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To rally for the Global Youth Traffic Safety Month, the choir of Saint Francis International School was invited to open the ceremony May 8 by singing the National Anthem and lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington.



Summer Exercise



Chuck Short

By Chuck Short

This is the final edition of OPT until the fall. I wish each of you a restful and spiritually productive summer. We'll reflect more on this in a moment. First, let's acknowledge and honor two

transitions in our Catholic schools. For many Catholic baby boomers, the closure of parish schools ends an era of fond memories. For thousands who attended St Catherine Laboure School in Wheaton, this bitter sweet time has come. St Catherine's will close in June after 60 years of service. Founded in 1953 by the Daughters of Charity, St Catherine's grew to become one of the largest schools in the Archdiocese with 1500 students. Can you imagine a Catholic grade school that large! Hard-working families drawn to this area by the post WWII growth spurt filled the school. In the 1980s, the school responded to another growth surge, this time in immigrant

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In Memorium – Joseph Froio

Joe Froio was a force in the parish of St. Elizabeth without gaining special notice. Joe was not even a St. E's parishioner. He lived nowhere near St. E's, even though he was very much a presence at our parish in his capacity as



Joseph Froio

our facilities' manager. He lived in Leisure World in Silver Spring and usually attended Resurrection Church in Burtonsville. It was there he became involved with facilities management as a volunteer in 1980 for the newly created parish of Resurrection, and there he began his long association with the parish's founding pastor, Father Jack Macfarlane.

Joe died on April 25, and St. Elizabeth's is grateful for his long association with the parish and to the Archdiocese in general. Joe was Msgr. Macfarlane's right-hand man when it came to a parish's infrastructure. He had worked hand-in-hand with Fr. Jack in building a permanent sanctuary for Resurrection Church, and he continued on after Macfarlane was reassigned in 1993 to St. Elizabeth.

"Priests were never intended to learn in the seminary about mechanics, plumbing or

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Annie

St. Peter's Catholic School Drama Club produced yet another hit this spring with their production of *Annie*. The students gave three fabulous performances at Olney Theater Center selling over 1,000 tickets and entertaining audiences with their talent.

Rehearsals started back in October when a casting call produced a very talented group of middle school students. After a couple of weeks of tryouts, the cast list was posted and practices began.



The orphans spend Christmas with Daddy Warbucks. Photo by Pat Ryan

Thanks to the director, Phyllis Bottegat, the producer, Virginia Riley, many parent and

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"If I Were Mayor, I Would ..."

Bianca Sanchez, a fourth-grade student at St. Martin of Tours School in Gaithersburg, was named one of the

state's winners of the "If I Were Mayor, I Would ..." essay contest, a competition sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League to inspire children to consider public service involvement.

Sanchez's essay was one of 11 winners selected from a pool of more than 2,500 entries from fourth-graders around the state. The winners received a Governor's Citation presented by Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown at an award ceremony May 14 at the State House in Annapolis. In addition, the winners received \$100 cash and a boat cruise of Annapolis harbor on the Harbor Queen.



It's all in the family! Siblings Guadalupe, Leslie, Daisy, and Anibal Pozas received the sacrament of Confirmation together. They are pictured above with Bishop Holley

Eighty Seven Receive Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Holley

The Shrine of St. Jude celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Martin Holley on Thursday, April 18. Concelebrating the Mass were Pastor Fr. Paul Lee and Parochial Vicars Fr. Blake Evans and Fr. John Nguyen. Monsignor John Enzler also concelebrated the Mass as he was the sponsor for his niece, Brigid English.

Assisting at the Mass were two of the Confirmation teachers, Brothers Andy Kmetz and Thomas Megargle, from the Fulton Sheen House of Formation, located at the parish of St. John Baptist de la Salle. Overall, 85 students and two adults were confirmed, including four siblings, Guadalupe, Leslie, Daisy, and Anibal Pozas.

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St. Anselm's Top Ranked in Academic Challenge

Score in the Washington Post Challenge Index is highest in DC area.

For the second straight year, St. Anselm's Abbey School in Brookland has been rated No. 1 in the Washington area and No. 1 among U.S. independent schools on the Washington Post's list of America's Most Challenging High Schools.

The annual listing by education columnist Jay Mathews was published Monday, April 15. St. Anselm's has a Challenge Index of 8.533, which is higher than any public or charter school in the DC area and also the highest among the 40 independent schools across the U.S. that appeared on the Post's list.

The Challenge Index rates schools based on their levels of participation in college-level tests: the rating is the

total number of AP, IB and similar tests administered by the school in a given year, divided by the number of graduates that year. St. Anselm's high Challenge Index is a reflection of the school's mission to provide a highly rigorous, challenging classical curriculum for academically motivated young men.

St. Anselm's Abbey School was founded 70 years ago to provide a rigorous classical education to intellectually gifted young men. Today, St. Anselm's serves approximately 220 young men in grades 6-12 and is known primarily for its challenging academic program. The school is located on the 40-acre grounds of St. Anselm's Abbey in the Michigan Park section of Northeast Washington.

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Let the Light Shine!

Maryland Repeals the Death Penalty

The light of life shines brightly in the state of Maryland. The darkness of state-sponsored executions has ended with the death penalty repeal legislation's signing into law.

On May 2, Maryland became the first state south of the Mason-Dixon line to abolish the death penalty when Gov. Martin O'Malley, a Roman Catholic who opposes capital punishment, signed the bill into law.

"This is a historic moment for Maryland as we become the 18th state to eliminate the death penalty," said Mary Ellen Russell, executive director of the Maryland Catholic Conference. "In honor of this joyful moment and long-sought victory to end the death penalty in our state, the Basilica in Baltimore will be lit at dusk and will shine overnight for Maryland."

"This successful end to a long journey would not have been possible without the leadership of Maryland Citizens Against State Executions, led by Jane Henderson and so many other partners in our coalition, especially those who have been directly touched by the murder of a loved one or who have sat on death row wrongly convicted, such as Vicki Schieber, Bonita Spikes, and Kirk Bloodworth," she said.

The Catholic Church teaches that a consistent ethic of life demands respect for the dignity of every human life, including those of criminals on death row. The test of whether the death penalty can be used is not the gravity of the offense, but whether it is absolutely necessary to protect society. Imposing a sentence of life without the possibility of parole is a sufficient means of protecting society without resorting to taking another life.

Maryland Catholic Conference advocates for the Church's public policy positions before the Maryland General Assembly and other civil officials. The Conference represents the three dioceses with territory in the state – the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Archdiocese of Washington, and the Diocese of Wilmington.

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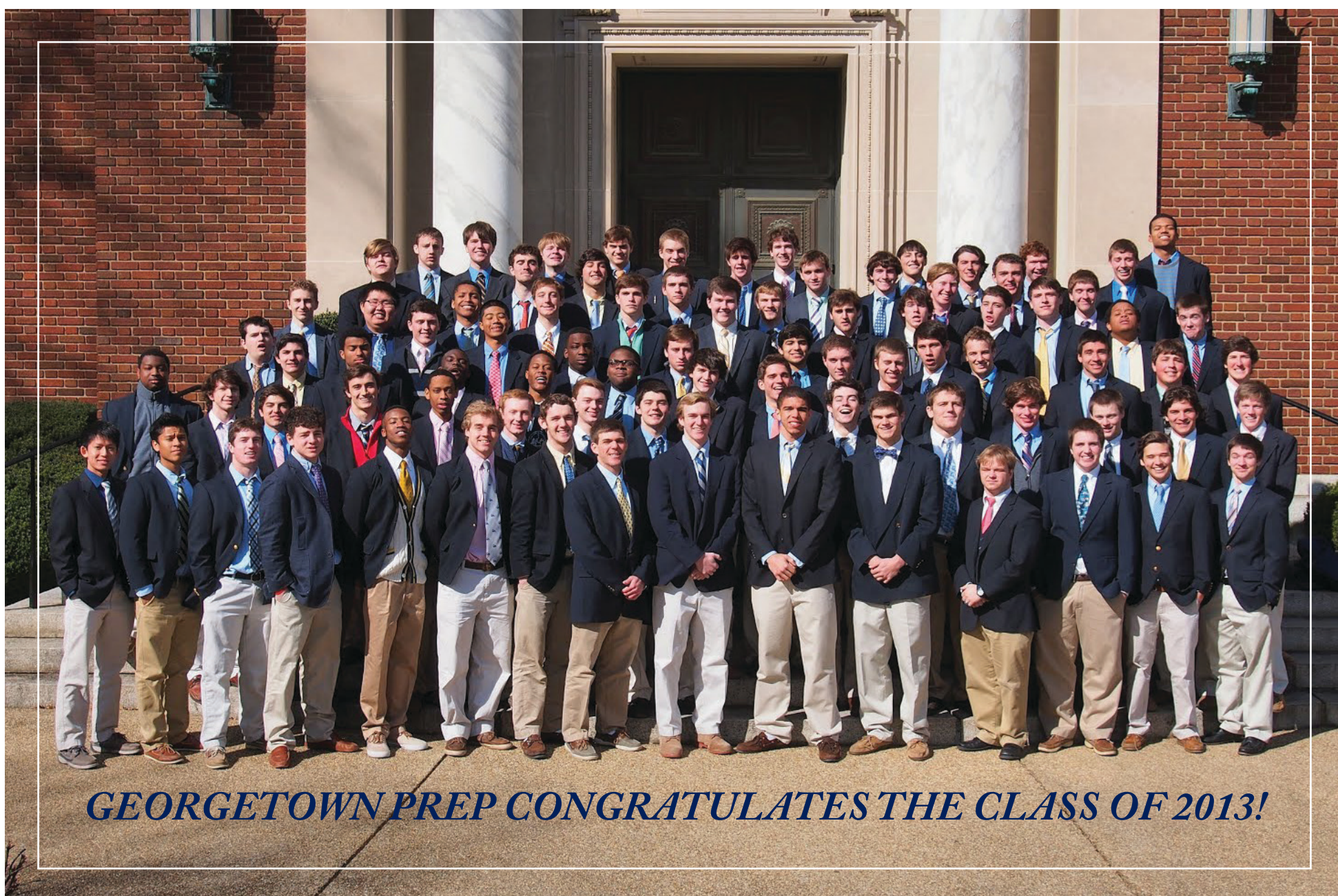
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Brach Receives Well-Deserved Recognition

"Shhhhh! It's a Secret!" the e-mail's subject line told the faculty and staff at Holy Cross — all but one faculty member, that is. So it was that the entire school community could gather surreptitiously in Lewis Hall on Thursday, April 11, to await the arrival of the only person who did not receive the e-mail, Miss Martha Brach, Middle School Social Studies and Religion teacher. Under the guise of an impromptu assembly, Miss Brach entered Lewis Hall to be surprised with the news that she had received a 2013 Golden Apple award.

Everyone who knows Miss Brach recognizes her commitment to educating the whole student. The application for nomination describes in detail how history comes alive for students in Miss Brach's classes, owing to her expertise in the content, but also because her lessons allow students to immerse themselves in whatever era they are studying. Moreover, it states, that "students leave her classes much more enriched in the word of God and how to live as a Catholic" because Miss Brach "emphasizes what it means to be honest, devout, trustworthy, and faithful" in both her history and religion lessons.

Miss Brach joins nine other teachers from across the Archdiocese of Washington as

recipients of this year's awards, all of whom were nominated by parents. The award recipients and their guests will be recognized at a banquet in late May.

Miss Brach was honored again on Friday, April 26, at the 24th annual Catholic School Teacher's Appreciation and Awards Dinner at the Knights of Columbus, Rock Creek Council, when she was presented with the Monsignor O'Donnell Award. Each year the Rock Creek Council celebrates Catholic School teachers, presenting one teacher from each school within their council with an award for teacher of the year. The award is named after Monsignor O'Donnell who worked with the Knights of Columbus Rock Creek Council to establish the annual event.

"I love teaching Middle School. The age group can be very inspiring," said Miss Brach. "I am very humbled by these awards," she continued. "Each one is so different and has a unique meaning to me. The Knights of Columbus award is great because the nomination came from colleagues; the Golden Apple, because the nomination was made by a parent."

Colleagues, parents and students are all very blessed to count Miss Brach among the teachers at Holy Cross.

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Two Parishioners Receive the Simon of Cyrene Award

At the annual Holy Cross Gala and Auction on the evening of Saturday, April 27, Jim Behrend and Tom Michalik were honored with the Simon of Cyrene Award. Both are loyal volunteers at Holy Cross who have served in many capacities and given so much to our parish and school.

Mr. Behrend was the husband of a beloved Holy Cross School teacher, Jeanne Behrend, in whose memory a garden was cultivated near the school playground. Mr. Behrend is a Eucharistic Minister and was very involved in Scouting. Mr. Michalik is active in the Respect Life Committee, and the Hospitality

Committee, as well as serving as a lector. The two men are also members of the Merchandise Certificate Program and are valued offertory collection coordinators.

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. Mr. Behrend and Mr. Michalik demonstrate their faithful support of Holy Cross in much the same way, selflessly taking on many responsibilities for the benefit of Holy Cross. We are privileged to have such friends who are devoted to the needs of the Holy Cross community.

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Cate Paxton honored by Catholic Business Network

Holy Cross eighth-grade student Cate Paxton was recently recognized by the Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County for her response to this year's CBN High School Scholarship essay. This program awards twelve scholarships of up to \$2,500 each to students that enter a

Catholic High School in the D.C. metropolitan area in the fall of 2013. This year's essay topic challenged the entrants to share how their religious education has shaped them and how it will help guide them as they become adults.

Miss Paxton's winning essay focused on the out-of-the-classroom opportunities she has had that have brought her religious education to life. She cited yearly family visits to the Cape May Marianist Family Retreat Center as well as community service missions with her youth group as examples of turning knowledge into action. Miss Paxton's essay states, "In these experiences and many others, I have encountered strong Catholic role models,

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Cate Paxton is joined by Principal Lisa Kane to celebrate at the Catholic Business Network's Scholarship Awards Luncheon

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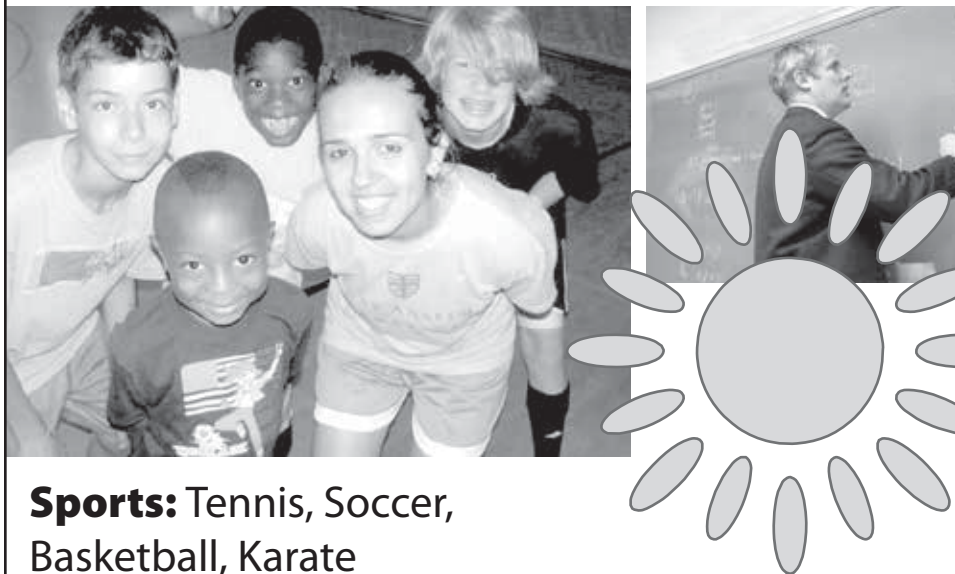
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At Mercy we have an active group of young men working on scouting projects. David Bjorklund is one of these. He is the youngest member of our Parish Council and has endured quite a crippling injury to his leg since Christmas, but he still pushed on with his scouting project. David has worked his way through the scouting ranks and holds over seventy Merit Badges. He is preparing to become an Eagle Scout and the project he chose was quite an undertaking.

Through his parents, friends, sister parish Saint Camillus, and the Langley Park Hispanic Community, David found a project at Saint Francis International School in Silver Spring. The entrance to their preschool and kindergarten was in poor condition, with a walkway that often flooded creating a huge puddle. It also was just plain ugly with no landscaping and had graffiti that had been covered up with dark paint. Under David's direction, and with the help of friends, other scouts, family, and parishioners, over 400 hours were spent to redo the entrance to the school. Of these hours, slightly over one hundred were David's own and he spent almost \$2000 of his own savings to purchase materials, patio benches, and plants. David and his volunteers spent one day just removing graffiti, using graffiti remover and a pressure washer. To remedy the drainage problem, they dug an 18

inch deep trench through tightly-compacted clay and installed a French drain with a 6 inch perforated pipe to carry the water to an existing drain in the courtyard. This would move standing water away from the preschool and kindergarten entrance.

A professional landscaper taught them how to install beautiful pavers set in crushed rock and sand. They laid the pavers, assembled and put out benches for waiting parents and children, and then landscaped the area with shrubs and flowers. They worked on weekends and during David's spring break, sometimes with three or four volunteers and sometimes with as many as fifteen volunteers when digging needed to be done. The entire entrance is now a beautiful, dry area for children and parents to gather. The school was so grateful they prepared a lovely plaque which will be installed in the courtyard to show that this was a Boy Scout Eagle project done by David Bjorklund.

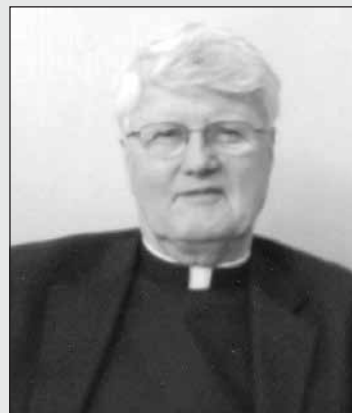
All of the project work had to be documented by David and will be presented at his Boy Scout Board of Review. After he passes his Board of Review, the documentation will be sent to the Boy Scouts of America National Office in Texas. Once approved there, David will earn his Eagle rank. We wish David luck and know the Boy Scouts of America will be impressed by his Eagle Scout project

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Mercy's Pastor William English Retires

By Sheila Scanlan Sabatini

When we were notified in October of 2004 that a new Pastor was arriving at Our Lady of Mercy, Rev. Msgr. William English, we were granted a wonderful gift. Growing up in Riverdale, and attending St. Anthony's, Gonzaga and then St. Charles Seminary in Catonsville, and then on to St. Mary's, Paca Street and finally the major seminary of St. Mary's in Roland Park, Baltimore. He was ordained in 1969 by Cardinal O'Boyle



Rev. Msgr. William English

and has been assigned to St. Michael the Archangel in Silver Spring, Our Lady of Victory in Washington DC, and then for sixteen years (1984-2000) in the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, where he worked with priests' assignments, priest duties and priest support groups, then St. John the Evangelist, Silver Spring before being appointed to Mercy.

When Fr. Bill first arrived, he asked us not to be scandalized to

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Mercy Biography Wax Museum

Mercy third graders enjoy social studies enrichment at the Biography Wax Museum, an annual event when students represent accomplished people throughout history. Visitors to the museum push an accompanying button in order to listen to each character tell a brief synopsis of their life.

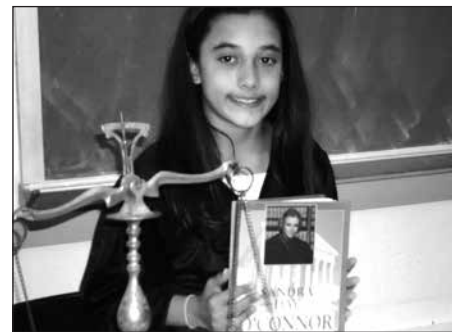
Caroline Page (left) looks on at brother Nicholas Page (right) dressed as Vincent van Gogh.



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Mercy International Day Hall of Nations

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Mercy Renaissance Fair

After researching different guilds and famous Renaissance people responsible for bridging the Middle Ages to the Modern era, Mercy sixth graders transformed the school's multipurpose room into a Renaissance Fair. Pictured above Nicholas Monteferrante represents the woodworking guild.

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families, and became one of the most diverse in the County. Many St Catherine's graduates were the first children in their families to attend college. In 1994, the US Department of Education recognized St Catherine's legacy of achievement with its esteemed Blue Ribbon Award. While the doors to the school will be locked in June, its legacy of opening doors and inspiring children will endure.

Speaking of inspiring children and opening doors, St Patrick's school in Rockville bids farewell in June to its founding principal, Susan Splendido, as she takes her talent and commitment to a Christ the King Stella-Maris School near Charleston, South Carolina. Always eager to accept a challenge in her beloved vocation as Catholic educator, she will lead a large school in a beautiful city. An avid golfer, the climate and plethora of golf courses may have had a bit to do with her choice of this new assignment! Ms. Splendido (Milloy before her marriage to Joe) is a blessing to the Archdiocese's schools. She began her career as a teacher at Our Lady of Mercy in Potomac. When Our Lady of Victory in DC was looking for a smart and committed principal to help rescue its school from closure, it found its solution in Ms. Splendido. She stabilized and strengthened the school. Today OLOV is a thriving and respected Catholic school. No surprise, then, when Msgr. Kane, pastor at St Patrick's in Rockville, needed an effective leader and administrator to open a new parish school, he turned to Susan Splendido. Thanks to Ms. Splendido, St Patrick's got off to a great start and quickly joined the ranks of successful and respected Catholic schools. Like St Catherine's, Susan Splendido has opened the doors of opportunity for hundreds of children. She is a perfect example of the dedicated, persevering and effective people who serve as principals in our Catholic schools.

On to our reflection. Continuous improvement at anything requires discipline and exercise. Our development as Catholics is an on-going journey that begins at baptism and ends with death. The goal throughout this lifelong journey is to get better and better at emulating Christ. We won't reach our goal without spiritual exercise. Summer is a great time for renewed commitment to strengthen our capacity for productive spiritual exercise. For most, life, work and school slow a bit. With several hours more daylight, it feels like we have more useful time during the days. As summer nears, I suggest we reflect on an exercise routine to strengthen our spirits, bring peace to our minds and help save our souls.

A disciplined routine is critical to a successful exercise program. Among the Olympians of these routines are St Ignatius Loyola, St Francis Assisi and St Benedict. Volumes have been written about their spiritual exercises, much of it profound, lengthy, and complex.

Here are three favorites I believe are practical and relevant for you to consider for summer reading. Fr. James Martin's *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*; *The Lessons of St Francis* by John Michael Talbot; and *The Cloister Walk*, a great memoir by Kathleen Norris of her time as a lay woman in a Benedictine monastery. Common and fundamental among the Saint's spiritual routines are: *Prayer, Fasting, Good Works, and Spiritual Reading*.

Prayer is at the heart of our spiritual exercise routine. Daily

conversations with God help focus our days upon the most important things. Francis and Ignatius urge us to listen to God's voice as we pray. The more simplified, humble and quiet our prayer time, the easier to hear. **Add daily prayer time to your routine this summer.**

Fasting for spiritual growth has lost popularity. People commonly fast to lose weight or "cleanse" their systems. Fasting for spiritual growth is about abundance and access not scarcity and denial. Spiritual fasting focuses on things that take too much time and space

in our lives and should be replaced by activity more aligned with spiritual growth. **Add a weekly fast from an item of food or drink to your routine this summer.**

Good Works help twice. They comfort the one receiving and they elevate the spiritual character of the one who gives. Paraphrasing St. James's famous letter, fasting and prayer without good works are incomplete. Good works are broadly defined and include a deliberate smile for a struggling stranger, donating food, an email or telephone call, cleaning debris from

a local creek. No act of kindness done for the glory of God is random. **Commit to a deliberate good work daily this summer.**

Spiritual Reading is a fundamental part of St Benedict's spiritual routine which he established in the sixth century. Similar to fasting for spiritual growth, spiritual reading is less about the material being read and more about using the medium to achieve communion with God and a deeper understanding of God's purpose for us. The reading can be from Scriptures, the

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The Heights School



CLASS of 2013

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RCIA Retreat – A Step on the Journey to the Easter Vigil

By Patrice Datovech, and Don Dean,
RCIA Team Members

Our six RCIA Catechumens and one Candidate started Lent with their sponsors at a two-day retreat at the Claggett Center near Buckeystown, led by the RCIA team. The retreat was a microcosm of Lent, in that we were isolated from the world and all its demands to reflect, pray, leave invigorated, and look forward to the light of Christ to be experienced at the Easter Vigil.

The first activity was sharing our stories with each other. Secondly, we looked back on our journeys to discern our story and see, as the travelers on the road to Emmaus, that we do not always recognize God in our lives or may have turned our backs on Him. It was important to share our stories as a way to validate our own experiences, strengthen our faith and renew our hope.

Deacon Jim Datovech presented a talk on "What Are You Looking For?" He stressed that what we are looking for isn't always what God has planned for us; therefore we have to be attentive and trusting.

During an exercise called Peter's Diary, we read passages from the Bible about Peter's



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life in small groups and came back to the large group to share our interpretations of his life as if we had been there. The objective was to see how much our own lives reflect Peter's with our own doubts and imperfections.

Everyone was then given small branches and string to make their own cross. In this way each of them could reflect on the "crosses" that we needlessly impose upon ourselves. After Mass on Sunday, celebrated by our pastor, the crosses and the attached "burdens" were tossed out into the field, a symbolic way of being freed from them.

In the final activity, each shared what they were going to take back with them from the retreat to prepare for the final step of full initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

As team members and sponsors this year, it never ceases to amaze us what a humbling experience it is to share this journey with the very special people who enter our lives in September as Inquirers and complete their journey at the Easter Vigil. However, now called Neophytes, their journey continues as they learn more about their faith with the support of our whole parish community.

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Parish Listening Session Brings Parishioners Together

By John McCarthy and Father David Beaubien

Spearheaded by the Parish Pastoral Council, our Listening Session brought together about sixty parishioners during the middle of the day on Saturday, April 20 to provide input in preparation for the Archdiocesan Synod, which will take place on Pentecost 2014 in celebration of the 75th anniversary of our Church of Washington. The Listening Session, as well as those of all the parishes, was intended to supply feedback on "how we can be the best Church that we can be." Since most of the input from the session related to how we are doing on the parish level, it will be especially helpful to guide planning and decisions at St. Francis, as we are called



Facilitator Miguel Welanetz Wrapping up the Parish Listening Session

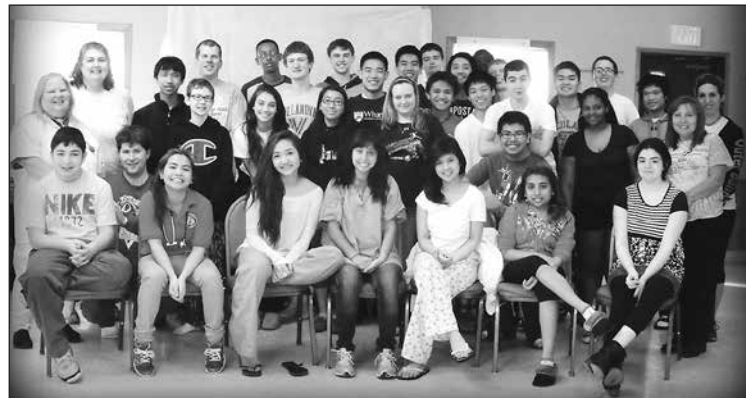
to be a vibrant and strong member of the archdiocese.

Small groups each led by a facilitator considered five "Indicators of Vitality": Worship (Mike Goggin), Education (Sandra Kimball), Community (Mary Dixon), Service (Paul Popernack), and Stewardship/Administration (Alicia Church), with Miguel Welanetz as the overall facilitator. From his experience leading a previous St. Francis listening session, Deacon Dan Finn trained the group leaders and designed the logistics of the day. The time-keeper, Cesar Arias, kept the

process on schedule.

Each group had forty minutes to consider three ques-

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Happy Teens on Retreat

Teen Retreat – To Become Closer to Christ

By Susan Lea, Director of Youth Ministry

Thirty-four of the St. Francis teen group (FRED) went on a "Lifeteen" weekend retreat at Camp Pecometh, Centerville, Md., April 5-7. Based on the theme "In the Flesh," we delved into Christ's desire for us to become more like Him and share His love with all. In addition, the retreat focused on our need to have personal relationships with Christ. The overall goal was to empower all the teenagers to make personal commitments, to change the way they are living and to instead live for Christ. We were pleased with the turnout and positive feedback from the attendees.

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Celebrating Monsignor Ralph Kuehner

By Rose Attig

On a bright and sunny Monday morning in early April, daily Mass attendees celebrated Monsignor Ralph Kuehner's 89th birthday. Fr. Ralph, as he is affectionately known, has endeared him-



Msgr. Ralph ready to enjoy his cake with parishioners and Father David

self to the St. Francis community, where he has served unselfishly since taking up residence at the parish in 1991. Remaining a very active pastoral associate here, Fr. Ralph not only offers daily and Sunday Masses, but also leads scripture discussion groups and writes a weekly "Scripture Corner" for the Sunday bulletin.

Fr. Ralph has recently published

an autobiography entitled, "Why a Servant Church? The book (available on Amazon.com) tells of being born and growing up in Scranton, then an active coal mining town, into a large German family and being raised in a strong Catholic home. He entered the Josephinum Seminary, in Columbus, Ohio, after eighth grade, studied there for

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Bread baking station at First Communion Prep Day led by Eileen DeMarco

First Communion

By Susan Anderson,
Director of Religious Education

April 25 was another day of celebration when fifty children received their First Holy Communion. The church walls were adorned with pendants that the children made. It was a joyous occasion. As part of

their preparation, the children had a "First Eucharist Prep Day" on April 13 where they participated in five workshop stations, including a Church tour with our Pastor. Many thanks due to the teachers and parents for guiding the children through this important step in their faith journey.

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Tamara Vargas, a third grader at St. Raphael, presents her artwork at the Third Grade Art Tea.

School Days, School Days

By Maura Chongpinitchai, Claire Drummond, Lynn Grainger, and Nora Stephens

It is hard to believe that May has arrived and the school year is drawing to a close. It is no surprise we have the sense that time is flying here at St. Raphael. Our students are busy with school plays, adventures outdoors, and creative endeavors mixed in with their standard school day.

There was great excitement in the hallways of school over our very first production, *Annie Jr.* Our fabulous music teacher, Rebecca Maurer, led the way, and, at press time, we were all anxiously awaiting seeing the cast take the stage on May 10!

The history, tradition, and secrecy of the papal election captivated the students at St. Raphael School. During the first two weeks of March, students learned about the process of electing a new pope. Using the Vatican Insider interactive website, students explored the history and laws of the conclave. The College of Cardinals was a focus as classes "adopted" a cardinal to learn about and pray for as he navigated the voting process. We discussed the meetings and the excitement of the conclave as it built school-wide and worldwide. Using the Vatican Insider website, students answered questions about the process in a papal scavenger hunt, learned about the significance and symbolism of the papal coat of arms, participated in mock votes to understand the secrecy and process of multiple votes, and even learned some Latin along the way. While participating in the various papal-related activities—from scavenger hunts to mock votes—the students kept a watchful eye on the chimney atop the Sistine Chapel. When the white smoke finally appeared, school pickup was exciting! The kids didn't want to leave the classrooms because the teachers had live video streaming on the Promethean boards. The thrill of seeing the new pope appear on the balcony gave way to cheers throughout the halls. It is amazing that our students could experience the process and see the outcome live. What an exciting time to be a Catholic!

The third grade arts tea is a unique St. Raphael tradition. Each third-grader created and showcased a masterpiece that was a reproduction of a famous painting from "La Belle Epoque." Students showed off their own Toulouse-Lautrec's and van Gogh's along with a poem about why that piece of art inspired them.

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Sixth and seventh graders at St. Raphael work on the *Annie Jr.* set.

Special Needs Religious Education

On April 25, St. Raphael hosted a presentation about our new special needs religious education program as a way to close out autism awareness month.

The program began when the parents of several children with autism banded together to find a way to educate their children on the Catholic faith, in a way that would be particularly suited to their way of learning. Molly Crismond, the teacher of the special needs class, explained to the audience what brought her to the class and the methods that she uses. Crismond has adapted the standard first grade curriculum used at St. Raphael to fit how children with autism learn: less language, more pictures, and with the use of sensory projects. The class starts with circle time, and then breaks out into one on one work with the aides, so the children receive more individual attention for learning. After a packet project and a craft, the children return to the circle for a closing song and prayer. The kids also venture outside the typical classroom setting for an



Molly Crismond, the teacher for the special needs religious education class at St. Raphael, speaks to the audience how she instructs her students who are on the autism spectrum.

opportunity to learn in a more natural environment. During Lent, the class even participated in their first Stations of the Cross.

Maria Harrington, a speech-language



Maria Harrington, a speech language pathologist who volunteers with the special needs religious ed class, explains to the audience how they use pictures to educate the students.

pathologist who volunteers with the class, explained how using pictures is a useful tool for communicating with children with autism. Pictures are used

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Pat Miller and Sylvia Diss

Co-Chairs of the St. Raphael Earth Community

Since its beginning more than twenty years ago, the Earth Community at St. Raphael has honored Earth Day in different ways, often with a lecture by a leader in the areas of caring for the environment, community awareness, and social responsibility. This year the Earth Community presented a lecture by Dr. Lester A. Myers, President of the Center of Concern. The Center of Concern is a Washington, D.C. organization that educates and advocates for social justice, peace, and the flourishing of the global community based on Catholic social thought.

Taking an historic perspective, Dr. Myers'

talk focused on sustainability, particularly in the business world. Principled leadership for sustainability, he maintains, requires a systematic and holistic approach that includes all types of capital: human and ecological, as well as financial. He showed how this could foster quality growth and provide resources for long-term economic, political, and social stability.

A Georgetown University law professor, Dr. Myers' broad experience in international finance, business ethics, and environmental concerns was shared with his audience, and a lively discussion followed his presentation.

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Openings at St. Jude School

St. Jude Regional Catholic School has been providing high-quality, values-based education for more than 50 years to students in Pre-Kindergarten (3s starting in Fall 2013) through 8th grade of all religious, racial, ethnic, and income backgrounds. Its location at 4820 Walbridge Street in Rockville is perfect for commuters as it is convenient to Veirs Mill

Road, Connecticut Avenue, Georgia Avenue, Rockville Pike, and the new InterCounty Connector.

There are still a few openings in various classes for Fall 2013. For information on the curriculum, admissions policies and registration, or to set up a shadow visit, please contact the school office at 301-946-7888 ext 0.

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Father Paul D. Lee with Rosemary & Harry Roenick, celebrating their 70th Anniversary

Shrine of St. Jude Sodality Sponsors Parish Anniversary Breakfast

By Pat Black

Our Lady of the Wayside Sodality fulfilled a busy schedule thus far for 2013. This year we hosted the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, a Valentine's Day Bake Sale, Attic Treasures Sale, Car Raffle, Morning of Recollection and on April 14th we sponsored the Parish Anniversary Breakfast.

This special event honors parishioners celebrating their 25, 40, 50, 55, 60 and 70 years of marriage. Father Paul D. Lee, our Pastor, celebrated the Mass for our 13 couples. Celebrating 70 years: Harry & Rosemary Roenick; 60 years: Wally & Bea Stack; Jim & Barbara Healy; Francis & Barbara

Posniewski; Edward & Margaret Blockowicz; 55 years: Deacon Nathaniel & Carmen Cordova; 50 years: Frank & Betty Demma; Salvatore & Sandra Bonanno; 40 years: Cornel & Eleanor Henry; Francisco & Gladys Portal; 25 years: Frank & Brenda English; Ted & Kathy Sintetos; Frank & Theresa Reynolds. The couples then joined Fr. Lee and our Prefect Susan Willcoxon for a delicious breakfast that was cooked and served by the members of the Sodality Central Council. Afterwards, Father Lee and Susan acknowledged each couples anniversary and presented them with a personalized certificate to commemorate the day.

Congratulations to all these couples.

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Save the Date: Sept 14 Alumni Social

Calling all St. Jude alums!! Don't miss a fun social event set for Saturday, Sept. 14. The Alumni Social will be held in the Thaddeus Room of the school

from 6 to 11 p.m. School memorabilia will be displayed and and 42 Years Later, the alumni band from the Class of 1967, will provide the music along with another alumni band headed up by SJCS alumni from the Class of 1975. Be ready to dance!

Currently, the school is in the process of collecting alumni info and building a database, not only for this event but for future events. As we would like to make this a big success for the alumni and school, please spread the word and encourage your SJCS friends, family and classmates to attend.

For more information or to register for the event, go to: <https://sosj.ejoinme.org/alumnidance2013>. You can also email Joe Seamone, SJRCS Class of 1967, at sjalumni@comcast.net.

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Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Second-grade students from Mrs. Pat O'Connell's class at St. Jude Regional Catholic School were welcomed to the Lord's Table on May 4. They are pictured with their teacher, Mrs. O'Connell, and school principal, Mr. Glenn Benjamin. Overall, nearly 100 received their First Holy Communion the first weekend in May at the Shrine of St. Jude.



O Mary! We Crown Thee With Blossoms Today!

As we honor Mary during May, some of our 8th graders and two second-grade First Communicants took part in a traditional May Crowning. The celebration included song, poems, and prayers for our Blessed Mother as well as the placing of a crown of flowers on her head. Pictured are (front row) 2nd graders Brianna Valcarcel and Jean Bader; (back row, left to right) 8th graders Stephanie Raimundo, Tiffany Harrison, Christina DeShayes, Ranya Brown, Stephanie Lushniak, Justin Szajek, Moira Greaney, Natalie Barahona, Kylie Alvarez, Annie Martin, and Amanda Yaya-Nouvet.



"Pope Francis" (aka Stephen Ribas) and his "Cardinals" (aka Angelo Cuna and Ryan Holt) made a visit to the Shrine of St. Jude on Tuesday, March 19, to help Fr. Paul Lee celebrate mass in honor of the new Pope.

BULLDOG BRIEFS

"Dog Days of Summer" Camp in July

"The Dog Days of Summer" Camp will be offered at St. Jude Regional Catholic School this summer. Led by teachers Ms. Neale, Ms. DeZinno, and Ms. Sikorsky, the camp is intended for students in Kindergarten through 4th grade. Students will take part in

arts and crafts, sports and games, and performing arts. The fee is \$275 per student per session. Session 1: July 22nd through July 26th; Session 2: July 29th through August 2nd. Camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Before-care and after-care available for an additional fee.

If you have any questions, please visit <http://teacherweb.com/md/stjude/schoolhomepage/apt39.aspx>

or contact Ms. Katharine Neale at Katharine.Neale@stjuderockville.org

Letters About Literature Contest

Congratulations to Brigid English, 7th grade, for being a Maryland State Finalist in the Letters About Literature Contest,

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Amadeo Froio, Pioneering Member of Resurrection, Dies

Amadeo (Joe) Froio, a key figure in the founding of Resurrection Church in the 1980s and whose parish hall bears his name, died April 25 at the age of 90.

Froio helped plan and design the church with Father Jack Macfarlane, who became the church's first pastor in 1981. Froio later became the parish building manager for many years. He also was an usher and assisted with the parish finances.

The large basement parish hall, where countless religious, social, and organizational events have been held in the church's 32-year history is named the Amadeo Room after Froio.

The Amadeo Room was the THE center of parish activity until 2006, when the Parish Life Center was completed, with meeting rooms, classrooms, an office wing, youth center, and courtyard. However, the Amadeo Room is still the largest room and still is the site of most major events, including dinners, dances, the annual Winterfest,



Amadeo (Joe) Froio, helped found Resurrection Church.

and liturgical events.

Since its early days as a fledgling congregation of a few hundred individuals, Resurrection now has grown to a thriving church with more than 3,500 registered parishioners.

Froio is survived by his wife, Anna, of Silver Spring.

Amadeo Froio was buried at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, following a funeral mass April 29 at St. Elizabeth's Church, where Fr. Macfarlane now is pastor.

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Thirty-three youngsters at Resurrection Church received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 23 at ceremonies presided over by the Most Reverend Francisco Gonzalez, S.F. Photo by Phil Powell

Thirty-three Youth Receive Sacrament of Confirmation

Thirty-three young members of the Church of the Resurrection received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 23, imbuing them with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Presiding at the laying of the hand and the anointing of the confirmed was the Most Reverend Francisco Gonzalez, S.F., auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Fr. Scott Hahn, pastor of Resurrection, and Deacon David Suley assisted in the ceremony.

The youngsters who were confirmed April 23 were: Steven Anderson, Marlene Antonio, Theresa Aronne, Leonardo Asong, Ryan Attreed-Irvin, Oluchi Azubuike, Caleb Blaise, Angela Blow, Sabrina Cauton, Emilia Cieslak, Alvin Do, Samuel Elie, Bethany Eller, Michelle Finta, Daphne Glavez-Carbajal, Jack Huddle, Samantha Jamero, Michael Katski, Ange Kragbe, Bertha Kuffar, Daniel Lidiak, Chelsea Macatangay, Tiffany Melgar, Sara

Vincent Morgan, Maria Mai Ngoc Nguyen, Gabriella Njosa Benitez, Brian O'Malley, Erin Rego, Yvonne Rivas, Benjamin Sheppard, Carly Totaro, Flint Wright, and Lindsay Yee.

Also receiving her first communion at the ceremony was Maria Mai Ngoc Nguyen.

Helene Stever, Resurrection Director of Youth Faith Formation, assisted in the preparation of the youngsters for the sacraments.

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Participating in the May Crowning of Mary ceremony on Sunday, May 5, at Resurrection Church were Kayla Thomas, Anthony Albert Kodjo and Maurice O'Donoghue, who proceeded to the statue of Blessed Mother Mary for her crowning. Also participating in the ceremony were all the Resurrection youngsters who received their first communion a day earlier. Photo by Phil Powell



Receiving their First Communion during a special mass on Saturday, May 4, were 38 youngsters at Resurrection Church. Pastor Scott Hahn celebrated the mass, and parents and religious education leaders prepared the youngsters for the Eucharistic Sacrament. Photo by Phil Powell

Blessing of 'Common Good Garden' Draws Large Crowd

By John Small

A large group of parishioners participated in the blessing of a community garden and preceding liturgy (including presentations of seed and soil at offertory) on April 21, the day before Earth Day. The blessing of the so-called "Common Good Garden" was followed by planting of flowers in the church courtyard and planting of "pizza herbs" (basil, parsley and oregano) by youngsters in religious education classes. The event, which was organized by the Resurrection Integrity of Creation Committee, religious education leaders, and choir members, drew an estimated 175 participants.

The purpose of the garden is to grow fresh vegetables and other items for the parish's Food Pantry, which assists families in need. The garden already has been planted

with lettuce and peas, with tomatoes, peppers, squash and other items to come.

The small 15-foot by 20-foot garden, which Pastor Scott Hahn calls a "pilot project," could be expand-

ed is the harvest is bountiful. The plot originally had been developed by former Pastor Bob Keffer, who retired in July 2012.

Fr. Hahn suggested redirecting the garden to growing items for the pantry, and the Integrity of Creation Committee took up the challenge. The committee has recruited several new "green thumb" members to assist with the summer-long project. Leading the project has been committee member Luan Mostello and Sister Rita Ricker R.J.M., Resurrection's Social Justice/Outreach Director.

The April 21 event turned out to be the biggest event in the five years of Earth Day events sponsored by the committee. The day started with a special liturgy in which the offertory items included a bag of soil, seed packets, a globe of the Earth, and a gardening tool. In his homily,

Fr. Hahn encouraged parishioners to take part in the project.

The mass was followed by a procession to the garden, with upbeat singing by marchers of the "Garden



Participants in Blessing of the Garden ceremony at Resurrection take time to get a sniff of parsley plants. - Photo by John Small

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Pope Francis' Election Brings Press to St. Francis International School

By Matt Aujero

When Cardinal Bergoglio was elected pope, the entire school at Saint Francis International School watched in its assembly hall. When his name, Pope Francis, appeared the children screamed, some jumped up and danced many exclaiming, "He chose us!"

"He must have heard about us here at Saint Francis," joked Principal Tobias Harkleroad during the impromptu assembly.

The pope's election gave the school a lot of attention, even the day of his election when TV news stations were asking teacher and student reactions about the new pope after dismissal. The next day, the students held an already-planned assembly to Skype with Archbishop Emeritus of Washington Cardinal McCarrick who spoke to the children live directly from Rome. Several news agencies were in attendance, including local ABC News Channel 7 who filmed the event and interviewed teachers and students. They included the footage in their hour long "Pope Special" the following Friday evening.

During the Rome-to-Maryland Q&A with Cardinal McCarrick, 5th grade boys dressed in red albs came up to greet the cardinal. Upon seeing them he said, "Well, you all look much more handsome and in shape than we cardinals are."

The next day the school held its own pope election (also already planned) in which the 5th grade cardinals elected one of their own---5th grader Ricardo Cancece, whose family is from Peru and South America.

"Due to the circumstances of the pope being already elected, we wanted to emulate the result for our children as much as possible," Harkleroad said.

The whole "Pope Week" for the school will be cherished by the children, one parent noted.

"How blessed is my son to be in a school that takes advantage of such teaching moments like this," she said. "He's going to remember this for the rest of his life."



SFIS students Skype live with Archbishop Emeritus Cardinal McCarrick in Rome



SFIS 5th graders, dressed in red albs, carry on their own conclave electing their own pope



The pope's election brought a lot of attention to the school, including ABC News which included the school's footage in their hour-long "Pope Special"

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St. John's Eagle Scout Renovates SFIS Entrance for Project

By Matt Aujero

On May 1, the Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker, Saint Francis International School honored the work of David Bjorklund – a 17-year-old Eagle Scout from St. John's College High School.

After Wednesday morning Mass, the entire school walked to the renovated entrance of its Early Childhood Program to see, pray for, and bless the new beauty of its new space.

In previous weeks, Bjorklund and Boy Scouts from Our Lady of Mercy Parish came to SFIS to renovate and beautify the entrance of the school's Pre-Kinder school. In the project, the troops power washed the brick walls, dug up holes for plants and flowers, inserted a French drain for flooding, laid brick, and cemented



St. John's junior David Bjorklund chose to renovate the SFIS PK entrance for his Eagle Scout project



David Bjorklund along with his Boy Scout troop help pave brick, dig hole for flowers, and inserted sitting benches for the new entrance

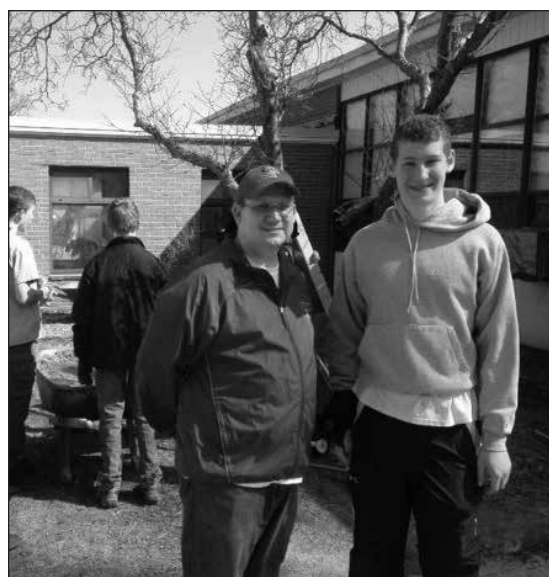
brand new benches for a sitting area.

Bjorklund's mother was very proud of her son's accomplishments.

"You have no idea how much work went into this," she said. "And he saved up for years on the side for this, knowing someday he'd do an Eagle Scout project. It cost more than \$1,000, but he paid for it all on his own through what he saved and some who donated to him."

During the ceremony, Pre-K teachers who were currently teaching a curriculum on butterflies, released live ones that they were keeping in their classroom to the new garden entrance to symbolize the blessings of Spring and hard work.

"During this season, it's about becoming something new," principal Tobias Harkleroad said. "And because of the hard work of David, this place in our school can be new for us."



Principal Tobias Harkleroad and Eagle Scout David Bjorklund stand together during the scout's work day

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SFIS Eighth Graders take on *Romeo and Juliette*

By Matt Aujero

To act or not to act---that was the question for the 8th grade class at Saint Francis International School about whether to do a Shakespeare play this Spring.

On May 24, the 8th Grade class will perform *Romeo and Juliette*, the first theatre production the school has done in years. 8th Grade English teacher Danina Garcia said they chose this classic for many reasons.

"We first wanted to give our students an edge going into high school, as this play is traditionally studied in 9th grade," she said. "We've also found that the students really enjoy it---it's relatable to them."

The students have taken everything about the play their own---the costumes, the script, and even the plot. While staying true to Shakespeare vernacular, they've changed the setting of the play to modern-day Louisiana where the students take a spin on the dancing and turn it into hip hop choreography.

Garcia said the most rewarding part is seeing the students read into Shakespeare's not-so-obvious language. "To see some of my students eyes widen when they figure out some of the innuendos or romantic sarcasm Shakespeare cleverly puts in is definitely great to see."

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Christ the King's Listening Session

By Chris Tan, CTK Synod representative

In preparation for the Archdiocese of Washington Synod 2014, Christ the King Church held two "Listening Sessions", one in English on May 4, 2013 and one on the following day in Spanish. The idea was to share thoughts on how the Archdiocese is doing in Worship, Education, Service, Community

and Stewardship. Parishioners were invited to prepare for the Listening Session by reviewing a published Participant Guide. Elicited feedback would be incorporated into the overall review of areas, especially, where more work can be done.

The Synod will open on May 19, 2013 and is related to the "New Evangelization" called for by Pope Emeritus Benedict

XVI and the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Archdiocese of Washington in 2014. The theme of the Archdiocesan Synod is "To Be the Best Church We Can Be.". Those who were unable to attend the sessions can submit comments on adw.org. Parishioners can also follow the progress of the Synod on this site.

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Christ the King's Religious Education

By Jennifer Evancho, outgoing CTK Director of Religious Education

In January I was asked to temporarily fill a void in Religious Education until the summer. However, at this time I have to give up prematurely what has proven to be a gift for me.

Religious Education is a great means to remain engaged in what the church asks in the New Evangelization. It is this great gift that I was given when asked to fill in temporarily in January. I did so on a volunteer basis because I could not possibly ask to be paid when I am the one being given more than I could possibly ever give back.

Indeed this proved to be the case. What I learned while in the position is how much God loves and calls his own. I extend my joy and congrat-

ulations for the persons who were received in the Church and those who completed their Sacraments of initiation this past Easter Vigil. On Divine Mercy Sunday, five children began their journey into the Church through Baptism and First Communion. This is such a joy for me to witness how Christ continues to call His own unto Him. Finally, it is the catechists who are the backbone of Religious Education. They are volunteers answering a particular call first made by the love of Christ. Pray always for this!

I see how the visible Church provokes me and I hope you as well. Let us extend our hearts in prayer and even in concrete efforts in staying together especially with our new members in Christ. Although lent is over our hearts still await the

final day of Union with Our Lord and we remain vigilant to this in continuing our Works of Mercy in our parish and our community. As Pope Francis urges us to remember the joy of the Risen Lord I am reminded how this joy increases in the giving and sharing of our lives together.

I now have to prepare for a move this summer. Perhaps my leaving feels like another betrayal. A better proposal is perhaps God calling his own unto him again. I want to thank everyone I have met at Christ the King for your help especially the catechists past and present. You also give joyfully out of your abundance and I pray you are able to experience the joy that comes from this particular calling in your life.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd First Communion May 5th

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

By Jacqueline Hamm Aldrette

In addition to its regular Religious Education program, Christ the King began offering a unique religious education program for children as young as 2-1/2 and through age 9 this past fall. Two classrooms on the bottom floor of the Religious Education building were transformed into an Atrium, a special place of beauty and order prepared carefully for young children.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the faith formation of young children drawing on Montessori methods and on Sacred Scripture. During the past year, about 30 children met weekly in the Atrium to share in moments of group prayer throughout the Liturgical year and to "work" both individually and in groups with materials such as the model altar, beautifully crafted figures representing key moments in the life of Christ, maps of Jerusalem, etc.

Parents were invited to join in for Parents' Gatherings as opportunities to share some of what had been happening in the Atrium over the months. On Sunday, April 14th, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium at Christ the King held an open house; it was a beautiful morn-

ing celebrating the year with current families and meeting new families in the parish. On Sunday, May 5th during the 10:30am Mass, two girls from the program made their First Holy Communion, Benedetta DeMarchi and Cristina Aldrette. The program has made use of the Internet to keep parishioners as well as families of the program in touch at: <http://cgsmdblogspot.com>.

As the school year winds to a close, so does the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, yet work is just beginning to set a schedule and begin enrollment for next year. Interested families are invited to contact the parish soonest to be connected with the catechists and reserve a place for next year in either Level I (ages 2 1/2 to 6) or Level II (6-9).

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All Are Welcome!

Fundraiser Dance at Christ the King

By Erlinda Basamot

YOU ARE ALL INVITED! The Lord is my Shepherd Prayer Group is sponsoring

a Dinner and Dance fundraising party on June 8, 2013, Saturday, at 6pm until 12 midnight in the Colonial Room. Tickets are \$15,

which includes the dinner. All proceeds are going to Christ the King!

There will be fabulous and great prizes for the raffle tickets: TV, CAMERA, TABLET and much much more! We will see you there! Please support our Church! Christ the King Church is located at 2300 East West Highway in Silver Spring near the border with Chevy Chase and Northwest Washington.

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Were You Once a Christ the King Parishioner?

By Katie Holland, CTK parish editor

Christ the King has installed a new In Memoriam plaque identical to the one erected in memory of parishioners in 1961 when we were established. We have opened the availability of these nameplates to all who 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.

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 call the Rectory at 301-589-8616.

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BRIEFS

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a national reading-writing contest. The contest is sponsored by The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, in cooperation with affiliate state centers for the book. There were 49,000 contestants this year. Contestants wrote a personal letter to an author explaining how that author's work changed their

way of thinking about the world or themselves.

Odyssey of the Mind Team Places 2nd

Congratulations to SJRCS Odyssey of the Mind 5th Grade Team—Matthias Barish, Nick Sanders, Kaelyn Mashburn, Dylan Monday, and Natalie Young—who won 2nd place in the Division I 2013 Maryland State Odyssey of the Mind Spontaneous Competition.

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ENGLISH

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see someone identical to him with a lady and children in Kensington (this is his identical twin brother, Dave, and he has another brother, Jim). Dave was supposed to be the family's priest. Growing up in a Catholic family, he was always encouraged by his parents, the St. Anthony's neighborhood, the many of houses of study, monks, priests, friars; you name it in his neighborhood... He served as an acolyte and also sang in the choir at St. Anthony's. He felt that he always wanted to be a priest.

When arriving at Our Lady of Mercy, Fr. Bill felt fortunate that the parish really had no serious problems and he could concentrate his focus on the Spiritual Life. The changes he desired and sought were internal not external. He felt he had the "freedom to focus on the spiritual life because he felt that a parish is meant to help its parishioners get in touch with the movement of God in their lives and allow God to lead the way. The more we get in touch with God's activity in our lives, the more we are driven out of ourselves to serve our brothers and sisters."

When he arrived, he had no plans to write letters for the bulletin. After writing a few it became clear to him that this way was the way the Lord wanted him to go. He experienced a tremendous hunger within the people and was motivated to respond to that hunger. Since many parishioners are away frequently, he had the letters grouped together into small pamphlets. Father Bill works on next Sunday's homilies every day of the week.

Some of the changes made during his leadership included the Adoration Chapel, the Seasonal Meditation Books, the Prayer Card for the parish where we pray for five families each day, extending the sacrament of reconciliation, home Masses, twice a year Communal Anointing of the Sick, the Scripture Study Groups, the Centering Prayer Group, Masses at Emiteus, more frequent emphasis

on the Rite of Reconciliation including evening sessions, beautiful Eucharistic Celebrations, questions of the week for adults and children, titles of books for spiritual reading, the senior social after the last weekend of the month, the pauses after readings by the lector and the celebrant for us to meditate on the readings, and frequently before the Gospel, a descriptive introduction to the Gospel, the Couples, Prayer Group, and two recent innovations for some of the women of the parish "Walking With Purpose," and reviving the Men of Mercy as a Spiritual, social and working group. Missing Fr. Bill already in so many ways, his gentle demeanor, big smile, humility and comfort to us all. Wherever he goes, we know God will bless him and know that his new parish family will love him too.

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Somewhere Over the Rainbow



Congratulations to the cast and crew of *The Wizard of Oz*! The production, put on by the St. Jude middle school Drama Club, was simply OUTSTANDING! Special thank you to Ms. Lauren DeZinno for her direction as well as Mrs. Mary Bentley and Ms. Cathrine Cruz. Thank you also to the many advertisers, whose ads appeared in the show's program. Pictured are some of the cast and crew while in the Emerald City (bottom row, left to right) Lucy Young, Brigid English, Annie Martin, Kylie Alvarez, Michelle Kilmer, and Josephine De La Oliva; (2nd row) Emily Gardner, Natalie Barahona, Deborah Alexander, Tiffany Harrison, Stephanie Raimundo, and Keely Mashburn; (back row) Katherine Kuzma, Kevin Gibbons, Mary Rowedder, Moira Greaney, Angelo Cuna, Jenny Sella, Maxwell Miller, and Haley Hogan.

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spiritual classics such works of St Augustine, St John of the Cross, St Therese, or from contemporary writers like the ones I suggested above. **Set aside 15 minutes each day this summer for spiritual reading.**

No exercise program is complete with measurement. Consider keeping a log of your progress on your computer, smart phone or iPad then grade yourself. I can hear you thinking now...Even with more daylight, I'm far too busy to add this routine to my day! Think about it. Even in a rush, if your gas tank were nearly empty, wouldn't you stop for gas? A stressed Martin Luther observed, "I have so much to do today, I'll have to spend another hour on my knees"

Have a great summer!
God Bless!

Women's Communion Breakfast

Over 120 women shared a Communion Breakfast hosted by the St. Andrew Apostle Women's Group on April 20. The morning began with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and was followed by breakfast and a talk given by Fr. James Stack, pastor of St. Jerome Parish in Hyattsville. His reflection, entitled, "Gifts of the Holy Spirit and Releasing Those Gifts" provided insights on the New Evangelization and its dependence on personal conversion that can be brought about by spiritual, psychological, emotional, physical, and relational healing. "Once you have worked on your own personal conversion, you can proclaim the Kingdom of God," said Fr. Stack.

The invitation to the breakfast was extended to all parish women and also to the women in other neighboring communities

who attend the Women's Nights of Reflection and the Mass with Healing Prayers that are held monthly at St. Andrew's.

The mission of the St. Andrew's Women's Group is the spiritual formation of women by fostering in them a greater desire to know, love and serve God and His Church. Toward this end, they work with Fr. Dan Leary, St. Andrew's pastor, to offer opportunities for women to deepen their relationship with God and to develop relationships with other women in order to support their spiritual growth. Another Communion Breakfast is planned for September. Fr. Greg Shaffer, chaplain at the George Washington University Newman Center is the invited guest speaker. Visit the Women's Group webpage at www.standrewapostle.org for more information on this and their other upcoming activities.

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Diane Lill and friends enjoy a lovely Communion Breakfast

Knights Adopt-a Road

On Saturday, April 13, Knights of Columbus, members of the Msgr. Wells Council 13008 at St. Andrew Apostle Parish, thoroughly cleaned their "Adopt-A-Road" segment of Arcola Avenue in Wheaton, Maryland. The Knights removed four 38 gallon bags of litter and debris from Arcola Avenue between Kemp Mill Road and Georgia Avenue. The Knight volunteers also collected and recycled a 30 gallon bag of glass, metal and plastic littered along the segment.

Adopt-A-Road organizations/volunteers agree to de-litter a por-



Chris Farrell and past Grand Knights Marvin Schuttloffel and John O'Donnell clean up along Arcola Avenue

tion of major county roads at least six times a year. This is the fourth year the Knights have participated in the Adopt-A-Road project. May 18 is the next planned cleaning day. All are welcome and student volunteers can earn Community Service hours.

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Pictured with Fr. Dan Leary are those who received their First Communion Saturday, May 4, 2013. Congratulations and Blessings to: Gian Huey Arellano, Zachary Beckham, Ruben Biaou, James Bolin, Peter Bolin, Molly Grace Collins, Maya Desta, Sean Donovan, Matthew Eberly, Aiden Eckert, Xavier Escobar, Grace Finan, Carlo Fraley, Jordan Gibson, Dyson Haaland, Alejandro Hickman, Lillian Rose Hoehl, Anabel Holguin, Grace Htay, Briana Hull, William Kretkowski, William Lankenau, Nathaniel Lim, Michelle Mazzara, Mary Ellen McDermot, Andrei Molina, Aaron Nery, Matthew Noto, Diego Rincon, Matthias Ron Giron, Elisabeth Shipley, Grace Slear, M. Graham Stadler, III, Sophia Thomas, Caleb Vu, Christopher Vu, Joseph Wartzack, Sierra Zapata

A Visit from the Sisters

Three Sisters of St. Francis, Third Order Regular, the Congregation of Our Lady of Lourdes from Rochester, Minnesota, recently visited St. Andrew Apostle. The Sisters established and staffed our parish school from 1960 to 1984. Sister Dorothy Hansen (teacher 1962-1966 and principal 1966-1974), Sister Nena LaRocco (teacher 1970-1984) and Sister Eleanor Granger (Director of Development for the Sisters of St. Francis) celebrated Mass with the parish April 26 at 11:30 am.

Following Mass, Fr. Dan Leary our pastor, former students and parishioners welcomed them with a lunch reception in their former convent. The Sisters brought pictures and mementos, shared stories and remembrances, and provided an opportunity for us to learn about the current lives of the other Sisters who, for many years, were an integral part our parish life.



Sisters with their former students, from left Sr. Eleanor Granger, Maureen Hannon, Sr. Nena LaRocco, Andre Taylor, Sr. Dorothy Hansen, Jose Valdesuso, Lisa Longacre, Damien Wilk, Kathy Yates.

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The Drama Club made quite a splash with the premiere of *Pirates of Penzance* the weekend of April 20th. Pictured here left to right, Conor Sullivan, Sean Dunphy and Julia Muzzatti. The cast and crew included students in grades 4-8 all of whom worked for months to bring the play to the stage!



Spring Events Bloom Everywhere

Just as nature comes to life each spring, so too does the St. Mary's calendar. Here is a recap of all the events that space restrictions prevented us from covering in detail.

The Annual Auction and Gala was held at the school on April 27. Attendees not only enjoyed "A Day at the Beach" as the school was transformed with the sights and sounds of the shore, but also waves and waves of excellent auction items!

The band and chorus thrilled with two concerts on May 1 and then invited guests to visit the art show, which showcased works of every student in a variety of mediums. The chorus was set to compete at the Hershey Park Festival at press time and the band received an "Excellent" rating at their competi-

tion earlier in the year.

The first weekend in May was a blessed one indeed. The school welcomed its beloved grandparents on May 3 for breakfast, Mass and classroom visits. On Saturday the second graders and CCD students received their First Communion. On Sunday, the May Crowning took place with a special tree dedication in honor of alumni Michelle Miller who was slain last month. It will remain in front of the school as a thriving testament to a life cut too short.

In addition, Social Concerns kicked off their Gabriel Project Baby Shower on May 4-5 which will provide needed items or monetary donations through May 18.

Thursday, May 9, was bursting at the seams with a school-wide Field Day at Woodley Gardens Park and

Confirmation that evening.

The classes have been busy with special projects including a Spanish presentation by the first grade, the Grammar Grammy's courtesy of the sixth grade and a County Fair which showcased Maryland's counties as presented by the fourth grade and of course the seventh-grade trip to Philadelphia!

The year will round out with a choral performance at the Franciscan Monastery, the annual Boston trip for the graduating class, The Corn Toss Fundraiser, the talent show, graduation on June 8th and a host of field trips and continued planning for the Parish Bicentennial.

The lazy days of summer will be well deserved. Please pray for our students and parishioners as we finish out our school year!

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Protecting You Protecting Me Program in Its Eighth Year at St. Mary's

Protecting You, Protecting Me (PYPM) is alcohol use prevention curriculum for children in grades 1-5. The curriculum focuses on the effects of alcohol on the developing brain during the first 21 years of life. Parent volunteers are trained on the specifics of the program which is tailored to the understanding and relevance of each age group. St. Mary's is the only school within Montgomery County that currently offers this program.

The program is part of the bigger Annual Spring Substance Abuse Prevention Program at St. Mary's. It is followed by the Knights of Columbus Substance abuse prevention poster contest and an assembly in April.

The assembly, April 23, included Representatives from Montgomery County's Department of Liquor Control (DLC), Montgomery County Police and the Keeping It Safe on Under 21 Alcohol Use Coalition in an effort to help raise community awareness on the dangers of underage drinking. The event contains information for students in grades 5-8 and their parents.

"This is a unique opportunity to 'ask the experts' questions, voice concerns or suggest ideas for preventing young people from using alcohol," said DLC Division Chief Kathie Durbin. "Research indicates

that families exert a great deal of influence on whether a child chooses to drink alcohol. Many parents find it difficult to know how or when to start a conversation with their children about underage drinking. We hope the students come away from this event feeling empowered to start the conversation at home."

Principal Debby Eisel concurs, "This is vital information for students and parents alike and is an excellent example of teaching to the whole child. Respecting the law as well as our bodies and minds is a basic principle for all ages."

The winners of the poster contest were unavailable as of press time.

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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2013 ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, ROCKVILLE, MD

Students admitted to the following high schools:

The Academy of the Holy Cross, Connelly School of the Holy Child, Georgetown Preparatory High School, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, Gonzaga College High School, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rockville High School, St. John's College High School, Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, Watkins Mill High School

What a Year It Has Been For Our Eighth Graders!

This year, under the tutelage of Ms. Kathy Carliner, four of our eighth-grade students were baptized into the Catholic faith. Working after school and during recess with Ms. Carliner, the students prepared themselves to be baptized, to make their First Penance, and to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

Their classmates, their parents and godparents, and many of their teachers witnessed Zach and Steven Wentz's Baptismal ceremony. Zach and Steven will continue their growth in the faith as they attend Saint John's College High School next year.

Paige Berry and her godparents, Mr. Long and Mrs. McGann, joined her parents and the middle school students for her Baptism. Monsignor Filardi's words made Paige feel welcome as a member of the universal church. Paige will carry her strong faith with her as she leaves Lourdes

next year to attend Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart.

In late March, Donovan Braithwaite and his godfather Mr. Long stood before students from the middle school, his mother and his aunt to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Ms. Carliner, his mother, Mr. Long and his third grade teacher, Mrs. Courtney Billings, joined him at the Baptismal Font. It was such a moving ceremony, and Donovan was so proud to be entering the Church. The next day in front of students and parishioners, Donovan received his First Holy Communion at the noon Mass. Donovan will attend DeMatha Catholic High School in the fall.

We look forward to hearing from our converted students in the next few years, perhaps they will have a hand in evangelizing some of their high school classmates. We know that their faith will sustain and guide them as they face the challenges that come their way.

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By Patricia McGann, Principal

Eighth-grade students joined me for a lesson in dining etiquette two weeks in a row. They practiced setting a formal table, and discussed the proper use and placement of all those utensils, glasses, napkins and plates. We practiced holding a stemmed glass,

Would You Please Pass the Butter?

and cutting things. We made polite conversation, and we held chairs for the ladies. We put our napkins in our laps and our glasses at twelve o'clock. We waited for our hostess to begin, and we made pleasant conversation. The soup might

have been our greatest challenge, and we were a little disappointed to learn that French fries should be eaten with a fork when we're not in McDonalds.

Beethoven in the background helped to create a lovely ambi-

ance while we learned how just the smallest things can make a big difference when it comes to dining out. A wonderful time was had by all, and our eighth grade students completed one more step as they prepare to move from Lourdes to the world of high school and beyond.

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Fifth Annual Lions' Roar and Kate Truax 5K a Huge Success

Surely, Kate Truax is up in Heaven looking out for the children and families of Our Lady of Lourdes School! We have no doubt that she made sure the weather was perfect for the Kate Truax 5K last Saturday. As the crowd began to assemble, beginning around 7:30am, the chill in the air began to disappear. Kate's mom and dad and her sister Sarah arrived along with a big crowd of friends from many parts of the country. We began the 5K with thoughts of Kate, a reminder to raise our eyes to Heaven during our run to thank God for giving us Kate, a prayer led by Monsignor Filardi. And . . . they were off!

This year 680 people regis-



Runners await the start of the 2013 Kate Truax 5K

tered for our Lions' Roar – this included 5K runners, 1K run/walkers, and sleep-in registrants. Participants enjoyed two moon bounces, music, a silent auction and raffle baskets. Bids

were placed on trips to Florida and Tennessee, beach vacations, a ropes course adventure with Mr. Long, a sleepover with Ms. Corbutt, Mrs. Rossi and Mrs.

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL

Congratulations Class of 2013 Graduates

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Jacqueline Alvarado

Our Lady of Good Counsel
"Don't ever let a soul in the world tell you that you can't be exactly who you are."



Brad Ashe

Undecided
"As I travel I learn, as I learn I travel."



Paige Berry

Stone Ridge of the Sacred Heart
"Today you are you! That is truer than true. There is no one alive who is you-er than you!"



Donovan Braithwaite

DeMatha High School
"Rome was not built in a day."



Alex Brennan

St. John's College High School
"The great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do."



Alle Chavez

Damascus High School
"Your life is in your hands to make of it what you choose."



Kayla Cullen

Albert Einstein High School
"You miss 100% of the shots that you don't take."



Sean Cullen

Albert Einstein High School
"Do not pray for easier lives, pray to be stronger men."



Yonathan Daniel

St. John's College High School
"Life has many doors. If you can't find yours make one."



Gianna Franco-Carmona

Academy of the Holy Cross
"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it."



Matthew Fronda

Gonzaga
"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."



R. T. Gardella

St. John's College High School
"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference."



Hunter Hawkins

Edmund Burke
"Don't dwell in the past, don't dream about the future, concentrate the mind on the present."



Jazmine Herbert

St. John's College High School
"Be that strong girl that everyone knew would make it through the worst, that fearless girl, the one who never backed down."



Clayton Kiyonaga

The Heights
"Never, ever, ever, ever give up."



Caitlin Munar

St. John's College High School
"Miracle is another name for hard work."



Lauren O'Leary

The Academy of the Holy Cross
"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So get on your way!"



Marina Presa Jaquete

Colegio Santa Maria de Yermo
"Wherever you go, go with all your heart."



Tiarnan Smith

St. John's College High School
"An eye for an eye, makes the whole world blind."



Franco Valdivieso

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School
"When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, adjust the steps."



Steven Wentz

St. John's College High School
"Love is what we are born with. Fear is what we learned here."



Zachary Wentz

St. John's College High School
"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

SCHOOL DAYS

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Parents enjoyed tea, fruits, and cheeses while the budding artists shared their works. It was amazing to see the knowledge and poise these young ladies and gentlemen displayed.

Our sixth-graders once again traveled to Hard Bargain Farm in Accokeek, Md., for an overnight adventure to learn what life was like on a farm. Students fed the pigs, milked a cow, gathered eggs from the chicken coop, and explored the Potomac watershed. Special attention was also paid to recycling and pollution, with our guides showing us different ways to keep our planet healthy. With sunshine, spaghetti, and s'mores to spare, it was an exciting and rewarding trip for everyone!

In April, we celebrated two special tag days to bring attention to important causes. We walked the Angel Path (our new running path in the woods adjacent to the school) for diabetes to support classmates, and another week we wore blue to celebrate autism awareness month.

The St. Raphael Nursery School Baskets Fundraiser is back with a chance to win one of seven terrific, fun-filled baskets. And, this year only, to celebrate 10 amazing years of giving back to SRNS through our raffle, we would like to thank all of our ticket buyers with a few extra winners. In honor of our 10th anniversary theme, each basket drawing will be paired with a "Runner-Up Bundle of 10" prize. All proceeds from our baskets go to the Nursery School Tuition Assistance Fund, to help children who might not be able to attend the nursery school otherwise. See more information at www.basketraffle.com.

We are closing out the fourth quarter and looking toward summer. When we return in the fall, we will have our first eighth grade, and start our planning for commencement ceremonies. It doesn't seem like it was that long ago, that our doors first opened with a celebration with Cardinal McCarrick in 2006. We truly are "Living the Dream."

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PAXTON

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teachers, and friends, who, like me, strive to use their faith to change the world. The religious education I have learned, lived, and shared with these people shapes who I am and who I will be."

Miss Paxton, who plans to attend Georgetown Visitation in the fall, was among those honored at a Catholic Business Network Scholarships Awards luncheon held at the Pooks Hill Marriott in March. Principal Lisa Kane states, "Cate is an extremely talented and dedicated student who is devoted to our Catholic faith. She is a natural leader who is always willing to help others. We are delighted that she is the recipient of this award."

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Our Lady of Mercy

Fairy Tale Book Reports Extended with Video conference

Mercy second graders proudly pose with the finished results of their fairy tale book reports. In addition to the required written book report with summary, students opted to do projects which they presented to the class. Students discussed story elements including setting, characters, sequence, conflict, and resolution. Projects included alternate endings, costume, models, and dioramas. Pictured (L to R) are Locke Sullivan, Lauren DeMarse, and Dutch Hahn.



Students enjoy a one hour video conference on fractured fairy tales, following the book report presentation. In this class, organized by Kitty Shadman, technology coordinator, students discussed a variety of wacky, imaginative, and untraditional fairy tales. The class was interactive with guided discussion designed to encourage active observation and critical thinking skills.

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SJB seventh graders at Sotterley Plantation

Seventh Graders Learn About Slavery

By Abby Jenkins, Student Reporter

My class is reading a novel entitled *Stealing Freedom* written by Elisa Carbone. Ann Marie Weems is the main character and the story is about how she and her family survived during the time of slavery. Ann Marie grew up as a slave in Maryland. My class also spent time learning about slavery so we could better understand what Ann Marie went through.

Mr. Michael Twitty, an expert in the history and heritage of enslaved Africans, visited our class and shared his knowledge with us. We learned how slaves were auctioned off and how some slaves were considered more valuable than others.

We even got to examine some cotton balls, which isn't like the cotton balls you buy at the store.

"Raw cotton has the seeds still in it," he said and asked us to pick the seeds out of the cotton so we could experience how long it would take to do this job.

He described the conditions the slaves had to work under for their masters and how they escaped from

their masters and traveled along the Underground Railroad using coded messages to communicate with each other.

After Mr. Twitty's visit, my class took a field trip to Sotterley Plantation. This plantation is the only one open to the public and was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 2001.

While at Sotterley, we saw an original slave cabin and learned how slaves labored around the time of the Civil War and how they lived. With the little free time they had, they sang songs and spent time with their loved ones.

Our tour guide wanted us to experience what slaves went through, so we each carried a wooden pail up a steep hill. It was very tiring and I know that was nothing compared to the conditions the slaves had to endure.

Mr. Twitty's visit and our field trip helped us to understand this time in history better. It is incredible to learn that the story takes place in Unity, Maryland, only 14 miles from St. John's.

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Confirmation Students Join Retreat

Luke's Gospel tells us that Jesus, during his teenage years, grew in Spirit, Wisdom, and Grace; i.e., SWAG. Throughout the retreat weekend, Confirmation students listened to witness talks, engaged in small-group discussions and participated in a variety of artistic, musical, and physical activities. These were designed to help them think about what it would look like for them to grow similarly in SWAG

during their high school years.

Topics during the weekend included drug use, depression, bullying, eating disorders, cliques, and other challenges. Participants explored how the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit might help them navigate these challenges. Moreover, students were invited to reflect upon how membership in a supportive community, specifically the community of faith we call Church, can play a big

role in helping overcoming these challenges. By participating in the life given through the Sacraments students can find even fuller support.

Forty-three Confirmation students attended the retreat, as well as seven adult leaders. Among them were parishioners Maria Galeano and Judith Scott, both of whom received their own Confirmation at St. John's.

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"Kindergarten Spirit Team" at St. John the Jogger's Fun Run.

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Peter Pan Spotted in Silver Spring

By Willa Murphy, Student Reporter

This year at St. John the Baptist School, a new play was introduced. *Peter Pan*, the story of a boy who refused to grow up. Music was introduced, auditions were held, and parts were announced to enthusiastic seventh and eighth graders. David Young, known for playing Cogsworth, an irritable clock, in last year's production of *Beauty and the Beast* was selected to play *Peter Pan*.



John (Matthew Malits), Michael (Michael Ionata), Wendy (Willa Murphy)

David. "I was really happy." Director and Choreographer Erin Tervo and Musical Director Meg Flanagan worked tirelessly to bring everybody together. After school, the Indian Chorus learned their tribal dance and, in Music class, the fifth and sixth graders learned the many songs they would sing in the play as the chorus.

Days before the play, all four grades came together to rehearse. They

"I knew I would have a lot of fun being in this production" says

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twelve years and was ordained in 1950. Father John Mudd, a long-time personal associate and friend, wrote the Introduction to the autobiography, stating that Father Ralph "founded and/or administered numerous organizations whose primary purposes were to serve the poor and to assist those who needed a helping hand."

In 1970 he co-founded SOME (So Others Might Eat) and in 1979 founded Victory Housing. SOME helps the homeless in D.C. and hasn't missed a day serving meals since its founding. Associated with the Archdiocese of Washington, Victory Housing is now a housing corporation which provides affordable housing to low/moderate income senior citizens and low income families. Mary's House in Rockville, the site of the former St. Mary's Parish convent, was the first of twenty-eight communities opened by Victory Housing.

The book is a delightful story of Father Ralph, a kind, compassionate, and holy man, who has devoted his priesthood to serving God's people, especially the poor, neglected and oppressed. His book ends with these words, "At this stage of my life,...I am praying that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, the Church will become more and more a fulfillment of Jesus' words, 'I have not come to be served, but to serve and to give my life as a ransom for all.'"

May the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi, with the Holy Spirit guiding us, help to fulfill Father Ralph's mission.

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LISTENING

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tions: what we do well, what needs improvement and what are practical suggestions to address the improvements. In order to streamline the process, participants could choose to contribute to three out of the five topics. At the end, each was given fifteen sticker dots to vote on priorities in any of the five areas.

Out of all the input, four top parish priorities were identified: 1. Reaching out to alienated, inactive Catholics and those struggling with their faith, 2. Maintaining our twinned relationship with our Sister Parish of the Conversion of St. Paul Church in Leon, Haiti and the medical mission attached to it, 3. Doing more to encourage volunteer participation in parish activities, 4. and educating parishioners more on giving in support of the church.

The group leaders were then tasked with preparing their reports to be sent to the Archdiocesan Synod Preparation committee. All seemed pleased with the applicability of the Listening Session to our own parish life and the opportunity to share insights. It is hoped that the results will benefit our local Church of Washington as we look ahead with confidence to the future.

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Wendy Rodriguez help youngsters in Resurrection religious education class plant herbs in Earth Day activities. — Photo by Sally DeSavage

COMMON GOOD GARDEN

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Song" accompanied by guitarist Army Horn and choir director Annick Kanter-St. Hubert playing flute.

Following the garden blessing, scores of youngsters in religious education classes viewed videos on the environment and then participated in planting the herbs oregano, basil, and parsley in their "class flower pots." The youngsters also planted pansies and other flowers in the parish's inner courtyard.

Among those assisting in the Earth Day events were committee members Jane Blewett, Akisha Townsend, Sally DeSavage, and Howard Perkins; Youth Faith Formation Director Helene Stever; and parents and catechists Bill Anderson, Susie Diaz, Cat and Chuck Halpin, Tracy Kiras, Mary O'Malley, Unoma Okigbo, Susan Quinn, Wendy Rodriguez, Jean Simpson, Lina Von Rossing, and Dottie Werner.

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St. John the Baptist School 8th Grade Graduates 2013

Fr. David Brault, Pastor — Ms. Marianne Moore, Principal



Nicholas Aparicio
Gonzaga

This is not the end, this is not even the beginning of the end, this is just perhaps the end of the beginning.

— Winston Churchill



Alex Caporaletti
Reservoir High

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

— Dr. Seuss



Justin Chang
Blake

If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere."

— Frank Clark



Christian Copeland
Good Counsel

When you want to succeed as bad as you want to breathe, then you will be successful.

— Eric Thomas



Cheyenne Curley
Stone Ridge

You can do anything anyone else can do only you can do it better

— Ben Carson



Carmen DiPippo
Holy Cross

Dancers are athletes of God.

— Albert Einstein



Corinne Errigo
Springbrook HS

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson



Michael Flynn
Gonzaga

If you laugh, you think, and you cry, that's a full day. That's a heck of a day. You do that seven days a week, you're going to have something special.

— Jim Valvano



Gabriela Guerrero
Holy Cross

LIVE MÁS!



Brian Gwak
Blake HS

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

— Michael Jordan



Anthony Ionata
DeMatha

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

— Mae West



Austin Leigh
Paint Branch HS

What you are will show in what you do.

— Thomas Edison



Keara Lindsay
Blake HS

All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.

— Walt Disney



Bernadette Maloney
Visitation

Around here, we don't look backwards for very long, we keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things because we are curious, and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.

— Walt Disney



Willa Murphy
Blair HS

It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all, in which case you have failed by default.

— J. K. Rowling



Aidan Murphy
Blair HS

Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope."

— Maya Angelou



Eric Obrien
St. Johns HS

Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.

— Thomas Jefferson



Adaora Okigbo
Seton HS

Humor is mankind's greatest blessing.

— Mark Twain



Maggie Prokop
Blake HS

Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal.

— Pamela V. Starr



Colleen Reich
Sherwood HS

When life gives you lemons, make orange juice, and leave the world wondering how you did it!

---Anonymous



Fernando Rivera
Blake HS

Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly.

—St. Francis de Sales



Brian Rozario
DeMatha

Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.

—Malcolm X



Benjamin Rubens
Paint Branch HS

No man is an island.

— John Donne



Clara Spangenberg
Springbrook HS

It is the privilege of friendship to talk nonsense, and to have her nonsense respected.

— Charles Lamb



Steven Stanislaw
Good Counsel

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

— School



Emily Stutzman
Stone Ridge

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 seek.

— Barack Obama



Lindsay Tanner
Mercersburg Academy

It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived.

—Helen Walton



Jack Thomas
Blake HS

Character is doing the right thing when nobody's looking.

— J. C. Watts.



Kyle Wallace
St. Johns HS

Treat others as you would want to be treated.

—



Jennifer Wendell
St. Johns HS

Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.

— Maya Angelou



David Young
St. Johns HS

Always in motion is the future.

—Yoda

Father Gellert Ailer Home for a Visit

By Rus Wester

Father Gellert Ailer, Former SJN Parochial Vicar, came home to visit the people of SJN, his first parish as a priest.

Four years ago when we said goodbye and wished him well in his call to be in Central Europe, it was hard to imagine when we might see him again. While he was here, we spent a few minutes with Fr. Gellert

to get an update on his mission assignment in Miskolc, Hungary.

"We call it *Missio Ad Gentes* (Mission to the Nations), where we go to secularized cities, in which the Church has become very weak," said Father. "There is a need for the Church to be a light in these very pagan, formerly communist cities. So along with three small families, we live among the people, to be a new presence of the Church. It's

important that they would see

that the Church is not an institution or empty building...that we are people like them with the same problems in surviving and we receive answers to our questions through the Catholic Church."

Bringing hope to the people of Hungary is central to Father Gellert's mission. "The people suffer, mostly spiritually. It's important that we be there." To further this work of evangelization, Father has participated in the founding of a Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Eger, Hungary, serving first as its transitional Rector, now as Vice-Rector. The formation house currently hosts 12 young seminarians.

"I miss them, but have so many of you to visit with here at St. John Neumann Parish. It could easily take six months," said Father. "I remember all of you in my prayers. Please pray for me, as well and for this mission so we can continue to announce the Gospel." (Ed. Note: Father Gellert welcomes your notes of encouragement. His email is ailergel@gmail.com)



Father Gellert greets parishioners after celebrating Sunday Mass.



The familiar faces of the Brown's preparing to serve the 11:15am Mass: (L-R) Gavin, Austin, Tommy and Willie Brown.

Serving at the Altar

By Michael Gagnon

Are you looking for an interesting and fulfilling way to give yourself to God and to the Church? There are various ways to serve at the altar during holy Mass that may be for you.

As a lector, an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, an altar server or a sacristan, there is a sense of involvement in the Mass whereby the sacred mysteries are unfolded by your actions. Serving at the altar gives one a participation in the meaning of life: Christ crucified and given to the Church in word and in sacrament.

There is no need to worry that there is no place for you in these ministries. The Church needs you and there is always room!

In these roles, the dignity of word and sacrament are maintained by motions and words of the ministers: by genuflecting before the tabernacle, kneeling, handling the paten and chalice with respect, and the humble aspect of the servers.

If you have the ability to do this and need a boost, we ask you to consider serving in this way. For more information, please contact Mike Duggan at (301) 947-0706. May God bless you as you ponder this invitation.

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SJN Initiates New Members at Easter Vigil

By Mike Gagnon

Two adult catechumens and one candidate were brought into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass. A catechumen is an individual who has never received baptism, and a candidate is someone who is baptized, and needs to complete their Sacraments of Initiation with the reception of Confirmation and Holy Communion. On the Solemnity of the Ascension, two more Catholics will complete their initiation by being Confirmed by the Cardinal at the Cathedral.

This year, SJN was blessed to have a very exuberant and joyful class who wanted eagerly to learn about the faith, according to the leaders of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Team, (RCIA). "Their openness and excitement in learning about God and the Church are what make the RCIA program



SJN RCIA Team (left-right): Carol Tedeschi, Paul and Kathryn Layer, Sandy Kimball, Jean Shema, Fr. Kevin Regan, Deacon Mike Davy. RCIA Team members not shown: Tom and Carolyn Ferris.

work," said RCIA team member, Jean Shema.

SJN parochial vicar, Fr. Kevin Regan, focused on the meaning of the Sacraments for the new Catholic Church members, the theme of which was the catechumens' and

candidate's new identity. "These sacraments are a shared gift from Jesus, which gives us an identity in the Christian life, a participation in the very life of Christ," said Father Regan. "They mark us indelibly for God, who has a claim on our life. We are no longer slaves to sin, but sons and daughters of God the Father through Christ. Through these sacraments, we participate in the mission of the Son."

Father Regan continued, "It is a mystery. Jesus came to reveal the inner life of

the Trinity, the heart of the Father. The catechumens and candidate now share in the life of the Trinity. Let us welcome our new brothers and sisters of the Church and share in their Easter Joy."

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SJN Catechumens and Candidates Georgina Del Po, Jennifer Sumner, Reggie Meyer, Emilie Brosenne and Philip Pezzano

Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck For Young Families

By Will Rayel

On April 7, a number of families with young children gathered for an Easter egg hunt and potluck at a parish family's home. Eleven families attended the event, including 28 children. Most children were under the age of five, including five who were not even born yet! Our pastor, Father Thomas LaHood, and parochial vicar, Father Kevin Regan, also attended the event. The children were thrilled with

their traditional backyard Easter egg hunt and the families then enjoyed a potluck style meal, highlighted by the hostess's delicious pulled pork sandwiches. The weather was beautiful and a good time was had by all.

Our parish is blessed with a number of young families who attend many of the different Masses offered, including the Traditional Latin Mass. This particular Easter event provided an opportunity for young parents of the parish to socialize and have their children play together, since most of the

many young adult activities in the Archdiocese, such as Bible studies, Theology on Tap, and happy hours, are not particularly kid-friendly. While there are also a number of activities for families with children in Catholic schools, families with



Parish children gather at family home for a traditional Easter egg hunt and pot-luck dinner

even younger children can sometimes fall through the cracks of parish life.

This inaugural gathering for young families was a success. SJN will sponsor the next potluck for young families on June 2 at the 'Neumann House,' across the street from the Church. If you are part of a young family interested in attending, please contact Father Kevin Regan at kregan@saintjohnneumann.org.

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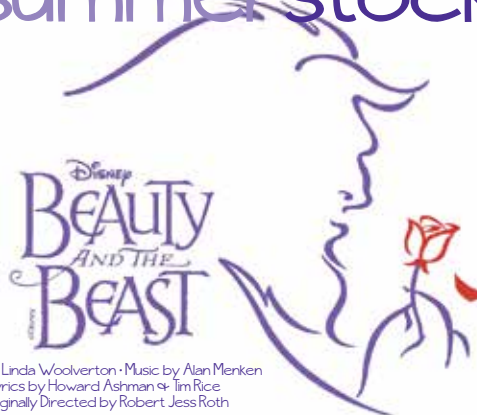
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Front Row: Julianna Frascella, Julia Urban, Jenna Warren, Patrick McConville, Lilly Schmidt, Avery Weber, Erin Barry, Isabella King



St. John's Mourns the Loss of Beloved Teacher

St. John the Evangelist community mourns the loss of its long-time fifth grade teacher, Virginia "Ginny" Friedman, who passed away April 29 after battling lung cancer. Mrs. Friedman, admired



SJE fifth grade teacher, Ginny Friedman, wears the colorful scarf that her fifth grade students knitted for her.

for her creativity and her love for learning, taught at the parish school for more than a decade and was beloved by faculty and students alike. She will be especially remembered for directing class plays and for passing along sage advice through her daily lessons.

"Ginny was multi-talented, VERY interesting, well-traveled, and an extremely humble individual,"

says SJE art teacher and friend, Stephanie Rico.

Her fifth grade class kept in touch with her during her illness, talking to her by phone and writing her notes and letters. With the help of Mrs. Rico, the children created a knitted scarf and gave it to her during the winter months. The children also composed a memory poem in tribute to Mrs. Friedman's life which was read during Poetry Night at the school after her passing.

A celebration of her life was held May 5 at St. John the Evangelist Church.

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Fun is Always Found at the Annual Heritage Potluck

By Ging Graham

On March 9, the annual International Potluck sponsored by the St. John the Evangelist Heritage Committee, was held in the School auditorium. As in

years past, the evening started with Mass celebrated in the main church.

Dishes contributed by parishioners filled four rectangular tables. As always, the roast pig was the centerpiece. Master carvers for the night were Rod Mercado and Michael Graham.

Msgr. John Pennington, our pastor, opened the affair with a prayer followed by words of welcome by Anh Nguyen and Carmencita Fiesta, Chair and Co-Chair of the Heritage Committee respectively.

Entertainment began with three short dances from the Culkin School of Irish Traditional Dance. Thao and Friends sang a Vietnamese folksong about the full moon festival celebration when young unmarried villagers, prohibited by ancient tradition to date, gather around a banyan tree. Khanh Van accompanied Thao on a 16-stringed guitar while Lan Ahn danced.

Nancy Leonard, a parishioner known as "The Accordion Queen of Washington, DC," played three pieces. Earlier in the evening, Nancy welcomed guests with her music.

In addition, the Filipino choir of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Silver



SJE parishioners perform a beautiful Vietnamese dance.



SJE parishioners Chris Deroscher, Kevin Dukes and Billy Mattison (on piano) play a rousing rendition of When the Saints Come Marching In.



Happy parishioners enjoy food, fun and fellowship at the annual SJE Heritage Potluck dinner.

Spring sang three Filipino songs closing with "Dahil sa Iyo," a Filipino song popularized by the former First Lady Imelda

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Crane, and even Principal for a Day. There were tons of sports ticket packages, and a technology raffle basket worth over \$1400!

The overall male and female winners of the 5K race were awarded their trophies by Mrs. Truax and Sarah. Each won \$200. The female winner overall was our own graduate, Nora McUmbler, a sophomore at BCC.

It was a wonderful day, filled with sunshine, exercise, prizes, surprises, and of course, family and friends. Ms. Truax would have loved it!



OPT Mrs. Truax, Sarah, Mr. Long and many of Ms. Truax's friends before the run.

Heyday Players Master Classes

The Heyday Players present their fourth session of Master Classes. This will be an opportunity for our Heyday Players troupe as well as any interested senior (or those considering joining the spring performance troupe) to expand their skills and general knowledge of the performing arts. Class subjects will include playwriting, ensemble building, and combat!

The program is for seniors only and tuition is \$50 for the entire Fall Session of Master Classes.

The Fall Session

Tuesday mornings
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To join the Heyday Players troupe, or book a performance at your location, contact the Education Center at 301.585.1225 or e-mail education@roundhouse-theatre.org.

PETER PAN

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spent hours to perfect the production, especially by making sure Captain Hooks' infamous hook didn't fall off that the Darling children wouldn't fall off the flying machine. It took weeks of rehearsing but, on April 24, the first production took place. The matinee went smoothly and everyone was excited for the next night, when each chair in the audience would be filled, all thrilled to see *Peter Pan*.

That night and the following, the cast acted, sang, and danced just as they had practiced. However, all young actors knew that the play couldn't have come together without the help of the teachers, who gave up their class time so that students could practice, and the many other people who helped the production take flight. The pianist, Mrs. Hrastar, who has played for St. John's plays for years, spent hours practicing with the students. The many people who also devoted their time and energy to the play deserve the cast's thanks.

Peter Pan was a great experience for everyone at SJB and just like the boy who will never grow up, this classic play will never grow old on us.

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SPECIAL NEEDS

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to create visual schedules so the children know what to expect each week, as well as to teach the subject matter. The use of picture communication symbols, created with the software Boardmaker, has been an essential ingredient in this class' success.

Spring is always a joyful season, with the bus on the trees blooming along with the warmer temperatures. The season is made even brighter with the celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Bishop Martin Holley visited St. Raphael in April to administer the sacrament of Confirmation to 119 young people. In early May, we were fortunate to have a sunny Saturday as 138 boys and girls received their First Holy Communion. We are blessed community.

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POTLUCK

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Marcos.

Dennis Pastore sang a solo accompanied by Billy Mattison, Music Director at St. John's. Finally, the rousing, jazzy "When the Saints Go Marching In" was performed by Chris Desrocher on the trombone, Kevin Dukes on the bass guitar, and Billy Mattison on the piano.

Lilly and Joseph Comello who were celebrating their ninth birthday that day each received a teddy bear. Plus, Nancy Leonard and Chris Desrocher played "Happy Birthday" for the twins.

Food, fun, and fellowship! There was more than enough at the Heritage Potluck.

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St Patrick's Party

The UpCounty Community Resources Group celebrated the end of Winter and the beginning of Spring the Irish way with a St. Patrick's Day Dance at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Derwood, Maryland. Over 150 individuals with and without developmental differences enjoyed an evening of music, friendship and pizza. Our next dance will take place at St. Francis on June 29. Please call Sylvia Jones at 301-762-6564 for more information about our Summer Luau Event.

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A Faithful Essay Winner

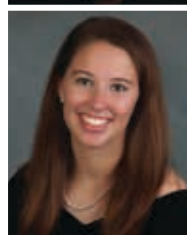
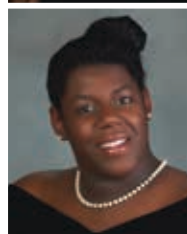
Elizabeth Amorosi, an eighth-grade student at Connelly School of the Holy Child, has won first place in the Margaret Mary Missar Junior High School Essay Competition, sponsored by the John Carroll Society. Amorosi's essay was entitled, "Letter to the Cardinal: Year of Faith."

This year's essay theme recognized the 50th anniversary of the start of Vatican II and Pope Benedict XVI's proclamation of "The Year of Faith." Amorosi's essay moved on to the Archdiocesan competition after placing first in an internal essay competition at Holy Child for Seventh and eighth grade students. They all tackled deep issues, including their struggles to live their faith and their thoughts on how the Church can help them grow in that faith.

Holy Child Religion teacher Meaghan Hollenbeck was impressed with how the students responded to the essay challenge. "Reading all of these essays was such a humbling experience for me," Hollenbeck says. "More than anything, the call to faith is inextricably tied to the call to hope and to love: to love, the virtue which responds to the inherent goodness in all things, and to hope; the virtue of children, which sees and believes in, and thus fights for, the goodness in all things."

Amorosi, who will receive a \$750 stipend for high school, was a guest of honor at the John Carroll Society annual dinner in April.

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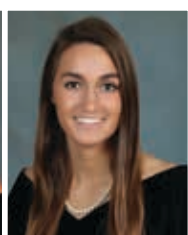
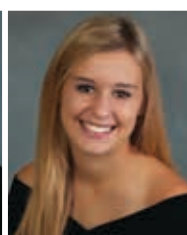
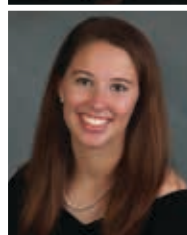
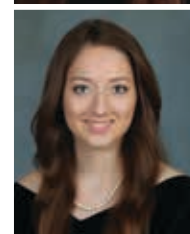
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A Pilgrimage to Celebrate World Youth Day

By Brian Werth, Youth Minister, St. Elizabeth Parish

For the past year, young people from St. Elizabeth and St. Raphael have been preparing for an incredible journey of faith. This July, a group of eight youths with two adults from the two parishes will be participating in World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro. Although called World Youth "Day," the ceremonies will extend over a six-day period, from July 23 through 28.

In 1984, Pope John Paul the Great saw the need to inspire and celebrate youth involvement in the Catholic Church and founded



Rio de Janeiro

World Youth Day. This year's pilgrimage will be the fourteenth.

Our group will be participating in a week of catechesis, learning more about the Catholic faith from international speakers. They will celebrate different Catholic festivities and traditions and will meet teens and young Catholics from all over the world. And they will be on hand to welcome our new Pope Francis and participate with him in several of the ceremonies.

Pope Francis recently announced he will attend and will participate in the main events of the pilgrimage, including the ceremony officially welcoming him on July 26, the Way of the Cross in Copacabana, and an

evening vigil and the final mass on the 28th, at *Campus Fidei* (the Field of Faith), in the Guaratiba neighborhood of Rio. St. Elizabeth youth are excited about being part of this closing vigil and mass, which will be the highlights of their trip. Over three million participants will gather at Guaratiba and will set up camp overnight July 27 for the papal mass the following day.

This event not only spreads the message of Christ to young people throughout the world, but through the witness of millions of youth, the face of Christ is shown to the world and inspires the faithful of all ages.

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Truck Touch Day

The Preschool and Kindergarten students enjoy their annual "truck touch" day! Trucks of all kinds park in the back parking lot and allow the children to climb aboard. Children were able to honk the horn on a big rig, see the inside of a police car and fire engine and turn on the sirens. These are just a few of the trucks available to explore. The children were also treated to a surprise visit from Clifford the Big Red Dog, who arrived on the Scholastic truck and an ice cream from the ice cream man.

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Best Buddies Friendship Walk

On Friday, April 26, at 11am St. Elizabeth students participated in the Best Buddies Friendship Walk. This annual event was organized last year by fifth-grade teacher, Mr. Daniel DuVall. Best Buddies is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing friends and jobs for people with intellectual disabilities. Volunteers from the organization came to

the school and presented to the students before the walk to learn more about the program and hear from one of their members. The day of the walk students walked laps around the school campus in an effort to generate awareness and build friendships with those with intellectual disabilities. The money raised from the students' pledges went to the organization.

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structural engineering. Building codes they know from nothing," Joe had said.

A D.C. native, Joe had a 45-year career at Hahn's Shoe Stores. Over that time, Hahn's grew to become the largest shoe retailer in the D.C. area and Joe grew with the company, retiring there in 1982 as its vice president for operations. An important facet of that position was overseeing construction and outfitting new stores in the expanding Hahn chain, an expertise he has been only too willing to share through his volunteer service to the church.

At St. Elizabeth's, Joe and Fr. Jack went to work immediately,

giving the church a much needed remodeling and upgrading, brightening and expanding the sanctuary, reconfiguring the pews of the congregation area to provide more open space without reducing seating. A new organ and grand piano were also installed and a choir area was created. The sanctuary was refurnished and re-carpeted, and new carpeting was installed throughout the congregational area. The large gathering space – the Commons – and an all-weather canopy were also included in the church's remodeling.

Joe also worked with contractors as they built the addition to the school, nearly doubling the school's existing classroom space, and he headed up the ongoing sprucing up of the existing school building. He was currently assisting in the construction of additional pre-school space on the school campus.

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Joe Froio turned 90 last August. His entire life has been devoted, either full- or part-time as a volunteer, to serving the Lord through service to His Church. Joe also served on the archdiocesan building committee and assisted in the construction of several other new parish churches and facilities, as well as the renovation of others.

Although Fr. Macfarlane was a major beneficiary of Joe's devotion and energetic service, so also have the parish communities of Resurrection and St. Elizabeth, which enjoy the fruits of Joe's labors whenever they visit either of the churches or send their children to St. Elizabeth School.

"In addition to being a good friend," says Fr. Macfarlane, "Joe

is one of those singular types of volunteers that every pastor values; one who is ready, willing and able to bring his expertise to the parish at large. He has certainly been invaluable to me over these past 30-plus years. No parish could exist without volunteers like Joe."

Joe is survived by his wife of 62 years, Anna Ricciardella Froio, his sister Josie De Leonibus, and though no children of their own, 27 nieces and nephews, and their families, with whom he was very close. Joe's wake and funeral were celebrated at St. Elizabeth's, with hundreds in attendance to pay their respects to this man who was a friend to so many. He will be greatly missed, but has left behind a wonderful legacy of truly being 'a good and faithful servant.'

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Second graders Henry Fricke and Mackenzie Hoefer with Monsignor K. Bartholomew Smith after Mass and First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 4, 2013

A Gargoyle Makes an Appearance at St. Bernadette's Springtime in Paris Gala

By Beth Fricke

In April, St. Bernadette hosted its *Springtime in Paris* Gala. At the top of the live auction was an original stone Gargoyle, created by Sean Callahan, stone carver at the Washington National Cathedral and parent of a second grader. The gargoyle was a product of the artist's imagination and Mr. Callahan told us that he viewed pictures of the Notre Dame Gargoyles to gain inspiration as the theme of the St. Bernadette event was *Springtime in Paris*. The Gargoyle is carved from Indiana Limestone, the same stone from which the Washington National Cathedral is made and

took him about 50 hours carving time. It is rumored that the winner's wife was instructed not to come home without the Gargoyle, and they plan to install him in their garden.

Mr. Callahan apprenticed as a stone carver at the Cathedral in college and is currently working to restore the Cathedral after damage from the earthquake in August of 2011. In the spring of 2011 he completed two stone carvings that depict Rosa Parks and Mother Teresa for the Cathedral which are located in the Cathedral's Human Rights Porch.

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St. Bernadette "Rocks the House"

By Beth Fricke

On Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27, approximately 70 students from the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades presented an enthusiastic production of *School House Rock Live!, Jr.* Directed by fifth-grade teacher, Mrs. Sally Ingram and third-grade teacher, Mrs. Margaret Rodriguez, the teachers and students worked for two months to bring together 12 musical pieces such as "A Noun is a Person, Place, or Thing" and "Conjunction Junction."

The cast, stage crew, and technical crew (headed by Mr. Jim Jenets, former St. B's parent and current parishioner), all learned about the hard work, dedication, and rewards of rehearsals, building sets, and performing a musical. The students did an outstanding job, and we look forward to more productions from this fine cast of characters!

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Students Leila Riazzi, Katie Weinsheimer, Carly Beck, Faith Frayman and Joe Barry at rehearsal in St. Bernadette's spring musical, *School House Rock Live!, Jr.*

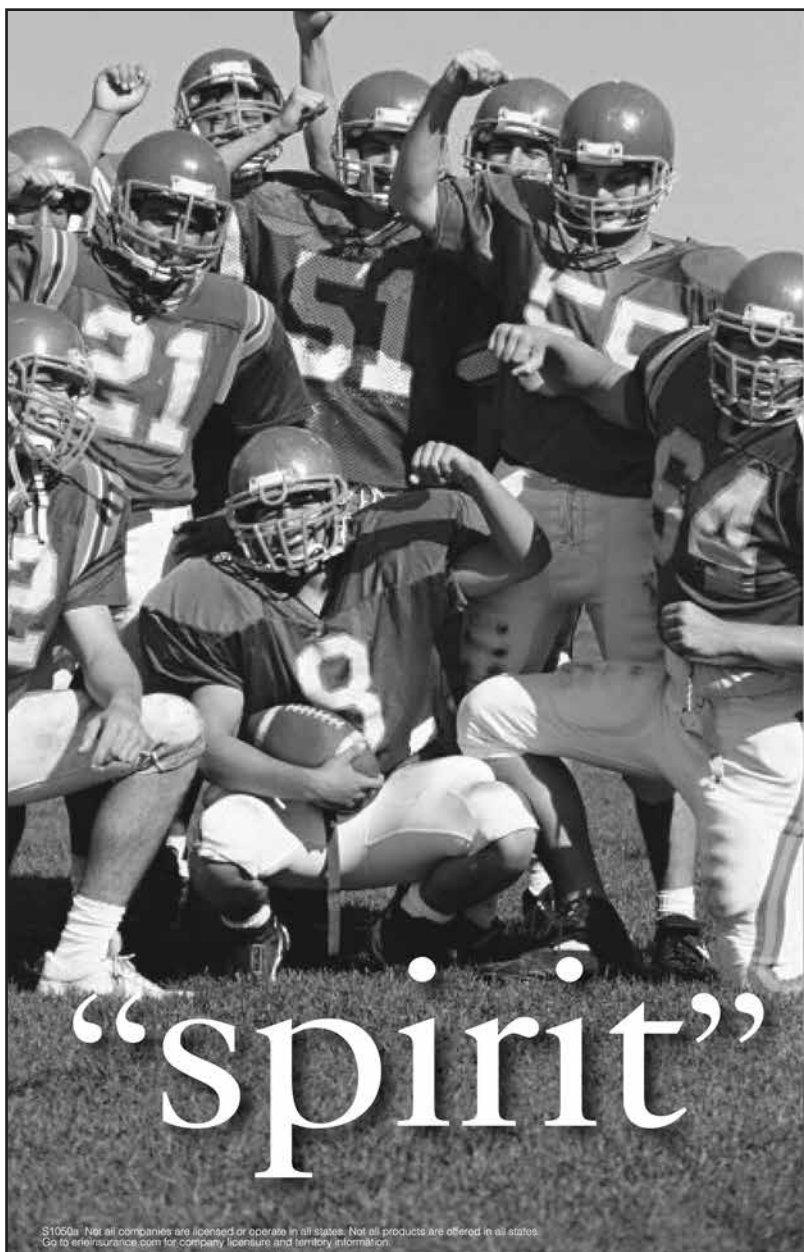


St. Bernadette 7th grader, Molly Starkenburg, rehearses as Dina in "Interjections!" from *School House Rock Live!, Jr.*

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Stone Gargoyle sculpted by St. Bernadette parishioner and parent, Sean Callahan, Stone Carver at the National Cathedral



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St. John the Evangelist

The SJE Class of 2013 has been busy this spring! Here are some photo highlights. Good luck and God bless you all!



Above, SJE congratulates its Class of 2013 high school scholarship recipients. More than \$162,000 in scholarship money was awarded in recognition of leadership, academics and the fine arts. Front row (L to R): Maggie Hathway (Georgetown Visitation), Hannah Kreischer (Academy of the Holy Cross), and Maria Wharton (Our Lady of Good Counsel). Back row (L to R): Libby Burgess (Our Lady of Good Counsel), Ingrid Torp (Academy of the Holy Cross), Colin Bruckwick (Gonzaga), Annie Burgess (Our Lady of Good Counsel), Mary Schech (Academy of the Holy Cross) and Lynn Phan (Paint Branch High School).



The annual celebration of Living Stations, performed by the SJE eighth graders, is anticipated every year at the close of the Lenten season. The Class of 2013 posed on the altar after having performed their brief but moving interpretation of Jesus' passion.



At left, Bishop Martin D. Holley processes into St. John the Evangelist church to prepare to celebrate a Mass of Confirmation with some 40 parish confirmandi on April 12, 2013.



At right, SJE eighth grader, Grace Droege, places a crown on Mary's head prior to the celebration of a school Mass honoring the Blessed Virgin, while her classmate and helper, John Aitken, looks on.

St. Jane de Chantal School

Father Samuel Giese, Pastor
Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton, Principal



Rebecca Arce
Holy Cross
The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit.



Timothy Bergin
Georgetown Prep
You never fail until you fail to try.



Valerie Biggs
Walter Johnson
People will hate you, rate you, shake you to break you, but how strong you stand is what makes you.



Chloe Blomquist
Holy Child
Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.



Alexis Brugger
Holy Cross
Don't think. Thinking is the enemy of creativity. ... You can't try to do things. You simply must do them. - Ray Bradbury



Nico Brugnerotto
Good Counsel
Chance favors the prepared mind.



Leonardo Bucello
St. John's
Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great.



Julia Cauley
Holton Arms
You never know how strong you are until being strong is your only choice.



Grant Connolly
Gonzaga
You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.



Lauren Cummins
Walter Johnson
We all have abilities. The difference is how we use them.



Tess Daniels
Visitation
Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.



Chris DeMartino
Georgetown Prep
Real leaders are ordinary people with extraordinary determination.



Matt Dimond
Gonzaga
Nothing is impossible; the word itself says, "I'm possible!"



Prisca Dufey
Lycee Rochambeau



Paul Duggan
Gonzaga
I would rather be hated for who I am than loved for who I'm not.



Emma Eder
Visitation
Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's learning to dance in the rain.



Ally Edwards
Good Counsel
Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.



Gillian Geary
Visitation
It's your dream, make it count; it's your life, make it everything you want it to be.



Cristin George
Visitation
You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one.



Bertille Goudet
Lycée Rochambeau
Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.



Jack Hamilton
Gonzaga
You can't win unless you learn how to lose.



Isa Hoyos
Holy Child
Good friends are hard to find, harder to leave, and impossible to forget.



Griffin Hyde
St. John's
You may be whatever you resolve to be.



Emma Kaden
Visitation
Keep your heels, head, and standards high.



Kristiana Kalset
Holy Cross
Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.



Julia Kane
Walter Johnson
The block of granite which was an obstacle in the pathway of the weak becomes a stepping-stone in the pathway of the strong.



Cate Kincaid
Holy Cross
You can't put a limit on anything.



Hugo Lagarde
Lycee Rochambeau



Manon Lagarde
Lycee Rochambeau



Tyler Lightcap
Good Counsel
With faith, hope and love, anything is possible.

Median Age of New Priests 32

Most completed college before entering seminary

The median age of men ordained to the priesthood in 2013 is 32, two-thirds are Caucasian, one third were born outside the US; 26 percent carry educational debt.

These figures stand out in **The Class of 2013: Survey of Ordinands to the Priesthood**, the annual national survey of men being ordained priests for U.S. dioceses and religious communities. The study was conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), a Georgetown University-based research center. The entire report can be found at uscgb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/ordination-class/.

The report is the 17th annual survey of ordinands commissioned by the Secretariat for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). About 74 percent of an estimated 500 men to be ordained priests in the United States in 2013 responded to the survey.

Most of the ordination class were baptized as infants, but nine percent became Catholic later in life. Eight in ten report that both parents are Catholic, and more than a third have a relative who is a priest or religious.

On average, respondents report that they were nearly

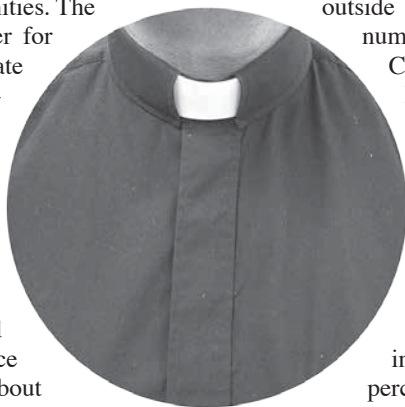
17 years old when they first considered a vocation to the priesthood. Two in three (67 percent) say they were encouraged to consider a vocation to the priesthood by a parish priest. Others who encouraged them include friends (46 percent), parishioners (38 percent) and mothers (34 percent).

Three in 10 respondents (31 percent) were born outside the United States, with the largest numbers coming from Mexico, Vietnam, Colombia, Poland, the Philippines and Nigeria. On average, respondents who were born in another country have lived in the United States for 14 years. Between 20 and 30 percent of respondents for the diocesan priesthood for each of the last ten years were born outside the United States.

• Before entering the seminary, six in ten ordinands completed college (63 percent). Almost one quarter (23 percent) entered the seminary with a graduate degree.

One in three (29 percent) entered the seminary while in college.

• The survey also found that new priests in dioceses and religious orders have educational debt. Just over a quarter (26 percent) carried debt at the time they entered seminary, averaging just a little over \$20,000 in educational debt when they entered seminary. **OPT**



St. Mary



The St. Mary's Chorus performed the National Anthem at the Frederick Keys game on April 10. Pictured here are sixth graders Emmet Scanlon and Kate Durbin. The performance was dedicated to alumni Michelle Miller. The crowd offered a moment of silence in her honor as well before the game commenced.

Congratulations 8th Grade Class of 2013



Jack Linder
St. John's
It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.



Michael Madden
Gonzaga
Treat others how you want to be treated.



Emily Matejik
Holy Child
When one door closes another opens, but often we look so regretfully upon the closed door that we fail to see the one that has opened for us.



Brendan McCabe
Gonzaga
"I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength." — Philippians 4:13



Shannon McCarty
Walter Johnson
To live a creative life you must lose all your fears of being wrong



Grace McCrery
Holy Cross
Thank your enemies. They're the ones that knock you down just so you can build yourself back up higher than you ever were before.



Matthew McIntyre
Good Counsel
Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.



Billy McKinnon
Gonzaga
The best revenge is to live on and prove yourself.



Liam Morris
Walter Johnson
You shouldn't practice to get it right; you should practice so you can never get it wrong.



Ryan Myers
Gonzaga
Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.



Claire Perry
Visitation
A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step



Julia Poch
Holy Child
Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out.



Kara Posniewski
Stone Ridge
Life is what happens while you're making other plans.



Nicholas Pottker
Gonzaga
The future starts today, not tomorrow.



Joe Reilly
Good Counsel
Out of sadness comes happiness.



Katerina Rinaldi
Visitation
Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.



Teddy Rinaldi
Georgetown Prep
A kite flies highest against the wind, not with it.



Emily Ryan
Holy Cross
Live the life you love.



Grace Ryan
Visitation
Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.



Justin Ryan
St. John's
Don't judge a book by its cover.



Robert Saylor
Gonzaga
Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence.



Tori Saylor
Holy Child
It's a long road, but it's worth it.



Jack Scanlon
Gonzaga
Keep track of your things, turn your assignments in on time, and most of all... Don't mess up.



Nikki Shaffer
St. John's
It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.



Jack Sheehan
St. John's
You can't judge a book by its cover.



Laney Shook
Holy Cross
The truth is you don't know what is going to happen tomorrow. Life is a crazy ride and nothing is guaranteed.



Kayla Tiller
Visitation
Carpe Diem!



Landry Werth
Stone Ridge
Time has a wonderful way of showing us what really matters.



Zoe Westrick
Holy Cross
For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone.



Alexandrine Zelenko
Lycée Rochambeau
A true friend understands even before you explain yourself.

STEAM Project with Argentinian School

Once again, the students from St. Peter's School and San Marcos Elementary School in Argentina erased the distance between their countries. In the last four years, St. Peter's students have SKYPed several times with their Argentinean friends, honing Spanish speaking skills for St. Peter's students and English language skills for San Marco's students.

Their most recent encounter this month was full STEAM ahead as this international adventure incorporated Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math! The students from both countries simultaneously studied Newton's Laws culminating with each student

designing and building a car powered only by balloons. The students then "raced" each other via SKYPE by releasing their cars and measuring the distance each car travelled.

In addition to the race, students conversed about their cars' successes and setbacks, current events, and the most recent election of the Argentinean Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio as Pope Francis. The students then sang songs, accompanied by St. Peter's fifth grader, Jack Zarembo, on his ukulele! As the end of class approached, San Marco's students and St. Peter's students did the "wave" together, forming a continuous, unbroken circle.

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Annie (Elizabeth Bruno) with Daddy Warbucks (Zak Saleh) and his secretary, Grace Farrell (Beth Rendely). Photo by Pat Ryan



Annie at the White House with President Roosevelt and his cabinet. Photo by Pat Ryan

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faculty volunteers, and the cast and crew, the show was a huge success. The comment heard most often as people left the theater was that this was no ordinary middle school production. From the professionally designed sets, costumes, music, and lighting, attending the show was

like going to a night at the theater.

Annie was the 13th annual performance by St. Peter's Drama Club. The performances have been held at the Olney Theatre Center for the past 7 years and more often than not to a full house. The audience always includes alumni from previous shows. When students think back on their years at St. Peter's, performing in the play is often one of their fondest memories.

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Mrs. Worrell is 2013 Golden Apple Winner

St. Peter's School congratulates Mrs. Sabrina Worrell, our Reading Specialist, who has been named one of the Archdiocese of Washington's ten 2013 Golden Apple winners. Mrs. Worrell is the fourth teacher from St. Peter's to win this prestigious award.

A member of the faculty since 1994, Mrs. Worrell holds two Master's degrees, one as a Reading Specialist and one in Elementary Education. Her responsibilities as the school's Reading Specialist include coordinating all reading resource services, facilitating guided reading groups in the classrooms, providing professional development for the faculty in the form of reading and writing workshops, and collaborating with teachers to determine specific literacy needs and classroom strategies. Mrs. Worrell is also the Student Assistance Team (SAT) leader for grades K-5. The SAT is a school-based group composed



Mrs. Sabrina Worrell, 2013 Golden Apple Award winner

of members of the faculty from different grades and specialty areas who meet regularly to provide additional support for teachers looking for strategies to help students who are not working to or exceeding their potential.

In addition to her professional expertise, Mrs. Worrell is an

active member of St. Peter's Parish. She has been a School of Religion teacher, a retreat coordinator for the Boy Scouts and a monthly donor to the S.O.M.E. program.

Friends and colleagues will join Mrs. Worrell at The Golden Apple Awards Dinner on May 23, at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C. The Golden Apple Award was founded by the Donohue family to honor the dedication and professionalism that Catholic school teachers share with their schools, parishes, and communities. At the dinner, hosted by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Mrs. Worrell and the other

nine Archdiocesan winners will be acknowledged for their accomplishments and each will receive a golden apple and a check for \$5000.

We salute Mrs. Worrell, a distinguished and valued member of our school and parish community.

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Ten Local Teachers to be honored with Excellence in Teaching Award

Ten teachers from Catholic schools around the Archdiocese of Washington will be honored for their excellence in teaching and commitment to Catholic education at the fifth annual Golden Apple Awards dinner. The teachers were nominated by their colleagues, students and school parents. The award recipients receive a \$5,000 prize along with a golden apple, pin and certificate.

The awards were announced by surprising the teachers at their respective schools. Students, fellow teachers, administrators and even some parents were on hand as representatives from the Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Washington came to the schools to personally inform them that they had been selected.

The Golden Apple Award was created by the Pittsburgh-based Donahue Family Foundation whose founders, Jack and Rhodora Donahue, sent their 13 children to

Catholic schools. Eager to express their deep appreciation to Catholic school teachers, the award was created to honor teachers for providing a quality academic and faith-filled education.

The awards will be presented by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington and Greg Dolan, grandson of Jack and Rhodora Donahue, will emcee the evening's festivities.

2012-2013 Golden Apple Award Recipients

Martha Brach
Holy Cross Catholic School,
Garrett Park

Petrina Coyle
Academy of Saint Matthias the
Apostle Catholic School, Lanham

David Floyd
St. Mary of the Mills Catholic
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Christin Gaston
Father Andrew White Catholic
School, Leonardtown

Philip McQuilkin
Saint Michael Catholic School,
Ridge

Mary Margaret O'Brien
St. Joseph Regional Catholic
School, Beltsville

Theresa M. Taylor
St. John Catholic School,
Hollywood

Andrew Turner
Gonzaga College High School,
Washington

Vicki Vanni
St. Mary Catholic School,
Bryantown

Sabrina Worrell
St. Peter Catholic School, Olney

Georgetown Visitation Math Teacher Barbara Elliott Receives Washington Post Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award For Area Private Schools

Georgetown Visitation math teacher Barbara Elliott was recently selected as the Washington Post's 2013 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher for area private schools. She and 19 fellow award winners from local school districts will be honored at a

ceremony at the Post's Washington, D.C. headquarters tomorrow, May 14.

Barbara has nearly three decades of teaching experience—including 15 years at Visitation and 11 at Stone Ridge—and is widely credited with taking Visitation's math

program to new heights. She has enhanced and expanded the curriculum, helping create the school's Accelerated Math Program and establishing its Calculus BC course, and she is deeply committed to student achievement and excellence.

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Survey Shows Strong Catholic Support for Immigration Reform

Nearly eighty percent of Catholic voters support earned citizenship

A large majority of Catholics support immigration reform legislation that provides a path to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the country, according to a recent survey sponsored by the Office of Migration Policy and Public Affairs of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Overall, 77 percent of Catholic voters support a proposal that allows earned citizenship through meeting requirements like registration, paying a fine, paying taxes and taking English classes, the survey shows.

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration, embraced the results of the survey. "It is clear that Catholics understand the importance of this issue," Archbishop Gomez said. "As an immigrant church, Catholics from all walks of life understand the migration experience and accept the Gospel's call to welcome the stranger."

Most Catholics support the bish-

ops' call for the creation of an immigration system that respects basic human rights and dignity while ensuring the integrity of our borders, according to survey results. As immigration reform takes center stage in the public square, this data makes clear that the Catholic population is behind current efforts to reform the broken immigration system.

Archbishop Gomez called upon

Catholics to engage their elected officials on behalf of immigration reform. "I encourage Catholics across the nation to contact their legislators in support of humane immigration reform, which would help our brothers and sisters come out of the shadows and become full members of our communities," he said.

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Parish and school of Shrine of St. Jude honor Medal of Honor recipient. Fr. Emil Kapaun

Students, teachers, staff and parishioners of the Shrine of St. Jude in Rockville celebrated Mass to honor Rev. Emil Kapaun, an Army chaplain during the Korean War whose cause for canonization is being considered by the Vatican.

A cause of canonization has been opened for Rev. Kapaun after many fellow prisoners of war detailed his lifesaving ministerial acts. As a chaplain on the front lines, he ministered to the dead and dying while performing baptisms, hearing confessions, and celebrating Mass from an improvised altar set up on the front end of a Jeep.

In April, Rev. Kapaun was awarded the Medal of Honor at the White House, the nation's highest military decoration, for his heroism during combat at Unsan in November 1950 when his unit was attacked by Chinese Communist forces. Accounts say the chaplain went through enemy fire and hand-to-hand combat to provide medical aid and Last Rites to the wounded. Rev. Kapaun was captured after the battle at Unsan and died a prisoner of war.



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A Faithful Essay Winner

Elizabeth Amorosi, an eighth-grade student at Connelly School of the Holy Child, has won first place in the Margaret Mary Missar Junior High School Essay Competition, sponsored by the John Carroll Society. Amorosi's essay was entitled, "Letter to the Cardinal: Year of Faith."

This year's essay theme recognized the 50th anniversary of the start of Vatican II and Pope Benedict XVI's proclamation of "The Year of Faith." Amorosi's essay moved on to the Archdiocesan competition after placing first in an internal essay competition at Holy Child for Seventh and eighth grade students. They all tackled deep issues, including their struggles to live their faith and their thoughts on how the Church can help them grow in that faith.

Holy Child Religion teacher Meaghan Hollenbeck was impressed with how the students responded to the essay challenge. "Reading all of these essays was such a humbling experience for me," Hollenbeck says. "More than anything, the call to faith is inextricably tied to the call to hope and to love: to love, the virtue which responds to the inherent goodness in all things, and to hope; the virtue of children, which sees and believes in, and thus fights for, the goodness in all things."

Amorosi, who will receive a \$750 stipend for high school, was a guest of honor at the John Carroll Society annual dinner in April.

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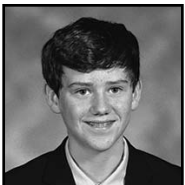
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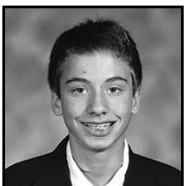
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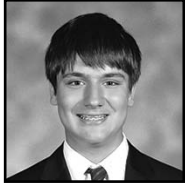
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The Gingerbread Man visits 1A

By Michelle Ardillo

First grade students in Lisa Capobianco's class (Mrs. Cap's 1A) practiced and performed the play *The Gingerbread Man* as readers' theatre. Each student was given a part of the story and worked together in groups to create scenery, costumes and props. Students practiced their parts both at home and during the school day for several weeks before the per-

formance.

First graders will perform *The Gingerbread Man* for their parents in the coming weeks and have performed it for their fourth grade buddies. Mrs. Cap stated that her first graders "have been working on story development all year and this was a great way to put what each student learned about characters, setting, plot, problem and solution, etc., into action".

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Sixth Grade Authors in the Making

By Michelle Ardillo

Holy Redeemer sixth graders recently completed a year long project of writ-

ing a novella in their language arts classroom with Mrs. Heather Sowell. The novellas were written entirely in school and each quarter of the school year was devoted to a different part of the project. During the fourth quarter, students typed their novellas and published them online using the website Easy Student Publishing located at www.studentpublishing.com.

Mrs. Sowell's objective was to "enhance their understanding of the writing process and to explore the creative side of writing." Time was spent in the school's computer lab to type and edit the novellas. The self-published novellas will arrive in hard copy at the end of May when the student body will attend an afternoon assembly to view the published works and congratulate the new authors!

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A Tale as Old as Time

By Michelle Ardillo

Twenty-six very talented seventh and eighth-grade students at Holy Redeemer helped turn the Herb Young Auditorium into a quiet, French village where they performed *Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR* at an assembly for the school on May 10, 2013 with evening performances on May 10 and 11. The magnificent costumes were the result of the very talented Cathleen Farr (grandmother of Gaston-Garrett Smith) in combination with loans from The Connelly School of the Holy Child and St. Peter's School. Directed by middle school teacher Michelle Ardillo, the production was under the music direction of music teacher

Caitlin Budny, with the assistance of faculty members Danielle Trotta, Heather Sowell, Megan Dees, and Graig Brubaker.

Choreography was done by HR parent Monique Bonner. Parents of the cast and crew pitched in to help with all of the many factions of the production, under the management of Denise Hitt (mother of Cogsworth-William Hitt). Sound was provided by HR parent Joe Ryan, with the assistance of crew members John Roberts and Timmy Harper. Publicity for the show was placed in the capable hands of seventh grader Maddie Dent, whose posters and flyers created quite a buzz in the hallways.

The cast included: Finn Kirvan as Prince/Beast, Allie Heyl as Belle,

Ian Vinkler as Maurice, Garrett Smith as Gaston, James Brisbane as Lefou, Bridget Robey as Mrs. Potts, Grace Walsh as Chip, William Hitt as Cogsworth, Jack Olcott as Lumiere, Ellie Kiernan as Babette, Isabella Orgel as Madame De La Grande Bouche, Rhys Owen as Monsieur D'Arque, and Devin Willsey, who served as Stage Manager as well as Beggar Woman/Enchantress. The Villagers included Claire Dollahite, Ryan Bateman, Teresa Rozier, Claire Beins, Jennifer Gribble, Caitlin Rembold, Caitlin Greene, and Olivia Welsh. The Silly Girls were Megan Mann, Emma Leary, Maddie Molina, Eve McGlooin, and Megan O'Donnell. The performing arts culture continues to thrive at Holy Redeemer School!

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May I Have the Definition, Please?

By Michelle Ardillo

On March 27, 2013, students in grades 3-8 participated in the 2013 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. Organized by middle school teachers Graig Brubaker, Michelle Ardillo, and Heather Sowell, the spelling bee was attended by the student body and faculty. Overall winners were 1st Place: 5th Grader Samantha Douki, 2nd Place: 8th Grader Jesse Mann, and 3rd Place: 7th Grader Alex Matta.

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(L-R) Alex Matta, Samantha Douki, and Jesse Mann

Holy Redeemer Teacher of the Year

By Michelle Ardillo

On Friday, April 26, 2013, at the 24th Teacher Appreciation Night sponsored by the Rock Creek Council for Catholic

school teachers in the neighboring parishes, Holy Redeemer middle school math teacher Graig Brubaker was selected as Holy Redeemer's Teacher of the Year and Overall

Teacher of the Year. "Mr. Bru", as he is known by students, is a very active member of the faculty, moderating after-school clubs such as Math Counts, Quiz Bowl, Ultimate Frisbee, as well as assisting with the Spelling Bee, Double Dare, and many other HR traditions. He is well-loved by faculty and student body alike, as willing to come in early or stay late to help a student in math. He starts each day in one of his many colorful "themed" neckties. He is a strong role model for the young men of Holy Redeemer and an inspiration to the school community with his calm demeanor and positive attitude. Congratulations, Mr. Brubaker, on being Holy Redeemer's Teacher of the Year!

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Graig Brubaker surrounded by faculty and staff of Holy Redeemer School

Everyday Science but Not an Everyday Science Fair

By Michelle Ardillo

On March 26, 2013, middle school students competed in HR's annual science fair where this year's theme was "Everyday Science". Winners for the 2013 Science Fair were: 6th grade: First Place: Unpopped

Popcorn Kernels (Kiki Covell), Second Place: Holograms (Michael Penafiel), Third Place: Ultimate Gum (PJ McMahon, Pete Goodwin, and Timothy Peoples). 7th Grade: First Place: Distracted Driving (Will Turgeon, William Hitt, and Rhys Owen), Second Place: Earthquake Design (Brendan Vaughn), Third

Place: Soap Bubble (Olivia Welsh, Caitlin Rembold, and Shannon August). 8th Grade: First Place: Pain or Gain (Allie Heyl), Second Place: Do You Hear What I Hear (Cristina Macker), Third Place: Hot (Water) Topic (Ian Vinkler).

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"We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere."
—Tim McGraw



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"Talent hits a target no one else can hit; genius hits a target no one else can see."
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"In the book of life, the answers aren't in the back."
—Charlie Brown



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"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."
—Winston Churchill



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



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"Life is what you make it."
—Hannah Montana



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"Better to live one year as a tiger, than a hundred as a sheep."
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"Courage doesn't mean you don't get afraid. Courage means you don't let fear stop you."
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"The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."
—Thomas Paine



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"Expect problems and eat them for breakfast."
—Alfred A. Montapert



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"To infinity... and beyond!"
—Buzz Lightyear



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"You can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the farther you get."
—Michael Phelps



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"Never tell me the sky's the limit when there are footprints on the moon."
—Anonymous



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"It's not the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog."
—Mark Twain



Kaitlin Aluise Mann

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"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep."
—Scott Adams



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"We are infinite."
—Steven Chobsky



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"It's not how many times you get knocked down; it's how many times you get back up."
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"Nothing is impossible; the word itself says 'I'm possible.'"
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—Rocky Balboa



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



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"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."
—C. S. Lewis



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"Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened."
—Dr. Seuss



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"Sports do not build character. They reveal it."
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"Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans."
—John Lennon



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"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift, that's why it's called the present."
—Alice Morse Earle



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"The level of our success is limited only by our imagination and no act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted."
—Aesop



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"One man can be a crucial ingredient on a team, but one man cannot make a team."
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"Some you win, some you lose, some get rained out; but you have to dress for every game."
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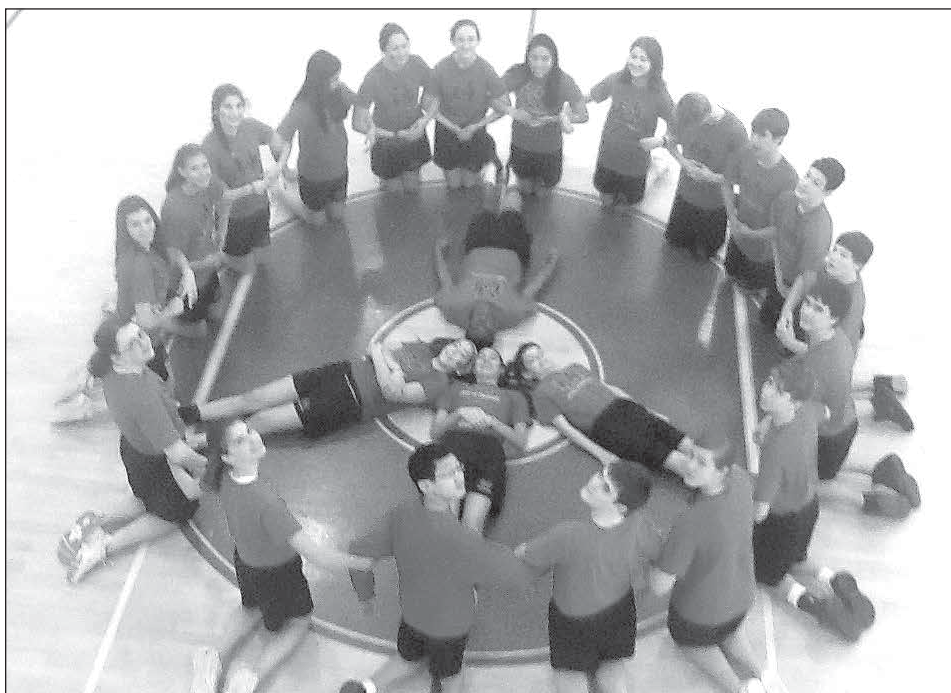
May the Spirit of Peace Be With You

Pace is defined as a state of mutual harmony between people or groups. Mary of Nazareth School brought that Spirit of Peace into our classrooms, our hallways and the hearts of our students when we carved out a full week to focus on peace, and the people and countries who do not experience it.

Our faculty and staff worked collaboratively with the Social Concerns Committee of the H.S.A to actively engage the students of MoN and foster a deeper understanding of peace. Our faculty embraced this learning opportunity by integrating peace throughout each lesson and discipline. Math lessons included statistics and "peace" geometry.

PE Classes participated in peace player basketball activities where the students demonstrated sportsmanship and encouragement of one another to accomplish team goals. In religion, peace prayer books were made that included quotes about peace and the students interpretation of what they meant.

Our first grade students, working with their seventh grade prayer partners, made cards for Air Force 1st Lt. James Savage, son of middle school teacher, Anna Savage. "They were so joyful as they worked cooperatively to write these wonderful, thoughtful cards," said first grade teacher, Lynn Ferrell. "It was so nice to see these children involved in mak-



Mrs. Fowler's eighth grade students take time during PE class to show their support for PeacePlayers, International.

ing something for a soldier who guards their peace. The children worked hard and really cared about what they were doing."

Our students also learned about peacemakers like Mother Teresa, Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela. We posted maps of regions

in conflict throughout the school, focusing primarily on the Middle East. We prayed for these countries in morning prayer, and greeted each other with the sign of peace throughout the day.

Our peace week culminated with a special guest speaker, Brendan Tuohey, CEO, PeacePlayers International (<http://www.peaceplayersintl.org>).

PeacePlayers International (PPI) was founded in 2001 on the premise that "children who play together can learn to live together." It is a non-profit organization that brings children from communities in conflict together to play basketball. Their coaches and mentors work year round to unite, educate and inspire young people to create a more peaceful world. Through the sale of peace sign tattoos that children were allowed to wear the entire week, Mary of Nazareth School presented PeacePlayers International with a check for \$1,000.

Although it was celebrated for just one week, the culture of peace was embraced by every student, staff and faculty member at Mary of Nazareth School. We continue to pray for those who live in areas of conflict and violence, as well as for all our peacemakers.

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Developing Character. Building Champions.

Julia Nonnenkamp, the winner of the Mary of Nazareth Geography Bee, competed during Easter break in the Maryland state championship. The bee took place on Friday, April 5, at Community College of Baltimore where 102 students in grades four through eight competed. Julia scored perfectly in the first round, making her one of the top ten finalists. Answering questions about topics ranging from Ponce de Leon's discovery of the Gulf Stream, to the location of Lesotho, she tied for 5th place in the state. Congratulations on a job well done. We're so proud of your accomplishment!

On March 19, Mary of Nazareth School eighth grader, Ryan Palmer, was honored by the Catholic Business Network as a 2013 recipient of its annual scholarship essay contest. Ryan's essay outlined how his Catholic education has impacted his life and will continue to be shared with others in high school was selected from several hundred essays submitted from all over the archdiocese. Ryan was awarded a \$2500 scholarship for his winning essay. He plans to attend Gonzaga College High School in the fall. Congratulations, Ryan!

Mary of Nazareth School's third grade class received first place in the Division 3 Competition of the National Catholic Math League. The Catholic Math League has been offering math competitions for each grade from third to Advanced Math since 1997. In addition, four of our students placed in the top five

rankings in this National Catholic League Math competition: Noah Ferrara (1st place), Frank Brown (3rd place), Matthew Magtibay (4th place-tie) and Brendan Pauline (4th place-tie). Noah Ferrara will receive a National Award and a trophy for being the top student nationally in Grade 3 Division. Mary of Nazareth School will also receive a plaque and a National Award for being the top school nationally in the Grade 3 Division.

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A Trip Back In Time

Ms. Olewack's second grade class enjoying their field trip to the Seneca Schoolhouse Museum.

By Ms. Kelly Olewack

On two beautiful spring days in April, the second grade students at Mary of Nazareth School enjoyed a "back in time" experience at the Seneca Schoolhouse Museum in Poolesville. The second graders got to experience what it was like to go to school in 1880 in a one room schoolhouse- without a computer. They dressed in clothing that was worn in the 19th century, when the schoolhouse was up and running.

When the students arrived at Seneca Schoolhouse, they lined up in two lines with boys in one

and girls in the other. Then, they entered schoolhouse girls first, followed by the boys. Inside, the second graders learned about the pot belly stove and how it was used to keep the children warm, as well as to cook their baked potato lunches. "The field trip supported our social studies curriculum," said Ms. Olewack, second grade teacher. Science class was also incorporated when the students wrote on a slate stone using talc. "We are studying rocks and minerals in science and the students were very excited to see how some of these rocks and minerals were used,"

said second grade teacher, Mrs. Kowansky.

After lunch, the second graders got to play "hot potato" and have relay races with the school marm. Second grade student Nick Goldberg said, "I think it was cool because it taught us how the kids in 1880 did their schoolwork. Also, the games of tag and hot potato were fun, but I am way happier the way our school is." The end of the day came too soon and the students left the schoolhouse to head back to the 21st century at Mary of Nazareth School.

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Holy Redeemer

JOY in My Heart Festival

By Colleen Ryan

On May 1 and 2, 2013, Holy Redeemer celebrated its Annual JOY in My Heart Festival. Each year for the two-day long arts festival, classes are canceled and students are immersed in the arts. This year students enjoyed live music and dance performances and participated in various workshops—fused glass art, water color, cooking of many different cuisines, dancing, crochet, tie dye, etc. Workshops were led by faculty and

staff members, parents, and members of the parish community.

This year's theme was H2O with water incorporated in visual and physical arts forms. Students were also educated on the water crises around the world—learning about children who are deprived of adequate water and about the endangered water habitats around the world. Students then made personal pledges on how they will do their part to conserve water. Finally, they brought in loose change to fill water jugs. The monies raised will go

to Fr. Ryan's Missionary in Togo, Africa, to help build a well for a village there.

The Festival ended with Gallery Night where artwork created throughout the festival's two days was proudly displayed in the Herb Young Auditorium. School families came to enjoy a meal from the food trucks in the school's circle and to admire the artwork on display before the evening's entertainment, the spring concerts for Holy Redeemer's Bands and Choirs. Also featured was a preview of the spring musical, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR.*

Along with the educational benefits associated with focusing on the arts for two days, the JOY in My Heart Festival creates long and lasting memories for the students and families at Holy Redeemer. Thanks go out to the committee members: Sheila Dinn, Monique Bonner, Ann Turgeon, Jeannette McHale, Mary Vinkler, Angie Kilcullen, Dana D'Avella, Michele Strachan, Cristina Morris, Mary DelBianco, and Pam Hurley, as well as to the many parents, faculty, and staff members who participated in the workshops and Gallery Night.

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Students participate in cooking session with Mrs. Welsh and Mrs. Kirva



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Jack Conger, a senior at Our Lady of Good Counsel High, is the three time All-Met swimmer of the year. He finished an unprecedented high school career by beating a 30-year-old national high school record in the 500-yard freestyle previously held by two-time Olympian Jeff Kostoff by more than 2 seconds. He also captured the national independent high school record in the 100 free with 42.81 second lead-off split on the Falcons' winning 400 free relay. The Texas recruit did not lose an individual race at Metros and was undefeated his sophomore, junior and senior seasons. Jack parents Bridget and Stephen and his grandparents Bert and Dee Conger of Holy Redeemer Parish are justly proud of this young man's outstanding achievement in the world of competitive swimming.

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Impact on Human Life and Dignity Should Guide Federal Budget Decisions

The heads of two committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) urged Congress in April 22 letters to both chambers to weigh decisions surrounding the budget by how they impact human life and dignity, serve "the least of these" and reflect government's shared responsibility to protect the common good. The bishops' letters followed President Obama's 2014 budget proposal.

The letter affirmed proposed funding for poverty-focused international assistance, but Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, California, and Bishop Richard E. Pates of Des Moines, Iowa, wrote, "The President's proposal moves Food for Peace funding allocated for food needs during emergencies to International Disaster Assistance (IDA) while substantially cutting existing IDA programs. The proposed reductions are deeply troubling, especially as humanitarian needs grow in places like Syria. Congress should reject these cuts in shelter and medical assistance to very vulnerable populations." Bishop Blaire and Bishops Pates chair the USCCB Committees on Domestic Justice and Human Development and International Justice and Peace respectively.

In response to the proposed budget from President Obama, Bishop Blaire and Bishop Pates commended "concern for people living in or near poverty, especially children and families." They supported investment in early childhood education, as well as making improvements to the Earned Income and Child Tax Credits permanent. They cautioned that reforms to Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and other programs must not increase economic hardship for those in the programs.

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A Congressional Honor

Holy Child senior Victoria Barry spends hours each week making art, but it's not always paints and brushes that she's wielding. You'll more often find her in front of the computer, composing digital works, manipulating photographs, editing film and images and the like.

Just last week, Victoria's work was recognized when one of those photographic works was chosen to be exhibited in the 32nd annual Congressional Art Show. This annual gallery showing for high school students, sponsored by Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen, featured 92 works, chosen from more than 200 from 26 schools.

At the opening of the exhibit, held on Sunday, April 28 at Capitol Arts Network /Washington School of Photography in Rockville, Victoria received her Congressional Certificate of Participation from Congressman Van Hollen. She enjoys working in a variety of media, and is always looking for ways to use her talent to bless others. In the past two years, she has plied her craft in support of the school, photographing events, editing film, working on the annual magazine. In the fall, she will take those storytelling talents to Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she plans to study Communications.

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Victoria Barry with Congressman Chris Van Hollen



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"Throughout your life, treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them become what they are capable of being."

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"Organize, don't agonize."

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"Live life with no regrets."

**Ryan Caulfield**

"Surround yourself with only people who are going to lift you higher."

**Georgia Collins**

"I don't regret the things I've done, I regret the things I didn't do when I had the chance."

**Tara Cooney**

"Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today."

**Kelly Corkery**

"You've got to dance like there's nobody watching. Love like you'll never be hurt. Sing like there's nobody listening. And live like it's heaven on earth."

**Margaret Fowler**

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

**Brendan Gibson**

"People will hate you, rate you, shake you, and break you, but how strong you stand is what makes you."

**John Hills**

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."

**Tyler Johnson**

"Live life like you're going to die tomorrow."

**Jacqueline Kallina**

"Be happy. Be yourself. If others don't like it, then let them be. Happiness is a choice. Life isn't about pleasing everybody."

**Brendan Kane**

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

**Michael Kane**

"Play like a champion today."

**Joseph Keane**

"Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're going to get."

**Jenna Koch**

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

**Luke Kollar**

"When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show life that you have a thousand reasons to smile."

**Elizabeth Kress**

"Life is 10% what happens and 90% how you react"

**David Malinak**

"For myself I am an optimist - it does not seem to be much use to be anything else."

**Gianna Meloni**

"Before I can live with other folks I've got to live with myself. The one thing that doesn't abide by majority rule is a person's conscience."

**John Mulera**

"I can accept failure, but I can't accept not trying."

**Eleanor Oudeck**

"Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point."

**Meghan Quinn**

"Things turn out best for those who make the best of the way things turn out."

**Danielle Reyes**

"No matter how talented you are, not everybody is going to like you. But that's life, stay strong don't worry, and be happy!"

**Harry Richardson**

"If you want peace, work for justice"

**Gregory Sharp**

"Never regret not doing something, because when you die, you will never get the chance to do it."

**Nino Tranquill**

"Life is to be enjoyed, not endured."

**Devin Treacy**

"You can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the farther you get."



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Farewell Mrs. Miller

St. Bartholomew School will be bidding farewell to its Principal, Kathy Miller, who has served the school for 16 years. During her tenure, St. Bartholomew School has grown in many ways. Many programs were added to the school such as a Pre-K program, a Resource program, a Spanish language program, an accelerated pace learning program, an advisory program, a writing portfolio program and more. The facilities at St. Bartholomew School also grew during her leadership to include a gym, two pre-k classrooms, a resource room and a Spanish lab.

Mrs. Miller has led the school through two re-accreditations by

the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. In 2011, St. Bartholomew School received the National Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence in Education by the U.S. Department of Education. This is the highest award a school can achieve.

Mrs. Miller will be returning to her first love, teaching in the classroom. In the fall, she will be joining the staff at the Shrine of St. Jude Regional Catholic School, as a middle school language arts teacher. She is thrilled to begin the next chapter in her life. St. Bartholomew School will miss her love and devotion.

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St. Bartholomew Youth Group members prepare meals for homeless. The Youth Group has been growing in faith, community, and prayer through discussions on the Church's view on current issues, donating and preparing meals for the homeless, and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary on hikes at Great Falls and Rock Creek Park.



Fr. Joe Sileo explains the reality of the Blessed Sacrament to parish children about to receive their First Communion.

First Communion at St. Bartholomew Parish

Fr. Joseph Sileo, Pastor of St. Bart's, presided at First Communion at St. Bartholomew Parish on Saturday morning, May 4. Forty Eight children received their First Communion.

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Kerry Madden Named Teacher of the Year

On April 26, Kerry Madden was named Teacher of the Year for St. Bartholomew School by the Knights of Columbus. Kerry is a second grade teacher who has had a wonderful effect on all of the children. In October, Ms. Madden went on a mission trip to Tanzania, where she taught for 2 ½ months. Her trip had an enormous impact on her life and her teaching.

She worked in a rural village called Morombo which is about 40 minutes outside of the city Arusha in Tanzania. She taught at a school called Jitihada where the students were all orphans, ranging in age from 2 to 22. She taught 25 students between the age of 2 and 5 (although the 2-year olds were usually sleeping in her arms while she taught). She taught them English and Math and a little bit of basic science (i.e. body parts, senses etc.) The students spoke in Swahili with a few (memorized) English words. She learned basic Swahili but mainly had to teach through hand motions and pointing! Her classroom was in a marketplace so she would have goats and people walking in and out of the room. There was no electricity, no bathroom, and no windows. She had one eraser for the whole school. If they wanted to sharpen a pencil...they would use a knife...even the 3 year olds knew how to use a knife to sharpen a pencil! If it rained



Second-grade Teacher Kerry Maden

they would just sit there and sing because it was too dark to do anything else. The culture relies on song to help them get through the tough times. There was no school building so the classrooms were scattered throughout the market. One classroom was next to a "grocery store" another classroom would be next to a carpenter area and so on. Her students only ate one meal a day and that was the meal provided to them by the school. Usually it was just watered down porridge.

Before she left though, she worked with the principal to rent a house where classes could be held in a safer environment and all of the classrooms were in the same location. She raised money before she left and was able to pay the rent for the first

few months. With the money she raised they also paid the teachers a salary for the past 4 months, gave all of the families food for a week, and medical supplies so that they would be able to help children with common diseases such as malaria and ringworm. Though the students were some of the most impoverished children, they had the biggest smiles. They enjoyed everything and always felt blessed for the things they had.

Ms. Madden learned how willing children are to learn. Many of her students walked 3 hours each way to get to school and did it because they wanted to. The students of Tanzania needed love as much or more than they needed an education. "My students' favorite part of the day was tea time where we would play with them outside. It was strange to see children who had never received a hug before. I learned that even with the language barrier all you really need is enthusiasm and love in the classroom and the students will learn and be willing to learn," said Kerry Madden, "Africa taught me to make no excuse about the lack of resources schools may have because all you really need is a teacher who is dedicated to her students. I look up to the Tanzanian teachers who go without pay and teach because they want to help. We need more teachers like that."

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Participants off to an enthusiastic start at St. Bart's 2012 Run and Walk for Funds.

St. Bartholomew Run and Walk Highly Successful

On a beautiful Saturday Morning, April 27, St. Bart's held its annual 5K Run and Walk for Funds. The neighborhood streets around St. Bart's were filled with runners and walkers of all ages and sizes as well as baby strollers. Many participants

were sponsored by businesses and families. Father Joseph Sileo told OPT, "Participation this year was wonderful and substantial funds were raised for many good works. Congratulations to the participants and the organizers for a great day."

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Spiritual Adoption Mass at OLQP

On April 8, 2013, members of Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish in Silver Spring, Maryland, gathered for a special Mass celebrated by visiting priest Rev. Robert Ablewicz to inaugurate this year's Spiritual Adoption Program. Participants in the program pledge to pray for

nine months for a baby in danger of abortion. The child remains unknown to the spiritual parent.

Those taking part in the Spiritual Adoption Program included: Katarzyna Bielska, Janina Mols, Aleksandra Majka, Elzbieta Siwanowicz, Wioletta Migasiuk, Joanna Roberts,

Stanislaw Urban, Henryck Przylecki, Beata Kolankiewicz, Barbara Ossowicka, Janusz and Maria Obrzut, Tatiana and Krzysztof Psurek, Irena Gebala, Marianna and Alexander Gawin, Irena, Janusz, and Zofia.

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Centenarian Walter Zachariasiewicz (on left) congratulates nonagenarian Jerzy Terajewicz at his 90th birthday party at Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish in Silver Spring, MD, on March 10, 2013. We wish both of them good health and many blessings!

OLQP Parishioner Jerzy Terajewicz Celebrates 90th Birthday

By Bozenna Buda, editor

In March, 2013, we celebrated the 90th birthday of Jerzy Terajewicz at Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish in Silver Spring, MD. He was born on March 5, 1923, in Krakow, Poland, and grew up in Bialystok, in the northeastern part of Poland.

During World War Two, he and his father, a doctor, were put in cattle cars by the Soviet Russian army and deported to Soviet-controlled Pawlodar, Kazakstan. The internment and forced labor conditions were horrific and many people did not survive. Fortunately, Jerzy did and joined General Anders' 2nd Corps later in the war.

When the war ended, he studied aeronautical engineering in London, England, and married his wife Alicja. They came to the

United States in 1957.

Mr. Terajewicz worked in the technical department of American Airlines in New York and Texas. After his wife passed away, he moved to Maryland to live near his daughter. He is close with both his daughter and son and their families.

In 2005, he married his present wife, Krystyna, at Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish. In addition to his two children, he has six grandchildren. He is active in Polish American organizations.

His Siberian Survivor testimony is included in the recordings of the Kresy Siberia Virtual Museum (www.kresy-siberia.org).

Among his enduring memories is his father's admonition that learning is an ongoing, lifelong process. We wish Mr. Terajewicz „Sto Lat!”

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OLQP Parishioners and friends gathered around the book tables at the Parish Feast Day celebration and Spring Picnic on May 5, 2013, in Silver Spring. From left: author Peter Zeranski (holding one of his books of Polish recipes), Milan Kamski of Polish Legion of American Veterans, Yolanda Cornett, Elizabeth Spiegel, and Slawomir Korzan.



Parishioners and friends enjoyed food and companionship after Mass on May 5, 2013, at the Parish Feast Day picnic at Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish in Silver Spring including: the Hlasko family (Andrzej, Blandyna, Paula, and Natalia), Wioletta Migasiuk, Aleksandra Majka, Danuta Mikolajczyk, Barbara Bilska, Elzbieta Siwanowicz, Janina Mols, and friend.

By Bozenna Buda, editor

Our Lady Queen of Poland, Silver Spring, Parishioner Albert Mogzecz passed away on March 2, 2013, in North Carolina, near his family.

Albert was born in Poland. During World War Two, he was seized by Nazi German soldiers and sent to Dachau Concentration Camp in Germany. After being freed by American troops at the end of the war, he worked in France before coming to the United States in 1950.

He became a U.S. citizen and fought in the Korean War. On his return, he married and settled in the Washington, D.C., area.

Albert made his career as a diplomatic photographer. He worked as a White House Press Photographer and photographed presidents, royalty, Pope John Paul II, and numer-

ous dignitaries. He was a member of several Polish American organizations and the Polish Legion of American Veterans (PLAV). He is survived by two daughters, three sons, and ten grandchildren. „Czesc jego pamieci!”

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St. Martin's School News and Notes

March 10, 2013 – Congratulations to our St. Martin's Advanced Band! The Band received the highest possible rating, Superior, at the Archdiocese of Washington Band Festival held at St. John's College High School in Washington, DC.

April 10, 2013 – The MathCounts organization has named St. Martin's as one of only 538 schools nationwide to achieve Silver Level Status in the 2013 MathCounts Club Program. The MathCounts Club Program is a math enrichment program designed to inspire excellence, confidence and curiosity in U.S. middle school students.

April 26, 2013 – Congratulations to the 7th and 8th

grade students in the Drama Club: "Crumbled Classics" was fantastic! The show was enjoyable; and the cast and crew of 34 students did a terrific job with their parts.

May 16, 2013 – Join us for our annual tribute to Our Lady. Students will process with flowers to the shrine of the Blessed Virgin located in the lobby of the school beginning at 10 am.

June 6, 2013 – Graduation for St. Martin's 8th Graders will commence at 7 pm with mass, followed by the distribution of diplomas. All are welcome to share in this celebration of our students' achievements.

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Girl Scouts from Troops 1313, 4453, and 6270 prepare to deliver 300 hard-boiled and dyed eggs to diners at The Lord's Table. Photo courtesy of Lisa Schuler

St. Martin's Girl Scouts Spread Easter Joy with Eggs

By Lisa Schuler

The Girls Scouts of St. Martin's School made the Easter season a little more festive (and filling) this year for those most in need in our community.

Girl Scouts from the Daisy, Brownie and Cadette troops of St. Martin's decorated and delivered more than 300 hard-boiled eggs to the guests of the Gaithersburg community soup kitchen known as The Lord's Table.

The Lord's Table is an all-volunteer organization that collects food

from area food banks, wholesalers, supermarkets, churches, and individuals. It serves between 60 and 100 (or more) people each day at St. Martin's Church in Gaithersburg. Hot meals are served Monday through Saturday at 3:30 p.m.,

September through June.

Numerous Scout and other charitable organizations support the soup kitchen through donations and help with cooking, serving and cleaning up meals to those most in need in our community.

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St. Martin's students brought in 11,138 cans of food during their annual Lenten food drive. Their effort far exceeded the goal of 4,000 cans and bested last year's total of 6,964 cans. Photo courtesy of Sr. Sharon Mihm



Sr. Sharon challenged the students every year during the Lenten food drive for the St. Martin's Pantry, which she incentivized with promises of kissing or handling various animals, such as this 8-foot boa. Photo courtesy of Sr. Sharon Mihm

St. Martin's Wishes Farewell to Current Principal

By Catherine Cooksey

Sr. Sharon Mihm first became principal at St. Martin's School 8 years ago. Before that, she was principal for many years in other area schools. This summer, Sr. Sharon will begin a new phase in her life. As she prepares to leave our school, we cannot fail to reflect on the indelible mark she has left on our school and community.

It is clear Sr. Sharon has used her talents to strengthen the school in many areas. For instance, she started a pre-kindergarten program to provide a strong readiness program for a smooth transition to the K-8 program. Sr. Sharon also improved the school's access to technology. She wrote many grants, resulting in electronic, interactive whiteboards for each classroom, lap top and iPad workstations, and security features, such as security cameras. And, she started the school's televised morning broadcast, which features a news crew of 8th grade.

More than all of this, Sr. Sharon shared her love of Christ with us, and God's love for us was reflected in her many actions. She has sharply focused her love on the students. Her warm hugs and positive attitude has inspired joy and confidence. Students are happy and safe,

and have frequently referred to St. Martin's as their second home. It is because of their appreciation for this love that the students have eagerly answered Sr. Sharon's calls to help others through one-time events, such as the fundraising for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti, to annual events, such as the Mitten



Sr. Sharon Mihm, CSC has served as St. Martin's principal for 8 years. Photo by Kelly Nichols

tree (providing hats and mittens to the poor during the Christmas season) and the Lenten food drive (for St. Martin's Pantry).

At the conclusion of prayers and announcements, Sr. Sharon signs off every morning with, "God loves you, and I love you too." She can be sure that our love will follow her as she moves on to her next adventure serving God's family.

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2013 Fortnight For Freedom planned for June 21 to July 4

Threats to religious liberty at home and abroad remain

The second annual Fortnight for Freedom will take place from June 21 to July 4, and will consist of national and local efforts to educate Americans on challenges to religious liberty both at home and abroad. As with last year's Fortnight, the event will begin and end with a special Mass.

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, will open the 2013 Fortnight for Freedom by celebrating Mass at Baltimore's historic Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, scheduled for June 21 at 7 p.m. EDT. Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington will celebrate the closing Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on July 4 at 12 p.m.

"The need for prayer, education, and action in defense of religious liberty has never been greater," explained Archbishop Lori. "The Fortnight for Freedom exists to meet that need. This year's

Fortnight occurs just weeks before August 1, when the administration's mandate coercing us to violate our deeply-held beliefs will be enforced against most religious non-profits. During the Fortnight the Supreme Court's decisions on the definition of marriage is likely to be handed down as well. Those decisions could have a profound impact on religious freedom for generations to come."

Further details about the Fortnight can be found at www.Fortnight4Freedom.org. . . . The site hosts resources such as one-



page fact sheets outlining current threats to religious freedom both in the United States and abroad; frequently asked questions about reli-

gious liberty, including quotes from the Founding Fathers, the Second Vatican Council and Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI; and a study guide on Dignitatis Humanae, Vatican II's document on religious liberty. The website also lists sample activities already planned in several dioceses, an image gallery of photos from last year's Fortnight celebrations, as well as resources and recommendations for other local efforts, such as prayers for use in special liturgies.

Resources available at www.Fortnight4Freedom.org.

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In her years at Visitation, nearly 95% of her AP Calculus AB and BC students have scored a 4 or 5 on the AP exam—a testament to her teaching skill and ability to inspire students. Many of these young women report back to the school about how well prepared they are for college and math-related professions due to the strong foundation Barbara helped them build. Peers and students alike consider Barbara a "master teacher," "a mentor and model," and "a true mathematician" who is "student-centered," "generous," "caring," "innovative," and "extremely dedicated."

"She is an outstanding teacher who quietly and exceptionally nurtures and leads her students to understand and excel in an extremely challenging curriculum," says Head of School Dan Kerns.

Barbara began teaching at Georgetown Visitation in 1998 and served as the Math Department Chair from 2002 to 2005. Prior to this, she worked as a teacher and Director of Studies at Stone Ridge. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics with honors from Manhattanville College and a Master of Arts in mathematics with honors from Georgetown University.

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De Chantal Dash hits its stride

Hundreds turned out to take part in the second annual De Chantal Dash on April 20. The event raised money for St. Jane de Chantal parish's Monsignor Christopher Fund, which provides scholarship money for needy families, and also raised money for de Chantal's Home and School Association.

Nearly 250 runners took part in the 5K race through the neighborhoods behind de Chantal parish, and many more participating in the event's one-mile Fun Run. De Chantal pastor Father Samuel Giese said a blessing prior to the start, and event organizers Katie Shaffer and Mary Beth McLoughlin announced the runners at the finish line. Many members of the de Chantal community not taking part in the race turned out to stand along the route to pass out water and cheer the runners at the finish line. After the race, the festive atmosphere continued, with refreshments, moon bounces, music and lots of laughter, as runners compared notes and waited for their times to be posted. Participants agreed that the event is off to a great start as a parish tradition.



And they're off! The starting gate of the de Chantal Dash.



Crossing the finish line.



St. Jane de Chantal pastor Father Samuel Giese with Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton



De Chantal Dash organizers Katie Shaffer, Mary Beth McLoughlin, Missy Carr and Mollie Darby

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Youth Writing Contest winners Annie Myers and Emma Eder with eighth grade teacher Mrs. Eileen Theim

De Chantal students win essay contest

St. Jane de Chantal students Annie Myers and Emma Eder were two of the 12 winners

of the Bethesda Literary Festival's Youth Writing Contest. Both girls' essays were selected from over 650 essays that were submitted by students from 25 schools. The girls, along with their principal and teachers, Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton, Mrs. Tina Maxwell, and Mrs. Eileen Theim, were recognized at an awards ceremony and reception at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Each of the winners and teachers received a framed certificate and gift card. The twelve winning essays will be published in *Washington Parent* magazine.

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Kindergartners star in their own spring production

Under the direction of kindergarten teachers Sandy Hughes and Erika Moore, the St. Jane de Chantal kindergarten class performed "The Tale of Peter Rabbit: An Operetta", with apologies to Beatrix Potter and to the absolute delight of their families

and friends. The show, performed on April 24, featured each child telling the heart-warming story of a little rabbit who sneaks into his neighbor's garden, is almost caught, loses his new blue jacket with the big brass buttons, but makes his way home in time for blackberries,

sugar, and cream before bed.

The children worked hard and did an impressive job learning the songs and lines. The audience was rewarded with a joyful way to kick off spring.

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St. Jane de Chantal kindergartners in their spring production of "The Tale of Peter Rabbit"

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Hundreds Pray for Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters and First Responders at Blue Mass

Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, gathered on May 7 with hundreds of those who serve their community through their commitment as law enforcement officers, fire fighters and emergency first responders at an annual Mass in prayerful and grateful remembrance of those who gave their lives in the fulfillment of their duties.

The "Blue Mass," held at St. Patrick Catholic Church in northwest Washington, is held 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.

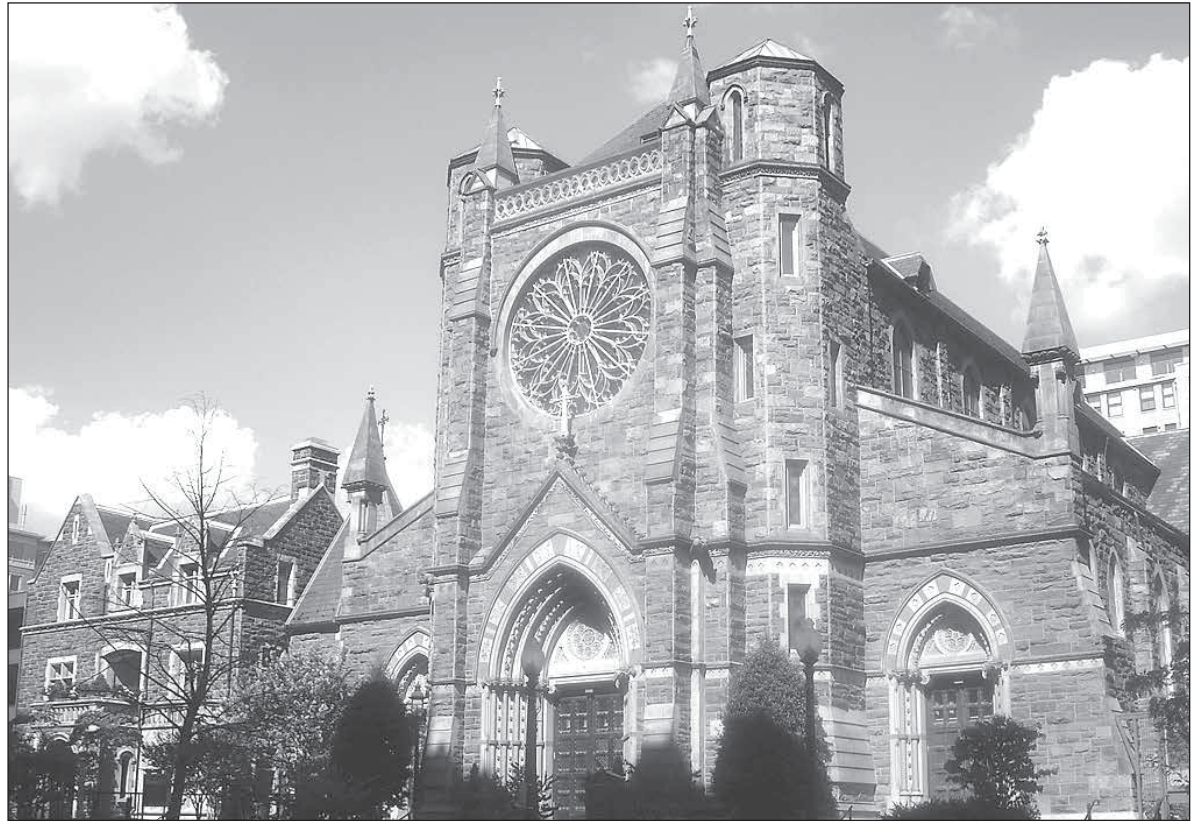
In his homily, Cardinal Wuerl referenced the recent Boston Marathon tragedy and pointed out that while the stunned reaction of the crowds was to run away from the explosion, the police, firefighters and emergency medical personnel were the ones running towards the damage and to the people who had been hurt. "While most of us instinctively, intuitively, atavistically know to move away from the source of danger and possible harm, the colleagues of all of those we celebrate in this Church today

were trained and committed themselves to place themselves in harm's way for the good of others. They simply ran to the scene of the tragedy to begin to help those who were hurt and to see what could be done to avert additional tragedy," said the Cardinal.

"We need to say thank you. We need to thank God for those who do place themselves between us and harm's way. 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...But there is still more. Not every law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency responder or medical personnel return 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."

At the end of the Liturgy, an honor guard and bagpipers played "Taps" in memory of those who died in the line of duty in the last year.

The Blue Mass is a tradition that began in 1934, but was not regular-



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ly observed until 1994 when it was revived to honor and pray for the men and women who protect our

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Sodality's Daughter of Mary Breakfast

The Sodality of Our Lady at Mother Seton Parish hosted their annual Daughters of Mary Breakfast at the Golden Bull in Gaithersburg on May 5. The guest speaker, Fr. Leo Patalinghug, is a Parish priest in the Archdiocese of Baltimore who has achieved fame through....go figure....cooking! Bobby Flay, from the Food Network, traveled to Emmitsburg, where Fr. Leo was stationed, to challenge him to a Fajita 'throw-down'— which Fr. Leo won!

At the breakfast, while Father cooked up Monte Cristo sandwiches in front of the audience of almost 200 women and children, he spoke of this famous throwdown that launched him into cooking notoriety. Father also spoke about the importance of sharing family

meals together. The audience was captivated by his cooking skills and his energetic, joy-filled personality and message.

Fr. Leo, who evangelizes through his website: gracebeforemeals.com, has published two books, "Grace Before Meals" and "Spicing Up Married Life", which were on sale during the breakfast, and Father stayed around to sign.

The Sodality of Our Lady at Mother Seton Parish, which will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary beginning in September, hosts this Breakfast each year in honor of Mary and all women. Their motto is "To Jesus through Mary", and so the children in attendance received free small statues of Our Lady, rosary bracelets, and books about Jesus, Mary and the rosary. Each table was decorated with a statue of Mary, surrounded by different bedding plants, which each person in attendance gets to take home, while one lucky person at each table wins the statue.

Father Leo's message of how good it is for people to share meals certainly was evident at this year's Breakfast. While the guests enjoyed the company of one another, and dined on the delicious Golden Bull's breakfast buffet, their souls were fed with Fr. Leo's joyful message.

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Emma Baker (front left) is standing with her family as she received the Quilt for Kids (quiltsforkids.org). Her hair is growing back. The giggles, smiles, and laughter are all coming back too. Life is back to the 'new normal' for Emma, Mom, Dad, and her siblings.

Honoring Catholics Serving this Nation

Inspired by Todd Beamer's final words on Flight 93, Sept. 11, 2001 — "Are you guys ready? Okay, let's roll!" These words have become a rallying phrase for both Patriots serving down range, and those that support them worldwide.

Capt. Michael A. Baker was recently honored by the Mother Seton Quilting Angels, who presented him with his Quilt of Valor (QOVF.org). These quilts are awarded to honor all combat service members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. The MSP Quilting Angels, a parish ministry of Mother Seton Parish, is comprised of 40 to 50 women from the tri-state area. They create, annually, over 200 heirloom-quality Quilts for Kids and Quilts of Valor. The quilts are given a special bless-

ing at a Mass for the Blessing of the Quilts, before being presented to individuals. The quilts are also presented through national organizations including St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Quilts of Valor Foundation, Fisher House, and the Cool Kids Campaign.

Capt. Baker recalled his time in Kuwait at Camp 93, located just south of the Iraq/Kuwait border, whose motto was Let's Roll. "I was awestruck," Capt. Baker said after the quilt presentation. "Looking over the many pieces that make up my Quilt of Valor and I saw those words that mean so much to me and the men I served with at Camp 93 — Let's Roll. I am truly touched by this recognition of my service, and deeply touched," he said.

When our military serve and sacrifice in support and defense of the freedom we enjoy as citizens of the

United States of America, we often overlook the service and sacrifice of the family. Elizabeth Baker, Capt. Baker's wife, and family lived in Germany for five years during his deployments. On May 21, 2012, the family learned that Emma, one of their five children, was stricken with pediatric leukemia. In two days, they were packed and on their way stateside for Emma's cancer treatment at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda. Emma's treatment brought with it the struggles that most families endure: the ups and downs of emotions, hair loss, and fever spikes that seem out of control, just to name a few.

MSP Quilting Angels meet twice a month on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. in MSP's Parish Center. For more information, visit: <http://www.mspquiltingangels.org>.

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Msgr. Tolentino celebrated Mass on Saturday May 20th with St. Michael's Youth Ministry and the St. Matthews Middle School Choir from Chesapeake, Virginia. The choir was led by music teacher, Jennifer Alberto. Also pictured, Deacon Rafael Barbieri, who will be ordained a priest in June. Antonio Tolentino, pictured with Msgr. Tolentino, is his nephew who attends St. Matthews Middle School.



During the month of April, the communities of the Neocatechumenal Way of St. Michael the Archangel, went into the Veteran's Square in Silver Spring Downtown in a missionary effort to make Jesus Christ known to the far away.



Parishioners Elise Auldridge and Cathy Berry attend the annual Sodality Communion Breakfast at St. Michael the Archangel. Bishop Holley was the speaker at the annual breakfast.

Victory Square Wins National Award

Victory Square, a 98-unit community for low- and moderate-income seniors in the Parkside neighborhood of Washington, DC, was selected as this year's winner in the seniors housing category in the annual Charles L. Edson Awards from the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition.

Victory Square was developed by Victory Housing, the housing devel-



opment arm of the Archdiocese of Washington. It opened in July, 2012. There are 79 one-bedroom units

and 19 two-bedroom units. Victory Square, which opened in Summer 2012, has a generous amount of indoor and outdoor amenity space including fitness, wellness, computer and arts and crafts rooms, a library, a beauty salons, and a great room that extends into a large balcony. The Edson Award will be presented on May 22, 2013, at a Capitol Hill ceremony.

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Doctor found guilty of first-degree murder in Philadelphia abortion case

A Philadelphia abortion doctor who killed babies by cutting their spinal cords with scissors was found guilty of first-degree murder on Monday.

The conviction on three counts of first-degree murder means Dr. Kermit Gosnell, 72, could be sentenced to death.

"Kermit Gosnell was convicted of murder for severing the necks of just-born babies, but those babies would have died just as painfully if

he had killed them inside the womb, as most late-term abortionists do," commented National Right to Life President Carol Tobias. "The result is the same for the baby whether it meets its end in a shabby clinic like Gosnell's or a brand new Planned Parenthood facility – a painful death."

Except in states that have enacted the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act – nine so far – most states allow abortion of at least

some pain-capable babies (past 20 weeks). The legislation prevents abortion, except to save the life of the mother, of unborn children who are capable of feeling pain, which, in accordance with substantial current medical evidence, the legislation defines as occurring at 20 weeks after fertilization. Tobias called on more states to enact the legislation, and for Congress to extend the same protective law to the District of Columbia.

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SMA Knights of Columbus members with Msgr. Tolentino at the annual oyster roast.

St. Michael the Archangel Knights of Columbus

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(L-) Fr. Saulo, Cardinal Wuerl, Marcelo Pineda, Msgr. Tolentino. Cardinal Wuerl was the celebrant this year for St. Michael the Archangel confirmation class. 51 students were confirmed this year. Marcelo Pineda father, Ramon Pineda is the facilities supervisor for the church.

My Life at St. Patrick School

By Bridget Cole, 2013 Graduate

I cannot recall any time in my life when I was not a student at St. Patrick School. It has been as much a part of me as my freckles, my hair, and my eyes.

Thirteen other classmates will join me at graduation. We were all members of the first kindergarten class in 2004, and have now become

the first group to go through all nine years. We grew up here.

We were dubbed the "Pioneers" by our principal, Mrs. Splendido. And that has been an honor.

And now, we all realize that we have some more "growing up" to do as we go into high school. It is exciting, and we are grateful that our life began at St. Patrick School.

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Special Needs Ministry

Theresa Perez (across the circle of chairs at table) meets with the Special Needs group of the Up-County Ministry on a Sunday afternoon in mid-April.



Parish Listening Session

In preparation for the 2013 Archdiocesan Synod, Msgr. Kevin Hart conducted a parish "Listening Session" on April 27 which involved forty parishioners. Deacon Jim Nalls, at the far end of the table on the left, takes notes of discussion at the meeting of the 'small group' listening session which focused on community issues.



New Parish Center

Outside brick wall is now complete, as construction passes the half-way point in May 2013 of the schedule begun in August 2012. Cardinal Wuerl is expected to dedicate the facility on Saturday, December 14.

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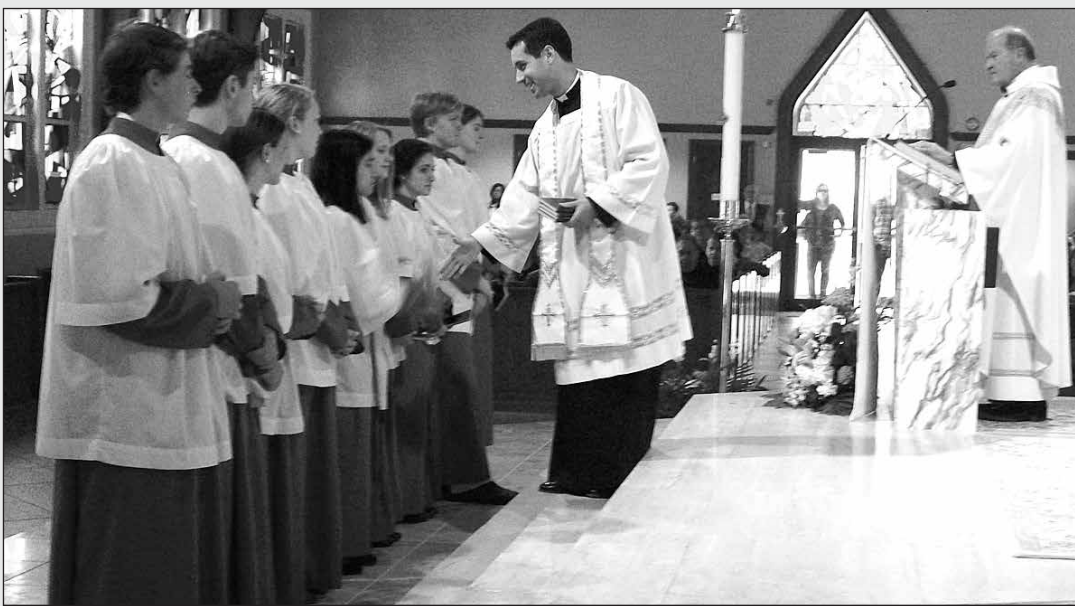
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Altar Service at St. Patrick's

Nine graduating high-school seniors, wearing red cassocks in rear row, pose with seventeen (of 23) new altar servers, after having presented the newcomers with their white surplices. The total roster of 149 servers has reached a new high at St. Patrick. Usually, 33 different servers rotate assignments at the six Masses during each weekend of the year.



Nine senior altar servers receive the gift of a prayer book from Father Michael Paris in commemoration of their departure, as Msgr Kevin Hart recognizes their service at the 1100 Mass on Sunday 05 May.



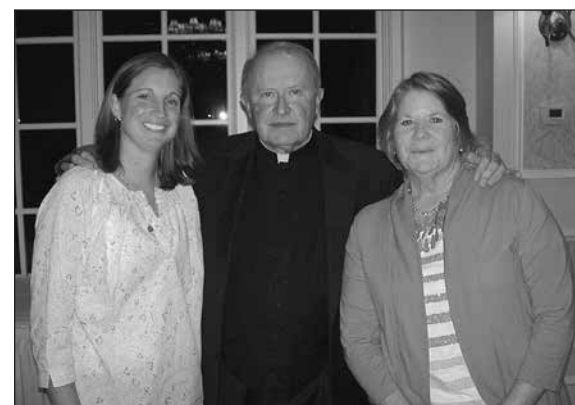
Eighty-one Boxes of Cookies and Pajamas, Too!

These twelve second-grade Brownies of Troop 732 did it. Between late December and mid-April, they sold 1476 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to friends, neighbors, and to passers-by on sidewalk locations at local shopping centers. With their share of the proceeds from those sales, they purchased numerous pairs of pajamas, which along with 81 boxes of Girl Scout cookies, were then donated to a chosen charity, Stepping Stones Shelter in Rockville!

Appreciation Night



Susan Splendido (at far left), departing school principal, dines with Msgr. Kevin Hart and five members of school staff at one of the four tables of faculty members who had gathered to honor the founding and only "mom" since the opening of St. Patrick School in September 2004.



Christie Anne Short (left), incoming school principal, joins Msgr Kevin Hart to wish Godspeed to Susan Splendido (right) as the latter leaves for a new assignment in South Carolina within a few weeks.



Classes on Aging

This month, Live & Learn Bethesda is holding several classes on aspects of aging: elder financial abuse (May 15), unlocking Social Security mysteries (May 22) for those already retired

or considering retirement, how to be an effective caregiver (May 30), and retirement and beyond (also May 30), a practical workshop for retirees and those planning their retirement who want to remain active, engaged

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Sunday, May 19, 2013, noon-4 pm
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Commission on Aging Annual Meeting May 23

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The meetings of the Commission on Aging are open to the public. The Commission welcomes visitors.

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Seven Locks Road resurfacing

The Seven Locks Road resurfacing project in Potomac has been temporarily delayed until July, due to unforeseen developments. The county's Department of Highway Safety will send notification to affected area residents a few weeks before work begins.

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Mike Landi of St. John the Baptist Inducted into CBN-MC CYO Coaches Hall of Fame

By Tom Cygnarowicz

At an April 30th luncheon at Georgetown Prep Hanley Center, Mike Landi of St. John the Baptist was inducted into

the Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County CYO Coaches Hall of Fame. The award is sponsored and awarded by CBN-MC, an independent, non-profit organization of businesses and individu-

al professionals working together to support Catholic education in Montgomery County Maryland.

Mike has just completed his 37th consecutive year of coaching youth sports teams. A native Washingtonian, Mike attended St. Mark's grade school in Hyattsville, DeMatha Catholic High School, and the University of Maryland

Mike began his coaching career right out of high school in 1976 when he coached St. Mark's Midget B basketball and baseball teams. He remained at St. Mark's for 17 years. In 1993, he moved to St. John the Baptist where he has remained as a CYO and intramural basketball coach. Every winter, Mike can be found coaching basketball, sometimes more than one team. This past March, his JV boys won the CYO basketball championship of their District.

In addition to coaching, Mike has run basketball clinics for various

parishes in the Archdiocese and in the early 1990s was the Baseball Commissioner for St. Mark's.

Mike was nominated for the Hall of Fame for providing a very positive example and learning experience for the boys. His teams open with a prayer before each game. His coaching emphasizes team work, discipline and fairness. His players

like and respect him. His goal is for the players to have fun and learn to work together.

St. John the Baptist thanks Mike for his dedication to their sports program and congratulates him on his induction into the CBN-MC CYO Coaches Hall of Fame.

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Mike Landi with his wife Laura, daughter Katie, and son John

Slater named Ice Hockey Player of the Year

Parishioner Jack Slater, a senior at Gonzaga High School, was named in the



Jack Slater

All Met section of the April 7 Washington Post as ice hockey Player of the Year. As Captain, the Post noted, Jack guided the Purple Eagles to the Mid-Atlantic Prep Hockey League championship. He was the top scorer in the leagues, tallying 33 goals and 21 assists during the Eagles' championship run. Jack's parents, Bill and Lisa, who are parishioners, are justly proud of Jack's accomplishments as a star athlete at Gonzaga. Jack attended Holy Redeemer School through the sixth grade before transferring to Mater Dei. Congratulations to Jack who has signed on to play lacrosse at Bucknell.

It should also be noted that Jack took on the job of looking after a parishioner's lawn and garden during the summer of 2012 when the

parishioner was recovering from shoulder surgery. It was reported that Jack always showed up on time, was consistently cheerful and hard-working and willing to take on extra work at short notice. The parishioners of Holy Redeemer wish Jack every success in his future academic and athletic endeavors with every expectation that he will maintain his so positive and ready to assist attitude toward those in need.

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| Sep 7 | Swimming, Germantown Indoor Swim Center, Germantown |
| Sep 7 | Badminton, Bauer Drive Community Center, Rockville |
| Sep 7 | Basketball, St. Frances Academy, Baltimore |
| Sep 9 | Bowling (all singles), Brunswick Normandy Lanes, Ellicott City |
| Sep 10 | Bowling (all doubles), Brunswick Normandy Lanes, Ellicott City |
| Sep 14 | Horseshoes, Howard L. Turner American Legion Post 276, Severn |
| Sep 17 | Bocce, men's and women's play, D'Alesandro Park in Little Italy, Baltimore |
| Sep 20-22 | Tennis, men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles, Druid Hill Park, Baltimore |
| Sep 23 | Bocce, men's and women's play, Compass Pointe Golf Course, Pasadena |
| Sep 24 | Line Dancing, Myerburg Senior Center, Baltimore |
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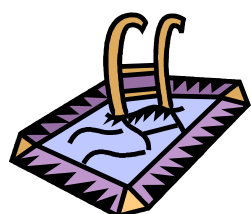
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