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By Chuck Short

Welcome back to a new school year and publishing year for Our Parish Times. Hope you had a great summer. I had an encounter this morning that I'd like to share with you per-

haps as an omen for the coming year. During my daily walk, I came upon a co-walker. As usual, we briefly exchanged pleasantries as we continued our separate ways. Just as I passed this dear lady, I caught a glimpse as she briefly bowed her head and folded her hands, offering what I sensed was a blessing for me. I'm sure because at that instant, my spirit inexplicably leapt. I am grateful for her prayer and the presence of the Lord during our brief encounter. Not a miracle, just a blessing!

Welcome to the Montgomery County Catholic community to our new pastors, specifically Fr William Byrne at Our Lady of Mercy, Fr. Robert Buchmeier, Holy Cross, and Fr. Jeffery Defayette, Resurrection, and newly assigned priests and deacons, especial-

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How you and your family can be in the Welcome Gift (yes, an actual gift) to Pope Francis



Rev. Msgr. John Enzler

By Msgr. John Enzler

In less than 40 days, Pope Francis will be here in Washington, DC. He is the Pope known for challenging and inspiring everyone. He has made international headlines washing the feet of prisoners, of

mourning the lives lost as immigrants fleeing intense violence and poverty in Africa, and opting for the simple life in at his own home in the Vatican.

During his visit, and right after he speaks to Congress, Pope Francis will come to Catholic Charities' location in downtown Washington, DC, where we hope to have 500 of our clients waiting to meet him and just be in close proximity to this world leader.

I am particularly excited by our welcome gift to Pope Francis that will be presented by Cardinal Wuerl. It is com-

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The Youth Group from the Shrine of St. Jude recently made a pilgrimage to Philadelphia. The group is pictured here in front of St. Mary Magdalen parish, where they stayed, with Fr. Raul from St. Jude and a couple from St. Mary Magdalen, who were gracious hosts of a BBQ and pool party for the St. Jude teens.

St. Jude Youth Group Summer Pilgrimage to Philadelphia

By Xiommy Esteban, SJ Youth Group, young adult volunteer

On Sunday, June 21, 23 teens, led by Fr. Raul DeLeon and five young adult volunteers, headed to Philadelphia for

a three-day pilgrimage to visit the tombs of Saints Katharine Drexel and John Neumann. The group stayed at St. Mary Magdalen Parish/School in Media, Pa., about 30 minutes outside of Philadelphia.

The group's first visit was to the National

Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel in Bensalem, Pa. The group was given a guided tour, and Katharine's story was told through a collection of artifacts, photos, and a video that really brought to life Katharine Drexel's life

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L-R: Fr. Mark Cusick, Alex Fidler, Michael Hamm, Craig McHugh, Alice Felker (Stone Ridge junior and SPRED assistant), Theresa Conley, Megan Wyeth (SPRED teacher), Molly Bryson, Julia Bryson.

Adults with learning differences continue the journey of faith

On Saturday, May 16, 2015, the St. Jane de Chantal Special Needs Religious Education Program ("SPRED") marked the end of another successful year with its annual May Crowning. The St. Jane's program is unique in the Archdiocese in that it is geared towards people with special needs who have already received their sac-

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Sr. Kathleen Lannak: Inspiring Educator, Mentor, Leader, & Servant

Sr. Kathleen Lannak, IHM, who had retired in May after 35 years as principal of St. John the Evangelist School, passed away on July 30 after an 18-month struggle with cancer. In recognition of Sr. Kathleen's accomplishments in Catholic education, she was selected Archdiocesan Principal of the Year in 1998 and 2014. The Department of Education designated St. John's as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2013. Most important, Sr. Kathleen touched the minds and hearts of over 1,100 children who graduated from the school during her tenure. The parish community held a special liturgy and reception in May to thank her for her



Celebrating Sr. Kathleen

Fr. Calis and Bishop Knestout join Sr. Kathleen after the presentation by Brendon, Christian, and Caroline Garagusi of an Apostolic Blessing from His Eminence Pope Francis along with 35 yellow roses tied with a blue ribbon. Photo by Michael Colella

endless contributions. The planning committee ensured that every detail of the event reflected not only her contributions as an educator but also her warm, energetic personality.

Sister was in great spirits during the celebration, surrounded by her family and friends. When it came her turn to speak, she recounted her decision to join the convent and shared highlights of her 61 years of service. Sr. Kathleen's energy that May afternoon allowed everyone to focus on her accomplishments, express their gratitude, and experience the love of the St. John's community. Even then she was teaching us all how to live life to the fullest, accepting

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The Academy of the Holy Cross Adds Turf Field

The Academy of the Holy Cross has broken ground on its new multi-sport, synthetic turf field. The installation includes a FieldTurf® Classic field that will accommodate Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, and Softball sports. The turf surface will allow for fewer weather-related interruptions during the sports seasons and will reduce the number of injuries by providing a consistent surface and will allow for faster play to better prepare athletes for collegiate level-style play. An electronic scoreboard and fan bleachers are also included in the plan.

The field will be named "Ridgway

Field" in memory of Dick and Jeanie Ridgway (parents of Dana R. Siekman '78, Lynn R. Dougherty '80 and Lisa R. Slater '82), and has been made possible through the generosity of Holy Cross major donors, including members and friends of the Ridgway family and the Shepherd Foundation. The project is one of the capital campaign priorities in The Difference We Make: The Campaign for The Academy of the Holy Cross.

President Katy Prebble remarked, "This is an exciting step for the Academy! We are thrilled to take our athletic program to the next level through this project and for

the opportunities it will allow our current and future student athletes."

The Academy plans to have an all-school celebration and dedication to bless the new field when the project is completed.

The consulting firm O'Connell and Lawrence has generously donated their time and services under the direction of Ken O'Connell from the Holy Cross Building and Grounds Committee. Matt and Brian Whalen have assumed the responsibilities of Project Managers to oversee day-to-day operation of the project.

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Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County



Upcoming Events

■ Breakfast with Councilwoman Nancy Floreen

September 11, 2015, at 7:30am

Join us for CBN-MC's monthly breakfast and speaker; September's speaker is Councilwoman Nancy Floreen. CBN-MC Breakfast Meetings bring together an average of 50 to 80 members and guests to hear speakers, network, socialize and focus on the CBN-MC tasks on the 2nd Friday of each month at Timpano Italian Chophouse on Rockville Pike. Fifteen minutes of power networking at every table ensures each attendee the opportunity to tell at least seven other people about their business, and to describe who their best prospects are in a relaxed, convivial atmosphere.

■ Papal Mass and Evening

Social

Wednesday, September 23, 2015, at 4:15 pm

Join CBN-MC for our quarterly Evening Social on September 23, 2015 at the Old Angler's Inn in Potomac. We've arranged early access to the venue to watch Pope Francis celebrate Mass, starting at 4:15pm, prior to the start of the mixer at about 5:30. Please join us for this very special event! \$25.00 cost to CBN-MC Members and guests includes beer, wine & lite appetizers. For more information, contact Katie Shaffer at katers1074@gmail.com

■ CBN-MC Scholarship Fund Golf Outing

Thursday, October 8, 2015, at 8:00 am

We cordially invite you to the

2015 Annual CBN-MC golf tournament. Proceeds fund scholarships for Montgomery County students attending Catholic school. A continually growing and successful event, over eighty golfers participate in the Annual Scholarship Golf Outing, which raises over \$5,000 for scholarships to be awarded to the winners of the CBN-MC annual scholarship essay contest.

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■ 22nd Annual CBN-MC Gala November 20, 2015, 6:30 pm

The Board of Directors cordially invites you to attend the Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County Annual Gala, supporting Catholic education and honoring the 2015 Catholic Business Person of the Year. The Annual Gala, which provides schools, parishes and the business community the opportunity to join together for a celebratory evening, has become a catalyst for many additional activities and programs. Through the Gala ticket, table and raffle ticket sales, silent plus live auction, and program advertising sales, more than \$400,000 has been donated to schools. That includes tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships for 8th grade graduates attending Catholic high schools.

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The Montgomery County Justice and Advocacy Council

By Larry Couch

Having served as a previous Chairperson of the Justice and Advocacy (J&A) Council of the Archdiocese of Washington, I welcome this opportunity to share information with you about the J&A Council, what we have accomplished over the last several years, and what we hope to accomplish in the future. The J&A Council currently has members from many parishes in Montgomery County. I hope as more people learn about the work of the J&A Council all parishes in the County will have representation on the Council. In this first column, I am highlighting the goals, purpose and history of the J & A Council. In future issues, the focus will be on specific issues that the J&A Council is currently supporting.

For many years the Archdiocese of Washington has advocated on social justice issues at the national and state levels. About 10 years ago, the Archdiocese began speaking out on social justice issues at the local, county level. This decision was in recognition that about 80 percent of all government resources are administered at the county level. Also, decisions that most affect residents are often made at the local level.

Another advantage of advocating at the county level is the accessibility of the decision-makers. As one person said, all the councilmembers



Larry Couch

are easily accessible by phone and email. If you send an email to your councilmember, chances are she or he will read it almost immediately.

To create an advocacy structure, Justice and Advocacy Councils (J&A) were formed in four of the Maryland counties served by the Archdiocese. This initiative was conceived and implemented by Chuck Short, who was the Secretary of Social Concerns for the Archdiocese of Washington at the time.

The J&A Council of Montgomery County was one of the first Councils to be formed and over the years has been quite successful. We have advocated on a variety of issues: ensuring the adequate funding of programs serving people living in poverty, creating a day labor center for immigrants, the passage of a county Earned Income Tax Credit, zoning laws that encourage housing for people in poverty, the creation of senior housing units, and other issues affecting people living on the margin of our society.

The J&A Council works in coordination with the Archdiocese before taking a public position and we are able to testify on its behalf and the 40 parishes in Montgomery County.

At the beginning of each county legislative session, representatives of the J&A Council meet with the various Councilmembers and the County Executive to ascertain

which issues are likely to be considered that concern our Catholic Social Teaching. This information is our "Early Warning System" which allows us to become more knowledgeable regarding these particular issues.

Although lobbying is often maligned, we advocate for the common good, and especially for people who too often are afforded no voice in our government, such as those living in poverty and on the margin of our society. As such, the J&A Council seeks to provide a necessary balance to our political system.

Pope Francis's prayer intentions this month focuses on all those who give their time to help those in need. His general intention is "that volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy." For his evangelization intention, the Holy Father is praying so "that setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society."

The J&A Council of Montgomery County meets from 7:30-9:00 PM on the fourth Wednesdays of January, March, May, July, and September and on the first Wednesday of the month in December. We welcome new members, so please join us. For more information please call our Co-Chairs Cathy Couch at 301-933-6120 or Ann Barbagallo at 202-746-9861. You may also call Michael Scott, Director of Public Policy for the Archdiocese of Washington at 301-853-5308.

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UpCounty Resources Busy Having Fun

Dancing in July, Dinner Theatre in August, Nats Game on September 20

The UpCounty Resources was extremely busy this summer as our members traveled back in time to enjoy a 1950's style Sock Hop dance held at St. Francis on Saturday, July 11. Although the decor was retro, the music was anything but as Kit Kat the DJ had everyone up and moving to the beat with the best of sounds from now to then. UCR also enjoyed the Montgomery College Dinner Theater production of the musi-

cal *Legally Blond* on August 1. Ninety-two members attended (see accompanying photo) and all enjoyed hanging out with new and old friends while watching what Winters Geimer of the Washington Post described as a Ten Star Experience.

The next event for our group will be to see the Washington Nationals play the Marlins at Nat's Park on September 20.

The UpCounty Resource is

an organization of persons who believe that diversity in our community enriches us all. Our mission is to promote opportunities for individuals with, and without, developmental differences in a community that values each member. If you would like more information about our group and upcoming events, contact Sylvia Jones at 301-762-6564 in the evening.

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Reflections on St. Martin's School

This year St. Martin's School celebrates 90 years of operation, the oldest continuously running Catholic School in Montgomery County. Over the years, St. Martin's had educated thousands of students. Below are excerpts from an essay given by a recent eighth-grade graduate, Grace Schuler, about what St. Martin's School has meant for her.

I'll never forget the inspiring people who've helped me grow into the person I am today. I'll never forget all the lessons I've learned, in and out of the classroom, and the opportunities that have been shared with me. St. Martin's community makes happiness possible, not only for myself, but for others. The teachers, faculty, staff, and students have helped me find courage within myself, my beliefs, and my ideas. St. Martin's has given me opportunities that will lead me into the future. And for this, I am grateful.

Crusaders are courageous, not only during the battles they fight on the field, but also when conquering their internal struggles. And because of St. Martin's Catholic teaching, I've learned how to be courageous. Being courageous is not only daring to go the extra mile for yourself

but for others as well. Over the years, I've known many people, who out of the goodness of their hearts have gone that extra mile for me. Whether it was driving me home, giving me advice, praying for me, tutoring me, coaching me, or even just showing an act of kindness, these people have helped build my courage. Now it's my turn to give back by continuing to give my time, treasure, and talent to service such as lecturing, grant writing, and Our Lord's Table. St. Martin's is a school of Crusaders, and I'm proud to say I myself am one and those around me are Crusaders as well.

I believe there is a moment in everyone's life where you wake up and realize that you've grown—physically, mentally, spiritually, and intellectually. You come to fully comprehend: You are growing up. Now, you're the big kid, the older one who younger kids look up to. And so I say to my St. Martin's family, thank you for the opportunities to meet all different people. Teachers, thank you for never diminishing my dreams.

Going to school can seem to consist of just learning which adverb should be used in a sentence or how to solve an equation. But learning is involvement. And that's why I've learned so much at St. Martin's. I've been given opportunities that inspire and involve me such as performing in school plays, reading at Masses, singing in the youth choir, and helping younger students with their projects and clubs. Because of this, I believe I have a deeper appreciation for education. I promise to build on the opportunities you've shared.

With this foundation of happiness, courage, faith, and opportunity, my hope is to continue these lessons. My journey at St. Martin's School has ended. But, for my classmates and me, a new journey awaits.

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Parishioners venerate the Body of Christ during a procession for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 7. The procession followed the annual Parish Field Mass celebrated at Father Meyer Field in Gaithersburg. Photo provided by Sr. Judith Maldonado

St. Martin's School Celebrates 90 Years of Faith, Service and Scholarship

By Sherry Antonetti

St. Martin's School is celebrating its 90th year of continuously serving the community of Montgomery County, Maryland with week of special events. The theme for the school's celebration is "Celebrating 90 years of Faith, Service and Scholarship."

St. Martin's students frequently collect for the parish food pantry, volunteer with the soup kitchen, and donate funds to needy causes like the Togo mission and other similar causes through monthly bake sales. However, for the 90th, the goal is

to connect the students with the reality of their own being blessed, by crafting a ser-

vice project for kids, performed by kids. Each grade has been assigned one item for the bag. The students will have collected and organized enough items to fill 90 cinch bags with personal toiletries, (hair brushes, shampoo, toothpaste, etc) for ninety foster children (90 for the 90th). Foster mom and Sixth grade teacher, Ms. Julie Stinger, will talk to the classes about how important these "My Stuff" bags can be for children who find themselves in need of foster care.

On Friday October 9th, the school will hold a dinner and dance at the Gaithersburg Holiday Inn. Archdiocese of Washington's Secretary for Education, Thomas Burnford, will serve as guest speaker for the evening. Longstanding supporters of the school, Jofeen and

Ray Youstra, and Lisa Schuler will be honored for their leadership and dedication to Saint Martin's School. Additionally, young alumna and ice dancer, Lorraine McNamara, and distinguished alumna, Edward Branagan III, co-founder of Global Playground, will be recognized.

Tickets for the evening are available through the school's website, www.smsmd.org, under the link "St. Martin's 90th Anniversary."

Saturday, October 10th, Bishop Martin D. Holley will celebrate a multi-lingual mass at 5:30 pm in the church. St. Martin's student body will help plan the liturgy. Everyone is invited the school gymnasium after the mass to see a video showcasing the 90 years of St. Martin's, participate in a 50/50 raffle, and enjoy a free potluck dinner.

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Fifth Graders plant marsh grass during their field trip to the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center. The class was able to take this field trip thanks to generous grants from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Photo provided by Logan Hsueh.

More St. Martin of Tours News on Page 38

Seventy-Five Years of Catholic Education

The Sisters of Saint Francis opened Our Lady of Lourdes School in 1940 on the corner of Pearl Street and East West Highway. The Sisters served the school until the late 1970's, with dedication and great faithfulness.

This summer, in honor of the Sisters, a statue was placed in the front of the school. The bronze statue depicts a Sister of Saint Francis, and behind her is a plaque with the names of the 94 Sisters who served Our Lady of Lourdes School over the years.

The school children and teachers, their parents and alumni will come together on September 11 to pray for the Sisters of Saint Francis, and to dedicate the statue. Three of the Sisters from Glenn Riddle, Pennsylvania will join in the celebration, as will Bishop Dorsonville, who served at Lourdes for eight years.

The day will begin with a



9:00 am Mass, followed by the dedication. A reception in the Library Media Center will follow. There will be yearbooks, and albums of memorabilia from the 75-year history available for visitors, and students will take visitors on a tour of the school.

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New Faces at Lourdes

Our Lady of Lourdes School welcomes Ms. Sara DeLuca to the faculty this year. Sara previously taught fourth grade in Philadelphia, and she will teach fourth grade at Lourdes. We also welcome Ms. Brigid McGann, who will serve as our new Director of Resource. Ms. McGann most recently taught at the Connelly School of the Holy Child, and prior

to that she taught at The Academy of the Holy Cross. Mrs. Nan Kiyonaga has assumed our front desk duties, after both of her children graduated from Lourdes and have moved on to high school. Finally, we welcome Amanda Sheehan. Ms. Sheehan is a recent graduate from Holy Cross College in South Bend, Indiana, and she will work in our Pre-K classrooms.

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New School Year Brings New Look to HYA

By Colleen Ryan, Principal

The Holy Redeemer Home and School Association works hard each and every year to raise money to support the school with many benefits to the school community from the fruits of their labor! In the past three years, the money that the H.S.A. has raised has gone toward the following projects and items: forty iPads for student use, installing hardware to enable

Wi-Fi in the entire school building, new area rugs for the classrooms in the lower school, a school subscription to IXL Math, leveled readers to supplement the guided reading program in the lower school, a new playground for the lower school, renovation of the school's front lobby, a new PA system, and the renovation of the Herb Young Auditorium.

The Home and School Association also takes very good care of its teachers with a Teacher Appreciation Committee that is responsible for providing monthly breakfasts for the faculty and staff. Each summer, the

**The renovated Herb Young Auditorium**

H.S.A. also makes purchases from the teachers' annual wish lists. These items are used to supplement classroom instruction and to create an organized, engaging classroom environment. The teachers look forward to creating their wish lists each and every year.

The biggest and most exciting HSA funded project has been the renovation of the Herb Young Auditorium. The bulk of the work took place last summer when the existing ceiling and light fixtures were removed and replaced, new storage space was created for tables and chairs,

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New School Year Brings New Faces to the Halls of HR

By Michelle Ardillo

The start of the 2015-2016 school year will bring six new faces to the faculty and staff of Holy Redeemer Catholic School. The HR community warmly welcomes the following individuals to its Cardinal family.

Lynn Doyle, mother of HR second grade teacher Meghan Rivera, will join Lorrie Ricca in the school office, replacing Dana D'Avella,

long-time HR parent and staff member who will be "graduating" to Georgetown Prep's office of admissions. Mrs. Doyle brings to the job a lifetime of knowledge and experience in academic office settings, most significantly twenty years with the Catholic University of America School of Nursing. Mrs. Doyle looks forward to getting to know the faculty, staff, and families of Holy Redeemer. She enjoys spending time with family

and friends in the sun and sand of summer.

HR pre-K teacher Julie Fox will be moving over to the HR Nursery School and joining her as a teacher's aide will be Sherry Farine, an alum of HR school from first grade to eighth, as well as a former parent of the school. Mrs. Farine enjoys reading, walking, and traveling. She is looking forward to meeting the nursery school students in the three-

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St. Bart's Fr. Tim Daniel joins the Parish youth group at Go-Kart racing.

After a Busy Summer, St. Bart's Youth Group Ready to Roar into Fall

This past spring, St. Bart's expanded its youth ministries to every age group! The existing youth group is now dedicated specifically to middle schoolers, while Fr. Tim and St. Bart's vis-

iting seminarian (Patrick Agustin) started a high school youth group and young adult group (ages 20-30 years old).

The middle school group had many fun

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From the Beach to Bethesda – Seminarian Patrick Agustin's Roundabout Route Home

This summer, St. Bartholomew Parish was blessed with Patrick Agustin, a seminarian at St. John Paul II Seminary. Patrick is a local product, from Oxon Hill, MD, and Bishop McNamara High School. He attended the University of Maryland, where he was active in the Catholic Student Center and the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. After graduating in 2007, Patrick accepted a position as an associate with Fannie Mae in Washington, where he worked "in the thick of the housing and financial crisis."

After four years, Patrick accepted a position with Sony Pictures Entertainment in Los Angeles, which he describes as "easily the best time of my life (so far). I loved my job, my friends, my parish, the weather, the beaches, the food ... literally everything." Finally, after attending a friend's diaconate ordination in November, 2013, in Chicago, Patrick found his path, "God was tugging at my heart to seek something deeper."

With regard to his summer service at St. Bart's, Patrick told OPT, "I honestly could not have asked for a better assignment. Thank you for adopting me as one of your sons and for making this place feel like



Seminarian Patrick Agustin assists Fr. Mark Knestout and Deacon Julio Blanco-Eccleston at Sunday Mass.

home to me." Fr. Mark Knestout, Pastor of St. Bart's, commented, "Patrick was a great addition to our Parish – wonderfully fun, bright, and energetic. He did a great job for us, especially organizing our Young Adult Group. He'll make a great priest."

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After 30 years of service to the Archdiocese of Washington, Joan Hosmer, principal of Our Lady of Mercy School, Potomac, retired at the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year. During her ministry to Catholic education, Mrs. Hosmer served both as a principal (Mercy and St. Andrew Apostle) and as a teacher (St. Andrew Apostle and St. Bernard, Riverdale).

Mrs. Hosmer held various leadership positions within the Elementary School Principals' Association and most recently served as its Vice-President. Highlights of her service at Mercy include the two-time announcement of Mercy as a National Blue Ribbon School and the opening of the Pre-K program. **OPT**



Mrs. Hosmer greets students at assembly where students serenaded their beloved principal with Anna Kendrick's "You're Gonna Miss Me When I'm Gone."

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Mercy Renaissance Fair

After researching different guilds and famous Renaissance people responsible for bridging the Middle Ages to the Modern era, Mercy sixth graders (spring 2015) transformed the school's multipurpose room into a Renaissance Fair. Pictured (l to r) are Emily Fairbanks, Zach Whipp, David Fitch, Caroline Ogilvie, and Lauren Radice.

Mercy Girls Win City Championship!

Congratulations to Mercy CYO Varsity Girls basketball team who won the City Championship this past spring! The last time Mercy girls won this championship was ten years ago so it is quite an accomplishment. Congratulations to team members Ellie Brewer, Olivia Castle, Gigi Hanley, Rachel Illig, Drew Meadows and Gabrielle Monnig. Principal Joan Hosmer and Fr. Don Worch proudly pose with the winning team.



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I personally have pledged to spend a night staying in one of our homeless shelters. I want to see and experience what our most vulnerable neighbors see and hear. I want to know the challenge of being homeless, just for a day. Pope Francis has said that shepherds should smell like their sheep. I know I can be a better leader, and member of this community, by walking with Francis.

I ask as you begin a new school year, and the excitement of the Pope's visit grows greater, you, your family, and your friends all join me in taking the pledge and be a special part of history that will live in the Vatican.

Fr. Matt Malone SJ to deliver “Faith and Service: the Unbreakable Bond” lecture on October 1

The “Faith and Service: The Unbreakable Bond” lecture series was conceived and instituted in 2011 by members of the Order of Malta to strengthen understanding and support for the Order’s mission to defend the faith and serve the poor and the sick. This title continues to be used each year in order to encourage members of the Order as well as the larger Catholic community to see the missions of faith and service as inextricably connected. Co-sponsors of this event are Georgetown University, the Jesuit Community of Georgetown University, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, the Institute on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University, and the Order of Malta, Federal Association USA.

The annual lectures have featured a distinguished group of thought leaders, individuals whose lives and careers exemplify the concept of the unity of faith and service in and to the world that the series seeks to promote. The inaugural lecture was given by the Most Reverend Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin. The 2012 lecture was

delivered by Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, OP, former head of the Dominican Order and Fellow of the Las Casas Institute, Blackfriars Oxford. Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, founder and CEO of Homeboy Industries spoke in 2013, and Dr. Carolyn Y. Woo, President and CEO of Catholic Relief Services delivered the 2014 lecture.

The 5th Annual Faith and Service the Unbreakable Bond lecture will be given by Fr. Matt Malone, SJ, on Thursday October 1 at 7:00 PM in the Catherine E. Nolan Center at

Georgetown Visitation, 1524 35th Street, NW, Washington DC.

Father Malone is the President and Editor in Chief of America Media, publisher of America magazine. His writing has appeared in numerous national and international publications, including The New York Times, The Boston Globe and The Washington Post.

He is the author of *Catholiques Sans Etiquette*, a book concerning the church and the political, which was published in 2014 by Salvator Press in Paris.

Fr. Malone entered the Society of Jesus in 2002, and was ordained in 2012. He is a member of the Colloquium on Violence and Religion, serves as chaplain to the New York Press Club, and is a member of the pastoral team at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in New York.

The lecture is open to the public. For more information and to register for this lecture online, please visit www.faithandservicelecture.org.



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raments and want to participate in an ongoing program to strengthen their faith. The group, which meets Saturday mornings about three times a month during the school year, has been active for over 35 years and the current class of ten ranges from ages 26 to 54.

This past year, the class’s theme was “Gifts of the Holy Spirit.” Through a program of prayer, sharing, crafts and singing, the class learned how we have all received gifts from God and explored ways that we can be witnesses of Christ’s love and share our gifts with others. Each session introduces some new ideas, but we also continually repeat and reinforce key aspects of our faith. The students and their families also participated in special masses and fellowship events.

The SPRED students are generous, loving people with a wide range of gifts and capacities to reflect Christ’s image. Their openness and willingness to share of themselves is an inspiring model of living faith and hope.

SPRED is very grateful for the support of St. Jane’s pastor, Fr. Samuel Geise, parochial vicar Fr. Mark Cusick, and Director of Religious Education Sally Daniel. SPRED will be beginning a new program year in September and if you know of someone who might want to participate, please contact Bill Lawler, 202-639-6676 or wlawler@msn.com.

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Elmira (Oregon) High School Class of 1975. St. Elizabeth's Pastoral Associate, Kathy Schwartz, is second from the far right, back row.

Reflections on a 40th High School Class Reunion

by Kathryn Swartz

I recently attended my 40th high school reunion and have been asked to provide some reflections on that. When I made plans to return to my home town in rural Oregon, it was more with a feeling of disbelief and denial. I felt I was going there to be with a lot of old folks getting together. I certainly don't feel old enough to have

graduated 40 years ago!

Elmira, Oregon, is a small, unincorporated town about 20 miles west of Eugene. I did not attend Catholic schools growing up – because there were none in that remote part of the state. The high school – during my time – was 600 students in grades nine through twelve from a wide surrounding area. My graduating class was 107 students, and over the years since graduation in 1975, the class has had a reunion every 5 years, thanks to a group of very dedicated local classmates. I, myself, by then living on the East Coast, didn't start attending until the 20th, and have not missed one since. Instead of getting smaller in attendance each year, our reunions have been growing steadily, and this year, over half the class returned. Of course, it helps that about 90% of the class still lives in the state, but in addition to myself traveling from Maryland, we also had classmates coming in from California, Hawaii, Louisiana and Tennessee just to be a part.

The event itself isn't anything fancy; in fact, our gathering place is under a tent in a big field at our local reservoir, where we simply hang out talking, eating (of course), playing corn hole tournaments, taking photos and catching up on one another's lives. We always remember those who are no longer with us, and talk about good times with them. We take the obligatory class photo of all in attendance (and see ourselves growing a little bit older in each photo, whether we want to admit it or not!), and since there are four elementary schools that feed into one junior high and high school, we have a school competition to see how many of us are attending from each of the different grade schools. Some of us were together from first grade through 12th – as many as 52 years of friendship! There is also a nostalgic (and funny) slideshow of all of us over the years. Some of our

classmates are musicians and they bring their guitars and entertain us in the evenings. A number of alums have RV's and tents and camp right there; others live nearby; and others stay with relatives, friends or at B&B's or hotels in town.

One thing that has struck me over the years: Since we were in a school where prayer was not a part of our day, it's remarkable that, at each reunion, we gather in a large circle, join hands--and pray. This, in a group that comes from all kinds of faith backgrounds, or in some cases, no established faith at all. I have never really known which faith, if any, my classmates practiced (except for my fellow Catholics, since we all attended the same church and CCD classes together). And yet this prayer we say, thanking God for our many blessings, for friends and for our time together, has become some-

thing of a focus that I don't think anyone would have foreseen. There were likely some there who didn't ever pray at any other time, yet this part of the reunion is often mentioned as a favorite activity during our gatherings. And there is not a soul present who does not join our circle of prayer – classmates and spouses alike.

As this 40th reunion came to a close, one of our classmates said this was more a reunion for a family than a high school class – and he was right. Though many of us see each other only every five years or less, we care about one another more than ever (any squabbles we had while in school are long forgotten), we keep in touch, and we gather with joy to share in the stories of the past and our hopes – and prayers – for the future.

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year old program.

Brenda Stohlman has been hired as a part-time aide in HR's pre-K classroom, working with pre-K teacher Christina Bedard. Mrs. Stohlman is a native of Bergamo, Italy and has been living in Maryland for two and a half years. She will bring to the HR community a real European flair as her mother is French and her father is Italian. Mrs. Stohlman loves working with children, cooking, walking, and meeting people from different cultures.

Mme. Lucie Koulet-Vickot joins the HR faculty as the French teacher for the school. HR is very fortunate to replace retiring longtime French teacher Dominique Flamer with another native speaking foreign language teacher. Mme. Koulet-Vickot is married and has three daughters. She received her

college degree at University of Saint-Denis in France and arrived in the US in 1999. Previously she worked as a substitute teacher at Lycée Rochambeau, the French international school in Bethesda, Maryland. Mme. Koulet-Vickot looks forward to bringing to HR another look at the French culture while improving her English. She enjoys traveling around the world.

Mr. Cory Hudson replaces Matt Smith as PE teacher for the school. Mr. Hudson is an alum of Gonzaga and CUA, where he played baseball and majored in English. He grew up in Beltsville and taught PE for the past five years at Annunciation Catholic School in DC. When not teaching, Mr. Hudson is the assistant varsity baseball coach at Gonzaga and the freshmen basketball coach at Visitation. He looks forward to teaching the students of HR various life lessons through athletics in an energetic and positive fashion. He is a big Terps fan and loves baseball and tennis, as

well as any time spent at the beach.

Laurel native Joseph Criscuoli brings to HR his love of technology and enthusiasm for history, especially the Medieval era, as he takes over the middle school social studies position from Megan Dees, who has moved to sunny California to teach there. Mr. Criscuoli is a graduate of Pallotti High School and the University of Maryland with a BA in history and a minor in secondary education. Most recently, he taught middle school social studies at St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School, where he used his laptop and iPad to move about the classroom bringing history alive to his students. Also at St. Joseph's, he moderated the student government and the National Geography Bee. Mr. Criscuoli is a football coach for Northwood High School and a football player for the Germantown Gladiators, a Semi-Pro football team.

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St. Bartholomew

St. Bart's Weekend Highlights



Assembled runners await the starting gun at St. Bart's "Run and Walk for Funds" on May 16.

The St. Bartholomew School Drama Club Production of *Seussical Jr.* on St. Bart's weekend.



Parishioners line up for face painting at the Homemade Carolina BBQ Buffet following the Family Mass on St. Bart's Weekend.

St. Bartholomew School Welcomes Returning Students with Upgrades, Repairs, and Two New Teachers!

By Amy Smith

This summer has been a busy one at St. Bart's School. The physical plant has seen many upgrades, including the installation of a new heating/AC system, and an expanded playground for the lower school. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of Mr. Jay Matula, there has also been a new brick walkway and patio laid to allow more room for the students to enjoy their time outside. Along with Marco Martinez and a dedicated group of eighth-grade volunteers, the bricklaying was a great group effort! The school is looking forward to more additions, improvements and upgrades in the near future. Stay tuned!

St. Bart's is also welcoming two new teachers this year, Ms. Josie O'Sullivan (second grade) and Ms. Yolanda Kee (fifth grade). Ms. O'Sullivan has the unique distinction of being a St. Bart's alumna (Class of 2003) and is eager to return to her roots! Ms. Kee is a dedicated and experienced elementary school teacher and is eager to share her expertise in reading instruction with her students this year. We welcome them both!



Work Continues on Improvements and Repairs at St. Bartholomew School. Photo by Amy Smith.

The 2015-2016 school year promises to be one of the best yet! Please contact Ms. Jacqueline Edmunds in the front office at (301) 320-5586 if you would like more information about St. Bartholomew School, or have questions about how to enroll your child. We hope to see you!

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YOUTH GROUP

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outings such a trip to Shakespeare's birthday downtown, a go-karting trip, a canoe trip and a mini golf outing. The group also had events where they prayed in adoration and played a variety of sports, including kickball and even a water balloon war! Looking ahead, the leaders (Maria and John Archer) are plan-

ning many more outings, occasions to play sports, service activities, and of course times for prayer.

The group will have a brief break in September, as the Archers welcome a new baby to their family, but they hope to resume activities in October. More information on the fall schedule will follow soon! Check the Parish Bulletin or contact Maria at 32Kaufmann@cardinalmail.cua.edu.

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A New Year at Holy Cross Brings New Beginnings

Michael Cilano will be joining the Holy Cross faculty this year as our new Middle School Social Studies teacher. Mr. Cilano graduated in 2010 from Southern University in Baton Rouge with a B.A. in History and went on to teach at his high school alma mater in New Roads, Louisiana. While there, he was honored to be the 2013 Patricia Behring Louisiana Middle School Teacher of the Year, the 2014 Catholic High of Point Coupee Teacher of the Year, as well as the 2015 Daughters of the American Revolution of Louisiana State History Teacher of the Year. Mr. Cilano and his wife Julie moved to the Washington, D.C. area in June.

Mr. Cilano explained that he creates "an open and engaging classroom that sparks enthusiasm and passion for learning. I believe that both History and Catholicism can really come alive through examining life experiences, as well as using technology as a wonderful tool to discover and recreate the past."

When he is not teaching Mr. Cilano enjoys anything outdoors, including golf and hiking—and, fortunately, he is a Nat's fan. He also loves to travel to important places in our nation's history.

Shawna Henry, who has worked in several teaching capacities at Holy Cross, will be the Technology Instructor this year. Over the past several years at Holy Cross, Mrs. Henry has filled many roles on the faculty—from substitute teacher to Fifth Grade teacher, and to providing educational support in other classrooms when needed. Last year, Mrs. Henry also put her many talents to work to direct the spring musical production of High School Musical, Jr.

Mrs. Henry has a B.S. in Education from the University of Maryland. Previously, Mrs. Henry was the Middle School Science teacher at S. Andrew's the Apostle School in Silver Spring. While there, she also started a Drama Club and directed their annual musicals. Mrs. Henry also directed the musicals at Our Lady of Mercy in Potomac for fourteen years.

Mrs. Henry "Five years ago I found a wonderful learning community at Holy Cross for my youngest daughter; a place where every person is valued and respected. I am grateful and honored to be part of the faculty."

Reflecting on the new assignments, Principal Lisa Kane noted, "Holy Cross is an exceptional community. One of our greatest assets is our dedicated, enthusiastic and proficient teaching staff. Mr. Cilano is a wonderful addition to our faculty, and I know our Middle School students will be inspired in his classroom. Mrs. Henry has been such a valuable member of our staff. With so much versatility and talent, she has much to offer our students in her new position. We are truly blessed."

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St. Jane de Chantal Parishioner is Part of Papal Altar Design Team

Ariadne Cerritelli, a St. Jane de Chantal Church Parishioner and Parish School Alumni, is part of the three-person team that designed the winning altar and chair that will be used for Pope Francis' open-air Mass on September 23 to be held at The Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington, DC.

Ariadne, a Bethesda resident and graduate student of architecture at CUA, created the winning design alongside teammates Matthew Hoffman of Bethel Park, Penna., and Joseph Taylor of Eldersburg, Md.

"We took from what we saw at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and designed from there focusing on Pope Francis' humility," said Ariadne. "I am very excited to have the furniture design from my group built for the Pope's first mass celebration in the United States, and to have it remain as a permanent fixture inside the Great Upper Church of the Basilica. It is an incredible honor."

The design for the altar and liturgical furniture was unveiled at CUA on June 2nd, and are currently under production. It features arches in the Romanesque-Byzantine style of the National Shrine. During the unveiling ceremony, Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl said, "The creativity, beauty, and thought that went into each of the submitted designs is a visible sign of God's grace at work among us in a unique way. We look forward to our Holy Father's visit here as a time to be confirmed more fully as missionary disciples of our Lord."

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St. Jane Parishioner Ariadne Cerritelli shows off the winning design of the altar and chair during a June 2nd press conference at the Edward M. Crough Center for Architectural Studies at CUA.



St. Jane de Chantal Parishioners, from left to right, Kevin Pitts, John Powers and Marco Cerritelli prepare for their FOCUS missionary assignments at Seton Hall University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and George Mason University, respectively.

Three Young St. Jane Parishioners become FOCUS Missionaries

Since their first day in Kindergarten together at the Parish School of St. Jane de Chantal, Marco Cerritelli, Kevin Pitts and John Powers have shared great friendship and high ideals. This fall, at the age of 22, all three will continue these aspirations as they become missionaries for FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). The three friends graduated from college this past spring with degrees in philosophy and theology - Kevin and John from Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md, and Marco from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. During their time in college they attended several FOCUS conferences becoming engaged with the FOCUS mission.

The goal of FOCUS missionaries is to support students during their often-difficult college years,

helping them to grow in their Catholic faith and in that way winning over for Christ and His Church the leaders of tomorrow. To achieve this, recent college graduates are sent to campuses across the nation to build friendships, establish Bible studies and prayer groups, and to conduct one-on-one mentoring. Since its foundation in 1998, FOCUS has grown to serve more than 100 campuses across the United States to support students in their spiritual growth during the important college years, where statistics show that most Catholics become lax in their faith.

"Reaching out to our young people is critically important and I am happy to [see] that three young men, graduates of our St. Jane's School, are working full-time at three Universities as Catholic Missionaries trained by FOCUS," said Brother Edward

Adams of St. Jane, "Our three young men are working at Seton Hall University, George Mason University, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. These young men are required to fund their own room and board and will not be assigned by FOCUS until their needs are funded. I invite you to join me in their support by prayer and modest financial support in their names to FOCUS (P.O. Box 18710, Golden, CO 80402; Tel: 303-962-5750), which is tax exempt."

These three young men and their families are life-long members of the St. Jane de Chantal Parish, where they have been very involved in the church, from altar serving to active participants in the youth group. The parish's spiritual support has helped to plant the seed in these young men to become missionaries of the Church among their peers.

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Jazz and Juleps + St. Jane Parishioners = Evening of Fun

St. Jane de Chantal Church kick-started the summer with an evening of Mint Juleps and Live Jazz at the Bourbon Street Lounge (a.k.a Caulfield Hall). On June 13th, 250 guests sipped on mint julep cocktails and enjoyed a mouthwatering menu catered by Catering at Its

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Youth Attend Week-Long Summer Service Camp

This summer a group of nine youth, two young adults, and three adults from St. Jane de Chantal Parish took time out of their vacation to come together and devote a week of service at Encounter the Gospel of Life Camp. Together, three hundred and fifty youth gathered to serve in the Washington, DC community and stand up to their "True Identity" in Christ.

Jesse Manibusan, a composer, singer/songwriter, storyteller, humorist, catechist, evangelizer and encourager, guided the youth throughout their week's journey. As the high school students sang Christian music along with Jesse, at the Stamp Student Union at the University

of Maryland, College Park campus, the power of the Holy Spirit filled the room. It was remarkable to see how our community's youth stood up for their faith and enthusiastically gave of their time and talents to be the face of God for others.

The youth at our parish performed a wide variety of service, from being the face of advocacy for Pro-life, working at St. Anne's Infant Center, to helping organize clothing at the Interfaith Clothing Center in Rockville. It would be great to see a larger group of youth come together from our Parish for next year's 2016 Encounter service camp, scheduled for the week of July 10 to 15; save the date.

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Participant in Encounter the Gospel of Life enjoy themselves while helping others through community service.



St. Jane de Chantal JV Girls Softball Team. Back row from left to right Coach Stach, Mary Durkin, Kylee Sanders, Maggie D'Antonio, Maev Smith, Katie Stach, Maev Kramer, Lauren Long, Olivia Michael, Ashley Nalls, Coach Nalls. Front row (kneeling) from left to right Rose Tierney, Mia D'Antonio, Sarah Owens, Molly McLoughlin, Grace Merola, (not pictured, Olivia Gutierrez).

St. Jane de Chantal JV Girls Softball Team Win CYO City Championship

After a close game in the first few innings against the higher ranked St. Patrick's team, the St. Jane de Chantal JV girls softball team won the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) City Championship, 11-4. Behind hurler, Katie Stach, the St. Jane girls displayed solid defense.

On offense, the girls executed with strong base running, solid hit-

ting, and excellent bunts. Notably throughout the year, on defense Mia D'Antonio was terrific behind the plate and Lauren Long did a great job at first base, as well as pitching; on offense Maggie D'Antonio, Kylee Sanders, Olivia Michaels, Molly McLoughlin, and Ashley

Nalls came through repeatedly with clutch hits for key RBIs all season long.

Overall, the team as a whole worked hard, played well together, and had fun. Congratulations to the girls on their Championship season!

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St. Jane Parishioners enjoyed dancing to the jazz music of Dino E. and the Doctor Jazz Band.

JAZZ

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Best of cajun beef, crab cakes, goat cheese and dried apricot crostini, bourbon meatball shooters, summer salad of tomato, cucumbers and onions served in shot glasses. All this while listening to the wonderful live jazz music by Dino E. and the Doctor Jazz Band. Each guest received a commemorative

mint julep cup and two lucky guests won the door prize gift set of two 11oz. pewter engraved julep cups, a book on the history of the Kentucky mint Julep cocktail and many other recipes, and a 750 ml bottle of Maker's Mark Bourdon Whiskey. This wonderful event was organized by Chuck Covell and Michelle Trilling, both of them putting a lot of time and effort into transforming St. Jane's Caulfield Hall into a Bourbon Street Lounge for the evening.

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St Bernadette News Briefs

Fall Festival Gearing Up!

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• Co-Chair, Country Store and Volunteer Positions Available!

Cool air, crisp leaves, pumpkins, family and friends... sounds like the Saint Bernadette Parish Fall Festival!

The Fall Festival is such a fun Saint Bernadette Parish tradition. Please consider being a part of the planning and chairing! The current co-chairs are looking for new energy to "shadow" them in the planning this year to take over the event in Fall 2016. Saint B's School Parents: Tier Credits are available! "Country Store Chair" and "Sponsorships/Marketing Co-Chair" positions are both available this year.

The Fall Festival is such a fabulous event and it's a great way for new and existing parents in the parish, religious ed program and school to get involved. The existing chairs will act as helpful mentors for the new chairs. Please contact Laura

Irwin at Lauraeirwin@gmail.com or Lauren Draley at Lmdraley@yahoo.com if you are interested in hearing more!

Ongoing Bible Study

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Religious Education & Sacramental Prep "Back-to-School"

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in the MSR to meet the teachers, finish paperwork, and receive back-to-school information. Registration information is available online at <http://silverspringcatholic.com/religious-education-submit>

Silver Spring Young Adults

Are you a young adult in your 20s and 30s living or working in Silver Spring? Check out a new Facebook page: Facebook.com/SilverSpringCatholic. Stay connected to hear about upcoming events in Silver Spring and across the Archdiocese of Washington, including young adult events for the visit of Pope Francis in September! Questions? Contact Jonathan Lewis at DCCatholic@adw.org.

St. Bernadette School Class of 1971 Reunion!

The Saint Bernadette School Class of 1971 will hold its reunion On Friday September 18 in the School Hall, starting at 7:00 PM. For more information, and to RSVP, contact: Michael Higgins at mhiggins.rds@gmail.com or Denise Grambo at dagrambo@msn.com

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Touring the Colosseum with our guide Paul.

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Cross, deepening his knowledge of the Faith and earning a Master's Degree. These experiences are the foundations of ProRome Tours.

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genuine and comprehensive Roman experience to every visitor, Joseph has carefully put together a professional network of hotels, tour guides and restaurants based on real Roman quality. His first trip with Gregory the Great Academy proved more than successful, witnessed in the words of the Dean of the school, Mr. Luke Culley:

"Joseph and his team of guides gave us the most magnificent pilgrimage through the countless wonders of the Eternal City that anyone could hope or ask for. Joseph's love for and knowledge of the eternal city is inspiring and wonderful to behold. He moves about the city with the confidence of a native and is able to bring the city to life with his eloquent presentation of its pagan and Christian history. We are so grateful for this incomparable experience. I can think of no better way to tour Rome."

So, whether you would like a unique itinerary designed for your group to follow independently or are interested in having Joseph actually lead your trip, expect the best of Rome at an unbeatable price. The Holy Father Pope Francis just announced a pilgrimage to Rome, the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Now is the time to go.

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HYA

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new storage space was created for tables and chairs, a new sound system was installed, and after a fresh coat of paint, wall-mounted basketball hoops were installed. This summer brought the installation of new floors of commercial grade vinyl made to look like hardwood, helping to dress up the HYA which serves as the school's multipurpose room. The final phase of this project will take place next summer when the roof will be replaced.

The school is so grateful for the support it receives each and every year from the Holy Redeemer Home and School Association. They are always willing and eager to do what they can to help make HR the great school that it is! Go Cardinals!

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Angels on the Run is among the many exciting events on tap for the fall at St. Raphael School. The annual 5K and kids' run draw children and parents alike – a testament to the school's theme for the year, "Growing Stronger Together," which celebrates family. Photo by MJ Zafis-Garcia/St. Raphael School

St. Raphael School Growing Stronger Together

By Nina Cardillo

In the spirit of "Growing Stronger Together" at St. Raphael School, we begin a new academic year grateful for the steps we have taken, roots we have planted, and graces we have been given to build our school community.

Our theme for the year, "Growing Stronger Together," is inspired by Pope Francis' mission to celebrate families and by his upcoming visit to our archdiocese. In that same spirit, we look forward to moving through the new school year in a way that shares in the celebration of each individual family and in the

unity of all on a much larger family tree. Together, we grow stronger as the SRS family. **OPT**

Cardinal William Baum buried at St. Matthew's Cathedral

Cardinal Baum, died at age 88 on July 23. He was the Archbishop of Washington from 1973-1980, and he also served as a cardinal for 39 years – the longest tenure in U.S. history. Following the Mass, Cardinal Baum was laid to rest in the crypt of the Cathedral, where his predecessor, Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle and his successor Cardinal James Hickey, are also interred. Cardinal Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington, celebrated the life of Cardinal William Wakefield Baum in a Mass of Christian Burial at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle on July 31.

"We gather today so that we might with faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and his pledge to us of new life remember and celebrate the life and ministry of Cardinal Baum, thank God for it and pray to God for our dear beloved pastor and friend," Cardinal Wuerl said as he recalled the life and legacy of Cardinal Baum in his homily.

Cardinal Wuerl recalled a recent visit with Cardinal Baum, who had retired to the Jeanne Jugan Residence in Washington, D.C., and

was cared for by the Little Sisters of the Poor. "This particular day, we reflected on what it will mean to say we see God face to face... Now he knows the answer."

Cardinal Baum was a man of faith who many times in his life heard God's call and responded, the cardinal said. He noted that in his thirties, Cardinal Baum was already recognized as one of the Catholic Church's authorities on interfaith relations, serving as an advisor on ecumenical matters at the Second Vatican Council and later as the first executive director of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. He was also a co-founder of the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, one of the first such institutions in our nation bringing together leadership of many religious traditions, the cardinal noted.

"In this Cathedral Church are many who can attest to the quiet, profound and absolutely unshakable faith in the Church as part of God's plan that marked the life of Cardinal Baum," the cardinal said. "His was

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What's New

In keeping with our theme, SRS welcomes the arrival of new staff for the 2015-16 school year: Nichole Isola as first grade teacher; Michelle Roche as fourth grade teacher; Yolanda Santana as Spanish teacher; Joseph DeLorenzo as media specialist; and Carole Matteo as kindergarten assistant. St. Raphael Nursery School has also expanded with the addition of an afternoon enrichment session for three-year-olds staffed by Molly Nagel and Kelly Kimmel.

Other new preschool teachers include Catherine Williams and Tricia Banaszewski in the 4's program, and Cleofe "Fely" Martínez as enrichment assistant. Also, through Maryland's Aging Schools Program, the classroom floors in the early childhood wing at St. Raphael's have a fresh new look.

After school this year, SRS will host Regnum Christi's Leadership Training Program for boys, which is dedicated to the formation of leadership characteristics and virtues through mentoring, public speaking, and fun activities.

What's Ahead

Fall events at St. Raphael School that promise to be memorable:

Aug. 31: Opening Mass and festivities welcome new and returning students alike.

Sept. 14: St. Raphael Golf Classic remembers Fr. Bill Finch in a day of golf, fellowship, and a memorial reception.

Sept. 25: Grandparent's Day shares St. Raphael School with beloved grandparents through a special Mass, classroom visits, and brunch.

Oct. 3: Angels on the Run 5K invites all to a morning fun run and school-spirited celebration.

Oct. 19: SRS Open House welcomes interested parents to a presentation and tour of our facilities.

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The St. Jude Youth Group inside of the National Shrine of St. John Neumann.

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and mission to help and serve the black and Native American communities. The group then had the opportunity to pray over St. Katharine's tomb and leave written intentions in the Apache Burden basket located next to her crypt.

Following the tour, Fr. Raul celebrated a private mass for the youth in the St. Elizabeth Chapel, built in memory of Elizabeth Drexel Smith, sister of St. Katharine Drexel. The teens were able to sit where Katharine herself sat, along with the other nuns in the religious order she founded, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. They also got to see the banner that was hung at the Vatican for Katharine's canonization by St. Pope John Paul II in October of 2000. The visit to this first saint concluded with a Rosary walk and a picnic lunch on the grounds of the shrine.

On Tuesday, the group visited the National Shrine of St. John Neumann in Philadelphia, where they were also given a tour, able to see multiple artifacts, watch a video about one of the miracles conceded through the intercession of Bishop Neumann in 1963, and pray over the

saint's tomb, whose remains are remarkably well preserved. The teens learned about this incredibly hard-working missionary, nicknamed the "Little Bishop," who became the first man to profess his vows as a Redemptorist in America and who served some time in Baltimore prior to serving in Philadelphia. The group was also able to attend Mass co-celebrated by Fr. Raul, with the rest of the congregation, and receive a blessing with a first class relic of St. John Neumann.

The youth group also had the opportunity to share in fellowship at an evening BBQ hosted by a couple from St. Mary Magdalen Parish, as well as do some sight-seeing in Philly, and visit the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, where Pope Francis will be celebrating Mass for local religious on September 26. The pilgrimage was truly a beautiful way to wrap up a fruitful youth group year, and learn of the importance of serving others and striving for holiness.

Following Fr. Raul's re-assignment, the SJ youth group will be led by Fr. Daniele Rebggiani and assisted by a group of young adult volunteers. The youth group's kick-off meeting will be Friday, Sept. 11, 7-9pm, and continue every Friday thereafter. To join St. Jude's Youth Group and find out about upcoming events, email: Daniele.Rebggiani@stjuderockville.org.

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Farewell Fr. Raul and Welcome Fr. Daniele

Nearly 1,000 parishioners turned out to say "Thank you and farewell" to Fr. Raul DeLeon, former parochial vicar at the Shrine of St. Jude. Fr. Raul has been reassigned to Our Lady Queen of the Americas parish in Washington, DC. Although Fr. Raul only served at the Shrine for two years, the impact he made on the parish and the youth group was greatly felt and he will be missed. Pictured, from top left, are Fr.

Raul with David Sanchez, the SJ Youth Group in a group hug, and the Thaddeus Room filled to the brim with those saying thank you.



As parishioners were saying goodbye to Fr. Raul, they also welcomed newly ordained Fr. Daniele Rebggiani as Parochial Vicar. Fr. Daniele, a native of Italy, will assume the duties of Fr. Raul with the church's youth group.

St. Jude Sodality Honors

At its annual dinner in May, Fr. Ken Gill was gifted a painting of The Prodigal Son by the Our Lady of the Wayside Sodality at the Shrine of St. Jude as a thank you for being their moderator. Additionally, Tanya Emanuele, pictured seated with Fr. Gill, was named the sodality's Woman of the Year. Both the gift and the award were presented by Nancy Biggin, Prefect of the Sodality (standing).



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Pastoral Council to Host Fellowship Sundays

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the fourth Sunday of every month, September through June.

This extension of our inter-cultural reception will provide all parishioners and guests an opportunity to meet with Pastoral Council members, discuss ongoing activities within the parish, and share in light refreshments. Mark your calendars for the first St. Jude Fellowship Sunday set for September 27.

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Thanks to SJ Volunteers at VBS

Thanks to Marilyn Mullan and her team of hard-working, creative teachers – Linda Grant, Terry Heineman, Clare Kuzma, Cecilia Rowedder, Ann Sheetz, Helen Toussant, and Liz Welton – 65 campers from Pre-K to fourth grade had a great time at SJ Vacation Bible School. Special thanks as well to the many youth group leaders and captains that helped out this year.

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Belated congratulations to the Class of 2015. We hope they have had a summer full of fun and we wish them the best as they embark on the next step of their educational journey. The halls won't be the same without you!



Kindergarten

Each year the St. Mary's Kindergarten class plants a garden during the school year. It is a great science lesson and an opportunity to discuss healthy eating choices. Well, the harvest is bountiful! We can't wait for the now first grade class to see their crop.

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BAUM

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a ministry of engagement not confrontation. Nowhere was this more evident than in his ministry here in this archdiocese," he said, noting how Cardinal Baum worked to bring healing and unity during the unrest of the 1970s.

Cardinal Wuerl related how he came to know Cardinal Baum during this time while working on a catechism for adults. They would again work together after Cardinal Baum was appointed Prefect of the

Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education in 1980. Cardinal Baum also later served as Major Penitentiary at the Vatican, as well as serving as a member of other curial offices in Rome.

"Underlining this diversity of assignments was Cardinal Baum's total dedication to a single vision – the vision of the priesthood as Christ at work in the world and his personal, firm commitment to serve the Lord as his priest, which he did for 64 years," said the cardinal. Cardinal Baum "responded faithfully to the call to become an image of Jesus, dedicated to maintaining Christ's love and teaching, leading

and sanctifying those entrusted to his care."

In concluding his reflections, Cardinal Wuerl said that our tears in mourning the death of this beloved pastor and friend "are wiped away today. We pray with confidence that our brother now may enter the presence of God whom he now sees face to face. May his life be a blessing for all of us, may his witness be an example to each of us and may his faith and ours be the force that wipes away our tears in anticipation of when we too hope to see God face to face."

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Camping Out

Is It September Already?

There have been no lazy days of summer at St. Mary's School. The faculty and staff have spent the better part of the break preparing for School Year 2015-16. And now it is nearly upon us.

Teachers have been expanding their training, the custodial staff has been sprucing up the building and everyone is ready to welcome back the students on August 31.

One of the bigger projects of the summer has been the renovation of the boys' restroom that serves the lower grades and the general public when events are taking place in the school. Chesapeake Finishing did a fantastic job on a similar job for the girls' bathroom so we can't wait for the big reveal!

The Papal visit will, no doubt, be a highlight of Fall for the entire Archdiocese. Watch for our Papal Countdown on our Facebook page (St. Mary's Catholic School Rockville) for fun facts and Papal trivia.

There are many other exciting events planned for the school year, many of which are inaugural and sure to become treasured traditions. A sampling includes Mother/Son Fun Night, Father Daughter

Dance, Sip and Shop and Father/Son Service Day.

Welcome back, we hope you are excited as we are to put our best foot forward!

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This summer, St. Mary's added a variety of camps to their schedule as a means of meeting the demand for more interesting and educational options for students. And it turned out to be a brilliant idea. With sessions like drama, STEM, math review and themed kindergarten camp the expansion was a huge success. Teachers were pleased to welcome non-St. Mary's students and introduce them to the school and faculty.

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Mrs. Peggy Durney: Building on Sr. Kathleen's Blue Ribbon Legacy

Fr. Calis, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, knew he was facing a huge challenge when Sr. Kathleen Lannak I.H.M. announced that she would retire at the end of the 2014/2015 school year. He immediately pulled together a search committee to help find the best candidate to carry

on Sr. Kathleen's legacy. In April, he informed the parish that Mrs. Margaret (Peggy) Durney had been selected to be our school's next principal. At the time, no one realized how little time there would be for Sr. Kathleen to share her 35 years of experience with Mrs. Durney.

Sr. Kathleen and Mrs. Durney met at the end of the school year, when Sister invited Mrs. Durney to a faculty luncheon scheduled to help everyone meet and ease into the coming transition. Once Mrs. Durney officially started in July, the two began to meet for a few hours each day, even though Sr. Kathleen's health was rapidly failing. Sr. Kathleen insisted that Mrs. Durney sit behind the desk during these meetings and let her know "when she became a pest." Mrs. Durney found Sr. Kathleen a "gracious and good woman" whose sense of humor made their time together a pleasure.

During the interview process Mrs. Durney was asked to describe the tone she would set for the school. She replied, "Compassionate," and elaborated on the importance of teaching the children to be kind to fellow human beings. She didn't realize how closely her response reflected the current focus of the school until Sr. Kathleen told her she had no concerns for its future; the two administrators "had the same heart." Both believed that the children come first, and made this



Inspired

Mrs. Durney created a photo collage in the lobby to document the school's IHM heritage as inspiration to present and future students and faculty. Photo by Monica Bradford



Countdown

Mrs. Durney meets with Mrs. McClellan, Mrs. Colburn, and Mrs. McNickle to prepare for the first day of school. Photo by Monica Bradford

priority their guiding star.

On Sr. Kathleen's last day at St. John's, Mrs. Durney went to the convent to discuss last minute items

and to receive the key ring with over 30 keys. Mrs. Durney sensed that Sr. Kathleen was at peace and

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SR KATHLEEN

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God's plan for us. For this reason, it came as a shock to many when Sr. Kathleen died in July, little more than a week after she had moved to the IHM residence in Scranton, Pa.

Many parishioners traveled to Scranton to pay their respects to Sr. Kathleen, known as Aunt Kay or Sr. Kay to her family and friends. A vespers service was held the afternoon before the August 5 funeral. Sister Ellen Maroney, IHM President, made introductory remarks. "How vivid are our images of Sr. Kay sharing her many gifts with a vitality and spirit that usually left the rest of us exhausted! For 61 years, Sr. Kay witnessed her dedication to God above all and to serving others through the thousands of



Honoring One of their Own

IHM Sisters gather on the altar with Sr. Kathleen after the special liturgy marking her retirement. Photo by Michael Colella

students, parents, and teachers that benefitted from her professional and generous service... Her ability

to instill confidence and a commitment to service in students as well as teachers and parents was legendary... For a very long time we will draw strength and wisdom from Sr. Kay's ever-questing spirit."

Following Sr. Ellen's remarks, the floor was open to anyone who wanted to share a remembrance of Sr. Kathleen. Peg Daly, an active parish volunteer whose four children graduated from the school,



2014 Principal of the Year

Sr. Kathleen sporting a blue sash given to her by the children in recognition of her award. Photo by Michael Colella

recalled: "Many stories were shared by the IHM sisters, her family, and several St. John's parishioners that were present. Some of the Sisters had known Sr. Kay since grade school. A constant theme emerged from the stories: Sr. Kathleen accepted everyone, she had friends and followers wherever she went, she had a great sense of humor,

she instilled confidence in those she mentored, she turned most conversations with her into teaching moments, she loved her faith and trusted in God's divine providence. It was so wonderful to hear all of the great stories!"

St. John's Pastor Rev. Joseph Calis presided at the funeral. Msgr. John H. Louis and Msgr. William J. English were Concelebrants, and Sr. Roberta and Sr. Daniel Mary did the readings. Carla Haywood, a parishioner and school parent, remarked, "All the services in Scranton reflected the profound depth of love and appreciation of Sr. Kathleen from everyone she encountered during her lifetime and the beautiful charisma of the IHMs. While there certainly were a lot of tears, there was also a lot of laughter and shared remembrance."

At the funeral, Sr. Kathleen's niece Ann said, "It is impossible to distill down into a sentence a lifetime of love." Individuals who were unable to attend the services posted comments online, trying to do just that. Lexi Thomas, a graduate of the parish school and a past employee of the parish, came close when she posted: "Sister Kathleen, the life you had was something to truly marvel at. Your life was never your own, but always about others. You lived for a higher purpose, not to fulfill your needs, but God's. You taught me to love life, to grow from difficulties, to try and leave people better than I found them, to dance like no one's watching, to give back, and most of all — to love and build others up." Sr. Ellen Maroney was right when she said that by teaching us to "make a difference in one person's life each day," Sr. Kathleen had left "footprints on our hearts."

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A Memorial Mass for Sr. Kathleen Lannak, IHM will be held at St. John the Evangelist in Silver Spring, MD on Saturday, August 29 at 11:00 a.m. in the Main Church, with a remembrance and reception to follow in the school auditorium. We hope many of you will join us as we honor Sr. Kathleen as a parish and school community.

DURNEY

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believed the transition would be OK. As the first lay principal of St. John the Evangelist School, Mrs. Durney is determined to maintain the heritage that the IHM sisters brought to the school. She said, "I want to make sure Sister Kathleen's initiatives come to fruition and that she and the other Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are remembered for the remarkable heritage they have left us."

Mrs. Durney comes well-prepared to build on Sr. Kathleen's legacy. She attended Catholic grade school, has taught computer skills and mathematics in Catholic elementary and secondary schools, gained administrative experience as Assistant Principal at the Academy of the Holy Cross (AHC), and is a doctoral candidate in Instructional Leadership. Coming from AHC, Mrs. Durney knows firsthand how well St. John's prepares students for high school. She calls St. John's "a little gem," where the students do well on testing while also being "the nicest kids." The challenge facing her as principal will be "to

maintain the high academic standards the school is known for and to continue integrating technology as a valuable teaching tool."

Mrs. Durney was a member of St. John's Parish when she first moved to Maryland and was married in the historic church. "When Fr. Calis offered me the position of principal, I knew I had come home," she says, and she is thrilled to find the families "as welcoming as they were all those years ago." Returning to elementary education will allow her to be part of a community that extends beyond the school. She looks forward to getting to know the parents and other parishioners. Most of all, she looks forward to the smiling faces greeting her each morning.

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Summer with the Son

More than 100 children ages 4-9 and dozens of youth and adult volunteers participated in SJE's SonSpark Labs VBS in July. Using scientific principles to illustrate Bible truths was a fun way to engage everyone in learning about Jesus and his love.

Maryland Bishops Call for Compassion in Addressing Needs of Vulnerable Immigrant Children

On July 23, 2014, the Catholic bishops of Maryland issued a statement calling for compassion and the welcoming spirit of Christ for those fleeing the violence of Central America; and especially for the children.

"We cannot turn our back on these children. They are fleeing to us because they know there are warm hearts and helping hands in America – and for so many immigrants, a home in the Catholic Church, no matter where their journey takes them. We must not prove them wrong," the bishops wrote. The complete statement is on our Immigration Page.

Interfaith leaders have gathered together with Governor O'Malley to see how people of faith can help and welcome these migrants and unaccompanied children. As we identify ways for parishes and parishioners to help, we will let you know. In the meantime, please give generously to Catholic Charities USA.

The Archdiocese of Baltimore is led by Archbishop William E. Lori. The Archdiocese of Washington is led by Cardinal Donald Wuerl. The Diocese of Wilmington is led by Bishop Francis Malooly.

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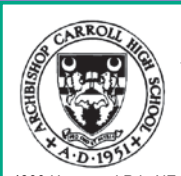


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Freshman Application Deadline **December 15**

Freshman Notification of Admission **Feb. 2016**

Freshman Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **December 15**

Registration Deposit Due **Mid-March 2016**

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Open House

Sunday, November 1
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Entrance Exam Archdiocesan test results required

Application Deadline **December 3**

Notification of Admission **February 18**

Archdiocesan Financial Aid Application Required

Registration Deposit Due **Mid March**

Roadrunners
Scarlet, Gold, and White



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Open House

Sunday, October 18
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
REGISTER ONLINE

Admissions Process: Please visit www.gprep.org to set up your admissions account. Also, be sure to set up your Hoya-for-a-Day visit.

Application Deadline **Jan. 5, 2016**

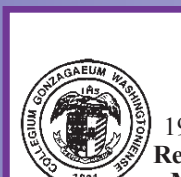
Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Jan. 5, 2016**

Notification of Admission **Feb. 25, 2016**

Registration Deposit Due **March 11, 2016**

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10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Entrance Exam Archdiocesan test results are required.

Application Deadline **December 10**


Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Jan. 11, 2016**

Notification of Admission **Feb. 25, 2016**

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Prospective Parent INFORMATION
NIGHT
Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015
7:00 PM

Freshman Application Deadline **Dec. 11, 2015**

Freshman Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Dec. 11, 2015**

Freshman Notification of Admission **Feb. 25, 2016**

Freshman Registration **Friday, March 11, 2016**

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Freshman Application Deadline **Dec. 4, 2015**


Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Jan. 4, 2016**

Freshman Notification of Admission **Feb. 24, 2016**

Registration Deposit Due **Mid-March 2016**

Cubs • Gold, White & Green

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Admissions Deadline for Full Consideration **Jan. 22, 2016**

Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Jan. 22, 2016**

Notification of Admission **Feb. 25, 2016**

Registration Deposit Due **March 11, 2016**

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Open Houses

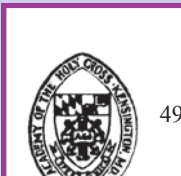
Upper School
Sunday, November 1 11AM-1PM
Middle School Preview Days
Online Registration for Middle School Preview Days begins in September.
Entrance Examinations:
Middle and Upper School SSAT

Application Deadline & Financial Aid Appl. Deadline
UPPER SCHOOL
December 4
MIDDLE SCHOOL
February 1

Notification of Admission:
UPPER SCHOOL
Feb 19
MIDDLE SCHOOL
March 2

Reg. Deposit Due:
Mid March

Tuition: \$29,716 Upper School; \$26,471 Middle School • Financial Aid: Meghan Cross



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Washington Catholic Athletic Conference

Special Programs

IB Diploma Programme AP & Honors Courses 1-to-1 iPad Program Senior Project Internship

Open House

Sunday, November 8
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Entrance Exam HSPT (Offered at Holy Cross Dec. 5, 2015)

Application Deadline **Dec. 14, 2015**


Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Jan. 11, 2016**

Notification of Admission **February 2016**

Registration Deposit Due **March 11, 2016**

Tartans • Lavender & White

Freshman Class Size: 130 • Tuition: \$21,575 • Financial Aid: 301-942-2100



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Application Deadline **Feb. 2, 2016**


Tuition Assistance Appl. Deadline **Feb. 5, 2016**

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Open House

Sunday November 1
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Entrance Exam Dates November 14 December 12 January 16
Exam also offered by appointment

Application Deadline: **Rolling**

Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Feb. 1, 2016**


Notification of Admission: **Feb. 25, 2016**

Registration Deposit Due **March 15, 2016**

Panthers
Maroon & Grey

Benedictine School

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HSPT Entrance Exam Saturday, December 5 8:30AM
Registration 9:00AM
Testing begins

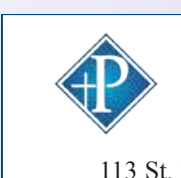
Application Deadline **Rolling**
Admissions

Financial Aid & Scholarship Appl. Deadline **Dec. 14, 2015**

8th Grade Acceptance Day **Feb. 19, 2016**

Registration Deposit Due **March 18, 2016**

Freshman Class Size: 65 • Tuition: \$15,785 • Financial Aid: Michael Schultz @ 301-662-4210 • www.saintjohnsprep.org



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Financial Aid Application Deadline **Jan. 3, 2016**

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Application Deadline **Dec. 11, 2015**

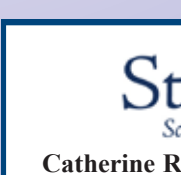
Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Feb. 1, 2016**

Notification of Admission **Feb. 25, 2016**

Registration Deposit Due **March 12, 2016**

Cadets
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Open House

High School
Sunday, Oct. 18 12:00 – 2:30 pm
All School
Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan. 7 8:45 am

Required Entrance Exam: SSAT
Register at www.ssat.org (School Code: 7494)

Application Deadline **Dec. 4, 2015**

Financial Aid Deadline **Jan. 15, 2016**

Notification of Admission **Late February**

Registration Deposit Due **Early March**

The Gators
Blue & Gold

Freshman Class Size: 85 • Tuition: \$30,900 • Financial Aid Available

Fr. Santiago Martin, Parochial Vicar, Mother Seton Parish

I was born in Segovia, a small city near Madrid, Spain, in 1978, so this year I will be 37 years old. I am the second of two children. As a teenager, I enjoyed practicing sports and so I became a primary school teacher of physical education. In 2003, I moved to Madrid to work as a teacher in a public school. Regarding my journey of faith, I began to grow in the parish church of my city as an ordinary child. At the age of fourteen, I was surrounded by many questions and dissatisfactions as many other teenagers. However, I found in the Neocatechumenal Way a way to answer the needs of my spiritual life. The Neocatechumenal Way is a charism that arose after the Second Vatican Council in Spain and is spread all over the world. It is an itinerary of adult faith approved and encouraged by the last three Popes.

Along my journey of faith, I had the privilege to attend almost all the World Youth Day pilgrimages since Loreto 1995 in Italy. At the age of twenty seven, after two years living in Madrid and working as a teacher, I felt the call to the priesthood. This call was confirmed in the World Youth Day that took place in Colon,



Fr. Santiago Martin

Germany, in the summer of 2005. After nine years of seminary formation living in the United States, I was ordained deacon in June, 2014. As deacon, I was assigned to serve at St. Martin of Tours Parish in Gaithersburg. On June 20, 2015, I was ordained priest and assigned to Mother Seton Parish. I pray that God may give me a pastoral heart for ministering to all of you in all your needs, and I ask you for your prayers as well.

OPT

Dynamic Religious Education Program at Mother Seton

By Mrs. Dominique Seraphin, Director of Religious Education

Young people today are faced with many options – many choices. At some point, they'll begin to see the need to set priorities. They also begin to realize that to become the person they want to become – the person God wants them to be – will take many types of learning or formation; for example, intellectual, emotional, physical, vocational, religious and spiritual. Balanced formation will provide them with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in our modern society. Their Catholic faith formation is vital to helping them lead a joyful and productive life and to ultimately reach their final goal – heaven.

This year at Mother Seton School of Religion, our dynamic program will consist of various components of catechesis which will incorporate both teaching and tangible elements that will allow for a much greater experience for both students and their families, ultimately allowing their faith to become alive in a very real way. The essential goals of our program are to not only prepare

each student to encounter Christ, but to also reconnect with their families, meet their needs and join them in the reality of their daily lives.

Classes will begin on Monday, September 14, and Wednesday, September 16. This year we are making a few changes to accommodate the later start of the school day by Montgomery County Schools. Our early session is from 4:45p.m.-6:00p.m., and our late session is from 6:30p.m.-7:45p.m. We will gather in the Church and be seated by class to pray as a parish community. School of Religion classes are also offered in Spanish on Saturdays at 4:45p.m. Spanish School of Religion begins on Saturday, September 19.

It is our hope that as our children encounter Christ, they will understand and value even more the Catholic Faith. For more information visit our parish website at www.mothersetonparish.org or contact the School of Religion, 301-444-3496.

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Interested In Becoming Catholic?

It is through the Church and in the Church that we meet Christ. If you or someone you know desires to be baptized or receive full communion with us in the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish office by email at motherannseton@gmail.com.

Classes begin on Monday, September 21.

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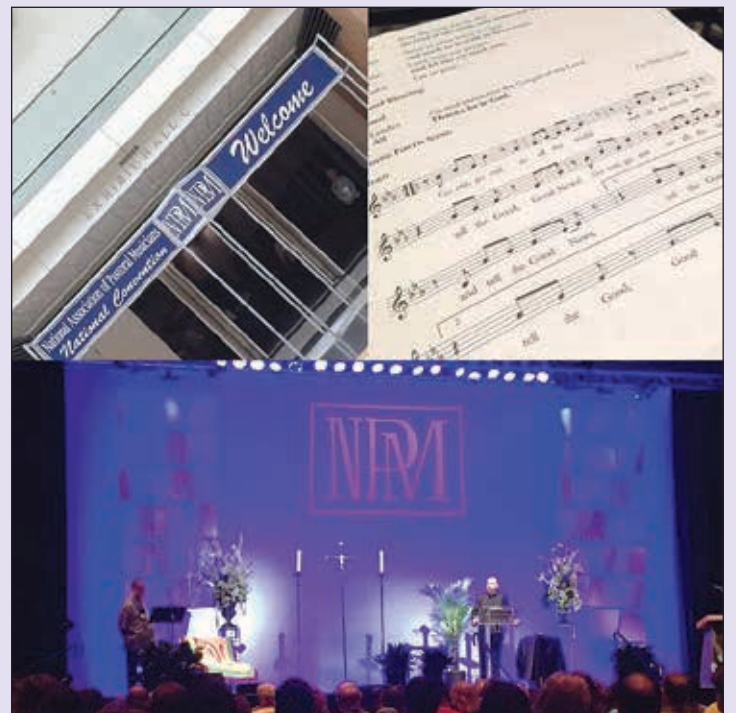
Called to Joy and Hope, Let the Servant Church Arise! *Liturgical Music Convention*

By Mrs. Amy Massey, Director of Music

From July 6-10, the annual convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. NPM is an international organization that brings together pastoral musicians from all walks of life, from clergy and music directors to the parish music volunteer. **Called to Joy and Hope** was the 38th annual NPM convention, but the first that I was privileged to attend.

For the five days in Grand Rapids, there was barely a moment to rest as the convention was packed with enriching plenum sessions each morning and small workshops throughout the day. Rev. Richard Fragomeni and Ronald Patrick Raab, CSC were two speakers in particular at the morning plenum sessions that spoke to my core and helped to affirm me in my vocation and calling as not only a musician, but as a servant in the church.

The life of a parish music director can be isolating. Since most of our work is done on the weekends, there isn't much opportunity to visit other parishes, hear music from other parts of the county or meet other parish musicians. The convention provides a short glimpse into what is



Called to Joy and Hope was the name of this year's National Association of Pastoral Musicians convention.

going on in the world of church music and allows the attendee to participate in beautiful liturgies and sing music from many styles, traditions and languages. While the worship and daily sessions were inspiring, the most invigorating part of the experience was meeting new friends, sharing ideas and praying together over

our five days in Grand Rapids.

NPM is open to all parish musicians and liturgists, no matter the level of involvement. To learn more about NPM, buy recordings of the sessions from the national convention (plenum sessions are well worth your time and money) or to join NPM visit their website at www.npm.org.

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Group Picture at MAC Week

Teens and Adults working Together to Help Others during MAC Week!

By Mrs. Jill Brodrick, Youth Minister

Our second annual Middle School Service Camp, MAC Week also known as Mission, Action & Compassion took place in July at the Middle Creek Christian Retreat Center in Fairfield, PA.

Brian Werth from St. Elizabeth and Jill Brodrick from Mother Seton led the week with 75 teens and 24 chaperones from St. Elizabeth, Mother Seton, St. Raphael, Little Flower, St. Rose of Lima, Holy Cross, Holy Redeemer, Our Lady

of Vietnam and St. Mary of the Mills. The teens spent their days volunteering at twelve different places in the surrounding areas of Gettysburg and Emmitsburg.

The staff and volunteers at the Upper County Senior Center, First Baptist Church of Gettysburg, South Central Community Action Program, The Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Joseph Ministry, Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve, Adams Rescue Mission and Gettysburg College, Tender Care

Pregnancy Center and Operation Community Care were invaluable as they helped and supported us throughout the week.

The teens worked hard outside picking fruits and vegetables & pulling weeds, sorting endless items at the thrift shop and bagging groceries and handing the food out to families at the food pantries. In addition, they built rewarding relationships bringing Christ to others playing games, singing songs,

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A Very Busy Summer for SJB's Youth Group

By Molly DiPippo, with Alison Fram

The youth at St. John the Baptist have had a busy summer. Between monthly cook-outs, volunteering at So Others Might Eat (some) in DC, having a "Praise and Worship" night, hosting a recording artist for Summer Kickoff, and both fundraising for and going on a week-long service trip, the summer has flown by.

"The youth ministry program at SJB is based on providing opportunities for social, service-oriented, and spiritual growth for our high school students. Two of our larger events this summer that embodied those elements were the Marie Miller Concert and our high school service trip to Philadelphia," stated Alison Fram, Director of Youth Ministry.

The June 14 Marie Miller concert, Miller's third at SJB since 2012, took place in the SJB Gym. Miller is a popular recording artist with Curb Records. Her song "6'2" was featured on Dancing with the Stars in 2014, and her song "You're Not Alone" was #1 on

Billboard Christian Hot AC/CHR Charts in 2013.

Miller played a combination of her songs, and several of the teens' favorite hits. She incorporates her faith into her concerts. For example, "6'2" is about praying to God for her future husband.

Miller has been invited to join Pope Francis on stage during the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. She will be performing during the Festival of Families on September 26 in front of an audience of more than 700,000 people and for millions watching it on a broadcast.

"I have a feeling that Marie Miller's status will soar in the coming months after her performance for Pope Francis. We have been VERY lucky to have her share her beautiful music with us. Her voice is so strong when she sings live and she is very comfortable engaging a teenage audience," said Fram.

The Philadelphia Service trip from July 11-18 saw 13 teens and 6 adults (parish staff and volunteers) travel to St. Veronica's Parish



St. John's Service Trip to Philadelphia



Marie Miller Performs at SJB!

MAC WEEK

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going on walks and attending Mass with the elderly and young children at the nursing home, senior center, Shrine and kids camp. Mike Tenney, our program leader, led the teens all week with amazing praise and worship and personal testimonies. His message of preaching the Gospel at all times allows us to be Christ to others in our daily lives. Our afternoons and evenings were filled with many different activities including swimming, nine square in the air, basketball, a bonfire, talent show and Adoration and confession.

The personal relationships that the teens and adult made with one



Volunteers and Teens at Operation Community Care

another and the people they helped changed lives. It is by allowing God to work in us and through us that we are able to share the fruits and blessings of authentic love and friendship. Special thanks to everyone's unending help and support

and the many prayers that made our week possible. Please contact Brian at Werth@stelizabethchurchmd.org, or Jill Brodrick at mspyouth09@gmail.com if you are interested in helping us or would like more information.

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in North Philadelphia to run a Vacation Bible School (VBS) camp for approximately 50 Pre-K-8th grade students. SJB brought everything needed to run and staff the camp for the week. At night, activities were planned to unwind after a hard day's work.

"This year we went to downtown Philly to run up the "Rocky Steps" and eat a Philly Cheesesteak. We also went out for ice cream with the Sisters and Priests from St. Veronica's, as well as bowling and laser-tagging with the Sisters and Priests and a few of their parishioners who were involved with camp" Fram said.

"As challenging as the week was between this being the first time most of the volunteers ran VBS, and working at least 9 hours a day with little sleep, those of us from SJB felt we received far more than anything we gave. We had the love of the children almost right from the start, were totally embraced

by the Priests and Sisters, felt a part of their parish family, and met incredibly giving volunteers at St. Veronica's," said Fram.

Plans are being made for a continued relationship with St. Veronica's and another camp week in 2106. Teens and volunteer chaperones have already offered to sign up.

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White House Conference on Aging showcases physical activity through Go4Life Month Campaign asks seniors to "Be Active Every Day!"

In collaboration with the White House Conference on Aging, **Go4Life**, the national exercise and physical activity campaign for people 50+ from the National Institute on Aging (NIA) at the National Institutes of Health is bringing together more than a hundred federal, state and local partners to encourage older adults to move more and stay active for better health with advancing age.

In September, the campaign will celebrate **Go4Life Month** with the

theme of "Be Active Every Day!" Campaign partners across America will mark the month by increasing awareness and sponsoring activities that engage community members, of all ages, in exercise and physical activities they enjoy. This community focus of **Go4Life Month**, the NIA hopes, will help expand the reach of the campaign so that increasing numbers of older adults can reap the benefits of exercise and physical activity.

Go4Life is based on research

showing that exercise can help prevent many of the chronic conditions and disability associated with aging. Despite the growing list of benefits of exercise for people of all ages, U.S. adults tend to become less active as they age. **Go4Life** helps by providing information and motivational tools to help older adults increase their physical activity and by working with local and national organizations to provide an environment that supports these efforts.



"It's never too late for exercise to have a positive effect on your health," said NIA Director Richard J. Hodes, M.D. "We know that exercise can reduce the risk of heart disease, obesity, stroke, diabetes and other chronic conditions. One recent study found that even sedentary people in their 70s and 80s improved mobility and reduced risk of disability through a regular program of structured physical activity."

"The establishment of **Go4Life Month** will help draw attention to the critical importance of exercise with age and the resources that we can provide to support adults who

want to do more," Hodes said.

The heart of the **Go4Life** campaign is an interactive website – **Go4Life.nia.nih.gov** – with sample exercises, success stories, and free materials to motivate the growing numbers of baby boomers—and their parents—to get ready, start exercising and keep going to improve their health and achieve a better quality of life. For a list of activities planned thus far for **Go4Life Month**, go to **Go4life.nia.nih.gov/event-list**.

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Sept. 28

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Montgomery County Faith Community Advisory Council

Upcoming Events

■ Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

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WHEN: Thursday, September 3, 8:30 am - 5 pm

WHERE: 1000 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville

DETAILS: Mental Health Association of Montgomery

County, www.mhamc.org

■ Houses of Worship Tour

Visit the Muslim Community Center and the Guru Nanak Foundation of America's Sikh Temple

WHEN: Wednesday, September 9, 10 am - 2 pm

WHERE: Silver Spring

DETAILS: Leadership Montgomery, www.leadership-montgomerymd.org

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On 50th Anniversary of Medicare and Medicaid, Four Ways to Make Them Even Better

Fifty years ago, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the bills that created Medicare and Medicaid. Today, Medicare covers 55 million Americans, about 17% of the U.S. population. With emerging new payment and delivery models, it continues to shape innovations throughout America's health care system. Medicaid provides a lifeline for the most vulnerable Americans, covering more than 9.6 million low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities by paying for long-term services and supports and assisting with Medicare premiums and cost-sharing.

But as the demographics of America change, so too must Medicare and Medicaid to keep up. National Council on Aging (NCOA) sees four opportunities for improvement:

1. Find a bipartisan solution to long-term services and supports financing.

Most people mistakenly believe that Medicare covers long-term services and supports (LTSS). In fact, Medicaid offers this coverage – but only after individuals and their families are forced to spend-down into poverty to qualify. Private long-term care insurance is an option for some, but unavailable to those with pre-existing conditions and too expensive for most. “The number of Americans needing long-term supports and services will more than double in the coming decades—affecting 27 million Americans by 2050,” said Joe Caldwell, NCOA Director of Long-Term Services and Supports Policy. “We can’t wait. Finding a solution to LTSS financing will take public and private collaboration to offer options that are varied and affordable. We also must do more within Medicaid to allow people to get the care they need at home instead of in costly nursing homes.”

2. Help low-income people with Medicare access benefits that make health care affordable.

Today's Medicare beneficiaries have a median income of just \$23,500. While Medicare has made substantial strides in the past 50 years to reduce out-of-pocket health care costs for older adults, the job is not finished. Congress recently made Medicare's Qualifying Individual (QI) assistance program permanent, offering much-needed help for low-income individuals struggling to pay their premiums and cost-sharing. Yet, less than half of those eligible for this and other low-income protection programs actually receive it.

“State Health Insurance Assistance Programs help eligible individuals understand and apply for low-income support, but Senate appropriators have proposed cutting these services by over 42%. With the senior population growing, we need to support and expand programs that assist and enroll eligible individuals,” said Leslie Fried, Senior Director of NCOA's Center for Benefits Access.

3. Improve chronic care, prevention, and self-management.

Thanks to a series of reforms over the past decade, people with Medicare have easier access to many preventive programs and services. But more needs to be done, such as reducing expensive elder falls and promoting access to chronic disease self-management education for the millions of Americans with multiple chronic conditions.

“Evidence-based chronic disease self-management and falls prevention programs have been proven to reduce hospital and emergency room costs and improve health,” said James Firman, NCOA President



and CEO. “We’re living longer than ever before, but we’re not support-

ing access to programs and services that can help us age well.”

4. Focus on the facts.

Too often, conversations about the future of Medicare include words like “bankruptcy” and “insolvency.” The truth is that the program is in good financial shape. The July 2015 Medicare Trustees Report found that the Medicare Part A Hospital Insurance Trust Fund is fully funded through 2030—and can pay 86% of its obligations thereafter. The Trust Fund applies to Part A, which comprises only about a third of Medicare spending. “The reality is that growth in Medicare per-person costs are at a historic low, and the outlook for

future spending as a percentage of the total economy has improved significantly,” said Bedlin. “While the number of older adults aging into Medicare is increasing, many baby boomers are health aware and are seeking reliable information on how to choose the right Medicare coverage that can save them and the program money.”

As Medicare and Medicaid mark their 50th anniversary, NCOA's goal is to find bipartisan solutions to improve both programs, so they continue to meet the evolving needs of America's senior and vulnerable populations.

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Saint Francis Summer Academy



Saint Francis Summer Academy students learn to use robot rovers.



Above, summer Academy students show off what they've learned during the science symposium. Below, summer Academy students demonstrate their creative abilities with a play about the Greek gods.

Nearly seventy young people participated in this year's Saint Francis Summer Academy. This year the Summer Academy grew with the addition of a new arts and humanities enrichment class.

As in past years, the Saint Francis Summer Academy included traditional summer school opportunities in reading, writing, and math for elementary and middle school students looking to improve their fundamental skills. The Summer Academy also included classes for Pre-K and Kindergarten students to "Get Ready" for the next level up.

For the second year in a row, the Saint Francis Summer Academy included a science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) enrichment class that was by far the most popular program offered. The STEM enrichment class included many hands-on

activities including robot rovers, trips to a nearby stream to study water quality, computer programming, and many other activities.

The STEM and arts and humanities classes ended the four week Summer Academy with a symposium and dramatic performance. During the final week of the Academy students in these classes prepared presentations to show to all of the other Summer Academy students as well as parents and other visitors. The symposium was capped off by the arts and humanities students performing two short plays based on Greek mythology.

As always the Saint Francis Summer Academy not only served the needs of students from Saint Francis International School but included students from several other Catholic schools in the area.

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Walking with Francis for Peace

This fall the Archdiocese of Washington is challenging everyone to #WalkwithFrancis. One of Pope Francis' primary goals as Holy Father has been to promote world peace. In fact, as part of Pope Francis' visit to the United States in September he will speak on world peace at the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Saint Francis International School is going to take on this challenge by expanding its character education program to include intentional peacebuilding among



ing peace in their relationships and in the community. The week of January 25 through 29, the students of Saint Francis International School will put their peacebuilding skills to the test as part of the international Great Kindness Challenge.

By the end of this program not only will Saint Francis International School have created a new way to help students be more involved in actively creating peace in our world, but SFIS will also become a "certified kind school" by Kids for Peace.

Kids for Peace PEACE PLEDGE

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I pledge to care for our earth with my healing heart and hands.

I pledge to respect people in each and every land.

I pledge to join together as we unite the big and small.

I pledge to do my part to create PEACE for one and all.

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EVENTS

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ing the faith community in our county.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 16, 7 - 7:30 pm, reception with council members, 7:30 - 9 pm, forum

WHERE: Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Ave. 3rd Floor, Rockville
RSVP: Call 240-777-7945 or email Walton Harris

Montgomery County Friendship Picnic

Enjoy an afternoon of food, drinks, and making new friends at this annual event aimed at bringing together communities of diverse cultures and faiths

WHEN: Sunday, September 20, 1 - 5 pm

WHERE: Wheaton Regional Park, 2000 Shorefield Road

RSVP: Email Human Rights Commission by September 17

DETAILS: Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, www.

montgomerycountymd.gov/human-rights/

The Walk DC

An interfaith walk along Washington's Embassy Row in remembrance of 9/11

WHEN: Sunday, September 27, 1:30 pm, opening ceremonies, 2 - 4 pm, the walk; 4:30 pm, closing ceremonies

WHERE: Begins at Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb St. NW. Ends at the Islamic Center, 2551 Massachusetts Ave. NW

DETAILS: The Walk DC 2015: <http://thewalkdc.wix.com/online-flyer-event>

New Americans Expo 2015

Community fair aims to provide local immigrants from all backgrounds with information about programs and services available to help them succeed.

WHEN: Sunday, October 4, 12 noon - 6 pm

WHERE: Silver Spring Civic Building

DETAILS: New American Expo: <http://newamericansexpo.com>

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Beds, Blankets & Bears

By Sofie Leusch St. Patrick's Class of 2015

This past fall, I faced a challenge that not only changed my life for the better but I hope also many lives of children in Haiti. My school principal, Miss Christie Anne Short, has told us many things about the lives of the children in Haiti. When she told me some of the children sleep on the ground, it hurt my heart. They have no mattresses, no blankets, and no stuffed animals. I decided that the situation needed to change! Every child deserves a place to feel warm and cuddly. I hoped that with the help of many generous parishioners, I could make a difference in Haitian children's lives. My goal was to raise enough to buy 20 beds that the children desperately needed. With every bed, I gave a teddy bear and blanket to each child. The outpouring of support was amazing.

After three weeks, I exceeded my goal and had collected over \$5000. That was enough for beds, blankets and bears but also enough to feed several families during Christmas break. Seeing the pictures at Christmas time of the children with bags of rice behind them was humbling. It made me realize how every little bit counts and makes me want to do more. In June, Miss Short and the mission group were able to distribute the beds, the bears, and the blankets. The pictures of



BBB Project is a HUGE success! This child could not have been happier to receive a bed this summer from St. Patrick's mission team members.



Thank you to Sofie and parishioners from St. Patrick's parish for making this project a huge success and allowing many children to sleep more comfortably.

all of the children with their beds and bears were beautiful.

I am so blessed for what I have and for having the ability to help

these children. One day soon, I hope to visit Haiti and the mission school and help in person.

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A Family Trip

By The MacTigue Family: Patty, Andy, Eileen, Marie & Tara

Our perspective on life has changed since we were fortunate enough to travel with LCM to Haiti!

In June, our family traveled with the St. Patrick's mission group to Montrouis, Haiti for the third time. Upon our return from every trip our days have been filled with tears and laughter, anguish and joy, as well as despair and happiness as we think of the days we spent among "our family" in Haiti. There is no doubt the experience was life changing and very welcome. In the Washington, DC area, where we live with an abundance of instant



The whole MacTigue family pictured with Wadson, their sponsor child, with his family outside of his home.

gratification and conveniences, it

was humbling, to say the least, to work and interact with people who have virtually nothing, never mind basic food or shelter. Yet, these same people, exude happiness, love, appreciation and spirituality.

Like most people, we thought going on a mission trip would be about helping others in need and giving back. Of course the main purpose is to make a difference for those less fortunate but, what we didn't expect was that we would be the primary beneficiaries.

There is such truth in the simple adage, "It is better to give than receive." What an extraordinary gift!

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Eileen and other mission volunteers on their way to bring Wadson a new bed and bag of rice. A huge blessing to his family!



Much of the fundraising efforts for this trip were designated for feeding children. These children in particular struggle beyond the imaginable.

A Wonderful but Emotional Trip

By Mission Team Member Ugochi Onyewu of Silver Spring

I visited Haiti with a team from St. Patrick's this past summer.

A friend, who visited Haiti last year had told me how the extreme poverty affected her. Having spent many years in Nigeria, I have to admit that I approached the trip with an attitude that was almost arrogant. "I have seen poverty. How bad could it be?"

I was in no way prepared for my reaction and the intense emotions that I felt throughout the trip.

The trip to the homeless shelter was particularly difficult. It was hard to see people live in such dire circumstances.

I realized that although poverty did exist around me, I had unconsciously decided to ignore it.

The highlight of the trip was meeting the five year old twins that I sponsor. They have been on my mind every day since, and I look forward to seeing them again soon.

We take so much for granted when our basic needs are taken care of. It's easy to complain about traffic on the beltway, airline delays or slow internet refresh times, when

one has good health and food on the table.

For so many around the world, and so many in Haiti, the basic needs we take for granted are far from reality.

It is easy to become overwhelmed and wonder if it's possible to make a difference. I am reminded that if we do as much as we can, it does help to make a change, not only in others, but in ourselves also.

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Upcoming Events at Christ the King

"Living Catholic" a free course retreat with lunch included, to be conducted by the Archdiocese at Christ the King, Saturday August 29, 2015 9am-4pm.

40 Hours of Devotion: Friday September 11, 2015 7pm Mass in the Church, followed by a procession to the Religious Education chapel for the 40 hours of continuous Adoration there, and a Solemn Blessing at 12 noon Sunday in the Church.

First day of Religious Education for Christ the King's nonCatholic-school students begins September 13 at 11am in the Colonial Room (all classes thereafter will be held in the Religious Education building from 11am-12:20pm).

Parish Picnic and Potluck Sunday September 20 from 1:30-4:30pm on the grounds of the Knights of Columbus Rosensteel Council, 9707 Rosensteel Avenue, Silver Spring. Hamburgers and hot dogs (napkins & condiments) will be provided; bring a dish to share!

The Lord is My Shepherd Prayer Group will hold a fundraiser dinner-dance mid October in the Colonial Room.

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Cristina Grisanti, Memores Domini

Christ the King was host to a visitor in August from Milan, Italy. Cristina Grisanti, a consecrated lay person, is a member of Memores Domini.

Cristina grew up in the same hometown parish, St. Cecilia, as one of our parish priests, Fr. Roberto Amoroso, of FSCB. In the neighborhood near Christ the King, lives a group of men in the Memores Domini, and there are two women's groups nearby in Potomac and Rockville. The visit to Christ the King was a perfect "fit" for someone who has only visited the USA once, last Easter (accompanied by Fr. Roberto's brother, Marco, who is also a member of Memores Domini, in Milan, and a colleague of Cristina's who is in the same Communion and Liberation movement).

Cristina fell in love with her vocation of virginity, to follow Memores Domini at the age of 21. Memores Domini is an adjunct association of the same charisma as Fr. Giussani, the founder of the Communion and Liberation movement (much like our priestly staff's Order, Priestly Fraternity of the Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo). Cristina today



Cristina Grisanti of Memores Domini who visited Christ the King in August from Milan

lives in a house in Milan with eight other women. As a Consecrated, she attends Mass daily, as well as evening Vespers. She participates in daily prayer outside of Church as well. She works outside the community's house in a salaried job, which is very important (that they work in the world, the specification of their charisma to live the memory of Jesus always and importantly while they work as witness).

Cristina came this summer for a chance to immerse herself in the English language by both mingling with Americans, seeing the sites, attending Church and taking week-day classes at the Bethesda offices of English Now! We wish her well in future endeavors.

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Fr. Josè on Discernment Retreat

The Pastor of Christ the King Church, Fr. Josè Maria Cortes, has undertaken a seven-month long period of discernment, "to discern if God is calling (him) to contemplative life." Fr. Josè spent February last in Vermont at the Charterhouse of the Transfiguration, as an introduction to the cloistered monastic order of Carthusians, during the most challenging weather period there.

The Carthusian Order began in 1084 when St. Bruno entered the French desert of Chartreuse with six others, as is explained on the Vermont-monastery's web site (<http://transfiguration.chartreux.org>).

Parallels can easily be seen between St. Bruno's days and our times today. Fr. Josè himself noted,

when explaining his Call to the monastic life, that now are the times needing intense prayer. The second hermitage for the Order was established in Calabria, southern Italy, a place Fr Josè visited in July after being with his family in Portugal, and then participating in a retreat in northern Italy with the Fraternity of St. Charles Borromeo.

Our Fr. Josè came to us in August 2010; his first Sunday Mass was on The Feast of the Assumption. He was installed by Cardinal Wuerl oddly enough on 10/10/10, that is, October 10, 2010. Repeatedly in his Pastor's Corner, found in our weekly Bulletin, Fr. Josè, reminded us that he was "there to make friends, what Jesus did." He began weekly Eucharistic Adoration, what he called "the second Sunday of the

week," to allow "His eternal life to become present in our veins." He made Confession available at every Sunday Mass. During his time with us, a new Missal was introduced, we got a new DRE, the Good Shepherd Montessori religious education program began, a new music program started, and an outdoors statute of the Blessed Mother, which had been purchased with parishioners' contributions earlier, was erected.

In 2012 he began a reflective Offertory program to increase weekly contributions. Fr. Josè established a corner for The Children of Fatima, moved the Holy Family into one location above the Baptismal font and created an altar for Our Lady of Guadalupe. His

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Do You Know Me?

With each forthcoming issue of Our Parish Times, Christ the King will present parishioners who have been at the parish for a very long time, who you see every Sunday or at big parish events, but who may be new to you! With this first edition, I present to you, Aurora Segura and Transito Lopez.

Originally from Colombia, SA, Aurora Segura has been a parishioner of Christ the King for the past twenty years. She is as well a part of the Spanish-speaking Charismatic group, which meets Fridays from 7 until 9:45pm in Christ the King's Colonial Room (where she extends the invitation to all). She attends the Spanish language Masses and is an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. Aurora was a founder of the Legion of Mary (now an auxiliary) at Christ the King, for Spanish-speaking parishioners.

Transito Lopez came to the parish about 30 years ago when Msgr. Otero said Mass in Spanish at the Religious Education chapel. She came to the United States from El Salvador, CA. She is an active member of Christ the King's Legion of Mary which meets Mondays in the Rectory Meeting room.

Both ladies facilitate the Recitation of the Rosary before the 12:30pm Sunday Mass, which is in Spanish.

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Transito Lopez and Aurora Segura at Christ the King's altar



The Lord is My Shepherd Prayer Group in front of one of the new signs for Christ the King Church

Prayer Group Raises \$14,000 for New CYK Signs

Christ the King was in dire need of signs visible to the community and to those looking to find the parish on any day or for some event. Over the past two years its Lord Is My Shepherd Prayer Group has held fundraising

events, mostly dinner dances, to raise the funds to buy these.

The largely Filipino Catholic prayer group has accumulated more than \$14,000 with which to buy and install these signs, which look outstanding! It is with gratitude that

the parish thanks the organizational efforts, the cooking skills, the donations, the DJs and the fun nights that LIMS pulled together to accomplish their task to provide the signage!

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On behalf of the John Paul the Great Vocations Society and SJN Parish, Deacon Mike Davy and Fr. Joe Rogers present a Marian Chasuble to departing Deacon Martino Choi.

Blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it...Luke 11:28

By Rus Wester

Seminar studies for Deacon Martino Choi concluded this summer with many parish goodbyes helping him move toward his June ordination to the Priesthood. One poignant farewell moment came at the close of the 6pm SJN Youth Mass on June 7 when Deacon Mike Davy and Fr. Joe Rogers presented a gift of a Marian Chasuble for his journey.

"During his final Seminary year here at SJN," recalls Father Joe, "we witnessed a unique blend of his depth of prayer and

total involvement in everything that was around him, impacting all that we do here... Youth Group, Religious Education, and developing homilies with great care, effectiveness, and relevance to the people of our parish.

In terms of faith, personal experience and now as a newly-ordained Priest, shepherding souls on the path to salvation, I am personally thankful to the Lord and excited for the Archdiocese to have a young man like Martino ordained to be a Priest in the service of Christ and the Church."

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6PM SJN Sunday Youth Mass

By Rus Wester

June 7, 2015, marked the FIRST EVER 6pm Sunday Youth Mass at SJN. Choir Leader, David Guillen, and fellow musicians provided heart-driven music to compliment the well-attended Mass, launching what provides youth of the parish with their own weekend liturgy, which also serves the rest of the parish with a late Sunday afternoon Mass.

"We have some remarkable, heroically faithful young people in our parish," said Father Joe Rogers. "They know the Lord, they believe in the Lord and they're living in context with peers who perhaps do not share the faith, or do not have the type of family or faith-forma-

tion to help guide them through difficult circumstances that a young person faces in our society, in our neighborhoods, in our homes and entertainment environment."

What Father Joe sees in the 6pm Mass and the Youth Group meeting that follows Mass, has been the vibrant faith of our young people. To use the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict: the Church is young, free and courageous.

"Opening the door for this additional summer Mass demonstrates our trust of our young people, who are capable, for whom we are grateful for their participation," said Father Joe. "They have taken it upon themselves to serve in a number of liturgical ministries: as lectors, ushers, sacristans and altar

servers and as members of David Guillen's music ministry. It is truly time for them to have a liturgical context in which to express their faith. Not only are they the youth of the parish, they're the future of the parish."

Currently the 6pm Youth Mass is scheduled on Sundays through September 20. The Youth Music Ministry would like their liturgies to continue throughout the year. "This Mass represents a place where young people can meet," said David Guillen, "where we can invite others to be with us, where conversions can happen. Our style of music is an important conduit to prayer. The young and older can easily identify with it."

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SJN Welcomes Youth Minister

Our Pastor, Father Joe Rogers, put it this way: "You only need a few minutes with Gina Niño de Nightingale to discover that her faith has guided her in her own life and she has dealt with a lot of the questions that our young people have. She speaks as someone who can accompany them, from the heart, on their own pilgrimage of faith."

"Gina comes to us with an exceptional professional background in Youth Ministry in the Church," said Fr. Joe. "Her exceptional organization skills will help her serve us well into the future."

Gina graduated with a dual major from Mt. St. Mary's in Theology and Art. She has used both fields in youth ministry at previous jobs: St. Mary's in Rockville and at Our Lady of Lourdes in Bethesda, and now as Youth Minister at SJN.

As mentioned on the parish web-



Gina Niño de Nightingale joins SJN Parish Staff as Youth Minister

site (www.saintjohnneumann.org), the SJN Youth Group has an important mission in parish life as it provides "a strong, fun and safe Catholic environment for middle and high schoolers to learn more about their faith, grow deeper in their relationship with God and build friendships with others who are doing the same!"

Starting this year, Youth Group members will actually lead their ministry, gaining more participation as members of the church. "They'll be shaping it, how they'd like it to be, by being in charge of leading

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SJN Youth Group meets weekly at Neumann House, across Warfield Road from the church.

"And sometimes, we pray together..."

By Rus Wester

The SJN Youth Group is one of the most active organizations in our parish. There's not a boring moment when they

get together. That's why they can't wait for the next gathering. Father Dave Wells is Chaplain of the Youth Group: "They're so joyful, because the youth bring so much energy. They're zany, prayerful, open, fun-

loving, and truly seeking holiness--each in his or her own way. It's marvelous to see the various ways Christ is forming them."

In addition to all the compo-

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St. Rose of Lima Youth Thank You Picnic

The Youth Thank You picnic was held at St. Rose, on the second weekend in June, to thank St. Rose youth for all of their volunteer work done in the name of Christ. Photos by Frank Avenilla



St. Rose Youth Play ball at the Youth Thank You Picnic



St. Rose parishioners enjoy watermelon and the warm weather at the Youth Thank You picnic.



St. Rose Youth play cornhole at the Youth Thank You Picnic.

St. Rose Welcomes New Associate Pastor

Rev. Justin Huber is the new Associate Pastor at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Gaithersburg.

"The thing to which I look forward at any parish, including St. Rose, is to come to understand what the people of the parish love," said Fr. Huber. "When you know what a person loves, you come to understand who he or she is." Fr. Huber continued, "It is clear that the people of the parish love Jesus. I am touched by their enthusiastic and active participation at Mass."

"My experience so far has been quite enjoyable," Fr.

Huber says. "St. Rose is known for its welcoming atmosphere and I would say that nothing could be truer. The people of the parish have helped me feel quite at home."

In addition, Fr. Huber is impressed with the dedication of the parishioners at St. Rose, an indication of the grace of the Lord working in the parish. Examples include the number of people who attend adoration and confession every Thursday. "Between Father Mateo and me, we hear about five hours of confessions every week –



Rev. Justin Huber

and it is non-stop," said Fr. Huber. Additionally, Fr. Huber said that he is looking forward to working with Father Mateo. "I find that every pastor that I have served has given me something and has helped to form my identity as a priest."

Fr. Huber arrived at St. Rose in July, 2015. His most recent assignment was the Parochial Vicar at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Washington DC from 2013 until this year. Fr. Huber also served as the Parochial Vicar at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Kensington and Annunciation Catholic Church, Washington, DC.

Fr. Huber was ordained a priest in June, 2010. He completed his theology studies at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy. Prior to that, Fr. Huber attended Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg. He graduated with a degree in civil engineering from the University of Maryland. Fr. Huber is a native of Baltimore.

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YOUTH MINISTER

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their small groups. They'll learn how to set up and facilitate the small groups and offer feedback of what they want to see in YG. They'll do more to evangelize and bring people into the ministry," said Gina.

Gina has a WISH LIST--"Please welcome our fundraisers during the year. Volunteers are always encouraged and welcome to help at weekly meetings and

outings. Plus, a broad range of volunteer ages: young adults, through folks in their 90s. We often need help from skilled builders to help on projects." Email Gina @ gnightingale@saintjohnneumann.org or phphone her @ 301-801-9518.

Gina Niño de Nightingale, daughter of Jose and Theresa Niño, has been a parishioner since the late '90s. She and husband Jeff live in the area and have a two-year-old daughter (Dahlia), with another child on the way.

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YOUTH GROUP

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nents that the USCCB (Bishops Conference) recommends, SJN Youth Minister, Gina Niño de Nightingale took us through the lineup of activities her group will be starting this fall:

"Three nights of the month, we'll meet to focus on catechetical subjects", said Mrs. Nightingale. "In the fall, our curriculum is called Spiritual Warfare. Each week we'll cover parts of our relationship with Christ and some of the things we all encounter that keeps us separated from that relationship."

The last weekend of every month the group will embrace Eucharistic Adoration, have Confessions and enjoy social time together. Once a

month, a pure-fun outing is scheduled, where Youth Group members are encouraged to invite their friends. We'll do monthly service projects--some in the parish, others in the community, and formation this year of the 'Dead Theologians Society' where we'll read about and group-discuss the lives and [models of holiness] of the greatest theologians in Church history," said Gina.

Father Dave reminds parents "It can be challenging for parents to find suitable environments for their adolescent children to join without losing their faith and moral compass. Youth Group is one of those places though that is safe for the youth to both be themselves and be challenged to grow in their faith. As they grow in mutual respect, trust and friendship with the guidance of experienced adult leaders, a beauti-

ful dynamic forms that our youth and their parents appreciate."

"What impresses me about our SJN Youth Group is the unity in diversity that has developed. Our young people come from extraordinarily diverse backgrounds, but are truly united through their Catholic faith. I'm humbled to work with such vibrant, Christ-seeking, brilliant, creative young men and women who will be our future priests, religious, mothers, fathers and inheritors of our parish."

NOTE from Youth Minister, Gina Niño de Nightingale: "Bring your kids – even if just one time this year. A lot of times kids are a little nervous. Checkout our SJN website calendar, pick something, bring your kids and drop them off!"

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Shrine of St. Jude



Parish Health & Wellness Day

St. Jude parishioner Michael Craven gets his blood pressure checked by another parishioner, Tirukelem Yeshanew, at the Shrine of St. Jude first Health & Wellness Fair in May. The health fair was well attended and plans for a 2016 Health & Wellness Fair are already in the works.



Senior Altar Servers Recognized

After serving the altar at the Shrine of St. Jude for nine years, seniors Molly Martin and Brittney Ranti were recognized by Fr. Ken Gill at a recent mass. Each was also gifted a book, "Your College Faith: Own It!" Congratulations to both young women on this accomplishment and well-wishes for a bright future.

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A Celebration of 65 Years of Priestly Ministry

By John McCarthy

St. Francis of Assisi church was packed on June 6 for the Mass celebrating the 65th anniversary of the ordination of Msgr. Ralph Kuehner. Father Ralph, as he prefers to be called, has been in residence at St. Francis since 1991. His efforts, since 1967, working for social change in the Archdiocese of Washington are legendary. The first 17 years of his priesthood were as biblical scholar and teacher. Concelebrates at the Mass were our Pastor, Fr. John Dillon; former SFA pastors, Fr. Donald Worch, Fr. Lee Fangmeyer and Fr. David Beaubien; former assistant pastor, Fr. Michael Dolan; close friends, Fr. John Mudd, Fr. Michael Bryant, Fr. Charles Kennedy and Msgr. Joseph Ranieri.

A reception followed in the church hall, with approximately 250 in attendance. His latest publication, "God Loves Everyone – Everyone Should Love God",



Father Ralph preparing the gifts for his 65th Anniversary Mass, assisted by Deacon James McCann and Seminarian James Glasgow



Father Ralph celebrating his 65th Anniversary Mass with Concelebrants



Father Ralph with family at his reception. Sitting: Father Ralph and his brother, Ed Kuehner. Standing: Father Ralph's Niece and his Nephews

Parishioner Dr. Anne Cardile Honored

By Father John Dillon, Pastor

Congratulations to Dr. Anne Charbonneau Cardile, who was recently honored by the Catholic Volunteer Network with the Bishop Joseph Francis Alumni Award for her volunteer work at Christ House (CH), and, "in recognition of outstanding support to the greater Washington, DC community". She has a long association with CH, and was honored for her service as a former "Year-Long Volunteer" – a 40 hours per week commitment. CH provides comprehensive and compassionate health care to sick, homeless men and women in the District of Columbia. For her complete acceptance remarks visit www.Christhouse.org/news-and-updates

Anne has been Medical Director at Unity Health Care's Center for Creative Nonviolence Clinic for



Dr. Cardile's Family sharing in the celebration. L to R: Husband Dan, Mother Mary Charbonneau, Dr. Anne, Father Jim Charbonneau, Sister Paula.

10 years. She has also volunteered several years at Mercy Clinic in Gaithersburg. Anne is also a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Haiti

Committee. Along with her husband, Dan, she has made numerous trips to Haiti to administer to the poorest of the poor.

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Seminarian Gains Valuable Parish Life Experiences

By John McCarthy

We were blessed to have Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) seminarian, James Glasgow, in residence at St. Francis during June and July, as part of the ADW seminarian formation program, which gives seminarians experience of parish life from the inside. James entered the St. John Paul II seminary a year ago, after completing his third year at Catholic University of America (CUA). After one more year at CUA obtaining his philosophy degree, he will enter one of the major seminaries. God willing, he will be ordained in 2020.

His "yes" to the call came during last summer as he traveled in Ireland, camped in the Austrian Alps, he prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet and listened to the vocation story of a priest friend. The messages were becoming clearer and clearer, and he said-- "my heart was on fire". When he informed his spiritual advisor that he wanted to become a priest, the response was – "yes, I know." There are some things one just can't hide.

Commenting on his time at St. Francis, he said it "was totally sweet". He was most impressed with the "easiness of the people" and the "sense of community". He noted that everyone was very friendly and welcoming. He was a special favorite of the 9 am daily Mass attendees. And, he savored time having breakfast with Father Ralph each day. He loved Father's counsel and his sense of humor.

In addition to serving at morning and Sunday Masses, James moderated a three part mini-series



Seminarian James Glasgow after morning Mass

on "Meet Mary", helped at the Vacation Bible Camp (a favorite of his), attended Parish Council meetings, and interacted with our teen group (FRED), which included being a chaperone at "Encounter the Gospel of Life". He also helped out at a special needs RE class. All in all—he had a busy 2 months.

James is a native of Olney, the third of seven children. He was home schooled, as were all his siblings. His family are members of St. Peter's in Olney. In his vocation story message to the parishioners, he asked not only to pray for vocations, but also to pray for seminarians. He also invited high school men and women discerning a vocation to attend the ADW retreats this summer at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. His brother Brendan is also in the seminary and will be going to major seminary this year.

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Vacation Bible Camp 2015

By Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education

The last week of June, the St. Francis Parish Center was transformed to host "Everest 2015" Vacation Bible Camp, an amazing week of prayer, music, lessons and activities. Each day began at "Base Camp," where campers learned the day's theme and opened with prayer. Teen and adult volunteers then guided campers through five activity centers, including "Bible Expeditions," crafts, games, music and snacks.

Campers also participated in two

service opportunities, generously offering monetary contributions for Catholic Relief Services in support of continuing earthquake relief efforts for the people of Nepal and food donations for the "Summer in the City" Food Drive sponsored by the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation. On Thursday evening, campers, staff and families gathered for a program featuring songs and a recap of each day's theme and activities. Continuing a long-standing tradition, the evening concluded with an Italian ice social for all.

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Thank You, Father Fiedurek!

By Bozena Buda, ED

On Sunday, August 30, 2015, parishioners and friends will gather at Our Lady Queen of Poland & St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish (OLQP), Silver Spring, to bid farewell to our Pastor, Rev. Jan Fiedurek, S.Chr. Fr. Fiedurek's noon Mass on that day will be followed by a picnic. Rev. Fiedurek is leaving to become the new Pastor of St. Brother Albert Parish in San Jose, California.

Rev. Fiedurek was ordained a priest on May 16, 1989, in the Archdiocese of Poznan, Poland. His order, the Society of Christ, was founded in 1932 by Cardinal August Hlond to work with the Polish Diaspora. After his first assignment in Poland, he was sent to North America. In the United States, he had served in the Detroit area, in Los Angeles, Miami, Houston, and Chicago, before to coming to Silver Spring, Maryland.

Rev. Fiedurek became Pastor of OLQP in October, 2007. He has worked tirelessly and has contributed his numerous talents to enriching all phases of our parish life. He has been active in maintaining the spiritual and cultural life of our parish. We have shared

milestones, including the celebration of the Parish's 25th anniversary in 2008 and the dedication of the bust of Saint John Paul II on the grounds.

Along with his pastoral duties and preparations of youth and adults to receive the sacraments, Fr. Fiedurek has taught religion in both Polish Saturday schools. He has served as the Washington, DC, Chaplain of the Friends of the John Paul II Foundation. Father Fiedurek has often noted that Pope St. John Paul II has been, and continues to be, a constant source of inspiration for him.

In 2010, Rev. Fiedurek was awarded the Commander's Gold Cross of Merit, by order of the President of Poland, for his service to Polonia, the Polish Diaspora. More recently, he celebrated the 25th anniversary of his priesthood in May, 2014.

In addition to his spiritual ministrations, Fr. Fiedurek is known for his culinary skills, especially his famous "zurek," which has been a featured dish at many parish gatherings and Drama Club fundraisers.

We thank Fr. Fiedurek with the traditional Polish, "Bog Zaplac!" and wish him well in the future. "Szczesc Boze!"

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Rev. Jan Fiedurek, Pastor of OLQP, with parishioners.



Rev. Jan Fiedurek, Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Poland & St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Silver Spring, speaks with parishioners after Mass.



Rev. Jan Fiedurek, Pastor of OLQP, with Mrs. Cornett at a parish picnic celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

OLQP Pilgrimage to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine

The Living Rosary Society at Our Lady Queen of Poland & St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish (OLQP) organized a pilgrimage to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC, on Saturday, July 11, 2015.

Rev. Arkadiusz Bernat and Rev. Dr. Slawomir Nowosad, visiting priests from the St. John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (KUL), Poland, accompanied them and celebrated the Holy Mass.

Parishioners and friends toured

the Shrine, prayed the rosary, participated in Mass, and venerated the relics of St. John Paul II. Among those attending were Joanna Roberts, the current head of the OLQP Rosary Society, and Elzbieta Siwanowicz, her predecessor.

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OLQP parishioners and friends at the July 11, 2015, pilgrimage to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC, organized by the Living Rosary Society.



Remembering Warsaw Rising

We honored the participants of the Warsaw Rising of 1944 at a commemorative Mass on Sunday, August 2, 2015, at Our Lady Queen of Poland & St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Silver Spring. Pictured are: Pastor Rev. Jan Fiedurek; Rev. Dr. Slawomir Nowosad, Professor from the St. John Paul II Catholic University (KUL) in Lublin, Poland; Dr. Lucas Kulczycki, who celebrated his 104th birthday in August; Mrs. Barbara Syska and Mr. Marian Mols, survivors of the Warsaw Uprising of 1944; Polish Legion of American Veterans USA Jagiello Post 191- Dr. Edwarda Buda-Okreglak, Ben Filipczyk and Karl Klonowski; Skrzat (young scout) Hania Syska, granddaughter of Mrs. Syska; and Druhna Bozena Buda from Polish Scouting Org ZHPpgk USA.

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Buddy Bench – Putting an End to Playground Loneliness

Mary of Nazareth School's fifth-grade Junior Girl Scout Troop 4185 recently earned their Bronze Award (the top honor for a Girl Scout Junior) by providing the school with a "Buddy Bench."

The original Buddy Bench was developed by a second grade student in Pennsylvania. He wanted a solution to help his classmates who sometimes felt lonely on the playground; when a student wants to play, they can sit on the Buddy Bench and ideally, some-

one will invite that student to join them in an activity. Experts say that peer support, such as demonstrated with a Buddy Bench, is critical in addressing school bullying.

The Junior Girl Scouts at Mary of Nazareth researched different styles of Buddy Benches and worked together to design and then paint their bench. The girls also produced a video that was shown to students to educate them about how the Buddy Bench works. Additionally, the girls

have taken on the responsibility of taking the Buddy Bench out to the playground at recess and then back in each day.

The response from the Mary of Nazareth community has been positive. Lucy Beucher, a rising third grade student said, "The Buddy Bench has helped people make new friends."

The Junior troop hopes that the Buddy Bench will serve as a tool for inclusion and will promote friendships for years to come.

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Buddy Bench – Girl Scout Troop 4185

Back Row: Olivia Choi, Claire Beucher, Mackenzie Saum, Emily LaRochelle, Elizabeth Miller and Tessa Brizhik; Front Row: Maddie Engel, Jade McCourt and Maya Yapur

Welcome New Faculty and Staff

The Mary of Nazareth School community welcomes new faculty and staff to the 2015-2016 school year.

Ms. Sara Jamison – Middle School Spanish

Ms. Jamison received her BA in Mass Communication and Spanish Studies from the University of Delaware in 2009. After living abroad in Argentina, she resumed her studies at UD, earning her MA in Spanish Language and Literature in 2013. She has instructed Spanish to various age groups ranging from middle school to college. In the

fall of 2014, Ms. Jamison joined the Mary of Nazareth community as a long term Spanish substitute. In her free time she enjoys long-distance running, reading and cooking. She looks forward to growing the Spanish program at Mary of Nazareth, and hopes to become an integral part of the school community.

Mrs. Amanda Williams – School Nurse

Mrs. Williams recently graduated from the Chamberlin College of Nursing with a BSN; and passed her board exams with flying col-

ors. Her career in medicine began in high school as a volunteer as an Emergency Medical Technician with her hometown fire department. Mrs. Williams, a five year military veteran, served as a Hospital Corpsman in the United States Navy. A parishioner at Mother Seton, she has volunteered with the parish high school youth group and sees the opportunity to serve our school as a vocation.

Mary of Nazareth is excited to welcome Ms. Jamison and Mrs. Williams to our outstanding faculty and staff.

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Ileana Plummer, Gold Medal 800m



Logan Rohde, Gold Medal in 1600m

CMoN Track & Field Team

The Mary of Nazareth Track & Field team had a successful 2015 season with several athletes receiving medals in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Track and Field Championships and several school records being set.

The members of the track team can compete in local meets, which is a good way to introduce students to the various events in track and field, since only three or four schools compete, or they can compete in both the local meets and the CYO meets. The CYO meets provide a higher level of competition, as schools from all over the Archdiocese of Washington compete against each other.

During the 2015 season, MoN sponsored four local track meets at Seneca Valley High School. The meets were well attended, with over 100 children from five schools, competing in both track and field events. 15 members of the MoN team also competed in six CYO meets, including the Championships, which were held on Saturday, May 16, at Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, Md. Several MoN athletes received medals or ribbons in their events, including two first place finishes:

Ileana Plummer
Gold Medal 800m and 9th in the 400m
Logan Rohde
Gold Medal 1600m and Silver Medal 800m
Marvin Juwillie
8th in 100m; 6th in discus; 10th in 200m; 8th in 400m
Mariel Juwillie
4th in 100m; 16th in shot put; 7th in 200m; 14th in 400m
Nicholas Laffey
7th in long jump; 10th in javelin; 7th in 400m; 8th shot put
Zach Laffey
4th javelin; 11th 400m
Katie Carter
8th in 400m
Nicholas Vassallo
10th in 80m; 7th in long jump
Patrick Vassallo
11th in long jump; 7th in javelin
Most Valuable Team Member was awarded to Mariel Juwillie and Nicholas Vassallo.

MoN has many returning competitors and is looking forward to a strong showing in the 2016 season.

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Open House

Mary of Nazareth School will host an open house on the following days:

Thursday, October 1, 2015
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Sunday, January 24, 2016 from
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Resurrection Church Gets New Pastor

By John Small

Father Jeffrey M. Defayette, a native of Plattsburgh, New York, was appointed the new pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, effective July 1.

Father Defayette is the fifth pastor of Resurrection, succeeding Father Scott Hahn, who served the parish for three years and has been reassigned as pastor of St. Jerome's Church in Hyattsville.

Other leaders of Resurrection Church in Burtonsville, which was founded in 1981, were Fr. Jack Macfarlane, Fr. John Pennington and Fr. Robert Keffer.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, will be the principal celebrant at the official mass of installation on Sept. 20 for Father Defayette.

The oldest of three children in his family, Father Defayette received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Wadhams Hall Seminary College in Ogdensburg, N.Y., in 1984 and a bachelor of sacred theology from Catholic University in 1988, the same year he was ordained by Cardinal James Hickey.

He served as associate pastor at St. Jane de Chantal in Bethesda from 1988-1992, as associate pastor at Mother Seaton Parish in Germantown from 1992-1998, and associate pastor at St. Mark's Church in Hyattsville in 1998.

For many years, he has been active in the AIDS ministry, including serving as a presenter and consultant for the Montgomery County Hospice Caring Program, training volunteers to work with persons with AIDS.

In March 2001, he was appointed



Father Jeffrey Defayette

pastor of St. Matthias the Apostle Church/School in Lanham, where he served for 13 years. He also worked with Cardinal Theodore McCarrick's "Forward in Faith Campaign," raising nearly \$1 million in 16 weeks to help establish one of the premier computer labs in the Catholic elementary school system.

He has also served on the Pastor's Stewardship Advisory Committee and the Archdiocesan School Board.

Father Defayette is an avid baker and gardener (as already evidenced by dozens of new plants springing up around the Parish Life Center and rectory).

During his initial homily, he told the parish his goal is "to leave Resurrection a better place than I found it. And it's in very good condition – a gem."

He asked the parish to pray for him, "so I'll be worthy of your trust."

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Parish Center Named for 'Father Bob'

The parish life center, a gleaming addition to Resurrection Church that opened in August 2006, was officially named the "Rev. Robert F. Keffer Parish Life Center" during ceremonies June 27. One parishioner wrote of the event: "A wonderful celebration for a truly remarkable man. Congratulations, Father Bob!" During Father Keffer's tenure as pastor from 1999 until his retirement in 2012, the parish grew to nearly 4,000 members, with parishioners involved in many programs – from liturgy to music to faith formation, to social justice, to religious education, even to bridge playing. The Parish Life Center -- with meeting rooms, classrooms, an office wing, youth center and courtyard – now serves as the hub of the bustling parish. Fr. Scott Hahn (left) presided at the dedication ceremony attended by Father Keffer (right) and many parishioners, who gave Father Bob a warm welcome.



The 'Singing Nuns' of Resurrection

Members of the Resurrection Choir donned the habit of nuns (reminiscent of the Singing Nun of the 1960s) to perform a couple of songs, including "Dominique," during the final event June 7 of the parish's 2014-2015 Concert Series. The concert celebrated the past 75 years of music in the U.S., both popular and sacred. The Singing Nun had an international hit with "Dominique" in 1962 and later appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show. The 2015-2016 Resurrection Concert Series begins this fall under the leadership of Music Director Annick Kanter-Saint Hubert, the "singing nun" on the right. –

Photo by John Small

Service Work Campers Make a Difference

Fifty middle school youngsters (some pictured here) and 41 high school students participated in numerous projects during Resurrection's annual Summer Service Work Camps in June and July. Under the leadership of Director of Youth Faith Formation Helene Stever, the service campers collected over 12,000 items in the Greg Gannon summer food drive for the inner-city poor; prepared 1,500 breakfast bags with the Catholic Charities program "Cup of Joe" for the homeless; made 300 "Hope" bracelets and cards for the grieving community of Charleston, S.C.; sorted housewares and furniture at Montgomery County's Wider Circle program for persons in need; and helped with weeding, mulching and gardening at various sites, including sprucing up the Resurrection Courtyard. As part of the food drive, the work campers distributed collection bags to 1,000 homes throughout the community.



Father Hahn's Farewell Comments

In his farewell comments to Resurrection, Father Hahn said:

"Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor for the past three years. You welcomed me into your lives and I will always be grateful for the short time that I have spent at the Church of the Resurrection.

"I am constantly telling my friends how affirming you have

been. Your support and encouragement has been extraordinary. I am confident that Fr. Jeff will be saying the same thing as he begins his years of service to the parish."

One parishioner thanked Father Hahn with the following message:

"Your witty homilies and kind heart will certainly be missed by everyone at Resurrection. The comfort and compassion that you brought to our parish will always be cherished and will continue to inspire the staff and parishioners here. You will be greatly missed! "God bless you!"

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theme became making "Church as home." Sadly, Christmas 2013 Fr. Jose's mother died in Portugal. The following February the Holy Father stepped down, the first time in 600 years of the Papacy. That April the Archdiocese called for parish listening sessions in preparation for the first part of the Synod (the final part will be this October). That Spring Fr. Jose wrote that we

should "let the Holy Spirit lead our lives." In June 2013 his congregation established a community at Christ the King. The following January 2014, Fr. Jose wrote "to be a fisher of men requires full commitment to the task and total trust, since the success of the mission is not in (your) hands." During that year he reestablished the Parish Council. Then in the July 5, 2015 "Pastor's Corner" Fr. Jose spoke of his discernment retreat following the annual FSCB meeting.

Fr. Jose returned from Italy at

the end of July 2015, staying at Christ the King for four days. The parish community, in appreciation for his initiation in 2010 of weekly Eucharistic Adoration, made a special effort to flood the main church Thursday July 30. At its end, parishioners gathered in the Colonial Room for a reception, but *not* as a goodbye party.

Fr. Jose will return to Christ the King at the end of the seven-month discernment period March 1, 2016, to either gather his belongings, or make his final adieu.

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Parochial Vicar Welcomed

Saint Andrew Apostle is the first parish assignment for newly ordained Father William Wadsworth IV. Known as Father Bill, he was ordained to the priesthood June 20, 2015.

Born in Washington, D.C., Father Bill grew up in Rockville. He attended public schools and graduated from Saint Mary's College in southern Maryland. Raised as an



Father William Wadsworth IV

Episcopalian, he always felt the calling to the priesthood. Eventually, he decided to convert to Catholicism. He enrolled in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) at Saint Patrick's in Rockville and was received into the Church in 2008. He entered the Seminary in 2009. Subsequently, his father, who was baptized Catholic, returned to the Church and his mother converted to Catholicism.

Fr. Bill intends to support and assist our pastor, Father Dan Leary, in the general ministry of the Church, allowing Father Dan to expand and extend his ministerial role. He looks forward to getting to know the parishioners and to serve in whatever capacity he can. He hopes to lead us closer to God through the example set by Saint John Vianney, the patron saint of priests.

Father Bill is thankful to God for all the graces he has received throughout his life and that the Holy Spirit has led him "to put out into the deep and to trust in His providence."

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Monsignor Kevin Hart with a new friend

Parishioners Visit a Mustard Seed Community

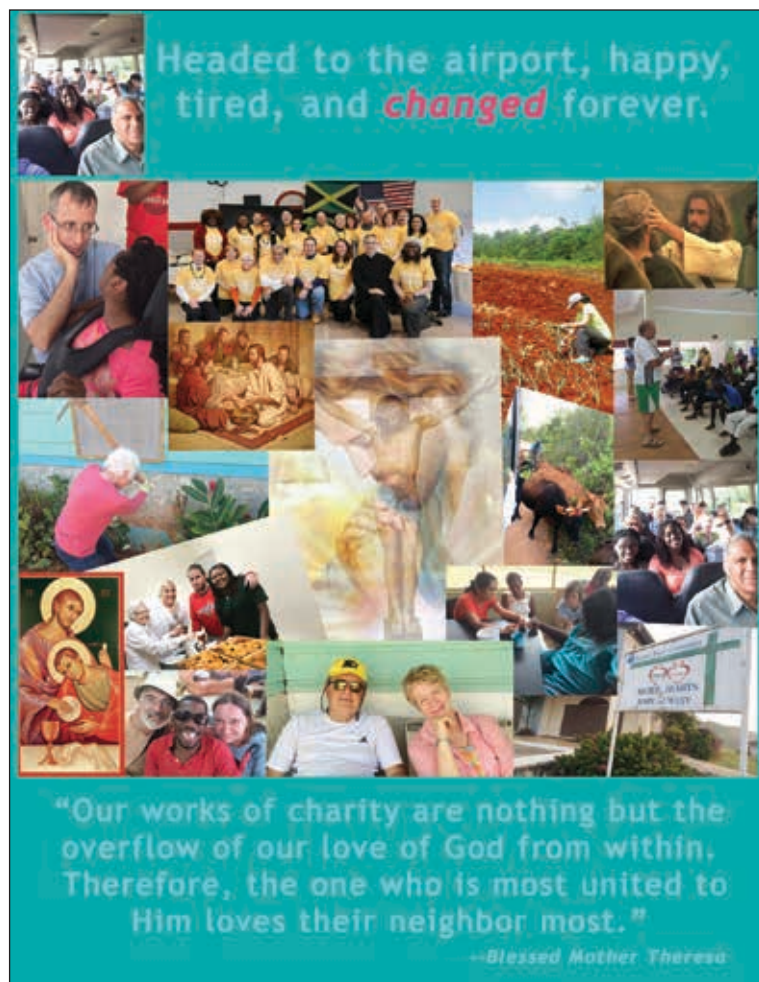
Inspired by the healing and caring ministry of Jesus Christ, the Mustard Seed Communities (MSC) provide care to children and adults with physical and mental disabilities, children affected with HIV/AIDS, teenage mother and impoverished families.

Following is a description of the recent mission trip to Jamaica by parishioners of Saint Andrew Apostle. Several more are already planned. For additional information, visit the parish website—www.standrewapostle.org and click on news/events.

For some, a vacation trip to Jamaica means days of fun in the sun, sand and surf. This was not quite the case for the Saint Andrew Mission Team. Instead it was cold "bucket" showers, lumpy bunk beds, no air conditioning.... AND....Encountering Christ serving the disabled, Experiencing unconditional love, Enabling over 100 Mustard Seed residents to have adequate housing and sustainable agriculture, a truly priceless experience!

Accompanied by Father Dan Leary and Monsignor Kevin Hart, group of over 20 parishioners from Saint Andrew Apostle experienced a "priceless" vacation visiting Jacob's Ladder, a Mustard Seed Community in Moneague, Jamaica. Jamaica offers no facilities, government or otherwise, to care for individuals with mental or physical disabilities after the age of 18.

Mustard Seed Communities (MSC) is a Catholic organization founded by Monsignor Gregory Ramkissoon after he discovered children with disabilities on sidewalks, empty lots, and even in trash cans, abandoned by families so marginalized and impoverished that they could not afford to feed another mouth. Jacob's Ladder is one of the many Mustard Seed



Views of an inspirational week

communities striving to fill this void by providing disabled adults a home where they can live in a safe, dignified and nurturing environment, receiving care and therapy. The residents have disabilities that include cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism, epilepsy, blindness, developmental delays and more. MSC's purpose is to advance the moral, mental and physical well-being of Jamaican children and adults with disabilities. Monsignor Gregory's mantra is, "No child will be abandoned twice".

A typical day for the Mission Team at Jacob's Ladder included early morning Mass, assisting staff caregivers feeding and clothing residents, planting basic vegetable crops as part of MSC's sustainable agriculture program, painting and repairing cabins that house residents. The day ended with evening reflections and a novena. The emphasis and priority was always on interacting with the residents. We visited, partied and prayed with many residents and staff. In our

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School News and Notes

New students and their families were welcomed into the Saint Andrew Apostle school community at a reception that included a classroom/teacher "Meet and Greet" for the Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes. In addition several grades hosted picnics and gatherings so that new students could meet some classmates before the first day of school.

In addition to a Charleston Wrap fundraiser, September 4 to 21, the action packed September schedule includes the third annual Night at Sandy Spring Adventure Park on Friday, September 11 from 6:00pm to 10:30pm, the Homecoming tailgate and corn hole tournament on Friday evening September 25 and the carnival and



A partial menagerie of an anticipated 5,000 stuffed animals await shipment to Jamaica

picnic the afternoon of Sunday, September 27.

St. Andrew Apostle parish is partnering with Mustard Seed Communities (see related article on this page) in Jamaica to provide 5,000 stuffed animals to be given to children in Jamaica at Christmas. Household goods are also being collected and will be sent with the stuffed animals. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please contact lesliezarrelli@yahoo.com. Monetary donations are welcome and will be used to purchase needed items. Information about Mustard Seed Communities (MSC) is available at www.mustardseed.org.

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It's beginning to look a lot like a Christmas Bazaar at St. Michael's!



Christmas Bazaar

The 2014 Christmas Bazaar was a hit with children of all ages.

From Friday, November 13, through Sunday November 15, St. Michael's the Archangel Parish in Silver Spring will be having its 3rd annual Christmas Bazaar. The week-end long event will include a Silent Auction for gift baskets, a gift card raffle, sale of food, and plenty of shopping

for the family.

Items for sale include jewelry, household items, religious items, children's toys and clothes, women's clothes and accessories, Christmas decorations and much more. All proceeds from the bazaar shall go towards the St. Michael's parish and community.

For up to date information visit our parish website at: <http://www.stmichaelsilverpring.org/>, and Facebook page at www.facebook.com/St.Michaels.Silver.Spring. Please email us at stmichaelschristmasbazaar@gmail.com for more information or call June Dublin at 301-717-1987.

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Parish Vitality Assessment

As part of the St. Michael's 85th Anniversary the Parish will be conducting a vitality assessment. The Archdiocese of Washington has identified five areas of vitality: Worship, Education, Community, Service, and Administration.

The assessment will include online and paper surveys, as well as focus group meetings. The process will give parishioners the opportunity to share their vision for the future of St. Michael the Archangel Parish. The Parish leadership team is excited about this process.

The kick off will coincide with Michaelmas on October 3.

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Led by Msgr. Tolentino, Fr. Saulo, Aimee and James Valenzuela, St. Michael the Archangel parish leaders met throughout the summer to discuss the vitality of the parish. Their findings will be shared with parishioners on October 3.

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Saint Michael the Archangel to Celebrate Feast Day and 85th Anniversary, with Prayer, Service and Action

by Joanie Heavey and Patricia Garcia

On Saturday October 3, St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Silver Spring will hold its fifth annual Michaelmas celebration in honor of their patron saint. This year the event will focus on taking the pledge to serve with Pope Francis as part of the Archdiocese of Washington's "Walk with Francis" campaign. The parish community will be assisting Catholic Charities with various projects during the day. Those activities include a food drive all weekend, volunteering at a shelter, preparing "Cup of Joe" kits and cleaning a neighborhood park.

The day-long event begins on

Saturday, October 3 with morning Mass followed by the service activities. This year is especially important since it marks St. Michael the Archangel 85th Anniversary.

The focal point of the 2015 Michaelmas celebration will be a multicultural vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. with prelude hymns from St. Michael's choir.

Following the Mass, parishioners will move to adjacent tents a potluck multicultural feast and music provided by our parishioners and Parochial Vicar Fr. Saulo Vicente! A deejay and master of ceremonies will be new additions to the celebration this year. "St. Michael's Avenue" will highlight our 85th



Msgr. Tolentino welcomes parishioners to annual Michaelmas celebration!

anniversary with photos from the parish archives and parishioners. The celebration will continue on Sunday, October 4, as parish leaders will meet with all parishioners regarding St. Michael's strategic plan.

St. Michael the Archangel Parish revived the tradition of a Michaelmas celebration in 2011 in lieu of an annual parish picnic. Michaelmas originated in the middle ages when it was a major festival marking not only the Feast of the Archangels but also the autumnal equinox and harvest time. Now Michaelmas is becoming a new tradition for the parish, with attendance growing every year. A special thank you to all of St. Michael's volunteers who assisted prior, during and after the event! We are all excited to take the walk with Pope Francis.



Parishioners share food and fellowship at annual Michaelmas event.



Fr. Saulo entertains parishioners with various songs.

Pope Francis' confirmed schedule for September visit to Washington, D.C.

The Vatican has announced the confirmed schedule for Pope Francis' apostolic visit to the United States this September, which includes stops in Washington, D.C., New York, and Philadelphia. This morning, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington met with members of the media at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington to discuss the Washington, D.C. itinerary for the Holy Father's visit.

Also present at the media event were: Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, rector of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception; Frank G. Persico, vice president for university relations for The Catholic University of America; Monsignor W. Ronald Jameson, rector of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle; Monsignor John Enzler,

president and CEO of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington; Monsignor Salvatore A. Criscuolo, pastor of Saint Patrick's Church in Washington; and representatives from the apostolic nunciature.

Pope Francis' Washington schedule, as confirmed by the Holy See this morning, includes:

Tues., Sept. 22, 2015:

- Pope Francis will begin his pastoral visit to the United States with his arrival at Andrews Air Force Base in the afternoon. No other public events that day.

Wed., Sept. 23, 2015:

- Welcoming ceremony at the White House followed by a private meeting with President Obama.
- Mid-day prayer with the

bishops of the United States at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle.

- Mass in the afternoon on the east portico of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the University Mall at The Catholic University of America. During the Mass, the pope will canonize Blessed Junipero Serra.

Thurs., Sept. 24, 2015:

- Address joint meeting of the U.S. Congress in the morning.
- Visit St. Patrick's Catholic Church in D.C. and meet with several clients of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington in late morning.
- Blessing and brief remarks to the clients gathered at lunchtime for the St. Maria Meals Program

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COMMUNITY

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short time at Jacob's Ladder, we became comfortable with the residents and they displayed their wonderful personalities as they warmed to us. By the end of the week we felt we were becoming part of their community.

The team visited other Mustard Seed Communities devoted to caring for children with HIV/AIDS and homes for young teen mothers and their children.

At the conclusion of the mission trip, the team left behind freshly painted cottages, fields planted with cabbage and scallions, newly tiled rooms, and most importantly, relieved caregivers who had some much needed help for the week and joyful residents who had smiles on their faces and love in their hearts.

And what did the Mission Team bring home from Jamaica? Although there were sore backs, callused hands and sunburned skin, we came back with far more than

we gave.

A few reflections from team members:

"Still unpacking everything I brought home from Jamaica. I felt a greater sense of God's presence in people and Jesus' presence in the Eucharist."

"I thought I was going to Jamaica to help those less fortunate than I. Turns out, the people of Mustard Seed were the ones that helped me."

"The Jamaicans taught me that a physical disability pales in comparison to a spiritual disability."

"The humility, trust and authentic joy we see through the eyes of the poor provided me with a concrete opportunity to experience Christ."

"We climbed Jacob's Ladder and touched God's angels. We experienced a bit of Heaven here on Earth!"

If you are considering a Jamaican vacation to renew and revitalize your body and soul, forget the fancy resorts and cruises and give Mustard Seed a try.....it's priceless!_

St. Martin of Tours



St. Martin's teacher, Mr. Zuniga, gets dunked by students. The dunking of both Mr. Zuniga and principal, Mr. Piotrowski, was a reward for the students following a successful food drive that brought more than 8,000 items for the St. Martin's Pantry. Photo provided by Logan Hsueh.

St. Martin Parishioners Honor Our Lady of Mount Carmel

By Catherine Cooksey

This summer, St. Martin's Legion of Mary and the Communion Ministry organized multiple activities and events in preparation and honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. It began with a novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which started on July 8 and finished on the feast day. Additionally, there was a scapular enrollment on July 11 and a presentation about Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 19 followed by a potluck.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is patroness of the Carmelite Order. Carmelites devote themselves to the Blessed Virgin who serves as

a model of virtue and openness to God's presence in our lives. Tradition has it that Our Lady of Mount Carmel appeared in a vision to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251. She bestowed upon him the brown scapular with promises of her protection for the devoted.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is also the patron saint of Bolivia and Chile.

During the week before and after the feast day, a statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was on display in the St. Martin's Church. The statue is owned by a family of Bolivian-Americans and has been in their family for many generations. It is thought to be 200 years old.

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ly those ordained this summer; to all school and religious education staff and new parishioners. We welcome you with joy and gratitude for your commitment to our faith, parish life, and this wonderful and faith-filled Catholic community. Our prayers, gratitude and best wishes go to Fr. Cary Hill, retired pastor, Holy Cross, and to the principals and staff of our parishes who have earned the opportunity to put "their feet up and rest" in retirement.

With an active Pope on his way to Washington, it's timely to acknowledge two "Franciscan" exemplars. Montgomery County Police Chief, Tom Manger, will be honored by the Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County with its esteemed "Peacemaker of the Year" award. Tom's recognition is worthy of our celebration because he is an active and effective Catholic leader

in our community. Professionally and personally he exemplifies the faithful action to which Pope Francis calls all of us. Tom is a loving father and husband, active in his children's Catholic schools and many other community service activities. He generously shares his vast professional experience as an advisor to the Archdiocese on matters related to child protection. As a nationally respected police chief currently President of the Major Cities Police Chief's Association, Tom courageously confronts the most challenging public safety and social issues facing our community today. His leadership and vision emphasize just and compassionate law enforcement for immigrants, offenders struggling with mental illness and drug addiction and protection for vulnerable populations. Make no mistake, Tom's greatest commitment is to our safety. While he compassionately tends to the vulnerable, he relentlessly pursues the "bad guys". His lead-

ership brings diverse segments of our community together to forge innovative, effective and fair solutions to public safety challenges. Congratulations to Chief Manager for this well-earned recognition.

This issue of OPT contains the inaugural column written by the Justice and Advocacy Council of Montgomery County, another example of "Franciscan" Christian action. I urge you to read what this group of dedicated and informed Catholics has to say today and in future columns. The J&A Council has established itself as a leading, uniquely Catholic parish voice of action on behalf of the poor and vulnerable in our county. The Council uses its influence and credibility to urge local elected officials to support programs and policies that assist increasing numbers of poor and vulnerable people in our county. I encourage your parish to support this ministry and become part of its effective voice for the poor. As with other groups which

seek to influence the public conversation and community leaders, the more supporters the J&A counts among its followers, the more effective action it can take for the benefit of those in need.

When Pope Francis arrives in Washington, he will no doubt cause a media frenzy, ironic for a humble man who shuns personal publicity. As we witness the events of his visit, there may be a tendency for the media spectacle to overshadow Francis's characteristically quiet and clear messages for us. Whatever his messages, we can be certain they will be "sermons for Christ-like action". He comes to instruct not entertain. Yet, if we are to accept the full blessing of Francis and the Holy Spirit he brings us, we'll have to tune out the "noise" and open our hearts to hear what he says to each of us. By actively and prayerfully listening, we can protect ourselves from hearing what we want to hear or what others say they have heard, and fully absorb

the messages of Francis.

With many media distractions, preparing our hearts for the messages of Pope Francis may be akin to football players preparing for the Super Bowl during Super Bowl Week. A couple of ways to prepare for Francis's visit might include "googling" and reflecting upon his writings and homilies. Fr. John Enzler at Catholic Charities has given us a meaningful way to commit ourselves to action for the vulnerable in honor of Pope Francis's visit. He encourages all of us to make a pledge of prayers and service by going to www.WalkwithFrancis.org or #WalkWithFrancis. Our pledges will be given to Pope Francis as a fitting honor for his visit to Washington. Listen and act!

God Bless,
Chuck Short

St. Patrick



In preparation for the trip, the children from St. Patrick's School collected funds to gift children in Haiti goats. These goats are a great resource for the people of Haiti. Together, the children were able to raise enough funds to buy 58 goats.

St. Patrick's Parish Makes Lasting Impact in Haiti

By Christie Anne Short

In mid-June thirty two parishioners from St. Patrick's Church embarked on a mission trip to Haiti. This was the third mission trip the parish has hosted since joining the efforts of Life Connection Mission. St. Patrick's has been supporting LCM for almost six years now and the recent trip allowed more parishioners to see the good that has come over the last few years

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Weekly church services don't always end this way, but they did when the St. Pat's mission team was there and definitely made these children happy!



Breaking the mission record! 501 children were invited on to the mission's main property for the largest party ever hosted by LCM missionaries.

These smiles remind us of joy it brings to serve others.



St Jude 14U Girls City champions.

St. Jude Athletic Association News

Two Spring Championships for St. Jude Ball Teams

This spring proved to be successful on the softball and baseball diamond for St. Jude.

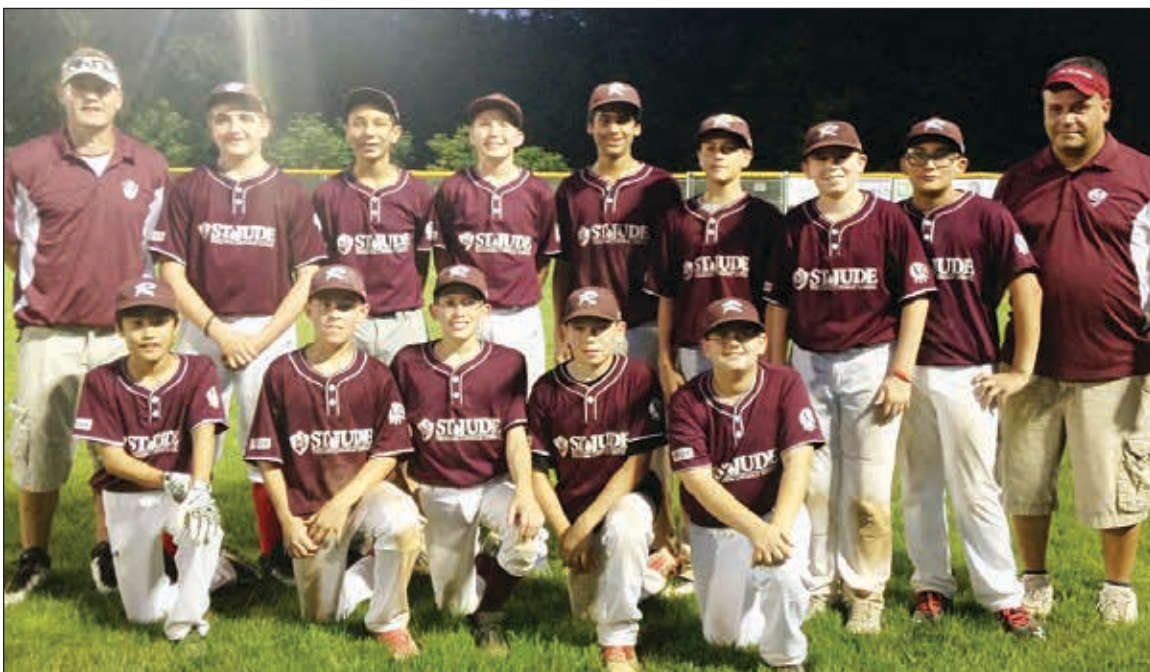
First, the St. Jude 14 year old and younger varsity softball team won the CYO championship, defeating St. Jane de Chantal, 12 to 3. The team capped off an 8-2 regular season record with an aggregate score in their three playoff games of 40 to 5. The team was made up of six girls from St. Jude, five girls from St. Elizabeth, and one from St. Patrick: (front row) Sara

Miller, Gina Dieguez, Mariam Solomon, and Lucy Young; (middle row) Sarah Marcolin, Claire Coyle, Ellie Whalen, Meaghan Carey, Janel Heasley, Rebecca Welton,. The team was coached by Mike Carey (St. Elizabeth), Mike Whalen (St. Elizabeth), George Welton (St. Jude), and Jim Coyle (St. Patrick). Not pictured are Julie Kilmer and Mary Childs.

Secondly, the St. Jude seventh and eighth grade boys won the Rockville Baseball Association

(RBBA) Midget Division championship, defeating Damascus, 13 to 3. The team capped off an 11-1 season record avenging their only loss in the championship game. The team was coached by Steve Monday (left) and Tarik Mouchti. Players included Nick D'Avella, Jovan Navarra, Kevin Ourand, TJ Mouchti, Dylan Monday, Patrick Ribas, Joseph Byrne, Jack Hudren, Nick Sanders, Justin Davis, Logan Moorland, Danny Chuchum, and Chan Hokim.

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St Jude seventh and eighth grade boys RBBA champs.

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in part because of their prayers, financial support, and fundraising efforts. While in Haiti, the St. Pat's mission team distributed hundreds of shoes, clothing, and hygiene products. Each day the team feed members of the community.

The mission team visited families

in the mountain communities and shared bags of rice and beans and served a hot meal to over 100 men, women, and children. Nurses from our team worked beside a Haitian doctor, nurse, and an American doctor treating the regular sicknesses (malaria, fever, cough) and performed surgeries that will provide comfort and prevent greater health risks. Our final and greatest accomplishment throughout the week was

in the construction of a home for a member of our community and his family.

There is a long way to go in Haiti, but St. Patrick's missionaries have seen the tremendous growth and hope that has come with our time serving in Haiti. Thank you to our parish community for your great support and love!

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MINISTRY

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was distributed to all present. It was a surprise gift from the parish, "... in appreciation his ministry to the Archdiocese of Washington, the larger community and the parish of

Saint Francis of Assisi".

Father Ralph published his autobiography, "Why a Servant Church", in 2013. It is available through Amazon.com or by contacting the St. Francis of Assisi office. We have been truly blessed to have Father Ralph with us for the last 24 years.

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The foundation of Catholic social teaching lies in our recognition of the inviolable sanctity of every human life. We call upon individuals and social institutions to respect the sanctity and dignity of life from conception to natural death, and to value the worth of every human person, especially those who are vulnerable and defenseless.

Call to Family, Community, Participation

The person is not only sacred, but social. We recognize the family as an integral unit to all other social institutions. We encourage social policies that protect and support marriage and the family, and that encourage all members of society to exercise their right and duty to participate in communal efforts to seek the common good.

Rights and Responsibilities

There is an integral relationship between our rights as human persons, and our responsibilities to one another. The protection of human dignity and the attainment of a healthy society are possible only when all individuals acknowledge their duty and responsibility to care for one another, their families, and the larger human community.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

An essential moral measure of society is the basic welfare of its most vulnerable members. In forming social and political policies, we are called to give priority to the needs of the poor and vulnerable, and to ensure that all members of society have access to basic necessities.

The Dignity and Rights of Workers

We believe that human labor should be valued as an expression of each individual's participation in the continuing process of God's creation. Economic poli-



cies should uphold the right of all workers to productive labor, to a safe and decent work environment, to fair and livable wages, to organize and join unions, and to the free exercise of economic initiative.

Solidarity

Regardless of our national, racial, ethnic, economic or ideological differences, we share an inseparable bond with one another as human beings. The principle of solidarity calls us to seek a just social order where goods are distributed fairly, opportunity is promoted equally, and the dignity of all is respected.

Care for God's Creation

The Catholic tradition calls us to respect our Creator through our responsible stewardship of all creation. We are called to preserve our world's natural resources not only for the benefit of today's society, but for all future generations.

Adapted from Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, June 1999. Source: Maryland Catholic Conference

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Planned Parenthood's Work Reflects 'Throwaway Culture' Decried by Pope Francis

Cardinal Seán O'Malley, OFM Cap., archbishop of Boston and chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), responded, July 29, to recent videos showing leaders from Planned Parenthood discussing the provision of fetal organs, tissues, and body parts from their abortion clinics.

Full text of Cardinal O'Malley's statement follows:

Pope Francis has called abortion the product of a "widespread mentality of profit, the throwaway culture, which has today enslaved the hearts and minds of so many." The recent news stories concerning Planned Parenthood direct our attention to two larger issues involving many institutions in our society. The first is abor-

tion itself: a direct attack on human life in its most vulnerable condition. The second is the now standard practice of obtaining fetal organs and tissues through abortion. Both actions fail to respect the humanity and dignity of human life. This fact should be the center of attention in the present public controversy.

If the Planned Parenthood news coverage has caused anyone to experience revived trauma from their own involvement in abortion, be assured that any and all persons will be welcomed with compassion and assistance through the Church's post-abortion healing ministry, Project Rachel. If you or someone you know would like confidential, nonjudgmental help, please visit www.projectrachel.com.

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of the Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Washington.

- Depart for New York City from Andrews Air Force Base.

The Archdiocese of Washington has dedicated presence on the archdiocesan website, www.adw.org/papalvisit, to provide information about the Holy Father's Washington visit. Planning is underway and details will be posted to this site as

they are finalized. Media can find information at www.adw.org/pope-media. To receive email and text alerts, individuals may also sign up on the papal visit page to receive emails or text PopeinDC to 84576.

Pope Francis' visit to the United States will include stops in New York City and Philadelphia; media are encouraged to contact the respective archdioceses for the itinerary for those cities.

The Archdiocese of Washington's Twitter handle is @WashArchdiocese, and the hashtag for the papal visit is #PopeInDC.

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