: 717-367-9306)

Registration deadline is May 27
Riding Into Safety with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

By Rachel Bryson, M.S.
The Catholic Witness

Bicycle safety was on full display at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Mechanicsburg on Sunday, May 19. The second annual Bike Rodeo, sponsored and organized by the Parish’s American Heritage Girls (AHG) troop, was a great way to remind parish and community children of bicycle safety, right in time for summer.

The AHG troop hosted their first rodeo last year, after several parents suggested the safety event. A huge success, the troop decided to continue hosting the rodeo.

“The whole purpose is safety,” said LaDawnna Clancy, who is one of the founding members of the AHG troop for the parish. Six stations were set up for the rodeo, with each testing a safety or skill component of bicycling, explained Clancy. However, before participants could start the rodeo course, they first had their bike checked by a trained bicycle mechanic, had their helmet fitted and had to demonstrate they could stop their bicycle.

“We check their tires, seats, breaks and helmets,” Clancy said.

Carole Green, another founder of the troop, explained the many stations of the rodeo and that the troop incorporated the AHG bicycle badge requirements into the rodeo.

“The badge requirements are part of this. They (the kids) have to demonstrate that they can stop, ride on a line and look for cars,” Green said.

The rodeo stations also demonstrated using hand signals, stopping on an “X” and controlling the bicycle through an obstacle course.

Maureen Lee, also a founding member of the troop, added that learning the importance of communicating when biking was an important lesson for the day.

“We talk to the kids so they know they need to communicate,” Lee said. “Especially if they go out on a trail and there are pedestrians, what do you do? We talk about that.”

New to the rodeo this year was a ride through the local neighborhood. Participants had to successfully pass all six skill stations before they could participate in the community ride. Before the group left for this ride, Clancy reminded participants to use their hand signals and watch out for cars potentially pulling out of driveways.

In addition to the safety education side, the rodeo was also collecting used bikes for donation to Operation Wildcat: Project Bikes. This program from the Mechanicsburg Area School District accepts new and gently used bikes, which will be distributed to students in need.

“It brings people together to do something fun,” Green said. “It’s also community service.”

“This is great,” said Dan Liberatore, a parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton who brought his son, Nicholas, to the rodeo. “He’s enjoying it and I think it’s a great idea. He rides a lot and likes to ride. I think it’s good to have the bikes checked. The kids see it as fun but they are also learning.”

The event was open to all members of the parish and to youth from the community.

Quo Vadis Days
Vocation Retreat for young men ages 15-25
Sunday - Thursday
June 23-27, 2019
Mount St. Mary’s University & Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD
$50 Registration Fee

For registration forms for either retreat please contact: the Office of Vocations at 717-657-4804 ext. 282

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Sunday - Wednesday
June 30 - July 3, 2019
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Delone Catholic Girls Win the Race to Capture District 3 Championship

By Chris Heisey
The Catholic Witness

Strong in both the track and field events, the Squirettes of Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown captured the District 3 Class 2A championship under sunny skies and toasty temps at Shippensburg University on May 17 and 18. Maggie Sieg captured the javelin throw with a toss of more than 123 feet. Maddie Clabaugh won the 800-meter run by more than three seconds, and she helped win the 4 x 100 relay gold by teaming with Brooke Lawyer, Danielle Malesky and Junianna Malesky, which also propelled the team to edge Greenwood for the team title at Seth Grove Stadium.

Trinity’s Mia Kilroy defended her title in the 300-meter hurdles, edging her closest pursuer by half a second to capture another gold medal.

In the boys’ Class 2A championship, Lancaster Catholic won the 4 x 100 meter relay, which requires excellent baton handoffs to win. The Crusaders won with Malkam Lawrence, Austin Sauer, Michael Fedorshak and Calan Titus as the anchor.

The PIAA state championships are on Memorial Day weekend, again at Shippensburg.

Diocesan Lacrosse Teams Competing for Championships

By Chris Heisey
The Catholic Witness

May means high school championship lacrosse, usually played in cold and damp weather. This held true at the league championships on May 8 and 9. Three diocesan teams advanced to the conference finals, where all three lost. The York Catholic Fighting Irish girls’ team fell to long-time rival Kennard-Dale, 11-10, whereas the boys’ Fighting Irish squad lost to Central York. Both York Catholic teams advance to the District 3 Class 2A tournament as high seeds.

The Trinity boys ran into Palmyra in the Mid-Penn Championships in the driving drizzle and held a 5-3 lead at halftime against the Cougars, who field several Division I commits. The Shamrocks dominated the faceoff X the entire game, giving them far more possession time. But in the second half the Cougars turned up the defensive pressure, forcing a dozen turnovers in the third quarter which stalled the Shamrocks’ offense. The Cougars scored 13 second-half goals to pull away. Trinity won the District 3 championship last year and they will be a tough out in Class 2A again later in May.
Tell me a little bit about your childhood.
I grew up in an Air Force family. My dad was in the Air Force when he met and married my mom. He was assigned to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. About six months after my birth, we lived overseas in Germany for a time. We were at Bitburg Air Force Base. Then we came back and were in Amarillo, Texas. We then returned to Germany, then went to England and then back to Texas. That’s where my dad retired. A couple years after he retired, we relocated to central Pennsylvania. So Harrisburg has been my home since 1969.

Growing up, my parents were very devoted in their Catholic faith and raised us up the same. Through the military, there is faith, family and Scout-ing. We were always active in the faith chapels on bases and we would always go to the religious education classes. When we came to Pennsylvania, I went to Bishop McDevitt High School. My three brothers and I are all Eagle Scouts and my sister earned the highest rank in Girl Scouts. Our parents helped us to focus and take action. Growing up overseas and learning so much as a child, it didn’t seem like there was much to hold you back. I went to college and then law school and then seminary. We engaged in life in very bold and dynamic ways.

What drew you to the priesthood?
As far as becoming a priest, when I was young I remember learning to serve at the altar and learning Latin, because that was still required. I remember the witness of the priests who were the Air Force chaplains, and I became aware, as a boy, that I could become a priest. I carried that into my formative years and I asked the Lord that if that’s what he wanted me to do, to help me live a life that prepared me. So it was always there, but then I went off to college.

During my sophomore year, I went to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on campus because there was an ordination and I’d never been to one. During that Mass, I had an experience of being lifted up to the Holy Spirit. In that moment I realized, “OK God, I understand, you’re asking me to be a priest.” I remember going home and I called my parents and said, “What would you think if I became a priest?” and they both said that would be wonderful, so I had their support.

But I completed college and then served in the Navy for the six years I was required to (because of a scholarship). When the time came, instead of entering seminary, I signed on for another four years (in the Navy) because my heart was in conflict. I thought, “How could God want me? I’m a Navy pilot.” When I resigned my commission and was required to (because of a scholarship), I went back to Harrisburg area and applied to law school in January. It happened that Widener University School of Law was opening a branch in the fall in Harrisburg. They accepted me and I started in August. I really saw the hand of God in that. I graduated in 1992 and then worked on my own for a bit and clerked for a superior court judge. When I was clerking for the judge, that’s when I took the time to say, “I can’t keep going like this.” The Lord was still tugging at my heart. I spent a lot of time in prayer. I would take each conflict in my heart and I would bring it to the Lord.

One of the conflicts was seeing myself married with children. The Lord responded, “Michael, I will give you your children for care.” I say it was the Lord because I was at peace. The conflict was removed. I talked to the Lord and began prayer through my other issues and one by one, I was at peace. And so I said yes and began the process. During orientation, I went to the chapel and said, “OK Lord, you invited me. I’m here. Are you sure?” That was my prayer. And again I heard the Lord’s response, “Trust me.” And again I was at peace. And then I began my seminary years. On the day I was ordained a priest, I remember once I stood up and looked at my hands that were anointed, I realized I was where the Lord wanted me. I look back and see all the Lord allowed me to do under my plan, and it helped form me into the priest I was called to be.

Do you have a favorite area or aspect of your ministry?
I really wanted to be in parish ministry. I couldn’t see myself being in an office. I do enjoy visiting our parishioners that are at home or in a nursing home, talking to them and bringing them the sacraments. My favorite aspect is the celebration of the Mass, it’s the Eucharist. Whenever I celebrate the sacraments, I have such great joy. So whenever I go to visit someone, I’m joy filled because I’m bringing somebody Jesus. I’m an anointing them, I’m hearing their Confession. So definitely the sacraments. As I’ve expressed to others, when we’re centered on Christ and centered on the Eucharist, everything else flows from that. Now sometimes administrative things can be favorites, especially when learning something new. But at certain points, I’ll say, “OK, this will be here tomorrow or later today.”

Anything else you would like to add?
It was an honor as a priest to celebrate at my mother’s funeral. When my dad called to tell me of my mom’s passing, it was so sudden and it was in disbelief. I had the morning Mass and so after Mass I called my sister when I was here. I called her, she was in greater disbelief. For my mom’s funeral Mass, I was calm when praying for them. The Mass and Bishop Dattilo was there and all the priests were there. We had her funeral and I remember a week later, I was standing and it was just “boom,” like a ton, all the grief hit me at once. I remember talking to God and saying I’d like my dad to live a little bit longer. Dad lived until 2010 and on my days off I’d go help him around the house and just be with him.
Fiat Spirituality
By Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC
Special to The Witness

Recently, I was asked by a wife of a deacon in another Diocese to conduct a retreat for women in her area. When I agreed, I asked if she had a topic for the day. She said, “Saying ‘Yes’; Finding Your Unique Gifts and Purpose in Everyday Life.” Honestly, when I read that topic, it made me pause to think and to pray. I said to myself, “How am I supposed to present that? Where do you start?”

I looked at the title and prayed some more. I remembered a wise person who once said that the way you eat an elephant is one bite at a time. So, I began my reflection with the word “Yes.”

In Scripture, we are given a cloud of witnesses who said “Yes!” to God in the midst of some ludicrous elements. Remember Noah said yes to God to build a large boat with no rudder or sail in a landlocked nation. Remember Abraham was told to sacrifice his son, the child of a promise. A young shepherd named David said yes to being a seasoned soldier called Goliath with no armor or shield, and a young woman was to become a mother through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As I reflected on Mary’s particular yes to God, I came across a website that described “FIAT Spirituality.” Upon reading it, I thought, “What a great insight! I’d think I share!”

First, some of you might not be aware of what “fiat” actually means. At the moment of the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel appears to Mary and announces to her that she is going to be the mother of Jesus. Her response was, “Be it done to me according to your will.” This was translated into Latin as fiat, which quite simply means, “yes.”

This “yes” as shown by Mary is a full and open-hearted response to God’s plan for the redemption of mankind. In short, it is acknowledging that God is the sovereign ruler of not only the universe but also the king of one’s own heart. Or, looking at it another way, it is a personal response to God and the acknowledgment that He loves me.

As Father Walter Dzordz, MC, says on this website, “Her ‘yes’ is an invitation for us to also trust in God and to experience God in deeper ways. Her ‘yes’ is an act of mercy, not only because by giving birth to Christ she helped secure a means of our salvation, but also through her example, we learn to draw closer to God.”

When we look to Mary, we see a woman who pon-dered every circumstance of life. She teaches us how to live as spiritual adults. She teaches us in “how to walk the life of the spirit. She is our model, par excellence, of love, trust and service.”

For the remaining days of the month of May, ponder not only on Mary’s “yes” to God, but how you have said “yes.” Within these moments, we find our true purpose in life! Fiat! Yes! Give thanks to God!

1 www.thedivinemercy. news/The-Fiato- and-Marys-Example- of-Spiritual-Living-2489
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Parish Festivals & Picnics
(Also listed online at www.hbgdiocese.org. Parishes and schools can submit an announcement of their festival or picnic via e-mail to communications@hbgdiocese.org.)

JUNE

Holy Trinity Parish Festival, June 5-8 from 6-10 p.m. at the parish in Columbia. Rides, food, games and more.

St. Cecilia Parish Festival, June 6, 7 and 8 at 750 State Drive in Lebanon. Meals served from 4-7 p.m. each evening include lasagna or stuffed shells on Thursday, fried fish and mac & cheese on Friday, and roast beef and filling on Saturday. Homemade baked goods available. Entertainment from 7-10 p.m. each night features Johnson Pierogi, pirogi and haluski. Refreshments, games, prizes, music, lottery scratch-off ticket decoration and a “prizes galore” tent. Entertainment features Lite Switch on Friday from 7-10 p.m.; Double Talk on Saturday from 6-9 p.m.; and Memory Lane on Sunday from 6-9 p.m.

St. Mary’s Cultural Festival, June 14 from 5-9 p.m. and June 15 from noon-9 p.m. at Immaculate Conception BVM Parish in York. Classic Latin American and classic American food and entertainment. Raffle, bake sale, kids’ games and face painting.

Divine Redeemer Parish Summer Festival, June 14 from 4-10 p.m. and June 15 from 3-10 p.m. on the parish picnic grounds and in Divine Mercy Hall, Mount Carmel, rain or shine. Theme baskets, cake wheel, homemade ethnic and traditional food, homemade baked goods, live bands, raffles, raffles, raffles! Kids’ Zone and refreshments. Theme basket pre-sale is June 13 from 6-8 p.m. in the gym. Ice cream cake sale is June 14 from 4-10 p.m. and June 15 at noon. Entertainment by Swing Masters Polka Band on Friday and Looker on Saturday.

St. Paul the Apostle Parish Summer Bazaar, June 15 and 16 on the parish grounds in Annville. Live music, raffle, games, basket showcase and a yard sale. American, Oriental, and Italian foods and desserts, a beer garden, soft drinks and a chicken barbecue lunch on Sunday. Entertainment by Pen- tagon on Saturday from 7-10:30 p.m. and the New Individuals on Sunday from 6-9:30 p.m. Stands open at 3 p.m. each day and are open until 11 p.m. Saturday and 10 p.m. Sunday. Free parking.

St. Joan of Arc Parish Festival, June 20-22 from 5-10 p.m. on the parish grounds in Hershey. Homemade food, with takeout available starting at 3:30 p.m. Children’s games and activities, silent auction, money raffles, games of skill, Bingo, kids’ inflatable, face painting, video game truck, basket raffles, jewelry sales, Tour of Hershey raffle, plant sales and a Christian Pulpisic jersey raffle. Musical entertainment Thursday by DJ Dave Willey, Friday by the Happy Slovenes, and Saturday by Ev- eryday People. Call 717-533-7168 or visit www. sjafestival.com.

JULY

Prince of Peace Parish Picnic, July 14 from noon-8 p.m. at Cibort Park in Bressler. Foods include lamb,arma,pork,barbecue, potato salad, cabbage and noodles,French fries and funnel cakes. Desserts include strudel, lemon pita, homemade cakes and cupcakes. Entertainment by The Happy Slovenes and Reminisce. Call the parish at 717-985-1330 for information.

AUGUST

St. Benedict the Abbot Summer Festival, Aug. 2-4 at 750 State Drive in Lebanon. Games, food, cash raffle, basket raffle, beer garden, Kiddie Land, live music and more.

Holy Spirit Parish Summer Festival, “Allo- h!” Aug. 9 and 10 from 5-10 p.m. on the parish grounds in Palmyra. Food, fun and fellowship the Hawaiian way, including a pig roast, ethnic food, drinks, kids’ games and music.

St. Patrick Parish Festival, “The Land of Make Believe,” Aug. 9 and 10 from 5-10 p.m. at the parish grounds in Trevorton. Ethnic foods, games for children and adults, Bingo in the parish hall, theme baskets, cash raffles, cake & sweets raffle, big prize raffle-off and live music nightly.

St. Catherine Laboure’ Parish’s Dinner on Dairy Food Truck Fest, Aug. 18 from 1-6 p.m. on the parish grounds in Harrisburg. Slow cooked BBQ, cheese steak sandwiches, pepperoni-stuffed pretzels, plus sweet treats including Farm Show milkshakes. Bingo, raffles, face painting, indoor mini-golf and carnival. See the entire list of food trucks (including menus) at www.sclhbg.org.

Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Council 10502 in Palmyra, pilgrimage to the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington, D.C., June 22. Reception of the Rosary and Confession at 11:30 a.m. and Mass at noon. Bus departs at 7:30 a.m. from the parish, and returns at 5:30 p.m. from Holy Spirit Parking Lot. Cost is $35 per person. Contact Holy Spirit Parish at 717-838-3369.

“Into the Deep” retreat with guest speaker Dan Burke, June 1 from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Mass at 8 a.m.) at Immaculate Conception BVM Parish in Fairfield. Finding peace through prayer, the universal call to conversion, the path to ever deepening union with God, and the work of the saints. Cost is $25, includes a gift bag and snacks. $30 at the door. Call 717-642-8815 for information.

Travel to Ireland with Msgr. William J. King and members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Mechanicsburg, June 19-29, 2019. Explore the monuments of ancient Ireland, the castle sites of the Knights of Malory, Kylemore Abbey, and Cliffs of Moher. The Ring of Kerry, and Blarney Castle. Contact Jeannie Isman at 717-737-8600.

Education & Enrichment

“Sometimes Miracles Hide – Katie’s Story,” a pro-life program on children with Down Syndrome, June 2 from 6-8 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in York. Video account of Servant of God, Jerome Lejeune, who discovered the Trisomy gene, and his mission to defend the unborn diagnosed with Down Syndrome. Parishioner Theresa Kniery will share her story as the mother of Katie, and their family’s desire to embrace children with Down Syndrome. Sponsored by the Sanctity of Life Ministry in conjunction with the Hospitality Committee Speaker Series. Program begins after 5 p.m. Mass. Refreshments served.

“Taking the Word to Heart,” a program on different ways to meditate on Scripture and build your relationship with Our Lord, May 26 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at St. Joan of Arc School in Hershey. Sponsored by “I Thirst Prayer Group.” Call Lynn at 717-503-1600.

Orientation for “Light Weigh,” a 12-week Catholic Bible Study DVD program for weight loss and health, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the former convent of St. Rose of Lima Church, 950 W. Market St., York. 10 tickets per person. Mass at 6:30 p.m. for ticket purchase. For more information, call Joyce at 717-308-7245.

A Summer Faith Journey with Bishop Barron, “Untold Blessings – Three Paths to Holiness,” at St. Leo the Great Parish, Rohrerstown, June 5, 12 and after 7 p.m. Mass. A 35-minute DVD, shown in Rooms 3 and 4, will be followed by discussion led by Father Peter Hahn, pastor. Summer refreshments. No RSVP or homework required. For information, contact the parish office at 717-394-1742, ext. 2.

Summer Bible School at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Mechanicsburg, June 17-21 from 9 a.m.-noon for ages three through fifth grade. Check in with St. Catherine Laboure and encounter exciting characters from the Bible whose lives were transformed. Call 717-642-8600 or registration at www.steas.net/summer-bible-school.

Fundraisers & Events

Summer music theater camp at Trinity High School in Camp Hill, July 8-26 from 9 a.m.-noon weekdays. Featuring “Lion King, Kids,” for students who have completed grades 4-7. Public performance July 26 at 7 p.m. Camp features sessions in vocal music, acting, dance, set design and makeup. Students will audition for roles and stage production with costumes, lights and mics. For information and registration, contact bmeugher@thetrickers.org.

Raffle featuring Rae Dunne items, May 31 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and June 1 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Pauline House in Kulpmont. Kitchen and dining items, two patio sets and bird houses. Cost is $20 for 2 tickets; $10 for 1 ticket. Extra tickets are $5 per half price. Need not be present to win. Benefits the St. Pauline Foundation and children’s charities. Call JoAnn at 750-259-9299.

Bingo Bash at Good Shepherd Parish Hall, Camp Hill, on May 31. Reserve seats at www.gss-chpa.org/bingo for $25 in advance or at the parish office. Admission is $30 at the door, if seating is available. Nine cards for 20 games. Doors open at 6 p.m., Bingo begins at 7 p.m. Cash-only and adult-only event. Black is 50/below for a chance to win $500. Light concessions will be sold. For information, call the parish at 717-761-1167.

“Bingo for Babies,” a cash Bingo with specials, raffles and door prizes, June 9 in the social hall at St. John the Baptist Parish, New Freedom. Proceeds benefit the “I Thirst Prayer Group.” Call Lynn at 717-643-0209 to enter a bai item to enter a special drawing. Doors open at noon for food and drink purchases, Bingo starts at 1 p.m. Tickets include 20 regular games and 5 special games. Advance tickets are $18; $20 at the door. Purchase tickets by contacting Barry Price 717-793-0217; Tom Evans 717-990-4055; Bill Karo 717-428-6647; or the parish office 717-235-2156.

The 2019 San Marziale Procession in Kulpmont, July 7, beginning at Holy Angels Church at 1 p.m. Procession will showcase “Our Boys Band,” who will play a variety of authentic Italian marches and traditional patriotic songs. Food and refreshments available at the Holy Angels picnic grounds. Those who wish to walk the procession are asked to meet at 12:30 p.m. at Holy Angels Church. Procession will be live-streamed. Visit www.facebook.com/SanMarzialeParadeKulpmontPa?ref=ts.

Linemen clinic with Dolphins coach Pat Flaherty, for football players entering grades 7-12, June 22 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Delone Catholic High School’s J.T. Flaherty Field in McSherrystown. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Registration forms available at the clinic or by e-mail at masondixonclinic@gmail.com. Make reservations with the Malvern Retreat House 717-838-4901.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Williamsport, Memorial Day Meat Raffle. Called “Black is 50/below” for a chance to win cash. Extra tickets are available. Nine cards for 20 games. Doors open at 6 p.m., Bingo begins at 7 p.m. Cash-only and adult-only event. Black is 50/below for a chance to win $500. Bake sale takes place during the fundraiser.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Williamsport, St. Andrew’s Annual CCW Yard Sale in Waynesboro, June 7 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the social hall. Tickets are $10 for half a chicken, baked potato, corn, applesauce, roll and butter. Take-out only. To purchase tickets, call 717-453-7895. Bake sale takes place during the fundraiser.

Our Lady Help of Christians Council of Catholic Women in Lykens, chicken barbecue and bake sale, June 8 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the social hall. Tickets are $10 for half a chicken, baked potato, corn, applesauce, roll and butter. Take-out only. To purchase tickets, call 717-453-7895. Bake sale takes place during the fundraiser.

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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 consolations of their loved ones.

Berwick
Immaculate
Conception BVM:
Eleanor Antonacci

Camp Hill
Good Shepherd:
Henry Coyne
Catherine M. Kimmel
Ed Nugent

Chambersburg
Corpus Christi:
Mark Davis
Chester B. Fish
James Gordon, Jr.
Joanne Hassler
Harry D. Jablonski
Herbert Kopsclj
Catherine Kosoloski
Anthony Memmi
Geraldine (Jerri) Trostel

Coal Township
Our Lady of Hope:
Vincent Giacomini

Elizabethtown
St. Peter:
Leona Cauley

Fairfield
Immaculate
Conception BVM:
Frances Costantini

Gettysburg
St. Francis Xavier:
Carmen Garcia-Cirilo

Greencastle
St. Mark the Evangelist:
Randolph S. VanSickle

Hanover
St. Joseph:
Katherine V. Diljona
Gloria Jean Freeman

St. Vincent de Paul:
L. Leon Bowers
Gloria Jean (Dell) Groft
Rita M. Neiderer

Harrisburg
Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick:
Mary Banks
St. Catherine Labouré:
Patrick Duggan, Jr.
Betsy Kelly
Barbara Miller
Nancy Myers
Mary Pagano
St. Francis of Assisi:
Edward J. “Naed” Smith, Jr.
St. Margaret Mary:
Leah Zuker

Kulpmont
Holy Angels:
Antoinette Ferri

Lancaster
Assumption BVM:
Mary Margaret Jordano

St. John Neumann:
Margaret Danko
Joseph DeMott
William Garden
John Palic
Winifred Tierny

Lewisburg
Sacred Heart of Jesus:
Frank Di Taranto, Sr.

Lykens
Our Lady, Help of Christians:
Mackenzie Mae Garber

McSherrystown
Annunciation BVM:
Michael McKim

Mechanicsburg
St. Elizabeth:
Ann Seton
Leonard Bellanca
St. Joseph:
Larry Feley
Peggy Herchelroath
Bernadine Kopko
Linda Thomas

New Cumberland
St. Theresa:
Fernando Gomez
Hattie Mettler

St. John the Baptist:
Mary “Aggie” DiBacco-Miller
Kathleen Gregory
Barry Guss
Louise Mary Melfa

Steelton
Prince of Peace:
Marie E. Furjanic
Betty Jordanoff

York
St. Rose of Lima:
Carl Fehrenbach
Marie Hennes

Job Openings

Resurrection Catholic School in Lancaster seeks a second-grade teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Candidates must have a bachelor’s degree and a valid PA teaching certificate in elementary education. Complete the application packet at www.hbgdioce.se.org/catholic-schools/employment-applications and submit to the Diocesan Education Office. Send letter of introduction and résumé to Brenda Weaver at 521 E. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA., 17602 or bweaver@rcspa.org.

York Catholic High School is seeking a science teacher and development officer. The science teacher is a 10-month position (available fall 2019) for grades 7-12. Certification and related bachelor degree in appropriate major, state and federal clearances required. The development officer is a 12-month position, available immediately. Requirements: Bachelor’s degree, technical skills particularly in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point. Knowledge of Donor Perfect preferred. State and federal clearances also required. For both positions, send résumé, certification, Diocesan application, a copy of state and federal clearances, and letter of interest to Sheila Gick, Administrative Assistant, York Catholic High School, 601 E. Springettsbury Avenue, York, Pa. 17403, 717-846-8871, ext. 217, sgick@yorkcatholic.org.

Holy Name of Jesus School in Harrisburg has openings for the following positions: Spanish teacher, art teacher who would also teaching reading or religion, intensive instructional support teacher/reading teacher, part-time instructional support teacher, and a librarian who would also teach reading. Candidates must possess academic excellence and a dedication to educating the whole child. Send résumé to Sister Rita at sisterrita@holynameofjesus.com or call Sister Rita at 717-657-1704. Qualified candidates should complete and submit the application packet at www.hbgdioce.se.org/catholic-schools/employment-application/.

St. John Neumann Parish in Lancaster is seeking a director of education (DRE), for all aspects of the religious education programs of the parish and oversight of adult education. Candidates must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with an extensive knowledge of Catholic teachings. Successful candidates must demonstrate strong communication skills and the ability to administrate and provide direction to all the Religious Education programs. Bachelor’s degree and a minimum of three years of teaching experience preferred. Submit cover letter and résumé with three references to Thomas Conner, Parish Manager, St. John Neumann Church, 601 E. Delp Road, Lancaster, PA., 17601 or tconnor@sinlancaster.org.

Seven Sorrows BVM Parish in Middletown is seeking a music director/organist to lead sacred music for three weekend Masses, Holy Days of Obligation and funeral and wedding liturgies. Position also leads the adult choir (September-May) with one rehearsal per week. Successful candidate must be proficient at organ and piano. The organ is a three manual Rodgers pipe/electronic combination. Bachelor’s degree in music or extensive experience desired. Thorough knowledge of Roman Catholic liturgy required. Position opens in July. Candidate must also live and exemplify the values of the Catholic faith. Submit résumé to frkeating@ssbvm.org or Father Edward Keating, pastor, 280 N Race St, Middletown, PA., 17057, by June 14.

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International dinner and dance, hosted by the CCW of Corpus Christi Parish in Chambersburg, June 8 at 5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 336 East Garfield Street, Chambersburg. Entertained by Diane Wilson, Gospel, rhythm and blues and soul singer. Music, dancing, dinner catered by the Knights of Columbus. Proceeds benefit Gracie’s Place and efforts to fight human trafficking. Contact Edna at 717-264-8832 or Brenda at 717-658-8191 for info and reservations. RSVP by June 3, no walk-ins. Cost is $15 for adults, $6 for children 5-12, free for children under 5.

The Annunciation Women of Mercy and Joy in McSherrystown are selling tickets for a raffle basket valued at $300 for Father’s Day. Tickets are $1 each or six for $5. Tickets available after Masses at Annunciation BVM Church in McSherrystown June 1, 2, 8 and 9.

Resurrection Catholic School in Lancaster proclaims May 31 Miss Wheeler Day in recognition of Brenda Wheeler, who is retiring after 45 years in Catholic education. All are invited from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., when the school hosts friends, former students, teachers and colleagues. An official recognition ceremony is at 11 a.m. Celebration continues from 5-7 p.m. at the end-of-school picnic at Long’s Park, Pavilion #2. Those who plan to attend the midorning recognition should contact dwalker@rcspa.org or 717-392-3083, especially to speak or make a presentation.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Spring Grove, Art Camp for ages 5-12, June 10-14 from 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. (snack provided). Camp is open to everyone and free of charge. Accepting 50 participants. Theme is “Imperfectly Perfect.” Each child receives a free smock on the first day of class and a free T-shirt at the end of camp. All experience levels welcome; no prior art experience required. Donations accepted to offset the cost of $50 per child. To register, visit the Events section at www.sacredheartsrg.com.

DECEASED CLERGY

Please pray for the following clergy who died in June during the past 25 years:

Msgr. Francis Taylor, 1997
Father Robert Burns, Jr., 2001
Father Thomas J. Gralinski, 2005
Father William Geiger, CSSR, 2007
Father Augustine Zan, 1999
Father T. Ronald Haney, 2012
Father Joseph Kelly, 2000

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Art Show Exhibits Students’ Talents

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

The faith-based artwork of students from Diocesan Catholic schools was on exhibit in the Archives’ display cases at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg this spring as the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis hosted the seventh annual art contest for students to highlight their God-given artistic talents.

Awards were presented to the top-three artists in a senior division for students in grades 10-12 and in a junior division for those in grades 7-9. Judges also awarded ten honorable mention ribbons.

Junior Division Winners

1st Place – Sara Sieger, St. Catherine Laboure School, “Mother Teresa’s Captured Emotion”
2nd Place – Joy Yang, St. Joseph School, Mechanicsburg, “Palm Sunday”
3rd Place – Anna Gownley, Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg, “Pulled Out of the Darkness”

Senior Division Winners

1st Place – Logan Paulukow, Lancaster Catholic High School, “Devotion to Mary”
2nd Place – Anthony Andrews, Lancaster Catholic High School, “Father Gerard”
3rd Place – Kathryn Keane, Lancaster Catholic High School, “La Corona de Rosas”

Honorable Mention

Catherine Plummer, Trinity High School, Camp Hill, “Mother Mary”
Taylor Behner, St. Joseph School, Mechanicsburg, “Tempted”
Olivia Santoni, Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg, “Reaching Out to You”
Abigail Lokitis, Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg, “Crown of Thorns”
Ayana Folks, Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg, “The Madonna and Child”
Gabrielle Kambouroglos, Lancaster Catholic High School, “God’s Many Languages”
Annie Morris, Lancaster Catholic High School, “Shield of Faith”
Aiden Krebs, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School, Coal Township, “The Power of God”
Lucas Weikel, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School, Coal Township, “Holy Spirit”
Katie Davis, Lebanon Catholic School, “His Face”