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Fr. Ralph Kuehner in the St. Francis of Assisi parish rectory

## Fr. Ralph Kuehner- Living the Faith at 90

By Andrew Hamm

A passionate student of Scripture and dedicated servant of the suffering, Fr. Ralph Kuehner celebrated his ninetieth birthday on April 7. As a young boy, Fr. Kuehner says he “never really thought of anything else” besides becoming a priest. Now approaching

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Lourdes students take off!

## The Sixth Annual Lions' Roar Kate Truax 5K at Our Lady of Lourdes

This year the Silent Auction – the first installment of our spring fundraiser, was held at a huge success, and raised almost \$15,000 toward new air conditioning for the school cafeteria. The Black Finn Restaurant on March 1. It was

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1965 – New pastor of St. Elizabeth Fr. Frederick Bloom breaks ground for the new St. Elizabeth parish school. The priests flanking Fr. Bloom were, on the left, Fr. Paul Myer of St. Martin's in Gaithersburg (he was Dean of priests in Montgomery County at the time) and, on the right, Fr. Francis Lauriola of St. Jude's in Rockville.

## Milestone Anniversary at St. Elizabeth Parish

June 6, 1964 – A new parish is established in Rockville, Maryland, at the corner of Montrose Road and Tildenwood Drive. It is to be called St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist.

Jump ahead to present day and St. Elizabeth Parish is embarking on a year-long celebration of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! In 1964, the parish began with 310 families; today it has grown into a thriving community of 1600 families. The founding pastor, Fr. Frederick Bloom, oversaw the

building of both the church and the parish school on this plot of land in then-rural Montgomery County. The school opened in September of 1966, and the church building was completed in November of that same year. Fifty years later, the school has doubled in size and enrollment (500+ students), a rectory has been built, the church has added a large gathering space, renovated the existing space, and added a bell tower, all under the supervision of current (and only sec-

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## St. John the Baptist Principal Retiring after 22 Years

After 22 years of exceptional leadership and service, Ms. Marianne Moore announced her retirement in a February note to the school community. She said “After much prayer, I have decided that this will be my final year as principal of St. John the Baptist. I have loved my 22 years here...but it is time to retire. I do not know what is next, but the good God who led me to you will continue to lead me into ‘what’s next’.”

Ms. Moore's time here has had several highlights. The greatest accomplishment was

the completion of the renovation of the existing school facilities. She oversaw integrating technology across the disciplines and in all grades. This included a variety of instructional methods in the classrooms.

Another key highpoint came when Ms. Moore received the “Manifesting the Kingdom Award” from Cardinal Wuerl. The award was given to individuals who demonstrate a love of Christ in their lives and share it with their church and community.

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Marianne Moore Retires after 22 Years at St. John the Baptist Catholic School.

## Faithful Servants

Happy Easter Season. The recent Gospel about Thomas, the doubting Apostle, resonated in a special way with me this year of seemingly endless winter as I began to question whether there would be a resurrection in my spring garden! Thanks be to God, as I write I see daffodils and tulips hesitantly breaking through the earth. I hope you all have a renewed and warm spring.



Chuck Short

Another perhaps unanticipated aspect to this spring is that it will, for the first time, be a primary election period for most local and state elected offices in Maryland. An election in June? I'm thinking vacation not politics! Yes, instead of the traditional September primary elections, beginning this year, primaries will be held in June. All local elections are important because through them we choose the individuals who will make critically important decisions about our community on our behalf. The Justice and Advocacy Council of Montgomery County, an Archdiocese affiliated group of parish representatives who advocate with County officials on issues related to social justice, recently sponsored a successful and informative forum for County Executive candidates. I commend the group for acting to help

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## Here's to the Saints Among Us

I had the privilege of a lifetime to be part of the one million who gathered in Rome as Pope John Paul II and Pope John



Rev. Msgr. John Enzler

XXIII were canonized into sainthood. It was a rare break for me from the exciting work here at Catholic Charities, though I'd hardly call it a vacation being surrounded by so many people.

At the Papal audience, we had an exciting moment when we found ourselves about

10 feet from Pope Francis as he rode around St. Peter's Square and stopped to greet the crowds (the key, I noticed, is to stand near a baby). For me, it was a moment to see the meeting of the Church's past and its future, as one Pope was able to honor two of his predecessors.

Most of us spend our lives practicing our Catholic faith and never get closer than I did that day to the Pope. Of course, the messenger and the message still find a way to reach us

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# CBN-MC Honors Youth Coaches



On May 1, the Catholic Business Network–Montgomery County held its fifteenth annual Youth Coaches' Hall of Fame Luncheon at Georgetown Preparatory School. This luncheon provides CBN-MC the opportunity to honor those individuals who have devoted an incredible amount of time, effort and talent coaching our young athletes and instilling in them the values and motivation necessary to succeed in life.

Each year we induct three such individuals into our Youth Sports Hall of Fame. This year's inductees were Kirk Bell from St. Raphael/St. Elizabeth, Howard Blue from the Washington Jesuit Academy and David Long from Our Lady of Lourdes. Catholic University Men's Basketball Head Coach, Steve Howes presented the awards.

Above, Catholic University Men's Basketball Head Coach, Steve Howes; Howard Blue, Washington Jesuit Academy (WJA); and David Long, Our Lady of Lourdes

Below, Kirk D. Bell & his wife Eileen



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St. Elizabeth School is honored to announce that three of our eighth grade students were winners in the Catholic Business Network's Annual Essay Contest. Scholarships are applied to a student's tuition at a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Washington. Please congratulate Matthew Edwards (\$2,500 scholarship), Katherine May (\$1,500 scholarship) and Manav Talreja (\$750 scholarship). Hats off, Matt, Katie, and Manav, on a job well done! You have made us proud!

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Brookewood students act a scene from Love's Labour's Lost.

## Brookewood and Avalon Students Showcase Shakespeare Scenes

By Meagan Collins, a ninth grader at Brookewood

The Avalon-Brookewood Actor's Guild (ABAG) presented *O, For a Muse of Fire* on March 8 with two performances. The performances were a collection of classic Shakespeare plays, including iconic scenes from *Julius Caesar*, *Hamlet*, *Much Ado about Nothing*, *King Lear*, *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, *Love's Labour's Lost* and *The Merchant of Venice*. The production had over 60 cast and crew members. Between each scene, students performed monologues and speeches. The compilation of scenes was a big hit, boasting two full shows that averaged 200 attendees each.

"Scene nights are always a good idea," said Mr. Nauman, director of

*Love's Labour's Lost* and a religion and history teacher at Brookewood, "Because they allow actors whose talent the director would never have seen in a normal play to shine onstage."

Each scene had 5-10 actors and a director—a teacher from Avalon or Brookewood. Because there were many scenes from different plays, each director had artistic license to recreate Shakespeare's words as he/she imagined. For example, *Much Ado About Nothing* was staged in a modern day context while *Love's Labour's Lost* was given an extra comedic spin. Some scenes like Julius Caesar's death were staged traditionally, yet were still powerful and evocative in their original form. Mr. Daniel Corey, who has been directing Avalon-Brookewood productions since 2007, oversaw the

entire show and personally directed the monologues.

Many students who act in ABAG act throughout high school have four or more plays under their belt and are well-prepared to act in college. ABAG has presented a large variety of plays, ranging from *The Devil and Daniel Webster*, *Pride and Prejudice* and *The Servant of Two Masters*, to *And Then There Were None*. If you are interested in seeing an ABAG play, we annually showcase performances in the winter, so be sure to check the Brookewood website for a date.

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## Down Syndrome Information Bill Signed by Governor O'Malley

The parents of children with Down syndrome have been heard. They want more information – accurate information – provided to new parents who receive a pre- or post-natal diagnosis that their child has Down syndrome.

Thankfully, the Maryland General Assembly passed unanimously on the last day of session (at 11:57 pm), legislation (SB 654) requiring the Department of Mental Health and Hygiene to identify "up-to-date, evidence-based" infor-

mation about Down syndrome that can be provided to parents who have received a pre- or post-natal diagnosis that their child

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# Sunday Morning Eighth-Grade CCD Class Special

When St. Bartholomew's Sunday Morning eighth-grade class started CCD in 2006, George Bush was President, Benedict XVI was the new Pope, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" was in movie theaters, the iPhone had just been introduced, Barack Obama was just beginning his campaign for the Presidency, and Msgr. James Beattie was the Pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish. Over the next 8 years, many changes would take place in the United States, at St. Bartholomew's, and in the students themselves. But during those 8 years, through all the tumult and change, the Sunday Morning class would grow together in friendship and faith.

St. Bart's Sunday Morning eighth-grade class was unusual because, to a large extent, they were together since first grade. They attended many different schools, but came together in a welcoming community on Sunday mornings for eight years. Jeanne Hisle, the class's most recent teacher, told OPT, "Even though they had been



The St. Bart's Sunday Morning eighth-grade class CCD class, together for 8 years, poses for a group photo shortly before Confirmation.

together for so long, they welcomed new people and made them a part of the group right away. No cliques – every new person became part of the group."

Our Parish Times asked the stu-

dents about their memories of their years together. Some memories were funny, such as eating huge cupcakes in first grade and getting frosting on their faces, parties after tests, and a wonderfully fun Confirmation retreat. Many students had special memories of learning about their faith, such as planting tulips that represented growing within the Church in 2nd grade and watching the 'Fruit of the Spirit' video in the eighth grade. Another common theme was Friendship. Several students noted how "comfortable" and "close" the class was.

Students who joined after the first grade found the Sunday class "welcoming." One student told OPT that she had made "many amazing friends" and another said that "it was a valuable experience getting to know my peers over the years."

Jeanne Hisle told OPT, "Each student would and did work with anyone else in the room on small group projects and activities. They enjoyed working with younger students in CCD – we had the opportunity to go into the first grade to practice the Our Father, and work with them one-on-one in their

lessons. The older students were great role models and worked very well with the younger students. Last December, we had a Christmas carol sing-a-long. In seventh grade, they acted out some parables for the younger students."

The Sunday Morning 8th Grade class was confirmed by Bishop Barry Knestout, brother of St. Bart's Pastor Mark Knestout, on Sunday, April, 6, in the company of their companions from the Monday eighth-grade CCD and the St. Bart's School eighth grade. Although the class is just a memory now, that memory – of friendship, learning, faith, and fun – will stay with its graduates for a lifetime.

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Father Dominic Roscioli gestures to make a point at St. Bartholomew's Lenten Retreat on March 24-26, 2014.

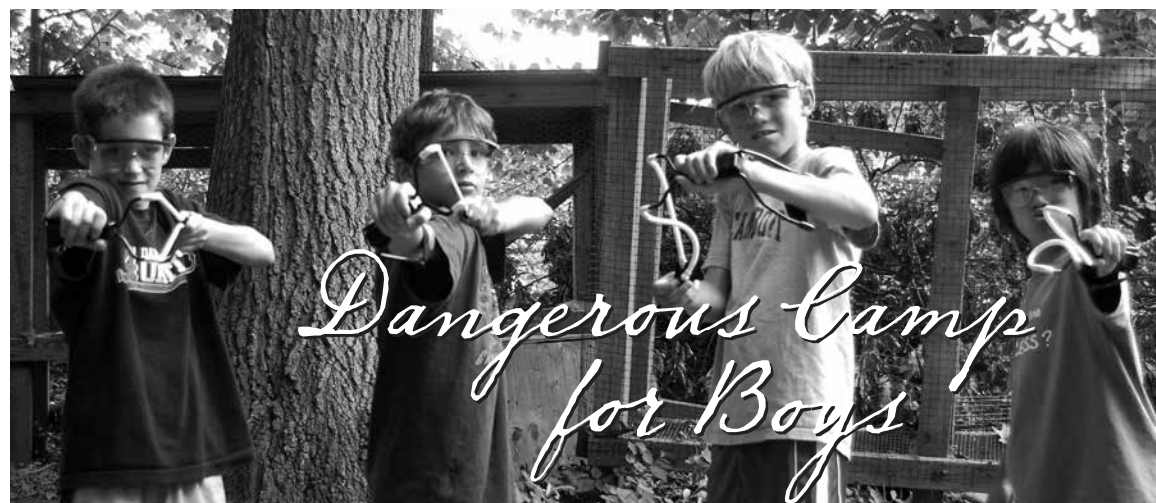
## Cancer Survivor and Activist Leads Lenten Retreat

Each morning and evening, from March 24 through 26, Father Dominic J. Roscioli led St. Bart's annual Lenten retreat. Fr. Dom is a cancer survivor, a long-time volunteer at Paul Newman's camps for children with cancer, and an activist for social justice in his inner city neighborhood in Kenosha, WI. Fr. Dom's stories, based on everyday life experiences, were interesting, humorous and thought-provoking. His mission was to teach retreat-goers to "learn to read the signs that God's talking to us all the time."

Father Dom freely employed humor about everyday trials, familiar to his audience: "Every time I think about leaving the Priesthood and getting married and having children, I go to Chucky Cheese. After, that, I don't think about it again for five years." He ended the retreat with a recapitulation of his main theme: "Give God the Worry, Give God the Pain, Give God the Anxiety, Give God the Guilt, and live life Free."

St. Bart's also sponsored a Men's Retreat on March 8 and a Women's Retreat on March 27.

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## St. Raphael Parish News

**W**e have had a busy and fruitful year at St. Raphael parish. Our campus is alive with activities, energetic and devoted parishioners, and filled with prayer. Now that May is here, we can reflect on an amazing year.

This spring, many young people in our parish celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. These deeply meaningful rites of the church are cause for celebration within our church community, as young Catholics become more fully engaged in their faith. This year we have a reason to celebrate: three second-graders with autism will be receiving their First Holy Communion. Our special needs religious education program has flourished. Many people

within our parish have worked hard to adapt our typical curriculum to make it accessible to students with special needs. Our pastor, Fr. James Meyers, has been incredibly supportive. Our DRE, Mary Beauvoir, has worked with families, students, and staff to provide all necessary support and make this program work. Adult catechists and teenage aides volunteer their valuable time to give these children the attention and assistance they require in the classroom. Maria Harrington, a speech language pathologist and parishioner, has worked tirelessly to create instruction and make materials and projects that use pictures to help children learn their faith. It has been a work of love all around.

Our adult faith formation community also continues to thrive. Suzanne Nelson, our adult faith formation coordinator, works diligently to provide amazing programming throughout the year and support to individual groups. Meetings are well attended and it's wonderful to witness parishioners gathering to discuss and explore various subjects.

Our enthusiastic community is dedicated to service and the many projects that fill up the weeks and months demonstrate it. Our active youth groups are engaged and energetic. There are opportunities to give back, to learn, to support, to reflect, and to grow in our faith. The Holy Spirit works within all of our community and within us.

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## St. Raphael School News

By MJ Zafis-Garcia, Cynthia Buzby,  
and Nora Stephens

**I**t has been a busy and exciting spring at St. Raphael School, and it is still early in May. Our school shared an exceptionally proud moment as our beloved fifth-grade home-room teacher, Patty Quinn, was announced as a winner of the Golden Apple Award. The award honors 10 outstanding teachers every year in the Archdiocese. Superintendent Bert L'Homme made the announcement at a surprise assembly before spring break. A representative from all three categories— a staff member, a parent, and a student – nominated Ms. Quinn, who also celebrated her 25th anniversary of teaching this year. We are all so proud to have Ms. Quinn at St. Raphael School and can't think of anyone more deserving of this award.

### SRS Student Wins Essay Contest

SRS fourth-grader William Stuart was one of the winners of the City of Rockville's "If I Were Mayor" essay contest! In fact, William was a *district* winner—essays were selected from each of the Maryland Municipal League's 11 regional districts.



**William Stuart, St. Raphael fourth grader and winner of the City of Rockville's "If I Were Mayor" essay contest.**

William is one of five winners for the district that covers Montgomery and Howard counties, and as a district winner, William automatically earned the Rockville award. This year, there were two district winners from Rockville, both of whom get to serve as Mayor for the Day on

May 22. Mayor for the Day includes lunch with Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton, a tour of City Hall, and participation in the 2014 Memorial Day Parade. Coincidentally, one of William's ancestors, John G. England, was a mayor of Rockville in the late 1800s.

### From Communion to Graduation

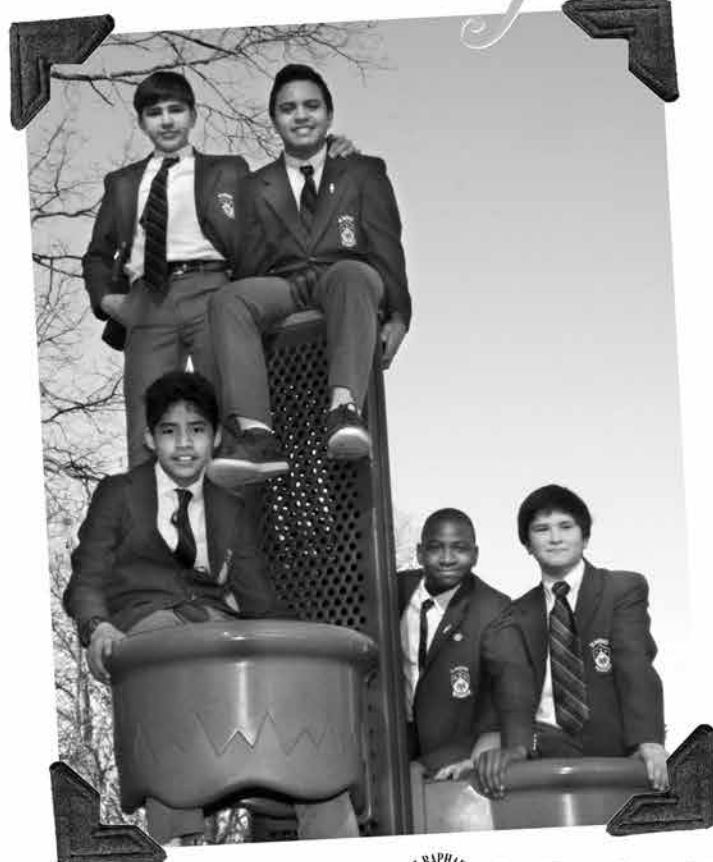
Spring means flowers blooming and warm weather at last. It also brings important sacraments, long-standing traditions, and the beginning of new ones. Students of St. Raphael as well

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**SRS second graders Brendan Beane, Matthew Singleton, Christopher Farrell celebrate their First Communion.**

# Congratulations to our first graduating class!



**Samuel Gatica  
Ezequiel Guozden  
Schuyler Johns  
Jovan Kouakou  
Emily May  
Yasmine Tashman  
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ond) pastor, Msgr. Jack Macfarlane, who came to St. Elizabeth's in 1992, upon Fr. Bloom's retirement.

An active and enthusiastic organizing committee, along with Msgr. Macfarlane, have put together a year of activities and events to commemorate this milestone anniversary for the parish. The year will begin, almost to the day of the founding, with a Kick-Off Carnival on June 8 from 1:30 to 5pm with a big tent on the back parking lot, carnival games, Moonbounce and Monster Obstacle Course in the field, and an all-you-can-eat menu of barbecue, hamburgers and hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, desserts, iced tea, lemonade and beer, snowcones, popcorn and ice cream – food and fun for all ages!

Price per person is \$8 (13-adult), \$6 (4-12), and 3 and under free. (Price increases to \$10 per person after June 2). Attendance is not limited to St. Elizabeth parishioners – all are welcome!

Other events throughout the year

**Ladies Brunch in September**, to honor the founding members of our Sodality and Ladies' Guild.

**Feast Day celebration** on the first weekend of November.

**November 5 - John Allen**, Associate Editor of the Boston Globe and former Vatican Editor for the National Catholic Reporter, will speak about "The Francis Factor."

**November 16 – Cardinal Wuerl** will celebrate a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass.

**December 14** will feature a special Christmas concert

**The DC Hood will be here on January 23** for a basketball game.

**An Anniversary dinner party** is planned for **February 7**.

**May 17**, closing our year of celebration, a **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary brunch**.

Complete details for these events, and others can be found on the parish's website: ([www.StElizabethChurchMD.org](http://www.StElizabethChurchMD.org)).

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1966 – The framing of St. Elizabeth Church takes shape at Montrose Road. The further advanced construction of the school appears to the right.



2009 – Present pastor Msgr. John Macfarlane blesses the bells for the church's new tower.



# Congratulations

## CLASS of 2014

Allan VanBuren Beers III

Luke Nicholas Bonner

William Thomas Brown

Joseph Francis Bruchalski

Dominic James Burgess

Joseph Michael Cipollone

Christopher Aubrey de Raet

Thomas Blayne Del Priore

Gordon Thomas Edwards Denis

Stefan George Eliopoulos

Joshua Alvaro Friddle

Mark Andrew Funari

Edward Lytle Gidley

Charles Stewart Gilak

Francisco Gimenez De Cordoba Alcover

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Andrew Patrick McDonald

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Christopher Sebastian Moss

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## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

The following list is representative of the wide variety of colleges and universities where Heights students have been accepted over the past three years:

Auburn University ■ Ave Maria University ■ Belmont Abbey College ■ Boston College ■ Boston University ■ Bowdoin College ■ Bucknell University ■ University of California at Berkeley ■ Catholic University of America ■ University of Chicago ■ College of Charleston ■ The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina ■ Clemson University ■ Colgate University ■ Cornell University ■ University of Dallas ■ University of Dayton ■ University of Delaware ■ Dickinson College ■ Elon University ■ Fairfield University ■ Fordham University ■ Franciscan University of Steubenville ■ Franklin and Marshall College ■ George Mason University ■ The George Washington University ■ Georgetown University ■ Georgia Institute of Technology ■ Gettysburg College ■ Hampden-Sydney College ■ High Point University ■ University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign ■ Indiana University at Bloomington ■ James Madison University ■ Johns Hopkins University ■ University of Kansas ■ Lafayette College ■ Loyola University Maryland ■ University of Mary Washington ■ University of Maryland, College Park ■ Marymount University ■ Miami University, Oxford ■ University of Michigan ■ Mount St. Mary's University ■ University of Navarre ■ New York University ■ The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ■ North Carolina State University ■ Northwestern University ■ University of Notre Dame ■ Pennsylvania State University, University Park ■ University of Pittsburgh ■ Princeton University ■ Providence College ■ Purdue University ■ Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute ■ Saint Joseph's University ■ University of South Carolina ■ St. Mary's College of Maryland ■ Syracuse University ■ Texas A&M University ■ The University of Texas, Austin ■ United States Naval Academy ■ Villanova University ■ Virginia Military Institute ■ Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University ■ University of Virginia ■ Wake Forest University ■ Washington College ■ College of William and Mary ■

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St. Mary's second grader John McCormick was one of 59 children to receive their First Holy Communion on May 3. McCormick was feeling doubly blessed as he is surrounded by his four siblings who were altar servers for the Mass including sister, Meghan, who was Confirmed with 63 other parishioners on March 20. Blessings to all those who received sacraments.

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## Blessed By Less Bazaar

**O**n April 12 and 13, St. Mary's hosted the first annual Blessed by Less Bazaar. All items were donated by parishioners and then sold at below value to those in need. The school was overflowing with the generosity of the St. Mary's community and the event was well received by those purchasing items they might not have otherwise been able to afford.

The bazaar was sponsored by Social Concerns and the St. Mary's eighth-grade class. Countless volunteers also contributed time and effort to this great function!

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Pictured below, the "State Fair" came to the St. Mary's theatre April 5-7 and was worthy of a Tony! Director Julianne Martinelli, cast and crew transformed the school into a grand affair. Above, the entire cast poses for a pic after the final curtain. Congrats to all on a wonderful job. Martinelli also serves as Choral Director and ably leads the school chorus and Schola Choir who traveled for performances at the Franciscan Monastery, St. Paul the Apostle in New York City, The National Christmas Tree and a Frederick Keys game. The arts are alive at St. Mary's!



The St. Mary's community paid homage to the Blessed Mother on Sunday, May 4 at the May Procession. Above, the St. Mary's eighth-grade girls – and May Queens – pose at the ice cream social that followed the service. The weekend was kicked off by Grandparents Day on Friday the 2nd as grandparents from near and far came to celebrate Mass with the school, have breakfast and visit classrooms.

## Noteworthy...

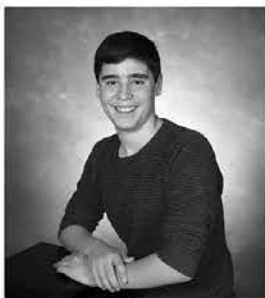
■ The seventh grade enjoyed a field trip to Philadelphia on March 21.

■ Many St. Mary's Running Club members participated in the Good Counsel 5K April 26

■ St. Mary's Advanced Band won the Superior Award for achieving First Place in the Archdiocese of Washington Band Festival April 6

■ Members of the Underage Drinking Task Force for Montgomery County held an assembly for St. Mary's fifth-eighth graders educating about the dangers of underage drinking.

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## CONGRATULATIONS ! CLASS OF 2014

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Students accepted to the following high schools:

Academy of the Holy Cross, Connelly School of the Holy Child, Georgetown Prep, Georgetown Visitation, Gonzaga, The Heights, Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. John's College High School





## KUEHNER

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the sixty-fourth anniversary of his ordination on June 3, the beloved parish leader and non-profit organizer has never stopped or looked back.

Fr. Kuehner's spiritual formation and vocational journey began at home in Scranton, Pennsylvania, where his parents demonstrated for him a deeply lived faith in Christ. His mother daily attended both morning and evening services; when sick and unable to leave the house, she sent her husband in her stead. For his part, Mr. Kuehner impressed upon his son a generous compassion. His father's generosity could even run him into trouble with his wife, and Fr. Kuehner recalls one time especially when his brothers and he convinced their father to outfit them with new baseball jerseys. Within his immediate and extended family, Fr. Kuehner grew up surrounded by religious vocations. A sister, four aunts, and two cousins became consecrated women religious and three cousins were ordained as priests.

After entering seminary as a high-school student in 1938, Fr. Kuehner spent the next twenty-nine years of his life there – twelve until his ordination in 1950 and seventeen as an instructor and Scripture scholar for the seminarians. The faith and perseverance of his parents was such that, despite growing up during the Great Depression, Fr. Kuehner reports that it was only then, in a seminary designated “for poor boys,” that it occurred to him that he had experienced poverty. Rather than distress him, as a child Fr. Kuehner had enjoyed the stints when his father found himself out of work since on such occasions they would pass the day at sporting events.

Fr. Kuehner's ordained ministry since 1950 has been dominated by two driving passions, both of which he has pursued relentlessly – responding to the social needs of the community and explaining the words of Scripture. In 1970, Fr. Kuehner helped to begin So Others Might Eat, the local soup kitchen and comprehensive social services program that has helped thousands of people escape homelessness. Not long thereafter, Fr. Kuehner was involved in the founding of Victory Housing, which provides affordable housing and social services for low- and moderate-income senior citizens and families. Additional projects to which Fr. Kuehner has contributed his energies include Welcome Home, for returning prisoners; the Interfaith Conference

of Metropolitan Washington; and Gaithersburg Help, which provides foods and other supplies. These projects, which have developed from small initiatives into some of the most important social programs in the Archdiocese, do not represent past memories in Fr. Kuehner's life; he maintains active involvement on the boards of SOME, Victory Housing, and Gaithersburg Help.

Although he did not initially expect to stay so long at St. Francis of Assisi, he now has zero interest in moving. Retired as he is from administrative parish work, Fr. Kuehner finds himself able to devote more of his time to reading and writing, where unsurprisingly he has focused on the servant nature of the Church and opening up the words of Scripture. In addition

to writing weekly Scripture meditations for the parish Sunday bulletin, Fr. Kuehner recently published a series of meditations, Words of Jesus from the Cross, the fruit of reflections that began for him as a young priest preaching on Good Friday from 12pm to 3pm, the time Christ hung dying, the practice prior to Vatican II. This work explores the seven utterances of Christ before He died. It examines their Old Testament background as well as the personal views, reactions, or feelings of Mary, opponents, followers, St. Paul, and Jesus himself. True to his activist sensibilities, Fr. Kuehner closes each meditation with a point of action. Additional written works by Fr. Kuehner include Living the Word: Scripture Reflections and

Commentaries for Sundays and Holy Days (Year A) and Why a Servant Church? An Autobiography of Father Ralph Kuehner.

Fr. Kuehner still considers Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle, who as Archbishop of Washington was a leader in the push to desegregate and integrate American schools, a personal hero of his, a man “who would do anything to help” (and who also happened to hail from Scranton). Although too modest to compare himself to his model, Fr. Kuehner's life also stands as a witness to what is possible when a man truly commits his life to doing whatever it takes for the sake of the poor and of the Gospel. Our Parish Times and his community at St. Francis of Assisi salute and thank him.

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## Congratulations Class of 2014!

### Over \$4.5 million offered in scholarships to the following 65 graduates:

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Kelsey Bealmear	Andrew Gauvin	Camille Murphy	Michael Quarantillo	Kathryn Tighe
Philip Book	Benjamin Goundry	Mano Narayanasamy	Sade Reeves	Chase Tyler
Aric Bosser	Michael Grus	Sarah Neal	Colin Reigle	Alexis Underwood
Nathaniel Bowman	Nicholas Hill	Margaret Nelson	Andrew Riley	Sarah Vandegrift
Dennis Breen	Madison Hine	Shamar Nelson	Austin Rose	Christian Villarosa
Sierra Carder	Flannery Lawrence	Matthew O'Dowd	Michael Scire	Steven Weiblinger
Jonathan Clark	Karen Leahy	Nicholas Oliverio	Alexa Simon	Grier Wilson
Rachel Clark	Rodrigo Luzuriaga	Madison Payne	Aurora Simon	Matthew Wohlfarth
Alyssa Clayburn	Jonathon Mahalchick	Lianne Pedersen	Conor Snyder	Lorraine Yetimitana
Maclain Coulehan	Patricia McNickle	Giovanni Peralta	Sarina Sofia	Julian Young
John Curtin	Madison Middeke	Beth Ann Pierce	Jack Stedman	Julia Zucovski

### Our graduates have been accepted to the following colleges and universities:

Adelphi University • Albright College • Alvernia University • Arcadia University • Arizona State University • Barnard College • Bethany College • Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania • Boston College • Brandeis University • Bridgewater College • Broadcasting Institute of Maryland • Bucknell University • California University of Pennsylvania • Catholic University of America • Christopher Newport University • Clarion University of Pennsylvania • Clarkson University • Clemson University • Coastal Carolina University • College of William and Mary • Colorado State University • Columbia College Chicago • Culinary Institute of America • DeSales University • Dickinson College • Drexel University • Duquesne University • East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania • Elizabethtown College • Frostburg State University • Full Sail University • George Mason University • Georgetown University • Georgia Southern University • Gettysburg College • Goucher College • Haverford College • High Point University • Hood College • Illinois University of Technology • Indiana University of Pennsylvania-Punxsutawney Campus • James Madison University • Johns Hopkins University • Johnson & Wales University • Kansas State University • King's College • Kutztown University of Pennsylvania • Lebanon Valley College • Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania • Longwood University • Loyola University Maryland • Maine College of Art • Marshall University • McDaniel College • Milwaukee School of Engineering • Minot State University • Monmouth University • Montgomery College • Mount St. Mary's University • Muhlenberg College • Neumann University • North Carolina State University • Northeastern University • Notre Dame of Maryland University • Old Dominion University • Pennsylvania College of Art & Design • Pennsylvania State University, Altoona • Pennsylvania State University, University Park • Pratt Institute • Queens University of Charlotte • Queensborough Community College • Quinnipiac University • Radford University • Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute • Roanoke College • Rochester Institute of Technology • Saint Francis University • Saint Joseph's University • Saint Leo University • Saint Vincent College • Salisbury University • Shepherd University • Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania • St. John's University, Queens Campus • St. Mary's College of Maryland • Stevenson University • Susquehanna University • Syracuse University • Temple University • Towson University • Tufts University • University of Central Florida • University of Cincinnati • University of Colorado at Boulder • University of Delaware • University of Maryland, Baltimore County • University of Maryland, College Park • University of Massachusetts, Amherst • University of Minnesota, Twin Cities • University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill • University of Notre Dame • University of Pittsburgh • University of South Carolina • University of Tennessee, Knoxville • University of Vermont • University of Virginia • University of Wisconsin, River Falls • Virginia Military Institute • Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University • Wagner College • Wake Forest University • Washington College • West Virginia University • Wheeling Jesuit University • York College of Pennsylvania

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## DOWN SYNDROME

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may have this condition.

Several families who have children with Down syndrome were in attendance at the bill signing on Monday, May 5, at the Maryland State House in Annapolis.

The bill is modeled on the federal Kennedy/Brownback bill that was passed in 2008, and several other states already have passed similar legislation, including Massachusetts and Kentucky. Material already is available for use from national Down syndrome organizations and approved by the medical community.

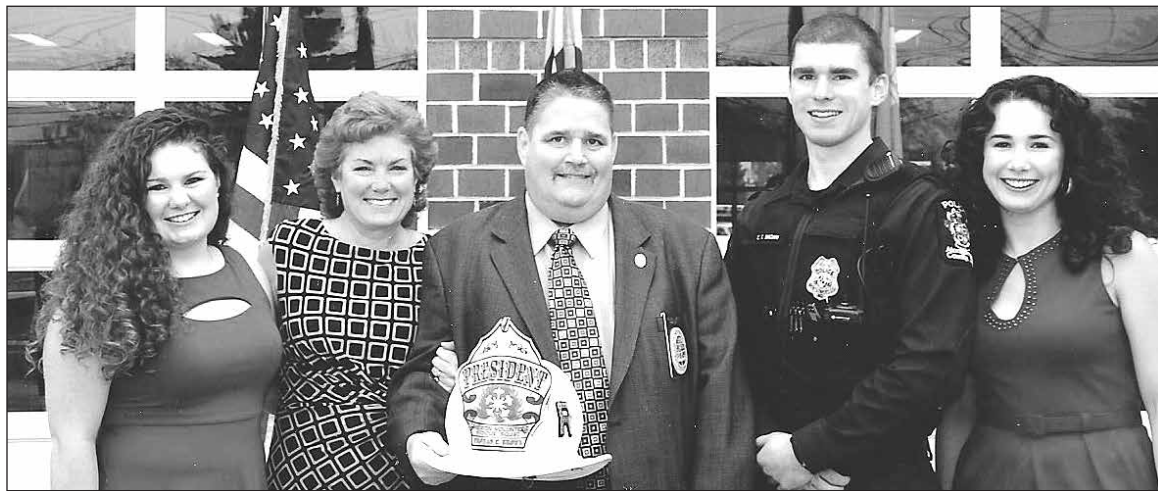
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Catie, Betty, Tom, Chris and Kelly Brown gathered for a photo at the dedication of the recently opened Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad.

## Wheaton Community Mourns the Loss of Parishioner Tom Brown

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**More St. John the Evangelist News on Page 56**

**T**he Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad (WVRS) and the surrounding community mourns the loss of WVRS President, Tom Brown, a life-long parishioner of St. John the Evangelist, and a graduate of the parish school. Tom passed away on April 19, 2014.

The St. John's community extends prayerful condolences to Tom's wife, Betty McDonald Brown, and his children, Kelly, Chris and Catie.

Tom Brown was instrumental in shepherding the relocation of the squad's station house to its new home at the corner of Arcola and Georgia Avenues across from the Wheaton Library – a project that

was many years in the making. The new site replaced its previous location on Grandview Avenue. This 29,000 square foot facility had been long awaited by public safety personnel and the community.

The Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad has a long and proud history of serving the residents of Montgomery County and this new station will allow the dedicated men and women of the WVRS and the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service to better serve the community for years to come.

To read the squad's tribute to Tom, go to: <http://www.wvrs.org/2014/04/president-thomas-c-brown>.

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## Lenten Rice & Tea Dinners Raised \$35,000

**I**n acknowledgment of the three pillars of Lent (prayer, fasting, and almsgiving), the St. John the Evangelist Parish community hosted weekly Wednesday night "Rice and Tea" dinners during the season of Lent. In addition to the simple, shared meal consisting of rice, soup, tea and water, there was a prayerful reading and discussion of the following week's Gospel.

Donations were also accepted for the John Paul II Medical Center in Ghana. This medical center is located in Fr. Francis Aning Amoah's home diocese in Jamasi, Ghana. Fr. Francis is currently serving as a Parochial

Vicar at St. John's on temporary assignment while working towards a Master's degree at Catholic University.

This parish-wide almsgiving effort raised more than \$35,000 towards purchasing urgently needed equipment for the newly opened clinic. The John Paul II Medical Center was recently opened to address the needs and provide quality health care to the people of Jamasi and its 17 surrounding communities. To learn more about the clinic and how you can help, please visit <http://www.sjeparish.org/lenten-alms-giving-project>.

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The John Paul II Medical Center, named for the newly sainted Pope John Paul, located in Jamasi, Ghana.



R. Aviles  
Wheaton High



L. Boyle  
Gonzaga



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Sherwood High



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Holy Cross



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Good Counsel



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Holy Cross



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Faculty, Staff, Parents & Students



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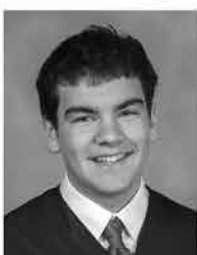
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Blake High



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Einstein High



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O. Vasquez  
Sherwood High



D. Whalen  
St. John College



E. Yonas  
St. John College



# Mary of Nazareth School Supports World T.E.A.M. Sports

On Saturday, April 26, The Katie Fitzgerald Center at Mary of Nazareth School was honored to provide a rest stop for the 2014 Face of America Bicycle Ride. The ride started over a decade ago and is one of the largest annual non-competitive bicycle rides in the Washington region.

With nearly 600 riders, including more than 150 injured veterans, the Face of America participants could choose between two challenges. They could ride the popular two-day journey from the Pentagon to the historic battlefields of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania or a one day metric century loop that began and ended in Gettysburg.

Created by World T.E.A.M.



Above, Gregory Gadson, a bilateral above-the-knee amputee and an active duty colonel in the United States Army, takes time for a picture with Mary of Nazareth School students, Brian Saum (first grade) and Mackenzie Saum (fourth grade).

At right, Mary of Nazareth School cheerleaders, cub scouts and other community members cheered on the Face of America riders.



Sports, and presented by Capital One Bank, the ride honors our service members who were wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan in the cur-

rent War on Terror, as well as the 9/11 first responders.

Mary of Nazareth School is eternally grateful to all our military

heroes who have made significant sacrifices to help keep our country safe. For more information on the nonprofit organization, World

T.E.A.M Sports, and the Face of America Bicycle Ride, please visit [www.worldteamsports.org/events/face-of-america/](http://www.worldteamsports.org/events/face-of-america/).

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## A Celebration of Mary

As is tradition, Mary of Nazareth School held a school-wide Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Patroness, on Friday, May 2. Students, faculty and staff, and parents came out for our annual May Crowning.

The Reverend Vincent Rigdon, Pastor of Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church in Poolesville, presided over this beautiful event. The graduating class of 2014 served as the attendants and placed

flowers at Mary's feet. Chimezie Offurum and Teagan McCarthy were honored to be the crown bearer and the crowner. This is a very special Mass for our eighth grade students since it is the last time they come together for Mass in our Christian family.

On Monday, May 5, an individual crowning of Mary took place in each classroom. Every class had a special celebration and prayer service to honor our Patroness in their own special way.

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## Second Annual Poetry Slam at Mary of Nazareth School

Mary of Nazareth School held its 2nd Annual Poetry Slam on Thursday, May 1. Two students were selected from each second through eighth grade class to present their original poem. This year's theme was "Growth."

### Congratulations to the following students:

Kamal Najjar, 2-1, "Mass"  
Shayla Spencer, 2-1, "Mass"  
Astawaye Seyoum, 2-2, "The Moon"  
Cecilia Zeranski, 2-2, "Communion"  
Alexis Fernandes, 3-1, "It Takes Time, Butterfly"

Ona Olisa, 3-1, "Grownup Butterfly"  
Caroline Owan, 3-2, "Faith Grows"  
Charles Scherer, 3-2, "Growth"  
Maggie McIntyre, 4-1, "Growth"  
Aidan Rafferty, 4-1, "A Mind"  
Olivia Choi, 4-2, "Growth"  
Ryan Woolery, 4-2, "The Bear and the Hare"  
Max Filliben, 5-1, "Growth"  
Julie Seminara, 5-1, "Snowman"  
Laura-Rose Osei, 5-2, "The Love of Nature's Growth"  
Hackett Rascher, 5-2, "Growth"  
Stanley Diep, 6-1, "Growth of Humans"  
Elizabeth Vandegrift, 6-1, "Cherry

Blossoms"  
Madison Broderick, 6-2, "A Year Older"  
Carson Schaefer, 6-2, "Sports Advice"  
Clara Griffin, 7-1, "Nature's Raw Growth"  
Evan Owan, 7-1, "Math"  
Bella Celentano, 7-1, "Under Ten Words"  
Noelia Gonzalez, 7-2, "Growing Works"  
Jackson Koutsos, 8-1, "Development"  
Teagan McCarthy, 8-1, "Maybe"  
Shauneen Miranda, 8-2, "The Past"  
Zach Zeranski, 8-2, "The Pain of Growth"

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## Mary of Nazareth School Science Fair

The Mary of Nazareth School Annual Science Fair was held on Thursday, March 27. Fifty-nine seventh grade students and three sixth grade students participated in the scientific process over three quarters and presented their projects to professionals from the school community.

7-1 Overall: 1st – Clara Griffin, 2nd – Michael Long, 3rd – Lauren Walker

7-2 Overall: 1st – Tom Scherer, 2nd – Ethan Brown, 3rd – Trey Seminara

7-1 Human Body: 1st – Sara Melley, 2nd – Cybelle Coskun, 3rd – Jessica Schneider

7-2 Human Body: 1st – Caroline Trusty, 2nd – Mariel Juwillie, 3rd – Jett Jacobs

7-1 Biology: 1st – Clara Griffin, 2nd – Arianna Checchia, 3rd – Mark Kelsey

7-2 Biology: 1st – Ethan Brown, 2nd – Seve Espinosa, 3rd – Marilyn Cherfan

7-1 Physics and Chemistry: 1st – Caroline Koutsos, 2nd – Cole Robilotto, 3rd – Luke Ryba

7-2 Physics: 1st – Henry Sanchez, 2nd – Morgan Rosia,

3rd – Nicholas Vassallo

7-2 Chemistry: 1st Tom Scherer, 2nd Coryn Pulliam, 3rd – Lilly McCarthy

7-1 Sports Science: 1st – Lauren Walker, 2nd – Thomas Kallarakal, 3rd – Sophia Eloschway

7-1 Thermal Energy: 1st – Michael Long, 2nd – Evan Owan, 3rd – Jeffrey Laredo

7-2 Thermal Energy: 1st – Zoe Zuppas, 2nd – Gina Fookes, 3rd – Caroline Brown

7-1 Food Science: 1st – Lia Latham, 2nd – Brian Murphy, 3rd – Emily Scuderi

7-2 Food Science: 1st – Trey Seminara, 2nd – Emma Scholl, 3rd – Cami Marshall and Amanda Evans

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# Upcoming Events at Our Lady of Lourdes School

The month of May is filled with exciting activities and events for the children and families of Our Lady of Lourdes School. Families purchased lots of great outings at the Silent Auction this year, and those outings along with lots of great field trips are filling the May and June calendar.

Third grade will visit the Basilica, while the eighth graders are off for a day at Monticello. Not to be outdone, the second grade will visit the Franciscan Monastery, while the sixth grade explores the National Gallery. Seventh graders are gearing up for their trip to Gettysburg, and first and second graders will spend a day at Rocklands Farm. This week ten students will enjoy a big pancake breakfast prepared by Ms. Sheehy and Ms. Camisa, and the Pre-K and the seventh graders will team up to head off to the National Zoo.

Coach Pete Strickland will conduct a basketball clinic, and Ms. Walsh will sharpen a group of students' baseball skills. In the middle of it all, we have our *Muffins for Moms* day and a beautiful May Procession to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. Soon after that there will be a scavenger hunt through the streets of Bethesda, and a manicure and ice cream party at the principal's house. The fifth grade boys will enjoy dinner and a movie with Ms. Corbutt and Ms. Walsh, while the fourth grade boys are head-

ing out to go camping with Mr. Long, Mr. Dwyer and Mr. Hudak.

Our last three days of school will be filled with the excitement of our Enrichment Program. Students in the primary grades will experience a Math Day, a Science Day and a "Travel the World Day". Students in grades 4-7 will have an opportunity to spend three days learning about the *World of the Crimesolver*, or studying photojournalism, exploring the Washington museums and monuments while researching their history, learning some new dance steps, discovering everything there is to know about the C & O Canal, or experiencing our school motto, "Faith, Excellence and Service" up close and personal by meeting and getting to know some exceptional people who exemplified those qualities we seek.

With June right around the corner, and our eighth graders preparing to head off to high school, they want to know everything there is to know about dining etiquette, and so will prepare, serve and enjoy a formal meal together before the last day of school.

Learning can take many forms, and can take place in the classroom, on a mountaintop or in the heart of the city. At Lourdes, we will experience all kinds of learning over the next month, and we are all looking forward to the adventure!

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## 5K

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class baskets, each of which had an exciting theme, were on display for a few weeks before the Lions' Roar, and they generated tons of excitement. The school children and their parents couldn't decide if they wanted to win the 52" HGTV more than the seven day stay in a luxurious condo in Disneyworld. The children "ooohed" and "aaaahed" over the sports equipment and their parents couldn't get enough of the restaurant basket that contained gift cards to over 20 of their favorite restaurants.



Samantha and Miley Copeland won the sports equipment.

Friday night before the race we "carb loaded" with spaghetti and pizza from Ledo's, and made some great wagers on the next day's run.

After a long hard winter, we all felt like we were due for some good weather. Fortunately, the first nice day of the Spring 2014 season fell on April 12. The Sixth Annual Lions' Roar Kate Truax 5K run and family fun day must have been blessed by Kate – Our Lady of Lourdes School's own private angel.

Race day saw a crowd of close to 600 people – parents, friends, children and alumni and their families – enjoying the perfect weather. They participated in the 5K run, the 1K fun run, hopped around in two moon bounces, danced to tunes provided by a deejay, and ate loads of delicious food including wings from Hard Times, bagels, fruit, hot dogs and more. The excitement built around the drawings of tickets for the baskets and, of course, the announcement of the race winners in each age category. The weather was so perfect that no one wanted to go home. As they strolled off into the neighborhood, carrying their Lions' Roar royal blue race bags, and sporting their race tee shirts, everyone agreed it had been a perfect day. The Lions' Roar Kate



Helina Daniel took "Lego Man" home with her!

Truax 5K provided the Lourdes School community with a wonderful opportunity to play, eat, and exercise together. While having fun we raised enough money to make some improvements to our school building.

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"I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do."



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"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."



**Justin Chatman**  
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"Attitude reflects leadership."



**Savannah Chatman**  
Holton Arms

"Spend a little more time trying to make something of yourself and a little less time trying to impress other people."



**Samantha Copeland**  
The Academy of  
the Holy Cross

"I believe that every person is born with talent."



**Marco Espina**  
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"Whatever the mind of a man can conceive and believe, it can achieve."



**Josephine Froelich**  
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"May God give you for every problem that life sends a friend to share it with."



**Amalia Grobbel**  
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"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain."



**Antonio Gutierrez**  
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"Stand up for what is right, even if you are standing alone."



**Heyward Hanley**  
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"It's hard to fail, but it is worse to never have tried to succeed. In this life we get nothing save by effort."



**Chandler Hawkins**  
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"There is nothing to fear but fear itself."



**Taria Herbert**  
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"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting! So get on your way!"



**Caterina Ieronimo**  
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"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."



**Charles Lekakos**  
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"Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."



**Brigid McGroarty**  
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"There is nothing small in the service of God."



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"I believe that one defines oneself by reinvention, to not be like your parents, to not be like your friends, to be yourself, to cut yourself out of stone."



**Natalie Nantais**  
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"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I have not a single bit of talent left and could say, 'I used everything you gave me.'"



**Devan O'Neil**  
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"Never lose your originality for the sake of others because no one can play your role better than you. So be yourself."



**Helena Orrego**  
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"Never underestimate your ability to make someone else's life better, even if you never know it."



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"Success is liking yourself, liking what you do and how you do it."



**Molly Quinn**  
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"You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."



**Alexa Rios**  
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"To be a champ, you have to believe in yourself when nobody else will."



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"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."



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"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."



**Jonathan Simpson**  
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"Do your best and don't worry about the rest."



**Derek Sunier**  
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"I'm glad I did it, partly because it was worth it, but mostly because I shall never have to do it again."



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## St. Francis Support Teams

By Betty Baklarz, Health Ministry Coordinator

**“W**hat can I do to help”? This is a frequently asked question, friends and family members raise, when a parishioner is sick or facing a difficult situation.

Though the intent to assist is sincere, their efforts are often short-lived, sporadic, or so overzealous that burnout shortly ensues. At St. Francis of Assisi, the Health Ministry Team responded to this fundamental question, of how do I love my neighbor, by incorporating the Support Team Network Initiative. The Support Team Network, a national organization, has developed a model that enables friends and families to provide a very practical, and comprehensive, approach to volunteer caregiving.

Simply stated, a Support Team

is a group of volunteers working together to provide practical, emotional, and spiritual support to individuals or families with health care concerns or other special needs. What makes this model different is that team members choose to do, what they enjoy doing, for others, when they are able, in an organized way, with the team becoming its own built-in support system. This is very different from recruiting volunteers to do what you want them to do, when you want them to do it. The results are very different also.

The first Support Team was formed at St. Francis in 2009. Since then many teams have followed. In March, of this year, another Support Team Orientation was held and eight new volunteers were trained. Presently three support Teams are active. Some team members enjoy running errands, providing transportation to appointments or



St. Francis support teams celebrate First Communion together

to Mass, making phone calls and visits, and helping with homework. The list goes on. Teams have celebrated new babies, birthdays and holidays together as well as many life-changing events. The summa-

ry of all these efforts is described by team members as “encounters with Christ” and “lessons in His trust and faithfulness”. What best describes the results? Team members, and those we serve agree, as

in John 15:14-17: “You are my friends... My command to you is to love one another”. More information about the Support Team Initiative can be found at [www.SupportTeam.org](http://www.SupportTeam.org).

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The St. Francis Ol' Saints

## Hoops for Haiti

By Susan Lea, Coordinator of Your Ministry

**O**n March 22, the St. Francis Ol' Saints battled the Young FRED Swole Saints, at Good Counsel High School, in the second annual Hoops for Haiti. This year the match-up helped raise money for

Manouska Lherisse, of our sister parish, St. Paul's in Leon, Haiti. Manouska was in need of leg surgery, estimated to cost \$2,000. Thanks to everyone who attended, the goal was exceeded.

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The Young FRED Swole Saints

## St. Francis Religious Education Classes Wrap-up

By Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education

**W**e have much to celebrate as St. Francis Religious Education classes for children in Preschool through Grade 8, wrap up for the 2013-14 school year. Our team of catechists and classroom aides has done a tremendous service to our parish, and families, through their careful lesson planning and faith-filled witness to Christ.

Many wonderful traditions continue to be highlights of our Religious Education program, including weekly gatherings, opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, a rotation of craft projects led by a team of art catechists, and opportunities for service. Children and families contributed to three service projects, including the Christmas Stocking Help Line, gifts for fami-

lies served by Catholic Charities, a food drive for The Lord's Table soup kitchen at St. Martin of Tours parish, in Gaithersburg, and Lenten Offerings in support of our Sister Parish in Haiti. At our final class of the year, children will present handmade paper flowers during a special prayer service and May Crowning in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Saturday, April 26, fifty-six children celebrated their First Holy Communion and on Saturday, May 24, thirty-eight young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration for this summer's Vacation Bible Camp (June 23-27), and for 2014-15 Religious Education classes, has already begun. We give thanks to God for a great year and look forward to resuming classes in September!

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## 2014 Pancake Supper a Success Many Volunteers Involved

By Sylvia Jones

**O**n a snowy cold February evening, St. Francis parishioners came out to celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a pancake feast. The evening's success was due to many volunteers. Accolades to the kitchen staff, led by our kitchen manager, Nadine Edwards, along with Deacon Dan Finn & Larry Pinto, who flipped pancakes. Georgana Finn, Kathy Stepowany, Mary Ellen Morris, and Jeanne Kavinski, kept the flippers flipping with an ample supply of batter.

The set up crew, Maria Delia Albotha, Lourdes Garcia, Doreen Dwyer & Ania Tomar, created a of Mardi Gras theme, as Ann Culver & Carolyn Brauer welcomed everyone and Meghan Jones and Rachael Seipp passed out Mardi Gras beads.

Acknowledge is also due the many servers who kept the line moving, and the cleanup crew of Marie Yeast, Sue Madison, Mary Platt and Alicia Church. Despite the snow, Donna Zezzo, our parish secretary, made sure all the food was ordered, and delivered on time.

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through the Holy Spirit. I thought back to home often, knowing that even as we celebrated the lives of two giants of the Church, the quiet and steady work of the faithful was ongoing. Pope Francis is only the latest voice of the Church to remind us all of the interwoven nature of service and faith.

When I watch volunteers from the local Catholic young professional group spend time working one on one with homeless youth, I see the beautiful mission of the Church right in front of me. In April, several hundred high school volunteers came together to beautify a shelter and pack breakfast bags to be handed out in the mornings as clients leave our shelters. Every day, busy legal and medical professionals carve out time from their schedules to do pro bono work for families who could otherwise not afford their important skills.

Why do all of these people, and thousands more, do this?

Our incredible faith. We walk in Jesus' example, followed for more than two millennia. The same faith that brings a million people together in Rome inspires perfect strangers to give and go out of their

way to help a neighbor in need. The Catholic Theologian Laurence Cunningham, in his book "The Meaning of Saints", suggests that the saints also serve as our "prophetic witnesses, spurring us to live more fully as Christian disciples."

For more than 85 years, Catholic Charities has worked in the local community to serve as the church's service arm. As I thought back to the history of the Church, to what these two saints taught and gave to us, I couldn't help but think of all of the saints we turn to when we need a helping hand. Today, Catholic Charities helps well over 100,000 people per year. Our services range from simple meals and shelter to highly-complex behavioral health programs and lifelong care for those born with an intellectual disability.

In total, we have 65-plus programs!

All of this, of course, wasn't built overnight. It is the result of countless hours of hard work, of careers of those who had to live out their faith in service and millions of volunteer hours spent doing work that often went thankless.

Now, it is our turn to be the next building block's in our Church's history. The year has flown by, and the school year is about to break for the summer. Some of my most cherished memories came from times spent as a family in service – to others and to each other. As you and your family start to fill up the days with vacations and summer camps and more, carve out some weekly time to volunteer. It can be simple – collecting school supplies, canned goods, or even winter coats.

Or you can join us on Wednesdays outside of our downtown DC headquarters and serve a nutritious meal to whoever needs one. Our excellent Volunteer and Outreach team is constantly adding new volunteer needs at Catholic Charities. Head over to [www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/Volunteer](http://www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/Volunteer) to see the latest and plan out your summer.

We've got a lot of great opportunities to be part of furthering the Gospel today. This is for all of the saints among us whose names will never be cheered in St. Peter's Square.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

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as parishioners celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. In mid-May, our school enjoyed the traditional Mother's Day Mass and breakfast with First Communicants serving as an honor guard at church. We are all excitedly anticipating the graduation of our first eighth-grade class at the end of this month. Families will gather for a graduation dinner on May 29 at the school, followed the next evening by a special Mass and commencement exercises. We are at long last a full school, and we wish our graduates the best as they move onto their next adventure.

### Honor Society Chapter Established

This spring, St. Raphael School has established a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. To be eligible for membership consideration, students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5. Additionally, candidates must meet high standards of leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Leadership is based on the student's participation in a community or school activity. To meet the service requirement, the student is required to participate in outreach projects in the school and community. Character and citizenship are measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics, and cooperation with both students and faculty members of St. Raphael School. Twenty-six students were accepted, and they were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society in late March.

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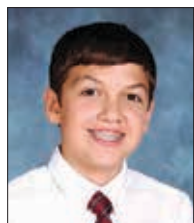
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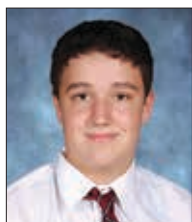
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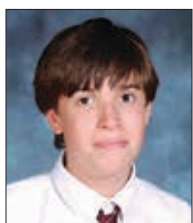
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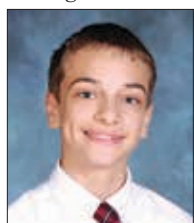
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The entire class poses after the performance.

## Eighth-Grade Students Participate in Living Stations of the Cross

**E**ach week during Lent, Holy Cross students attend mass to celebrate the Stations of the Cross. During Holy Week, this culminates in our yearly tradition of a live performance of the Stations of the Cross.

Eighth-grade students take on the various roles to re-enact the last hours of Jesus, as student narrators guide the action through the church. "It is always a poignant and moving performance which reminds all of us of the sacrifice made by Jesus in obedience to His Father, and



out of love for us," said principal Lisa Kane. "It makes Easter Sunday all the more joyous, as we reflect on the suffering Jesus endured for us, and recognize the promise fulfilled in his resurrection."

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Holy Cross eighth-grade students perform the Stations of the Cross each year. Pictured here: Eric Roud, as Jesus, is nailed to the cross by Roman soldiers portrayed by Cullen Yankey on the left, David Mitchell, on the right, and Curtis Mathews, kneeling.



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## Holy Cross Parishioners Honored

**A**t the annual Holy Cross Gala and Auction on the evening of Saturday, April 12, Deacon Bob Hubbard and his wife, Charlene, were honored with the Simon of Cyrene Award. Both give generously of their time, talent and treasure to Holy Cross.

Parishioners of Holy Cross since 1961, they attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the church. Their three children, Robert, Charlene and Susan, attended Holy Cross Elementary School. Bob is a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus. In June of 2004, after five years of study, Bob was ordained as a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Washington, and assigned to Holy Cross Parish. Charlene was accepted into the Catholic faith on March 30, 1997. She is a Eucharistic Minister, takes communion to the homebound, transports the needy to Mass and doctor's appointments, helps with the Christmas decorations in the church, participates in the Altar Society, and is a member of the Lunch Bunch. Mrs. Hubbard is also currently the President of the Over 50 Club. Deacon Bob and Charlene Hubbard have dedicated their lives to the Holy Cross community. They are an inspiration to all of us!

The award is named after Simon of Cyrene, who shouldered the burden of the cross for Jesus as he was led out of Jerusalem towards his crucifixion. Deacon Bob and Charlene Hubbard demonstrate their faithful support of Holy Cross in much the same way, selflessly taking on many responsibilities for the benefit of our parish family. We are privileged to have such friends.

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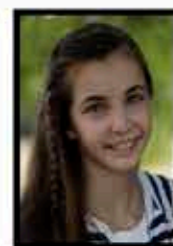
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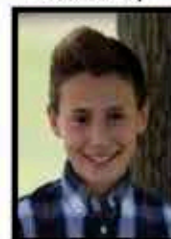
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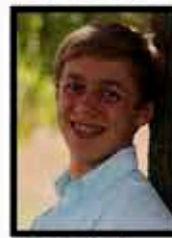
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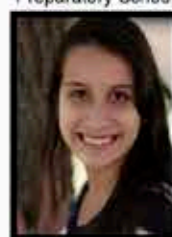
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*Congratulations to the  
graduating class of 2014*





Father Paris looks forward to traveling back to Haiti in June with 35 of his parishioners.

## Parishioners Prepare for a Second Mission Trip to Haiti

In June, 35 parishioners, both teens and adults, will join Father Paris and Christie Anne Short for a week of service supporting the work of Life Connection Mission. St. Patrick's Parish has embraced and greatly supported the efforts of LCM as they have helped the people

of Haiti by providing wells, a medical clinic, new homes, and expanding the school so that it educates preschool students through college/trade school.

Throughout the week, St. Patrick's team members will pray with and feed the children in the village and provide clothing

and shoes, assist in the medical clinic, and build a home for a member of the LCM sponsored church. Please pray for the St. Pat's parishioners traveling to Haiti that their week is fulfilling, spiritual, and brings great hope and love to the children in Haiti.

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## Celebrating our Eighth Graders

St. Patrick's School is very proud of our current eighth graders who have recently learned of their high school acceptances. 100 percent of our eighth graders who applied to Catholic High Schools have been accepted! Additionally many have been awarded scholarships, honors, and acceptances into STEM programs. All four of the students who applied for the STEM program at Our Lady of Good Counsel High school were accepted.

Congratulations to: Olivia Paolucci who received a Community Service Scholarship to St. John's College High School;

Leo Fangmeyer who received the very impressive Xaverian Scholarship to OLGCHS; Alyssa Joaquin and Claire Guarini received the prestigious 1799 scholarship from Georgetown Visitation. Claire Guarini was also named a Sancta Crux Scholar at the Academy of the Holy Cross, Academy of the Holy Cross Merit Scholarship and the Archdiocese of Washington FitzGerald Award. Sydney Bruno received a Speech and Debate Scholarship at OLGCHS and the Catholic Business Network Essay Scholarship in which she explained how she views Daily Sanctity in her life.

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Abby Road was one of the many historical icons/people depicted in the annual wax museum presented by fourth-sixth graders last month.

# St. Patrick's 8th Grade Graduates





# Odyssey of the Mind Teams in State Competition

On Saturday, March 1, two teams from St. Patrick's participated in the Odyssey of the Mind state competition at the Norwood School in Bethesda. Our seventh grade team earned third place honors in the state spontaneous competition and the eighth grade team finished in fifth place. Teams were asked to complete "on the spot" hands-on and verbal problems requiring creativity and teamwork.

This is our first year taking part in Odyssey of the Mind and St. Patrick's was one of only two archdiocesan schools in the competition. We are



Seventh-grade girls proudly show their ribbons from placing 3rd in the Odyssey of the Mind State tournament

thrilled to see the rewards from our newly initiated weekly in-school Odyssey of the Mind program and

incredibly proud of our creative thinkers!

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## Lenten Sandwich Making

Congratulations to the St. Patrick's School community for participating in our Lenten sandwich making. The students in Kindergarten and fourth

grade made well over 400 sandwiches each week and with the help of their schoolmates were able to send the men staying at the Gude Drive Mens' Emergency Shelter

200 beautifully decorated lunch bags with two pieces of fruit and two sandwiches. This is something to be very proud of, and we are all very grateful for the support and generosity of our families who contributed to this Lenten activity making it possible for our fourth grade to serve others and do God's good work!

A huge thank you to St. Patrick's Girl Scout Troop 732 for donating cookies as an added lunch treat.



Fourth graders proudly showing off their bologna and cheese sandwiches!

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## Basketball Bonanza

St. Patrick's eighth graders and alumni challenged their teachers in a friendly fundraiser in a new tradition that we were able to initiate at St. Patrick's thanks to the new school gym. The basketball game

had critical time-outs, not so teachers could catch their breath, but so the crowd could throw in bonus bucks to buy points. If all were fair and square in this game, the eighth graders and alum would have really showed their teachers up, but thankfully the crowd raised the score for the teachers for a last minute come from behind victory.

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The new Pre-Kindergarten classroom at St. Patrick's is prepared for our first students in September!



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## DAR Honors St. Jane de Chantal Students

**T**wo St. Jane de Chantal School students, Michael Shaffer and Matthew Cauley, were honored by the Goshen Mills Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Michael is the Chapter's eighth grade winner of its American History Essay Contest and Matthew is the seventh grade winner. The students read their winning essays to the assembled Chapter members in February and were presented with certificates, bronze medals, and Barnes and Noble gift cards. Michael is the son of Mike and Aileen Shaffer of Bethesda, and Matthew is the son



St. Jane de Chantal students were winners of this year's DAR American history Essay Contest. (Left to right) Daughters of the American Revolution Goshen Mills Chapter Regent Carolyn Hayes, Kathleen Troy, Julia Cauley, Matt Cauley, Matthew Cauley, Mike Shaffer, Nicole Shaffer, Audrey Shaffer, Michael Shaffer, Aileen Shaffer, St. Jane de Chantal School English teacher, Eileen Theim, and American History Chairman Marilyn Morrison (in back).

of Matt Cauley and Kathleen Troy, also of Bethesda.

The DAR sponsors the annual essay contest nationwide, and it is open to students in grades 5 – 8. The contest is designed to encourage the knowledge and love of American history among

our nation's youth. This year's assigned topic was "The Lives of Children During the American Revolution." Students were challenged to pretend they were a boy or girl during the colonial fight for freedom and to discuss how the war affected their life.

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## Our Lady of Fatima Visits St. Jane

**S**t. Jane de Chantal was privileged to have an overnight visit from the International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in early April. Commissioned by the Bishop of Portugal in 1947 at the suggestion of St. Lucia (one of the three children who saw apparitions at Fatima), the statue is one of two that travels around the world.

Dozens of parishoners and visitors greeted the statue when she arrived at the church the evening of April 1. Escorted into the church by members of the Knights of Columbus Rock Creek Council, the statue was presented by its custodians who talked about its history and meaning. Parishoners then said a rosary and could approach the statue individually for personal reflection and prayer.



The International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima visited St. Jane de Chantal in April, offering the opportunity for organized and individual prayer and reflection on Our Lady's life and miracles.

The statue has visited more than 100 countries, including

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**John Besche**  
Georgetown Prep  
*If you cannot change your situation, change your attitude.*



**Christo Burkart**  
St. John's  
*Live, love, laugh.*



**Katie Collins**  
Holy Cross  
*All endings are just beginnings.*



**Silvia Coulon**  
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*Take a chance. You never know what might happen.*

# St. Jane de Chantal School



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**Christopher Cresswell**  
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*Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind.*



**Brennan Darby**  
Gonzaga  
*Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard.*



**Maggie Dimond**  
Visitation  
*You only live once, but if you live it right, once is enough.*



**Michael Dimond**  
Gonzaga  
*May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live.*



**Rosemary Drake-Brockman**  
Visitation  
*Be the change that you wish to see in the world.*



**Rebecca Enger**  
Holy Cross  
*Live, love, laugh.*



**Nicklaus Foster**  
Georgetown Prep  
*Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.*



**Christina Gerohristodoulous**  
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*You have a 50 percent chance of making it or not.*



**Davis Goetcheus**  
Gonzaga  
*The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and ability to affect those around him positively.*



**Ava Haley**  
Holy Cross  
*If you have a positive attitude and constantly strive to give your best effort, eventually you will find you are ready for greater challenges.*



**Ian Haley**  
Georgetown Prep  
*It is never too late to be what you might have been.*



**Emmet Harrington**  
Georgetown Prep  
*The only limits you have are the ones you set yourself.*



**Katie Irving**  
Visitation  
*There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.*



**Neil Kelly**  
Undecided  
*Surround yourself with people who make you a better person.*



**Michaela Kirvan**  
Visitation  
*Life isn't about getting and having, it's about giving and being.*



**Betsy Konan**  
Portsmouth Abbey  
*Sometimes you just need to take a breath, and everything else will come into you.*



**Joseph Kuta**  
St. John's  
*Mr. Sun came up and he smiled at me. Said it's gonna be a good one, just wait and see.*



**Jack Lee**  
St. John's  
*Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.*



# St. Jane de Chantal School Stays Busy for Spring

Spring kicked off in a big green way at St. Jane de Chantal with the wildly suc-

cessful Shamrock Shindig Gala in March. Held every other year, the annual gala raises money for specific projects and improvements at the school. This year's event will fund the renovation of the school cafeteria and kitchen, modernizing it and making it an inviting space for the use of the entire parish.

Rocking to the music of the well-known 19th Street Band, the St. Patrick's Day weekend event included a lively auction, dinner, and great opportunity for hundreds of school families and parishoners to socialize in a festive atmo-

sphere. Run by a dedicated committee of volunteers, the Shindig was preceded by an online silent auction of items donated by the community, several dine- and shop-out events in local restaurants and stores, and in-school events that ensured children in grades pre-K through 8 were part of the fun. As they say, a great time was had by all and the parish is looking forward to its spiffed-up cafeteria.

St. Patrick's Day also meant lots of wearing o' the green and marching for school children, who participated in the school's annual Walk for Diabetes, raising money for the cause while getting great exercise on the school campus. After the walk, Irish dancers and a festive sing-a-long offered great fun.

Early April saw the performances of the annual Sixth Grade Musical. This year, sixth graders performed The Little Mermaid to packed houses and rave reviews. Led by teachers Tina Maxwell, Shannon Cron, and Olga Morales, the sixth grade spends months every year practicing (and practicing and practicing) before dazzling their schoolmates



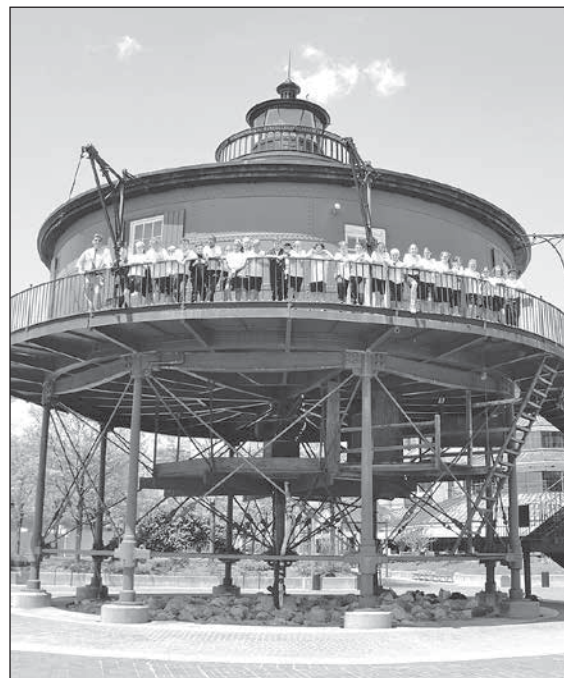
Sixth graders packed the house during performances of The Little Mermaid, which was this year's sixth grade musical. Under the Sea ran through the halls as fish, turtles, sea creatures, and (of course) mermaids earned the spotlight with their wonderful singing, dancing, and acting.

with a daytime performance, and their parents and friends during two night shows. The show is a long-standing tradition for the school that younger children look forward to until it's their turn in the spotlight. Everyone performed beautifully and the show was a huge

success.

Immediately after Easter break, the school kindergarten performed its own show--Peter Rabbit. There are few things more adorable than 60 five-year-olds dressed as bunnies repeating their lines with great

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St. Jane de Chantal fifth graders enjoyed a visit to Baltimore to experience life aboard the city's historic ships and its famed Seven Knolls Lighthouse.

## Congratulations to Our Class of 2014 8th-Grade Graduates!



**Katie Long**  
Stone Ridge

*If it scares you,  
you should  
probably do it.*



**Nick Lynch**  
Gonzaga

*Whatever the  
mind of man  
can conceive and  
believe, it can  
achieve.*



**Hayley Maxwell**  
Holy Cross

*We all want to  
be legendary to  
somebody.*



**Taylor McCarthy**  
Visitation

*Life isn't about  
getting and  
having. It's about  
giving and being.*



**Danny McKinnon**  
Gonzaga

*We can't change  
the world until we  
change ourselves.*



**Aidan McLoughlin**  
St. John's

*Good things  
happen to those  
who hustle.*



**Samantha Miller**  
Holy Cross

*"Never let the  
fear of striking  
out keep you  
from playing the  
game." -- Babe  
Ruth*



**Grace Mulkins**  
Holy Cross

*Life is better when  
you're laughing.*



**Thomas Nalls**  
Gonzaga

*Start by doing  
what's necessary;  
then do what's pos-  
sible; and suddenly  
you are doing the  
impossible.*



**Dell Patton**  
Bethesda-Chevy  
Chase

*A loss is the greatest  
learning experience.*



**Arianna Penney**  
Visitation

*Live, love, laugh.*



**Emily Peters**  
Good Counsel

*Work hard, play  
hard.*



**Michael Pottker**  
Gonzaga

*A day without  
sunshine is like night.*



**Caroline Quinn**  
Stone Ridge

*Who can say if I've  
been changed for  
the better? But  
because I knew  
you, I have been  
changed for good.*



**Annie Ramsayer**  
Holy Cross

*Never let the fear  
of striking out  
keep you from  
playing the game.*



**Jack Ramsayer**  
Gonzaga

*If everyone in the  
room is thinking  
alike, then no one  
is thinking.*



**Michael Shaffer**  
St. John's

*If it isn't broken,  
don't fix it.*



**Erin Shaheen**  
Visitation

*Though she be but  
little, she is fierce!*



**Andrew Skibbie**  
Gonzaga

*You can never  
cross the ocean  
until you have  
the courage to lose  
sight of the shore.*



**Emma Sullivan**  
Stone Ridge

*If your ship doesn't  
come in, swim out  
to it.*



**Andrew Thomas**  
Gonzaga

*Believe you can,  
and you're  
halfway there.*



**Maggie Valaik**  
Stone Ridge

*Why fit in when  
you were born to  
stand out?*



# SJB Theater Company's *The Wizard of Oz*

SJB Theater Company's *The Wizard of Oz*

By Adele Milone Canup

Following the "Yellow Brick Road," students from grades five through eight participated as either cast or chorus in the *Wizard of Oz*. They provided some delightful hours of entertainment to parish and school families. This play was first performed at SJB in

1980.

This year, the program was presented as a special tribute to Ms. Marianne Moore, retiring principal. More than a dozen alumni of many years and numerous shows surprised Ms. Moore with a floral tribute at the final performance. They thanked her for all the past

performances she has helped produce in her 22 years at SJB.

The cast celebrated the closing of *The Wizard of Oz* with a reception, accompanied by a few tears. This year's program was a rousing success attended by hundreds of parents, siblings, and alumni on two nights.

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St. John the Baptist's 2014 Team to Haiti

## St. John the Baptist Marks a 20-Year Relationship with St. Pierre in Haiti

By Cynthia Norris

This year marks the 20th anniversary of our "twinning" relationship with our brothers and sisters of Baraderes, Haiti. We shared in the growth of a community, the birth of a high school, the exchange of prayers and well wishes, fantastic hospitality, and wonderful food.

Haiti has changed in many ways and yet much more needs to be

done. The earthquake of 2010 showed the world the devastation of an already impoverished country but, more importantly, the resilience and faith of the Haitian people. Today, there are tents lining the streets. Once intended for temporary use, they have become permanent housing.

When we started making yearly trips in 1994, we found malnourished children with much sickness.

Students finishing sixth grade had no local high school to attend. People in outlying areas were subsisting on water filled with debris, fecal matter, soap and anything else that was thrown in the water. There was a serious lack of medical care.

Today, things are different. Over the past 20 year, supporters of St. John's Sister Parish Project have donated over one million dollars in cash, grants, religious and school supplies, medicines, medical assistance and supplies, and educational resources and opportunities. Over 15 teams of volunteers have traveled to Baraderes to provide everything from medical clinics to sharing a prayer, a song, and a smile.

Let us continue to be mindful of our brothers and sisters in Baraderes. The people of Baraderes send a heart-filled thank you for everyone who has helped in any way. We are, indeed, a universal church.

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## SHORT

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educate Catholics and candidates about Catholic social teachings and the needs of the vulnerable in our community.

Some of the questions raised at the forum may help each of us decide who best reflects our Christian principles and therefore for whom we will vote. Candidates were asked about their commitment to fair wages, affordable housing, just budgets, care for the most vulnerable, protecting the poor during neighborhood gentrification and other issues that are fundamental to a Christ centered community. You can be certain you will hear much from candidates in the weeks ahead. I suggest you follow the lead of the Justice and Advocacy Council and listen and read carefully for those candidates who are most committed to respond sensitively to "the least among us".

During Easter Sunday Mass I, like many of you, was inspired by the beauty on the altar, the banners and flowers, singing by the choir and cantors and other musicians, as well as the blooming gardens outside the church, and of course, the newly baptized members of our parish. It brought to mind the indispensable role of many dedicated faithful people who serve our parish communities. I thought about how much I value their work, yet I don't know most of them, let alone have I thanked them for their faithful service. So, as the school year and the **Our Parish Times** year wind down, I suggest we reflect upon and give thanks for the loyal work of the faithful clergy, volunteers and staff who sustain our parish and enhance our spiritual lives.

We all know the priests and deacons who lead us in liturgy and manage the many physical, fiscal and spiritual aspects of our parish communities. We are grateful to them for spiritual leadership, but do we appreciate that in addition they must fix a leaky roof in the school, clear the parking lot of snow, pay bills, manage employees, deposit collections and plan for every imag-

inable short and long term contingency. Thanks to the parish administrative staff who operate the parish day to day, responding to hundreds of phone calls and emails, managing schedules and preparing weekly bulletins (no, those informative bulletins we pick up on the way out of church don't research and print themselves!). Thanks to the parish staff and volunteers who lead and organize the diverse ministries of the parish with inspiring music, thoughtful liturgies; religious education and schools; effective social concerns programs; and meaningful social and spiritual youth development, etc. Not only do they deserve our gratitude, but perhaps a little more of our assistance! Thanks to Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, readers and altar servers for their important cheerful and welcoming roles at Mass. On Easter, more than 5000 people came to Mass at St Elizabeth's in Rockville. Quite a crowd! The next day at morning Mass, the church, the gathering area and restrooms were clean as a whistle. How did this happen so efficiently in such a short period of time? What are the names of the industrious people who anonymously keep our church and other facilities so welcoming and maintained, and, when did we thank them last?

Our Parish is our spiritual home. It is where our hearts and minds and souls grow closer to Christ and each other. Let's not take the work of the parish for granted. Those who do the work deserve our appreciation and gratitude. This spring and summer would be a good time for each of us to learn who these parish sustainers are and reach out to them with thanks.

I hope you have a restful summer. For those of you who are looking for inspiring summer spiritual reading, I suggest Fr. James Martin's new book, *Jesus, a Pilgrimage*. Fr. Martin takes us along on an interesting and prayerful visit to the Holy Land. He adds just the right amount of humor, too. Be safe and we'll reflect together again in September.

God Bless!  
Chuck Short

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## FATIMA

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Russia and China, to bring the message of Fatima—hope and peace—to millions of people. Those who've visited with her have reported miracles, including shedding tears, and graces. After spending the night at St. Jane de Chantal, she was

available again the next morning, when some children from the parish school were able to visit and say a rosary, before being packed up for her next destination.

Parishoners who visited the statue said it was an awe-inspiring experience, and many thanks went to those who worked to bring her to Bethesda.

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## MOORE

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Additionally, Ms. Moore was recognized with the "Bishop Thomas Lyons Award" for outstanding leadership in Catholic Education; a certificate for 40 years of service to the Archdiocese and commitment to Catholic Education. She received

the "Principal of the Year Award" in 1998 and accepted the "Blue Ribbon School" award for St. John the Baptist in 2010.

The St. John the Baptist Catholic Community wishes Ms. Moore a happy and well-deserved retirement and thanks her for her leadership and dedication. Her goodness has been a blessing upon all of us.



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## SJB Eighth Graders Receive Music Awards

**O**n April 12, 2014 two SJB 8th graders won the only two scholarships awarded by the Washington Archdiocese Music Teachers Council. Matthew Ober and Erica Pifer were selected from nominations across the Archdiocese for the John H. Mitchell Founders Award for Excellence in Music, High School Band Scholarship.

The scholarship is sponsored by the Washington Archdiocesan Music Teachers Council (WAMTC) for our graduating eighth grade band members. WAMTC is composed of Band and Choral directors of the Archdiocesan High Schools and Choral and Band directors of the Archdiocesan Elementary Schools.

To be eligible, an eighth grader must be attending one of the member High Schools next fall. As such, Matthew will attend DeMatha HS and Erica will be at St. John College High School. Congratulations, Erica and Matthew!

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Laura Pifer and Matthew Ober



Jesus Condemned by Pilate, Scourged by Soldiers

## A Passion Play

By Shirley Haley

**F**or about thirty years, the Passion Players of Saint John the Baptist have presented a visual montage to accompany the reading of the Passion on Good Friday. Originally, the Stonecrest Family Learning Team, composed of seven families, offered to act out the Passion for a Mass on Palm Sunday and the Communion service on Good Friday. Once the idea was accepted, Stan Dulski became the director and visualized the actions, Jacque Formica designed and sewed the costumes, and George Flaherty offered to be Jesus. At that time,

most of the youth in the Family Learning Team were teen-agers so they took on the roles of disciples, guards and women in the crowd along with their parents. Anyone too shy to be on stage became a "shouter" in the pews. Over the years, many of the original players moved away, with other members of the parish stepping in to fill their places. However, there has only been only one Pontius Pilate, Ed Haley, who faithfully continues to accuse Jesus with his gestures and stern looks.

For all those taking part in the enactment, and for those who listen and watch, the Passion at SJB is a

very moving experience. We become very aware of the suffering of Jesus and His gift to us at Easter.

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## HR Drama Club Plays to a Packed House

By Michelle Ardillo

On April 11 and 12, 2014, the Holy Redeemer Drama Club, under the direction of middle school language arts teacher Michelle Ardillo, presented its annual spring musical, *Guys and Dolls Jr.* to packed houses and thunderous applause. The show was presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International's Broadway Junior Collection, where major Broadway shows are scaled down and restructured for younger audiences and younger voices. With a large cast of 31 seventh and eighth graders and four crew members, students rehearsed for eight weeks to learn lines, blocking, lyrics, and dances. The end result was another very successful and profitable production for the Holy Redeemer Drama Club.

Cast members were divided into three different ensembles. The Mission Band Ensemble was led by Jo Matta as Sarah Brown and included Claire Beins as Arvide Abernathy, Bridget Robey as General Cartwright, Claire Dollahite as Agatha, and Emma Leary as Martha. The Hot Box Girls Ensemble was led by Teresa Rozier as Adelaide, and included Marin Larkin featured as Mimi, Caroline Reyda, Colleen Gilday, Emma Mitchell, Erin Lively, Jenny Olcott, Kara Greene, Keely McGowan, Lauren Bonner, and Sofie Grandonico. The Gamblers Ensemble was led by Garrett Nathan Detroit Smith and James Sky Masterson Brisbane, featur-

ing PJ Benny Southstreet McMahon, Shannon Nicely-Nicely Johnson August, and included Daphne Dapper Dan Morales, Devin Dennis The Dagger Willsey, Ellie Society Max Kiernan, Eve Ernie The Eel McGloob, Finn Harry The Horse Kirvan, Johnny Big Jule Roberts, Katy Rusty Charlie Foxman, Maddie Angie The Ox Molina, Olivia Liver Lips Louie Welsh, Tori Vanishing Victor Kestel, and William Lt. Brannigan Hitt, who also played the roles of the Hot Box master of ceremonies, the ice cream vendor, and the waiter in Cuba.

Production team members included faculty members Danielle Trotta, Lisa Capobianco, and Kristin Brown, who was the music director for the production. Choreography was designed and taught by HR parent Monique Bonner. Costumes were designed and assembled by HR grandparent Cathleen Farr. HR parent Denise Hitt organized an army of parent volunteers to help with many facets of the production including dinners for the cast and crew during tech week. Concessions and box office responsibilities were organized by seventh-grader Katherine Foley. Crew members included seventh-grader Timothy Peoples as stage manager, seventh-grader Nick D'Avella and eighth-grader Alex Matta on sound under the direction of HR parent Joe Ryan, and eighth-grader Jake Kolevar on props. Danielle Trotta designed and coordinated the set design which included hand-painted flats depicting the streets of NYC and other settings in the play.

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## May I Have the Definition, Please?

By Michelle Ardillo

On April 16, 2014, Holy Redeemer students in grades three-eight participated in the 2014 Second Annual Holy Redeemer Spelling Bee. Leading up to the spelling bee, preliminary spelling tests were given in the classrooms to select the three contestants for each grade, along with an alternate. Organized and judged by faculty members Sharon Rampersaud, Rachel Lilley and Michelle Ardillo, the spelling bee was attended by the student body and faculty. Eighth-grader Alex Matta finished in 2nd place, seventh-grader Marin Larkin was in 3rd place, and due to time constraints in the school schedule, 1st place was shared by three students, fifth-grader Clara Henne,



Top five spelling bee contestants from left to right Alex Matta, Clara Henne, Eliza Henne, Samantha Douki, and Marin Larkin

sixth-grader Eliza Henne, and sixth-grader Samantha Douki.

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## Bringing the Stations of the Cross to Life

By Michelle Ardillo

Middle school students at Holy Redeemer worked with faculty members

Danielle Trotta and Pam Hurley to produce the school's annual Living Stations of the Cross which was performed for the school on

Wednesday, April 16, 2014 for an all-school assembly and again on Good Friday, April 18, 2014 in the church for the parish community. Students cast in the production were PJ McMahon as Jesus, Johnny Roberts as Pilate, Mary Grace Lucas as Mary, Ella Keegan as Veronica, Tommy Kestel as Simon of Cyrene, Brendan Vaughan as Joseph of Arimathea, and Patrick Sheehan, Mike Smolskis, Tyler Strachan, and Dominic Welsh as guards. Narrators for the living stations, done in tableau format, were James Brisbane and Peter Davin. Music was provided by the school choir under the direction of Kristin Brown, which greatly added to the solemnity and beauty of the production.

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Middle school students in tableau of third station of the cross

## Annual Arts Festival another Success

By Michelle Ardillo

On April 14 and 15 of this year, Holy Redeemer turned classrooms, outdoor spaces, and all-purpose rooms into art studios and performance venues for its annual celebration of the arts. This year's theme was "With These Hands", which led to much inspiration for workshops, speakers, and demonstrations. Parent chair Sheila Dinn worked with faculty and staff of Holy Redeemer School, many members of the Holy Redeemer parish and school communities, as well as local artists and musicians, to bring the theme to life in many different art forms. Visual arts, fine arts, and performing arts were all represented and embraced by the student body.

Students in the fifth and sixth grades signed up to design and make posters celebrating HR's new school-wide theme: Go RED—Respect Everyone Daily. Parents



Seventh-grade students (Jacob Clements, Ben Clarke, Anthony Seiler, Katy Foxman, Eileen Dinn, Marin Larkin, and Lauren Bonner) take the opening shifts at the bake sale

Moira McCarthy and Renee Molina joined school librarian Ann Enkiri to lead the poster workshop. Mrs. Enkiri complimented the students' ability to work collaboratively in pairs and teams. "After guiding a

brainstorming session and introducing the materials available, we just stepped back and marveled at how students divided up the tasks to produce creative posters with clear

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## BUSY SPRING

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concentration and purpose, and this year's show did not disappoint—it was too cute for words.

Seventh grade students and Boy Scout Troop 461 members Joseph Fernandez, Matt Lingle, Misha Suttora, and Stephen Kish were awarded Ad Altare Dei medals in April. Ad Altare Dei, which means "to the altar of God," involves studying the seven sacraments and the Catholic faith as it relates to both Scouting and everyday life. To receive the medal, the boys met weekly with adult counselors for discussion and activities, completed several community service projects, participated in a retreat, did readings and written assignments, and worked with Fr. Mark Cusick to understand Church traditions, symbols, and sacraments. They finished the program with a Scout Board of Review at the Archdiocese of Washington, where they participated in one-on-one interviews on what they'd learned with religious emblems counselors from all over the metro area.

At press time, members of the school choir were preparing for a trip to Paris as the only American choir to participate in the 2014 Pueri Cantores Congress. Pueri Cantores is an international Catholic choral organization that offers children the opportunity to experience the traditions of the Catholic Church through music. The 39th Annual Congress will take place in and around Paris in June and children will perform several times in churches in the region, along with choirs from all over the world.

The school offered hearty congratulations to physical education teacher Lisa Tehan, who was inducted into the Montgomery College Hall of Fame for her success as that school's head women's tennis coach. Mrs. Tehan coached at Montgomery College in 1992 and 1992 and her team boasted an impressive 7-1 record, placing second in Region ZZ of the NJCAA. In her second season, the team won the division with an 8-0 record, and she was named Coach of the Year at the state and regional levels. Congratulations to Mrs. Tehan on this terrific honor.

First through eighth grade students participated in an online Sumsdog math contest. Of 1,075 schools that played in this national contest, St. Jane de Chantal school placed 90th. We had several students place in the top 100 nationally: Katherine Blackstone (23rd), Thomas Aquino (32nd), Will Stancik (34th), and Matthew Corcoran (71st).

Many grades saw milestone occasions and fun activities this spring. Eighth grade students marked a big one with confirmation in April; as always, it was a beautiful ceremony that will be remembered always by those in attendance. Seventh graders enjoyed an overnight science-themed field trip to Cape Henlopen State Park in Lewes, Del. Fourth graders explored to infinity and beyond at the Smithsonian's Air & Space Museum in Washington, D.C. Pre-kindergarten students took a walk on the wild side at the National Zoo, while the fifth grade took a hands-on approach to history with a visit to the Historic Ships in Baltimore, experiencing life as young wartime sailors aboard the U.S.S. Constellation and touring submarine U.S.S. Torsk and Pearl Harbor veteran U.S.C.G.C. Taney.

The St. Jane de Chantal band performed along with other schools in the archdiocese during the annual Band Festival at St. John's College High School. The St. Jane de Chantal band received a rating of Excellent for its performance. Students in grades 4 through 8 are eligible to play in the band, which continues to grow each year.

May is a busy month at St. Jane de Chantal, with field trips, sixth grade Wilderness Adventure, Field Day, First Communion, Grandparents' Day, May Crowning, and finally graduation.

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# Anniversary Celebration Planned for Monsignor Tolentino

June will mark the 30th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood for Monsignor Eddie Tolentino and his 10 year anniversary as pastor at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in downtown Silver Spring, Maryland. Parish Council members and other parishioners have planned a Mass of Thanksgiving for Saturday, June 14, at 5:00p.m. at St. Michael's.

Monsignor Tolentino was assigned to St. Michael's parish by Cardinal Theodore McCarrick in the fall of 2003. Msgr. Tolentino from Norfolk, Virginia and holds degrees from Howard University and the Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C., and from the Angelicum and Saint Anselmo



Msgr. Tolentino at the Knights of Columbus crab feast



Msgr. Tolentino with Cardinal Wuerl, Fr. Saulo, and parishioner Marcel Pineda

in Rome, Italy. He was ordained June 30, 1984, by Archbishop James Hickey. On March 31, 2005, he was named Chaplain to the Holy Father with the title of Monsignor by Pope John Paul II.

In addition to his ministry as Pastor of Saint Michael the Archangel, Monsignor Tolentino has served as an Associate Pastor of Saint Bernard in Riverdale, Maryland and Pastor of Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian parish in the District of Columbia. He currently is the Dean of Lower Montgomery

County Deanery of the Archdiocese of Washington and is a member of the Priest Personnel Board, the Priest Council and Consultors.

Congratulations Monsignor Eddie Tolentino!

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## Every time it rains – and even when it doesn't SBS Students think “Angel Pennies”

With a desire to have a tangible example of how even one, single, penny can make the difference in the lives of those in need, the SBS Greater Love team created a fun, inexpensive way for their fellow schoolmates to learn about charitable giving. Team members placed an “Angel Pennies” collection container in the school’s main lobby and students are encouraged to donate their extra pennies. Team members decided that rain (and snow, and sleet) made a great visual reminder of the desire to “shower” the needy with pennies. Students take turns participating in the monthly “cash-out” which includes, emptying the container, counting and rolling the pennies, depositing the funds into the Greater Love “Angels Network” account, – possibly the best part – announcing the monthly total to school friends and family members.

Parent liaison to the Greater Love team, Mrs. Kate Rodgers, said, “The kids on the Greater Love team wanted to make giving easy and concrete. They wanted a way to show their schoolmates that each and every student could make a difference.” Rodgers went on to say, “We hope to have enough pennies collected to allow the children to pick several items to donate, such as an X-Box



Third graders Nick Kettering and Dennis Callahan take advantage of a rainy day to contribute the SBS Greater Love “Angel Pennies” collection.

to St. Anne’s Orphanage, meals to So Others May Eat, toys to the Ronald McDonald House, as well as supporting our own Angels Network Families.” She explained that, born out of the Greater Love program, the SBS Angel Network was established for members of the school community to provide confidential, reliable, and anonymous support for families who bring a specific need to the attention of Mrs. Cheri Wood, SBS Principal. Needs could range in nature from uniforms, CYO fees, field trip fees, as well as other expenses a family member may incur for their child to participate fully in their St. Bernadette School experience.

Launched on February 13, 2014, the “Angel Pennies” program has thus far raised in excess of \$450. Speaking to the program’s success, Mrs. Wood said, “Pennies are a low-impact way of reinforcing charitable giving to our students. While they may seem insignificant in a one-at-a-time sense, their collective value slowly builds to significance over time, allowing our students to meet many community needs.”

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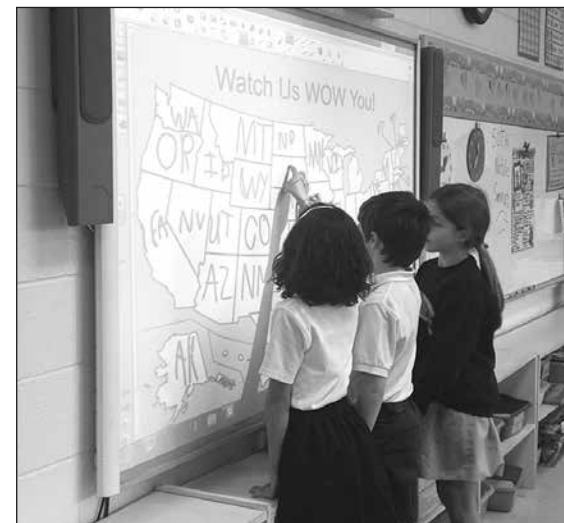
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SBS Second graders show their Grandparents how to use classroom Smart Boards.

## Grandparents and Grand-friends celebrate Catholic Education at SBS

Over 200 Grandparents and Grand-friends spent the afternoon with the students. They began their visit by gathering in the Church where students treated them to a special performance which ended with a prayerful blessing.

After the blessing, Grandparents and Grand-friends were invited to the classrooms where students illustrated academic endeavors by demonstrating how classroom Smart Boards are used, reciting poems, singing songs, sharing journal writings, conducted Grandparent interviews, and played games such as multiplication bingo. They also worked together to make cards to send to deployed soldiers. As the day was drawing to a close, all were invited to the School Hall to enjoy refreshments, peruse offerings at the book fair, and have their photos taken.

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Pictured are (front L-R) Grace Hibey, Erin McLaughlin, Isabelle Hibey, Kelsey Lawson, Dennis Callahan (back L-R) Nicki Bayhurst, Serena Kemp, Katie Kemp, Sean Culklin

## Snow Doesn't Stop St Bernadette Irish Step Dancers

St. Patrick’s Day arrived with an announcement of school closings throughout Montgomery County. However, it would take more than a dusting of snow to stop the SBS students (who are also students with the Culklin School of Traditional Irish Dance) from meeting their Irish Step Dance performance commitment at the Knights of Columbus, Rosensteel.

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St. Bernadette Parish and School celebrates the First Holy Communion of 71 children.

## St. Bernadette Parish and School celebrate First Holy Communion

When asked about the sacrament of First Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's Pastor, Msgr. K. B. Smith said, "First Holy Communion is a marvelous moment that I enjoy to the very core of my being, and the Pastor's privilege of giving these children their first taste of heaven is one I count most precious."

Second grade teacher, Mr. Michael Pryor said, "This year's Second Graders exemplified the utmost reverence throughout the

entire First Communion process. It was evident from the word "go" that these students truly grasped the meaning of this most-important Sacrament."

Mrs. Cheri Wood, SBS Principal said, "The St. Bernadette School and Parish 2nd graders had a beautiful day to receive their First Communion. The church was a joyful place to be and the children were reverent and adorable."

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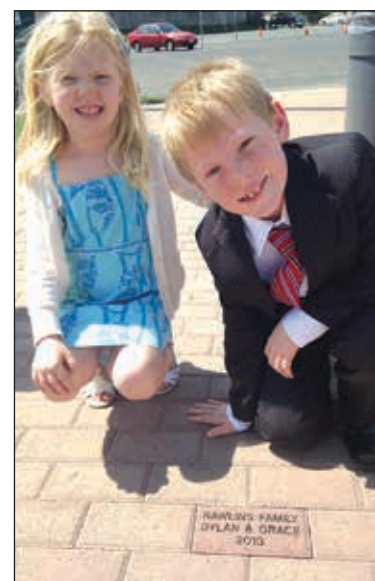
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Grace and Dylan Rawlins proudly point out the Rawlins family brick which is part of the St. Bernadette's CYO Brick Buy Brick project.

## Blessing of the Bricks

The St. Bernadette's CYO is proud to announce the completion of their patio beautification and installation project. CYO Board Member, Tony Zanger said, "Watching this patio from conception to construction to paver installation and now to dedication has been such an incredible process. It is so exciting to read the beautiful memorials and remembrances that individuals, businesses and families from all points in our parish history have placed permanently in our patio. Every time I see the patio I recall the rich history of our community."

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Brick Buy Brick Patio Dedication Ceremony, Friday, May 16, 2014. Evening activities will include: K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade T-ball games, patio dedication ceremony and reception, followed by the annual Seventh Grade versus Eighth Grade Powder Puff Game. To allow everyone to enjoy the patio to its fullest that evening, normal Snack Shack sales will be suspended for the evening. Several food truck vendors will be on site. Questions about the event and inquiries about brick purchases may be directed to: stbernadette-cyo@gmail.com

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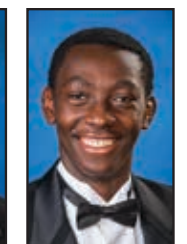
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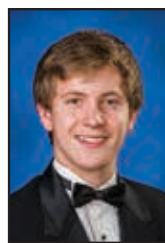
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– Eleanor Roosevelt



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"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."  
– Mark Twain



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"Think of all the joy you'll find when you leave the world behind and bid your cares goodbye."  
– Peter Pan



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"Be sure when you step, step with care and great tact. And remember that life's a great balancing act."  
– Dr. Seuss



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"The greatest accomplishment is not in never falling, but in rising again after you fall."  
– Vince Lombardi



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HOLY CHILD

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but they will never forget the way you made them feel."  
– Maya Angelou



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PREP

"Three great essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for."  
– Joseph Addison



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"If you can dream it, you can do it."  
– Walt Disney



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"You can do anything if you stop trying to do everything."  
– Oliver Emberton



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PREP

"Life is a foreign language; all men mispronounce it."  
– Christopher Morley



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PREP

"If winning isn't everything, why do they keep score?"  
– Vince Lombardi



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"It's supposed to be hard. If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. The hard...is what makes it great."  
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– Alex Gaskarth



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VISITATION

"Hoopla."  
– SpongeBob SquarePants



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ST. JOHN'S

"Do not let a day pass without doing some good during it."  
– St. Philip Neri



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"Catch you on the flippity flip."  
– Michael Scott, The Office



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"A little more persistence, a little more effort, and what seems hopeless failure may turn out to glorious success."  
– Elbert Hubbard



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"All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them."  
– Walt Disney



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"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."  
– Oscar Wilde



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"When you are courting a nice girl, an hour seems like a second. When you sit on a red-hot cinder, a second seems like an hour. That's relativity."  
– Albert Einstein



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"I'm not perfect. Never have been, never will be. If you don't like me, the door's over there."  
– Jeremy Griffith



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"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail."  
– Ralph Waldo Emerson



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"Space isn't remote at all. It's only an hour's drive away if your car could go straight upwards."  
– Fred Hoyle



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HOLY CHILD

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."  
– Eleanor Roosevelt



**Madeleine Maria Molina**

VISITATION

"The tassel is worth the hassle."  
– Anonymous



**Megan Kelley O'Donnell**

HOLY CHILD

"Life is a gift and I don't intend on wasting it."  
– James Cameron



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"Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard."  
– Kevin Durant



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THE HEIGHTS

"After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb."  
– Nelson Mandela



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"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."  
– Henry Stanley Haskins



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"Darkness must pass, a new day will come, and when the sun shines, it will shine out the clearer."  
– J. R. R. Tolkien



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STONE RIDGE

"Stop trying to fit in when you were born to stand out."  
– Dr. Seuss



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"It's kind of fun to do the impossible."  
– Walt Disney



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"The truth is you don't know what is going to happen tomorrow. Life is a crazy ride, and nothing is guaranteed."  
– Eminem



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"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."  
– Mahatma Gandhi



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"If you can dream it, you can do it."  
– Walt Disney



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"Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts."  
– Winston Churchill



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"If you really believe in what you're doing, work hard, take nothing personally, and if something blocks one route, find another. Never give up."  
– Laurie Notaro



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"Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare to think."  
– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



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"Life would be tragic if it weren't funny."  
– Stephen Hawking



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"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing."  
– George Bernard Shaw



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"A person's a person, no matter how small."  
– Dr. Seuss



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"If you can dream it, you can do it."  
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Fifth-grade students from left to right Savannah Thompson, Alexandra Billinski, Natalie Peoples, and Grace Winters

## The Sky's the Limit at HR Annual Science Fair

By Michelle Ardillo

**O**n Tuesday, March 25, 2014, middle school students set up for this year's science fair during their science classes. This year's theme was "The Sky's the Limit" and it was obvious that everyone used that as inspiration for their projects. At an all-school assembly, students were able to walk through the auditorium to see the projects and talk to the middle school students about their work. Parents, relatives, and friends came to the auditorium that evening for the gallery night. For the science fair, middle school students are allowed to work individually or in groups to present an experiment or a model/demonstration. Eighth-grade students were required to plan and carry out an experiment as well as to write a full lab report, which was dis-

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Sixth-grader Paddy Phelps demonstrates the movement of waves to younger Holy Redeemer students

## FESTIVAL

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messages of how we all can show respect to one another every day."

Middle school science teacher Danielle Trotta had finished a unit on coral reefs in seventh-grade science just before the beginning of the Arts Festival. Seventh graders were so disheartened to learn of the current state of the coral reefs that they asked what they could do to help protect the coral reefs from future damage. One idea was to raise money so the students organized and manned a bake sale on the final day of the Arts Festival at the Gallery Night. Parents and families coming in to view the art produced over the two-day festival happily bought home-baked goods brought in by the seventh graders. They also collected nickels to raise awareness of the damage to the coral reefs sustained by nickel mining. They raised \$325 which was donated to conservation efforts for the reefs. Every single seventh grader participated in the bake sale in some way, either by baking items, working at the table, making signs, or creating public service announcements, making it a class-wide project.

Throughout the Arts Festival, the seventh graders kept the coral reefs in mind. Many of them voluntarily gave up their own sessions to help Ms. Trotta lead sessions dealing with coral reefs. Daphne Morales helped lead a salt and watercolor reef painting session. Jo Matta and Emma Mitchell helped lead a painting sea turtles session. PJ McMahon and Evyn Owen helped lead a session to the 3rd graders, where they made sea creature clickers and jellyfish. The seventh graders recorded public service announcements which were viewed using iPads by parents and students at the gallery opening. Students explained the importance of saving the reefs and offered suggestions on how to protect them. The seventh graders also created a slide show, with "coral reef" sounds which was used in an Arts Festival session led by Mrs. Monique Bonner. Mrs. Bonner taught the students an interpretive dance to the coral reef music, which was performed at Gallery Night.

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## **UpCounty Community Resource Group Enjoys the Musical *Hairspray***

**M**ore than 75 members of UpCounty Community Resource went to see the musical *Hairspray* at Magruder High School on March 8. The play was amazing and despite the threat of snow, everyone had a great time. Afterwards, members of the cast came out to visit with the audience.

The UpCounty Resource Group is an organization of per-

sons 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. Follow us on Facebook.

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## Georgetown Prep Board Names Pilarz President

The Board of Trustees of Georgetown Preparatory School announced that Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J., has been named the next President of Georgetown Prep, effective July 1, 2014.

Father Pilarz is an outstanding teacher, administrator, and leader. He has been the President of both the University of Scranton and Marquette University. He is a trustee of St. Joseph's University and has served on the boards of a number of secondary schools including Georgetown Prep. Father Pilarz is a graduate of Georgetown University and holds a PhD in English from the City University of New York, a masters degree in Philosophy from Fordham University, and a masters degree in Divinity from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology (Boston College School of Theology and Ministry). He was a professor of English at Georgetown and is currently a professor in the English Department at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. He is the author of Robert Southwell, S.J., and the Mission of Literature 1561-1595: Writing Reconciliation, as well as numerous articles on subjects ranging from John Donne to leadership in Ignatian education.

Thomas Boyland, Chair of Georgetown Prep's Board of Trustees, stated, "Father Pilarz has a passion for education and will

be a powerful leader of our mission to educate men for others. He has the vision and skills to lead Georgetown Prep into exciting new opportunities in education and to further our mission, while honoring our rich Jesuit history and strong traditions and values." Father Pilarz noted, "I look forward to working with Prep's excellent faculty and staff to challenge, support, and care for Prep's students as they develop into accomplished scholars, athletes, artists, men of faith, and generous citizens in their communities. I am eager to work with the entire Prep community to ensure Prep's continued success

as an outstanding school, enhance its Ignatian spirituality, and ensure a vibrant Prep for future generations."

Ann Logan, Chair of the Search Committee, added, "This has been a careful, inclusive and comprehensive process to identify the candidates best suited to lead this great institution through the opportunities and challenges ahead. Although we considered many very qualified individuals, Father Pilarz was the clear choice. He embodies all of the key attributes of the ideal leader for Prep as we begin our 225th year."

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## Summer Guide for Recreation and Parks Programs Now Out

The summer issue of the Montgomery County Guide for Recreation and Parks Programs is now available. Registration for summer classes opens on Monday, May 12 and for swim lessons on May 14. Among the many offerings are aquatics, art classes, sports, therapeutic recreation services and active adult senior programming.

Registration is available in one of four ways: by mail or fax, online or in person at the Montgomery County Recreation Administrative Offices at 4010 Randolph Rd., Silver Spring.

Print copies are available at recreation centers, park facilities, government buildings and public libraries. Residents who prefer to receive the guide by mail can subscribe for \$5 and receive a full year of all five issues (Summer, Fall, Winter, Summer Camps and Spring).

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## SCIENCE FAIR

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played with their projects. All of the projects were judged by faculty, members of the Holy Redeemer community who work in various science fields, and former students who returned to their alma mater for the event. The winners for the 2014 Science Fair were:

### Sixth Grade

- 1st place Light Bulb in a Bottle (Avianna Vinkler and Emily Lucas)
- 2nd place Waves are Swell (Paddy Phelps)
- 3rd place Wrap of Rot (Michael Heyl, Zach Waits-Cabral, and Kevin Harper)

### Seventh Grade

- 1st place Effects of EMF on Plant Growth (Michael Penafiel)
- 2nd place Which Liquids Contains the Most Harmful Ingredients (Michael Bedard)
- 3rd place Great Barrier Reef (Nick D'Avella and Jacob Clements)

### Eighth Grade

- 1st place Clever Crystals (Maddie Dent)
- 2nd place A Penny for Your Thoughts (Ally Bonavia)
- 3rd place Wind Tunnel (Brendan Vaughan)

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## The New Evangelization

By Katie Holland, CTK editor and conference attendee

**O**n March 8, the Archdiocese hosted women from area parishes to participate in the 2014 Women's Conference, "Raising Women's Voices in the New Evangelization" at Trinity Washington University. The all day event began with registration and a bilingual Mass in the Chapel. Women then gathered in the Social Hall only to be separated out by track, that is, into self-chosen groups determined by language, or as it was explained, into language groups whereby they could pray in the language they felt most comfortable.

For the English speaking track, the Keynote speaker was Dr. Sandra Keating, Associate Professor at Providence College and head of its Theology Department. The question was brought up, just what is it we are inviting non-Catholics



Spanish track speaker Dr. Luzondo

to do? that in a world, a society where we are pushed to negate our Catholic experience, where it is not important to have children, to marry, to have a long sustaining relationship, where it is no longer encouraged to see this experience as important or even necessary.

For the Spanish-speaking "track", the Keynote speaker was

Dr. Lucia Baez Luzondo, retired immigration lawyer and speaker at Renovación Familiar and Renovación Carismática Católica conferences. Outside the door to this session, some of the Trinity University service staff lingered to listen to the uplifting charismatic "lecture" and call to prayer. After Keynote speeches, there was a question and answer period in each group, followed then by Adoration, Confessions and alternating lunch seatings (where we were all together again). After lunch, we returned to the separate sessions where panels made presentations on "Discovering Your Skills For Sharing Your Faith" through the sharing by the panelists of their Faith journeys. Plans are being made now for next year's Women's Conference.

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English track speaker Dr. Keating



The Concert Reception attended by parishioners

## Our Lenten Concert

By Katie Holland, CTK editor

**C**hrist the King Concert Series continued into the Lenten season with a 4pm performance of Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* on Palm Sunday, April 13, in the main Sanctuary. The event featured soloists, soprano Bethany Baxter and mezzo soprano Rebecca Roy, accompanied by Instrumentalists, violinists Alan Choo and Dian Zwing, violist Peter Kwon, cellist Renée Delgado with John Henderson on harpsichord.

All contributors (past and present, financial and volunteer) were recognized in concert programs by our Music Director, John Henderson. Plans are currently in the works for another concert for All Souls Day which falls on Sunday, November 2.

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In concert on the altar, left to right: soprano Bethany Baxter, mezzo soprano Rebecca J. Roy, violinists Alan Choo and Dian Zwing, violist Peter Kwon, cellist Renée Delgado and John Henderson on harpsichord.

## News of Note at Christ the King

**A**s we go to print with this issue, plans are in place for Christ the King's annual Yard Sale! Those of you receiving this issue of Our Parish Times before Saturday morning May 17 have time to make plans to attend this community wide sale (and, yes, last minute table setups for *YOU* can be done on site). Parishioners and neighbors will have their goods out for you to buy from 8am until 1pm. The east parking lot (in front of the Religious Education building will be closed to cars, accessible only by foot. If you have time to pull your own things together, Christ the King is renting spaces for \$20, tables and chairs are available for a flat \$5. If instead you have gotten your copy of this issue after we have closed down ... there's always next year!

As May is the month traditionally dedicated to Mary, Christ the

King will again this year have its Marian Devotions each Thursday in the month of May at 6:30pm. The devotions consist of Marian hymns, recitation of the Rosary and the Litany of Our Lady, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as usual at 7pm. All are welcomed.

The religious education program will be registering students for the 2014-2015 school year from May 2014 through the first week of September. Volunteers to be catechists are sought. The classes will be taught at two separate times so that families can attend Mass together with their students prior to the preferred Mass time, that is, 9-10:20am and 11am-12:20pm.

A dinner dance parish fundraiser will be held Saturday, June 21, at Christ the King in the Colonial Room from 6pm- midnight. Everyone is invited. Dinner, dancing, cash (wine and beer) bar, \$20 per person. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of new parish signage.

This year's annual Bazaar at Christ the King will be held the Sunday before the traditional Feast of Christ the King celebration as our parish's celebratory event. It will be held on Sunday, November 16, 8am until 3pm in the Msgr. John J. Dressel Colonial Room.

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**R**ectory Office schedule: *Morning hours* Monday-Wednesday & Fridays from 9am-noon, Tuesdays NO morning hours. *Afternoon hours* Monday-Fridays 2-4:30pm by appointment only. The office answering machine is ON and is regularly checked.

**Mass schedule:** Saturday 8:30am, 4pm, 5:30pm (Spanish); Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm (Spanish), 4pm on 1st Sundays of the month (Tagalog); Thursday 7am; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:15am.

**Confessions:** Thursday 8-9am; Saturday 3-3:45pm

**Rosary:** Monday-Saturday 15 minutes prior to the daily Mass; Sunday prior to the 12:30pm Mass (Spanish)

**Tuesday Knitting & Conversation Group** meets in Springhouse assisted living residence next door to Christ the King

for knitting caps and other such knitted articles to donate to preemies at Holy Cross Hospital. They gather from 1:30-3pm Tuesday afternoons, except 2nd Tuesdays of the month, when our Pastor celebrates 2pm Mass for residents. New members of *any age and skill level* are welcome, whether for knitting or just conversation - you don't have to live at Springhouse to join!

**Thursday Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:** 7:30am through 7pm with Benediction, except when a HDO falls on Thursday.

**Thursday Bible Study Group** meets Thursday mornings from 10-11am in classroom 7 of the Religious Education Building, using The Little Rock Scripture Series. New members are *always* welcome.

**4th Thursday of the month:** Shepherd's Table in downtown

Silver Spring kitchen serves a warm meal to the homeless every evening. Christ the King has been a supporter since the beginning providing volunteers to set up and serve dinner every 4th Thursday of the month. Parishioners unable to go to the kitchen help by picking up pans at Church on the *first weekend of each month*, preparing a nutritious casserole (recipe provided) and returning the completed dish *the following week*. The Fourth Thursday Group of Christ the King volunteers set up from 4-5:30pm with serving and cleanup 5:30-7:45pm. Parishioners wanting to join for either timeslot may contact Liz Weiss at, 301 588-6726.

**First Fridays Holy Hour:** 9:45-10:45am in the Chapel (winter months) or Church (during more seasonal times).

**Friday Youth Group:** high

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## Were You Once a Christ the King Parishioner?

By Katie Holland, CTK parish editor

**C**hrist the King has installed a new In Memoriam plaque identical to the one erected by, and in memory of, parishioners in 1961 when we were established. We have opened the availability of these nameplates to all whose families or parents may have once been a part of the parish. You may want to consider having one of these bronze nameplates made in honor of *your* family. Nameplates

take about 3-4 weeks to be produced and shipped to the Church where it is then installed on the Memorial Plaque (and we notify you in the event you wish to attend the installation). You are invited to contact the Christ the King editor at the email and phone number listed on Our Parish Times' page for Christ the King, or you may call the Rectory at 301 589-8616 Monday through Friday (office hours listed above).

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# Mother Seton Parish Celebrates Spring and Anniversaries

## Youth Group Retreat

Over 35 high school students attended the Mother Seton Parish Spring Youth Group weekend retreat in Fairfield, Pa. Youth Group coordinator, Jill Brodrick, made sure everyone was involved and entertained by reading Dr. Seuss books, whose themes often have a double meaning, and translating those messages through skits and talks on acceptance, isolation, con-

formity, faithfulness to God, and other topics facing teens each day at school and in daily life.

Mass, Adoration, and Confession were offered as well as "Birdie on a Perch", an outdoor competitive diversion loved by all. The outdoor grounds maintenance activity benefitted the retreat center and offered the teens something to accomplish through service and a way to give back.

## Easter Vigil

Mother Seton joyfully welcomed 34 new members in to the Church on Easter. There were 17 candidates for Confirmation, 17 candidates for Baptism, and 10 children were baptized. This year, Mother Seton Parish celebrates the 40th anniversary of its founding on July 1, 1974, by then Archbishop William Baum. And we'll also be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the construction

and dedication of the new parish church which occurred Nov. 22, 1981.

## Fr. Lou Faust's 40th Anniversary

Fr. Louis J. Faust, Jr., 74, celebrates his 40th anniversary as a priest May 18. Ordained in 1974, Fr. Lou is currently senior priest at Mother Seton, where he has been assigned for the past 5 years. Previously, he has had several local assignments, almost all of them in D.C. or Montgomery Co. In addition, he served as pastor for 18 years at a small parish in Southern Maryland.

For 10 years after college, Fr. Lou lived and worked in New York City. He was employed by a major international chemical company in the textile division. His job was in publicity and promotion for this Madison Avenue company.

His vocation story is, "exactly like the poem The Hound of Heaven by Francis Thompson. God wouldn't leave me alone," Fr. Lou said. He was ordained at age 35. "Because I was older, I felt more secure in my decision to become a priest."

Fr. Lou, loved by MSP parishioners for his wonderful sense of humor and quick and easy readiness with a joke, said, "the thing I love most about being a priest is that I

got to bring my collective experience of life and my experience of God to bear in ministering to people and their needs. Interestingly enough, I learned that many people are quick to complain about their life circumstances and slow to embrace suggested resolutions. The joy of my life has been to share the word of God (the Bible). Practical solutions are proposed in the Bible for the resolution of peoples' problems."

Fr. Lou was a jogger for 18 years until he had problems with his ankles and knees. But that didn't stop him from traveling. His favorite place to visit? The Holy Land, which he has visited 26 or 27 times. And his favorite spot is the Holy Sepulchre Church in Jerusalem, the site of Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Fr. Lou has a great devotion to the Rosary. "Experience has taught me that an active prayer life is essential for effective ministry," he said. He also has a devotion to Blessed Fr. Francis Xavier Seelos, whose remains are buried in New Orleans. Fr. Seelos was a German Redemptoris priest who died of malaria during the Civil War. He is a miracle worker.

So what's the future hold? "My heart's desire is to celebrate 50 years in the priesthood."

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Over 35 high school students attended MSP's Spring Youth Group Retreat in Fairfield, Pennsylvania.

## Mother Seton Quilting Angels Annual Blessing of the Quilts

Mother Seton Quilting Angels have two missions. The first is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with blessed, comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. The second is to provide quilts to children and adults battling cancer. We meet at Mother Seton Parish with ladies from MSP, as well as those from other parishes, religions and from surrounding States twice a month to meet the goal of producing over 200 quilts each year.

Twice a year we gather all the quilts we've produced and take them to the Church where they are blessed and then distributed.

Saturday, May 3, during the 8:00 a.m. Mass, Fr. Lee Fangmeyer, Pastor, blessed 50 Quilts of Valor and 58 quilts for children and adults battling cancer. The quilts were prominently displayed in the church. Before the final blessing, Fr. Lee offered a prayer of blessing to those who will be receiving the quilts and walked around the church and sprinkled each quilt with Holy Water.

After Mass, quilts were moved to the Wells Parish Center to continue the celebration and to make more quilts. We were honored to have three distinguished guests. Katherine Roberts, who is the Blue

Star Mother and Founder of The Quilts of Valor Foundation, Susan Gordon, Executive Director of Quilts of Valor Foundation, and Marianne Fons, from Fons and Porter and a legend in the quilting community, came to see what we were doing and offer encouragement in continuing our important

mission. They also listened to our stories and asked, "WHY DO WE QUILT?"

Next, we presented a Quilt of Valor to Marty Levin. It is always an emotional time to present the quilt with a very heartfelt "Thank you for your service". It's not about

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Fr. Lee Fangmeyer, MSP Pastor, blesses over 50 Quilts of Valor and over 50 quilts for children and adults battling cancer after the annual Blessing of the Quilts Mass.

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# Parish Life at Our Lady Queen of Poland

**Palm Sunday** - At right, parishioners gather for the traditional Polish outdoor blessing of the palms before processing into church on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2014, at Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish in Silver Spring.



**Members of the Polish Legion of American Veterans** At far right, (PLAV, Jagiello Post 191) Marian Mols, Eugene Pawlikowski, and Henry Kwiatkowski, with sisters Ola and Nika Cieciewicz, keep watch at the tomb of Jesus on Holy Saturday, 2014, at Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish.



Above, members of the Polish Drama Club presented readings and poetry during the outdoor canonization vigil "Papal Evening" on April 26, 2014, on the grounds of Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish, Silver Spring. They were Dorota Ponikiewska, Milena Munoz, Igor Czerbniak, and Waldemar Izdebski. Included in the readings was the visionary poem written by Polish poet Juliusz Slowacki (1809-1849) entitled "Papież Słowiański" ("The Slavic Pope").

Above, parish youth and Polish Scouts (ZHPpgK) take part in keeping watch at the tomb of Jesus at Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish, Silver Spring, on Holy Saturday, April 19, 2014: Oliver Bilinski, Sebastian Bilinski, Klaudia Weidlich, Monika Cieciewicz, Aleksandra Bilinski, Alicia Coleman, Aleksandra Cieciewicz, Bozenna Buda.



**Parish Picnic** - At right, parishioners and friends gathered after Mass on May 4, 2014, for the annual parish picnic at Our Lady Queen of Poland & St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Silver Spring, MD. The event was overseen by Parish Council President Iza Macander and featured Polish food and an assortment of books, some crafts, and plenty of good company for all age ranges. Those attending included, from right, Dr. Joanna Lopaczynska, Dr. Richard Okreglak, Dr. Lopaczynska's mother, Dr. Mirek Skibniewski, Dr. Edwarda Buda-Okreglak, Dr. Wlodek Lopaczynski, Adriana Lopaczynska, Dr. Steven Billet, Bea Slawecka, Bozenna Buda.



At left, the Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish Youth Chorus participated in the "Papal Evening" on April 26, 2014. They were accompanied on guitar by Violetta Bazyluk and sang "Moje Miasto, Wadowice," "Abba, Ojciec," and John Paul II's favorite, "Barka." The singers were Alicia Coleman, Arletta Kochanowski, Julieanne Cieciewicz, and Natalia Kochanowski. In the background is the bronze bust of John Paul II sculpted by Gordon Kray. The bust was funded by OLQP parishioners and erected in 2008, in gratitude to John Paul II, on the 25th anniversary commemoration of the Parish of Our Lady Queen of Poland & St. Maximilian Kolbe in Silver Spring. OLQP Parish owes its existence and location to the intercession of John Paul II who visited the Washington area as Cardinal Karol Wojtyla before he became Pope.

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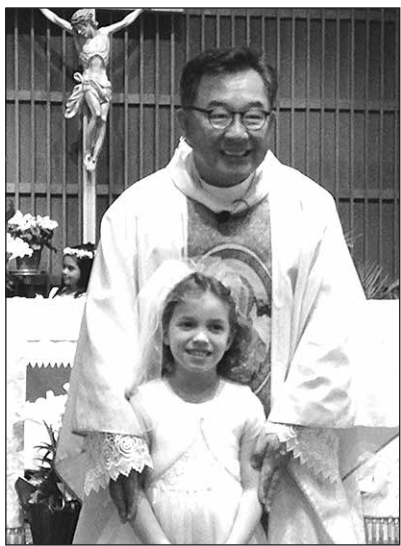
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## Welcome to the Lords' Table!

The first weekend in May was a beautiful weekend at the Shrine of St. Jude as 81 young people received Our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time. On Saturday, May 3, the second and third graders from St. Jude Regional Catholic School and the parish Faith Formation Program were welcomed to the Lord's Table. The following day at the 12:30 Mass, the older children from grades 4-9 were welcomed. Congratulations to all First Communicants!

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Naomi Barish, a second grader at St. Jude Regional Catholic School, with Pastor Fr. Paul Lee. Naomi was one of more than 80 to receive the Eucharist for the first time on May 3 and 4.



Participants from left to right: Rev. Cecil Mahendranath, Rev. Dr. Robert Chance, Father Paul Lee, Rev. Ann Moczydlowski, Rev. John Stano, Rev. Jessie Lowry, Rev. Robert Wilson, and Rev. Courtenay Miller

## Keeping Watch on Good Friday

By Jane Zilles-Soberano

Eight local pastors, members of their congregations, and two choirs participated in an ecumenical reflection on the seven Last words of Christ on Good Friday at the Shrine of St. Jude Catholic Church. The various preachers presented scriptural scholarship, theological reflection, personal testimony, and prayerful lament on the phrases Our Lord spoke from the cross found in the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John. While they met initially to

choose passages, they did not plan to coordinate their remarks. It was surely the power of the Holy Spirit that helped them complement and expand the exhortations.

After the congregation opened with "Were You There," Rev. Lester Stano, Pastor Emeritus of the Lutheran Church of the Cross noted that the Greek of "and Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; they know not what they do,'" (Lk 23:32-37) was more dynamic than the English translation. Rather Jesus kept saying the phrase over and over so as to remind Himself and us that forgiveness is a way of life.

Rev. Robert Wilson of Veirs Mill Baptist Church reflected on Jesus' promise to the thief and to us, "Today you will be with me in Paradise," (Luke 23:38-43). The sanctuary choir of that congregation added to the prayerful mood of the afternoon by singing "The Power of the Cross" (Getty and Townsend).

Host pastor, Father Paul Lee, reminded the listeners that when Jesus told Mary and John, "Woman, behold your son, behold your mother," (Jn. 19:17-27), he was exhibiting more than a child's concern for

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## STJUDE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### Jeanne Donatelli Named a Golden Apple Teacher

The whole Archdiocese now knows what many in the St. Jude Regional Catholic School community have known for years – there's a Golden Apple amongst us! On April 15, the Archdiocese of Washington announced the recipients of its 2014 Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching. St. Jude Regional Catholic School is honored to announce that one of the 10 recipients is Mrs. Jeanne Donatelli, who serves as assistant to the principal, eighth grade homeroom teacher, and middle school Religion teacher.

Mrs. Donatelli received the news from Superintendent Deacon Bert L'Homme in a surprise school-wide assembly.

A teacher at St. Jude since 2001, Mrs. Donatelli gives her heart and soul to her students. Writes Spanish teacher Lauren DeZinno in her nomination letter, "Mrs. Donatelli truly instructs our children beautifully in the faith. She teaches them that their faith is the center of who they are and provides them with Godly ways to handle life's many challenges. She even manages to be considered one of the students' favorite teachers and is often described by students as both fun and energetic."



Surrounded by her family, school principal, and church pastor, Jeanne Donatelli celebrates being named a 2014 Golden Apple Teacher. Pictured from left, Glenn Benjamin (principal of SJRCS), Earl Warrington Sr. (Jeanne's father), Elizabeth Donatelli (Jeanne's daughter), Jim Donatelli Jr. (Jeanne's husband), Jeanne Donatelli, Barbara Donatelli (Jeanne's mother-in-law), Jeanne Warrington (Jeanne's mother), Jim Donatelli, Sr. (Jeanne's father-in-law), Carla Warrington (Jeanne's sister-in-law), Diane VanLonkhyzen (family friend), Earl Warrington Jr. (Jeanne's brother), and Fr. Paul Lee (pastor of the Shrine of St. Jude). Missing from photo is Jeanne's son Jimmy Donatelli, who is away at college.

Mrs. Donatelli was overcome with emotion when the announcement was made, and later commented, "I have been teaching for more than 20 years now and I continue to find my work new and exciting every day. I thank God every day for leading me to St. Jude and for giving me the gift of teaching. As St. John Baptist De La Salle said of teachers: *Prepare a path for God so that He can enter your heart.* I hope that when my students graduate from St. Jude their hearts remain open and that God continues to be with them."

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The St. Jude Children's Choir adorned in their new choir robes, pictured with St. Jude Pastor, Fr. Paul Lee

## New Children's Choir Robes Debuted

On Wednesday, April 16, members of the St. Jude Children's Choir proudly debuted their new choir robes at the 9 am Mass celebrating Holy Week and the beginning of Spring Break and Easter season. The students looked majestic in their burgundy robes and grey stoles, which are embroidered with the St. Jude crest. The St. Jude church and school community is very grateful to Mr. Otis Sangster and the

Crivella family for their support of the choir and their generous donation that enabled the students to outwardly reflect the inner pride they feel when they sing. All are encouraged to come witness our faithful school spirit and hear our wonderful choir lift their voices to God in thanks of a wonderful school year at our last school Mass on June 6 at 9 a.m.

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## Children's Liturgy of the Word Starts May 25

The Shrine of St. Jude is excited to bring the Children's Liturgy of the Word to Mass each week, beginning with the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, May 25.

During Mass, at the time the readings and homily are proclaimed in the Mass we will invite children ages 4-10 to a nearby room to hear the Word of God and a message in a way that suits them. They will return to the Church

with the presentation of the gifts.

Adults who love children and want to help them break open the Word of God are needed as volunteers. Please email Jane Soberano at stjudesecretary@yahoo.com or call her at 301-946-8200. There will be training and material to assist you in this ministry and you can ease into the process.

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# Archdiocese of Washington Launches CapitalCatholic App

*Features Include Parish Locator, Prayers, Upcoming Events*

The Archdiocese of Washington unveiled its new smart phone application, CapitalCatholic, which provides information and resources for local Catholics.

"The CapitalCatholic app is one of many new media tools the archdiocese is employing to support the efforts of the New Evangelization and help people grow in their faith and actively participate in their parishes," said Sarah Yaklic, director of digital media for the archdiocese. "This technology increases our accessibility, allowing us to enhance our community of faith and help individuals deepen their relationship with Christ."

Users are able to search for a parish or school utilizing their smart phone's GPS technology, and results can be

viewed by distance, alphabetical name or map. The app also includes daily and seasonal prayers as well as the ability to explore upcoming events and send e-Postcards.

Additionally, users can use the app to learn more about the local Catholic impact in the areas of social service, health care and education as well as listen to Theology on Tap talks for young adults. CapitalCatholic's social media features enable users to connect with the archdiocese and share the Good News on their own platforms.

The app contains a centralized location for Spanish resources and is available at no charge for both Apple and Android smart phones and tablets by searching for "CapitolCatholic" in the App Store or Google Play or by visiting <http://www.adw.org/capitalcatholic/>. **OPT**



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# Archdiocese of Washington Argues to Protect and Preserve Religious Freedom

The Archdiocese of Washington and its co-plaintiffs presented oral arguments before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in their legal challenge to the HHS mandate.

The archdiocese argued in its written briefs and oral arguments that the HHS mandate violates the U.S. Constitution and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act by wrongfully forcing the challengers and other employers to take action to facilitate or otherwise cooperate with the delivery of morally imper-

missible products and services, contrary to their fundamental religious liberties.

On Dec. 31, 2013, the Court of Appeals granted an injunction, which has prevented the government from enforcing the HHS mandate against the archdiocese and its co-plaintiffs while this appeal is pending. The archdiocese and its affiliates have thus not yet been forced to choose between, on the one hand, suffering crippling penalties for following their faith or, on the other, violating their religious beliefs by facilitating the provision of abortion-inducing drugs, sterilizations and contraceptives to their employees.

The archdiocese and its co-plaintiffs are hopeful that the final disposition of this case will support religious freedom and rights of conscience.

The lawsuit brought by the archdiocese and its co-plaintiffs, *Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington, et al. v. Kathleen Sebelius, et al.*, D.C. Cir. case no. 14-5021, has been consolidated by the court with *Priests for Life, et al. v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*. For more information, please visit [www.PreserveReligiousFreedom.org](http://www.PreserveReligiousFreedom.org). **OPT**

## SCHEDULE

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school students at Christ the King meet every Friday 7:30-9:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room for a moment of catechesis, dialogue, games, movie watching amidst peers and under the direction of Fr. Jose Cortes and Fr. Ettore Ferrario.

**First Saturday:** WorkCenter meets at Christ the King every first Saturday 9:30-11:30am in the Rectory meeting room. There is no fee for participants. All mentors are volunteers from different walks of life who provide mutual support in preparing for interviews, mentoring in rethinking career paths, providing professional contacts (starting from their own business network), reviewing CVs and resumes, organizing meetings and seminars on networking and financial business management issues, organizing lectures and seminars with professionals and sharing experiences to guide the personal development of the individual. The group welcomes those who work for companies in active hiring to attend the meetings to offer advice and to talk about employment opportunities at their companies. For both job seekers and potential volunteers, contact Stefano at [rattigno@yahoo.com](mailto:rattigno@yahoo.com).

**First Sunday:** Young Adults brunch occurs immediately after the 10:30am Mass on the first Sunday of each month, the group of 20-some-things cook up breakfast and prepare Mimosas for the others. **OPT**



## Watching the flowers grow

This spring, the second grade class realized just how long it really takes to watch flowers grow. In the fall, Joanne Ruddy's class began their nature studies unit. They watched a video on the life cycle of plants and flowers, studied plant life in various areas around the school, and started a journal to track their findings. To give the students a hands-on experience, Ms. Ruddy built two garden bedframes of wood and sectioned off a grid in each. The students added potting soil, and then they were able to plant flower bulbs. "We put these little round balls that looked like little onions into the dirt," explained Hayden Kalisz. "We waited until after the winter and

saw little stems come up."

The class visited the garden outside their classroom many times, taking notes and drawing sketches of the plants' growth. For a long time they didn't have much to add to their journals. "The plants grew after the snow stopped, but we didn't get to see the flowers bloom until we came back from our Easter vacation," said Rita Hauge. The beautiful pink tulips and yellow daffodils were a wonderful surprise for the young scientists. Allie Herrington explained why the class enjoyed the project. "We got to see what the flowers looked like before and after. We learned what happened as they grew up."

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Second graders (left to right) Keira Davidson, Teddy Stasko, Matthew Stradley, Sophia McDonnell

## Prayer Books Shipped to U.S. Military Installations and Frontlines

*Knights of Columbus donate 100,000 combat-sturdy "Armed with the Faith" prayer books, pays for shipping to Catholic servicemen and women worldwide*

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) has begun shipping 100,000 new Armed with the Faith prayer books to Catholic military chaplains stationed worldwide for distribution to the rank and file in the armed forces wherever they serve. Since 2004, the Knights of Columbus (K of C) have foot the bill for publication and shipping of the virtually indestructible, waterproof, flip-top prayer books, designed for use in the most rugged conditions including hard battle. More than 500,000 copies have been distributed over the past ten years, mainly through AMS chaplains in the field.

Armed with the Faith contains more than 70 prayers and devotions, such as a Prayer in Time of War, Prayer for One's Family, Psalm 23 ("The Lord is my shepherd"), the



Archbishop Timothy Broglio blesses new shipment of Armed with the Faith prayer books on May 8, 2014 at the Archdiocese for the Military Services pastoral center in Washington, D.C.

Rosary, notes on the Sacrament of Penance including an examination of conscience and a guide for making a good confession, catechetical

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First grade enjoys skyping with students from other schools.

## Read Across America Day

On Wednesday, March 5, Mrs. Vucci's and Mrs. Hudspeth's first grade classes celebrated Read Across America Day by skyping with Holy Redeemer's second grade class. Holy Redeemer in Kensington's class was led by Mrs. Ann Enkiri, the school librarian. Each school selected a story to read to the other school. The St. Peter's

first grades sported their Dr. Seuss "Cat in the Hat" hats to add to the fun of the day!

The Holy Redeemer students read the book, Press Here by Herve Tullet to Saint Peter's first grade. It was a story that most St. Peter's students had not heard before, and it was greatly enjoyed! Our first graders then read the book, There

Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Simms Taback. Each first grader read a different page of the book, and together they all read the timeless moral of the story, "Never Eat A Horse!" Both schools look forward to more story sharing sessions in the future!

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## Fourth Graders Create Habitat Posters

Are you a parent who just can't find another place to save your child's school projects? How about on your computer? The fourth grade classes at St. Peter's School took their habitat research project to a sophisticated level when they added a QR code (Quick Response Code) to their notes. This code would allow their parents to view their project on their smartphones or iPads and save it electronically.

The project began with pairs of students researching their chosen habitats on-line and in textbooks. The rubric specified the need for data about the habitat's climate, animals, plant life, and interesting facts. When asked about his animal on his poster, Joseph Spinelli said, "I chose this lizard because its nickname is 'the Jesus lizard.' This lizard can walk on water like Jesus did in the Gospel." The students organized the information using a graphic organizer program called Kidspiration. Next, they used the program Glogster to create an interactive poster. They transferred the information and then added a background, photos, a video, and moving graphics.

Next, computer teacher, Peggy Meile, created URLs (web addresses) for each group's on-line poster and then a QR code that would take a smart device to the web address. The students cut and pasted the QR code onto the notes page graphic



Fourth graders Michael Howe and Shane Wensel save their school projects.

organizer. They only printed the notes page to take home. There, parents can use their smart devices to "read" the code and pull up their child's habitat poster for viewing. Amber Tiongson was excited dur-

ing the process. "It was fun to learn how to make this neat poster!"

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### 2014 Tiger Trot 5K

It was a beautiful day all around as more than 500 runners and even more community members joined in for Holy Child's 4th Annual Tiger Trot 5K. A very special ending to the day was an inspirational Palm Sunday mass on the turf field, with Fr. Steve Spahn, SJ presiding.



### Farewell Maureen Appel

At each of this year's traditional events at Holy Child, from our Christmas concert to the annual musical, the students have recognized Maureen Appel's twenty years as headmistress. Now the community at large will have an opportunity to offer their best wishes for service; a farewell reception will be held on Saturday, May 17, at the school. Appel will be heading to the Academy of Notre Dame in Twynsborough, MA, to take over as President as of July 28.

## QUILTS

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politics. It's about people and their service and sacrifice. We will be presenting more quilts at the Armed Forces Day Celebration with the Kiwanis group on May 16. And we will be sending more of our kids' quilts to the Cool Kids Organization in Towson, Md., to support children with cancer.

The MSPQA extends a welcome to those who quilt, press, or able to cut fabric to join us in our mission. We are a fun-loving group. Some people come to quilt all day, others drop in to drop off a quilt and begin a new one. Some just mail quilts to us. For more information you can find us at [www.mspquiltingangels.org](http://www.mspquiltingangels.org), or see some of our quilts on Pinterest at [www.pinterest.com/mspqa/quilts-of-valor/](http://www.pinterest.com/mspqa/quilts-of-valor/) or [www.pinterest.com/mspqa/quilts-for-kids/](http://www.pinterest.com/mspqa/quilts-for-kids/)

It's all about sharing our time, talents and treasures. Quilt on, and show God's love to all.

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## GOOD FRIDAY

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his mother. Rather both Mary and John had more expansive roles in John's Gospel both in themselves and for the Church. Mary reminds to do what Jesus tells us and John is the guarantor of authentic Christian faith. St. Jude's Chamber Singers used Pergolers's "Stabat Mater" in response here and after several other words.

The power of "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" (Mt 27:39-51) was masterfully elucidated by Rev. Dr. D. Robert Chance of Aspen Hill Christian Church. While Rev. Ann Mocsydowski of St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church helped us to see Jesus' humanness and our need in his cry of "I thirst," (Jn. 19:23-29).

Rev. Jessie Lowry of Pilgrim Church United Church of Christ rightly translated "It is finished," (Lk 19:30-37) as "it is completed?" She summed up the meaning of Jesus' life and death on the cross by using it as a refrain to remind us what, indeed had been completed.

Rev. Cecil Mahendranath of Veirs Mill Baptist Church shared with us his own conversion story as a backdrop for his reflection on "Into your hands, Father, I commend my spirit," (Lk 23:44-49). Rev. Courtenay Miller of Norbeck Community Church summed up and brought to a dramatic and theological conclusion all Jesus' powerful words using the description found in Matthew of the aftermath of the death of Jesus in Chapter 27, verses 50-54.

The assembly brought the afternoon to a climactic conclusion by singing with prayerful power, "When I survey the Wondrous Cross." Everyone agreed that what was felt and learned during this service needed to become an annual event.

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# Our Lady of Mercy Parish News

## Musicians of Mercy in Concert

The afternoon of Sunday May 4 was a fine day to be outside; however, if you spent the entire day outside, you would have missed a wonderful concert. The Musicians of Mercy gave presented their sixth annual concert at 3 PM in the church. The theme of the concert was Poems, Pastorales and Images Reflecting the Glory of God. Inspiring sounds of the organ filled the church along with the music of the piano and flute. A reception in the Kennedy Room followed the concert.

## Scamp in its Twenty-Fifth Year

It hardly seems possible that it has been around for a quarter of a century, but SCAMP the summer camp at Mercy Parish is still going strong. This year the camp plans to host twenty five children from inner city Archdiocesan Catholic Elementary Schools for the week of June 16-June 20. The camp begins at 8:15 AM and campers board transportation bound for home at 3:30 PM. Counselors who are high school students from the parish often seem to have as much fun as the campers. This year counselors will be selected based on an essay on why they would like the opportunity to spend the week with the campers.

## Our Faith Community is Growing

Congratulations to the seventy five second graders who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time during the first weekend in May. In addition, congratulations and blessings to the sixteen people who were baptized and received into the church at the Easter Vigil, and the six people who were confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

## Pentecost Celebration

It is a tradition at Our Lady of Mercy to celebrate Pentecost in a

special way. The music is always inspiring and the liturgy is made memorable by worshipers offering prayers and petitions in many languages. On Sunday June 8, the Mass schedule will change with mass being celebrated at 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon. A continental breakfast will follow the 9:00AM Mass and the Parish Picnic will follow the 12:00 Noon Mass.



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**Mercy Visits Yellowstone on Skype** Following an integrated interactive digital animal adaptation science lesson along with a library/art component, Mercy second graders participated in a Skype lesson "Amazing Animal Adaptations." During this lesson, students explored the basic habitat needs of animals, and how living things adapt to seasons and environments in Yellowstone National Park.



## OUR LADY OF MERCY CONGRATULATES THE CLASS OF 2014



*Dominic Alborno*

"Experience is the teacher of all things."



*Ralph Boccia*

"The only disability in life is a bad attitude."



*Margaret Boland*

"The most important thing is to enjoy your life-to be happy, it's all that matters."



*James Fairbanks*

"When you come to a fork in the road, take it."



*Anthony Falcone*

"Do not follow where the path may lead...go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."



*Paula Garoz*

"The best way to prepare for life is to begin to live."



*Elizabeth Haley*

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."



*Nathan Higgins*

"Wise men learn more from fools than fools from wise men."



*Kelliann Jenkins*

"May the odds be ever in your favor"



*Renee Kallina*

"I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed."



*Matthew Kane*

"When you want to succeed as bad as you want to breathe, then you'll be successful."



*Jonathan Kazon*

"My attitude is that if you push me towards something that you think is a weakness, then I will turn that perceived weakness into a strength."



*Caroline Kloster*

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."



*Katie Miyares*

"Accept the challenges, so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory."



*Daniel Mulligan*

"Failure is the key to success; each mistake teaches us something."



*Molly Ogilvie*

"In a world where you can be anything, be yourself."



*Meghan Phipps*

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."



*Claire Richards*

"Nothing is impossible, the word itself is 'I'm possible'!"



*Abigail Sharp*

"If you never give up- nothing will be impossible."



*Fio Tranquill*

"If you want peace, work for justice."



*MacKenzie Whipp*

"Love the life you live, live the life you love."

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## Holy Week at St. Bartholomew Parish is Solemn, Spiritual and Joyous



At left, parishioners stand by with palms ready as Fr. Mark Knestout and Deacon Julio Blanco-Eccleston prepare to lead the procession into the Church on Palm Sunday.

Above, Father Knestout and Deacon Blanco-Eccleston prostrate themselves before the altar on Good Friday.

At right, Fr. Mark Knestout, Pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish, at Easter Morning Mass.



## Mother of God School Congratulates the Graduating Class of 2014



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"Mother of God School prepares students who, grounded in sound academics and strong faith, go forth bearing Christ to the world in their personal and professional lives."



## St. Bart's Youth Group Active as Spring Blossoms

As the winter cold faded, the St. Bart's youth group continued its frenetic pace of community service, socializing, sports, enter-

tainment, faith, and fun. Recently the youth group has focused on Lenten activities. It raised funds for the Missionaries of Charity,

made St. Patrick's Day Cards for the residents of St. Bartholomew House, and participated in the Walk for Wishes walk.

Now that the Easter season has begun and summer is almost here the activities have been about celebration. The group recently had a hiking trip and went to the Basilica of the National Shrine. It also had a trip to Glen Echo's Family Day. Coming up it will have a guest speaker and its annual barbecue, field day, and a trip to Kings Dominion. Maria Kaufman, Youth Group Director, told OPT: "We are very happy about the enthusiasm of the group and we will continue to meet this summer with lots of outdoor activities and trips!"

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St. Bart's Youth Group members take a break on a lovely Spring day at Glen Echo Park Family Day. Photo by Maria Kaufmann



St. Bartholomew School Marks the Beginning of Spring with Annual Azalea Sale



CLASS OF 2014 GRADUATES

## St. Bartholomew School

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**Lucas Bautista**  
WINSTON  
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"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great."  
Zig Ziglar



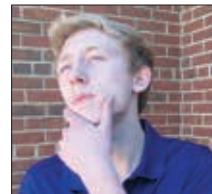
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"Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get."  
Forrest Gump



**Bridget Mary Brown**  
HOLY CROSS

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."  
Mahatma Gandhi



**Jack Michael Chesen**  
GONZAGA

"You only live once. But if you do it right, once is enough."  
Anonymous



**Joanna Nicole Courtis**  
STONE RIDGE

"I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which one has to overcome while trying to succeed."  
Booker T. Washington



**Jorge Eduardo Familiar Avalos**  
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"It always seems impossible until it's done."  
Nelson Mandela



**Madison Elizabeth Gentilo**  
WALTER JOHNSON

"If something sounds ridiculous, then it's probably a good idea."  
Anonymous



**Christian Geoffrey Gill**  
DEMATHA

"I can accept failure; everyone fails at something, but what I can't accept is not trying."  
Michael Jordan



**Jason Bruce Harper**  
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"Play with passion and heart, if you don't carry passion into sport or in any job for that matter, you won't succeed."  
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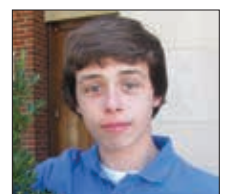
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"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."  
Mahatma Gandhi



**Libby Elizabeth Ruth Karlin**  
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"Life is not a Nintendo game. You don't get another chance."  
Eminem



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"Being the richest man in the cemetery doesn't matter to me. Going to bed knowing that we've done something wonderful is what matters."  
Steve Jobs



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"Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive."  
Elbert Hubbard



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"When it comes to luck, you make your own."  
Bruce Springsteen



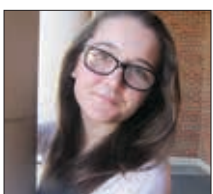
**Colin Richard McLearn**  
ST. ANDREW EPISCOPAL

"If you don't do something dumb when you're young, you won't remember something funny when you're old. Enjoy life while you're still young."  
Anonymous



**Stella Cross Mitchell**  
HOLY CROSS

"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter; and those who matter don't mind."  
Theodor Geisel



**Naomi Michele Pearson**  
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"It's not what you take when you leave this world behind you, it's what you leave behind you as you go."  
Randy Travis



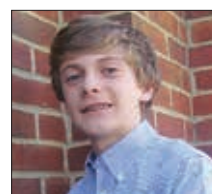
**Michael Riley Place**  
ST. JOHN'S

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for; we are the change that we see."  
Barack Obama



**Irina Marie Prentiss**  
HOLY CROSS

"Happiness is a journey... not a destination."  
Ben Sweetland



**John Warren Travis**  
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"When the going gets tough, the tough get going. Who's with me?"  
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"Real justice is something that does not just help you, but it helps everybody in the world."  
– Santiago Vesperoni



## Active seniors can lower heart attack risk by doing more, not less

From American Heart Association Journal Reports

**M**aintaining or boosting your physical activity after age 65 can improve your heart's electrical well-being and lower your risk of heart attack, according to a study in the American Heart Association journal *Circulation*.

In heart monitor recordings taken over five years, researchers found that people who walked more and faster and had more physically active leisure time had fewer irregular heart rhythms and greater heart rate variability than those who were less active.

Heart rate variability is differences in the time between one heartbeat and the next during everyday life.

"These small differences are influenced by the health of the heart and the nervous system that regulates the heart," said Luisa Soares-Miranda, Ph.D., lead author of the study and a researcher at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston and the Faculty of Sport at the University of Porto in Portugal. "Early abnormalities in this system are picked up by changes in heart rate variability, and



• Participants who increased their walking distance or pace during the five years had better heart rate variability than those who reduced how much or how fast they walked.

"Any physical activity is better than none, but maintaining or increasing your activity has added heart benefits as you age," Soares-Miranda said. "Our results also suggest that these certain beneficial changes that occur may be reduced when physical activity is reduced."

The researchers calculated that the difference between the highest and lowest levels of physical activity would translate into an estimated 11 percent lower risk of heart attack or sudden cardiac death.

"So if you feel comfortable with your usual physical activity, do not slow down as you get older — try to walk an extra block or walk at a faster pace," Soares-Miranda said. "If you're not physically active, it is never too late to start."

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke and National Institute on Aging funded the research.

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these changes predict the risk of future heart attacks and death."

The researchers evaluated 24-hour heart monitor recordings of 985 adults (average age 71 at baseline) participating in the community-based Cardiovascular Health Study, a large study of heart disease risk factors in people 65 and older.

During the study, they found:

- The more physical activity people engaged in, the better their heart rate variability.



## Longevity Gene May Boost Brain Power

*Gene may enhance cognitive abilities*

**S**cientists showed that people who have a variant of a longevity gene, called KLOTHO, have improved brain skills such as thinking, learning and memory regardless of their age, sex, or whether they have a genetic risk factor for Alzheimer's disease. Increasing KLOTHO gene levels in mice made them smarter, possibly by increasing the strength of connections between nerve cells in the brain. The study, published in the May issue of *Cell Reports*, was partly funded by the National Institutes of Health.

"This could be a major step toward helping millions around the world who are suffering from Alzheimer's disease and other dementias," said Dena Dubal, M.D., Ph.D., an assistant professor of neurology at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) and the lead author of the study. "If we could boost the brain's ability to function, we may be able to counter dementias."

As people live longer the effects of aging on the brain will become a greater health issue. This is especially true for dementias, a collection of brain disorders that can cause memory problems, impaired language skills and other symptoms. With the number of dementia cases worldwide estimated to double every 20 years from 35.6 million people in 2010 to 65.7 million in 2030 and 115.4 million in 2050, the need for treatments is growing.

Klotho is the name of a Greek mythological goddess of fate, "who spins the thread of life." People

who have one copy of a variant, or form, of the KLOTHO gene, called KL-VS, tend to live longer and have lower chances of suffering a stroke whereas people who have two copies may live shorter lives and have a higher risk of stroke. In this study, the investigators found that people who had one copy of the KL-VS variant performed better on a battery of cognitive tests than subjects who did not have it, regardless of age, sex or the presence of the apolipoprotein 4 gene, the main genetic risk factor for Alzheimer's disease.

The investigators tested a variety of cognitive skills, including learning, memory, and attention. More than 700 subjects, 52 to 85 years old were tested as part of three studies. None had any sign of dementia. Consistent with previous studies, 20 to 25 percent of the subjects had one copy of the KL-VS variant and performed better on the tests than those who had no copies. Performance on the tests decreased with age regardless of whether a subject had one or no copies of the KL-VS gene variant.

"This study shows the importance of genes that regulate the multiple aging processes involved in the maintenance of cognitive function," said Suzana Petanceska, Ph.D., program director in NIA's Division of Neuroscience. "Understanding the factors that control the levels and activity of KLOTHO across multiple organ systems may open new therapeutic avenues for prevention of age-related cognitive decline and dementia."

"These surprising results pave a promising new avenue of research," said Roderick Corriveau, Ph.D., program director at NIH's National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). "Although preliminary, they suggest that a form of klotho could be used to enhance cognition for people suffering from dementia."

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# SOAR Spring and Summer Trips!

The Montgomery County Department of Recreation has released its Summer 2014 Senior Outdoor Adventures in Recreation (SOAR) travel program for active adults age 55 and over. Unless noted, all transportation is provided on restroom-equipped motor coaches. You may register for a SOAR trip in any of four ways. The fastest and easiest way is to use the internet and go to RecWeb at: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec). (Please note: First timers must register and receive a PIN prior to registering for a trip online. It usually takes 2-3 days to receive our PIN # once you complete the online information.) You may also mail your trip application, fax it to 240-777-6818, or walk in to the registration office at 4010 Randolph Road. If you have questions about the registration process, please call 240-777-6870. If you have questions or require more information about a specific trip, call the SOAR Coordinator at 240-777-4926.

## White Water Rafting on the Shenandoah River

An expert guide in each raft will lead our group through White Horse Rapids, down the famed Shenandoah Staircase, and over Bull Falls (rated class II-III, easy to moderate, on the difficulty scale). Recommended attire is shorts, t-shirt, and sneakers. No hard-soled shoes. No experience required. Bring sunscreen, a towel, and a change of clothes. A delicious fried chicken lunch is included.

Trip No. 370952

Thursday, June 5

Fee: \$80

Leave 8:00 am; Return 4:15 pm

## Marine Corps Evening Parade and Band Concert

A performance of music and precision marching featuring 'the President's Own' USMC Band, the USMC Drum and Bugle Corps, and the USMC Silent Drill Platoon, a universal symbol of professionalism, discipline, and the esprit de corps of the Marine Corps throughout the world.

Trip No. 370953

Friday, June 6

Trip No. 370954

Friday, June 27

Fee: \$30

Leave 6:15 pm; Return 11:15 pm

## Baseball – Nationals and Orioles Games

All games are \$47 per person and include upper deck seating (between first or third and home plate) and chartered motor coach transportation. Note: there is walking and step climbing. All trips return immediately after the games are concluded.

Trip No.	Date	Teams	Depart
374719	May 7	Nationals vs. LA Dodgers	5:00 pm
374720	June 10	Orioles vs. Boston Red Sox	4:30 pm
374721	July 8	Nationals vs. Orioles	5:00 pm
374722	Aug. 12	Orioles vs. New York Yankees	4:30 pm

## The Wyeth Story

Guided tour of the Andrew Wyeth Studio, a 19th century school house where the artist lived from 1940 until 1961 and continued to work until he died. Tour the house and studio of N. C. Wyeth, the great illustrator. Visit the Brandywine Museum and lunch, included, at the Brandywine River Museum restaurant.

Trip No. 374723

Wednesday, June 11

Trip No. 374724

Thursday, June 12

Fee: \$79

Leave 7:15 am; Return 5:30 pm

## Wave of Memory in Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Tour the site of the flood of 1889 – ten inches of rain in 24 hours – that caused the greatest natural disaster in U.S. history. Visit the National Park Service's Johnstown Flood National Memorial on the site of Unger's Farm, where the flood started, and the Johnstown Flood Museum. Lunch, included, at Hoss's Steak House.

Trip No. 374726

Wednesday, June 18

Trip No. 374727

Thursday, June 19

Fee: \$75

Leave 7:00 am; Return 7:00 pm

## Sailing Trip on the Kalmar Nyckel, a Reproduced 17th Century Swedish Tall Ship

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ment in the Delaware Valley. We will tour the Old Swedes Church, the Burial Grounds, and the historic Hendrickson House Museum. Lunch, included, at a local restaurant.

Trip No. 374729

Wednesday, July 2

Fee: \$95

Leave 7:15 am; Return 6:30 pm

## Crab Feast Cruise around Baltimore's Inner Harbor

Enjoy a sumptuous crab feast (included) aboard the Black-Eyed Susan paddlewheel riverboat and take a two-and-a-half hour narrated

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## St. Martin's School Enjoys Multiple Honors

By Catherine Cooksey

### Golden Apple Award

On April 14, 2014, the Archdiocese of Washington Superintendent and other representatives from the Archdiocese's Catholic School Office surprised Helene Redmond, St. Martin's Eighth Grade Teacher, with a Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. She was nominated for this award by former student, Nathalie Chavez, who credits Mrs. Redmond with her transformation from a mediocre student to an honor-roll student. The award is given annually to 10 Catholic school teachers in the Archdiocese. It recognizes a teacher's contributions to the classroom, the students, and the school. Mrs. Redmond will receive her Golden Apple award at an ADW Gala in May.

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### Gaithersburg Junior Mayor

Fourth Grader, Emma Leath, was named Junior Mayor of Gaithersburg, MD, for winning the "If I were Mayor..." contest. Her essay was one of 205 submitted. In the essay, Emma proposed to create a community garden as a way to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to feed the community and provide them with a place to picnic, relax and get together. As the winner, she will with Gaithersburg elected officials at various events throughout the coming year. She was officially introduced at the State of the City Address on April 24, 2014.

### Excellent Rating for Advanced Band

On April 6, 2014, at the Archdiocese of Washington Band Festival held at St. John's College High School in Washington, DC, St. Martin's Advanced Band received an Excellent rating and was awarded a trophy for their performance. Additionally, eighth graders, Matthew Cain and John Nora, were invited to be members of the Archdiocese of Washington Honors Band.

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## St. Martin's Girl Scout Cadettes Earn Highest Award

By Lisa Schuler

St. Martin's Cadette Troop 1313 recently earned the Silver Award by working together to develop a marketing campaign to encourage more food donations to the St. Martin's Food Pantry. The Silver Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout between the ages of 11 and 14 can earn. It represents a girl's accomplishments in Girl Scouting and in her community as she grows and works to improve her life and the lives of others.

St. Martin's Food Pantry is an all-volunteer organization that feeds about 250 families per week through donated food products. While the number of recipients has increased over the past few years due to the economy, the amount of food donated has not. Consequently, the girls of Troop 1313 decided to create a marketing campaign that would run over six weeks and have a goal of making the donation of non-perishable food items to the pantry a weekly habit for the 4,000 families who are parishioners of the church.

Troop 1313 consists of 8 girls. Each girl focused on the



Troop 1313 earned the Silver Award for their marketing campaign to increase donations to the St. Martin's Food Pantry. The scouts are shown above with the school principal, Andrew Piotrowski. Photo by Lisa Schuler

areas of marketing at which she was most skilled. The various tasks included: convincing the pantry manager, Chuck Smith, they could handle this project; convincing the parish leader and school principal they could handle it; working with fellow students to support the project; and developing the theme and materials for the marketing campaign. Communications developed included drafting and presenting a speech at 11 church services in English and Spanish; developing fliers to hand out at all church exits; developing reminder magnets for refrigerators; and drafting

messages to appear in the church bulletin for six weeks and more.

Because so many people attend St. Martin's (more than 12,000 each weekend), the girls knew it would take more than the eight of them to spread the word about the marketing campaign after all 11 services. They convinced 44 of their fellow students to join them at the different services (in their school uniforms) to help hand out fliers at all exits.

All their effort was worth it. Following the girls' speeches and promotional activities, the Pantry received their third-highest ever collection of food.

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# Parishioner Wish List

By Rus Wester

**P**ARISHIONER WISH: "Dear Lord, please send us a Priest we can entitle, SJN Parochial Vicar.

Preferably, you'd allow him a couple of parish stop-offs on his way to us. Please let him have grown up in a large Catholic family, so he'll easily blend into our large Catholic family at SJN.

And Dear God, would it be wrong to ask that our new Parochial Vicar love sports? Maybe even to have played baseball for the DC Padres, or basketball for the DC Hood? And Lord, would you allow our new priest to translate his sports skills into great energy for pastoral work with the young people of our parish, even sometimes accompanying our youth to their retreats and excursions?

Maybe you'd also allow him to be multi-lingual, for serving our diverse parish community?

And just a couple more miscellaneous requests: Could our new



Newly appointed SJN Parochial Vicar, Father Dave Wells.

Parochial Vicar be a top Boggle and Scrabble player? Is it possible he could have been born in the Blessed Mother's month of May? Attended Mt. St. Mary's Seminary and has a great sense of humor?

HEAVEN'S ANSWER: Welcome Father Dave Wells!

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By Myra Blackwood

**W**ould you care for some tea? Young women from our parish and beyond spent a delightful afternoon sharing tea and delicacies both savory and sweet with religious sisters on April 5. The event, organized by the John Paul the Great Vocations Society, gave the young women a chance to chat with sisters from two orders, the Visitation Gallery Community and the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara, in a relaxed and lovely setting.

Many parishioners contributed to make the afternoon tea successful. Some lent beautiful teapots and teacups, while others donated homemade tea sandwiches, cheese treats, tea cakes, scones, and fresh fruit for the young women and the sisters to enjoy.

Fr. Joe Rogers offered the opening prayer, and one of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara, Sister Rock of Constancy, captivated the entire gathering with a lively delivery of her own vocation story. The afternoon concluded with a prayer from the Liturgy of

# Tea with the Sisters



An afternoon of tea brought young women from the parish together with two religious orders (Sisters of Visitation Gallery Community, and Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara) to share life stories about consecrated, married and single life. Photo by Ellen Castellano

the Hours.

The event is organized with the hopes of stirring the young women to consider what God is calling them to: the consecrated life, mar-

ried life, or single life.

"The talk and tea totally opened another door," wrote one of the girls in a feedback survey, "so whatever God wants!"

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The parish RCIA Hispanic Program welcomed two catechumens as they were baptized and welcomed over a dozen other candidates who received their first communions and confirmations at the Easter Vigil Mass.

## Receiving the Sacraments at Easter

**A**lways joyful, the journey to the Easter Sacraments brought a large number of parishioners fully into the Catholic Church with the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation this year. Please welcome:

Verónica Iriarte, Paul Kiser, Martin Metcalf, Gilberto Ortiz, Nancy Zarroli, Ingrid Aguilar, Roland Bako, Carlos Batres, Lorraine Counihan, Jofer Huacache, Enrique Huacache, Camilla

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## Pilgrim Fatima Statue Visits St. John Neumann

**A** grand, candle-lit procession carried the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima into St. John Neumann church, while Mariachi musicians brought beautiful melodies to the large gathering welcoming Our Lady. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed in Monstrance during Her 17-hour visit, with public and private rosaries and other prayers being offered throughout the night. The Knights of Columbus appropriately assumed their role as guardians of the statue during Our Lady's visit.

The miraculous Fatima statue was sculpted in 1947 by artist Jose Thedim, based on the description of Sr. Lucia, one of the three children who saw Our Lady each



The Knights of Columbus Honor Guard stands on the SJN Altar throughout the night during the parish visit of The Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

month from May to October 1917 in Fatima, Portugal.

Sent out to bring the Message of Fatima to all corners of the

globe, the Pilgrim Virgin Statue has visited more than 100 countries, including Russia and Red China, bringing the great message of hope, "the peace plan from heaven," to millions of people. During his lifetime, recently canonized, Saint John Paul II, often reminded us of the urgency of the Message of Fatima.

Benediction was celebrated as the Holy Eucharist was reposed and the statue was prepared for her next Archdiocesan visit. *EDITOR'S Parting Note: Catholic Filipinos call Our Blessed Virgin Mary "Mama Mary".* By

all reports, no one present at SJN on April 7-8, 2014 will soon forget their "Mama". WEBSITE: [www.pilgrimvirginstatue.com](http://www.pilgrimvirginstatue.com)

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Shown here with talented entertainers from the Hurley School of Irish Dancers are SJN Priests, Father Joe Rogers and Father Peter Sweeney, joined by the Knights of Columbus members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Council #12127 who organized and hosted the feast day celebration honoring a favorite Saint - Patrick of Ireland.

## When Irish Eyes are Smiling

By Rus Wester

**O**n March 16, over 80 parishioners gathered to celebrate one of their favorites... Saint Patrick of Ireland. The party began with an opening prayer in Gaelic, offered by Father Sweeney, followed by KofC Chef Mike May's feast of Whiskey Chicken, Shepard's Pie, Irish Coffee and traditional Irish Soda Bread.

Having grown up in Southwestern Ireland and attending St. Patrick's Day events all his life, Father Sweeney was a happy lad on this particular night: "It's always a celebration of Spring, of the lifting of Winter. The Knights staged a wonderful and grand time. The food and company were great. And our troupe of authentic Celtic Dancers from the Hurley School made

for a joyous St. Paddy's day for us all."

Some of the Irish-minded hosts who helped this year included: Mike May, Marlene Shoemaker, Bob Faber, Linda May, Tom and Susan Firestone, Manny and Cecelia Dayao, Terry Waters, Franklin Ngole and Richard Joseph.

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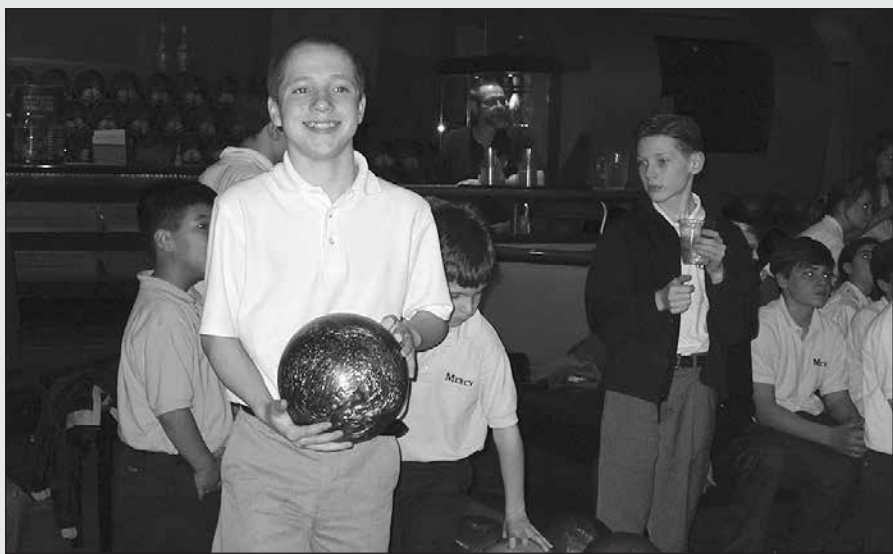
### Mercy Champion Readers

Mercy teachers Scott Palumbo and Kitty Shadman proudly pose with Olympic gold medalist Katie Ledecky at the school's kickoff of the 8th annual reading initiative "Put Your Nose in a Book and Your Head in the Game." Ledecky, a distance swimmer and world record holder, won the gold medal in the 800-meter freestyle at the 2012 Summer Olympics. At the Mercy assembly, Ledecky, a Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart junior, spoke to the students about the importance of reading, setting goals, and maintaining a positive outlook.



### Mercy Students Opt for Less Sugar

Thomas Yavinsky and Ellie Bottio experiment with replacements for sugary drinks at Mercy's annual NIH Nutrition Workshop. Students learned to make flavorful water by adding different fruits and vegetables at one of the four stations aimed at developing healthy eating habits. NIH nutrition interns combine hands on learning activities and games to engage students in improving nutrition awareness.

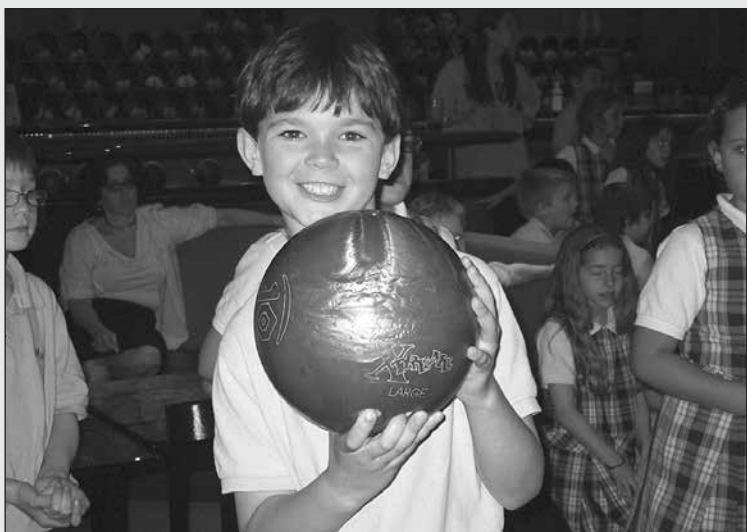


Trent Schlosser (7th grade) gets ready to bowl a strike.

## Mercy Reading Initiative Ends with Bowling Fun

After seven weeks of reading and filling the school's hallways with hanging pennants, students ended the eighth annual reading initiative "Put Your Nose in a Book and Your Head in the Game" with a Pre K-8 surprise trip to an afternoon of bowling. Younger students paired with their older prayer partners and enjoyed an afternoon of bowling fun at a local bowling alley. Each year students are surprised with reading initiative culminating activities which have included a school-wide trip to the Baltimore Aquarium and another trip to Smithsonian's Air and Space Center.

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Brian Henneberry (3rd grade) delights in afternoon enjoyment at the bowling center.

## Mercy International Day Hall of Nations

International Day is a culminating activity for an integrated language arts research project for fifth grade students. After researching a country of interest, students present information to other grades and parents in the "Hall of Nations." International flags and decor complement colorful display board projects creating a multicultural ambience, thus transforming the school's multipurpose room into the Hall of Nations. Special areas of interest include current events, sports, government, customs, history, famous landmarks, traditional dress, and fine arts. A highlight of the day is sampling recipes/food from the international buffet.



Zion Harmon presents his project on Ancient Greece.



Mercy fifth grader Noelle Sommerville enjoys showcasing her project on Poland as second grader Colleen Nolan looks on.

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# St. Rose Installs a New Pastor, Father Mateo

## Cardinal Wuerl Principal Celebrant

By Mary Zoccola

**R**ev. Agustin Mateo Ayala was installed as the new pastor of St. Rose of Lima church, in Gaithersburg, on April 5. His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, served as Principal Celebrant and Homilist.

"I'd like to congratulate Father Mateo," said Wuerl, at the start of his homily. "The spiritual topic of today's liturgy is our Lenten journey," he said adding that Lent focuses on the renewal of the whole mystery of our redemption.

Continuing his homily, Cardinal Wuerl explained that Lent is a particularly apt time for the installation of a new pastor. Reflecting on the liturgy for the fifth Sunday of Lent, Wuerl reminded the parishioners that Jesus asks Martha if she believes in him. "Martha says, 'I

have come to believe that you are Christ the son of the living God that has come to this world,' " Wuerl said, adding that Martha's reply needs to be our reply.

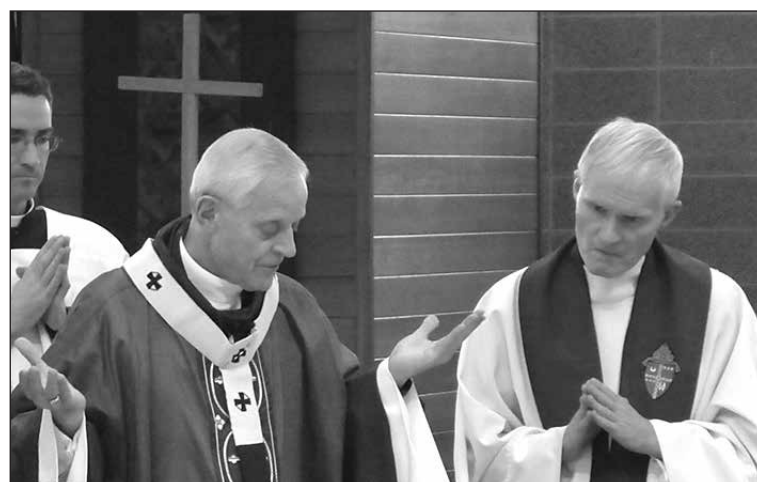
Then Wuerl focused on the relationship between a pastor and a parish. "When you install a pastor, and reflect on his role, you have to reflect on his role and you have to reflect on the role of the whole parish. They are correlative terms: shepherd and flock, pastor and parish," he said.

Promises are another key part of a pastoral installation. "The church says to us, if you are going to install a pastor then you should ask him to renew the promises he made at his ordination," Wuerl said. Ordination promises form the foundation of the parish, he continued. Those promises are that the pastor pledges to

collaborate with the bishop to care for the flock of the parish, to unite himself as closely as possible to Christ, and to teach the gospel of our Catholic faith.

Before the end of the Mass of Installation, the new pastor, Father Mateo highlighted the fact that, "In pledging obedience to his bishop the priest knows with certainty that he is following not his own will, but God's will." He finally thanked His Eminence Cardinal Wuerl for coming to St. Rose for his Installation and for entrusting him with the pastoral care of such a wonderful community.

After Mass, Wuerl told Our Parish Times, "I think it is so important for a parish to experience the liturgical installation of their pastor, because it is the whole community working together and it is good to have the



From left: Father Mateo, Rev. Anthony E. Licktieg, Cardinal Wuerl, Msgr. Mark E. Brennan, St. Martin's of Tours, Gaithersburg. Photo by Mary Zoccola

focal point spiritually standing in the midst of everybody in a celebration like this." "So I am just so pleased to be here. I love this parish

because it has so many good things going on and I was just delighted to be with your pastor and all of you," added Wuerl.

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Deacon John Liu (far left) of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Gaithersburg, Maryland joined a group of six pilgrims to the Holy Land in Israel during April and May 2014.

## The St. Rose Eco-Action Team Cleans Up!



By Ed Mitchell

**T**welve volunteers from the Eco-Action Team of St Rose Parish organized a group of participants in the 26th Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup of the Alice Ferguson Foundation, cleaning up portions of Longdraft Branch waterway.

Collaborating with the City of Gaithersburg's Green Up Day on Saturday, April 5, the Eco-Action Team's goal was to "think globally and act locally" to improve the community and to demonstrate their faith via caring for creation. The group's focus was the area around Longdraft Branch at Rabbit Road. The Longdraft Branch feeds into Clopper Lake.

The Eco Team found an assortment of unusual things, including a giant tractor tire, a nearly full-person composite of clothing, a partial shopping cart and table, and an office chair. The most common recyclables found were soda cans and water bottles, 130 plastic shopping and food-storage bags, as well as fast- and convenience-food packaging material. All in all, they collected nearly two dozen bags full of recyclables and trash.

This was the Eco-Action Team's



first cleanup. The Team was eager to join an estimated 10,000 other volunteers throughout the Potomac watershed in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Last year, volunteers collected 312 tons of trash and recyclables to help keep the local ecosystem healthy.

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## Welcoming Military Families Home

By Mark T. Moitoza, D.Min.

**A**rchbishop Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop of the Military Services, visited Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church on Sunday, March 16.

Archbishop Broglio presented an overview of the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) that was created as an independent archdiocese, by Pope John Paul II in 1985, as the only Catholic jurisdiction responsible for endorsing and granting faculties for priests to serve as chaplains in the U.S. military and VA



St. Rose children who attended the Archbishop's presentation made cards and toiletry packets to brighten the Veteran's staying long term at the Washington VA Hospital. Photo by Sherry Moitoza

Medical Centers. The gathering was part of a Lenten series about Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Parishioners from four other area parishes attended the presentation, as well.

During the presentation, Archbishop Broglio spoke about the daily demands of men, women, and families connected to active duty in the armed forces, including reservists and the National Guard. Many service members have often been called upon to serve multiple deploy-

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Father Mateo baptizes a member of the RCIA at this year's Easter Vigil. Photo by Gustave Assiri

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## SOAR

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cruise around Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Trip No. 374731

Thursday, July 10

Fee: \$94

Leave 1:15 pm; Return 6:30 pm

### 'Port of Call' Tour on the Maryland Eastern Shore

Begin in historic Oxford, the first port of entry in the Tidewater area, with a tour of this charming town and a visit to the Oxford Museum. Next is a crab cake lunch (included) at the Masthead, which was used in the film *Failure to Launch*. Then board the Express Royale for a narrated cruise on the Tred Avon River to Easton. Experience a snapshot of colonial life in the 18th and 19th centuries during a visit to the Historical Society of Talbot County.

Trip No. 374732

Wednesday, July 16

Trip No. 374733

Thursday, July 17

Fee: \$85

Leave 8:00 am; Return 5:00 pm

### Skipjack Boat Tour on Chesapeake Bay and St. Michael's.

Take a two-hour sail on a sloop-rigged skipjack – designated the official Maryland State boat – which is used as an oyster dredger during the oyster season. Enjoy the Bay's wild beauty, experience and oyster-dredging demonstration, listen to the Captain discuss the Bay's ecology and the culture of the waterman. Lunch (on own) and sightseeing in St. Michael's on the Eastern Shore.

Trip No. 374735

Thursday, July 31

Fee: \$60

Leave 7:30 am; Return 5:30 pm

### Boat Trip to Tangier Island on the Chesapeake Bay

Enjoy a leisurely drive to Crisfield, Maryland on the eastern shore, then board the super cruise ship Steven Thomas for a one-hour-and-fifteen minute trip to historic Tangier Island, discovered by Captain John Smith. Tangier is an unspoiled fishing village with quaint narrow streets and is the 'soft shell crab capital' of the world. A family-style seafood lunch at the famous Chesapeake House is included.

Trip No. 374736

Thursday, August 7

Fee: \$80

Leave 8:45 am; Return 8:30 pm

And there's more!

### Paddlewheeler Cruise on Choptank and Warwick Rivers: August 21

### Canoe Trip through Jug Bay Wildlife Sanctuary: August 27 and 28

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## St. Martin of Tours



St. Martin's students enjoy an evening of Dr. Seuss-themed fun. Photo courtesy of St. Martin's School



Eighth graders reenact the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Photo courtesy of St. Martin's School



Eighth graders sort nonperishable food items collected as part of a Lenten campaign for the St. Martin's Food Pantry. During the 6 week period, students brought in over 11,000 items of food. Photo courtesy of St. Martin's School

## MILITARY

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ments. Some have been at war for as long as a decade, which is very stressful. Once the deployments are complete, military members often need assistance to ensure a smooth transition back into civilian life. Having a faith community to draw support from can be very helpful.

Archbishop Broglio outlined effective ways of welcoming military members and their families who are returning home. Awareness, hospitality, and friendship were mentioned as simple methods of

reaching out. Additionally, parishes that are welcoming, safe, and non-judgmental can help service members feel welcome. Parishioners can show compassion by listening to service members' stories. Other concrete ways parishioners can help include assisting with job searches, completing paperwork at VA Medical Centers, finding spiritual directors, or organizing retreats for wounded warriors. When ready, returning veterans should be encouraged to share their gifts with the parish.

Statistics indicate that one in every four Americans knows someone in the military, which means

# Catholic Leaders Convene Renew Effort on Nuclear Disarmament

Nuclear weapons "present an existential threat to mankind," said former U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to a group of Catholic leaders on April 24. "We need to reduce the numbers of these weapons, identify and take the steps needed to keep them under better control, and ultimately eliminate them." Secretary Shultz and former Secretary of Defense William Perry hosted a Colloquium on Revitalizing Catholic Engagement on Nuclear Disarmament, April 24-25, at Stanford University.

This off-the-record event brought together 40 bishops, policy specialists, Catholic scholars, and young professionals and students to explore policy and moral challenges involved in moving toward a world without nuclear weapons.

"The bishops have made the moral case for ultimate nuclear disarmament; Shultz, Perry, Kissinger and Nunn have made the case for disarmament as a policy goal, a goal embraced by the U.S. and Russian governments," said Bishop Richard E. Pates of Des Moines, Iowa, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on International Justice and Peace. "My hope is that this colloquium will be the beginning of a process to invigorate and refine the voice of the U.S. Catholic community in the debate on nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament."

Holy Cross Father John Jenkins, president of the University of Notre Dame and, with Bishop Pates, a co-convenor of the colloquium, emphasized the distinctive role of Catholic

universities, which "should serve as networks of discussion and sources of knowledge – able to explore and address the practical, technical and ethical issues that arise on the way to a global ban."

Other speakers included Secretary Perry, former Senator Sam Nunn, retired Ambassador James Goodby, Father Bryan Hehir (Harvard), Franciscan Father Kenneth Himes (Boston College), Jesuit Father Drew Christiansen, (Georgetown), Scott Sagan and Sidney Drell (Stanford), and Stephen Colecchi (USCCB).

The colloquium was the kick-off of a larger project intended to empower a new generation of Catholic bishops, scholars, professionals and students to address the ethical and policy challenges of reducing and eliminating nuclear weapons. It will convene symposia for ethicists and policy experts, publish articles in scholarly and popular journals and reach out to students and young professionals through a social media site that emphasizes the religious and ethical dimensions of nuclear disarmament.

The Hoover Institution and the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University hosted the colloquium. The project is sponsored by the University of Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies in collaboration with the USCCB's Office of International Justice and Peace; Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs; and Boston College.

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## PRAYER BOOKS

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instruction and excerpts from St. Augustine's writings on "Just War," religious reference material including the Ten Commandments, the Precepts of the Church, the Holy Days of Obligation, and the Seven

Sacraments, and hymns such as "The National Anthem," "America the Beautiful," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

The new 5th edition contains a number of enhancements, including sections on patron saints of the military services, the new responses for Mass, and a more detailed table of contents.

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the moral injury, through telling the story, can help begin the healing process.

To learn more about helping returning veterans, please visit the following websites: Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, [www.milarch.org](http://www.milarch.org), click the Resources tab and scroll down to Welcoming Veterans Home, [www.milarch.org](http://www.milarch.org). The Department of Special Needs Ministry in the Archdiocese of Washington has also compiled helpful resources on the ADW web site, [www.adw.org/veterans/](http://www.adw.org/veterans/) to reach out to veterans.

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## A Tip of the Cap to Our Cap Corps Volunteers



Cap Corps volunteer Izzi Hernandez-Cruz has written all the SFIS articles for *Our Parish Times* this year.



Cap Corps volunteer Angelica Rojas used her training as a school counselor to work extensively with students at SFIS.

This year Saint Francis welcomed two members of the Capuchin Franciscan Volunteer Corps to the school staff. The Cap Corps program places lay volunteers in different schools and organizations throughout the city to serve the community. At Saint Francis, Ms. Angelica Rojas joined the student resources team, and Mr. Ismael "Izzi" Hernandez-Cruz supervised lunch and recess while acting as a communications assistant. Both of them have been very visible in the school throughout the year.

Ms. Rojas has spent much of her time out from behind the desk and working with her colleagues and students. "I've enjoyed working a lot with the student resource team and have enjoyed the most getting to know students and their families," she says. Co-workers and students have likewise appreciated their time with her. Eighth graders met with Ms. Rojas in meetings to discuss the upcoming transition into high school. "She helped me deal with the stress I would go through in high school," Atim Bedell, one of the eighth graders, remembers. "It helped give me a new visual about high school, a more positive outlook." Matthew Fontaine, a second grader, liked the lunch bunches they had. "I

think I became a good friend after spending time with my friends," he describes. Mrs. Jean Gaes, a member of the student resources team, calls Ms. Rojas "an invaluable help." "She's been a big help with interacting with the younger kids. She's been very helpful in meeting the academic and social needs of a lot of our children."

Mr. H-C, as students often call Mr. Hernandez-Cruz, has had multiple interactions with students as well. He volunteered with the basketball program, serving as an assistant on both the junior varsity and varsity teams. "Coach was good during basketball practice," Mike-Andy Fontaine, a fifth grader on the junior varsity team, describes. "He was especially helpful with the shooting form, how we put the hand behind the ball when we shoot. That was the most helpful thing." Mr. H-C has also had a strong presence during lunch and recess. Mrs. Kara Cheek, a language arts teacher in the middle school, observes, "He fits really well into the school community and is very helpful. He's always been very positive and joyful."

As the school year comes to a close, SFIS thanks Ms. Rojas and Mr. H-C for their service and for adding their optimism and energy to the school community.

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## EASTER

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Sandoval, Ricardo Sandoval, Elmer Vega, Vanyssa Wyman, Nancy Zarroli, Verónica Sandoval, Juan Jiménez, Karla Ramírez Sandra Valladares and Manuel Suárez.

Helping to guide their full sacramental life were RCIA Coordinators and team leaders Maria Ortiz, Deacon Mike Davy

and Jean Shema, who were joined by the catechetical team of Deacon Carlo Caraballo, Yolanda Caraballo, Mario Toruño, Miguel Angel Figueroa, Deacon Gene Cummins, Fr. Thomas LaHood, Fr. Paul Nguyen, MaryLu Hartsell-Director of Music and Maureen

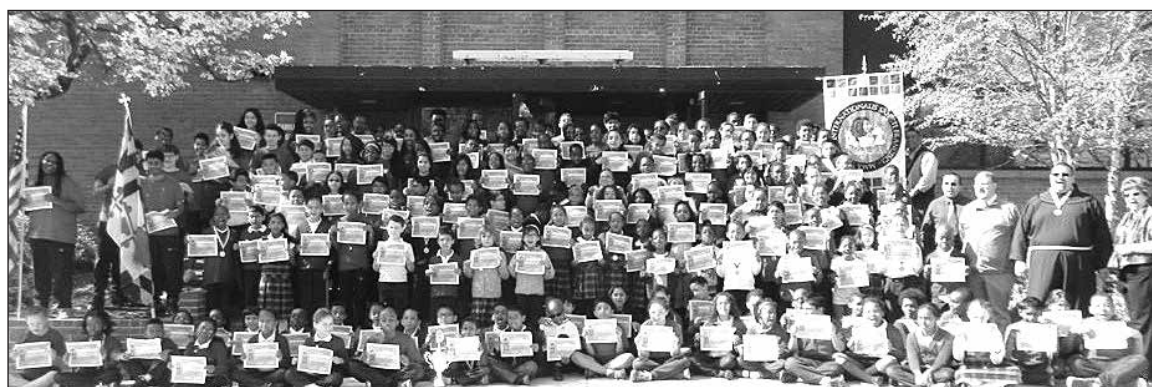
Joseph-Director of Religious Formation.

"Our group experienced a positive enrichment of their faith," said Catechist, Yolanda Caraballo. "They were proud to be Catholic, to actively participate in the Holy Triduum and receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass."

Catechumen, Nancy Zarroli, eagerly shared her feelings: "It was a beautiful Mass! The experience of being baptized, confirmed and taking communion for the first time was one I will treasure forever. I have such peace and happiness in my heart now."

So please pray for them all as...  
*¡Lo tenemos levantado hacia el Señor! .....We lift them up to the Lord!*

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52% of the K thru 8 students at SFIS achieved mathematician level or higher in *First in Math*.

## Striving for *First in Math*

At a time where schools everywhere are refocusing on math instruction, Saint Francis chose a fun, creative approach to reinforcing the fundamental skills what is often deemed the least popular subject: *First in Math*, a computer program on which students around the world play games to practice math skills. By completing challenges and mastering games, students earn stickers, which move them into new levels of difficulty ranging from basic kindergarten numeracy to high school level algebra.

This new tool was exciting for both students and teachers. Nolawi Ayelework, a sixth grader who achieved Grand Champion status, really enjoyed this new format of math homework. "At the beginning I really liked the Measurement World game," he described. "It was really fun for me. I played a lot,

so I was really far into them." The teachers found it to be very useful as well. "I used *First in Math* for reinforcing math skills, especially knowing their facts," Mrs. Ashley Gordy, a third-grade teacher at Saint Francis, explained. "If they know one thing before they leave third grade, it should be multiplication." Ms. Rachel Koval, the other third-grade teacher, continued, "In addition, we use *First in Math* to engage students who don't consider themselves 'math people.' The way it engages them with colorful images and visual elements makes it seem like a video game to people who wouldn't normally go for it."

As the year continued, teachers and *First in Math* program leaders created goals for the students. In the classroom setting, teachers could use sticker totals to set personal goals for their pupils. "We looked at how many stickers they got the pre-

vious week to determine how many they can get the next week," Mrs. Gordy clarified. "This gave each child an individual, realistic goal." Students also received rewards as Saint Francis climbed in the *First in Math* rankings. By the beginning of March, SFIS had taken the number one spot in the state of Maryland. Rankings closed at the end of April, and Saint Francis had skyrocketed up all the way to number TWENTY-FOUR in the entire country! Individual classes were ranked as well, and Saint Francis had four classes in the top ten in the country! The second-grade at Saint Francis International School actually reached the number FOUR ranking in the entire United States! Once the rankings finalized, a ceremony, hosting the school's superintendent, recognized the top achievers in the program.

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## Brother Gerald: A Life of Ministry to Children

Brother Gerald Hopeck, Co-Principal at Saint Francis International School, will be saying good-bye after four years of serving the school community. He began working at SFIS as an intern helping with school board's development committee, but as his skills and talents honed earlier in his life working as lay principal in Philadelphia became apparent the school leadership drew him deeper into ministry. By the end of the Saint Francis International School's first year, Br. Gerald had taken on a major role in the school's tuition collection and was eventually appointed Interim Assistant Principal.

Since that time, Brother Gerald has really enjoyed interacting with the people of the SFIS community. "The greatest gift being a religious is entering into the mystery of people's lives and being welcome both in joy and difficulty. I have been able to assist and enjoy with people as they come to a better understanding of Jesus in their lives," he says. "I've enjoyed helping kids and parents to know that God has given them the power within to take hold of their life." Brother Gerald will



Br. Gerald Hopeck leads the school in the Liturgy of the Word.

everything he does and to his ministry."

In July, he will begin ministering at a Franciscan parish in South Carolina, Brother Gerald looks forward to meeting new people, but the people at SFIS will miss him so much. "Brother Gerald has made major contribution to Saint Francis International School, and we are incredibly grateful for the gift that he's been over the past four years," Mr. Harkleroad says. The entire SFIS

community appreciates his service to the school and wishes him the best in his future.

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## St. John the Evangelist

## Annual May Crowning a Time Honored Tradition

On May 2, the St. John the Evangelist school children gathered for their regular first Friday Mass but with an extra added bonus – the annual crowning

St. John's for the past 35 years (and probably even longer!) and has special significance to the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) due to their order's singular devotion to the Blessed Mother.

Each student in the school is encouraged to bring in a rosary and at least one flower, or a small bouquet which is often handpicked from their own yard or from a neighbor's garden. With their teachers leading them the students say the rosary together as they process to the church. The eighth graders present the crown and crown a statue of Mary while traditional hymns honoring Mary as "the Queen of May" are sung.

After Mass, the kids get to let their hair down a bit by gathering in the school auditorium to celebrate Cinco de Mayo (5th of May). Grades one-eight perform songs and skits they've learned entirely in Spanish. In the U.S. this date is observed in the United States as a celebration of Mexican heritage and pride so it's a great way for the students to showcase what they've learned throughout the year in their Spanish classes.

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of the Blessed Virgin Mary – which is typically held on the first Friday in May.

This event has been going on in the church since the 1800s and at

## Fortnight for Freedom June 21-July 4

2014 theme focuses on 'Freedom to Serve' poor, vulnerable

Catholic parishes across the United States are once again encouraged to raise awareness for domestic and international religious freedom concerns during the third annual Fortnight for Freedom, June 21-July 4. The two-week celebration will focus on the theme, "Freedom to Serve," emphasizing the link between religious liberty and service to the poor and vulnerable.

"During the Fortnight, our liturgical calendar celebrates great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power—St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, John the Baptist, Peter and Paul and the first martyrs of the Church of Rome," said Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the

Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). "This is a time when Catholics can unite themselves in prayer to the men and women throughout history who spread the Gospel and lived out Jesus' call to serve the 'least of these' in even the direst of circumstances."

Two nationally televised Masses will bookend the Fortnight. Archbishop Lori will celebrate Mass at the Baltimore Basilica on June 21, at 5:30 p.m. EDT. Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on July 4, at noon EDT. USCCB President Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of

Louisville, Kentucky, will be the homilist at the July 4 Mass.

USCCB has prepared materials to help dioceses and parishes participate in the Fortnight, including templates and guides for special prayer services, a list of frequently asked questions about religious liberty, one-page fact sheets on current threats to religious freedom in the U.S. and around the world, and a study guide on *Dignitatis Humanae*, the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Religious Freedom.

These materials and more information on the Fortnight and related issues can be found online at [www.fortnight4freedom.org](http://www.fortnight4freedom.org) and [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/).

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## Mass for Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters and First Responders

Hundreds of those who serve their community as law enforcement officers, fire fighters and emergency first responders gathered on May 6 at an annual Mass in prayerful and grateful remembrance of those who gave their lives in the fulfillment of their duties.

The "Blue Mass," is held at St. Patrick Catholic Church in northwest Washington at the beginning of National Police Week. Officers from a wide range of jurisdictions at the municipal, county and federal levels attend this annual event.

Priests of the archdiocese assembled with units from federal, state and local jurisdictions in formation and passed under a huge American flag hung over the street by two fire ladder trucks as they processed into the church with pipe and drum corps units.

In his homily, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington, said, "Pope Francis told us that the three important words on which any community rests are: please, pardon me and thank you. Today, it is that last word that brings us together and that we underline this morning: thank you. We need to say thank you. We need to thank God for those who do place themselves between us and harm. We need to let them and their families know that we know how



significant their actions are. And they need to know that we are truly grateful.

"This annual Mass, to which all from every religious commitment and faith conviction are invited, is something we do every year lest we ever forget how much we owe all of those who every day put on a uniform at the service of the community.

"But there is still more. Not

every law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency responder or medical personnel returns home at the end of the day or night, whatever their watch might be. We come here today not just to thank God for their service but to remember them and to pray to God for them.

"Today, we ask that God keep us always mindful of his love and of our hope to share in the life of the Risen Lord. For all that our uniformed women and men do, we gather together today to say, 'Thank you' and 'God bless you.'"

At the end of the Liturgy, the solemn playing of "Taps" honored those who died in the line of duty in 2013.

The Blue Mass is a tradition that began in 1934, but was not regularly observed until 1994 when it was revived to honor and pray for the men and women who protect our city and nation. According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, there are more than 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers now serving in the United States.

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Melina Skinner dances with her partner as the SJE School students put on their annual celebration of Cinco de Mayo. The kids have a great time singing songs and performing skits entirely in Spanish to showcase what they've learned throughout the year.



Each Lent, the St. John the Evangelist eighth graders present their interpretation of the Way of the Cross at Living Stations held in the church. This photo shows the depiction of The Sixth Station: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus.



## New ePlans and ePermits Online System

Montgomery County residents and businesses can now use "ePlans" and "ePermits" to apply online and electronically file plans to obtain electrical, deck, new home and right-of-way permits. Customers can do this from their homes or businesses – saving significant time, money, fuel and paper.

Later this year, home additions and commercial plans and permits will be added.

Learn more about how ePlans and ePermits benefit customers and the environment. See graphic about the impact of 3,000 permits being filed online.

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# St. Andrew Apostle School News

## Race Attracts Record Number

This year's 5K/1K Spirit Race attracted a record breaking 350 registrants. Held on March 29, the event started and finished on the St. Andrew ball field. Sweet Frogs made a special appearance and the racers crossed the finish line to a bagpipe serenade, compliments of Jim Mazzara. While no world records were broken, a fine time was had by all. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Lilabeau Foundation (supporting pediatric brain cancer research).

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Sweet Frogs Congratulate Racers



Bishop Gonzales, Msgr. Hart and Father Leary with St. Andrew Apostle 2014 Confirmation Class

## Congratulations to the 2014 Confirmation Class

On April 5, Bishop Gonzales, assisted by Monsignor Hart and Father Leary, celebrated the Mass followed by a reception in the All-Purpose Room.

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Father Leary, Ms. Susan Sheehan and the Kindergarten after the May Crowning Mass

## Kindergarten Leads May Crowning Mass

On May 2, the Blessed Virgin Mary was honored at the annual May Crowning Mass. The entire school attended, led by the kindergarten class. Their teacher, Miss Elsa Miller, prepared them for the special readings, hymns and presentation. Each kindergarten student honored Mother Mary with a bouquet of flowers placed before her statue. This very special Mass commemorates all Mothers and the love Mother Mary holds for all of God's children.

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## Several events finish the academic year

First Communion was celebrated May 10. Our awesome faculty will be honored with a week of special activities during Teacher Appreciation Week. There will be an all school Field Day. The entire school, divided into cross-grade teams, will compete in various outdoor events. The second annual pool party, to be held at a local pool will cap another great year for St. Andrew Apostle School.

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## All You Who are Weary ... I Will Give You Rest

For almost two years, Saint Andrew Apostle Parish has offered a special monthly Mass with healing prayers, in adherence and faithfulness to the Catholic Tradition. Father Dan Leary, Pastor, exposes the Blessed Sacrament before the final blessing of the Mass, offers a prayerful spiritual talk/meditation, and then invites all who wish to come forward to approach the altar in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament to receive healing and grace through his anointed hands.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that Jesus heals us through the sacraments, which are administered to us on earth by God's priest-sons who stand in Persona Christi: "Often Jesus asks the sick to believe. He makes use of signs to heal: spittle and the laying on of hands, mud and washing. The sick try to touch him, 'for power came forth from him and healed them all.' And so, in the sacraments, Christ continues to 'touch' us in order to heal us" (CCC 1504).

Father Dan lays hands on each person individually and invokes the Holy Spirit to fill each soul with peace and blessings. He shares the gift of healing he says he received from Our Lord in Guadalupe in 2004. Although we know that all priests are healing priests, "the Holy Spirit gives to some a special charism of healing so as to make manifest the power of the grace of the risen Lord" (CCC 1508).

Anyone may receive healing prayers, both Catholics and non-Catholics. They may come forward for themselves or stand in proxy of someone else and petition God on their behalf.

Several additional priests are available throughout the evening to hear confessions. Father Dan

reminds all Catholics in attendance that the healing received through the Sacrament of Confession is much more powerful than a priestly blessing which, although grace-filled, is not a sacrament.

This very reverent liturgical celebration often includes the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet in song and always concludes with Benediction and a hymn in gratitude to Our Lady. Throughout the Mass and Adoration, there is a focus on the spiritual interior with a specific emphasis on reconciliation, forgiveness, and the healing power of the Eucharist. Because of the solemnity of the atmosphere, and the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, all who come forward to receive healing prayers are wrapped with a shawl to ensure appropriate modesty of dress within the Sanctuary.

One parishioner remarked, "Although every Mass is a healing Mass, especially when we receive the gift of Christ in the Eucharist, the intercessory prayers of God's priests in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament are powerful. The experience has brought me a deep personal awareness of God's infinite love and mercy and brought me closer in my relationship with

Him. All of this has filled me with a great sense of peace and joy."

The Masses are held on a monthly basis at Saint Andrew Apostle (11600 Kemp Mill Rd., Silver Spring) and are open to the public. Refer to the Mass with healing prayers page on the Saint Andrew's website ([www.StAndrewApostle.org](http://www.StAndrewApostle.org)) for the current schedule. The next Mass with healing prayers will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at 7PM.

Beginning in June, an additional Mass with healing prayers specifically for children through eighth grade will be held quarterly. The spiritual homily will be more catechetical in nature and geared specifically toward the children. The children will be invited to come forward and their parents will also be invited to pray silently by their child(ren) while Father Dan blesses them with holy oil and prays over them. The first Mass with healing prayers for children will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2014 at 7PM.

As Andrew invited his brother Peter to encounter the Lord, so Saint Andrew's is inviting people to this encounter with Jesus Christ and His mercy. All are welcome!

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A total of 33 youngsters received their first communion at a special mass May 3 at Resurrection Church in Burtonsville. Photo by Phil Powell

## Youngsters Celebrate First Communion

**T**hirty-three youngsters made their first communion Saturday May 3 at a special mass at Resurrection Church celebrated by Father Scott Hahn and assisted by Deacon David Suley.

The following day, the first communicants, wearing their first communion outfits, participated in a procession and the May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother in the church.

The first communicants at Resurrection were: Jonathan Altamirano, Diego Anderson, Desiree Azigi, Mariam Baldwin,

Adrian Bonilla, Sheropa D'Costa, Alexa Flores, Ava Rose Goglia, Jonathan Herrera, Mario Herrera, Sename Houemassou, Nick Kouao, Sandra Lambat, Emma Lara-Corella, Kenneth Lara-Corella, Zuri Mathew, Chelsea Melgar, Maegya Mensah, Abigail Mersha, Tristian Messi-Hamid, Noah Julien Miatudila, Jay Narayanan, Wesney Nascimento, Amarachi Nwosu, Chizitelu Okonkwo, Andrew Rodriguez, Federico Sanidad, Cynthia Scipio, Yazmyn Soriano, Hilton Tamakloe, Jacob Thomas, Madison Thomas and Jonathan

Tiayon.

Others who also received their first communion during the month of May were Dinora Blanco, Matthew O'Donnell, Steven Saint-Fleur and Casey Tucker.

Assisting in the preparation of the youngsters for the Sacrament of the Eucharist were Helene Stever, Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry; Sacramental Catechists Mirna Bonilla, Phyllis Bottegale and Clarice Poole; and Teen Catechists Arnelles Kodjo and Jack Huddle.

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Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 8 were 41 youngsters at Resurrection Church. Auxiliary Bishop Martin D. Holley, back row center, presided at the ceremonies, assisted by Father Scott Hahn. Photo by Phil Powell

## Forty-one Confirmed in Ceremonies at Resurrection

**T**he Most Reverend Martin D. Holley, auxiliary bishop of the Washington Archdiocese, presided at ceremonies April 8 at Resurrection Church at which forty-one young members of the parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Those being confirmed were: Michael Anyaibe, Reynold Bascal,

Sean Bryant, Joseph Bufalini, Shannon Callan, Terrianne Etta, Mishael Etuaful, Vincent Ford, Amietee Fuondjing, Grace Goodenough, Anna Gruber, Fred Kipchumba, Rachel Klumpp, Emmanuela Kodjo, Marie-Lauren Kouao, Regina Lindeire, Iletou Loumon, John Manzo, Khaleel Mondesir, Sydney Muhindi, Laura Ndour, Linda Ngoue-Onana, Marcellinus Nwulia, Irene Park, Jackson Quinn, Laura Richards, Chloe Rodriguez, Joseph Rose, Maureen Salita, Brandon Sandoval, Cassandra Sanidad, Zachary Stango, Benjamin Syme, Bill Tiayon, Darina Tiayon, Dominic Tolentino, David Thomas, Joseph Thomas, Kayla Tomas, Kelsey Tomas and, Marcus Zebrowski.

Also at the ceremonies, Dean and Felix Kipchumba, Ilema Loumon and Princess Thomas received their first communion.

Assisting in the April 8 ceremonies

was Resurrection Pastor Scott Hahn.

In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Resurrection youth participated in the first-ever joint retreat in the archdiocese involving confirmation candidates from three parishes, according to Helene Stever, Resurrection Religious Education Director.

The retreat, which was held February 21-23 at the Christian Conference and Retreat Center located near Emmitsburg, MD, included about 110 total participants. That included youth and adult members from Resurrection Church, St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Wheaton and St. Jerome's in Hyattsville.

The retreat, which was led by Franciscan friars from New York, was the idea of Father Dan O'Leary of St. Andrew's, according to Stever.

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## Resurrection Celebrates Earth Week with River Tour, Teach-Ins

By John Small

**M**embers of Resurrection Church participated in a variety of events in April to celebrate Earth Day – including a guided boat tour of the Anacostia River, the planting

They also were treated to a bit of Anacostia history by guide John Reis, including the story of how a son of Francis Scott Key was killed in a duel at the famous Bladensburg Dueling Grounds and anecdotes about George Washington staying overnight in the area while on trips to Philadelphia.

Reis noted that the controversial invasive snakehead invasive species fish “is here to stay—for better or for worse,” adding that they are a “great game fish” and are pretty good to eat.

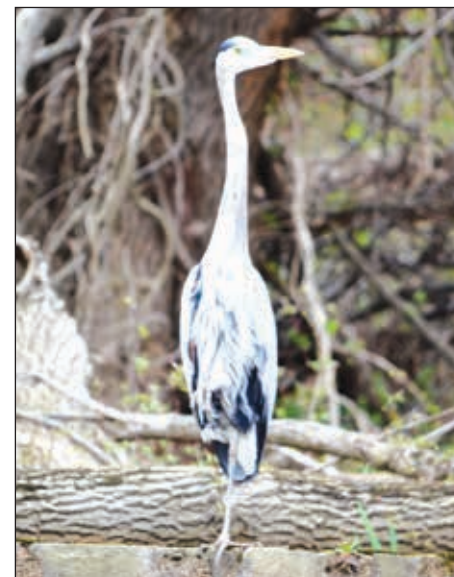
As part of their Earth Day observances over the past five years, the Integrity of Creation Committee has sponsored potluck dinners, environmental forums, tree and garden plantings, and other educational events.

This year was no different with the showing of the movies “Chasing Ice”

on April 26 (about the changing of glaciers in the Arctic) and “The Wisdom to Survive: Climate Change, Capitalism and Community” on April 12 (about how climate change is affecting the lives of billions of people), followed by group discussions.

Members of the group also made presentations over two days at religious education classes for kindergarten through seventh grade on climate change and related environmental issues. The small-scale teach-ins followed in the tradition of the launching of Earth Day in 1970

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A great blue heron perches on one leg on a log along the Anacostia River. Photo by John Small

of a community garden, movies on environmental topics, and “mini-teach-ins” at religious education classes.

Sponsored by the Resurrection Integrity of Creation Committee, the April 25 boat trip included about 20 parishioners and friends who embarked from Bladensburg Waterfront Park for a view of plants and animals on the 8-mile-long river that empties into the Potomac River.

Along the way, they saw some great blue herons, kingfishers, nesting osprey, painted turtles and a variety of other small animals, birds and wetlands plants.



## Leisure Group Hits the Road for Flower Show

More than 30 members of the Resurrection Leisure Group took to the road March 6 for their long-delayed visit to the Philadelphia Flower Show at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The popular show, featuring large-scale gardens and elaborate landscapes, is the world's oldest and largest flower show attracting more than 250,000 visitors annually. The Resurrection group had planned to take the trip in 2013, but had to take a “snow check” when a blizzard hit the area. Nevertheless, a good time was had by all. Photo by John Small

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## DC Padres Make a Statement

**P**riests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington, known as the DC Padres, took on The Heights Cavaliers of Potomac at an exhibition game. It followed a Double-A Bowie Baysox vs. Harrisburg Nationals matchup at Prince George's Stadium April 6, through club management's generosity.

The Padres, many former high school or college players, beat the Cavaliers 8-0, on stellar pitching by Mount St. Mary's University seminarians Nicholas Blank, the starter, and Kevin Dansereau, the closer (also a competitor in Virginia's 1998 Babe Ruth World Series). The pair gave up just one hit in the six-inning shutout. Fr.

Larry Swink, a Heights graduate, pastor of Jesus the Divine Word in Huntingtown, Maryland, swatted two long sacrifice flies, driving in 2 RBIs. He drove home a powerful priestly vocation message, too, asking the Cavaliers at a mid-game break: "Are you going to live for yourself, or for Jesus?" Photo by Andrew McDonald

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## Brian Danver Prep Varsity Soccer Coach

**G**eorgetown Preparatory School announced the appointment of Brian Danver as head varsity soccer coach.

A native Washingtonian, Danver attended Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland where he was a member of the men's soccer program from 2005 – 2008. Danver earned Centennial Conference All-Academic honors during his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons and served as the program's captain during his senior campaign. Along with his soccer achievements,

Danver was also a member of the College's tennis team and served as the team captain.

Danver takes over the Hoyas soccer program after the retirement announcement of longtime soccer coach, Guy Fraiture, this past February. Over 36 seasons, Fraiture led Prep's varsity soccer program to a record of 364-156-48 and 13 Interstate Athletic Conference (IAC) championships. His 364 wins are the most in school history.

Prep Athletic Director Dan Paro noted, "Coach Fraiture created a

program and a culture for the soccer program. Coach Danver is a very bright soccer mind and will build on that already strong foundation. Prep welcomes him as the new face of the varsity soccer program."

Danver is currently teaches at Mater Dei School in Bethesda, Maryland and has coached the Georgetown Prep Freshmen team and assisted on the varsity since 2010. Assistant Coach Eric McAndrews '94 will remain on the varsity coaching staff.

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at colleges across the nation, in the wake of high-profile events like the Cuyahoga River fire in Cleveland and a growing awareness of environmental destruction.

In other activities at Resurrection, parishioners already have planted a variety of vegetables in the "Common Good Garden" for the second year in a project to help supply the church's food pantry for the hungry in our neighborhoods and other area food outlets.

In a liturgical element of the celebration, the closing hymn for all masses the weekend of April 26-27 was a song based on St. Francis of Assisi's "Canticle of the Creatures."

Taking the April 25 boat tour of the Anacostia River were Jim David, Sue David, Sister



About 20 parishioners from Resurrection Church and friends toured the Anacostia River on April 25 as part of Earth Day activities. Photo by John Small

Rita Ricker, LuAnn Mostello, Art Milholland, Maura McMullen, John Small, Leslie Boss, Sister Anne Magner, Tonia Patino, Anna Patino,

Daniel Patino, Christian Patino, Bill Dinges, Carol Conlon, Sharon O'Brien, Albert Klavon, Steven Strazza and Lorna Strazza.

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Over 500 runners and walkers participated in the first annual "St. Elizabeth Sprint" on Saturday, April 12, 2014. This inaugural 5K Run/ 1K Fun Walk was a huge success and a lot of fun for the families and friends of St. Elizabeth School.

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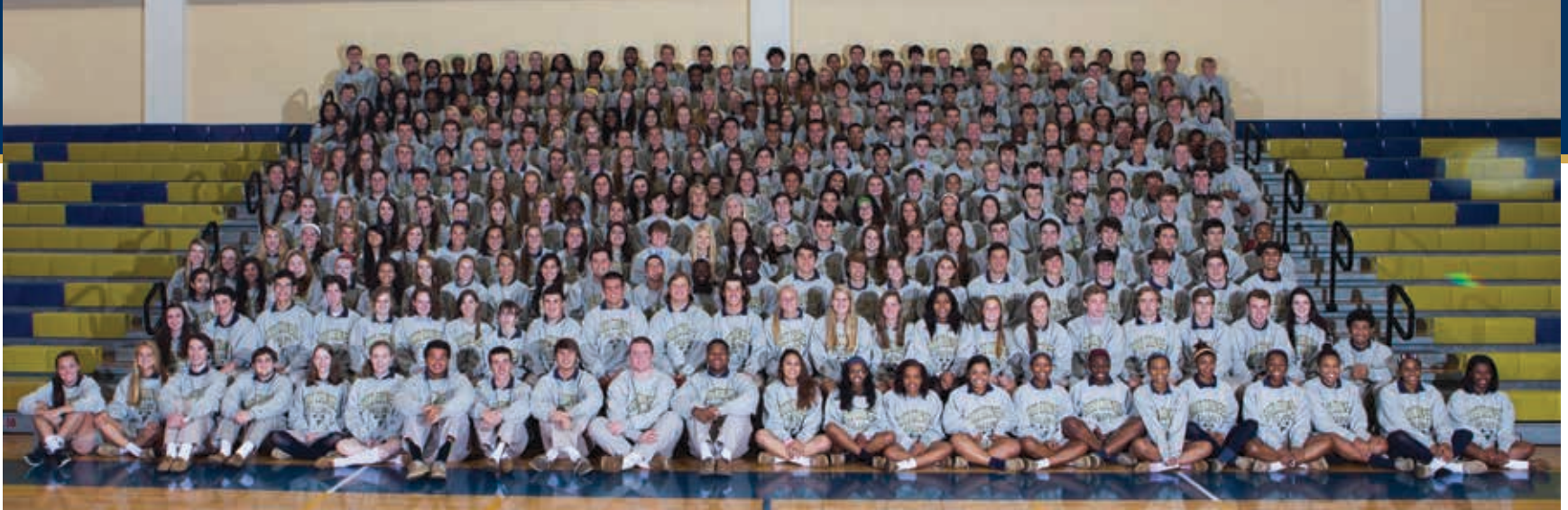
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