The U.S. Bishops are calling on the faithful to observe the annual Fortnight for Freedom to raise awareness for domestic and international religious freedom concerns. See page 3 for an Op-Ed on religious liberty by Bishop Ronald W. Gainer, and information on resources and materials for participating in this annual observation.

This artistic rendering of the Eleventh Station, “Jesus is nailed to the Cross,” is part of a unique and preserved collection of the Stations of the Cross housed at the State Museum of Pennsylvania.

The paintings, each measuring six-feet high, are the artwork of noted Italian artist Lorenzo Scattaglia, commissioned to produce the pieces for the original St. Joseph Church in Hanover. When the church was razed in 1963, the paintings of the Stations of the Cross were donated to the State Museum for preservation.

In observance of the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph Parish, the museum recently hosted a private showing of the paintings for members of the parish community. (See page 16 for further coverage.)

The image of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross turns our minds to the upcoming Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – the Feast of Corpus Christi – on June 22. The feast is frequently observed in parishes through Eucharistic devotions, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Eucharistic processions.

In commemorating this solemnity, St. John Paul II said a decade ago, “the Church does not only celebrate the Eucharist but solemnly bears it in procession, publicly proclaiming that the Sacrifice of Christ is for the salvation of the whole world.”

By Carol Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

During their June 11-13 spring general assembly in New Orleans, the nation’s Catholic bishops voted to extend their Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty and to approve work on a limited revision of their quadrennial document aimed at guiding Catholics in election decisions.

They also were urged to promote and support Catholic families by paying close attention to the upcoming synod on the family at the Vatican and to promote the World Meeting of Families next year in Philadelphia.

The bishops heard about the progress made and the work that still needs to be done on efforts to protect children from sexual abuse. They received a report about their aid to typhoon victims in the Philippines and were advised about the work being done to make sure religious educational materials conform to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
Job Openings ~ Diocese of Harrisburg

The Diocese of Harrisburg has openings for the positions listed below. Closing date to apply for any of these positions is July 11, 2014. Send a cover letter and résumé to: employment@hbgdiocese.org, or to Human Resources Director, Diocese of Harrisburg, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg PA 17111.

Full-Time Human Resources Assistant
Harrisburg Catholic Administrative Services (HCAS) is seeking an individual with experience in the administration of employee benefits and other HR programs. The successful candidate must be able to demonstrate: a general knowledge of various employment laws and practices; ability to identify and resolve problems in a timely manner; ability to gather and analyze information skillfully; ability to exhibit a high level of confidentiality; excellent computer skills, including Word and Excel in a Microsoft windows environment; skills in database management and record keeping; excellent interpersonal skills; excellent organizational skills; high levels of verbal and written communication skills. The successful candidate must be able to use independent initiative and judgment and must exhibit professionalism on a consistent basis. Education and/or experience: A Bachelor's degree in a Human Resources related field. One or two years related work experience preferred. Competitive salary and benefits.

Full-Time HCAS Payroll Technician
HCAS is seeking a confident self-starter with general payroll processing experience. You must be organized, professional and motivated, capable of working well alone or as a member of a team. You need to be able to take direction and function throughout various responsibilities with minimal supervision. Excellent customer service skills are required, as you will be working with entities throughout the diocese to obtain complete and accurate employment records and time sheets to process pay on a bi-weekly basis for approximately 3,300 employees. You must have a proven ability to work with financial figures. Accuracy, attention to detail, Microsoft Office, and confidentiality are essential skills as this role is data entry. Required education/experience: High school diploma or general education degree (GED); one/two years related payroll experience. Competitive salary and benefits.

Full-Time Help Desk Technician
The Diocese of Harrisburg’s IT Department is accepting applications for a Help Desk Technician. This position will be the primary user contact for computer support and Help Desk issues. Candidate will be expected to perform a variety of computer/network problem analysis and monitoring tasks for the Office of Information Technology; act upon issues or consult with appropriate technical staff, log, coordinate and track requests; escalate issues when necessary, install and test PC’s, fix performance issues; diagnose hardware-related problems; troubleshoot, maintain or repair peripherals; and work with storage devices and software programs that are attached or installed on diocesan computers. Ideal candidate will have associates degree in Computer Information Systems; proficient technical skills in supporting Windows desktop/server operating systems and MS Office applications. The candidate should have highly-developed problem solving skills, demonstrate excellent verbal communication and interpersonal skills, and the ability to function in a team environment.

Part-Time Catholic Patient Care Coordinator
20 Hours a Week, Monday-Friday
Based at Penn State Hershey Medical Center
The Diocese of Harrisburg is looking for a confident individual with superior organizational and administrative skills. This position is responsible for coordinating and at times providing pastoral care to patients at the Hershey Medical Center. The successful candidate must possess high levels of verbal and interpersonal skills and must be able to use independent initiative and judgment. The candidate must be a Catholic in good standing with the ability to articulate a pastoral theology that is both identifiably Catholic and functional. You must be able to evidence a basic understanding of medical/ethical issues, ecclesiology and liturgical practices of the Catholic Church and Diocese. You must be able to exhibit professionalism on a consistent basis as an ability to maintain good public relations is essential. Required educational/work experience: A Bachelor’s degree in a field that applies to a healthcare setting or its equivalent. Formation in clinical pastoral education is recommended. Candidates should have experience in providing pastoral care in a hospital setting or equivalent.

Full-Time Administrative Assistant
The Secretariat for Education
The Diocese of Harrisburg is seeking a confident individual with superior organizational and administrative skills to work as part of an administrative team in the Department of Education. You must possess high levels of verbal, interpersonal and written communication skills with the ability to use some independent initiative and judgment. An ability to maintain good public relations is essential. An ability to work with financial figures with a basic knowledge of accounting is desirable. Knowledge of diocesan and parish/school structure is helpful. Proficiency in all MS Office applications is essential. Must be a Catholic in good standing. Competitive salary and benefits.

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine
Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes
Mount St. Mary’s, Emmitsburg

Initiated by Father Walter Sempko in 1987, the 27th Annual Pilgrimage for World Peace will take place on Thursday, Aug. 7, at the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Day’s Schedule
10:00 Welcome (St. Mary’s Chapel on the Hill)
10:15–11:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation
11:30 Holy Rosary (Grotto - weather permitting)
12:00 Holy Mass (Grotto - weather permitting)

All are welcome this day to join with Bishop Gainer to pray for peace through the conversion of hearts, and to receive God’s blessings through Mary, Mother of God, and Mother of the Church. You do not need to register. There is no transportation provided; pilgrims are encouraged to car pool, and parishes are invited to rent a bus, if feasible. Pilgrims must bring their own lunch and drinks. Lunch is not available otherwise.

For questions, contact Deacon Tom Lang at DeaconTom.Lang@verizon.net, or 717-599-1973.

Dr. Scott Hahn
Coming to New Oxford
Dr. Scott Hahn, Professor of Theology and Scrutinization at the Ave Maria University in Ann Arbor, Mi. and Pope Benedict XVI Chair of Biblical Theology and Liturgical Proclamation at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pa., will host a conference New Oxford High School in the auditorium on Aug. 30 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The event is sponsored by Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in New Oxford.

Dr. Hahn is the author or editor of more than 40 books, the most recent of which include “Mary are Called,” “Hope for Hard Times,” and “The Catholic Bible Dictionary.” In 2005, he was appointed as the Pope Benedict XVI Chair of Biblical Theology and Liturgical Proclamation at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pa. Cost of the conference is $15 per person, and includes lunch. Dr. Hahn’s books will be available for purchase throughout the day. Register in advance by contacting Pete Socks at pete.socks@gmail.com or 717-634-4961 and leave a message.
Clergy Appointments

Effective June 23, 2014

The Reverend Allan F. Wolfe from Pastor, Saint Joseph Parish, Lancaster. Father Wolfe continues as pastor of San Juan Bautista Parish, Lancaster.

The Reverend Daniel K. Richards from Campus Minister, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, in addition to his responsibilities as Parochial Vicar, Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Gettysburg. At the presentation of the Reverend Augustine Idris, A.J., Regional Superior of the Apostles of Jesus, the Reverend Deogratias Rwagwiza, A.J., to Hospital Chaplain to the Catholic patients at Lancaster General Hospital, Lancaster, with residence at Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Lancaster.

Effective June 24, 2014
At the presentation of the Reverend Eric Flood, FSSP, North American District Superior of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter, the Reverend Michael Flick, FSSP, Assistant Chaplain, Mater Dei Community, Harrisburg.

Effective July 1, 2014
At the presentation of the Reverend Eric Flood, FSSP, North American District Superior of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter, the Reverend Joseph DeGuzman, FSSP, Chaplain, Mater Dei Community, Harrisburg. Father Carlos Casavantes, FSSP, has been reassigned by his community.

Correction

In the coverage of graduation exercises at Lebanon Catholic School that appeared in the June 6 edition of The Catholic Witness, the name of co-vice-dean Corinne McCarthy was misspelled. We apologize for the error, and wish all the best to Corinne and this year’s graduates.

Op-Ed: Religious Liberty

By Bishop Ronald W. Gainer
Special to The Witness

The Lancaster County countryside tells a remarkable story of religious liberty. The landscape is still dotted with evidence of the brave men and women who risked everything to escape religious persecution. Conrad Beissel’s Cloister in Ephrata; the still thriving Amish community; historic churches home to today’s congregations of Quakers, Mennonites, the United Church of Christ, Methodists, and Presbyterians; a Jewish synagogue; St. Mary’s Catholic parish that was established by courageous Jesuit priests in 1741, and the new plan for the temple; the Buddhist temple, are all landmarks of religious liberty.

These believers fled their homelands seeking the free- dom to practice their faith publically and privately without government interference. We celebrate the struggles of our determined forefathers who fought to enshrine religious liberty into our Bill of Rights. We hold them up as heroes and heroines.

In a free and diverse society, we respect the freedom to live out our convictions. Yet today, alarmingly, men and women who stand up for their right to practice their faith in public are accused of intolerant, bigoted and oppressive. Increasingly, government policies are being implemented that penalize people with religious convictions by forcing them to comply with something that violates their moral conscience or, if they refuse to do so, face stiff fines.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), under authority provided in the Affordable Care Act, is mandating coverage of sterilization, contraception and abortion-causing drugs in all employer health insurance plans. Religious ministries of service – such as charities, schools, health care facilities and institutions of higher education are given, at best, second-class status under the law in the form of a still murky “accommodation.” Many religious entities, including Catholic dioceses, are challenging this mandate in federal courts across the country.

Similarly, companies owned by families who hold strong religious convictions have also filed suit. Very soon a decision from the U.S. Supreme Court is expected in the case filed by Lancaster County’s Hahn family, owners of Conestoga Wood, and the Green family from Oklahoma, owners of Hobby Lobby. Every American, including family business owners, should be free to live and work according to their beliefs without fear of punishment if their government actions should not be forced to give up their freedom when they open a family business, and the Church does not disarm its teachings when providing charitable services to the community. For this reason, the law is unconstitutional and imposes an inseparable unity of actions.

For the Hahns and the Greens, and indeed for the Catholic Church as well, that means not being forced to participate in distributing potentially life-terminating drugs and devices that violate our religious beliefs. This is not about religious people trying to impose what they believe on others. It is about the government trying to force its beliefs on religious people.

The government has exempted very large businesses from the mandate for commercial and political reasons but severely fines family businesses that seek an exemption for religious reasons. It is unconstitutional and contrary to duly enacted laws for the government to favor secular reasons over religious reasons when providing exemptions. In fact, the government penalizes those employers who oppose the mandate more than those who offer no health care at all. In effect, the government is telling employees that they are better off with no employer health plan at all than with a plan that does not cover contraceptives, sterilization, and abortion inducing drugs.

Businesses should not have to abandon their values and religious convictions when they enter the marketplace. In reality, many secular companies operate on a compass of other moral views – caring for the environment, promoting fair trade or preventing animal cruelty, for example. There is no reason why Conestoga Wood and Hobby Lobby should be prevented from expressing a moral view or be forced to take a stance against Government’s view.

Our ancestors, generations ago, came to America to escape this kind of persecution and government intrusion. Today we must pray and act responsibly so that our system of government will uphold the freedoms earned by the sacrifices of so many.
Summer Camp for Catholic Boy Scouts and Scouters
July 19-25, 2015 • Camp Tuckahoe, Dillsburg

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting is going to summer camp, and invites Boy Scouts and Scouters to come along! Plan now to join in what promises to be an exciting and faith-affirming week. Space is expected to fill quickly for this first-ever DCCS event. An early registration waiting-list opened June 1, 2014, and reservations will be confirmed starting in August.

This week will include all of the traditional Scouting events and advancement opportunities, and is open to Scouting of all faiths. Details about the Catholic activities to be offered, and the registration process, are now available on the DCCS website, available under the Youth tab of the diocesan website, www.hbgdiocese.org. Or, contact Patrick McCormack at patrick.a.mccormack@gmail.com for more information.

Camp Kirchenwald ~ August 10-15

The Diocese of Harrisburg will sponsor its annual summer camp for adults with mental disabilities Aug. 10-15 at Camp Kirchenwald, near Hershey. The camp is designed for adults, ages 18 and older, with mild to moderate mental retardation and no significant behavioral problems. Campers are available. For further information, contact the Diocesan Family Ministries Office at 717-657-4804, or e-mail familyministries@hbgdiocese.org.

Share your light by volunteering. Volunteers are needed to staff Camp Kirchenwald. We are looking for full-time and part-time staff. No experience is necessary, but those with experience in fishing, camping, hiking, and arts and crafts are especially welcome. We are also in need of nurses. Attendance at training is required for all new volunteers. If interested, contact the Diocesan Family Ministries Office at 717-657-4804, or e-mail vlaskowski@hbgdiocese.org.

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You can read The Catholic Witness online, wherever you go! Receiving The Catholic Witness electronically is a great way for college students and people who live outside of the diocese to stay in touch with the Church in Harrisburg. It’s available for those who wish to read the paper online instead of receiving a copy in the mail.

Registration with the e-mail service will not automatically cancel your mailed subscription. If you prefer to receive the online version instead of a copy in the mail, contact our Circulation Coordinator, Susan Huntsberger, at shuntsberger@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804, ext. 201, with your Witness account number, your name, address and phone number.

And remember, previous editions of the newspaper – dating back to early 2011 – are also available online. You can find them at www.hbgdiocese.org. Just follow the News/Events tab to The Catholic Witness page.

New Expressions in Evangelization, Part II

By Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC

Special to The Witness

As I have gotten older, and hopefully a tad wiser, I have come to appreciate those ah-ha moments in my life and how they can forever change personal perspective. One such revelation came to me when I was in the fifth grade. Having dyslexia made reading a mystery that, as a fifth grader, I had yet to solve. I was sitting under the cool shade of a cherry tree, trying to read aloud to my friend, the difficulty of my reading the written word was painfully apparent. You see, I was trying to read from a book that my teacher gave to me to use over the summer. The story had specific vocabulary that would get harder and harder as you advanced through the book. I knew it was going to be a LONG summer, since this was the first story and I was already desperately struggling. Throughout the story, there were the same three words that I just couldn’t read. The words “though, through, and thorough” were absolutely unintelligible to me! I still have problems reading them. No matter how hard I tried, I would fail over and over again. Finally, my friend said, “Don’t look at the words, look at these: ‘hot’”! Sadly both the sweat and the tears and the confusion I experienced over the English language gelled into an incredible victory! By the end of the story, I could actually read each word now took on a shape. This made sense to me! Because this made sense to ME, reading was no longer a secret!

For years, my dyslexically-brained brain had not understood the way the “experts” presented these little black squiggly lines. I could not grasp that these lines represented sounds, and those sounds, words. This experience left me totally frustrated over the written language. Because of my learning “difference,” I experienced a world that was relative to me and different to others.

With this understanding, you might understand why this story always reminds me of the notion of relativism. This philosophy Branden Vogt, in Catholicism: The New Evangelization (Word on Fire, 2013), describes as the third barrier to the faith. By definition, it holds that there is no such thing as truth or morality. The individual creates the compass of his/her own choosing for what is right or what is wrong. Pope Francis, as quoted by the National Catholic Reporter, “Theology is not this way. There cannot be true peace if everyone is his own criterion, if everyone can always claim exclusively his own rights, without at the same time caring for the good of others, of everyone, on the basis of the nature that unites every human being on this earth.” (http://ncronline.org/blogs/ncr-today/francis-vows-press-benedicts-fight-vs-dictatorship-relativism)

In a sense, relativism eclipses the reality of God as the standard for Truth. Accordingly, all expressions of truth, joy, beauty, and even community are found within the individual. So, God’s law is not binding; his beauty is subjective; and, true joy is fleeting and can be found in material possessions. This line of thinking creates duplicity, something can exist and cannot be at the same time. Relativism creates a world that is “OK” because you believe it’s OK. In a sense, it replaces God as the Supreme Being with a notion as “self as Supreme.”

I recently heard a politician give a speech over the benefits of having both a mom and a dad involved in the upbringing of a child. In the midst of his talk, he realized that he was excluding “other kinds of adults” in his presentation which, according to the present political scene, was detrimental. So, he switched gears and began rambling. Obviously his message was lost in his futile attempt to placate everybody’s personal idea of family.

In a blog post by Benjamin Mann, “Two Big Myths about Relativism” (found at http://catholicexchange.com/two-big-myths-relativism) we read, “Relativism may be defined as a human and social phenomenon, not merely as bad philosophy. Relationships must be built; discussion must be fostered; new ways of seeing the world must be taught. The vision of truth as one, universal, and knowable, must be conveyed in these powerful indirect ways.” This is where the New Evangelism comes into play! New words and new ways of expression must be shared in order to express the human’s innate yearning for God, to express what is beautiful, joyful and truthful. In his homily from Palm Sunday, March 2013, Pope Francis declared, “Our joy is not from possessions, but from encountering a Person, Jesus, who is among us.”

Personally, I see much of the New Evangelism as mud wrestling. Both are messy, both are hard to hold on to, both take lots of work! At least for me, I can be as painful as learning to read! After all, the New Evangelizer truly helps people to know and follow Jesus as a disciple, who in turn draws others to Him as well! Others can “read” Him not only in your actions and your words, but most importantly how you love.

(Sister of Christian Charity, Geralyn Schmidt, is the Wide Area Network Coordinator at the Diocese of Harrisburg and a member of the IT Department. An educator for 28 years, she is responsible for Professional Development Programs for every age learner. Through her presentations, she challenges her audiences to be the individual God has called them to be.)
Father and Son Bike Across Country for Autism Awareness

By Emily M. Albert

The Catholic Witness

The first thing I learned upon walking into the home of Matthew Zajac was what day of the week I was born. Wednesday.

Matthew first asked for the year I was born, the date and then the month. And in just one brief second, he told me I was born on a Wednesday. I did not know that, but assured him I would tell my mother when I spoke to her again.

Matthew has Autism, which affects the brain’s development of social and communication skills, and this is just one way he communicates with the people around him.

As Matthew’s father, Ray Zajac, explained, “That’s his way of saying hello.”

When Matthew was between the ages of 2 and 3 years old, his parents were told he was autistic, “One of the things I remember the doctor looking at me and saying was, ‘He will never ride a bike,’” Mr. Zajac said. He explained that the doctor knew himself was a cyclist. Mr. Zajac accepted this, and never pushed Matthew to do anything he wasn’t interested in or didn’t want to do.

Like most first bikes, Matthew’s was a yard sale find. It never had training wheels, and Mr. Zajac never had to hold the back of it steady. At the age of 11, Matthew told his dad, “Get video camera. Bike!” So Mr. and Mrs. Zajac grabbed the video camera and watched as Matthew took off on it.

“Riding a bike gives Matthew independence,” he explained, “so it was like a sports car. They responded it was like a sports car. They asked how he liked it, and Matthew graded Matthew’s bike to a much lighter one. And Mr. Zajac accepted this, and never pushed Matthew to do anything he wasn’t interested in or didn’t want to do.”

The Zajac family lives in Berwick, where they attend St. Joseph Parish. Mr. Zajac is a parish advocate for people with disabilities. His son has benefited from Eos Riding Center in Bloomsburg, and as a volunteer he has seen the positive effects of therapy riding. They wanted to help defray some of the cost of the center, and so he and Matthew decided they would ride across the country not only for Autism awareness, but also as a way to raise money to help Eos.

To prepare for the trip, Mr. Zajac rode an exercise bike during the winter, and upgraded Matthew’s bike to a much lighter model. The first time Matthew rode it, Mr. Zajac asked how he liked it, and Matthew responded it was like a sports car. They took it out on a trail on a warmer day in January, and Matthew took off on it. Mr. Zajac is a member of the Susquehanna Warrior Trail, and helps maintain it.

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It is important to not leave Mary Zajac out of this equation. She is an exceptionally patient woman. Her role was to stay steady. At the age of 11, Matthew told his dad, “Get video camera. Bike!” So Mr. and Mrs. Zajac grabbed the video camera and watched as Matthew took off on the bicycle for the very first time!

Twenty-three years later, Mr. Zajac and Matthew set off for a cross-country bicycle adventure to support a worthy cause, Eos Therapeutic Riding Center.

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For the second leg of the trip, the Zajac family left home on April 1 and arrived in San Diego April 5. That afternoon, they started riding from Ocean Beach, Calif., headed to Post, Texas, the same town in which they started their first leg.

Mr. Zajac spent an extensive amount of time planning their route. He looked for shoulders or bike trails, and also read advice from other cyclist who rode a similar route.

Sometimes to avoid bad weather, or just for the sake of interest, they stopped to sightsee. One particular day in Arizona, with the temperature at 95 degrees by noon, they decided to stop at the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum and Sagura National Park. They rarely missed Mass. Mr. Zajac noted that on a Holy Day, it was nearing 5:30 p.m., and they thought they might not find a Catholic church in time for Mass. But as they crested a hill, they found a Catholic church. With people walking in for a 5:30 Mass, the Zajac family was right on time.

They also had an interesting experience at a church in Deming N.M. It was a small congregation, and the priest started Mass by welcoming the Zajac family. After Mass a couple came up to them. They were originally from Bloomsburg! And then another couple approached them. They were from Hetlerville, a town near Berwick, and were also familiar with Eos Riding Center.

As they left Deming, the family hit a lot of dust storms and were headed to one of their steepest hills, where they biked 800 feet in three miles. Still in Arizona and getting close to the end of their journey, Matthew fell. He got up and told his father, “Speedometer broke.” He seemed fine, other than scratched up knees that Mary fixed and bandaged. But as they continued to ride, Mr. Zajac noticed Matthew wasn’t shifting with his right hand and was holding it behind his back. They stopped riding and found a hotel in Roswell. The next morning, Matthew’s arm was swollen, and they took him to a medical center where they found that he had broken his arm. They were just 200 miles from finishing! Even their hotel attendant was upset. When the Zajacs returned to the hotel and said they’d need to book an extra night, the attendant asked, “Can’t they fix his arm? You’re so close!”

Mr. Zajac continued the trip alone, and finished at Post, Texas. But decided to add an extra 14 miles just in case avid bicyclists asked in the future about the areas where they had to load the bikes to avoid dangerous traffic.

Mr. Zajac rode 2,491 miles across the country and Matthew finished at 2,258. Twenty-three years earlier, he was told he would never ride a bike.

The trek is an impressive accomplishment for anyone, but for Matthew, this is overcoming odds! You can read posts from their completed journey by following Raymond Zajac on Facebook. The family continues to raise funds for the Eos Therapeutic Riding Center. For information, visit www.eostrc.com.

Father and Son Bike Across Country for Autism Awareness

The Zajac family: Matthew, center, with his parents Mary and Raymond. Matthew, who was diagnosed with Autism when he was three years old, is holding a plaque commemorating his ride to the Mississippi River in 2009.

Emily M. Albert, The Catholic Witness

COURTESY OF THE ZAJAC FAMILY
The Union of Two Hearts
To theSacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

By James Gontis
Special to The Witness

In this month of June, the Church helps focus our gaze on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Feast of the Sacred Heart this year falls on June 27, followed immediately by the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary June 28. As Pope Pius X said, “The Church has designed her calendar in this way because of the intimate union between our Lord Jesus Christ and His mother, Mary, who is also our mother.”

Jesus’ Heart, which, as Jesus told the 17th century French nun, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, “has so loved men,” is the symbol and object of par excellence of the love of God incarnate.

As many saints and popes have pointed out, from St. John Eudes to St. Maximilian Kolbe to Blessed Teresa of Calcutta to St. John Paul II, the most direct route to the Heart of Christ is through the hands and Heart of Mary.

Mary, the Savior

Jesus Christ is the one Savior of the human race. “For there is one mediator between God and the people, Christ Jesus…” (1 Timothy 2:5). Anybody in the world who makes it to Heaven gets to God the Father only through, with, and in Christ Jesus (and goes through His Mystical Body, the Catholic Church)…even those who do not realize this truths will most assuredly realize it in the next.

“O Happy Fault that Won a Redeemer!”

God created Adam and Eve in deep communion with Himself, each other, and all creation. Through an act of radical dispossession, He committed Adam and Eve to original sin, which had drastic consequences for the human race. These included a fractured nature of our relationships with God, with one another, and with creation. There was a certain infinite aspect to the fall, inasmuch as it was an offense against the infinite, omnipotent, all-loving God. But there is also a finite quality to it, in that it was committed by limited human beings. This original sin could only be bridged by the infinite God, against whom the offense occurred, by an offense that was committed. Hence, the Incorporation, in which God becomes man in the person of Jesus. The one, the sole Redeemer, is the God-man.

But God, in His infinite mercy, set into motion a plan to redeem the world. He did so gradually and progressively through a series of covenants, the establishment of His chosen people, and the preparations of the prophets.

Mary’s Role

At the appointed time, God the Son, The Eternal Word of the Father, became man and dwelt among us. But He became man without ceasing to be God. The Church was wont to say, “What He was, He remained. What He was not, He became.” The Second Person of the Holy Trinity became incarnate in the womb of a teenage girl from Nazareth, named Mary. He did so by the power of the Holy Spirit. But God did not make this marriage work without obtaining Mary’s consent. At the Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38), Mary gives her consent to God through her words to the Archangel Gabriel, “Let it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). Mary, who is made in God’s image, needed redemption. But De Montfort hastens to add that Mary far surpasses in grace all of God’s other creatures, even the angels.

The Union of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Mary remained united to Her Son at all times. It is completely from her that God the Son took human nature. She conceived Him and He grew inside her. Thus, Mary was, in a sense, the first tabernacle. Her Sacred Heart first beat before her Immaculate Heart, and the first heartbeat that He heard as a baby was the heartbeat of Her mother.

She had chosen, from all eternity, this role to be His Mother. She did not become the Mother of God by some happy accident, but by the will of God and through Mary’s consent. She gave birth to Jesus and, along with St. Joseph, raised the God-man. She taught Him to walk, she taught the Eternal Word of the Father made flesh to speak, she taught the One who made heaven and earth how to fasten His sandal straps, so as to save the newly married couple from humiliation. And her words to the headwaiter are also for each of us. “Do whatever He tells you” (John 2:5). She is our model for all disciples, never leading us simply to herself, but always to Jesus.

And her heart, which many years before the Prophet Simeon had said “will be pierced by a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed” (Luke 2:35), was most poignantly joined to His at the Cross. Here, Jesus gave Her to the Apostle John as His spiritual Mother… and ours, “Behold your mother” (John 19:26, WOTC). For all time, Mary’s role is to be the model disciple. If you fail, as we all will, she is there for you.

Some practical tips

Here are a few practical tips for prac
ticing authentic devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

• First and foremost, we need to regularly read Mass and receive the Sacra
tment of Penance.

• Pray the Rosary – Mary is our spiri
tual Mother and she will always go to her with everything. In the Rosary, it is as though she takes our prayers, which might be like dropping dandelions, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, presents them as so many beautiful roses to Her Son.

• Have a picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in a prominent place in your home. One of the 12 promises that Je

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Student Art Illustrates Beauty of the Faith

By Jen Reed

In an address to patrons of the arts last October, Pope Francis expressed that “In every age, the Church has called upon the arts to give expression to the beauty of her faith and to proclaim the Gospel message of the grandeur of God’s creation, the dignity of human beings made in his image and likeness, and the power of Christ’s death and resurrection to bring redemption and rebirth to a world touched by the tragedy of sin and death.”

He gave that message to the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums, but his words are applicable wherever Catholic art, in its varied forms, is conceived, created and displayed.

The expression and beauty of the faith in art was illustrated by diocesan Catholic school students this spring via a Catholic art exhibit hosted by the Diocesan Department of Religious Education. Paintings, sculptures, sketches, even plastered and welded pieces were showcased in the display flanking the main lobby of the Cardinal Keeler Center.

Not only did the show highlight the faith; it also cast a spotlight on the God-given artistic gifts of Catholic school students.

The Religious Education Department hosted the show as part of a Catholic art contest, awarding top-three prizes in a senior division for students in grades 10-12, and in a junior division for those in grades 7-9. Entries from Catholic high schools and their respective feeder schools were judged at the high school level and then on a regional level for submission to the diocesan-wide show.

Lancaster Catholic High School sponsored the cash prizes for both grade-level categories: $250 for first, $150 for second, $100 for third, and $50 for ten pieces that were awarded an honorable mention.

This marks the second consecutive year for the Catholic schools’ art contest. A slideshow of photos from the exhibit will be posted online at www.hbgdiocese.org in the near future.

The annual Diocesan Catholic Schools Art Show provides a venue whereby the students in Grades 7-12 are able to showcase the artistic talents that God has given them,” said James Gontis, Director of the Diocesan Department of Religious Education. “These students give artistic expression to the various truths that make up the truth, beauty and goodness which is Catholicism. By analogy, I would say this art show is somewhat akin to beautiful, but different, flowers being brought together to make up a beautiful garden.

“Our Catholic schools have a bunch of talented children and young people, and the teachers in these schools help to nurture and bring forth their talents in beautiful and colorful ways,” he said. “We are thankful to all those who participated in or supported this contest in any way: students, teachers and administrators alike.”

Catholic Schools’ Art Show Winners

Senior Division - 1st place
Rebekka Barnett
Lancaster Catholic High School
“The Apostles Rose Window”

Senior Division - 2nd place
Sam Guaragno
Delone Catholic High School
“The Crucified Christ”

Senior Division - 3rd place
Maura Vrabel
Trinity High School in Camp Hill
“A Flowering of New Life,” third place; and
Sam Guaragno, Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown, “The Crucified Christ,” second place.

Junior Division - 1st place
Molly Devine
Annunciation BVM School in McSherrystown, “Madonna and Child,” first place. Not pictured is the second-place winner, Reece Lopatka of St. Joseph School in Danville, “He Carried That Cross for Us.”

Junior Division - 2nd place
Reece Lopatka
St. Joseph School, Danville
“He Carried That Cross for Us”

Junior Division - 3rd place
MaKayla Burton
Holy Name of Jesus School
“Melody of the Catholic Church”

Honorable Mentions
Joseph Herr; Lancaster Catholic High School, “Fishers of Men”
Sophia Wnek; Lancaster Catholic High School, “A Woman Healed”
Jillian Legenstein; Lancaster Catholic High School, “SONflower”
Julliane Petritillo; Lancaster Catholic High School, “The Trinity”
Aparajita Rao; St. Joan of Arc School in Hershey, “John 16:32”
Joanna Bowmann; Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown, “A Single Tear”
Lizzie Gardjulis; Trinity High School in Camp Hill, “Stained Glass Egg”
Adam Fillman; Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, “Longing”
Agatha Chmielewski, Holy Name of Jesus School in Harrisburg, “Youth Turn to our Pope”
Patrice Sakalosky, Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, “Celtic Cross”
Ashlyn Auraemma, St. Joseph School in Mechanicsburg, “Looking Through the Catholic Faith”
At Trinity, Students Soar ‘to the Highest Good’

By Jen Reed

The Catholic Witness

Trinity High School takes seriously its motto: Ad Summum Bonum – ‘to the Highest Good.’

So seriously that the motto is embedded into the school’s mission statement – “To develop habits of mind, body and spirit, rooted in the Catholic tradition, so as to attain the highest good.”

And so seriously that its students are called to exemplify the motto in all of their endeavors.

“If we can produce young people who are value-laden and who want to improve the human condition, that sense of goodness they bring to the world will lead to other things like happiness and success,” said Dr. David Bouton, who has served as Trinity’s principal since 2009.

“The nature of what we’re about is fundamentally to making us unique, and it’s all based on the mission that the Catholic Church calls us to,” he said.

Dr. Bouton, Trinity’s outgoing principal, is one of 11 principals and countless dedicated chaplains, educators and community supporters who have helped form Trinity High School into the rigorous academic, faith-based and Blue Ribbon institution that it is today.

The high school, located on the edge of Camp Hill and Shiremanstown in Cumberland County, celebrated its 50th anniversary in a special way this school year, commemorating the past while focusing on new efforts for the future.

When it opened its doors to 427 freshmen and sophomores in September of 1963, Trinity was a co-institutional high school, with male and female students attending separately but sharing all facilities and activities.

In its first years, it was administered by the Brothers of the Christian Schools, whose mission focuses on the ministry of education. Students were taught by the Sisters of Mercy, the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Sisters of Charity and the Sisters Adorers of the Most Precious Blood.

Today, a predominantly faculty and administration guide the students in academics and faith, and the co-institutional pattern separating the boys from the girls no longer exists.

While those aspects have changed, much remains the same, and rightly so.

“There are certain things that are immutable to change – the values and mission of Trinity,” said Dr. Bouton, who will be succeeded by incoming principal Joseph Gressock on July 1.

“We aim to stay grounded in the past while focusing on the realities of the world today and what the future will demand of our graduates,” Dr. Bouton said. “The dynamics of learning, the classroom settings, student-centered teaching methods, new technology and preparing our students for jobs that haven’t even been created yet are all part of who we are.”

Trinity is rooted in a firm foundation of Catholic tradition so that students can attain the highest good.

The school is centered on Christ – literally – with a chapel situated in the middle. Students pause and pray several times each day, and gather for Mass monthly, and attend prayer services throughout the year, such as Marian devotions, Advent services and Stations of the Cross.

The liturgies are part of the school’s campus ministry, which also offers retreats for each grade level, capped off with the senior-year Kairos experience.

The Kairos (“God’s Time”) retreat gives seniors a three-day experience to learn more about themselves, their classmates and God’s love, all while being away from the busyness of daily life. It gives them a new understanding of God in their lives.

“At Trinity, the faith becomes part of who you are,” said Brett Becker, outgoing Student Council President and one of 140 students who graduated from Trinity last month. “Through the environment here – from religion classes to liturgies and retreats – Trinity teaches you how to defend the faith and live it in the real world.”

The opportunity for a faith-based education is what drew Chris Giordano to Trinity after attending public school through eighth grade. “I was looking for a place that challenged me not only in academics, but in the faith,” said Chris, a member of the class of 2014. “In my four years here, I’ve learned a lot about my faith and about myself. My time here helped me understand the basis of the values I’ve grown up with.”

“The Catholic faith is instilled in every single part of this school,” he said. “We pray before class, before games. We have Mass as an entire school community. There is time for Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel. It’s awesome to fully live the faith here.”

Christian service is a hallmark of the faith-based education at Trinity. Students are required to complete at least 20 hours of service each school year, with many exceeding those required numbers.

“The service component sets us up for helping others throughout the rest of our lives,” said Megan Kelly, who graduated this year. “Service projects are wide-ranging, from volunteering at a music camp for elementary students and tutoring classmates, to facilitating collection drives for soldiers serving overseas or for families in need of food at Christmas. Several years ago, recent graduates Jack Altmeier, Brett Becker and Chris Giordano served as charter members of the school’s Squire Circle, which now includes more than 40 students. The Squires are the youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, aimed at teaching leadership as young men plan and lead meetings and service projects.

“There is a place, an opportunity for every single student here,” Jack said. “We’re a community, a family that cares about each other.”

In soaring to the highest good, there is no room for students to fly low or slip under the radar at Trinity.

“What’s really special about the school is that you’re not just a face in the class. You’re a person, a friend, a leader,” said Brett Becker. “No matter who you are, you’re going to be seen, you’re going to be noticed, and you’re going to be heard.

With an array of sports, clubs, organizations and service opportunities, it’s impossible not to make friends, develop the skills needed to lead.

“Because of the size of our school, you have the ability to be in so many groups,” said Megan, who found herself involved in a strange mix of activities, and they do it successfully.”

While those aspects stress the importance of time management, they are also accessible and willing to work with students to help them meet commitments.

One such example is Caroline (Oszustowicz) Jarrett, a faculty member who heads the music department, student depart- ment and the National Honor Society.

A 2004 graduate of Trinity who just com- pleted her fourth year teaching there, Mrs. Jarrett has worked to invigorate the school’s music department.

She began the revitalization with the school musical, working to make it a school-wide endeavor.

“I wanted to get students who wouldn’t normally be involved in the musical, so we brought in big shows with many different parts to appeal to more students,” she said.

This year’s production of “The Wizard of Oz” involved a number of student athletes, as well as elementary school students from the feeder schools to portray the Munchkins.

“I want people to participate in the arts,” Mrs. Jarrett said. “I had rehearsals with several students a day so that I could work with their schedules. We make the most of what we have with our time.”

The robust music department includes marching band, hand bells, concert choir, Mass choir, string ensemble, an a cappella group, and a traditional Caribbean steel drum group.

At Trinity, with Catholic school education, the arts are a vital part of educating the whole student.

“Music is such an important part of our faith,” said Luke Zabroka, a member of the class of 2014. He has participated in the musical, the marching band, choir, hand bells and social plans to take music classes in college, while keeping himself involved in the arts.

“Because of the opportunities we’ve had at Trinity, we’ve been educated as a whole person, and can see the whole person we’ll be in the future,” Luke said. “We can envision ourselves doing not just one job, but different things with radically different angles.”

Elizabeth Vinarski, who will be a senior in spring of 2016, said that she will be a senior in the fall, welcomes that diversity too. She has been involved in nearly every musical offering at Trinity, and is also a solid diver for Trinity in the pool.

“In college, I want to be involved in engineering and musical theater,” she said. “I know that whatever I end up doing in life, whether it’s a job in science or engineering, I will always be involved in the theater. Trinity has fostered that. Here, anybody can be involved.”

Mrs. Jarrett says her goal with the music program is to connect it to as many students as possible.
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Pope: Half-Hearted Catholics aren’t Really Catholics at All

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

Those who insist others pray and believe exactly like they do, those who have alternatives to every Church teaching and benefactors who use the Church as a cover for business connections may call themselves Catholic, but they have one foot out the door, Pope Francis said.

“For these people, the Church is not home,” but is a place they use as a rental property, he said, according to Vatican Radio.

Pope Francis reflected on the day’s Gospel reading, John 17:20-26, and Jesus’ prayer that there would be unity, not divisions and conflict, among his disciples. There are three groups of people who call themselves Catholic, but are not really, Pope Francis said. Apologizing for making up the pope said.

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By Chris Heisey
The Catholic Witness

June 6 marked the 70th Anniversary of the Normandy Invasion – code named Operation Overlord – that saw Allied forces storm the beaches on the coast of France to unlock the grip Nazi Germany had had on Europe during World War II. On this year’s anniversary, Bishop Ronald Gainer, who, while leading a spiritual pilgrimage in Europe several years ago, visited Normandy, attended a luncheon ceremony honoring veterans at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg.

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They all admit to having fights, but one couple – both the husband and wife – told the pope, “We’re in love like we were the first day.”

“Anyone who has made a lifelong commitment motivated by love should ‘never forget their first love. Never,’ the pope said.

A priest, he said, must have a daily conversation with Jesus and, before all other obligations, must be the pastor he was ordained to be.

After Jesus asked Peter if he loved him, and Peter responded that he did, Jesus told him, “Feed my sheep.” Therefore, before being “an intellectual of philosophy or theology or patriotism,” he said, a priest must be a pastor.

A priest can nourish his flock by teaching philosophy or theology or the fathers of the early Church, he said, as long as nourishing others is the point “because the Lord has called us for this. And the hands of the bishop were placed on our heads to be pastors.”

In addition to asking themselves regularly about their relationship with Jesus, priests and bishops also must examine their conscience about the focus of their ministry, he said. “Am I a pastor or an employee in this NGO called the Church?”

Pope Francis ended his homily with a prayer that priests and bishops always would remember that Jesus is their first love, that they were ordained for service and that their only concern should be to follow the Lord.
By Jen Reed  
*The Catholic Witness*

Pastoral caregivers and hospital chaplains at a recent professional workshop at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill were told that there is one thing they cannot do in their ministry to the terminally ill: They cannot empathize with them.

Dr. Kathleen Rusnak, a longtime Hospice pastor and Lutheran pastor, told those gathered at the workshop that they are simply unable to empathize with people who are dying.

“They know that we have no idea what is going on in their hearts, in their minds, and in their souls,” she said.

For this reason, Dr. Rusnak offered her lecture, “Because You’ve Never Died Before: Spiritual Issues at the End of Life.”

The professional enrichment day was hosted by Holy Spirit Hospital’s Pastoral Care Department, which routinely offers workshops for those who serve in spiritual care ministries.

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“After people die,” she said, “how we think about them matters.”

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Jesus never said, “Blessed are those who wreak retribution upon their enemies.”

Pastoral care goes beyond praying with a patient, and giving them Communion,” she said. “There should be conversation with the person. Be human with them, be authentic. We have to pay attention to what people are saying about how they feel, and approach them with humility and the desire to listen.”

In her lecture, Dr. Rusnak spoke of the spiritual issues that people face at the end of their lives – regardless of their religious beliefs – and addressed the “brick wall” that people often speak of when they receive a terminal diagnosis.

When someone hits the “brick wall,” they move from the world of the living into the world of the dying, she said, and they begin to think about the existential: “I have a three-month prognosis. This is June. I have until September. I’m going to die in 2014. Three months. Twelve weeks. Eleven Mondays. 12 maybe.”

People who are dying also ask spiritual questions, Dr. Rusnak said: “Did I love? Did I have meaning? Will I be remembered? Is there a God? Is there a Heaven? Was I greedy? Did I pay attention to people?”

The brick wall puts them in a different place spiritually, and separates their world from ours, she said.

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Being a good patient means concrete action and deeds, Pope Francis said.

And, he said, the "how-to" manual is found in the Beatitudes and the Last Judgment, which spells out the consequences awaiting those who fail to help others in need.

Jesus offers a guide to life that is “so simple, but very difficult,” the pope said June 9 during his early morning Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where he lives.

It’s difficult because Christianity is “a hands-on religion; it isn’t for thinking about, it’s for putting into practice, to do it,” he said in his homily, according to a report by Vatican Radio.

The pope focused his homily on the day’s Gospel reading from St. Matthew in which Jesus teaches the Beatitudes, which begin, “Blessed are the poor in spirit.”

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Jesus’ teaching goes “very much against the tide” of a worldly culture, he said, in which monetary wealth, superiority and success.

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By Carol Glazt  
*Catholic News Service*

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And, he said, the "how-to" manual is found in the Beatitudes and the Last Judgment, which spells out the consequences awaiting those who fail to help others in need.

Jesus offers a guide to life that is “so simple, but very difficult,” the pope said June 9 during his early morning Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where he lives.

It’s difficult because Christianity is “a hands-on religion; it isn’t for thinking about, it’s for putting into practice, to do it,” he said in his homily, according to a report by Vatican Radio.

The pope focused his homily on the day’s Gospel reading from St. Matthew in which Jesus teaches the Beatitudes, which begin, “Blessed are the poor in spirit.”

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Christianity in Hands-On Action, Pope Says in Reflection on Beatitudes

By Paul C. B. Scherrer  
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By following these two teachings, “you can live a holy life,” the pope said.

get their anger. Respond to that anger by opening them up, by saying, ‘I have no idea what you must be feeling. But maybe you can tell me something about it.’

Having conversations with people who are dying gives new perspectives and new ways of finding helpful approaches and lessons for pastoral care, Dr. Rusnak pointed out.

“When you walk into their room and their eyes are closed, you might think they are sleeping, but they’re not. They’re busy. They’re thinking about spiritual questions, assessing their lives, saying goodbye to their futures, grieving and wondering how to say goodbye,” she said.

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Bishops Focus

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Festivals & Picnics in the Diocese

St. Mary’s Cultural Festival will be held at Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in York June 20 from 5-9 p.m. and June 21 from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Delicious food from many countries, música en vivo, raffles, games for children. For information, call 717-845-7629.

The 2014 Lancaster Catholic High School Carnival will continue June 21 from 6-11 p.m., featuring a wide array of rides, food, and entertainment. All proceeds from the carnival benefit Lancaster Catholic High School Athletic programs. Admission is $3 for adults. Children 6 and under are free. There are more than 35 rides and 25 vendors with free nightly entertainment, rides, fun and educational demonstrations. As part of this year’s event, each of the school’s sports teams challenged to create and operate fum, low cost games. For further information, contact Teresa Roda at 717-337-9904.

St. Joan of Arc Parish in Hershey will host its festival June 19-21 from 5-10 p.m. Food stands, including a pig roast nightly, silent auction, games, raffles, bingo, jewelry, plants, dunk tank and kids inflatables. Dinners each night, take-outs starting at 3:30 p.m., and seated dining from 4-7 p.m. Chicken cacciatore on Thursday, Italian and Polish platters Friday and Saturday. Entertainment features “Cohle, brood, and Burke” on Thursday, “Crossing Abbey Road” on Friday, and “Wave Quartet” on Saturday. Visit www.stjoanhershey.org.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Mount Carmel will host its festival June 20 from 6-11 p.m., featuring entertainment by “The Shoreliners,” and June 21 from 5-10:30 p.m. featuring DJ Mike Wosik. Ethnic foods, refreshments, specialty baskets and games. Rain date is Sunday June 22, in the parish hall, with a food sale.

Mary, Gate of Heaven Parish in Myerstown will hold its annual Summer Festival June 26-28. The festival will be open until 10 p.m. Thursday, and until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Book sale and basket raffles open daily at 10 a.m. Food court and midway games begin at 4 p.m. There will be a food court, bingo nightly, as well as a kids area, petting zoo and inflatables. Entertainment each evening at 7 p.m., featuring “The Hit List” on Thursday, “DJ A.J.” on Friday, and “Petagon” on Saturday.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Cornwall will hold its annual festival July 10-12. The fun begins Thursday, 5-11 p.m., and continues on Friday and Saturday, 4-11 p.m. Thursday, will offer a spaghetti dinner from 4-7 p.m. and entertainment by the “Luv Gods.” Friday features a fish fry dinner from 4-7 p.m., and Saturday features a chicken pot pie dinner from 4-7 p.m. Entertainment on Friday by “Hit List,” and on Saturday by “Not Quite Einstein.” Enjoy bingo, a special children’s area, pony rides and much more.

The 41st annual Summer Festival sponsored by the Sisters of St. Cyril and Methodius in Danville will be held July 12. Activities will begin at 10 a.m. The festival will feature a large flea market, a silent auction, home-made baked goods, handicrafted items, a book store, and religious and Slovak articles. There will be a variety of ethnic foods such as holubky and halusky, as well as hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, ice cream and much more. There will be a variety of games for children and adults plus special attractions such as raffles, bingo and a cake walk. Bus parking is available. The festival will take place rain or shine, and will close with a Mass at 5 p.m.

For more information, call Sister Barbara Sable at 717-275-3581, ext. 302.

Prince of Peace Parish in Steelton will host its annual picnic July 12 from noon-8 p.m. at Cibot Park in Bressler. The picnic will feature a full menu of picnic fare including lamb, pork, sausage, potato salad, baked beans, cabbage and noodles, desserts and more, a bar, games, raffles, 50/50 and kids’ games. Entertainment by DJ Bruce Man and The “Luv Gods.” There is a admission fee to the park. For information, contact the parish office at 717-985-1330.

Immaculate Conception BVM Church in Berwick will hold its parish picnic at the picnic grove at 1370 Fowler Avenue July 13 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The parish will sponsor a Cruise-In featuring antique hot-rod and custom cars, Music by the “Shoreliners,” games of chance, and all kinds of ethnic food.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Conewago will hold its annual festival at the Basilica’s Picnic Woods July 19 from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Homemade chicken corn soup made outside in kettles over a fire, live entertainment from “River’s Bend Band,” family-style fried chicken dinner begins at 3 p.m.

Lancaster Catholic High School Art Teacher Designs Logo for ‘Nuns’ Beach’

Richard Ressel has been teaching art at Lancaster Catholic High School for 37 years. For nearly ten years he has been designing the t-shirts for the “Nuns’ Beach Surf Invitational” in Stone Harbor, N.J. Sister James Dolores and the Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary have a retreat house known as Villa Maria by the Sea on a stretch of beach in Stone Harbor. When the retreat house found itself in need of a 40th year, they decided to create a surf invitation.

Mr. Ressel is an award-winning artist and long-time teacher at Lancaster Catholic, and donates his time and gift to design the t-shirts for the Sisters’ 40th year.

“This is such a huge fundraiser for the Sisters, and allows them to maintain the retreat house where they can recharge during the summer months,” he said.

What started off as a surfing competition has also turned into a very popular item. The local surf shops sell the shirts while giving every cent back to the Sisters, and there is a great sense of community support. Mr. Ressel feels especially close to this group of Sisters, as his aunt was part of their order until her death nearly ten years ago.

“I am honored to donate, and so happy to do it,” he said.

Sister James Dolores says she could never express enough gratitude for what Mr. Ressel does for the congregation—never designs get better and better each year. Sister James Dolores says that Mr. Ressel always puts something special into the shirt design. This year, he included a plane flying a banner with the year that Stone Harbor was founded, since this year is the centennial celebration.

More than the selling of the shirts, the surf competition has always opened the door to a tremendous evangelization project. As soon as people see the door opened for business, people flock not only to buy the shirts, but to talk with the Sisters. They want to talk with them about their lives, and ask them for prayers. The people who come to buy the t-shirts are sharing in the work of evangelization, and helping the Sisters to continue their mission.

For information on the retreat house, the surf invitation, or an order form, contact the Sisters at srjamesd@snip.net or 609-368-5290.

(Press release submitted by Shawn Cacciatore, his Catholic High School)
Council of Catholic Women in Lewistown, Millenburg Award Scholarship

The Council of Catholic Women of Sacred Heart Parish in Lewistown and Saint George Mission Church in Millenburg annually presents a scholarship to a graduating high school senior girl who has demonstrated service to Church, school and community. The CCW was delighted to present this year’s scholarship at the annual CCW breakfast to Lewistown High School senior Madison Scott. Madison has demonstrated service to the Church through her role as an altar server. Additionally, she has served her community throughout her high school years by volunteering at local food banks, at blood drives and at the local hospital. She has participated in 5K walks for the purpose of raising money for fresh water wells in Africa. At Lewistown High School, Madison was captain of the field hockey team and squad leader of the school’s track team. She also sits on the Student Council.


Obituaries

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

BLUE RIDGE SUMMIT — St. Rita: Larry Kreit
CAMP HILL — Good Shepherd: Joseph Gall, John J. Hoye
CHAMBERSBURG — Corpus Christi: Samuel Faller, Sr.
COSCOUPE — Our Lady of Hope: Frank A. Delorso, Dr. Courtney A. Jones, Samuel Fuller, Sr.
COLUMBIA — Holy Trinity: Ronald Pyfer, Sr.
GETTYSBURG — St. Francis Xavier: Hazel M. Ramos.
KULPMONT — Holy Angels: Michael J. Knleski, Jr., Nancy Markovich.
Lancaster — Assumption BVM: Rose Elizabeth Work, Nicholas Verastegui, Sr. Anne: Arlene Gunan, Rose Mann.
MECHANICSBURG — St. Joseph: Frank A. Gallucci, Genevieve A. Snyder.
MIDDLETOWN — Seven Sorrows BVM: Joseph Joseph.
MOUNT CARMEL — Divine Redemptor: Albert Louis.
NEW CUMBERLAND — Barbara Kerns, Mary C. Miller, William Pyfer, Sr.
ROARING CREEK — Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Louis Adamski, Jeanette Guerrini.
SELINSGROVE — St. Pius X: Americo Santos.
SHAMOKIN — Mother Cabrini: Dorothy "Jean" O'Brien.
VORNDERMERSE — St. Patrick: Gesua Mignors.

Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries Pre-Arrangement: An Act of Love

At Harrisburg Diocesan Cemeteries, we encourage families to purchase pre-arrangements of their cemetery needs. Just as preparing a will is a kind and responsible act, arranging for your final resting place is equally wise and compassionate. Many of our families are surprised to learn how much pre-arrangement actually provides.

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Relieve Your Family of Difficult Decisions, Purchasing Non-Existing Prices, Wider Choice of Grave Locations, Enjoy Peace of Mind, and Only You Can Decide What is Best For Your Family

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Holy Cross Cemetery, Harrisburg

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Catholic Perspective Radio
Theology of the Body and its relationship to the question of how we live to be truly happy is featured this week on Catholic Perspective. This topic is particularly timely as the Theology of the Body (TOB) Congress will be held July 9-11 in Philadelphia. Contributor Rose Atkinson sat down with the TOB Institute Executive Director, Monsignor Owens to talk about what Theology of the Body is, what it says and what it means.

In our “Ask the Bishop” segment, Bishop T. Ronald Haney takes the question of “saint-Catholic feelings.” The question was posed by a Catholic school student who asked the Bishop to compare what he has seen regarding negative attitudes toward the Catholic Church.

Our June educational update will continue with the discussion on the 12 Promises of Jesus about devotion to his Sacred Heart.

Due to the nature of this event, it is recommended for children ages 14 and older. Groups are welcome. A $5 donation per ticket is suggested. Guests should call to reserve tickets, and the tickets will be given out at the event. The first tour through the cemetery will begin at 7 p.m. and the event will run until 10 p.m. Contact 301-447-6606 or visit www.setonheritage.org for more information.

Interactive Civil War Cemetery Walk to be held at National Shrine in Emmitsburg
On June 27 and June 28, from 7-10 p.m., The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Md., in partnership with Mount Saint Mary’s, will host “Back from the Dead: Soldiers & Angels Cemetery Walk” in St. Joseph’s Cemetery. Guests will encounter Civil War soldiers and nurses as they walk through St. Joseph’s Cemetery where many Sisters and Daughters of Charity served the soldiers from 1861-1865, as part of President Lincoln’s Commissary of Subsistence program. The Sisters sent 100,000 meals a day to the soldiers and more than 300 combat wounded were treated by the Sisters in the cemetery.

As attendees walk through St. Joseph’s Cemetery where many Sisters and Daughters of Charity served as nurses during the Civil War, the event will feature a detailed map of the Sisters who served, large-photo panels, and artifacts.

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Orientalism: A Pro-Life Update will be offered by the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation.

Catholic Perspective is produced in cooperation with the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Harrisburg. The program is produced by Fr. Dennis L. Lynch, OSFS, and distributed "Back from the Dead," an evangelization drama, in 2002 after working with college students who were tended to by the Sisters during the war; Sister Anthony O'Connell, a Mission Church in Mifflinburg annually presents a scholarship to a graduating high school senior girl who has demonstrated service to Church, school and community. The CCW was delighted to present this year’s scholarship at the annual CCW breakfast to Lewistown High School senior Madison Scott. Madison has demonstrated service to the Church through her role as an altar server. Additionally, she has served her community throughout her high school years by volunteering at local food banks, at blood drives and at the local hospital. She has participated in 5K walks for the purpose of raising money for fresh water wells in Africa. At Lewistown High School, Madison was captain of the field hockey team and squad leader of the school’s track team. She also sits on the Student Council....
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**Spiritual Offerings**

Mass with prayers for healing will be celebrated July 1 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Theresa Church in Cumberland by Father Dwight Schlaline. The Mass is sponsored by the Pilgrims of Praise group. For more information, call Mary Ann at 717-564-2850 or Sandy Keller at 717-334-3512 or sistermargie@stmmparish.org.

The 36th annual Corpus Christi Men's Retreat will be held Aug. 1-3 at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md. The theme is "Pope Francis and the New Evangelization." The retreat, sponsored by Corpus Christi Parish in Chambersburg, will be led by Msgr. Stuart Swetland, rector for Corpus Christi Parish and Mission at Mount St. Mary's. The retreat is open to men ages 14 and older. Men are encouraged to bring their sons and grandsons. A $35 deposit is required toward the $500 reservation. Registration is required and can be made through local parish coordinators, or by calling Paul Little at 717-264-2577.

**Events & Fund-Raisers**

The Harrisburg Social Catholic Singles (ages 35-65) will meet over the summer for various faith events to include mini golf and plays. For information, contact Dan Matarese at DGMataresse@yahoo.com or 717-236-8149.

Catholic Charities will celebrate World Refugee Week with a bingo and auction at Little Park in Harrisburg June 21 from noon-5 p.m. The event will celebrate the triumphs of local refugees and the diversity of the greater Harrisburg community. Event includes an international cook-off, music from many cultures, races, games and prizes, a soccer game and cricket demonstration, and a community resources fair. For information, call 717-232-4012.

_The 3rd Annual Mite Cup Golf Tournament to benefit benevolent care at St. Anne's Retirement Community in Columbus will be held June 26 at Bent Creek Country Club, with shotgun start at 1 p.m. Golfers can play for the Hole in One Telios sponsor and sponsor flea market June 21 in Murray Hall from 8 a.m.-noon. Tables are $15 each, or two for $25. Contact William Logan at 717-564-1520 for reservations._

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_The applicant must be a Catholic in good standing with the Church. All interested applicants should contact St. Paul Little at 717-264-2577 for a cover letter and résumé to mjulian@stmmparish.org._

_Lebanon Catholic School is seeking an Administrative Assistant to the Principal to support a wide range of office and school operations within areas and limits of authority as delegated by school principal. This position entails a diverse set of managerial and secretarial duties performed in a professional environment. Candidate must relate well to a variety of individuals, including students, staff, parents and people in the community. This position requires a high degree of confidentiality regarding all aspects of the school's operation. Good verbal and written communication skills are necessary along with proficiency with Microsoft Office tools. Organizational practices and professional demeanor required. To apply, submit a cover letter and résumé, including three references with contact information, to nkruly@lebanoncatholic.org._

_6th-grade teaching position available at Leba- non Catholic School. Seeking a dynamic teacher who has a passion for teaching middle school students in a private Catholic school setting. Candidate should have a positive attitude to learning, develops creative lessons and has strong classroom management skills. Ability to use technology and the drive to explore innovative methods to teach. Must have Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education and have background clearances prior to starting the position. E-mail letter of interest and résumé to rosekarly@lebanoncatholic.org._
In 1877, during the construction of the original St. Joseph Church in Hanover, Father John Emig, S.J., the parish’s first resident pastor, commissioned Italian artist Lorenzo Scattaglia to create paintings for the church. Catholics in Hanover had been attending Masses celebrated for them by Jesuit priests in shops, schoolhouses, private homes and eventually in a former Methodist Episcopal church for more than 50 years; with the construction of their own church underway, Father Emig was assuring a place of worship with Catholic imagery.

For several years in the late 1800s, Scattaglia worked in Hanover, moving from his home in Philadelphia to create artwork for the church. Among the pieces were painted and framed Stations of the Cross, each one measuring six feet high. For them, he was paid $600.

In 1963, when the 83-year-old St. Joseph Church was declared unsafe for public use and eventually razed, Scattaglia’s Stations of the Cross paintings were saved and stored in the basement of the parish rectory, along with artifacts and stained-glass windows eventually implemented into the new church. In 1977, the parish donated the paintings to the State Museum of Pennsylvania in view of their deterioration and with the agreement that the museum would pay for their restoration.

In conjunction with the 150th anniversary celebration of St. Joseph Parish this year, the museum hosted a special viewing of Scattaglia’s Stations of the Cross in the special area reserved specifically for the session. The event was one of several 30-minute viewing sessions that the museum led.

The striking Stations of the Cross paintings were displayed in a special area reserved specifically for the session. Those pictured here are the 15th Station: “Jesus dies on the cross.”

Scattaglia, who also created artwork for churches in Pennsylvania and Maryland, never signed his original paintings. Instead, he included his likeness into his artwork in lieu of including his signature.