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Two Montgomery County Catholic Schools Receive National Education Honor

Schools among only 50 private schools nationwide to be recognized with Blue Ribbon award

Holy Cross School in Garrett Park (see page 24) and St. John the Evangelist School in Silver Spring (see page 7) were recognized on September 24 by the U.S. Department of Education as National Blue Ribbon Schools in recognition of their academic achievement as America's most successful schools.

A third school in the Archdiocese of Washington, St. Peter's on Capitol Hill, was also honored as a Blue Ribbon School.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools program honors public

and private elementary, middle and high schools where students are performing at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' levels of achievement. The awards are given annually by the Department of Education.

In 2013, 50 private and 236 public schools were chosen from across the nation. To be chosen, schools must go through a competitive application process and demonstrate a strong commitment to educational excellence for all students.

In the 30-year history of the program, 27 schools in the archdiocese have received this prestigious honor.

The three area Catholic schools honored as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2013 can attribute their success to their high academic standards and close-knit community. The schools have strong test scores and comprehensive curriculum with varied instructional methods. Community service is also an integral part of the schools with students encouraged to get involved.

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Worshippers at the Festival de El Salvador del Mundo



Festival of El Salvador del Mundo

During the first week in August, the patron saint and namesake of El Salvador – El Salvador del Mundo (the Savior of the World) – is honored with a

national festival.

Festival proceedings start the week before the saint's day, on August 6, which is also

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Benefit Concert for Haiti

By Deirdre Sweet,
Director of Music
Ministries

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. for a performance of The Chesapeake Flute Consort, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, for the benefit of our Haiti medical missions. There is no admission fee, but contributions will



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Charity By Any Other Name Is Love

By Chuck Short



Chuck Short

Each year at this time, the Catholic Business Network honors an individual from the business community who demonstrates leadership in supporting community programs, especially Catholic organizations. It's a

great honor to receive the award presented at the CBN's annual Gala to be held this year on November 22. Craig Ruppert, CEO and

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Integrity of Creation Committee Views 'Re-Creation' of Island

By John Small

Members of the Resurrection Integrity of Creation Committee and other parishioners witnessed the "re-creation" of an island in the middle of the Chesapeake Bay during a unique outdoor tour Sept. 6. The 22 parishioners picked a beautiful fall day to visit the "Poplar Island Environmental Restoration Project" in which dredged material is being used to reclaim an island that was on the verge of extinction 15 years ago.

During the early 1900's, the island about 35 miles south of Baltimore encompassed about 1,000 acres, supporting some 100 residents, several farms, a saw mill, a



Art Millholland surveys Poplar Island with binoculars as tour guide Shannon Bone, left, explains wildlife habitat restoration.

school, a church and a post office. Later, presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry

Truman used the island as a vacation retreat.

However, severe erosion began to overcome the island, and by the early 1990's, all that remained was about four acres above water. The disappearance of the island seemed imminent. At that time, a project that has been called "a national model for beneficial use of dredged material" was launched in 1998 to preserve the island and create more than 1,100 acres of wetlands and uplands habitat to support many species of treasured wildfowl and crabs, shellfish and other small animals.

During their three-hour tour, the

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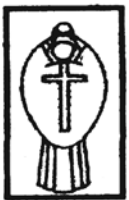
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Seventh Annual CBN Golf Outing

Falls Road Golf Course, September 20, 2013 – Eighty golfers enjoyed a sunny, fall day as they participated in the Seventh Annual Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County Golf Outing. The generosity of the players and sponsors benefited the CBN-MC's annual scholarship essay contest which awards scholarships to area eighth graders who will be attending a Catholic high school.

The outing began with an uplifting invocation by Fr. Paul Dressler – "let the golfers say...AMEN" – followed by a warm welcome from Falls Road General Manager Mike Kenny. The course was in fantastic shape; and the players enjoyed networking, laughter and a bit of golf. The outing was capped off by a delicious lunch including a few adult beverages.

This year's winners were the foursome of Gerard McLoughlin, Tim Veith, Vince Burke and Mickie Riley Levenson. Following closely behind were Matt Carroccio, Martin McCarthy, Terry McHugh and Brian Wilson. Adding to the fun



Fr. Paul Dressler opens the CBN-MC Golf Outing with a rousing prayer. Photo by William Gessner

were contests for the longest drive and closest-to-the-pin.

CBN-MC now shifts focus to its Twentieth Annual Gala to be held on November 22nd at the Bethesda North Hotel & Conference Center. This year Craig Ruppert, President and CEO of The Ruppert Companies, will be honored as the

2013 Catholic Business Person of the Year. Craig is well known throughout the Archdiocese for his dedicated support of those in need. For information on CBN-MC membership, the Gala including seats, tables and sponsorship, visit www.cbnmc.com.

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The UpCounty Community Resources group went out to the ball game on Sunday, September 15 to watch the Washington Nationals beat up on the Philadelphia Phillies 11-2. Sixty-two individuals with and without disabilities enjoyed a day at the park cheering on the home team.

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be accepted.

The consort is an ensemble of professional and amateur flutists from the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis area, founded in 1994 by director Gail Vehslage. It should be a great evening of music for an important cause. Reception will follow the concert.

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21 This Week, Montgomery County's Hardest Hitting Political Talk Show Celebrates 21 Years of Production

On Wednesday, October 2, 2013, **21 This Week** with Casey Aiken, will be celebrating the talk show's 21st Anniversary and Aiken's 10 years of hosting the program at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda. In addition to the anniversary celebration the lively and informative political talk show dedicated to the politics of Montgomery County will be doing a live taping of the program.

21 This Week, is Montgomery County's #1 weekly political news program. Seen on Montgomery Community Media channel 21, by nearly twenty thousand (20,000) Montgomery County viewers every weekend **21 This Week** is the most-watched and longest-running weekly political news program on community television. In a fast-paced format, it provides political news and commentary to help people stay on top of the news that affects them directly.

Created in 1992, by television reporter Bruce DePuyt and political columnist Blair Lee to provide the 970,000 residents of Montgomery County residents with the same lively informative political talk shows that were popular elsewhere like "The McLaughlin Group," **21 This Week** featured DePuyt as its initial host, with Lee, future White House legal counsel Lanny Davis, former State Senator P.J. Hogan, and former State Delegate Howard Denis as regular panelists.



Less than a year into production, DePuyt, left to take an on air position with a television station in Charlottesville, and Lee assumed the hosting duties a position he held until the end of 2002. In March 2003, local attorney, Casey Aiken, who had been a panelist with the program, took over the hosting duties full time. Today, the program features a mixture of political experts who have been active in local and state democrat and republican parties. Current panelist include, Susan Heltemes, Cynthia Rubenstein, past President of the Montgomery County Branch of the NAACP Henry Hailstock, former Majority Leader of the House of Delegates John Hurson, Rich Parsons, President of Progressive Maryland Elbridge James, Sam Statland, former State Senator Ida Ruben, David Fraser Hidalgo, Eric Hensal, Jerry Cave, Steve Kreseski, Jim Shalleck, Mark Uncapher, Robin Uncapher, Eric Cary, former State Senator Jean Roesser, former State Secretary for General Services Boyd Rutherford and Maryland

National Republican Committeewoman Nicolee Ambrose.

Aiken said that because of its location next to the Nation's Capital, the important activities of Montgomery County are often ignored in the local media echo chamber. According to Aiken, Montgomery County is not only the largest county in the State of Maryland, it is has a larger population than the District of Columbia, and seven states, Montana, Delaware, South Dakota, Alaska, North Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming, "anywhere else the nightly news would be covering every aspect of the politics of this county. It is important that a program like this continues to share heated informative political debate."

A typical **21 This Week** cablecast includes three to four "focus segments," each exploring a single story in depth in the form of Discussions, Debates, Political Analysis and Commentary. Aiken the show's moderator presides over a distinguished panel of four, politically diverse panelists each week. This half-hour format combines fast-breaking political, business and economic news, extensive in-depth political analysis and commentaries by noted local political experts.

Montgomery Community Media ("MCM") is a not-for-profit community television station which serves the citizens and communities of Montgomery County Maryland through a variety of cablecast activities.

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FESTIVAL

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the same day as the Feast of the Transfiguration. Some Salvadorans refer to the festival as Fiestas Agostinos (August Feasts). Main events of the festival are a religious procession, a large fair, various sporting events, a beauty contest, and a riotous party featuring street floats and dancers. The religious ceremony takes place in front of the national cathedral with a spectacle known as, la bajada (the descent). This ritual features an old wooden image of Christ that is paraded through the streets and then lowered inside a wooden shell. There, the sculpture's purple garments are removed. Then, the sculpture emerges from the shell appareled in gleaming white robes, a symbolic representation of Christ's transfiguration.

The El Salvador del Mundo festival dates back to 1525, the year that the city of San Salvador was founded. San Salvador is the present-day capital of El Salvador. The biggest of the celebrations take place in San Salvador. Additionally, there are other observances throughout El Salvador and in Salvadoran communities settled abroad.

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Traditional Salvadoran dancers add to the festivities at the Festival de El Salvador del Mundo

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Create an Event to Serve in Your Community

Maryland's faith communities provide excellent services and opportunities to promote the common good of our state. The Maryland Catholic Conference, in conjunction with Maryland's diocesan Catholic Charities and Catholic schools, encourages your parish, school, or organization to participate by hosting an event. As Catholics, we are called to serve our brothers and sisters in need and preserve the environment God created for us. We hope this day will inspire Catholic community members to continue to serve others.

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- Host a food drive at your parish
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For the Environment

- Clean a stream by contacting local conservation groups
- Plant a tree or gardens in your neighborhood

See more event ideas and what other organizations are doing at: <http://daytoserve.org/maryland.html>

Questions?

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What Are the Holy Redeemer Cardinals Up To?

By Michelle Ardillo

Holy Redeemer Catholic School in Kensington, Maryland, is brimming with good news at the start of this 2013-2014 school year!

The Pre-K team reports that their little ones are learning colors by reading the Rainbow Fish and making a rainbow fish of their own. They have also learned paper weaving with both paper and plastic strips. While discussing Johnny Appleseed, students sampled baked apple crisps, learned to use plastic

knives to cut different types of apples for an apple tasting. After the tasting they made a graph of their favorite kind of apple, which was a tie between Granny Smith (green) and Yellow Delicious (yellow).



Sixth grade HR science students experimenting with simple machines

Day on September 26th to work with their kindergartners on "all things apple". They read the story book *Johnny Appleseed* by Reeve Lindbergh. This was followed by making applesauce with some of the kindergarten moms. (see photo)

First grade teachers Grace Lovelace and Meghan Rivera are having "Sci Fri's" with their students this year. Each week they plan a different hands-on science investigation for Friday. The kick-off was a discussion about the job of a scientist and the scientific method. Thus far students have experi-

mented with oil and water, walking water, vinegar and baking soda. Another week students dehydrated apples to go along with their discussion about Johnny Appleseed. (see photo)

Second grade teachers Ellen Borda and Magda Mooers have their classes spending time getting to know each other and working as "community", to

reinforce an awareness that we are all gifts from God and must learn to respect ourselves and each other. Second grade will join first grade on a field trip to Imagination Stage on Oct. 11 to see the play *Lulu and the Brontosaurus* based on the book

by Judith Viorst.

Third grade teachers Sharon Rampersaud and Elizabeth Crabill report that the third grade has been working on implementing the Daily 5 (a management system for reading). Students have been building stamina so that they can read independently for thirty minutes and also be able to write, read to someone, work on spelling, and listen to reading for twenty minutes. (see photo)

Fourth grade teachers Debby Hannan and Mary Harper report that their students will be going on a field trip to the Shrine on October 21. Fourth graders also visited the



Kindergartners making applesauce in Holy Redeemer's kitchen

pre-school 4-year old group to read a story to them. Students are also study scientists and worked on a portrait gallery walk for a hallway display. In social studies, fourth grade is keeping informed about

prayer.

In the HR Art Department, both seventh and eighth grades have been given double art periods every

current events using Time for Kids magazine and presenting current event articles each week.

Fifth grade recently completed a science project where they had to create a model of either an animal or plant cell. A number of the students created edible models which made learning both fun and delicious. Fifth grade has also taken on a leadership role during the Holy Redeemer's new K-5 morning prayer assembly. Each week a team of three 5th graders lead the lower school in

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HR Middle School with Project Mythology Shields

Middle School Summer Reading Combines Ancient Greek Mythology with 21st Century Online Technology

By Michelle Ardillo

As part of the Holy Redeemer middle school summer reading program, rising sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade students were assigned Greek myths from the *D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths*. After reading the myths, students logged on to Edmodo, a free online social learning platform for teachers, students, and parents. Middle school students at Holy Redeemer use Edmodo for their sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade science classes, so all but the rising sixth-graders were familiar with the program. Grade level assignments for the various myths were posted every other week throughout the summer, encouraging students to stay in touch with each other and with their language arts teachers.

Students checked in regularly for the new assignments and posted responses.

One assignment, build your own volcano, integrated science, while another assignment, create your own shield, allowed students to utilize their own artistic abilities and creativity. All assignments reinforced reading comprehension, analysis, reflection, and basic writing skills used through-

out the school year. When students returned to school a week early for Holy Redeemer's annual "Sneak a Peek", where students find out their homeroom assignments and see their teachers and new classrooms, they brought in their shields and hung them in the middle school hallways. The shields were taken down on September 26 so that students could assemble outside on the school's field for a photograph.

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Kindergartners pose outside with Sister Revelación and Sister Bon Secours

Nuns Visit to Holy Redeemer Brings Smiles All Around

By Pam Hurley, Moderator of HR Religious Life Committee

Sister Maria de la Revelación Castaneda, SSVM, Mission Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Washington, visited Holy Redeemer to introduce to the students and faculty to Sister Maria Notre Dame de Bon Secours. Sr. Bon Secours will be replacing Sister Revelación as the Mission Coordinator for the Archdiocese. Holy Redeemer will greatly miss Sr. Revelación's joy and enthusiasm for spreading the word of God through her missionary work. In her frequent visits to Holy Redeemer, students learned from her that if we

have been baptized, we are all missionaries. Sister joined students and faculty of Holy Redeemer for many years at school activities such as the annual Living Mission Rosary and the annual Arts Festivals.

The students of Holy Redeemer send their prayers to Sister Revelación as she leaves the Washington, DC, area, for her new assignment at the Servants of the Lord of Matara's mission in East Harlem, New York. The Holy Redeemer community looks forward to working with her replacement, Sister Bon Secours, as well as getting to know another sister from the Order of the Servants of the Lord of Matara.

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World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

By Brian Werth, St. Elizabeth Youth Minister

Over 3.5 million young people from around the world gathered for World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro this July. Seven of our own parish teens joined by four from neighboring St. Raphael participated in this incredible pilgrimage of faith. Our group was joined with two other groups from New York, St. Mary Church in Poughkeepsie and Regis High School in Manhattan.

We landed in Sao Paulo and traveled from there to the famous Shrine of Our Lady of Aparacida, to whom Pope Francis has a special devotion, and celebrated Mass there with the rest of our tour group. We were blessed to have three priests and a bishop from Nova Scotia among our group. From there, we traveled overnight to Rio de Janeiro and, upon arrival, toured the beautiful Christ the Redeemer statue looming high above the city and dominating its skyline. Some of our group even joined in celebrating Mass at the chapel inside the statue.

In the mornings, we attended catechesis presented at Vivo Rio, a center hosted by U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, with Jesuit priests as organizers. We were thrilled to have great emcees, including Steve



At Copacabana Beach shortly after arrival in Rio de Janeiro

Angrisano and Jesse Manibusen and keynote speakers, including two of our own cardinals, Timothy Dolan of New York and Sean Patrick O'Malley of Boston, both of whom gave beautiful talks and fielded student questions with warmth and ease. Each day at

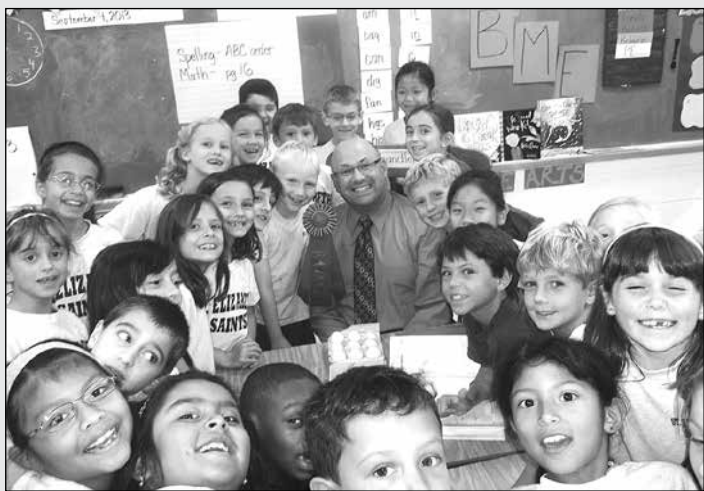
Vivo Rio began with prayer and praise and ended with daily Mass. During the evenings, we enthusiastically joined hundreds of thousands celebrating in the streets. On July 22, we greeted the pope on his arrival, cheering "Papa Francisco" as he passed through the

adoring crowds. The next evening, we participated in the Stations of the Cross staged beautifully by hundreds of young Brazilian actors. Wherever our group traveled, our teens were celebrities. Brazilians and people from around the world loved America and wanted to get a picture with our group, which proudly carried many American flags.

When our group was unable to attend the larger daily masses, Fr. George held a special Mass for us at our Hotel overlooking the beach. The culminating event of the trip was the overnight vigil beginning on the evening of the 24th, in which millions of youths slept overnight on Copacabana Beach, and joined in Mass with Pope Francis the following day. One of the most powerful moments of the entire pilgrimage came when our Holy Father exposed the Blessed Sacrament, and millions of the young faithful knelt in prayer behind him for an hour in the sand adoring Christ in the sacramental presence.

This was a beautiful journey of faith and our youth felt so blessed to participate. A sincere thank you to all those who contributed to making this trip financially possible for our young people. We are looking forward to the next World Youth Day, in 2016 in Poland!

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Second grader Liam Reed entered his half-dozen green eggs from one of his chickens and those eggs were the CHAMPION eggs at the State Fair! Liam's green eggs beat out all the others: white, brown, etc. The eggs are judged by someone from the Maryland Department of Agriculture and are scored out of 100 possible points: Liam's eggs (Liam named them "Top Knot's") scored 100 out of 100! A rarity for sure! Congratulations, Liam! Your St. Elizabeth School Family is proud of you!

Junior Kindergarten-Our Inaugural Year

On Tuesday, August 27, 2013, St. Elizabeth School welcomed its very first class of Junior Kindergarten students! Twenty-three, very excited four-year-olds, along with their parents, arrived at school that morning to see and explore their bright, beautiful new classroom, and meet their teachers.

Mrs. Karen Beck, the Junior Kindergarten teacher, and her assistant, Mrs. Mary Laux, welcomed the inaugural class with big smiles and a fun filled morning full of art projects, a special "first day of school" book, picture taking, a school tour, and play time.

Junior Kindergarten students, dressed in the official St. Elizabeth

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Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Laux, and the Junior Kindergarten students enjoy a beautiful fall morning at St. Elizabeth School

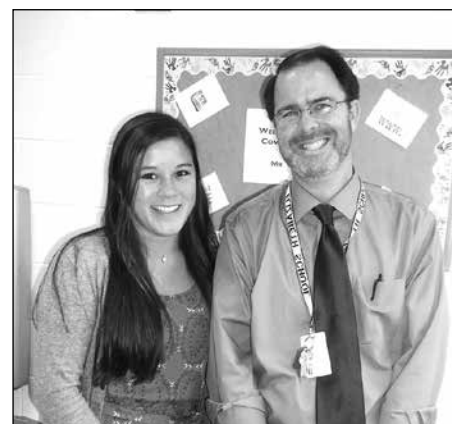
St. Elizabeth School Welcomes Alumni to Teaching Staff

With the excitement of the opening of school still in the air, St. Elizabeth School is honored to have two of our very own alumni on the teaching staff. Mr. Robert Tiffey and Miss Kristin Woo bring a wealth of knowledge to our students and

represent a strong dedication and commitment to the benefit of a Catholic education.

Mr. Tiffey, a 1985 graduate of St. Elizabeth School, attended Gonzaga College High School, and later graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College. Mr. Tiffey oversees the Computer Technology Center at St. Elizabeth School and teaches computer instruction across all grade levels. His favorite part of the job is sharing with students how technology can be utilized in the classroom to make learning interesting and fun. Mr. Tiffey loves to read and travel. He has three children, and his oldest son Matthew, attends kindergarten at St. Elizabeth School.

Miss Woo, a 2004 graduate of St.



Miss Kristin Woo and Mr. Robert Tiffey

Elizabeth School, attended Connelly School of the Holy Child, and later graduated from the University of Dayton. Miss Woo is an exceptional middle school Language Arts

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SJE Named National Blue Ribbon School

Reading and math standardized test scores rank in the top 10% of all Maryland schools

In a somewhat cryptic e-bulletin sent out to parents the night before, the St. John the Evangelist School (SJE) children were told to wear blue to school on Tuesday morning, September 24, 2013 for a special assembly in the school auditorium with former SJE pastor, Auxiliary Bishop Barry C. Knestout and current pastor, Monsignor John Pennington. Nothing more was explained but parents were encouraged to attend and dress in blue as well.

After a few brief remarks, SJE Principal Sister Kathleen Lannak, IHM had a red-carpet, rock-star moment to remember when she gathered in front of her students to announce that SJE had been selected as a National Blue Ribbon School. Within moments the auditorium erupted in noisy cheers and fist pumps amidst a sea of blue hair ribbons, balloons and pompoms. WOOHOO BLUE! The suspense was finally over.

Due to the hard work by the SJE faculty, the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the students, SJE was ranked as a "high performing" school, which means its reading and math scores are in the top 10 percent of students in the state.

The Department of Education



The SJE faculty and staff hold a giant banner heralding their big news.

will formally honor the Blue Ribbon Schools at a conference and awards ceremony November 18-19 in Washington, DC. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said in a statement released Tuesday, "Excellence in education matters and we should honor the schools that are leading the way to prepare students for success in college and careers. National Blue Ribbon schools represent examples of educational excellence and their work reflects the belief that every child in America deserves a world-class education."

Blue Ribbon Excellence

The Blue Ribbon School Award, given annually by the U.S. Department of Education, honors schools where students are performing at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in levels of achievement. This year, SJE was one of only 50 private schools nationwide to be recognized and one of three Archdiocesan schools to receive the Blue Ribbon School recognition. Congratulations



St. John the Evangelist School was practically gift-wrapped in blue in recognition as a 2013 Blue Ribbon School.

to the other two Catholic schools honored: Holy Cross Elementary (just down the road in Garrett Park, MD) and St. Peter School in Washington, DC.

In order to obtain the Blue Ribbon School distinction, public and private elementary, middle and high schools go through a competitive application process that explores all aspects of the school from student academic achievement, school culture, extracurricular activities, to parent involvement as well as a sense of community.

Sister Kathleen explained the process which was actually begun last year: "In our application we highlighted what a great community spirit we have here at St. John's and the efforts we all make to create a Culture of

Virtue in our school. We explained how we try to encourage all of our students to achieve to their highest degree and how we teach to each student's strength. We highlighted our foreign language program, our fine arts and music programs as well as our Physical Education program. We explained how we are making strides in all of the areas where technology can enhance our instruction as well as the students' learning. We explained our after-school programs offered such as band, Art Horizons, Math and French clubs, as well as CYO sports and scouting programs."

Blue Ribbon Community

SJE can attribute much of its academic success to its close-knit community as well as the steadfast service of Principal Sr. Kathleen, who has guided the school for the past 33 years. Sister Kathleen often asks her students: "Was St. John the Evangelist a better place because you were here today?" The children are encouraged to celebrate

the uniqueness in themselves and others, to apply Catholic values to the problems of today's society, and to reach out to those in need in their local and global communities.

As Sister Kathleen said in her remarks, "Over the years St. John the Evangelist School has demonstrated excellence as evidenced by the thousands of students who have successfully graduated from here and have gone on to make



Auxiliary Bishop Barry C. Knestout, Sister Kathleen Lannak, IHM, SJE principal and Pastor Monsignor John Pennington gather to announce SJE's Blue Ribbon School status.

our world better. The excellent support of our parish priests, parishioners and all of the parents is exemplary. Lastly, excellence has been demonstrated by the many dedicated Sisters of the IHM and all of the lay men and women who have made teaching here their mission – their calling."

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SJE students decked out in head to toe blue get rowdy after hearing SJE was designated a Blue Ribbon School.

Reaching Out to Others

The St. John the Evangelist parish community has a variety of ministries that respect and defend life by supporting the whole church including:

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■ **Health & Wellness:** contact Andrew Ortner at 301-655-5376 or andrewortner@yahoo.com

■ **Blood Drive:** contact the SJE rectory at 301-681-7663

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■ **Harvest for the Hungry:** contact Patti Curtiss at 301-681-8128

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St. Bernadette Parishioner Named CEO for National Society of St. Vincent de Paul

David Barringer has been named chief executive officer for the National Council of the U.S. Society of St. Vincent de Paul. He succeeds Roger Playwin, who is retiring as CEO.

Barringer brings more than 25 years of experience in both nonprofit and for-profit management to the position, including operational, development, public policy, fundraising, retail and marketing skills. His professional experience includes positions in healthcare, as well as



David Barringer

progressively more responsible positions with Goodwill Industries, a \$4 billion membership organization of nearly 200 agencies. Most recently, he served as executive director of the COPD Foundation, a \$10 million national nonprofit agency that assists individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

A native of Washington, D.C., and active member of St. Bernadette Parish, Barringer has a bachelor of science degree in journalism and

public relations, and a master of science degree in general administration (marketing administration), both from the University of Maryland.

"Dave was an outstanding candidate among a number of distinguished applicants for the position," said Sheila Gilbert, president of the national council. "The list of his qualifications is extensive. Among others, he is a true servant-leader and has an extensive track record of working with volunteers and finding creative ways to engage people at all levels. The Society and those we serve are blessed to have his leadership."

"I am thrilled to take on this

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St Bernadette Sandwich Sunday Volunteers and SBS students together make more than 630 sandwiches. Pictured L-R: Karen Warnick, Isabella Vazirani, Ciara Collins, Ryan Draddy (front), Gina Arauzo, Molly Starkenburg (front), Sarah Kelly, Anthony Wall, Caesar Gomes, Steven Sudan, Merrick Jansen, Patrick Langevin, Jack Werwinski (front), Joey Morales, Michael Libcke, Dennis Callahan (front), Ryan Krawczewicz

All Pitch In to Feed the Hungry

The Sandwich Sunday Ministry at St. Bernadette Parish welcomed several St. Bernadette School students to their September gathering. Together Parishioners and students assembled, bagged, and delivered more than 630 turkey-ham and cheese sandwiches.

"Having the students here gave us the ability to double our usual count. In any given month Martha's Table relies upon us to deliver 330 sandwiches. You can imagine their joy in getting this delivery of 630 sandwiches," said Karen Warnick, long-time Sandwich Sunday volunteer and mother to three SBS students.

"I like helping the homeless," said Dennis Callahan, St. Bernadette School third-grader, "If it is this easy and fun, why wouldn't I help?"

The Sandwich Sunday volunteers, who gather the first Saturday and Sunday each month to assemble



Michael Libcke and Ryan Krawczewicz. Photo by Chris Krawczewicz

and deliver sandwiches to Martha's Table, is entirely funded through the generosity of St. Bernadette parishioners. Donations collected the first Sunday of the month fund the purchase of sandwich making supplies which are then used the first Saturday of the following month.

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Emma (second grade) and Eva (first grade) Schultz place items in the St. Bernadette School Baby Item collection bin.

Baby Articles Collected for Catholic Charities

Students from St. Bernadette School joined the parish Social Concerns Committee in sponsoring a Baby Items Drive. Together they gathered baby clothes (newborn to one year), bottles, wipes, diapers, formula and other supplies. The items were collected throughout the week of September 22-27. The donations were delivered to Catholic Charities Montgomery County Family Center following Mass Sunday, September 29.

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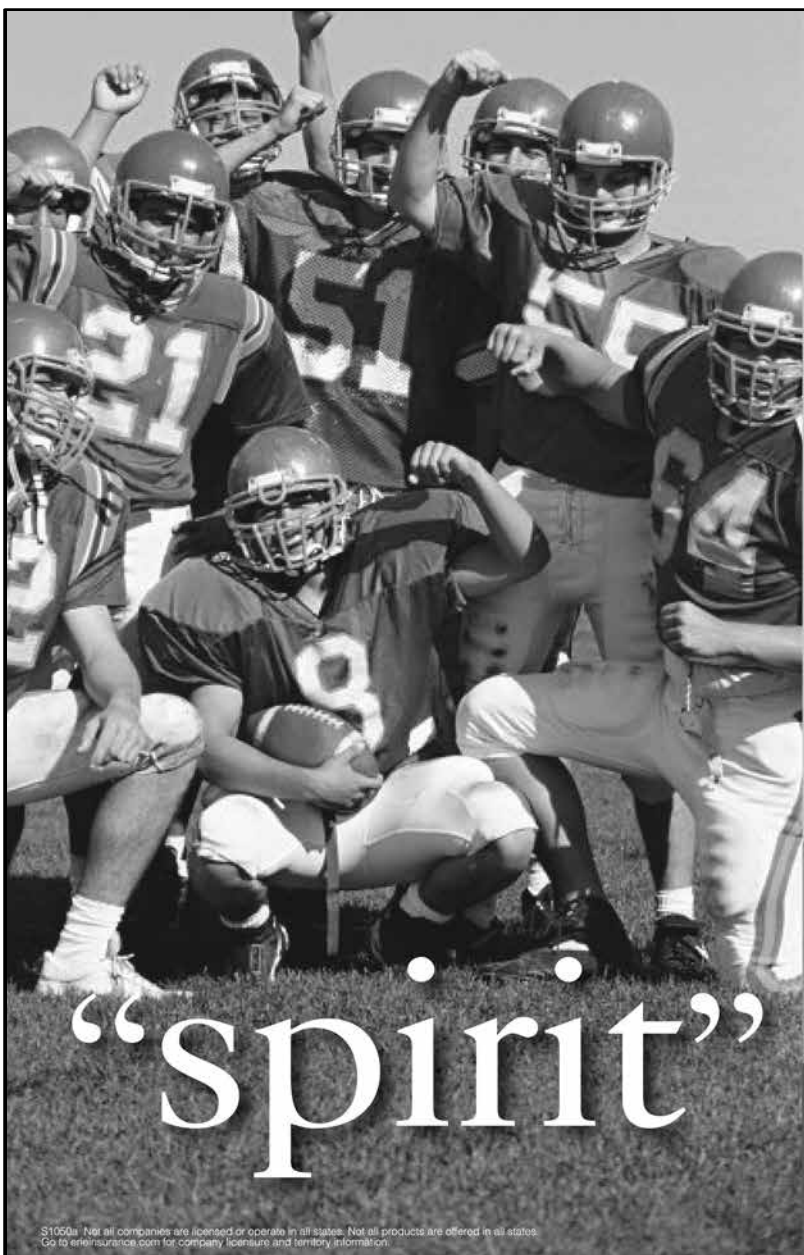
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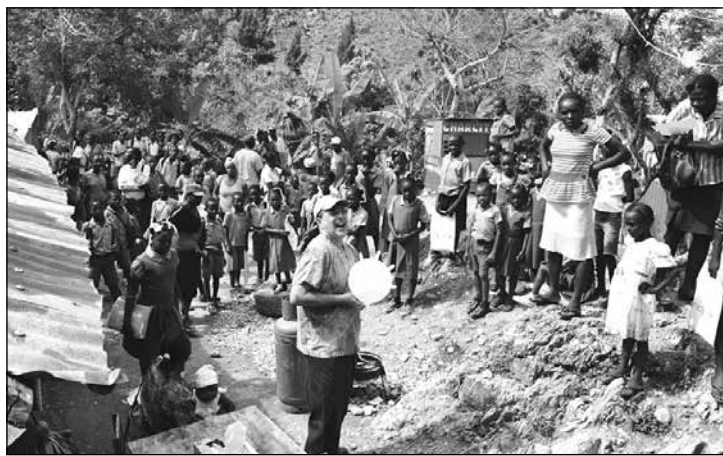


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Sister Parish Project in Haiti Continues

St. John the Baptist (SJB) began a relationship with St. Pierre parish in Baraderes, Haiti, in 1994. The majority of the people in this isolated, rural village live in extremely primitive conditions. Most families exist with no running water or electricity. SJB is the main and, in most cases, the sole support of the parish, high school, and 17 elementary schools.

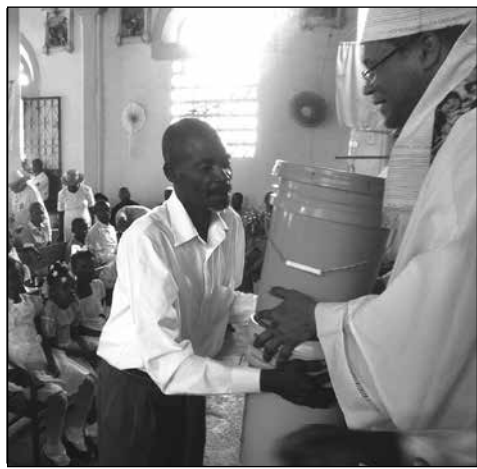
Baraderes is a large and poor parish in need of desperate help. The average annual family income is only \$100. Many children walk five or more miles to school, most without having eaten. Our project was able to obtain financial support from a grant of \$15,000



Dr. Wolcott and Fr. Jacques in the rectory at night

can undermine the strongest literacy and educational programs.

We are working with "The Gift of Water" organization to bring clean water to Baraderes. Last year, we were able to purchase 300 household water purification systems thanks to generous donations from our SJB parishioners and a grant from the Raskob Foundation. The local Water Committee was responsible for deciding who gets the systems.



Gifts of Water System at Liturgy

to help fund a feeding program. Today, however, grant funding remains unavailable for food procurement. SJB parishioners have generously donated to ensure our programs continue but collections have dropped 35% for the past two years.

Clean water is a basic human right. Poor quality drinking water is the single, biggest cause of intestinal infection and disease in developing countries. The lack of available clean drinking water

First on the list were households with young children, the elderly, and pregnant or nursing mothers.

One of the biggest problems is pain and infection from bad teeth. Volunteer dentists treated one hundred patients; over 100 teeth needed to be pulled -- all in the most remote areas

where electricity and clean, running water are nonexistent!

When we first visited Baraderes, the children were malnourished and educational prospects were negligible. Now, our visits show marked improvement in healthier children whose grades and national exams are exceeding expectations. Many go on to universities and some have advanced to medical school and return to Baraderes to provide health care in their own communities.

If you want to help, contact St. John the Baptist's Social Concerns Director, Cynthia Norris at 301-622-1122.

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Entertaining families waiting for treatment

SJB Welcomes New Teacher

St. John the Baptist students discovered there were many changes when they arrived for the first day of school. One of which was new teacher, **Macy Butler**, fifth-grade homeroom teacher and instructor for fifth-grade Religion, seventh-grade Language Arts (with Mrs. Jenkins), and sixth and eighth-grade Social Studies.

Mrs. Butler taught at St. Catherine Laboure's school for 13 years and, when they closed, applied to SJB. Seeing our "Blue Ribbon School" banner hanging proudly on the school building, Mrs. Butler knew she would love to teach here.

Born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, Macy is married to Barclay Butler; they have five children and four grandchildren. A graduate of Marquette University, she taught for two years after graduation. She took 20 years off to raise her family as a military spouse living in a variety of places, some overseas. The family moved to this area in 1998.

Hobbies include tutoring for Montgomery Council Literacy Center, walking her chocolate English Lab and bird feeding and watching.



Macy Butler, fifth-grade homeroom teacher

When asked how she felt working at SJB, she responded, "It is the 'silver lining.' All the people here have made me welcome. It has a collaborative spirit that is wonderful for teaching and learning."

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SJB Athletic Mission Introduces Flag Football

By Becky Breeden

SJB families welcome a new activity to the athletic program this fall when a co-ed, intramural flag football league kicks off October 13.

Doug Palmer, father of three boys, is Commissioner of the new league and was inspired by experiences his children had in other leagues. "Tackle football is expensive and very intense," he said. "Flag football is a safe, affordable way to learn to love the game."

Several parishes, including St.

Bernadette and Holy Redeemer, have leagues as well. While the league is limited to third through eighth grades at present, it could expand in the future if there is interest.

According to one flag football recruit, Ashley Campagnari, there are many great reasons to be excited about this new activity. "I'm very excited," Ashley said. "I have always loved playing capture-the-flag, and I want to learn more about football. This is like combining the two games!"

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Looking Ahead to Annual "Diva Dash" Race

By Sheila Mahoney

In preparation/anticipation for the creation of an obstacle course race this year to add a new element to the annual St. John the Jogger, SJB moms went on a scouting mission. On Saturday 9/21 the race moms created a team called Sinners and Saints and made a road trip to Frederick Maryland.

The race "The Diva Dash" was composed of other Divas who shared the desire to make exercise fun and creative. The Sinners and Saints team had an extra glow about them as they hurdled the many obstacles since the team "Nun" was at the start line praying for them!

The ideas that these creative moms gathered will be converted into great fun for our children and friends on May 10, 2014 at the St. John the Jogger 5k and (optional) Obstacle Course Run/walk.

If your school is interested in



SJB Moms in the spirit and preparing for Obstacle Run in May

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St. Martin's Welcomes New Teachers

By Emily Walsh, Kelly Gallogly, Kaley Bell, and Leslye Villavicencio, Eighth Graders

Ms. Hilary Murphy

Ms. Hilary Murphy is the new Pre-K assistant at St. Martin's School. Ms. Murphy "loves the classroom and is enjoying the environment at St. Martin's." This is Ms. Murphy's first time teaching in a school and she thinks "it's going well."

Ms. Murphy grew up in Montgomery County playing ice hockey and being a dancer. Ms. Hilary graduated college and is finishing her graduate school studies. She used to help coach the Loyola ice hockey team in the MYAA.

Ms. Murphy began teaching to eventually become a school counselor. She is looking forward to continue being a part of the SMS community and sees a bright future for herself at St. Martins.

Mrs. Arleen Hall

Mrs. Arleen Hall is the new science and math teacher for middle school students at St. Martin's. She has been teaching for fifteen years. So far, her favorite thing about our school is the students because they were very welcoming, hardworking, and enthusiastic.

Lab work is Mrs. Hall's favorite aspect of science. Her favorite science subject is chemistry because it explains how things work.

Mrs. Hall was raised in San Juan,



New science teacher, Mrs. Arleen Hall, helps eighth grade students during a laboratory exercise. Photo courtesy of Maria-Rose Cain.

Puerto Rico. While growing up, her mother and aunts were teachers. She was a tutor in high school. She is now married with four children. Mrs. Hall wanted to be able to be home when her kids were home and thought that teaching would be the best way to be a working mom.

Her hobbies are reading and embroidering and her favorite movies are the Harry Potter series because they brought the books to life.

Mrs. Katie Cain

Mrs. Katie Cain is the new middle school math teacher. She is originally from the Midwest, coming to us from Dayton, Ohio. She is the second oldest of five children, which means she knows a lot about being a role model.

Mrs. Cain is a graduate of the University of Dayton with a double major in Math and Math Education. Her name is familiar because she is the daughter-in-law of Mrs. Maria-Rose Cain, our school's executive administrator. Like her elder namesake, Mrs. Cain has a passion for the students. That enthusiasm was developed by her high school math teachers. She had previously taught in a larger public school environment, but has found great satisfaction working at St. Martin's smaller, friendly, faith-based school. That faith has impressed Mrs. Cain, and she believes that with our faith and talents, we can fulfill our God-given potential.

When asked how she will incorporate being a St. Martin's Crusader into her Math classes, she responded by saying, "Crusaders are people who fight for their beliefs. I believe that my students are all capable of being successful, and it is my mission to make them believe that too."

In her spare time you can catch her reading, singing, watching Disney movies, exercising, and doing jigsaw puzzles.

Mr. Francisco Zuniga

Mr. Zuniga is our new reading specialist and sixth and eighth grade language arts teacher. Mr. Zuniga and his family originally came from Nicaragua, but he was raised in the U.S. As an adult, Mr. Zuniga became interested in teaching when he went to a job festival. Soon after, he taught his first class and ended up loving it.

As a teacher, Mr. Zuniga looks up to his college professor who taught philosophy. Philosophy is also his favorite subject because he loves studying the nature of knowledge, reality, and existence.

Mr. Zuniga just got married this past summer. He has really cool interests. He learned a love of music from his father who is very musical. He plays the guitar at his parish, and we hope he will play for us too! Mr. Zuniga also loves to read all sorts of books. He is lucky; he can relate reading to his teachings every day.

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Afterschool Clubs Enrich Students

By Catherine Cooksey

What do the students of St. Martin's get when the start of a new school year is combined with a new principal? New opportunities for afterschool fun! Principal Piotrowski has initiated a series of clubs that meet after school to engage students in a variety of extracurricular activities. The Soccer and Running Clubs gives students the opportunity to learn teamwork and be physically active.

Students can tap their creative sides with the Creativity Club and Comic Book Club or through performance in the Drama Club. Some of the clubs allow students to exercise their faith, such as the Rosary Club, which meets monthly for communal rosary, and the Knitting Club, which knits hats for the less privileged. With 11 other clubs, besides the ones mentioned above, there is sure to be a match for everyone's interest.

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St. Martin's Loses Two Dedicated Volunteers

By Catherine Cooksey, Isaac Cooksey, Sixth Grader, and Annamaria Zimmerman, and Lisa Schuler

During the past month, St. Martin's School lost two wonderful volunteers. Both contributed countless hours of support and love to improve our school and community for more than 10 years. Both will be remembered for their radiant smiles, bright eyes, and endearing laughter. Their dedication was a model for us, and they will be greatly missed.

Barbara Currie

Barbara Currie volunteered as a counselor at St. Martin's School. She would visit the school once week, sharing stories with the students with character-building themes, such as caring, respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, and citizenship. Mrs. Currie also started the DeBug System, a method for helping students respond to others who were bothering them before turning to an adult for help.

Before serving as a counselor at St. Martin's School, Mrs. Currie worked for 13 years as a school counselor for Waters Landing Elementary School in Germantown.

She also employed her counseling skills while visiting with the patrons of The Lord's Table, a local soup kitchen hosted by St. Martin's Parish.

Dan Napolitano

Dan Napolitano served St. Martin's School in many ways, from chaperoning his children's field trips to serving as a member of various committees, such as the school's advisory board, development committee, and principal search committee.

Most recently, Mr. Napolitano served as Director of Education at the United States Holocaust Museum, where he developed a curriculum guide for Catholic school teachers to teach about the Holocaust. While at the Museum, he hosted tours for the St. Martin's eighth grade class each year so that the students would never forget the importance of respect for people of all faiths.

Mr. Napolitano previously taught philosophy and religion at Georgetown Preparatory School, the Academy of the Holy Cross, and the now-closed Immaculata College High School in Rockville.

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founder of Ruppert Landscaping Company is this year's awardee. Craig's business is well known for exceeding customer expectations for landscaping services. He's honored with this award because he and his company also demonstrate a commitment to exceptional community service. Off the top, the company donates five percent of profits to local and international charities. Of course, there's more. Craig, his family and employees are often found with rolled up sleeves hard at work helping the needy. He's a wonderful example for business and a blessing to our Catholic community.

Also on the fall agenda is the

Fourth Annual White Mass to be celebrated at St. Matthew's Cathedral on October 20th at 11:30 am. This beautiful Mass celebrates the contributions to the Church by people who have physical and intellectual challenges. The Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Wuerl who established the tradition of the White Mass and has led the Archdiocese in many steps to assure that the liturgies and programs of our parishes are welcoming for people with disabilities. It's well worth the trip downtown for the inspiration!

Last month we reflected on the diverse faiths in Montgomery County. We traced the origins of the three largest faiths in the county, Christianity, Judaism and Islam, to a single biblical leader, Abraham. We wondered how, with the same "father", we have evolved into such different religions. Yet if we explore

the core values of these three traditions, we will discover that there are more similarities than we thought. Let's reflect on the core value of **Charity**.

The Hebrew word for charity is **Tzedakah**. In the Jewish tradition, charity and justice are inseparably linked. For Jews, charity requires not only care of the poor and vulnerable through giving, but also connotes a social obligation to give to the poor the share of God's earthly blessings which is rightfully theirs. In Montgomery County, the Jewish community practices this command through its support for several nonprofit agencies which serve the poor and vulnerable **regardless of religious affiliation**. **Jewish Social Services** provides a wide range of family services and mental health counseling to vulnerable children and families; the **Jewish**

Foundation for Group Homes provides homes in which people with developmental disabilities live independently with appropriate levels of support; the **Jewish Council for the Aging** serves the elderly with transportation, recreation, employment and other services which promote vital living and independence; and the **Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse** assists victims of domestic violence. These programs demonstrate the local Jewish commitment to the principle of Tzedakah.

Similarly in the Qur'an, the Prophet Mohamed taught his followers of the fundamental importance of charity. When asked by a follower which actions were the most beloved in the eyes of Allah, he famously replied, "To gladden the heart of a human being, to feed the hungry, to help the afflicted,

to lighten the sorrow of the sorrowful, and to remove the wrongs of the injured... assist any person oppressed whether Muslim or on-Muslim". The Muslim word for charity is **Zakat**. Literally translated it means "repel not the beggar". While the Muslim community in Montgomery County is relatively new, it is growing and its members are working to practice Zakat as taught by The Prophet. **The Montgomery County Muslim Foundation** is committed to the Quran's teaching to share a portion of one's food with the poor and collects and distributes thousands of pounds of food to the needy each year, especially during the Ramadan observance. **The Muslim Community Center of Montgomery County** provides a

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Cardinal Wuerl Comes to St. Mary's

By Maureen Stiles

The Bicentennial Mass officiated by Cardinal Donald Wuerl hit all the right notes as Musical Directors Julianne Martinelli and Cele Galuzinski teamed up to plan a musical fete unseen in the Parish to date.

The choirs that participated in the Mass were the St. Mary's

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"Magnificat."

The celebration concluded with a rousing rendition of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" complete with all three choirs, brass and organ closing the Mass.

Martinelli, director of the school choirs and music program, says, "It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to be a part of such an important celebration and to have the opportunity to see the Cardinal in our church."

Wuerl's homily helped make the connection to the importance of Mass today and

how 200 years ago our founding members shared that same belief – a testament to the fact that true faith transcends time.

A standing room only congregation was humbled by the music, the message and the moving experience.

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Cardinal Wuerl and Monsignor Amey preside over the Bicentennial Mass September 8 at St. Mary's.

Adult Choir, St. Mary's Church Schola Choir and St. Mary's School Schola Choir. The celebration also included the brass section from the Trinity Chamber Orchestra. The celebration began with musical selections honoring the Blessed Mother including "O Santicissima", "Ave Maria" and

St. Mary's On the Move

By Maureen Stiles

Two new running clubs hit the streets of Rockville in September; one a school initiative and the other parish-wide.

Vice-Principal, John DiGiovanni, spear-headed the effort to bring the 100 Mile Club to students in grades five through eight. DiGiovanni says "I am excited to introduce this program to our students. It has so many opportunities for the children to set personal goals and then work toward them. It also fosters team spirit as the entire group helps each other reach goals, adopt a healthier lifestyle and improve self-confidences and fitness levels."

The 100 Mile Club is a national organization founded in 1993 with the goal of improving overall health and learning capabilities through walking or running 100 miles during a school year, on the school campus. The concept was inspired by legendary coach John Wooden and his Pyramid of Success which outlines the necessary life skills.

The St. Mary's group allows par-



The logo for the 100 Mile Club

ticipants to gain mileage through after-school runs, recess and PE. Interim benchmarks are rewarded on the way to the 100 mile goal with prizes such as t-shirts, a gold pencil and wristbands. The club culminates with a medal ceremony at the end of the year where each runner is commended for their hard work throughout the school year.

The adults are accepting the challenge to set fitness goals as well. With the motto "200 Years of Running in Rockville," the group kicked off their training on September 8th. Organizer and parishioner Karen Gilroy says, "I thought this was a great way to celebrate the Parish's Bicentennial and bring together people throughout the community."

The group meets at the track of

Montgomery Community College on Saturday mornings where runners go at their own pace as they train for the Rockville 5K/10K in November. Gilroy developed a training calendar as well to assist participants in training during the week between group runs.

Approximately 20-25 people come out each Saturday and the group will register together for race day as they represent St. Mary's on the course.

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range of services including a medical clinic for the uninsured and poor and English language classes for immigrants. In our community and throughout the world, faithful Muslims are far more engaged in Zakat than other publicized activities.

And of course, the Christian word for charity is **love**. Throughout the New Testament, there is no stronger message from Jesus than the message of love for each other. He boiled down our faith to two clear commandments, to love God and

love each other. The life of Christ demonstrated time and again His message in healing the physically and spiritually suffering and forgiving those who strayed. Love is practiced by the Catholic community through **Catholic Charities, the Spanish Catholic Center, the Kennedy Institute, Anchor Mental Health, Victory Housing and St. Ann's Center for Children and Families**. Each agency demonstrates the fundamental Christian obligation to love each other, in particular the most vulnerable.

Other Christian traditions are active in Montgomery County as well. For example, **Lutheran Social Services** assists the needy;

the **Adventist** community is committed to health care, **Methodists** are known for their services to the elderly.

While these larger faith based agencies are leaders in providing charity for the needy and vulnerable, the vast amount of charity is done in **individual congregations and parishes, that is, by each of us**. Hundreds of congregations live their faith, whichever it may be, through efforts originated and implemented by concerned people of God working locally to carry out the shared obligation to serve the poor in body and spirit. What a wonderful community this is!

God Bless!

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Back to School!



Principal Debby Eisel and Father Charles Gallagher greet the students at drop-off on the first day of school on August 26. Monsignor Amey, not pictured, was also at the school and joined the parents for the annual Welcome Back Coffee to ring in the new school year.



The eighth-grade girls gather to begin their final year at St. Mary's.

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Seventh-rader Ryan Gleason helps bring peanut butter and jelly to the Cardinal McCarrick Center

Saint Peter's School Community Loves Peanut Butter and Jelly

The students at Saint Peter's School in Olney took very seriously a challenge put forth by their pastor, Father Thomas Kalita. In support of the newly opened food pantry located in the Cardinal McCarrick Center on Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring, Father Kalita called upon the students to provide the ingredients for every child's lunchtime favorite – peanut butter and jelly! Not only did the students enthusiastically accept the challenge, but the response was overwhelming – over 400 jars were collected. Students filled more than two shopping carts

with jars of peanut butter and jelly which were then presented during the offertory at Mass that morning.

A seventh-grade student, Ryan Gleason, volunteered to take the responsibility of delivering all of the jars to the food pantry as part of his Confirmation Service Project. The donation was graciously accepted and Ryan stated that it made him feel good inside knowing that Saint Peter's was able to help our community in such a way.

Our peanut butter and jelly challenge was a wonderful start to the many service projects we will be taking on this year.

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New Alumni Association

Saint Peter's Parish is beginning an alumni association to help maintain a spiritual and communal relationship with the young people who have been a part of both the day school and the school of religion. Father Thomas Kalita has identified a small committee to coordinate the inaugural alumni event – a social after the 5:00 pm Mass on the Saturday following Thanksgiving.

The committee realized that it was best to begin small and then grow with experience. Four "graduating classes" have been identified for the reunion this year – students who were in the 8th grade day school and school of religion classes of

2008 – 2011. These students will be invited to attend a fun social that will have a Mexican/Southwestern theme. There will be good food and fellowship. Young people within this age group will soon receive a "Save the Date" card.

The parish hopes that this association will draw our young people home and provide an opportunity for community building and continued faith formation. Eventually the program would grow to include the parish and school's considerable heritage, making a strong alumni association that would help these young people stay involved with their friends and their parish.

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St. Peter's Families Enjoy Outdoor Movie Night

Families gathered together on Friday, September 20, to enjoy the first Home School sponsored event of the year – the annual Family Movie Night. On a beautiful fall evening, lawn chairs and blankets covered the field at the school as everyone feasted on pizza, popcorn and movie snacks and students enjoyed playing touch-football and Frisbee. At dusk, the main event, "Teen Beach Movie", was projected on a large inflatable screen.

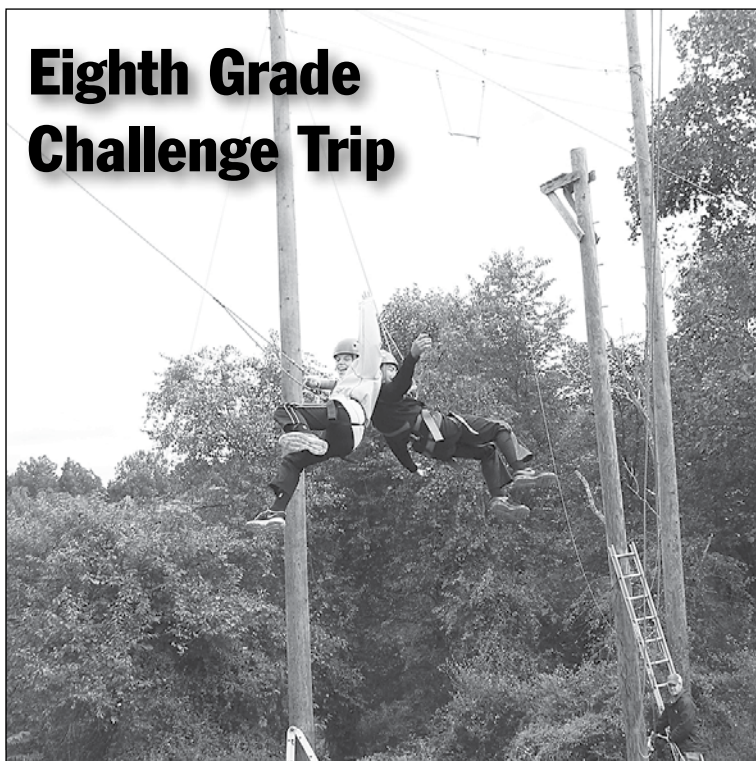
Students and parents alike enjoyed each other's company and used this opportunity to reconnect with old friends and welcome new families. A fun event filled with adults' smiles and children's laughter made for a perfect evening.



Families enjoy a nice evening under the stars

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Eighth Grade Challenge Trip



Two students enjoy the giant swing.

How brave are you? Would you walk across a thin wire high above the trees? How about climb a 50 foot rock wall? The eighth graders of Saint Peter's School put themselves to the test during their team Challenge Retreat at Bar-T Mountainside in Frederick County. The annual trip is an eagerly awaited adventure that the students look forward to and remember all their lives.

The exciting, and sometimes scary, activities give the students the opportunity to try something difficult, but in a safe environment. They encourage and support each other as they scale rope ladders and drop suddenly from giant swings. The team-building event is a powerful reminder that we truly succeed when we work together. "I felt that I grew closer to my eighth-grade classmates," said Bella Alvarez. Whitney Clark agreed, "It was so much fun because I bonded with my class!"

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Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop Lori to Congress: Adopt Policy of Health Care Conscience Rights Act

Preserving religious freedom and the right of conscience for all who take part in our health care system" is an increasingly grave concern as Congress considers "must-pass" legislation in the days ahead, said the chairmen of two committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

In a September 26 letter to the House and Senate, Cardinal Seán O'Malley of Boston and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore said the policy of the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940/S. 1204) should be incorporated into must-pass legislation such as the Continuing Resolution and debt ceiling bill. Cardinal O'Malley and Archbishop Lori chair the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities and Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, respectively.

"Protection for conscience rights

in health care is of especially great importance to the Catholic Church, which daily contributes to the welfare of U.S. society through schools, social services, hospitals and assisted living facilities," wrote Cardinal O'Malley and Archbishop Lori. "These institutions, which have been part of the Church's ministry since the earliest days of our country, arose from religious convictions. They should not be told by government to abandon or compromise those convictions in order to continue serving their own employees or the neediest Americans. Nor should individual Catholics or others be told they cannot legally purchase or provide health coverage unless they violate their conscience."

Cardinal O'Malley and Archbishop Lori identified the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) preventive services

mandate, which requires virtually all employers to include female sterilization and all drugs and devices approved by the FDA as contraceptives in their employee health care plans, as a particular threat. "The mandate includes drugs and devices that can act against a human life after fertilization, implicating our moral teaching on abortion as well as contraception," they wrote.

"We make our plea as religious leaders who strongly support universal access to health care," they added. "Such access is threatened by Congress's continued failure to protect the right of conscience. Those who help provide health care, and those who need such care for themselves and their families, should not be forced to choose between preserving their religious and moral integrity and participating in our health care system."

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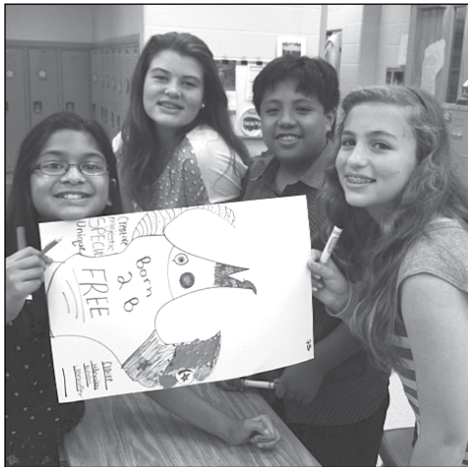
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"Odyssey of the Mind" Has Arrived At St. Patrick's

Could a group of students construct a tower that can bear two pounds of weight using only a limited amount of spaghetti, mailing labels, mini-marshmallows, toothpicks and straws? Could they create an obstacle course for a water droplet using cardboard, markers and wax paper?

We're very excited about the arrival of weekly Odyssey of the Mind lessons to our students in first and eighth grades. Odyssey of the Mind is an international program that teaches students how to think divergently by providing open-ended problems that appeal to a wide range of interests including but not limited to: Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, Physics, Logic and Reasoning, Art, Music, Technology and Drama. Each week, students have the opportunity to participate in both verbal and hands-on problems that reward thinking "outside the box."



Amazing what creative minds the students at St. Patrick's have! Look what comes from children in all grades when given the one same task! So fun!



The program facilitates teambuilding and critical thinking skills as small groups work together to find their own unique solutions. We're looking forward to participating in our first regional "Spontaneous Problems" competition in March, as well as extending our focus on creative learning with our first ever school-wide Invention Convention on November 25th. Engaging afterschool clubs such as Lego Engineering and Young Inventors Club are also in place to spark interests and talent development through hands-on learning opportunities. Creative problem solvers and innovative thinkers are everywhere at St. Patrick's!

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At left, Seventh-grade students proudly show off their artwork in which they had to use only one given squiggle line to create a masterpiece. This group created a rhinoceros!

St. Pat's showing their support for moms battling breast cancer.



Fifth Grade leads St. Patrick's School in supporting *In the Name of the Mother* Charity

Each class at St. Patrick's School is responsible for hosting a Wednesday morning Mass. The students lector, prepare and read the petitions, and present the gifts. The hosting class also decides on a charity/organization that they can support and enlist the help of their schoolmates to find ways to support and learn more about how others are serving our neighbors in need.

Students in 5th grade hosted the school Mass on Wednesday, September 4th at 9:10 a.m. They have chosen to support In The Name of the Mother Charity which was started by the McConville Family, long time parishioners and school children (Molly '12, Jeannie '13, Patrick '13, and Eileen '17) in memory of their mother who passed away from breast cancer 8 years ago. The mission of In the Name of the Mother is to provide financial



Fifth graders working hard to sell, sell, sell those yummy baked goods and raise big money for a wonderful cause!

the fifth graders have raised enough to sponsor a hole at the annual golf tournament held on Friday, September 13th.

To raise the funds they hosted a bake sale on Thursday, September 12th and raised close to \$700. They allowed their schoolmates to accessorize their uniforms and show their support for beating the fight against breast cancer by also wearing pink. Students made Get Well banners to be sent to the moms fighting breast cancer to lift their spirits as they courageously fight to get better!

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Yard Sale for Life Connection Mission

For three years, families at St. Patrick's have rallied together to host a HUGE yard sale right in the St. Pat's parking lot! This annual event calls for all hands on deck, and without fail, the students, their parents, grandparents, school teachers, and parishioners rally to support the efforts of Life Connection Mission. The mission runs a school and medical facility in Montrouis, Haiti. Over the years and countless hours of preparation, hard work, and dedication from yard sale volunteers, St. Pats has single handedly built the only free medical clinic serving the members of the community, helped to double the size of the school, and began the foundation of a trade school and higher learning IT center.

The annual yard sale will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Please come shop and support the members of St. Patrick's parish as they pull

together once again to support the wonderful efforts of the volunteers working with Life Connection Mission.

Visit the Life Connection Mission webpage to learn more. www.lifeconnectionmission.org

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Eileen McConville proudly stands next to the hole that her classmates sponsored at the annual In the Name of the Mother golf tournament!

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Many and varied activities are blossoming within the community of St Patrick in Norbeck.

A few samples are offered here to demonstrate the range of spiritual, social and sports' events which continue to crowd our calendar of life throughout the year.

A bulging church bulletin on the weekend provides a glimpse into a busy array of parish endeavors and services with something for nearly everyone, from infants to seniors, in this grouping of approximately 2500 households.

Change for LIFE

There's still time to join the "Baby Bottle Campaign" now in progress until the end of October.

Just pick up an empty bottle from

"Respect Life" at St Patrick during October

a box near the ushers' table. Then collect and deposit your own loose change in the bottle until the end of the month. Both coins and green backs are welcome.

All proceeds go to the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center, which has been providing a variety of free services and supplies for thirty years to more than twenty thousand women and children.

Individuals and over thirty local churches (mostly Catholic parishes) in Montgomery County provide the bulk of monetary support. About 90% of all funds go directly to client services and programs. The annual "Baby Bottle Campaign" supplies a major source of income

to the Center.

LIFE Connection Mission

It's time for our huge, on-site, Yard Sale on Saturday 19 October!!

Truckloads of donated items from parishioners are magically converted into cash when the purchases occur from the hundreds of treasure-seekers who flock to this annual one-day event from miles around the area.

The week-long process of collection and sorting by the merry band of volunteers (headed by Christie Anne Short) starts on Sunday 12 October.

Last year's proceeds exceeded

twenty thousand dollars. One hundred percent of all funds go to help life for our neighbors in Montrouis Haiti through the "Life Connection Mission" here in Montgomery County.

40 Days for LIFE

You can combat the evil of abortion with participation in prayer, fasting and witness.

Join parishioners of St Patrick and other local churches for peaceful prayer vigils in Germantown throughout October until Sunday 03 November. This is a calm and tranquil method of giving witness in our own community.

Contact: Monica Ludwig (Parish Social Ministry) for details.

Challenges: Love and Marriage

Our very own St Patrick Youth Group (SPYG) will explore the challenges of life within the Sacrament of Marriage, at a dinner meeting on Wednesday evening of 16 October.

Newcomers are welcome to join the discussion for a better understanding of this universal commitment to live within the two great commandments of love in today's secular society.

"Old" Writings for Modern LIFE

The Fall Retreat for teens on the weekend of 25-27 October will focus on the life and writings of St Paul, as a lesson for modern living.

Join other high-schoolers for forty hours of Christian fellowship, prayer, and fun at Skycroft Retreat Center. This year's theme, "Un-Stoppable", can open a new vision of giving witness in everyday life.

Contact: Mike McHugh (Youth Minister) to register.

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other week this year. This is enough time for K-8 art teacher Cristina Morris to incorporate 10-15 minutes of drawing on a regular basis, give brief presentations on various artists, and also have the time needed to develop art projects more thoughtfully.

On the alternating weeks, both seventh and eighth grades have double periods of science, allowing middle school science teacher Danielle Trotta to plan on more frequent and in depth labs. As a transition into middle school science, the sixth graders are also participating in hands-on activities throughout the course of the year. (see photo)

Middle school students have been working on summer reading materials during the opening weeks of this school year. Middle school literature teachers Michelle Ardillo and Rachel Kyroglou have been reviewing the assigned novels in class. Seventh graders have been working on *The Wednesday Wars* by contemporary author Gary D. Schmidt while eighth graders worked on the classic murder mystery *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie. Sixth graders worked on contemporary novel *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. Artwork and projects associated with the assigned novels have been decorating the hallways of the middle school since the first week of school. Projects included a colored map showing the train route of the Orient Express, a collage of the 1960's, and a board game based upon the characters and setting of *Wonder*. Later in the semester seventh and eighth grade students will also work on their second assigned novel. Seventh grade also read the classic *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway while eighth grade read the classic *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck.

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Margie and Willy Young's Special Needs Group Home

Usually, when kids grow up, they will move out of their parents' house.

However, in an effort to ensure independence for their 30 year old

that helps tie the residents together.

Moving into a second house nearby, Margie and Willy were able to get a Veteran's Administration loan without a down payment.

Currently, the Youngs are paying both mortgages. Financially, all they ask of the residents is to help with utilities of the group home.

Currently, Neil lives in a basement apartment in the house. He has one roommate named Zak Selbst, coincidentally a parishioner of Mother Seton in Germantown.

The Youngs hope to have other residents

Zak and other potential residents.

"We really wanted the kids to be travel-trained," Young said. "So everyone knows how to ride a bus." Also, the residents should have either a volunteer job or a paid job. "They need to get out at least four hours per day," Margie Young said. "We want them to make their own plans."

Additionally, most group homes feature an adult who makes all the plans for the residents. In the Youngs' group home, Willy Young said, "The idea is to have a responsible adult as a safety valve, not a fixture."

At St. Rose, Neil is a greeter at the 7:15 Mass and welcomes everyone. Additionally, Margie and Willy are part of the music ministry at St. Rose. Margie is a cantor; Willy is an acolyte.

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Neil Young is flanked by his parents, Willy and Margie Young. Photo by Mary Zoccola

son with autism, St. Rose parishioners Margie and Willy Young recently moved out of the house where they have lived since 2007. Their son, Neil, is staying in the house.

Taking the somewhat unusual step of moving into a second home, the Youngs made the move in hopes of establishing a private group home of young men with special needs for Neil. Their idea is to create a community that would function as a family. Realizing a common bond would help the community to come together, participating in Special Olympics is the common thread

join Neil and Zak in the house. A third friend from Special Olympics, Chris DiVita, may join them in the future. A fourth friend, Andy Eisenhower may move into the house in the Spring. The legal term for such a group house is Community Support Living Arrangement.

Self-sufficiency is something that Margie Young wants for Neil,



Neil Young and friends. From left: Neil Young, Chris DiVita, and Zak Selbst. Photo by Mary Zoccola

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role," said Barringer, "and I'm eager to tackle the challenge of bringing greater awareness and a more effective response to the issue of poverty. More than 46 million people in the United States are living in poverty, an all-time high, and about a third of them are children under the age of 18. As a nation, we can, and should, do better."

One of the largest charitable organizations in the world, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international, nonprofit, Catholic lay organization of more than 770,000 men and women who voluntarily join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in 149 countries on five continents. With the U.S. headquarters in St. Louis, Mo., membership in the United States totals more than 148,000 in 4,300 communities. Programs include home visits, housing assistance, disaster relief, job training and placement, food pantries, dining halls, clothing, transportation and utility costs, care for the sick, the incarcerated and the elderly, and prescription medicine.

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Dancers take the stage at the St. Rose of Lima Fiesta

Annual Fiesta

St. Rose of Lima church in Gaithersburg will hold its annual Fiesta on September 28. The Fiesta featured an auction, flea market, book nook, country store, silent auction, live auction and lots of things for kids to do. Photos by Jack McKinney

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Liturgical dancers at Mass following the St. Rose of Lima Fiesta



St. Rose of Lima sixth-grade Religious Ed teacher Sheila Shea demonstrates a point for her students at the first night of Religious Education for the 2013-2014 school year. Photo by Mary Zoccola



Sherry Moitzoa with the St. Rose House residents and their quilts. Photo by Kwanho Roh

Quilt Presentation to St. Rose House Residents

By Mary Zoccola

A great spirit of inter-ministry cooperation came to fruition with the presentation of quilts to each of the three residents of the St. Rose House at the end of the 11:15 Mass on September 22, 2013, with a special blessing from Father Paul Colloton.

The St. Rose House, known formerly as the Rosario House, is an independent living residence for developmentally disabled men hosted by St. Rose Catholic Community. The three residents of the home are: James, Anthony and Stephen, who regularly attend the 11:15 a.m. Mass.

The quilts were the result of a spontaneous cooperation between several St. Rose ministries. Initially, St. Rose parishioner Laura Wallerstadt wanted some socializing between the St. Rose community and the St. Rose House residents. Taking Wallerstadt's idea and running with it, Sherry Moitzoa, St. Rose Social Concerns staff, decided to have this summer's Bible Camp kids decorate fabric squares at a marketplace station. Then, decorated squares would be sewn into a quilt for the St. Rose house residents by the St. Rose Quilting ministry. The quilters, particularly Barbara Heinhold, stitched the squares together into the three quilts.

From there, Moitzoa thought a

picnic after the 11:15 a.m. Mass at the St. Rose House would be a great way to celebrate the quilt presentation. Moitzoa contacted the St. Rose Knights of Columbus for food for post-presentation party. The Knights provided grilled hot dogs, chips, grapes, cold drinks and delicious Costco cookies for dessert. St. Rose teenage musicians from the Troubadours and the St. Rose House band provided entertainment.

"The meditation song after communion at the mass that day said, 'Take me, take me as I am.' I think that's a beautiful summary of what we try to do here at St. Rose," said Wallerstadt. "It's the love and acceptance that I know James, Anthony and Stephen feel in our church."

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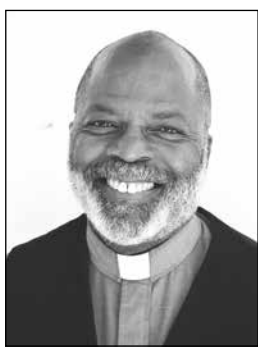
New Teacher Profile – Deacon Timothy Tilghman

By Ismael Hernandez-Cruz, Cap Corps Volunteer

At the St. Francis International School weekly Masses, all of the students have seen Deacon Timothy Tilghman on the altar. All of the middle school classes have listened to him teaching their religion class. Who is this newcomer?

Timothy Tilghman was born on March 2, 1953, in Washington, D.C. He grew up in Northeast D.C., near the Shrimp Boat, an area landmark. Deacon Tilghman loved his community and enjoyed hanging out with people in his old neighborhood. He went on to serve in the Coast Guard for 23 years until 1998 when he retired as a captain. Deacon Tilghman was ordained in 2010 to serve the Archdiocese of Washington.

To really understand Deacon, however, one must understand how he grew up in the neighborhood. The desire to become a deacon



Deacon Timothy Tilghman, new religion teacher and campus minister at St. Francis International School.

started there, where Josephite priests and brothers staffed every church with which he and his family were involved. He was baptized and went to school in parishes with Josephites. They introduced him to the Catholic Church, becoming an integral part of his neighborhood.

Deacon Tilghman's relationship with his neighborhood directly contributes to his goals at St. Francis.

He states, "Every good thing I have comes from that experience with church in the neighborhood." As a religion teacher and deacon in this school community he wants to give the students a similar experience. Deacon Tilghman is accustomed to community work, after being a community organizer for the Washington Interfaith Network for ten years and a member of the Cursio Movement in the Archdiocese of Washington for twenty-one years.

Deacon Tilghman is a well-traveled man, having spent forty days working at a Jesuit parish of thirty thousand families in Ilasamaga, Lagos state, in Nigeria. However, even on a different continent, he found the type of church community that he saw as a child in D.C. That experience growing up has made Deacon Tilghman the man and deacon that he is today. St. Francis reminds him of that church community to which he belonged. Now, Deacon Tilghman is here to make this community as enriching and valuable as the one from which he came.

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Happy, health students at SFIS read together books donated by Susan Wranik and members of Executive Women International. Photo by Javier Del Angel, Franciscan Postulant

Teachers Taking Advantage of Technology

By Ismael Hernandez-Cruz, Cap Corps Volunteer

While the students are away, the teachers at Saint Francis International School do not play. On Friday, September 20th, the students celebrated an early dismissal day. However, the middle school teachers stayed afterwards to receive training in the new online lesson-planning program, *My Lesson Planner*. Primary school teachers had received the training earlier in the day. The program should help the teachers more easily organize their lesson plans and track students' performance.

Mr. Tobias Harkleroad, co-principal of Saint Francis, described the importance of making the switch to *My Lesson Planner*: "Part of

everything in the twenty-first century is being able to easily and quickly access past data and share data. In a school where we want to plan for the long-term and work as a team, we need to give them the tools. You cannot do it easily with paper and pencil. Moving to *My Lesson Planner* allows us to have a whole new level of sharing and being able to study and analyze the curriculum."

This training for teachers is only the most recent event in Saint Francis's move towards more technology in education. To help students review mathematics learned in class, teachers have started using the computer program *First in Math*. It uses fun games to increase the students' interest in math.

"*First in Math* reinforces the facts," said Ms. Shern Hall, a second grade teacher. "It's engaging. Their eyes are glued to it." However, the kids are not the only ones liking the new program. "Parents seem to be enjoying their kids liking it," she concluded.

Parents at SFIS should already be aware of *Edline*, the program the teachers are using to organize grades and maintain constant contact with parents. They can send parents their children's grades and communicate electronically using its messaging forum. As Saint Francis moves further into the twenty-first century, such changes are crucial in keeping the school at the forefront of education.

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Healthy Students are Productive Students

By Ismael Hernandez-Cruz, Cap Corps Volunteer

School has just started, but at Saint Francis "sick season" has also started earlier than usual. All school communities face the regular cycle of flu, colds, sore throats each year/ Sometimes, like a few

years ago with the H1N1 epidemic the sick season is heavy and other years it's hard to notice when the sick season has come and gone.

Annual illnesses like flu and the cold as well as typical childhood illnesses like strep throat can spread easily in a school environment where kids are changing classes, eating together in the cafeteria, and sharing restrooms and water fountains. When those illnesses spread students lose valuable instructional time as they suffer through and recover. Children also suffer when their regular classroom teachers get sick and need to take time off.

This fall at SFIS students have been coming to the health room in numbers normal for flu season, but, this early in the year, such high numbers are a little unusual. Even though they weren't expecting this uptick in sicknesses the administration at Saint Francis International School has chosen to use this unusual situation to roll out and start practicing newly designed health and wellness techniques throughout the school.

This year SFIS has a new school nurse, Connie Ramseth, RN, and a new health room technician, Amy Cossette – the team came to Saint Francis from St. Catherine Labouré School, which ceased operations last June. Nurse Connie Ramseth brings with her 45 years of school and army nursing experience. A part of the new approach to health and wellness at SFIS is being aggressively pro-active with the intention that if kids and teachers are healthier there will be more time for high level learning.

In order to fight the spread of the illness among the student and teacher population, the administration began using aggressive measures to ensure hygiene and safety in the school building. The Montgomery County

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Fr. Mike Johnson, pastor of St. Camillus Church, reads the story of St. Francis and the Wolf to students at SFIS. Photo by Javier Del Angel, Franciscan Postulant

For the feast of St. Francis (Oct. 4) a farmer brought an alpaca, a horse, a goat and several other animals for the Pre-K students at SFIS to experience up close. Photo by Javier Del Angel, Franciscan Postulant



Br. Gerald Hopeck, Co-Principal of SFIS, speaks to middle school students about the connection between our faith and our responsibility to care for creation as part of the school's St. Francis Week celebration. Photo by Javier Del Angel, Franciscan Postulant

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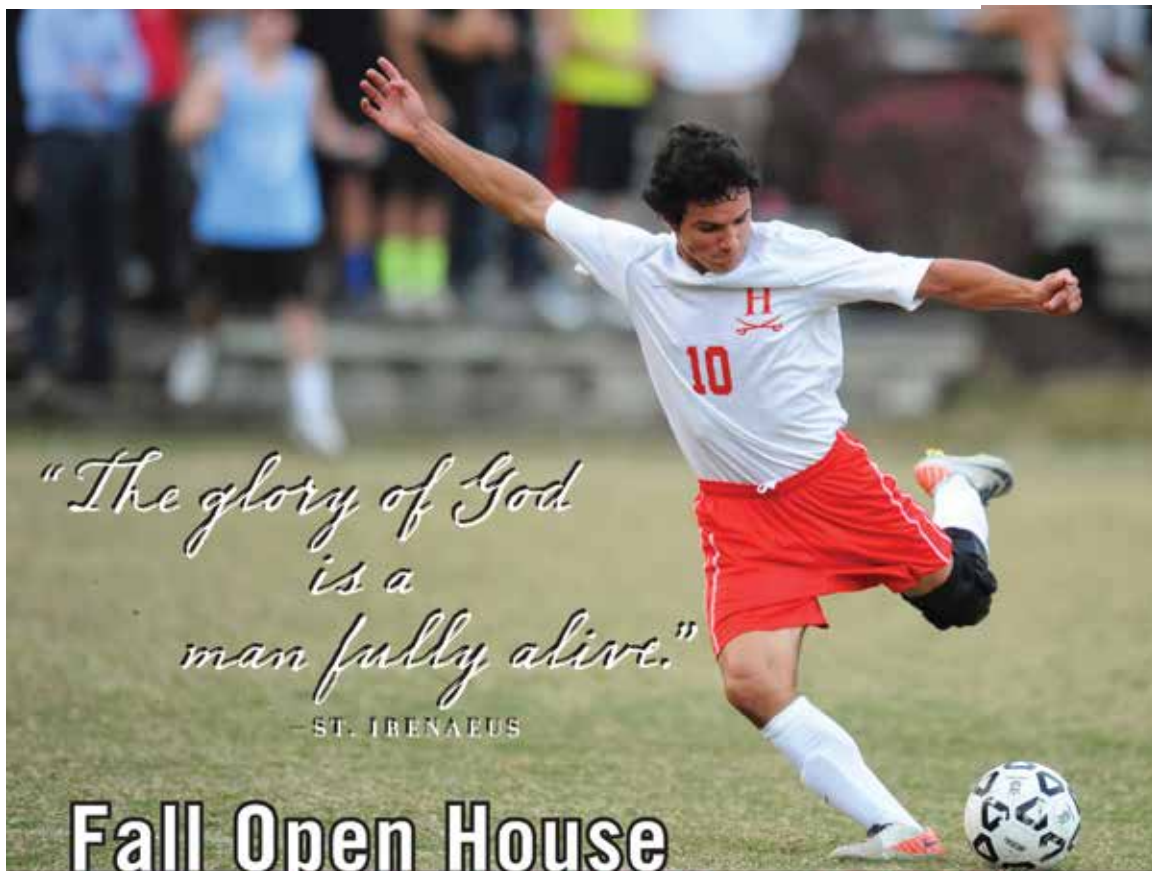
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Since 1908 the Christ Child Society's Layette Program has been providing material, educational and emotional support to at risk newborns and their mothers. Each year the Society distributes over 3700 layettes with blankets, clothing and diapers, blessed medals and prayer cards to babies in the metropolitan area.

In the fall of 2003, Mrs. Linda Merkel introduced the program to the students of Our Lady of Lourdes School. Her eighth-grade students began their service by tying blessed medals to a prayer

card. Each medal and prayer card is then tied to one layette, which is then distributed to a mother and child. For ten years the eighth-grade students have been involved in this project. It is one of their favorite service projects because they love to think about the tiny babies who will receive the layettes.

Each layette includes a hand-knitted item. Mrs. Merkel has been knitting those blankets for over 25 years. While she was teaching school, she knit 20 to 25 blankets each year. Since she retired in 2011, she knits over 40 blankets each year.

She has replaced all those papers to be graded with beautiful yarn and needles! Mrs. Merkel donates all the yarn she uses to knit the blankets – over six skeins for each blanket!

Mrs. Linda Merkel, an incredibly generous woman, set such a wonderful example for her students by donating her time, treasure and considerable talents to children in need. The eighth-grade students of Lourdes have happily adopted her attitude of care and commitment to children in need and have continued to tie the medals and cards each year.

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The Blue Shirt Brigade

“Exceptional” is the word. Teachers and staff at Our Lady of Lourdes School are asked to watch for children who perform admirably across the board. Students who give their best efforts in the classroom; make sure that other students are supported; offer to help their teachers; and exemplify our motto of “Faith, Excellence and Service” are nominated by one teacher. Other teachers are asked to concur, and offer examples of exceptional work and behavior.

Students are recognized at our morning prayers and assembly. Mr. Long announces their names, and describes their accomplishments. They receive their special blue shirts and a huge round of applause. The honored students are allowed to wear their blue shirt in place of their uniform shirts once each month.

Some days it seems like we should be handing out



Heyward Hanley received the blue shirt on October 4.

blue shirts to every student in the school! The students of Our Lady of Lourdes are striving to be exceptional in every way, and what a great job they are doing!

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Our Lady of Lourdes School 2013-2014 Student Council:
(L-R) Joy Anderson, Helena Orrego, Gabby Sebastian and Molly Quinn

Student Leaders Plan for a Great Year

This year 20 students ran for Student Council at Our Lady of Lourdes School. The class is filled with spirit and energy.

Helena Orrego is the Treasurer, Molly Quinn is the Secretary, Joy Anderson is the Vice President, and Gabby Sebastian is the President. Everyone agreed that all the students running gave outstanding speeches and have wonderful ideas for the coming year. Many of the students presented ideas for service projects and exciting fundraisers.

Think Pink Day is the first activity planned for this year. Students will dress in pink, buy pink donuts and pink drinks. All proceeds for the day will go to the Deanna Favre Breast Cancer Foundation. An eerie

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	Freshman Class Size: 124					

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	Freshman Class Size: 130 • Tuition: \$19,550 • Financial Aid: 301-942-2100					

 ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL Est 1851 Mr. Jeffrey W. Mancabelli, President Bro. Michael Andrejko, FSC, Principal Mrs. Susan Hinton, Director of Admissions 202-363-2316 • www.stjohnschs.org 2607 Military Road, NW, Chevy Chase, DC 20015	Coed Coed: ice hockey, crew, cross country, golf, rifle team, tennis, swimming, track; Female: basketball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball; Male: baseball, basketball, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, wrestling, rugby. WCAC Cadets Scarlet & Grey Tuition: \$16,625	Special Programs • De La Salle Scholars Program • Benilde Program • 1:1 Technology Program (iPads) • Optional top-ranked JROTC Leadership Program • Outstanding Band and Theater Programs • James V. Kinsey Science & Technology Center	Open House Sunday, Oct. 20, 2013 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Entrance Exam Archdiocesan test results are required.	Application Deadline Dec. 13, 2013 Financial Aid Appl. Deadline Feb. 1, 2014	Notification of Admission Feb. 27, 2014 Registration Deposit Due March 15, 2014
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<p>Freshman Class Size: 240 • Tuition: \$14,750 • Financial Aid: Admissions Office 240-764-2210</p>						

 <p>Archbishop Carroll HIGH SCHOOL Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Blaufuss, Principal/CEO Okera Hawkins, Vice Principal for Academic Affairs Elana Gilmore, Vice Principal for Student Affairs Tiffany D. Scurlock, Admissions Director 4300 Harewood Rd., NE, Washington, DC 20017</p>	<p>Coed Charter Member WCAC Varsity/Jr. Varsity • Men/Women Sports: Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Intramural Sports, Softball, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball</p> <p>Carroll Lions/Lady Lions Green & Gold</p>	<p>Augustine Scholars Special Programs College Preparatory • IB Programme • HISCIP Program • HONORS COURSES • SAT Prep Courses • Computer Labs • Internet Labs</p>	<p>Open House Dates Sunday October 27, 2013 11:00 am – 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Priority Application Deadline Jan. 21, 2014</p>	<p>Notification of Admission Feb. 27, 2014</p>	
<p>Freshman Class Size: 125 • Tuition: \$11,920 • Admissions Information: Tiffany D. Scurlock @ 202-529-0900, x124</p>						

 <p>Elizabeth Seton High School 5715 Emerson St., Bladensburg, MD 20710 Sr. Ellen Marie Hagar '74, President Sharon Pasterick, Principal Melissa Davey '99, Admissions 301-864-4532 www.setonhs.org</p>	<p>Girls Basketball, soccer, volleyball, softball, golf, swimming, crew, cross country, lacrosse, indoor and outdoor track, tennis, field hockey, equestrian, cheerleading and dance. Washington Catholic Athletic Conference</p> <p>Roadrunners Scarlet, Gold, and White</p>	<p>Special Programs • Scholars and Honors Program for academically-gifted students. • Agnes M. Brown Pre-Law Program • Learning Engineering and Design STEM program.</p>	<p>Open House Sunday, November 3 11:00 AM– 2:00 PM</p>	<p>Entrance Exam Archdiocesan test results required.</p>	<p>Application Deadline December 5</p>	<p>Notification of Admission February 27</p>
<p>Archdiocesan Financial Aid Application Required</p>						

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<p>Freshman Class Size: 65 • Tuition: \$14,850 • Financial Aid: Michael Schultz @ 301-662-4210 • www.saintjohnsprep.org</p>						

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<p>Average Class Size: 12 • Tuition: Grades 1–5 \$11,000 Grades 6–8 \$12,250 Grade 9–12 \$12,500 • Financial Aid: Joseph McPherson 301-949-7997</p>						

 <p>Bishop McNamara High School 6800 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD 20747 Mr. Marco Clark, President Dr. Robert Van der Waag, Principal Mrs. Patricia Garber, Admissions (ext. 113) Mr. Michael Jones, Admissions (ext. 102) www.bmhs.org 301-735-8401</p>	<p>Co-ed 19 sports teams Freshmen, Junior Varsity and Varsity In the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference</p> <p>Mustangs Maroon & Gold</p>	<p>Special Programs: Fine Arts Diploma Endorsement Orchestra 5 Choirs & 11 Bands Dance & Theater Arts St. Joseph Program Internships • Concurrent college enrollment • Advanced Placement Courses • Scholarships</p>	<p>Open House Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Entrance Exam High School Placement Test (HSPT) required</p>	<p>Application Deadline Dec. 15, 2013</p>	<p>Notification of Admission late Feb 2014</p>
<p>Freshman Class Size: 235 • Tuition: \$12,500</p>						

<p>St. Vincent Pallotti HIGH SCHOOL 113 St. Mary's Place, Laurel, MD 20707 Mr. Jeff Palumbo, President/Principal Lindsay Dively, Director of Admissions 301-725-3228 Ext. 202 www.pallottihs.org</p>	<p>Coed 17 varsity teams in the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association and the Interscholastic Athletic Association of Maryland.</p> <p>20 Clubs & Organizations</p>	<p>Grades 9-12 College Prep Curriculum Honors & AP Courses 99% College Placement One-to-One Laptop Technology Visual & Performing Arts Program Learning Center</p>	<p>Open House Sunday, Nov. 10 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Visit the web site for 2014-2015 application!</p>	<p>Admissions Application Deadline Dec. 13, 2013</p>	<p>Financial Aid Application Deadline Jan. 5, 2014</p>
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 <p>Gonzaga College High School 19 Eye St., NW, Washington, DC 20001 Rev. Stephen W. Planning, S.J., President Mr. Thomas K. Every II, Headmaster Mr. Andrew Battaile, Director of Admissions 202-336-7101</p>	<p>Boys 7 Freshman, 16 Junior Varsity, and 17 Varsity Sports Washington Catholic Athletic Conference</p> <p>Eagles Purple & White</p>	<p>Special Programs Comprehensive advanced placement, band, choral arts, internet applications, earth systems, science laboratory.</p>	<p>Open House Sunday, November 24 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Entrance Exam Archdiocesan test results are required.</p>	<p>Application Deadline December 10</p>	<p>Notification of Admission Feb. 27, 2014</p>
<p>Freshman Class Size: 240 • Tuition: \$19,275</p>						



Pastor Father John Dakes blesses the classroom as students and parents look on.

Mercy Welcomes First Pre Kindergarten Class

Our Lady of Mercy School in Potomac, Maryland, is excited to announce the opening of its new preschool on Kentsdale Drive. Principal Joan Hosmer and Father John Dakes presided over the ribbon cutting ceremony on August 27. The preschool serves 4 year olds and offers both full day and half-day programs. Director Anne-Marie Ribas reported that the students were captivated by the new classroom, learning materials, and centers and are sure to thrive in such a nurturing, interactive, and engaging environment.

Our Lady of Mercy School is a blue-ribbon school of excellence and has been in Potomac for over 50 years. Its graduating

eighth graders go on to area high schools including, Stone Ridge, Holy Child, Georgetown Visitation, Georgetown Prep, Gonzaga, and St. John's, among others. The preschool is a welcome addition, making Our Lady of Mercy home to over 250 students. Please contact Joan Hosmer at Our Lady of Mercy School for enrollment information.

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Principal Joan Hosmer presides over the ribbon cutting ceremony.



Pre-Kindergarten students Mary Elizabeth Sullivan and Kaitlin Stokes spend a quiet moment in Mercy's Blessed Mother garden.

A Valued Contributor

Sheila Scanlan Sabatini died on August 28, 2013 and the parish of Our Lady of Mercy

as well as Our Parish Times lost a valued contributor. Sheila was a fine example of how to live life in full to the end. Sheila was a retired middle school teacher, and her intellectual curiosity, intelligence, and wit, along with a vibrant faith shaped her life.

She was elected to the parish council in the most recent election, was an active member of the Sodality, and a supporter of the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. She was also a very valuable contributor to Our Parish Times, providing both articles and photos.


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SRS Kicks Off School Year with Angels on the Run 5K/1K

By Nora Stephens and MJ Zafis-Garcia

All of the students are settled back at their desks after a glorious summer. But it's not all reading, writing, and arithmetic at St. Raphael School! Our school family and friends came together on an early morning for our second annual Angels on the Run 5K and fun run on Sept. 21. The event, with more than 300 registered runners, was a huge success. On the day before the run, SRS had a spirit day, which culminated in a pep rally on the school blacktop. The lovely weather, pom-poms, and green face paint got everyone in the spirit for race day.



SRS student show their school spirit at the Angels on the Run pep rally on the day before the big race!

von Heeringen, vice president; Megan Witt, treasurer; Alex Turner, secretary; as well as class reps Schuyler Johns, Emily May and Yasmine Tashman. Congratulations!

Student Council Officers Installed

In September, St. Raphael School installed its first student government, made up of members of our eighth-grade class of 2014. The new student government officers are Jovan Kouakou, president; Kate

St. Raphael School Gives Back

St. Raphael School and Nursery School again participated in Day to Serve, a collaborative, interdenominational effort to help those less fortunate in Maryland, Virginia,

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Something for Everyone at St. Raphael

By Nora Stephens

St. Raphael is an active and enthusiastic parish and our calendar of events seems to prove it.

On Sept. 29, we held the first of three planned special needs Masses scheduled for the coming year. The Mass was a wonderful assembly, bringing together special needs community with those of other parishes as well. Most of all, it was wonderful to be joined by all the members of our amazing church family in celebrating that all of us, disabilities or not, are all God's children. We are blessed.

The St. Raphael Special Needs Ministry is excited to hold its first Special Needs Town Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 1. This is the chance for members of our community to talk about what our dreams are for this ministry and discuss what we hope to accomplish in the long term.

On Oct. 16, the St. Raphael Respect for Life committee welcomes Marguerite Duane, MD, who will come to our parish to speak about natural family planning. Duane is a board certified family physician and the co-founder of FACTS: the Fertility Appreciation Collaborative to Teach the Systems. This discussion will examine the dignity of human sexuality within the vocation of Christian marriage. She will also discuss natural family planning methods and introduce Natural Procreative Technology and how it may be used to diagnose and treat infertility, consistent with the teachings of the Church.

One very vibrant part of our parish is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a lay organization that offers financial, spiritual and emotional support based on home visitation and assessment. Our SVdP chapter has 22 active members, and in fiscal year 2013 they had 77 cases with 85 adults and 75 children during the year. The organization provided

financial assistance for housing, utility, food, medication and other acute crisis needs.

Outgoing president Angela Ray said, "Working with and through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been a powerful witness to seeing God at work in his Kingdom. Seeing the face of Christ in those in need, having prayers answered and watching faith in action is truly a humbling experience." We thank Angela for her three years of leadership and welcome Mary O'Neill as the new president. Mary envisions "helping parishioners to grow closer to Christ by showing them that carrying the pain and sorrow of our neighbors is not to be feared but is to be embraced."

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"As we celebrate this great honor, I am reminded of how so many people in our parish and school communities share generously



The Holy Cross School community gathered at a school-wide assembly to announce the news that the school has been designated a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

of their time and talents to make Holy Cross such an exceptional place. The leadership provided by Monsignor Hill, the generosity of our parishioners, the dedication of our faculty and staff, as well as the enthusiasm and support of our school families is amazing. We are blessed in so many ways," shared Principal Mrs. Lisa Kane.

In November, the Department of Education will host a recognition ceremony for all of the 2013 Blue Ribbon recipients, but Holy Cross celebrated early. The good news was announced to the school community at an assembly in September. A prayer service followed, officiated by Monsignor Hill and Father Perkins. "Faith is at the center of all that we do here at Holy Cross. We gathered to celebrate with prayers of gratitude for the blessings that surround us. And we had cupcakes with blue frosting for all of the children, of course!" added Mrs. Kane.

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St. Jude Regional Catholic School News

Dear St. Jude Community,

We are blessed! St. Jude Regional Catholic School has and continues to be an amazing place with devoted families and a faith driven mission to educate all who enter our doors. The school year is off to a great start thanks to the commitment of our families.

This year we will be continuing our progress on the *Modernization of St. Jude*. In line with the strategic plan we will continue to work on the infrastructure for a 21st century building. Once completed St. Jude Regional Catholic School will be on the leading edge of technology in the Archdiocese of Washington. Another set of new computers will be arriving any day, and our Modernization team has met with a number of vendors to discuss interactive technology for our classrooms.

One more very significant milestone the St. Jude Regional Catholic School reached this past year is financial stability. With the assistance of the finance committee we have been able to stabilize the budget of the school and for the first time in a long while, the school did not borrow any funds from the Parish. This incredible success could not have been without each of you, our parents, guardians, grandparents, and all of those who sacrifice for our children. I am proud to say that the trend is projected to continue again this year.

WE have taken a crucial step and positioned St. Jude for great success for years to come. **WE** are...strong! **WE** are...ready! **WE** areSt. Jude!

Live Jesus in our hearts..... Forever!

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Free Lecture on Parent Leadership

St. Jude Regional Catholic School invites all to attend a **free** lecture by well-known author **James Stenson** on **Parent Leadership in Forming Character** on **Friday, October 11, at 7pm** in the Thaddeus Room of **St. Jude Regional Catholic School, 4820 Walbridge St., Rockville**. A light reception will follow. For more information, go to www.parentleadership.com or contact the main office of St. Jude Regional Catholic School at 301-946-7888 ext. 0 or mainoffice@stjuderockville.org.

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St. Jude Welcomes New Teachers

St. Jude Regional Catholic School was blessed with the following new teachers this school year.

Maura Bayly, Pre-K 4B Teacher

A graduate from the University of Maryland, Ms. Bayly has previously taught at the Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center. She currently coaches a summer swim team in Bowie and lives in Washington.



Christine Couch, Music Teacher

A native of Georgia and a graduate of the University of West Georgia (Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance) and the Catholic University of America (Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy), Ms. Couch is a member of Music Teachers National Association. Since 2004, Ms. Couch has been playing music at the Shrine of St. Jude, accompanying three choirs and directing the Spanish choir.



Eileen Guihen, Pre-K 4B Aide

Mrs. Guihen comes to St. Jude from Holy Redeemer in Kensington.



Alexandra Lopez, Pre-K 3 Teacher

A parishioner at the Shrine of Saint Jude, Mrs. Lopez comes to us from



the Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center, where she spent nine years working with young children and their families. She is excited to serve her community at St. Jude teaching the new Pre-K 3 program!

Jeanne-Marie McElhaney, PreK 3 Aide

Joins St. Jude from Jumpbunch Fitness for Kids. Mother of two daughters, Mrs. McElhaney and her family are parishioners at St. Elizabeth, where she and her husband assist with marriage prep and are a sector couple for Teams of Our Lady. Mrs. McElhaney enjoys hiking with her family on the Northwest Branch trail.



Kathy Miller, 5th-8th Grade Language Arts Teacher

Mrs. Miller is new to St. Jude but not to the Archdiocese of Washington. This is her 28th year working for the Archdiocese. Most recently, Mrs. Miller was the Principal of St. Bartholomew School for 16 years. She has two children: Jake, a senior at Gonzaga, and Samantha, an eighth grader at St. Jane de Chantal.



Karen Murphy, Resource Teacher

Ms. Murphy attended CUA and Johns Hopkins where she received her Master's degree in Special Education. She loves getting to know students and



helping them do their best. When not teaching, Ms. Murphy enjoys playing the guitar and being active outdoors.

James Roberts, PE Teacher

A graduate of St. John's College High School, where he received the Scholar Athlete Award, and the University of Maryland at College Park, Mr. Roberts lives in Silver Spring. During summers, he works at a camp where he started as a junior counselor in and is now Camp Director. In his spare time he loves to run and be active outside.



Gail Saur, PreK 4A Aide

Has been at St. Jude School since 1998 when her son (who is now in college) started Kindergarten. Both her son and daughter are St. Jude alums. For the past 10 years, Mrs. Saur worked for the parish in the religious education office. Although her husband grew up in this parish, Mrs. Saur is originally from Vermont and enjoys visiting there.



Jason Smith, Third Grade Teacher

Comes to St. Jude from Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Smith is starting his third year teaching in a Catholic School system and is excited about becoming part of the St. Jude community.



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Shrine of St Jude Catholic Church News

Patricia (Trish) Naughton Cunningham

March 22, 1963 - August 21, 2013

Caught the St. Jude Spirit and Lived it

Trish Naughton Cunningham caught the St. Jude Spirit a long time ago and lived it. Her faith was most important to her. She attended daily Mass and frequent Eucharistic Adoration and brought her family along with her. She loved life and loved to sing as she worked in her kitchen preparing nutritious meals for her family. She often brought food to the poor, making sure to bring them nutritious items as well. She coached girls' sports for 15 years, teaching them to be better persons as well as better athletes. Trish's spirit lives on in her husband and children and all those whose lives she touched.



Patricia Naughton, May Queen, Donna Cangemi and Diane Massino, attendants, and Eileen Naughton, flower girl. Photo taken in 1977 at the Shrine of St. Jude May procession.

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St. Jude's International Festival

Another International Festival, sponsored by the Pastoral Council, will take place in the St. Jude Thaddeus Room and Breezeway/Patio November 2, 2013. The festivities begin with a special International Mass at 5 p.m. accompanied with readings and music representative of our international heritage. The Festival will follow immediately thereafter. The Mass and Festival is open to all present and past priests, nuns, parishioners, teachers, staff and school families.

Chairman Frank Carroll and the Festival Committee will prepare and model the Thaddeus Room in world regions to accommodate many ethnic backgrounds for the serving of the ethnic foods donated by parishioners. National flags and ethnic dress are very much encouraged. Plans include ethnic music,

a Power Point presentation of St. Jude history and past events, and samplings of various and tasteful home cooked international foods.

The Pastoral Council, the Festival Planning Committee, and the wonderful cooks that contribute their favorite ethnic culinary dishes all look forward to another occasion to proudly remember and celebrate their ethnic heritage.

St. Jude Pro Life Committee's Baby Bottle Campaign

During October, Respect Life Month, the SJPLC will conduct the annual Baby Bottle campaign to benefit the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center in Gaithersburg. The Committee distributed empty baby bottles to parishioners before and after all the Masses the last weekend of September. Parishioners will fill them with their donations

of coins, cash, and checks during October the month and return the bottles the last weekend of October. Many thanks to the St. Jude parishioners who are always extremely generous with this fundraiser.

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Stepping Outside Ourselves

By Lisa Griffin, Social Concerns Committee Co-Chair and Mary of Nazareth School Parent

Heeding Pope Francis's call to "become courageous Christians and seek out those who need help the most," Mary of Nazareth School has embarked on a multifaceted Social Concerns program for the 2013-2014 school year entitled "Stepping Outside Ourselves." The program derives its name from one of Pope Francis's recent speeches in which he implored Catholics to "step outside ourselves... [and] find poverty... to seek out those on the fringes of society who need help the most." Through sustained volunteering efforts and a curriculum that spans every subject, we hope to raise student awareness of the plight of those who are without life's most basic necessities.

Mary of Nazareth School will be working closely with A Wider Circle- a Silver Spring based organization dedicated to ending poverty. Among other things, AWC runs a "Neighbor-to-Neighbor" program, which aims to help families transition out of shelters into homes "with

dignity and hope," and a Center for Professional Development, which assists individuals in their efforts to obtain jobs.

The entire Mary of Nazareth community will play a role in the success of the "Stepping Outside Ourselves" program. The Mary of Nazareth faculty will be holding its October retreat at AWC, volunteering as a group in AWC's Center for Community Service. Following a visit by AWC's founder, Dr. Mark Bergel, the students will be holding a donated goods drive in October, collecting donations of household items that AWC offers free of charge to families in need. And in the winter and spring, Mary of Nazareth families will be offered the opportunity to volunteer in AWC's Center for Community Service.

The Social Concerns Committee, and their faculty chair Megan McGregor, have worked hard to integrate the theme of combating poverty into the classroom curriculum throughout the entire year. Mary of Nazareth School looks forward to working with A Wider Circle to help families start anew with dignity and hope. **OPT**



Third-grade students research information for an upcoming project in the new computer lab

The Computer Lab Gets Rebooted

The Susan Falcone Computer Lab at Mary of Nazareth School has a shiny new look. Mary of Nazareth School has beautifully transformed the computer lab through the generous donations from our parents raising their

paddle for technology at the 2013 Gala, and an anonymous \$55,000 donation. We are full speed ahead with three new servers as well as a MultiPoint Dashboard for the teacher. There are also new stations for each student which include a mouse, monitor, and keyboard. A great bonus is that Net Zero clients consume less power than regular computers because there is no CPU. Our MultiPoint Server is projected to lower our electric bill by 66%.

Mary of Nazareth School students now have the ability to view content, share files and work more efficiently at their own user stations. We are blessed to have such a generous, supportive community which allows us to continually invest in the growth of our students. **OPT**

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Mary of Nazareth School Open House Schedule

■ Thursday, October 10, 2013
9am-11am

■ Sunday, January 26, 2014
1pm - 3pm

The Adventures of Principal Friel

Whether it is participating in a Fantasy Football league with students or swinging on ropes through the trees, Mary of Nazareth School's Principal, Mr. Friel, is always up for a challenge- or should we say fun.

Take ten students, Mr. Adrien McDonald, the Physical Education teacher, and Mr. Friel, start a Fantasy Football league and you get some serious competition. The season kicked off with an official draft in August where the students enjoyed pizza while choosing their top players. Week by week the stats are calculated and posted. The boys discuss the ins and outs of the past week's games as they set their strategy for the upcoming game. "There is a lot of banter about whose team is the best and who will be playing in the Super Bowl," says Mr. McDonald. The players: Mikey Bateman, Harrison Cerone, Nick Goldberg, Jett Jacobs, Michael Long, Zachary Merkle, Brenden Pauline, Trey Seminara, Tom Scherer, and Will Scherer, are all vying for the chance to win the championship, which includes lunch with Mr. Friel and Mr. McDonald at the Greene Turtle.

According to Brenden Pauline, there is another advantage to participating in a fantasy football league. He said, "If you are into football, I suggest you play fantasy football because it makes it



Alexa Fabi, Jennifer Albergo, Clare Gamma and Kelsey Kley have their feet on the ground long enough to pose for a picture with Mr. Friel

more interesting and entertaining on Sunday. All games around the NFL matter, not just the game of the team you root for. I am happy to play in this fantasy football league." When Michael Long, Trey Seminara and Tom Scherer were asked, "Who is the biggest trash talker of all?" the resounding response was, "Definitely Mr. Friel."

It's not just the boys who get to have all the fun! The girls have been swinging through trees with Mr. Friel...literally. Alexa Fabi, Clare Gamma, Jennifer Albergo and Kelsey Kley spent the afternoon with their principal at the

Aerial Adventure Park where they traveled by zip lines and bridges between the trees. The platforms made of rope, cable and wood created unique climbing challenges that made it even more exciting. Alexa Fabi stated, "I went on an awesome climbing adventure with amazing friends and our super cool principal."

The Fantasy Football League and Aerial Adventure Park activities with Mr. Friel were the result of winning bids at the Mary of Nazareth School's Annual Benefit Gala. **OPT**

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West Virginia and Washington, D.C. Collectively, the students brought in 226.6 pounds of food and 130.6 pounds of supplies, for a grand total of 357.2 pounds of donations, all for Rockville's Stepping Stones Shelter! That's the St. Raphael spirit!

Day to Serve was an excellent opportunity to kick off and reinforce our theme for this school year, "Change the World." In her back-to-school letter, Principal Teri Dwyer said, "Our Catholic identity is at the heart of everything at St. Raphael. We are proud to be Catholic and pray that we will represent the best of that identity as we strive to learn and to serve. Each of our students will be prepared... to have the courage and passion to change the world...one positive action at a time." This year, we have a beautiful bulletin board in our main hallway where students can personally express how they are trying to change the world. It seems get more colorful each day.

We Love Our Grandparents!

We celebrated another beautiful Grandparent's Day, one of the most beloved days of the school year. The Trumpet Room was filled to capacity as family members of multiple generations came together for this very special day. Mass was



Students at St. Raphael share how they make a difference in the world.

followed by a reception, a slide show highlighting memories of Grandparent's Days past, family portraits, and school tours led by proud grandchildren.

St. Raphael Golf Classic Returns

Fall will continue to be a busy season at St. Raphael. Volunteers have been preparing for our fifth annual Fr. Bill Finch Memorial St. Raphael Golf Classic on Oct. 21. The tournament benefits our new Educational Building, which houses St. Raphael School and the parish library, and also provides meeting space for our various ministries as well as a home for our religious education classes.

All Are Welcome

St. Raphael School and Nursery

Tag Day for Breast Cancer

In honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we held a breast cancer tag day at the beginning of October. It was a sea of pink as students wore the color to bring awareness to a disease that kills more than 39,000 women each year. For our tag days, rather than a monetary donation used in-house, we "pay" with non-perishable food that goes to help people in need -another example of St. Raphael School spirit at work! **OPT**

By Laura Migasiuk

OLQP parishioner Laura Migasiuk is an undergraduate at the University of Maryland, studying Neurobiology and Physiology. This past summer, she taught English in Poland and volunteered at a hospital.

On September 15, 2013, in the hall of the Knights of Columbus in Silver Spring, parishioners and guests eagerly awaited the beginning of a theatrical production. The young children of the audience, sitting in the front row, glanced at the decorated stage and caught a few glimpses of actors behind the scenes.

The mumble in the room was quickly silenced as the lights dimmed and the voice of a narrator intoned the beginning of a tale which we all hold dear:



Singers at the Cinderella play: Magda Stanislawek, Olga Dzierzanowska, Victoria Stansilawek, and Alicia Coleman

Kopciuszek or Cinderella. Actors of all ages took part in this play, which was performed entirely in Polish by members of the Parish of Our Lady Queen of Poland and St. Maximilian Kolbe in Silver Spring, MD.

Full of extravagant costumes and singing, the play unfolded, quickly engaging the audience as they listened and laughed at the new spin on a classic. The step-mother, played by Anna Janiak, commanded the stage, browbeating her step-daughter Cinderella, who was played by Kamila Adamczyk. Janiak quickly epitomized the meaning of a villain as she ordered Cinderella to tend to her siblings. In a state of despair



Cousins Leokadia and Danuta, played by Antoni Roden and Milena Munoz, with step-mother Anna Janiak.

Cinderella obeys, cleaning and providing for the needs of her uncomely step-sisters. As the two step-sisters made their way to the center of the stage, the audience erupted into laughter, realizing that they were played by Aleksander Psurek and Igor Czerbniak, two young men of the parish. Wearing spectacular gowns, jewelry, and cosmetics, the "sisters" can easily be named the stars of the show.

The step-sisters prepared for the ball at the King's palace along with their cousins Danuta and Leokadia, played by Milena Munoz and Antoni Roden, respectively. The girls leave for an enchanting night while Cinderella is left at home to scrub and clean.

However, before long, Cinderella's despair is transformed into joy as her fairy godmother, played by Dorota Ponikiewska, grants the girl her wish. Soon, Cinderella is off to the ball as well.

Before the night is over, Cinderella dances with her Prince Charming, played by A.J. Elkamel.



All ends well when everyone finds out that the golden slipper fits Cinderella (Kamila Adamczyk). Around her are Filip Golebiowski, Ryszard Starosta, Anna Janiak, Aleksander Psurek, Igor Czerbniak, and A.J. Elkamel (Prince Charming).

Then, she runs off in a hurry, leaving only a gold shoe behind. Searching throughout the land, the Prince, accompanied by the Chamberlain (Filip Golebiowski) and Herold (Ryszard Starosta) finally finds his one true love.

The performance thrived and was interspersed with music and songs performed by Olga Dzierzanowska, Victoria Stanislawek, Magda Stanislawek, and Alicia Coleman. Written in rhyme by director Ponikiewska, the story acquired a new edge. Ponikiewska has led the Polish Drama Club for a number of years. Each play is different but they all share a common aspect: to unite the Polish community of the DC Metropolitan area. Each production provides the community with a new message, a nostalgic reminder, a good laugh, or an emotional experience. With drama, local Poles are able to remain connected to their roots from far beyond the homeland.

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Krystyna Praszalowicz Kloss, RIP

By Wanda Szczepanska Suder

Rev. Jan Fiedurek, S.Chr., celebrated a memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of Krystyna Praszalowicz Kloss on Saturday, September 21, 2013, at Our Lady Queen of Poland (OLQP) Parish in Silver Spring, MD. Mrs. Kloss died earlier this year at the age of 94. She was a founding member of OLQP Parish and was active in the cultural life of Washington, D.C. She also was the widow of the late Polish American Congress Washington Metro Division member, Stephen Praszalowicz Kloss, who was director of the National Capital Planning Commission, 1962-1980. Wanda gave the eulogy.



RIP Krystyna Praszalowicz Kloss (1918-2013)

We are [gathered] here to celebrate the life of Krystyna Praszalowicz Kloss. Or, as my sister and I called her „Pani Krystyna.”

It is fitting that I speak to you today. Pani Krystyna and my mother, Hanka [Szczepanska], were friends for nearly 50 years. It was exactly one year ago today that we

met here for my mother's funeral Mass.

In their later years, as their spouses aged and passed away and they themselves aged, my mother often said that the memories continue to live on.

Pani Krystyna was born in Krakow, Poland. Prior to the out-

break of World War II, she began her undergraduate studies in Warsaw, where she met her future husband, Szczepan Praszalowicz Kloss. They were married in Krakow, during the war. Pani Krystyna took part in the Polish underground in Krakow. She was arrested twice and bravely withstood harsh interrogations by the Germans. In 1985, she received the Polish Home Army Cross for her bravery.

She received her Masters degree in architecture from Krakow University of Technology in 1948 and joined her husband, also an architect, in the United States in 1957. They purchased a home in southwest D.C., near the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, her employer. She had two projects which were especially significant to her. The first, which many of you may have seen, were the innovative „skywalks” built between buildings in Rosslyn, Virginia. The other was the design for the Polish American Children's Hospital in her native Krakow.

I remember Pani Krystyna as kind and generous. She and her

husband built their retreat near Little Washington, Virginia. It was a microcosm of Polish culture and hospitality. They often entertained here, among the many „kilimy,” carvings, and pottery from Poland. As a child, I remember „camping” on the hillside leading down to the stream, and watching as the sun set over the Blue Ridge mountains. This scene reminded everyone of Poland.

Pani Krystyna knew many songs and would sit at the piano and play. I was awed to learn that she had no formal training and played most of the pieces after hearing just the melody.

There were many impromptu gatherings at their home in southwest, particularly after we had spent many long hours crafting hand-made decorations and hanging them on the Polish Christmas Tree at the Smithsonian, or creating centerpieces for a Polish Ball, or assembling the Woodrow Wilson Exhibit, among many such events. They always provided food, drink, good conversation and laughter.

Pani Krystyna's love of Poland

will be long remembered as she donated monies for the upkeep of the Polish cemetery at Monte Cassino.

I would like to express the sentiments of Jagoda and Beata Wyszynskie, her nieces who reside in her native Krakow, and who are with us today in spirit. They would like to thank everyone for coming to celebrate and remember their Ciocia Krysia and for praying for her.

May she rest in peace.

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The Right to Life Challenges in Our Backyard

By Katie Holland, CTK parish editor

Just at the edges of Christ the King's parish boundaries is one of the more active abortuaries in the county, Planned Parenthood's facility on Spring Street near Georgia Avenue. And every Saturday morning quiet protest takes place on the sidewalk out front until about noon. If it is a big event going on, like 40 Days' activities, many are drawn to participate, from Thursday until Saturday. But recently it has been a lone young woman standing there saying the Rosary, moving up and down the sidewalk so as not to be arrested for whatever it is Maryland, and/or Montgomery County, now

calls an arrestable offense. A young man may occasionally join in, always under the watchful, and creepy, eyes of Planned Parenthood "escorts" with their orange vests. Quiet, alone and prayerful.

Catholics know of the intrinsic and obvious evil of abortion but the insidiousness of the whole Contraception movement in this generation seems lost on most. Visit a pharmaceutical web site and check the information on any contraceptive hormone pill. You will find a statement much like this one (for Ortho-Tricyclen), "This medication also causes changes in your cervical mucus and uterine lining, making it harder for a fertilized egg to attach to the uterus" - a **fertilized egg**,

that which all of us once was. In the quiet of the vanity, women daily take from their medicine cabinet a drug which early on does what the more obvious-to-us abortion does in a later stage of pregnancy.

And, as breast cancer survivors learn, the first thing before treatment you must do is report (to the doctor) and eliminate sources of hormones in your daily regimen. Of course never is it directly mentioned that this would include what we call birth control pills. It is mentioned, though, to stop estrogen patches (menopausal women apparently are not as sensitive as the younger may be). The increase in diagnosis of breast cancer among young women correlates in this generation

with the contraceptives which have become an unspoken given, even seen as a necessity. Survivors must also report (to the doctor) any instance of abortion and/or all births (live and not), as this is/has been an abrupt "shift" in a hormone cycle of a woman. Clearly the medical field needs to have more women-specific medical studies but an apparent relationship cannot be ignored or discounted. These products of the past forty years of contraception have led to an anti-life attitude.

Yet, it is for Life that every Saturday morning a young woman stands on Spring Street saying the Rosary. Quiet, alone and prayerful.

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News of Note at Christ the King

September 20

The Spanish Prayer Group celebrated their anniversary of forming at Christ the King. Members gathered at the September 21st Saturday morning 8:30am Mass Celebrated by our Fr. Roberto Amoroso, FSCB, then joined together for an anniversary party in the Christ the King Msgr. John J. Dressel Colonial Room.

October 3

Christ the King through its Social Concerns commission participated in the Chevy Chase Women's Club clothing drive for Sierra Leone. Because the parish no longer collects used clothing, one member forwarded a request from the Club which had received a call from Collins McFoy, its former custodian now living in Sierra Leone. Collins distributes items in the past when he visited his home village at Christmas. Children in his village have been asking him if once again there will be a shipment of clothes and other items from their American friends. Collins explained his family still living in this area will see that they get shipped to Sierra Leone. The people of the village welcome used summer clothing for adults and children, shoes, small kitchen/household items, children's books, and hard candy. (Collins distributes the candy at the holiday

when he dresses up as Santa Claus.)

October 5

Our first Blessing of the Animals was held Saturday Oct. 5 after the 4pm Mass!

October 6

New parishioners began a Young Adults brunch. More and more, our 10:30am Sunday Mass has become a gathering place for Millennials, who we welcome with very open arms. Immediately after this Mass on Oct. 6th, a group of 20-some-things cooked up breakfast and prepared Mimosas for others in their age group. More of this to come in the future for CTK!

October 26

The Lord is my Shepherd Prayer Group is sponsoring a Dinner and Dance fundraising party on Saturday October 26, 2013, Saturday, at 6pm until 12 midnight in the Colonial Room. Tickets are \$15, which includes the dinner with all proceeds going to Christ the King. This is an important fundraiser for the parish and all are encouraged to attend (and buy raffle tickets!).

November 24

Annual Feastday BAZAAR! 9am-3pm Sunday Colonial Room. Be there.

Christ the King's Picnic

By Katie Holland, CTK parish editor

Christ the King's annual picnic hosted by, and held on the grounds of, the Knights of Columbus Rosensteel Council in Forest Glen was Sunday afternoon Sept. 8th. Grillmeisters from the Council served up hot dogs, as well as the hamburgers donated to CTK from The Avalon School (where 2 of our resident priests and seminarian teach). Parishioners are brought sumptuous dishes to share. Grand Knight Allan Jimenez and his family donated a piñada willed with candies for the kids who swung and swung til the whole thing collapsed and



Seminarian Giovanni Gemani and parishioner Marge Mercurio



Fr. Ettore on the left, Fr. Ze on the right with new parishioners

came pouring down. 50-50 raffle was won by parishioner Marge Mercurio. Sometimes we never see each other, everyone in the parish, with the 5 different Mass times but at events such as this we while away the afternoon catching up on our lives and living out parish life in general. This is a collection of photographs from the picnic taken by parishioners, Erlinda Basamot and Maria Kendal.

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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 erect-

ed 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 you may call the Rectory at 301 589-8616 Monday through Friday between 9am-5pm.

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CTK children knocking down the piñada. That's Fr. Roberto on the right.



Longtime parishioners Sal Costabile and Frank Deckelman

INTEGRITY

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Resurrection group saw nesting ospreys, snowy egrets, terns, herons, eagles, double-breasted cormorants and various kinds of ducks. Not only that, but the group was able to see some of the diamond-back terrapins that are nesting in large numbers on the island's sandy beaches. (That elicited the most "Oooh's and "Aaaha's" during the tour.)

Using soil dredged from the Baltimore shipping channel, workers are creating a maze of smaller islands, ponds, channels and marshes on Poplar Island. Some 40 million cubic yards of dredged material will be protected by 35,000 feet of rock and sand containment dikes already in place.



Tour embarked from Tilghman Island on Eastern Shore for 20-minute ride on cruiser "Terrapin" to Poplar Island.

The project is a joint effort of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Maryland Port Administration, and many other state and federal environmental agencies. When restoration is complete, Maryland will manage the island.

The free tour was conducted by Megan Garrett and Shannon



Twenty-two members of Resurrection Church toured the "Poplar Island Environmental Restoration Project" in the Chesapeake Bay on Sept. 6. — Photos by John Small

Bone, who work for the Maryland Environmental Service. Not only did they provide a wealth of fascinating stories about the island's past,

present and future. The guides also served as "captain" and "first mate" of the "Terrapin," a 25-foot power cruiser that took the group on the 20-minute ride from Tilghman Island on the Eastern Shore

to their destination.

The 22 members from Resurrection who attended were Jim and Sue David (tour organizers par excellence), Maura McMullen, Leslie Boss, Sister Rita Ricker, Jane Blewett, Phil and Pat Kane, Mike and Linda Stempihar, Sharon O'Brien, Mary Edwards, Sister

Anne Magner, Art Milholland, Luann Mostello, Dick and Gerry Pickering, Kathy Collins, John Small, Betty Timer, Terrie Barr, and Jim Fein.

Work on the island is expected to be completed by 2020, at a total cost of about \$400 million, with 75 percent being paid by the federal government and 25 percent by Maryland.

A similar restoration project using dredged material is nearing completion at Hart-Miller Island about 14 miles east of Baltimore at the mouths of Back River and Middle River. The two former separate islands are now connected and include Hart-Miller Island State Park.

The Resurrection Integrity of Creation Committee seeks to educate and motivate fellow parishioners and our local community to a deeper reverence and respect for God's creation. The Poplar Island tour proved to be an engaging and enlightening experience toward that end.

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Resurrection Choirs Featured on New CD

A new music CD featuring the choirs of Resurrection Church has been released and is available to the public.

The CD, titled "Faith, Hope & Love," includes 20 arrangements performed by the Adult Choir, Handbell Choir, Womens Choir and Schola. The choirs are directed by Annick Kanter-St. Hubert with William Wisnom as organist.

"The impetus for this CD was a desire to record some of the pieces our choirs have particularly enjoyed singing and playing for the past few years," the CD says. "A choir is a living, changing organism. Thus, this recording is a 'moment in time' in the life of our ensembles."

The pieces include "Ave Maria,"

Panis Angelicus," Ubi Caritas," early American song "Wayfarin' Stranger," traditional spirituals "Done Made My Vow" and "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit," and the traditional Taiwanese "Song of the Flowers." The popular Handbell Choir performs Psalm Nine," "How Can I Keep From Singing" and "Spanish Dance."

The CDs are on sale for \$12.50 each from: Music Ministry, Church of the Resurrection, 3315 Greencastle Rd., Burtonsville, MD 20866. They also are available as a download on iTunes and Amazon for \$9.99. More information is available at http://resurrectionadw.org/images/cd_promo.pdf.

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There will be crafts galore at Resurrection's annual Winterfest and Craft Fair.

Thirteenth Annual Winterfest Set for Dec. 6-7

It's going to be the 13th annual Winterfest & Craft Show at Resurrection Church, but it won't be an unlucky year for attendees of the popular two-day event — with spectacular raffle prizes, great silent auction items, crafts galore and much more.

The parish's major fundraiser of the year will run from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in the Amadeo Room and the Parish Life Center. Admission is free.

More than 75 crafters are expected to be on hand, many with new and exciting items, including jewelry, candles, hand-crocheted and knitted items, hand-sewn totes, and everything else from woolen caps to stained glass, says Phyllis Bottegal, chairperson of Winterfest.

There will be international homemade bakery, various wines, White House Christmas ornaments, and a special table of handmade articles to benefit our sister parish in Haiti. And all kinds of food will be served both days from the renowned chefs of the Knights of Columbus.

As always, one of the most popular features will be the Silent Auction, which provides an opportunity to win gift baskets of all sizes. Some examples -- tickets to Luray Caverns; passes to Madam Tussaud's Wax Museum; a mink yarn scarf from retired pastor Father Bob; a laptop computer; 60-minute flight lesson; dance lessons, white-water rafting for two; and passes to Babe Ruth Museum and Pro

Football Hall of Fame.

The "Hi-5 Raffle" prizes include a wide-screen TV, handmade quilt made by a group of talented women in the parish, and \$500 in cash. Bargain hunters will enjoy Santa's Closet, which offers many items donated by parishioners and sold at a low cost.

Kids of all ages can have Breakfast with Santa on Saturday morning cooked by the Knights of Columbus, and children can have their picture taken with Santa.

"Winterfest at Resurrection is a favorite community-building fundraiser and the fun-filled event of the year," Bottegal says. "Plan to join us for this enjoyable holiday event and get some of your Christmas shopping done at the same time."

Resurrection Church is located at 3315 Greencastle Rd. (corner of Old Columbia and Greencastle Road), Burtonsville, Maryland.

For additional information or inquiries, contact Bottegal at winterfestfun@gmail.com.

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Our Lady of Mercy

The End of Summer Doldrums Are Over

The many and varied parish activities, ministries and programs have come back to life as summer is left behind and we get back into our fall and winter routines. Our Lady of Mercy Handbell Choir is seeking more people to ring. Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are being recruited as well as Mass Readers and leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Social groups are gearing up; Troop 706 has invited boys in grades 5 through 12 to join scouting. The Mercy Seniors group, Allegro has scheduled a trip to the National Arboretum on Monday October 21. The Faith and Light community, a Christian fellowship of adults with disabilities and their friends and families will meet on Saturday, October 12. The Youth Mass and Youth Group will gather for Mass at 5:00 PM on Sunday October 6. Teen Bible Study starts Thursday October 10. The parish library will be open after the 8:30 and 10:45 Masses.

The Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated at masses on Saturday October 12 at the 5:00 PM mass and Sunday October 13 at the 8:30 AM Mass. A program titled Ministry Day for the Assembly will take place on October 19 from 10 to 12 in the Kennedy Room. The presenter is Rita Ferrone a noted speaker on catechesis and liturgy and church renewal.

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Ariana Farzin (fifth grade) and Jack Sporidis (first grade) enjoy a good summer read on Mercy grounds.

Mercy Marks Summer's End with Beach Blanket Reading Event

Older Mercy students joined their younger prayer partners for the first prayer partner activity of the year. To kick off the school-wide kindness theme of the year, students claimed their spots on the field and blacktop with older students reading some all-time favorites to their younger partner students. Future monthly prayer partner activities will include social concerns projects.

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St Michael Celebrates "Michaelmas" with Service, Worship and Fellowship

By Pat Ryan Garcia

On Saturday September 28, St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Silver Spring held its third annual "Michaelmas" celebration in honor of their patron saint.

The day-long event began with Mass and Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m. celebrated by the pastor, Msgr. Eddie Tolentino, Fr. Saulo Vicente, our Parochial Vicar led the congregation in song by acoustic guitar.

Parishioners gathered after Mass for refreshments before heading out on service projects in the Silver Spring community. Approximately 25 parish volunteers helped prepare brunch and organize clothing donations at the Shepherd's Table and another group assisted at A Wider Circle, an organization that helps furnish homes of needy families. Younger volunteers helped clean and organize classrooms for religious education in the St. Michael's parish center.

The service projects connect parishioners to the community and were registered as part of the multi-jurisdiction annual "Day to Serve" project that was created by the governors of Maryland,



Above, St. Michael's parishioners volunteering for community service. At right, Fr. Saulo and parishioners provided entertainment.

Virginia, and West Virginia and the mayor of Washington, DC, and is supported by the Maryland Catholic Conference.

The focal point of the 2013 Michaelmas celebration was the vigil Mass that began at 4:00 p.m. with prelude hymns from St. Michael's choirs. The sanctuary was filled to capacity for the Mass. A procession of parish children dressed as angels, the Knights of Columbus honor guard preceded the celebrants and ministers. Msgr. Tolentino was the

principal celebrant and Fr. Saulo Vicente concelebrated. They were joined on the altar by parish Deacons Ron Ealey and Carlos Hernandez.

The cultural diversity of the parish was celebrated in the music ministry of Our Adult Choir was joined by the Filipino, Spanish Adult, Spanish Youth, and the Poochristo Chorus Choir.

Following the Mass, parishioners flocked to St. Michael's Williamsburg Room and an adjacent tent for a multicultural potluck feast. Members of the parish's African, Caribbean, European, Latin American and Filipino communities prepared ethnic specialties to share which were served with a variety of American favorites contributed by parishioners. The parish's newest Deacon, Carlos Hernandez, donated two beautiful cakes from Ridgewell's Caterers to supplement the desserts contributed by parishioners.

Parishioners enjoyed entertainment during the feast with music and dance performances from parishioners and friends and a DJ provided by the Filipino commu-



nity. Fr. Vicente offered several songs in including a song about the event set to the tune of Elvis Presley's "Heartbreak Hotel."

St. Michael the Archangel Parish revived the tradition of a Michaelmas celebration in 2011 to replace what had been an annual parish picnic. Michaelmas originated in the middle ages when it was a major festival marking not

only the Feast of the Archangels but also the autumnal equinox and harvest time. Now Michaelmas is becoming a new tradition for the parish and a special day of service, worship and fellowship that brings together the many cultures that are part of the vibrant St. Michael's community.

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Michaelmas Food preparation for Patron Day celebration!



Msgr. Tolentino acknowledges the chairperson Pat Ryan Garcia and volunteer June Dublin.

Upcoming Events at St. Michael the Archangel

- October 13 Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
- October 19 Diversity Workshop
- October 20 Parish Ministry Fair/Breakfast
- October 26 Zumba Fundraiser
- October 26 Mother Butler Dance
- December 7 and 8 Bazaar 2013

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One Church, Many Cultures

By Deacon Ron Ealey

Concurrently, with the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops' efforts to address directly the challenges of ethnic and cultural diversity under the theme of "One Church, Many Cultures," St. Michael the Archangel Parish continues to sponsor gatherings on cultural competence.

This year, the parish's evangelization and social concerns committees have engaged Sister Joanna Okereke, Program Coordinator of Cultural Diversity in the Church, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Saturday, November 2, at 9:30 am, Sister Joanna will speak on welcoming the stranger with emphasis on the care of migrants, refugees and travelers. The workshop will

take place in the Williamsburg Room.

What is unique to St. Michael the Archangel Parish is the tremendous growth of new immigrants from Asia, Eastern Europe, Central and South America, Africa and the Caribbean.

A survey was conducted three years ago, which revealed that approximately 110 different ethnic groups have embraced our parish. The influx of new parishioners has provided the parish with many challenges and special needs; however, it has also offered the parish many opportunities in making the newly arrived welcomed in this country and community.

The workshop on November 2 will help the parish to continue to serve the needs of all.

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Open the Door of Faith Parish's Effort on Adult Catechesis

By Deacon Ron Ealey

On Sunday, September 8, 2013, St. Michael the Archangel began a new religious education year for its parish children and youth, which includes classes both in English at 8:00 am and in Spanish at 11:30 am. These programs cover catechesis for children from pre-k to 8th grade, First Penance and Eucharist, Confirmation, and a once-monthly dialogue with the youth group on matters of faith and morals.

At the same time that the parish takes great pride in its catechetical efforts with its children and youth, it also takes satisfaction and delight in addressing the catechetical needs of its adults in both programs. Parents of children in religious

class are introduced simultaneously to Scripture, prayer, the sacraments and other subjects pertaining to the faith. Now, catechists are teaching them about what it means to be a Catholic in this era of the new evangelization.

Other catechetical programs offered for adults are the RCIA on Sunday at 11:00 am in Spanish and on Wednesday, at 7:00 pm in English; Bible Study on Tuesday at 7:00 pm; and *Growing in Faith* (Spanish), at 9:30 am on Sunday. Over 50 parishioners participate or have participated in *Living Catholic*, and classes will be scheduled on Creed and Sacrament with Faith Foundation this winter.

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Mmm-Mmm for Goodness Sake!

By Selma Whilubireme

Along with all the other “Golden Rules” we are learning to follow as good people, you should always pursue the one that goes “If there is a Bake Sale anywhere within 5 miles, you must attend!”

Why? Ever been to a bake sale that WASN'T filled with delicious, delectable YUMMIES?! The John Paul the Great Vocations Society Bake Sale hit its mark again. Parishioners from every Mass filled the Parish Hall as they jockeyed around the full tables of cakes, sticky buns, breads, brownies, pies and the always popular home-made chocolate chip cookies.

The proceeds from this Bake Sale help Seminarians of the Archdiocese cover unexpected medical costs, travel for family emergencies and spiritual opportunities such as World Youth Day.

Vocations Society's Coordinator, Mary Beth deRibeaux, worked diligently alongside Bake Sale Chairpersons, Mary Louise Mahoney and the Bob & Maureen Newberg Family, teaming up with other Vocations Society members for a sweet and successful outcome.

When Mary Louise Mahoney is involved in a parish event, there is always



John Paul the Great Vocations Society guiding the annual Bake Sale supporting Seminarians of the Archdiocese. (LtoR): Hisae Diez de Medina, Mary Louise Mahoney, Ricardo Diez de Medina, Bob Newberg and Sarah Newberg.

a table of religious goods nearby waiting for generous donations to support the cause of the day. This year's Bake Sale proved SJN parishioners still enjoy this aspect of the event. At the end of



Religious items always made part of SJN Bake Sales events.

the day, every religious item was gone. How does Mary Louise know what and how many items to offer? “It's pretty easy,” said Mary. “I once had a visitor in my home who told me I had more religious things displayed than the Vatican. I guess that says it all!”

“We made \$ 1, 597.76 for the seminarians in a single weekend,” reported Mary Beth. Veteran Bake Sale leader, Bob Newberg, reminds how such things happen: “It's neat having so many parishioners bring things in. It's totally amazing how they give and give and give.”

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Congratulations to the Castellanos on their 90th!

Mary and Carmine Castellano were fêted by friends and family at an exciting and

love for family.”

So what makes such longevity possible? “Good genes” said

memorable event held at the Gaithersburg Hilton Hotel for their shared milestone 90th birthday celebration! Did they eat a scrumptious Italian buffet? Did they dance the night away to a lively DJ? Was there much laughter, story-telling and glasses lifted in toasting the couple? Yes! Yes! Yes!

The couple and many immediate-family members (four children and twelve grandchildren) have a long and distinguished presence in St. John Neumann parish. Strong supporters of the Knights of Columbus, Mary and Carmine have served several other ministries throughout their many years at SJN, where they co-chair the Prayer Network via emails and phone calls.

Well-wishers came from New York, California and places in between to share this milestone day with the birthday couple. Late in the evening Carmine's brother Dominic from Brooklyn, NY toasted the couple: “They've always been an inspiration and delight to all who know them. My wish for Mary and Carmine...Good health, continued happiness and



SJN Parishioners, Mary and Carmine Castellano, each celebrated a 90th birthday recently and were joined by some 90 friends and family to mark the occasion.

Carmine. “I had an aunt who lived to a great age of 105 AND 1/2”. Mary quipped, “Love and faith have given us 68 years of wonderful marriage...and that's over two-thirds of the number 90 we're celebrating tonight.” Congratulations and Happy Birthday to you, dear Mary & Carmine.

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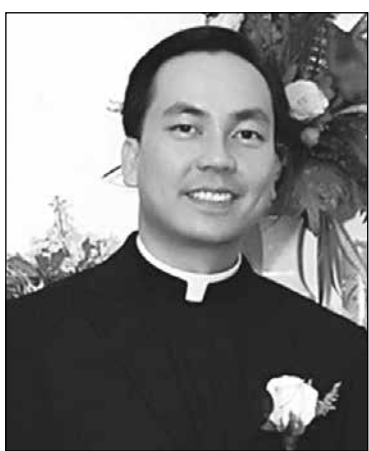
Father Paul Nguyen... Happily Ever After

Father Paul's life reads like an action-packed, magical fairy tale with the Vietnamese hero being rescued by the ‘Prince of Peace’ to live in a far off land, happily ever after!

SAIGON-1975: Paul's father is captured by Vietnamese Communists and sent to a re-education camp. During his four years away, the Nguyen family home and possessions were confiscated, all religious freedom is abolished and the Catholic Nguyen family begins secret plans to leave Vietnam.

The first escape came in 1979 with Paul's Dad taking son, John and a daughter with him to the Philippines. Mother Nguyen and her other 6 children remained in Vietnam until finally making it out to Malaysia. Sadly, Paul's infant brother became very ill and passed away. During this troubling time for the family, young Paul became separated from the group and must escape on his own. A boat to Thailand was arranged and instead of being welcomed there by family, Paul spends the next two years in a jungle refugee orphanage.

Some joy comes to the story as the Nguyen family reunites in California, USA. When Paul arrives, he speaks no English and has never been to a city. “It was a world of amazing wonders...as if I'd been traveling in the desert for



Paul Nguyen

40 years and had just arrived in the Promised Land,” remembers Father Paul.

Through a scholarship at the University of California- Irvine, Paul earned high marks in pre-med (double major: Chemistry and Biology). Before continuing his dream of returning to his beloved Vietnamese village as “doctor to his people”, Paul took a year off to experience the work world of Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. Now closer to his brother, John who was studying for the priesthood at Catholic University, Paul spends one life-changing weekend attending a retreat. It was there that Paul began to consider the priesthood as a vocation.

In May 2007, John and Paul

Nguyen were ordained, side by side, on the altar of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. Father John is now in his third year at St. Jude's Shrine in Rockville while Father Paul served at Mother Seton, St. Jane de Chantal and is now SJN's Parochial Vicar.

Father Paul has found that, “My life experiences help me to relate to parishioners. I have great compassion for their struggles.”

Besides enjoying time with the ‘Prince of Peace’, the hero of our tale is also a fourth

Degree Knight of Columbus, loves painting, drawing and spending at least one day a week at his parent's nearby home with most of his siblings, sharing a meal and stories of the adventures of their very special lives.

“I'm so happy here!” says Father Paul.

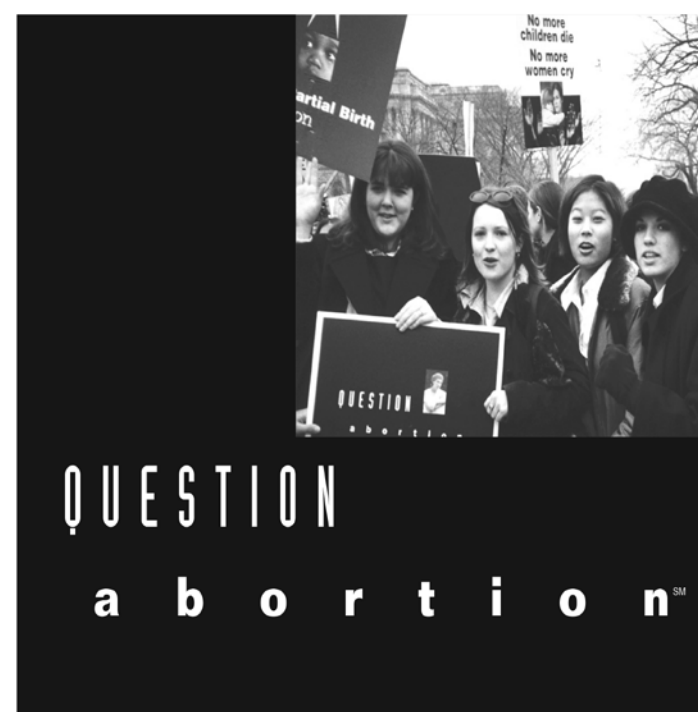
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St. Francis of Assisi at "Rock the Block" Event

By Betty Baklarz

St. Francis of Assisi parish was well represented at the Rock the Block community block party event sponsored by our neighboring Redland Baptist Church, on August 3rd. The invitation to participate, extended by Redland Baptist, was enthusiastically received as a way to join our Christian brothers and sisters in service.

The block party was free to the public had something for everyone. Redland's own live band played tunes outside where the playground, games and hot air balloon rides provided plenty of entertainment. Inside the great hall, dubbed The Rock, there was homemade lasagna and savory meatloaf cooked to perfection and served by the Redland staff. Back to school supplies were available for a nominal fee as well as clothing for a quarter per item.

St. Francis had a display table and power point presentation featuring the many ways we serve our local community. Passersby were able to pick up information about Rebuilding Today, the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center and the St. Martin's Food Pantry, to name a few. Parishioners were on hand to promote Pax Christi and our special needs outreach. Our sister parish, in Haiti, was represented with an ample supply of their "Just Haiti" coffee available for purchase. Our give away lunch bags fed body, mind and soul with treats, community resource information and the Prayer of St Francis holy card.

"Let me be an instrument of Your peace," begins the St. Francis Prayer and that sentiment sums up the event. Ample hospitality good cheer made the Rock the Block an event that "really rocked."

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Father John Dillon renewing ordination promises administered by Cardinal Wuerl. Also in the photo, l to r: Msgr. Robert Amey (Pastor, St. Mary's Rockville), Deacon Dan Finn, seminarian Daniel Koscinski

New Pastor Installed by Cardinal Wuerl

By John McCarthy

Our new pastor, Father John Dillon, was installed by Cardinal Wuerl on August 18 at the 11:15 Mass. It was a full house of well-wishing parishioners and visitors, including Father John's mother, relatives and visiting priests and deacons. The theme of the Mass was "Unity, Spirit and Peace."

In his homily, Cardinal Wuerl

gave a tutorial on the five ordination promises that he was about to ask Father John to publically renew as part of the Rite of Installation—faithful shepherd-ing of the flock, devout and faithful celebration of the mysteries of Christ, wisely preaching the Gospel and teaching the faith, consecration of self for salvation of the brothers and sisters, and obedience to the Bishop and his successors. In essence it is

a re-commitment to preaching, teaching, leading and sanctifying. A well-attended reception followed the Installation Mass, in the Parish Center.

Father John, a native of the Pittsburgh area, was ordained for the Archdiocese of Washington in 1998, and most recently served as pastor of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Hyattsville.

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St. Francis display at Block Party. l to r: Gary Palmer, Betty Baklarz, Sylvia Jones, Anne Russell, Michael Rudmann

St. Francis Religious Education Classes Resume

By Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education

During the week of September 22, St. Francis of Assisi Parish started the new year of Religious Education, welcoming more than 300 students in Preschool through Grade 8. Elementary classes (grades 1-5) are offered at two session times: Sunday morning, 9:20-10:35 am, and Monday afternoon, 4:30-5:45 pm. Preschool and Kindergarten classes meet on

Sundays from 11:10-12:15 pm. Middle school classes (grades 6, 7 and 8) are offered on Monday and Tuesday evenings, from 6:45-8:00 pm.

Our parish community is blessed with a wonderful team of catechists and classroom aides, including more than 50 adults and 15 teens, who volunteer their time each week to teach religious education classes. In addition to these weekly classes, we also look forward to the special sessions that will be offered for our

children and young people, and their families, who are preparing for sacraments this year. St. Francis also offers a monthly class for children and young people with special needs and their families.

More information about our Religious Education program is available on our web site (www.sfadw.org/re_prek.php) or by calling our Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193. It's still not too late to register!

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Thanks and Farewell in Song

By John McCarthy

"A Note of Thanks" was the theme of an evening of song, on September 13, featuring John (Sean) Murray accompanied by St. Francis' Director of Music Ministries, Deirdre Sweet, and Alec Davis, a former organist at St. Francis, noted pianist and a colleague of Sean. It was Sean's way of saying thank you and farewell



Sean Murray

to the St. Francis parishioners after serving four years as a cantor, adult choir member and special vocalist at the parish events. Sean is an accomplished tenor in the mold of famous Irish tenors. He was a favorite of the St. Francis community and other churches in the Archdiocese where regularly served as cantor, including at the Cathedral of St. Matthew.

In the one plus hour program, he performed works by Bach, Handel, Schubert, Quilter and others. His closing selection was appropriate for the occasion which brought tears to many—Francesco Sartori's Con Te Partiro (Time to Say Goodbye) made popular by tenor Andrea Bocelli. While Sean is no Andrea, he's pretty close.

Sean is returning to his native Florida to complete his Master's Degree studies. He will be missed. Deirdre gave him a warm tribute, noting that "Sean was always there for us."

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High school students play games as an ice breaker at their first meeting of the 2013-2014 Religious Ed program at St. Rose of Lima. Photo by Mindy Sullivan

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St. Andrew Apostle Community Draws Together During Forty Hours Devotion

Hundreds of St. Andrew Apostle parishioners participated in Forty Hours Devotion from September 12 to 14.

The Forty Hours Devotion is a special period of continuous prayer during which the Eucharist is exposed in a monstrance for adoration. Beginning with a Mass and Exposition on Thursday evening, adoration continued over a 40-hour period and ended with Benediction and a Mass on Saturday morning, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.

Once a major part of Catholic life, Forty Hours originated in the 1530s and became widespread in the United States after the practice was introduced by St. John Neumann in 1853. Largely forgotten after the Second Vatican Council, it has seen a revival in recent years as people discover the benefits of praying before the Eucharist.

A specific intention was assigned to most of the forty hours, and each hour began with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and prayer led by an "Hour Captain." Matt Eberly served as Hour Captain for the midnight hour dedicated to all those in the Armed Forces.

"When I agreed to lead the prayers for my hour of adoration, I expected only a couple of parishioners to be present," he said. "But when I walked into the church shortly before midnight, I was simply amazed to see 20 or more people in the pews. It was inspiring to see so many people spending the late hours of a Friday night with Jesus." The entire forty-hour



Altar during Forty Hours Devotion

period was livestreamed through the parish website.

Theresa Trigiani watched many of the late hours of the Devotion from home. "Spending time as a parish and school community adoring Our Lord in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and praying hour by hour with specific intentions not only brings healing to one's soul but to our entire faith community," she said. "It was an incredibly powerful experience for us at Saint Andrew's to pray together and grow in the love and mercy of Christ."

Each class in the school visited the Blessed Sacrament at some point during the forty hours. Our pastor, Father Dan Leary, spent time teaching the children in each class from kindergarten through eighth grade about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist during their visits. The younger children gathered around him at the altar to sing and pray together during their visit.

Parishioners have requested another Forty Hours Devotion take place in February.

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Citing World Migrant, Refugee Day Message from Pope Francis, USCCB Chairman Calls on House of Representatives to Begin Consideration of Immigration Reform Legislation

Pope Francis says people not to be part of throwaway culture

Archbishop Gomez urges House to move on path to citizenship for undocumented

Workplace exploitation violates human rights

Invoking Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, released September 24, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration, called upon members of the U.S. House of Representatives to begin consideration of comprehensive immigration reform legislation.

In a message, released in advance of the January 19, 2014, World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis called for a "change in attitude" toward migrants and refugees around the world, moving away from attitudes of "defensiveness and fear, indifference and fear," typical of a "throw-away culture." "Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity," the Holy Father wrote.

Archbishop Gomez echoed the Holy Father's remarks, stating that the current situation in the United States undermines the human rights and dignity of migrants.

"Migrants have few rights in our economic system," Archbishop Gomez said. "They are working for low wages in our restaurants and fields; our factories, gardens, homes and hotels. And these men and women have no security against sickness, disability or old age — and no protections against being exploited in the workplace."

Calling on the House of Representatives to correct this situation, Archbishop Gomez added, "I urge our leaders in the House of Representatives to debate and pass a bill that gives these undocumented men and women a path to citizenship and full membership in our society."

The U.S. Senate passed S. 744, comprehensive immigration reform legislation, June 27. The U.S. House of Representatives has yet to act on the Senate bill or its own version of immigration reform.

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School Celebrates September

Homecoming week at St. Andrew Apostle School ended with a family tailgate Friday, September 20. The purpose of the week was to enhance school spirit and generate enthusiasm for the new school year. Students had the opportunity to participate in themed "tag" days (when school uniforms are not required). Classrooms were filled with creatively attired students (and their teachers) as they celebrated school spirit day (dress in red/black/white), favorite team day, crazy hat day and

crazy socks day. There was also a "restaurant night" at Ledo's in Colesville Plaza. It was a nice evening where school and parish families gathered in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoyed each other's company. During the Friday tailgate, Father Dan Leary blessed the newly renovated and relocated school playground. To improve safety, the playground was moved to property away from the parking lot and closer to the school. A new swing set and an additional play set were added.

The 2nd Annual St. Andrew Apostle Community Picnic and Carnival took place on Saturday, September 21. Despite clouds and the threat of rain more than 400 parishioners, friends and neighbors enjoyed carnival rides, games, prizes, fabulous food and great music. Fortunately, activity at the first aid tent, staffed by the Health Ministry was limited to dispensing a few band aids for scratched knees and elbows. The entire campus was in



Father Dan Leary blesses the relocated playground and new play set

use to accommodate all of the activities and everyone is looking forward to next year!

Early in September, St. Andrew Apostle families spent an evening at Sandy Spring Adventure Park. For several hours, our group enjoyed exclusive use of the park as over 80 climbers traversed all levels of the course. After a picnic, many decided to extend their stay and spend time on the course in the dark! It was a great bonding experience and we hope to repeat it next year!

Looking forward

Upcoming events include the Adult Oktoberfest on October 19, and the annual grade-level Halloween party and junior high Halloween dance on October 26. On November 1, grandparents will be honored with a special morning at the school and a family dinner is planned for November 16.

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Envisioning Discipleship

Under the direction of Father Dan Leary and based on the book *Forming Intentional Disciples* by Sherry Weddell, a parish-wide evangelization effort has been launched at St. Andrew Apostle. This book has sparked world-wide discussion among lay and clerical church leaders and challenged the way the Church approaches evangelization efforts.

Sherry Weddell created the first charism discernment process specifically designed for Catholics in 1993. In 1997, she co-founded the *Catherine of Siena Institute*, an affiliated international ministry of the Western Dominican Province, and currently serves as Co-Director. Sherry has developed numerous unique formation resources that are used around the world and helps lead an international team that has worked directly with over 85,000 ordained, religious, and lay Catholics in more than 100 dioceses on 5 continents.

Over the past few months, almost 200 copies of Sherry's book have been distributed to parishioners in an effort to create a forum for discussion and to eventually host a *Called and Gifted Workshop* and a *Forming Intentional Disciples Retreat*. These programs are meant to help lay Catholics discern the unique work of love to which God is calling them and to discover how God has empowered them to carry it out. They provide training that fosters an awakening of personal faith in Christ and intentional discipleship and an understanding of the crucial role every lay Catholic has in the mission of the Church to bring Christ's love to our neighbors and our culture. To date over 40,000 Catholics in over 100 dioceses have attended the workshops

in parishes across North America and internationally. According to Sherry, St. Andrew Apostle parish will be the first parish in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. to launch these programs. Another book, *Rebuilt* by Rev. Michael White, is being used as an additional reference tool from a parish that has attempted a revitalization of parish life through evangelization efforts.

As an initial step, there have been three "vision meetings" with a cross-section of parishioners and parish leaders to bring to light some of the challenges we face as Church and as a parish. Their purpose was to create a thirst or hunger to bring those on the fringes into our Church through the call of the New Evangelization.

The goal is to create a parish culture of evangelization through a personal encounter with Christ. In this way, the parishioners of St. Andrew Apostle can respond to the call of Blessed John Paul the Great, Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI and now Pope Francis "to encourage the entire ecclesial community to be an evangelizing community, and not be afraid to 'step out' of itself in order to proclaim, trusting above all in the merciful presence of God who guides us."

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St. Bart's Youth Group members crowd the pizza at the September 29 meeting, with group leaders Sarah and Sean Kayser (center).

St. Bartholomew's Youth Group Expands and Faces New Challenges

The St. Bart's Youth Group has been very busy with the new school year. On the weekend of September 6, the group made a camping trip to Rocky Gap State Park, with canoeing, swimming, s'mores, campfires, soccer, Uno, prayer, and a talk by a seminarian, among other activities. The opening Barbeque was held on Sunday,

September 22, and was attended by many middle and high school youth. At the September 29 meeting, much pizza was consumed and the meeting also included sports and a discussion. The group discussed how to live life with joy together as Catholics. The talk centered on "What is most important to you this year?" The group discussed that the only important thing is to remember that we are loved by God, and to love God and others in return.

St. Bart's Youth Minister Sarah Kayser told OPT, "With this great group of kids we hope to have many events over the next few months including hiking, making Thanksgiving baskets for disadvantaged families, a bonfire, movie night, speakers, sports, a talent show at St. Bartholomew House, and Christmas caroling. All 5th-12th graders are welcome."

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Cardinal Wuerl Installs Father Mark Knestout as Pastor at St. Bartholomew Parish

On Sunday, September 8, Cardinal Wuerl installed Father Mark Knestout as Pastor at St. Bartholomew Church. Father Knestout had been appointed Pastor at St. Bartholomew Parish in July, replacing the retiring Father Joseph Sileo. Father Knestout grew up in the Washington area and was ordained a priest in May, 1998. His brother, the Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, who participated in the installation Mass, is an Auxiliary Bishop of Washington.

Father Knestout told parishioners that the event was "very special" to him, and he thanked the many people involved in every aspect of the installation. He comments, "I look forward to a promising future together."

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Cardinal Wuerl and Father Mark Knestout receive the gifts during Fr. Knestout's installation Mass at St. Bartholomew Parish on September 8, as Fr. Knestout's older brother, Auxiliary Bishop Barry C. Knestout (seated), looks on.

Local Professionals Honored for Volunteer Service

Three local attorneys and a Washington D.C., law firm received this year's Pro Bono Legal Service Awards for outstanding volunteer legal service to low-income individuals from the Washington region. The awards were given on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013, at a brunch following the annual Red Mass for justices, judges, diplomats, lawyers and government officials.

The honorees are volunteers with the Archdiocesan Legal Network, a program of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington. Each year the Legal Network offers free legal assistance to nearly 3,000 individuals, all of whom are below the poverty line. Through the generosity of volunteer attorneys, legal assistance is offered at several locations in the District of Columbia and suburban Maryland. In addition, the Network offers free legal

education seminars to the community. In this last fiscal year, 3,435 pro bono hours were donated by the Legal Network's corps of over 625 attorney volunteers representing over 50 large and small law firms as well as sole practices.

"Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has challenged us to help those people at the periphery of society to feel the warmth of Christ's love," said Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington.

The Pro Bono Legal Service Awards are given each year by the John Carroll Society, a spiritual, intellectual, social and charitable organization for Washington-area Catholic professionals and business men and women in service to the Archbishop of Washington.

This year's honorees are:

• Attorneys at Crowell & Moring LLP are committed supporters of

the Archdiocesan Legal Network. The firm has been a longtime supporter of the Legal Network and has devoted hundreds of pro bono hours to clients on cases involving child custody and visitation, domestic violence and landlord-tenant issues. Susan M. Hoffman and John E. McCarthy, Jr., both partners at Crowell & Moring, have generously given their time to the Advisory Council.

• Michael McGonnigal, Esq. is a Clinical Assistant Professor at The Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law as well as the supervising attorney of the Advocacy for the Elderly Clinic. The clinic represents senior citizens in family law, consumer, landlord-tenant and other civil law matters. McGonnigal accepts an average of 10 to 15 pro bono clients each year

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Department of Health provided several recommendations for fighting the germs, so the administration implemented these ideas quickly.

Students and parents entering the building each day receive hand sanitizer, and students receive some again before lunch, after recess, and throughout the day. Teachers review effective hand-washing methods and ways to minimize germs that spread while sneezing and coughing. Furthermore, students wipe down tables and desks with disinfectant on a daily basis.

These efforts were very effective in helping to make sure the unusual fall sick season was as short as possible and gave the teachers and students plenty of opportunity to rehearse good hygiene and illness prevention well before the regular

flu season comes around.

The changes in the health room and new health and wellness policies at SFIS are coupled with an expanding school meal program designed help students be better able to maximize their learning every day. Beginning this year, thanks to participation in the Maryland Meals for Achievement program, all students at Saint Francis are receiving a light breakfast at the beginning of each day during their morning meetings. The new breakfast program is designed to enhance the St. Francis Café that has been providing children with healthy lunches for many years.

Between the school health room and the school meal program, SFIS is showing it is serious about focusing on the mind, the spirit, AND the body in making sure all students learn and grow to their maximum potential!

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Something for Everyone at the Mother Seton Parish Picnic

We had a beautiful day for our annual Parish Picnic held on Sun., Sept. 29, 2013, at Black Hill Regional Park in Boyds. We had so much fun with all the kids playing sports, and eating lots of good food! Our Parish Council did a great job organizing the event, and it wouldn't have been such a success without all the wonderful volunteers. Parishioners contributed side dishes and desserts to share. We had over 600 people attend the event, and it all came together to make a very enjoyable day!

Mother Seton parishioners are among those participating on Monday mornings from 8 to 10 a.m. in a peaceful prayer witness on the sidewalk near the late-term abortion offices of LeRoy Carhart, located in the Executive Park office complex on Wisteria Dr. in Germantown. The Fall 40 Days for Life campaign is now in full swing and it ends Sun., Nov. 3. Mother Seton's adopted days were Oct. 4 and Oct. 5, when members of our parish prayed for an end to abortion. Our parish will be hosting the Mid-Point Rally on Sun., Oct. 13, in the Parish Center. Doors open at 5 p.m., and pizza will be served. A powerful documentary will be shown called "Life Happens" that will share perspectives of children (and mothers) who narrowly escaped abortion and "almost weren't". To sign up for the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil and to view the schedule, please go to: www.40daysforlife.com/germantown/ or stop by anytime between 6 a.m. and Midnight. Signs and literature are available. Many area churches are participating, so there are always prayer warriors present to face this evil presence.

Across the parking lot from Carhart's office is Germantown Pregnancy Choices located at 13230 Executive Park Terrace, which offers alternatives to abortion for pregnant women. Volunteers are needed to work at the front desk so that they can keep their doors open, and donations are needed so that they can pay their bills. All their space and office equipment is donated. They can be contacted by calling 301-916-5433. Volunteers from their office provide sidewalk counselors. Recently, sidewalk counselors tried to talk to a couple as they went into Carhart's Germantown Reproductive Health Services late-term abortion office. The man came out several times after their arrival, and sidewalk counselors were able to talk with him each time. Two hours later, they both came out and said they had decided not to have an abortion! A Save! Three babies were saved during September! And more in early October. They work closely with Shady Grove Pregnancy



Artists at work.

Center located at 1620 Frederick Ave., Suite 118, in Gaithersburg. This is another place offering alternatives to abortion. Currently, they are offering FREE sonograms to pregnant women on Fri./Sat., Oct. 18th/19th, and on Fri./Sat., Oct. 25th/26th. Pregnant women from 7 to 30 weeks pregnant are needed to help students complete their nurse sonographer's training. All sonograms will be performed under supervision of a licensed sonographer. Each woman will receive a free picture of her baby and a chance to win a \$50 gift card! They can be reached by calling 301-963-6223.

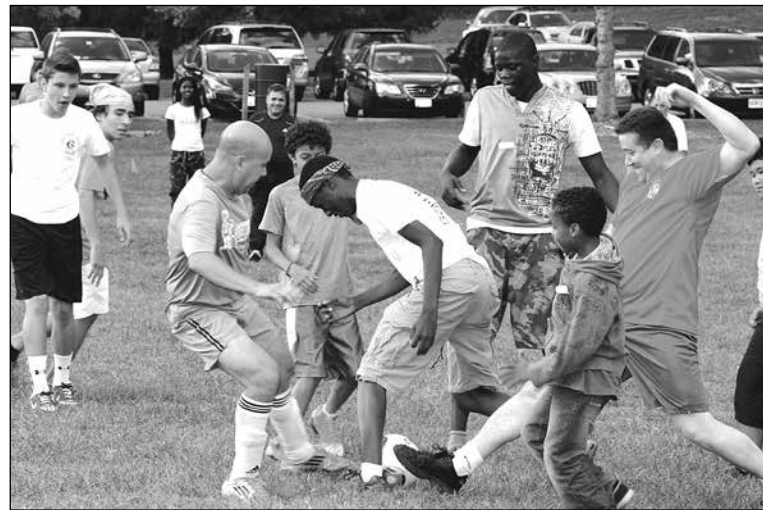
The Fourth Annual White Mass will be held Sun., Oct. 20 at 11:30 a.m., at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, which honors the gifts of all persons who are deaf, persons with disability, or those with mental health challenges. Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, will be principal celebrant and homilist. This Mass has the color designation of white, because in baptism, all Catholics become equal members of the body of Christ. Guests are encouraged to wear white as a sign of their baptismal introduction into the Church. This is an important Mass because we all have special gifts to offer. Sadly, many times couples will abort a down's syndrome child, or a child handicapped in some way.

The Mother Seton Parish Carnival for Life will be held Sun., Oct. 24th, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Parents are encouraged to bring their children for a fun afternoon of face painting, carnival games, and yummy food. Costumes are encouraged, especially for young children. Donations of baby food, diapers, wipes, and formula, or a monetary donation may be made to Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. Finally, the March for Life will be held Monday, Jan. 22, 2014. Look for more information coming in the next few weeks.

In our diverse parish, the Spanish community will be having the 10th

annual Fiesta Latina on Sat., Oct. 19, from 8 to 11:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Cost is \$15 per person for great music, dancing, food and one drink. This event is lots of fun and always well attended. Also, the second annual procession of the Lord of Miracles will be held Sun., Oct. 20. The Lord of Miracles is a Peruvian devotion started in the 17th century, which is based on a miraculous painting of our Blessed Trinity by a black Angolan slave from which numerous miracles have been attributed. The program starts with 12:15 p.m. Mass, followed by the procession, and a potluck in the Parish Center.

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Above, serious futbol at the parish picnic.

Below, serious football at the parish picnic.



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Holy Redeemer to Host the 10th Annual Cardinal 5K and Fun Run

By HR Parent Michael Heyl

On November 9, 2013, Holy Redeemer School in Kensington, Maryland, will proudly hold its 10th Annual Cardinal 5K Race and ½ mile Fun Run to benefit the school. Runners of all ages embrace the brisk fall weather to enjoy a scenic run through Rock Creek Park and Holy Redeemer's surrounding neighbor-

hood. The 5K course, which is USA Track and Field certified and sanctioned, takes runners through a colorful, tree-lined section of Rock Creek Park. Runners are then challenged by "the hill" and by a number of gently rolling hills until a balloon archway marks the finish line. After the race, runners will enjoy complimentary water and refreshments. Just after the 5K runners depart, a ½ mile race will be

held for the smaller kids. In this race, all kids are winners as each finisher will receive a finisher's medal. Parents can run too! It's a perfect way to encourage and run with your child. Both races are enjoyable for runners of all levels. Equally enjoyable is the post-race party. The post-race party is free for all registered runners of the 5K and Fun Run, and spectators alike. This year's event will feature a moon bounce, rock wall, music,

games, and raffle prizes. The 5K awards ceremony will also be held during the carnival.

The pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, Father Mark Hughes, will kick off this year's race with a prayer and blessing at 8:30 AM, with the Fun Run start following at 8:35 AM. The race will start and end at Holy Redeemer School on Summit Avenue in Kensington. The post-race party will take place from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

To register to run in the event please visit www.cardinal5k.com. Pre-registration (through Nov. 4th) is encouraged. All 5K and Fun Run participants receive a performance shirt commemorating the 10 year anniversary of the race. Packet pick-up and late registration will take place at the Holy Redeemer School auditorium on November 8th from 1:00 PM until 9:00 PM and on race day from 6:30 AM to 8:15 AM.

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When St. Jane de Chantal's church was going through its redesign process more than a decade ago, there was one important piece of its completion that its planners knew the parish would have to wait years for. Now, as the church prepares to debut its new pipe organ on Nov. 17 with a Mass and blessing by Cardinal Wuerl, the picture is nearly complete.

The Lively-Fuelcher pipe organ that was installed this summer and is currently being adjusted for sound – "voiced" in music terminology – has been long-awaited and is eagerly anticipated by many, not least of whom is the parish's new music director, Russell Weismann. Weismann has years of training with the instrument, having begun the process as an eighth-grad-

er at his home parish in Pittsburgh and most recently having served as associate director of music for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. He said the sound can't begin to compare with its electric counterpart.

"We live in an age where synthetic sound is becoming more and more acceptable, and that's sad," he said. He likened the pipe organ's difference in sound to a hug: "The sound wraps around you. It's a whole different acoustic experience."

For those who grew up with a pipe organ in their church, the sound might indeed be like coming home, though Weismann says pipe organs aren't as unusual as they might seem. "There are a number of them in the D.C. area; really, D.C. is a town where there's a pipe organ on every block. We're very fortunate," he said.

The process of installing the organ is a meticulous one, due in part to the thousands of working parts it contains. While the organ was made by a specialized company in Virginia, the pipes themselves had to be shipped over from the Netherlands and assembled in Virginia, then installed and voiced

in the parish in a process that takes months. The voicing itself adjusts each of the organ's pipes to the church's unique acoustics to produce the correct tone. Weismann says pipe organs themselves produce very different sounds based on the country in which they are produced; he said the de Chantal organ has a very English sound, "very full with exceptional volume control." He said he finds the English sound the best for churches.

The pipe organ's debut on Nov. 17 will feature a blessing by Cardinal Wuerl, who will celebrate Mass at 10 a.m. Later that day, at 2 p.m., Weismann will give a recital, on the organ, with a reception following in the church's Caulfield Hall.

While the debut is on schedule, an important component of the instrument's sound – the clarinet pipes – is on hold since the organ pledges weren't enough to cover them. "The clarinet pipes are vital to the organ's sound," said Weismann, and donations are being sought to cover the cost of completing the instrument. If you can help out, contact Russell Weismann at the parish office, (301) 530-1550.

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who was the defendant and cross-claimant.

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She always carried a small camera in her purse and she was our unofficial parish photographer.

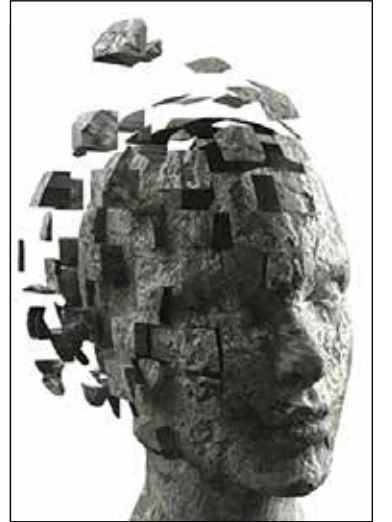
At her funeral, Father Don told a story about how Sheila had given an expensive camera to her son, but for herself, she preferred a small and light camera which she could

always have ready to take snapshots to document events.

As parish editor, I will miss Sheila's enthusiasm and hard work. She had a keen interest in what was happening in the parish and worked to share the news at Mercy with the larger community. It will be very hard to find someone who can pick up the work that Sheila did. She was a wonderful volunteer.

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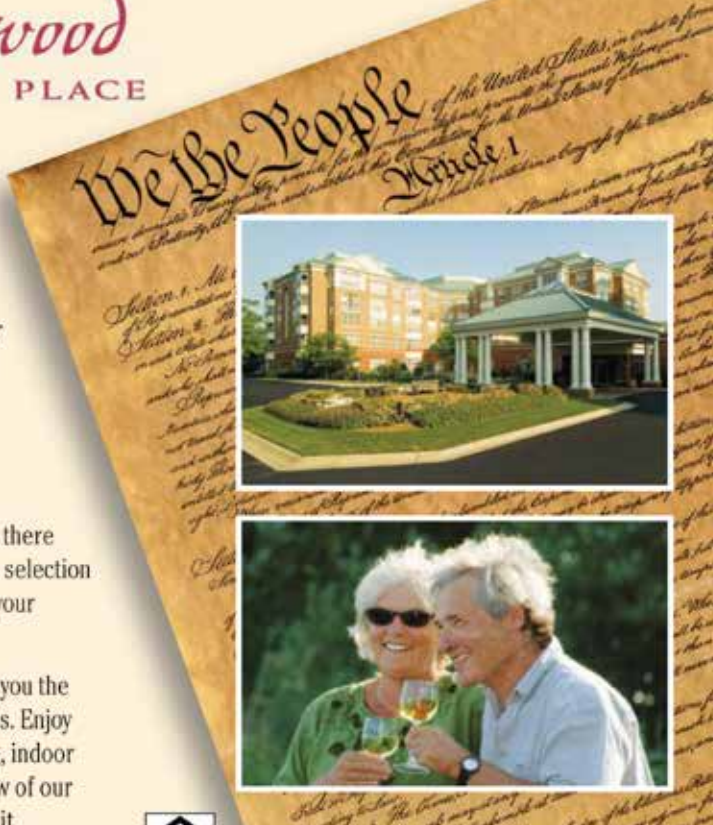
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Dispelling Myths for Seniors About the Affordable Care Act

County Executive Ike Leggett invites county residents to come to one of the community meetings he is holding in October to bring their questions, comments and concerns on how the Affordable Care Act affects seniors. He also will address what the county is doing to address their needs and those of their families. The forum series begins on Monday, October 7, 11 am, at the senior center in Gaithersburg. Other forums (through October 16) will be in Silver Spring, Wheaton, Silver Spring and Damascus. For details, see the county senior site's calendar of events at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/senior/calendar.html, call 311 or the Senior Resource Line at 240-777-3000.



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KINDERGARTEN

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School uniform, attend an all-day program. Students are exposed to a day full of activities and academics similar to a kindergarten experience. Junior Kindergarten students travel throughout the school building for art, music, P.E., library, and computer specials, exposing them to a variety of teachers and a multitude of educational opportunities.

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teacher and is truly admired by her students. Her love of novels, classroom "read a-louds", and motivating spelling and vocabulary team challenges, keeps her students excited and involved. Miss Woo's favorite part of the job is interacting with her students on a daily basis. They always keep her energized! Miss Woo loves to read and enjoys playing soccer, lacrosse, and basketball.

St. Elizabeth School is thrilled to have these two exceptional teachers on our staff. Thank you, Mr. Tiffey and Miss Woo, for the love you show to your students and the commitment you have to St. Elizabeth School.

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LEADERS

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Haunted House will be the highlight of the month.

Spirit Week will be filled with wild and wacky costumes, and lots of fun. The Student Council Officers will organize eighth grade students to sell Gatorades and juices during lunchtime. This will be a class fundraiser, and students across all grade levels are excited about this new addition to lunches! The students are also working to bring back Pizza Fridays once a month.

The goal of the Student Council officers is to include all eighth graders in their planned activities, and to strengthen the school community. Helena feels that, "It's our responsibility to guide the school community so that it's fun and exciting to come to school".

We are looking forward to a great school year with these outstanding student leaders at the helm.

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Children's Liturgy of The Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word has resumed at the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass. During Mass, children ages 5 through 10 are invited to process with their adult leader to the Scanlan Meeting Room. There, they have their own celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with readings adapted to their age and ability from the approved children's Lectionary. An adult leader leads the liturgy and then gives a reflection on the readings with the children participating. Additional volunteers are needed to ensure that this special ministry will be able to continue. For more information, or to volunteer to lead and assist the children, call the Parish Office at 301-530-1550. Volunteers will need to have a routine background check as well as attend an archdiocesan Protecting God's Children seminar

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Blessing of the Pipe Organ and Dedication Recital

The blessing of the organ will take place Sunday, November 17, at 10:00 am. Cardinal Wuerl will be the principal celebrant and homilist, and will bless the organ during the Mass. Also on November 17, at 2:00 pm, Russell Weismann, our Director of Liturgy and Music, will give a recital on the Lively-Fulcher organ. A reception will follow the recital in Caulfield Hall.

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Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Jane's Sodality will host a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Sunday, October 27, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in Caulfield Hall. The need is extra urgent. You can help. Call or go online to make an appointment so that staffing will be adequate to handle the number of donors: www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation or by calling Maureen Wilkerson at 240-432-5752. Any questions, call Maureen Wilkerson.

Run for Vocations

The St. Jane de Chantal Run for Vocations Team is happy to welcome Fr. Mark Cusick, who will be running the 10K race with us on Sunday, October 27. As part of the event, all runners make a commitment to raise money to fund the needs of the seminarians in our archdiocese. If you are interested in supporting Fr. Cusick and/or the rest of our team by making a donation, contact Matt Flynn at 301-875-9293 or mrfflynn@gmail.com.

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