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Participants at the St. Rose of Lima Parish in Gaithersburg held its Faith and History Summer Camp for children ages three through twelve.

## St. Rose Faith and History Summer Camp

**S**t. Rose of Lima Parish in Gaithersburg recently held their Faith and History Summer Camp for children ages three through twelve. The parish evolved the camp from an adaptation of the published Christian VBS program Marketplace 29. This year seventy-nine campers participated in activities from Maryland of the 1800's while learning about the Nicene Creed. For instance: campers visited a can-

dle shop to make candles while discussing the Holy Trinity which was modeled by the wax, scent, and color of the candles. Each day they learned about the lives of prominent Catholics of the area through skits and songs. The parish would like to thank and acknowledge the camp staff, which includes several teenagers, for volunteering their time to make this year's camp a fun and enriching success.

Next year the camp will be going worldwide as they head to the Second Vatican Council of the 1960's. Students will learn about the council and the authority of the Church, the call to participate in the mass, and the call to further love one's neighbor through charitable works.

For more information please email [strosummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:strosummercamp@gmail.com).

## Highlighting the need while trying to meet it



Rev. Msgr. John Enzler

**W**ithout question, the hardest part of our work at Catholic Charities is the numbers game. For every person we help, we know there will be more waiting. We strive to help everyone who needs us, addressing home-

lessness, unemployment, hunger, disability, immigration issues, mental illness, and more. But the need can be so great!

Of course, that doesn't ever stop us from trying. It just inspires us to get up the next morning and go back out there. Our latest effort is a perfect example.

Led by Deacon Jim Nalls and our Outreach team, I am proud to say Catholic Charities was a key partner with the Maryland Office on Oral Health in holding a Mid-Maryland Mission of Mercy. The idea of a Mission of Mercy is simple – gather as many dentists together as possible and help them help as many people as possible over two days.

Thanks to the generosity of St. Vincent Pallotti High School in Laurel and sev-

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## The Academy of the Holy Cross Hails New President



Kathleen Ryan Prebble became President of The Academy of the Holy Cross on July 1.

**T**he Academy of the Holy Cross welcomed Kathleen Ryan Prebble as its new President on July 1. Katy has been an educator and administrator for many years. Most recently Ms. Prebble was the President of Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, VA. During her tenure there, she has

strengthened and expanded a dual credit/enrollment program with Marymount University, introduced a Bring Your Own Device pilot program, began a comprehensive academic support program, and initiated a major gifts program that has accumulated \$6.5 million to date. She also directed the renovation of the outdoor athletic facilities, which included installation of an all-weather turf field and track, new bleachers, a press box and an electronic scoreboard. Additionally, she stabilized a declining three-year enrollment, increased the school's financial aid budget and created two new scholar-

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St. Peter's Magnificat Womens' Group with Fr. Mel Ayala

## All Women in the Archdiocese are Invited

*The women of Saint Peters cordially invite women from around the Archdiocese to attend the following events, sponsored by Saint Peters' Magnificat Womens' Group!*

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### Sunday, October 27

Run for Vocations at the Marine Corps Marathon & 10K in Washington, D.C.! Walkers & runners of all levels are welcome to join the Fun-Faith-Fitness!

### Saturday, November 9

Magnificat Day in Philadelphia! It will be held at the Philadelphia Convention Center and is sponsored by Magnificat Publications.

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## Father Abraham



Chuck Short

**I** hope summer was restful and renewing and best wishes to our teachers, principals, schools staff and volunteers for a productive and rewarding school year. For you students, I hope this global warming thing

abates and we get more snow this winter!

No, I'm now writing about a priest named Abraham! However, I take this opportunity to welcome new pastors, priests and deacons working and living in our parish communities. We warmly welcome you and are grateful for your blessed vocations and selfless service. Those who are new to "Our Parish Times" Catholic communities are sure to be inspired by the many good and dedicated people who worship, learn and serve in our diverse parishes. One of the first characteristics people new to Montgomery County notice is its remarkable diversity. In shopping malls, schools, neighborhoods, sporting events and restaurants it's obvious that the people who make up our communities are quite literally from every corner of the earth. And this diversity is no less apparent among the many faith communities which co-exist

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## St. Bartholomew's 8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass

### Popular Option for Montgomery County Catholics

St. Bartholomew Parish's 8:00 p.m. Sunday evening Mass was started over a year ago, but has grown into a popular Sunday Mass option for Montgomery County residents, especially for young families with busy weekend schedules and college students or recent graduates, who may be accustomed to having Masses available at later hours. It is the last Sunday Mass in Montgomery County.

The 8:00 p.m. Mass was started by Fr. Joe Sileo, former Pastor of St. Bart's, in Lent of 2012. Msgr. John Enzler, President of Catholic Charities and resident at St. Bartholomew Parish, typically celebrates the 8:00 p.m. Mass. Msgr. Enzler told OPT, "The Church has to find ways to say 'Yes,' to be more welcoming and hospitable and accommodating. We need to say 'You're welcome here and we want you.'" Msgr. Enzler com-



The band performs Contemporary Christian music at St. Bartholomew's 8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass, the last Sunday Mass in Montgomery County.

mented that the 8:00 p.m. Mass is wholly in accordance with Catholic teaching, but is also an "accommodating, welcoming, and prayerful" experience—a "more lively celebration" than might be common at typical Sunday masses.

Attendees at the 8:00 p.m. Mass are about half St. Bart's parishioners and half people from other parishes or without a parish. Attendance has grown from about 15 attendees at the beginning to about 200 attend-

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## Ruppert Landscape Founder/CEO Craig Ruppert to be honored by CBN-MC

Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County (CBN-MC) is proud to announce that Craig Ruppert, Founder and CEO of Ruppert Landscape, will be honored with our 2013 Catholic Business Person of the Year Award at its annual Gala on Friday, November 22, 2013 at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center.

"Craig Ruppert's professional and civic contributions reach deep into and far beyond the Montgomery County community and epitomize what it means to be the Business Person of the Year," said CBN-MC Board President, Gerard McLoughlin, in announcing the award. "We are excited to celebrate such a distinguished, accomplished professional, and a genuine good guy, at our annual gala."

From small, Blessed Sacrament neighborhood beginnings in the 1970s to the large, commercial, Mid-Atlantic present day operation, Mr. Ruppert has been responsible for the overall vision and the development of this successful company and other related entities including Ruppert Properties, Ruppert Nurseries, and Ruppert Ventures. As chief executive officer, Mr. Ruppert's responsibilities include financial management, personnel growth and strategic planning with an eye on the development of future business opportunities.

"It is a privilege to be recognized by the Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County, and I humbly accept this award," said Mr. Ruppert. "CBN-MC does a tremendous job of not only connecting local professionals, but their charitable work in helping to

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## St. Mary's 'History Day' Event & Book Signing Announced

*Parish to hold free history day event in honor of bicentennial year*

September 21, 2013, St. Mary's Catholic Church will hold a History Day as part of its Bicentennial Celebration Year.

This free event, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will include docent-conducted tours of the grave sites of the literary legend F. Scott Fitzgerald and his family with both the original pioneer St. Mary's Church and the first post Vatican II Catholic Church in Montgomery County, Md. The second half of the event will include a boxed lunch and two speaker presentations by St. Mary's Pastor, Monsignor Robert Amey, and parish historian, Roger Langley.

Langley wrote a new history book of St. Mary's Church and its role in the community throughout the past two hundred years. Langley said, "My goal was to tell the whole story, the good and the bad, our successes and failures and to place this parish history within the context of the history of Rockville, Montgomery County, and the United States." The history book will be available for purchase and to be signed by Langley on History Day and throughout the remainder of the year's celebrations.

Those who wish to participate in the event's lunch must make a

reservation by calling St. Mary's Rectory at (301) 424-5550 by Friday, September 13.

History Day is one of many events, both social and spiritual, being held to celebrate St. Mary's 200th Anniversary.

For more information about the Bicentennial Year and upcoming events, visit [www.stmarysrockville.org](http://www.stmarysrockville.org).

Founded in 1813, historic St. Mary's Church led the way for Catholics in Montgomery County. Today, the church's organizations and ministries include the Catholic Youth Organization, a Social Concerns Ministry, St. Mary's Sodality, Religious Education (CCD), Youth Ministry and the Knights of Columbus. The parish is also home to St. Mary's Parish School, which educates students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

The original church, built in 1817, now known as Our Lady's Chapel, was designated a Pilgrim Church of the Millennium for the Jubilee Year 2000 and again for the Year of Faith in 2013. The cemetery adjacent to the chapel is the final resting place of literary legend F. Scott Fitzgerald and his wife Zelda.

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## MASS

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ees typical in recent weeks.

Contemporary Christian music became a feature of the 8:00 p.m. Mass at St. Bart's about two months ago. The model for the St. Bart's program is Nativity Parish in Timonium, Maryland, which has thrived with a similar program, involving "Praise and Worship," increasing parish membership several fold. John Lynch, a local Catholic who was familiar with the success at Nativity Parish, organized and funded the band at St. Bart's. The band is mostly professional musicians and includes,

Duncan Ballantine, Barry Gurley, John Starr, Bob Tebo, Tom Cooke, and St. Bart's own Jeannie Hisle. Msgr. Enzler told OPT, "The idea is to incorporate Christian contemporary music into the Mass, while still being respectful and appropriate." The band is currently exploring adding younger local musicians to its ranks.

Father Mark Knestout, Pastor of St. Bart's, told OPT that, given the popularity of the 8:00 p.m. Mass, "something good obviously is taking place and the Holy Spirit is clearly working here."

St. Bart's is at 6900 River Road in Bethesda, between Wilson Lane and Nevis Road, with easy Beltway access. All are welcome.

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# Holy Redeemer Welcomes New Staff for School Year 2013-2014

By Michelle Ardillo

**A**long with freshly waxed floors and colorfully decorated bulletin boards, the halls of Holy Redeemer Catholic School in Kensington, Maryland, will be welcoming new members of staff to its community. Holy Redeemer parent Mrs. Sandie Dunn joins the HR staff this fall, where she will join Mrs. Dianne O'Neill as one of the school's nurses, manning the health clinic on Fridays.

First grade teacher Mrs. Meghan Rivera comes to Holy Redeemer after teaching for the past five years at a Catholic school in DC. Born and raised in Maryland, Mrs. Rivera attended the Catholic University of America and Marymount University for her undergraduate and graduate degrees. She brings to Holy Redeemer her love for teaching and is excited to meet

her new students! In her free time, Mrs. Rivera enjoys reading, baking, watching old movies, and spending time outdoors.

Holy Redeemer parent and former substitute teacher Mrs. Mary Harper joins the staff as a fourth grade teacher. Mrs. Harper holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from American University. After obtaining her Masters Degree in French, she taught French in Fairfax County for two years and at Blessed Sacrament for four years. Born and raised in DC, Mrs. Harper is an alumna of Blessed Sacrament and Georgetown Visitation. She enjoys reading, running, spending time with her family, and volunteering at the Bethesda Retreat Center in their marriage prep program. When asked what she hopes to bring to Holy Redeemer, Mrs. Harper replied that she wishes to, as Mother Teresa said, continue

"bringing souls to God and God to souls."

New York native Ms. Rachel Kyroglou comes to Holy Redeemer after completing her Bachelor of Arts in English Adolescence Education at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue, New York. Ms. Kyroglou (soon to be Mrs. Lilley) will be teaching sixth and seventh grade English and sixth grade literature. With a minor in music, she has experience teaching flute and singing lessons as well as tutoring at The Academic Center at St. Joseph's. Her mutual loves of reading and writing combined with her passion for music will bring much to Holy Redeemer's middle school language arts program. Ms. Kyroglou enjoys spending time with her family, reading, singing, playing flute and going out to eat.

Mr. Matthew Smith joins Holy Redeemer as the physical edu-

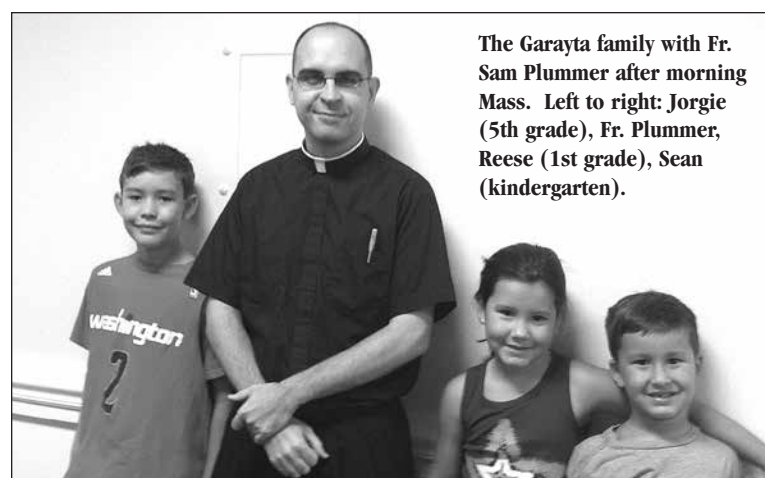
cation teacher for grades K-8. A native of this area and an alumnus of Mater Dei and Georgetown Prep, Mr. Smith graduated from the University of Georgia. He has coached lacrosse in the area for the last four years as well as ice hockey. He looks forward to bringing his love of sports and an active lifestyle to each class each day. In his free time, Mr. Smith enjoys running, Cross Fit, and anything outdoors.

Not all changes at Holy Redeemer involve new faces! Former first grade teacher Lisa Capobianco relocates this year to the other end of the hallway to become a middle school math teacher. Mrs. Cap, as she is known at HR, hails from Buffalo, NY, and is certified to teach math to grades K-12. She is excited to bring her love of math to the middle school students, some of whom she taught in first grade during her first year at HR. Mrs.

Cap enjoys cooking, playing with her two Great Danes, and spending time with her husband and baby boy Brooks.

Former fourth grade teacher Mrs. Teri Gosine is also transitioning into a new position. Beginning her seventh year at Holy Redeemer, Mrs. Gosine will be a resource teacher. Mrs. Gosine was born and raised in this area and attended St. Andrew the Apostle and Good Counsel. She graduated from Frostburg in education and is pursuing a graduate degree in Reading at Towson University. When not at Holy Redeemer, Mrs. Gosine enjoys hiking, playing soccer, going to the beach, and going out to eat. She is very excited about her new position in the wonderful Holy Redeemer community.

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The Garayta family with Fr. Sam Plummer after morning Mass. Left to right: Jorgie (5th grade), Fr. Plummer, Reese (1st grade), Sean (kindergarten).

## Holy Redeemer Welcomes New Priest Fr. Plummer

By Michelle Ardillo

**A**s he said in his homily at his first Mass at Holy Redeemer, Fr. Plummer is not just the new priest at Holy Redeemer; he's a new priest period. Newly ordained to the priesthood on June 15, 2013, Fr. Plummer was raised in St. Peter's parish in Waldorf and attended seminary at Mount St. Mary's. Fr. Plummer loves sports and along with now being a Holy Redeemer Cardinal, he also follows closely the Orioles, the Redskins, and the Terps. He looks forward to meeting the students and shooting hoops with them during recess.

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## Holy Redeemer's 10th Annual Vacation Bible School Is a "Blast"

By Mary Ruth Yao

**T**his summer, Holy Redeemer Parish hosted its largest Vacation Bible School ever, June 24 – 28. Two hundred children from preschool through 5th grade learned about their Catholic faith all while having a "K4J Summertime Blast" that focused on Jesus in the Eucharist. Sixty middle-schoolers, 30 high schoolers, and 25 adults taught the children to love the Eucharist and bring Christ to the world, even at their young age.

Every morning began with high-energy songs, followed by a skit that taught about the saint, scripture verse, and catechism clip of the day. Then the daily schedule was packed, with children rotating through Missionaries in Motion (catechism), song, craft, snack, games, and snack stations. Older children made prayer journals to use for their personal prayer, while younger children made prayer booklets that included all the prayers every Catholic child should know. Children of all ages asked Mary

to bring their intentions to her Son Jesus by leaving written prayers at the foot of Mary's statue in front of the school. On the last day, children attended a special VBS Mass with their families, and then returned to the school for a party including songs performed by the children for their parents, pizza, snow cones, and carnival games run by the middle-schoolers.

Holy Redeemer's program runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with children bringing a lunch from home. This schedule makes HR's program a popular choice for families who have early morning swim team practices or enjoy "sleeping in" when school's out. Many parents find that VBS truly is a week for the entire family: Children from 4 years old through rising high-school seniors participated this year, including several special-needs students. While most volunteers are moms, this year's staff included dads, college students, and a grandmother.

K4J (Kids for Jesus) is a national

company that offers virtue programs especially designed to create a link among families, schools, and parishes. Holy Redeemer participates in the K4J Parish Club during the school year and Vacation Bible School for one week every summer.

Next year's K4J Vacation Bible School theme is "Circus of Stars: Spotlight on God the Father." We hope you'll join us under the big top!

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## Marc Minsker Interim Principal at Saint John's Catholic Prep

**G**ordon Oliver, President of Saint John's Catholic Prep, has appointed Marc Minsker, Holy Redeemer parishioner, as the Interim Principal of Saint John's for the 2013–2014 academic year. Mr. Minsker joined the Saint John's faculty in the fall of 2003, teaching tenth-grade English and AP Literature. He also resurrected the speech and debate team and served as drama moderator. In 2005, Mr. Minsker was selected as Teacher of the Year by the Saint John's Administration. In



the fall of 2005, he was also named Academic Dean and continued teaching AP Literature and Grade 12 Honors English.

Mr. Minsker graduated from the University of South Carolina where he majored in English and minored in Religious Studies, he

is a product of Catholic education from grade school through high school and brings to the position of Principal a vision that is grounded in the teachings of the Catholic faith.

Minsker succeeds Mr. Christopher Cosentino, who will continue his contribution to Catholic education as the Associate Executive Director of the Secondary Schools Department at the National Educational Association (NCEA).

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## Changes Coming for Children's Religious Education

**B**eginning at Kindergarten and concluding with eighth grade, St. John's offers weekly grade-specific classes taught by teams of volunteer catechists. The purpose of these sessions is to supply each student with an increasing understanding of the basic tenets of our faith.

### Sunday Classes

In the past, St. John's has offered Faith Formation Classes for children in grades 1-8 on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and Kindergarten classes on Sunday mornings. Beginning in the fall of 2013, *all classes for students in grades K-8 will be held on Sundays*. There will be two sessions, with classes for every grade level at each session.

Session I	10:15 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.	Follows the 9 a.m. Mass
Session II	11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Follows the 10:30 a.m. Mass

This change will better adjust to our parishioners' schedules and allow more family time during the week. Parents will be able to attend Adult Faith Formation programs scheduled to coincide with the children's classes.

To help with this transition to Sunday mornings, we will need more Faith Formation teachers, also known as catechists. No prior experience is needed, just a simple desire to share your faith with younger generations of Catholics! If you are interested in being a catechist for any grade, K-8, please contact L.J. Milone, [adultdre@sjbsilverspring.org](mailto:adultdre@sjbsilverspring.org).

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**Please Note:** Sacramental preparation is not a part of Faith Formation classes. Children who will be receiving a sacrament (First Eucharist, First Reconciliation, or Confirmation) must attend separate sacramental preparation classes.

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## St. John's Welcomes New Deacon

**A** familiar face around St. John's, Ed McCormack and his family are active SJB parishioners. Newly ordained to the Diaconate, Ed is a theologian specializing in Ignatian Spirituality. After teaching theology for nearly 30 years, he felt he was called

to something more – to preach. Often, before and after Masses he attended, he believed strongly that the Lord was calling him to spread the gospel messages --- from the pulpit. His wife encouraged him to consider the diaconate.

Deacon McCormack has been preaching regularly and finds it a challenging and life-giving experience. He states: "My one desire is to form intentional disciples for Christ. This is key to making faith meaningful in our day. My hope is that I can speak a word of meaning from the Lord whose Spirit can set hearts on fire for God." This fall, Deacon McCormack will join the faculty at Theological College at Catholic University. We look forward to his preaching and urge you to stop and introduce yourself whenever you see him.

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## St. John's Hears the Cry of the Poor

**F**or the last 14 years, the families of St. John the Baptist School have shared their bounty with families served by the Itman Food Bank in Mullens, West Virginia. Families contribute new and gently used children's clothes, toiletries, linens, and housewares as well as other miscellaneous needed items. SJB alumni and current students are always on hand to load the rental truck that will make the trek to Mullens.

Despite its name, the food bank is much more than a pantry. Situated in the basement of a large hall, half of the space is dedicated to sorting food along with donated personal hygiene items. The other half stores housewares, linens, children's and infant's clothing, toys, books, diapers and wipes.

The drive to Mullens is a beautiful one. But the beauty of the landscape – the tall trees, majestic mountains, and babbling brooks belie the poverty of the people who live in Wyoming County – the poorest in West Virginia and indeed one of the poorest in our country.

Just six hours from our nation's capital, people live in substandard housing -- many without ade-



Arne and Kathy Simonse welcome SJB's truckload of needed items.

quate sanitation and most without proper nutrition.

The Itman Food Bank is run by Kathy and Arne Simonse, formerly of Takoma Park, who 'retired' in 2000 to live and work with the poor of Appalachia. Itman is run entirely by volunteers. Thirty-five local West Virginians spend time organizing the donations that arrive from many places. The Itman Food Pantry in Mullens is the only one of its kind in that county. It is open only on the third Friday of each month, serving well over 700 families and

the clients are ever increasing. By this year's end over 15,000 people will have received help.

In the mountains there are no soup kitchens, no sandwich wagons and only a few social services. The people of the mountains have only the Itman Food Bank and its monthly distribution day.

In spite of their poverty, the people are full of faith and hope, ready to share the little they have. They are always grateful. And we are blessed to be able to help.

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in the county. If you doubt, take a drive north along New Hampshire Ave. from the Beltway. After driving a few miles, you're likely to feel as if you have toured the world having passed mosques, churches, temples, synagogues and other places of worship. The stretch is aptly dubbed "the highway to heaven" and dramatically illustrates the wealth of religious diversity which is part of the fabric of Montgomery County, and it's not limited to New Hampshire Ave.

No boring county demographics, though many are quite surprising; however it's important that we know that among the County's one million people, there is no majority culture or race. Among faith communities, Christians still hold an edge, however, the number of Jews, Muslims, Hindus and others is significant and growing rapidly. This is not "our mother's county" anymore and we are certainly not in Kansas! During this year, I'd like to reflect on the blessings and opportunities that diverse faith communities bring to the county and especially our Catholic communities. Greater knowledge about diverse faith traditions will lead to more accurate understanding of principles and foundations of different faith traditions, improve communication and, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, lead to greater spiritual solidarity toward our shared mission to create a more God-centered world. At a minimum, by understanding other various faiths better, we will

dispel from our minds and our children's minds some of the damaging stereotypes that have led to much suffering throughout history.

Thus the relevance of Father Abraham. Remember the story of Abraham from childhood? For me, the climax occurred when God tested Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his son, Isaac. I was relieved when the angel came just in the nick of time to spare young Isaac! After years of homilies and conversations with Jewish and Muslim friends, I learned of Abraham's great importance as the father of monotheism and as patriarch to the three largest religions in the world today, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. It is ironic that even as these three great religions share the same DNA, their faithful barely understand the shared spiritual heritage bestowed upon them. So how is it that Abraham's multitude of descendants evolved so divisively? Why is it difficult for us, the chosen children of God, Yahweh, and Allah, to seek understanding and appreciation for each other? Why is it important that they do so? What examples exist here in our county of interfaith understanding, ecumenical worship, shared social missions, and other faith inspired collegial activity? What can local parish communities do to promote improved understanding?

I hope you will join me during the coming year to explore and reflect upon these important questions. A group of us have embarked upon an activity we are calling "The Abraham Project" here in Montgomery County. The project will serve as a resource to assist

interested faith communities in offering seminars to provide information to members who wish to learn more about other faiths; offer opportunities for interfaith dialogue at the parish and congregation levels and generally promote understanding and cooperation among local diverse faith communities. If you have an interest in this activity, please email me.

In closing I suggest a few resources which will be useful in understanding other faiths. First, two interesting and understandable books: **How Do You Spell God?**, by Rabbi Marc Gellman and Monsignor Thomas Hartman (lots of laughs and basic information); and Bruce Feiler's, **Abraham**. If your parish community is interested in a guest speaker on this subject, I recommend Rev. Mansfield Kaseman, former Executive Director of Rockville Community Ministries and currently Liaison for Faith Communities for the Montgomery County government. He can be reached at 240 777 2503 or [Mansfield.Kaseman@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Mansfield.Kaseman@montgomerycountymd.gov).

I write this on the last day of the month of Ramadan, an important Muslim religious commemoration; in a few weeks, our Jewish neighbors will be commemorating the High Holy Days. Shortly afterwards, Christians will begin the period of Advent. These holy periods are appropriate times and Montgomery County is the perfect place to seek to understand and appreciate kindred spirits.

God Bless!

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# US Catholic Educators Participate in ADL Mission to Israel

By Sally Ingram, eight-grade teacher at St. Bernadette

June 26 - July 4, 2013

The El Al flight from Tel Aviv to JFK is 12 hours long, a bit lengthy even on an airline that offers every comfort and is famous for its in-flight service. 20 Catholic educators are scattered throughout the plane. We have just completed the Anti-Defamation League's Bearing Witness Advanced program. This program, funded by the May and Samuel Rudin Family Foundation, is designed to give Catholic school educators the education and resources needed to teach others about the connections between Judaism and Catholicism, the Jewish connection to Israel, modern Israeli politics including the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and current theory in

Holocaust studies.

On the plane, some of us catch up on the sleep that was hard to come by throughout this jam-packed, eventful trip in which we visited a vast and varied amount of historical and religious sites and met with prestigious speakers representing the complicated aspects of Israeli political and religious life. Many of us excitedly discuss new ideas and new initiatives.

Together, we visited historical Jewish, Christian, and Muslim sites, attended a Shabbat dinner and a Western Wall visit hosted by the "Shabbat of a Lifetime" program, met a Holocaust survivor at Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum, visited an Arab-Jewish Community Center, met with Naomi Tsur,

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Top row (L-R): Sam Connor, Stefani Sobol-Pastor, Alexandra Cirko, Naomi Mazin, John Thomasson, Thomas Eikramp, Michael Campos, Louise Sheehan, Tim McGorry, Maureen Dwyer, Joni Schaller, Sally Ingram, Paul Homer, Sandra Columbus, Elenora Straub, Tom Leto Bottom row (L-R): David Masters, Robin Siczek, David Warren, Bob Biehle, Donna Tarney



St. Bernadette's Scout Troop 440 Prepare to Retire National Flags. From left to right: Ethan Marchionini, Spencer Helsing, Jack Hoskinson, and Ryan Hoskinson

## St. Bernadette Troop 440 Retires U.S. Flags

On Friday, May 31, St. Bernadette Troop 440 held a flag retirement ceremony on the field of St. Bernadette's. It is customary in our country to retire tattered, torn or dingy flags and replace them with new flags to represent our nation. Page 76 of the *BSA Handbook* says, "A national flag that is worn beyond repair may be burned in a fire. The ceremony should be conducted with dignity and respect and the flag burned completely to ashes."

The Troop 440 ceremony consisted of a Color Guard, with Jack Hoskinson serving as Master of Ceremonies. About 20 Scouts gathered to cut up and burn about 35 flags. Scout, Ben Doggitt played Taps on the Bugle. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the flag pieces were reverently placed on a small hibachi fire and burned.

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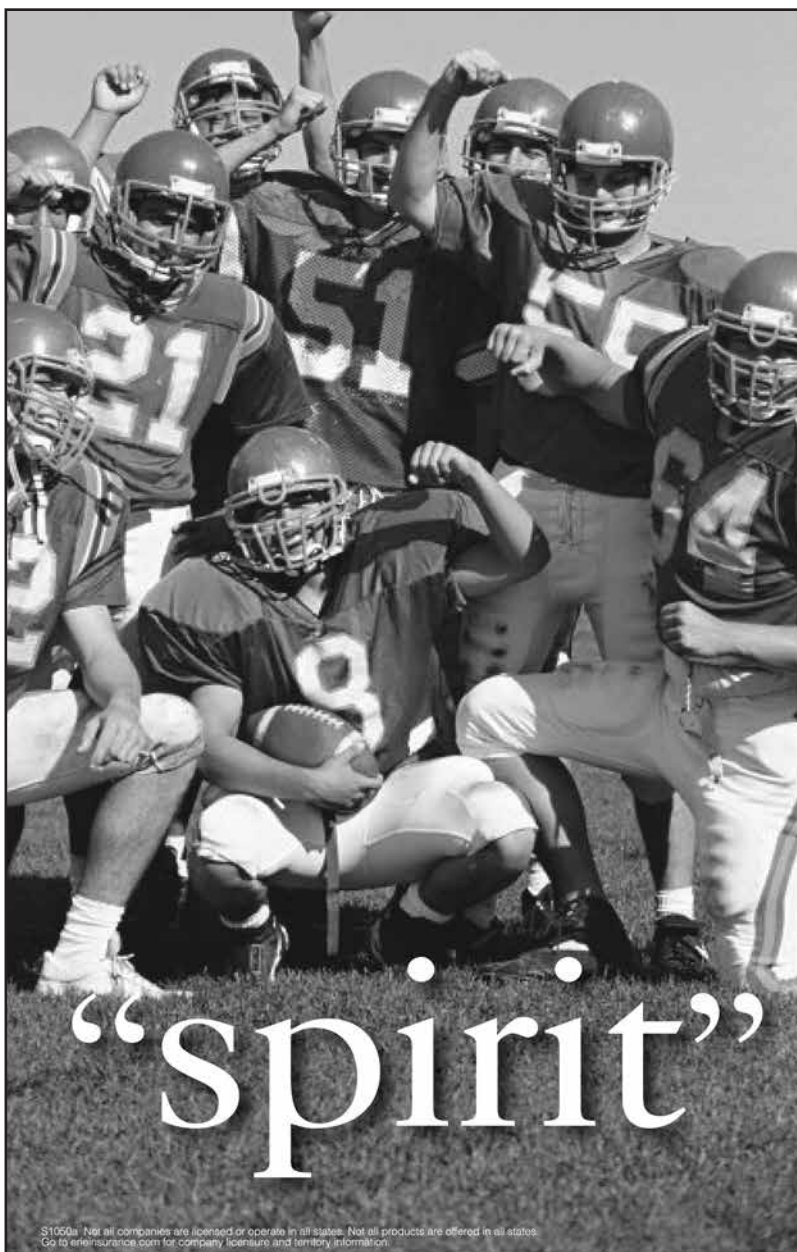
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# It's a Most Wonderful Time of the Year



## Back to God River of Retreat Beckons Men of St. Patrick

It is only a few weeks away. Annual retreat for men of St. Patrick occurs a little earlier this year on the weekend of 20-22 September.

There are many features to recommend this event at Loyola on the Potomac:

■ 48 hours of spiritual re-awakening



Photo shows the front-entrance view of Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner MD, which is surrounded by 235 acres of rolling woodland. Rear side of the house opens onto a sloping lawn area and graded bluff overlooking a wide expanse of the lower Potomac River.

■ contemplation available in a traditional and prayerfully-silent mode

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■ participating liturgies and devotional activities

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sultation

■ six refreshing meals

■ individual private bedrooms

■ quiet periods

■ relaxation amid one of nature's best scenes

The theme: "Rivers of Living Water" will focus on the image of

water as the symbol of how God acts in our human life. A gorgeous close-up view and presence of the lower Potomac River at the hillside site of Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, Maryland will intensify the theme of "living water".

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Breakfast chow line at Men's Retreat is hearty and popular.

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## Back to Normal ... Soon Construction of Parish Center is on Schedule

The end is truly in sight since construction began only twelve months ago in early August 2012.

■ Exterior work on the building-structure is nearly complete.

■ Roadbed around the rear side has been restored.

■ Landscaping is visibly in progress each day.

■ Electrical service has been

introduced to the building for interior use.

■ Installation of interior fixtures has started to show.

Dedication of the new Parish Center by Archbishop Donald Cardinal Wuerl is still scheduled for the afternoon of this coming Sunday 15 December 2013. While completion of construction by the end of November appears likely,

the actual occupancy and use of the Center will most probably not be available until January. Truly, an exciting and new era of parish

activity will soon be resuming and enlarging!

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New Parish Center is nearing completion after only twelve months since construction began in August 2012.

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## Back to School

### Adjustments Occur For Everyone

Each sand, flip-flops, swim suits, hot dogs, popsicles, and "nothin' to do" have now been replaced with morning routine, commute, and homework assignments.

Despite the somewhat abrupt change from the lazy days of summer vacation, the youngsters appeared eager to re-enter the halls and habits of learning at St Patrick

School.

Parents have also relished the "return to normalcy" after the seemingly-endless days of sunshine.

New principal, Christie Anne Short, has also been adjusting to a change from the role of a fourth grade teacher to head mistress, ever since the end of the school year in June.

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## Anna Colella, SJE's Beloved School Secretary Retires

**O**n June 9th, hundreds of friends and family gathered at St. John the Evangelist to celebrate the 46 years of dedicated service Anna Colella has given to St. John the Evangelist School as its beloved school secretary and to congratulate her on her retirement!

The festivities began with a special liturgy presided by Auxiliary Bishop, Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout, former pastor of St. John's and Msgr. John Pennington, current pastor of St. John's, followed by a reception in the school auditorium.

The celebration included a letter of commendation from Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley; a letter of Commendation from President Barack Obama; a certificate in grateful recognition from the Superintendent of ADW Schools Deacon Bert L. Homme; a Papal Blessing from Pope Francis presented by Auxiliary Bishop, Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout; a presentation of the Anna Colella Scholarship Fund; a viewing of "This is Your Life Anna C." video; and many thanks and well wishes from all!

A special thank you goes to the Anna Colella Retirement Committee: Sr. Kathleen Lannak, IHM, Mary Brogan, Michael Colella, Peg Daly, Chris Hoverter, Sheryl Kreischer, Jamie Lenoci, Joe Lopes and Linda Sullivan for organizing this wonderful event.

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Auxiliary Bishop, Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout presents Mrs. Anna Colella with a Papal Blessing from Pope Francis.



St. John the Evangelist Principal, Sr. Kathleen Lannak, IHM, presents Mrs. Anna Colella with the Anna Colella Scholarship Fund, created at the school in honor of her loving service to the school.



Deacon Alan Jeeves shakes the hand of Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, at his ordination this summer. His wife, Carmen, is in the foreground.

## SJE Welcomes Deacon Alan Jeeves

**D**eacon Alan Jeeves and his wife Carmen came to St. John the Evangelist from St. Catherine Laboure. At St. Catherine, they were both actively involved in the Contemporary Ensemble where Deacon Alan was a guitarist and Carmen was a singer. Carmen also sang with the Choir. They both served as lectors and Eucharistic ministers, and on the parish council. Carmen is "angel friend" with the Gabriel project. Deacon Alan has been serving as a prison minister at the Howard County jail in Jessup, and will be continuing this work in Montgomery County.

Deacon Alan was born in California and his wife is from the

Dominican Republic. They met at Sacred Heart parish in Washington DC, and have been married for nearly 39 years. They have 4 grown children and 4 grandchildren. Deacon Alan received a B.A. in Applied Statistics from the George Washington University and a MGA in General Administration from the University of Maryland. He is a Statistician with the Department of Transportation. His wife Carmen received a B.A. in Psychology from Hood College and is a Cued-Speech Transliterator for the Hearing Impaired at Wood Middle School in Rockville.

### August 26 is the First Day of School!

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## School Safety Patrol Leadership Camp

Rising SJE sixth graders pose for a photo before heading off to School Safety Patrol Leadership Camp, presented by the Montgomery County Police's School Safety Section. The camp, teaching safety and leadership skills to kids throughout the county, was held June 24-28th at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD. Back row (L to R): Helen Hoang, Anna Campbell, Kathryn James, Ryann Cuddy, Emma Bruckwick and Alice Droege. Front row (L to R): Christian Garagusi and Ben Campion.

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The gymnasium at St. Vincent Pallotti in Laurel, Maryland transformed into a large-scale dental clinic with 50 dental chairs available for patients.



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eral parishes in Prince George's and Montgomery counties, we were able to help 646 people receive a wide range of dental services.

I've never seen so many people happy to get root canals.

For two days, the gym at the high school was a 50-chair dental office. More than 200 dental professionals performed everything from routine cleanings to fillings to root canals and teeth pulls. Another 200 volunteers helped with check-in, patient assistance, set-up and clean-up. Many of our patients had not seen a dentist in years, lacking dental insurance or the means to afford the care.

Holding an event like this truly opens your eyes to the need around us. People started waiting outside at 5 pm *the night before* the clinic even started. When we opened the doors at 6 am, hundreds were waiting. They came with sleeping bags and sweatshirts, prepared to wait as long as it took. Sadly, we were unable to see hundreds more who came too late in the day. There are always limits to our capabilities, even if our hearts are limitless.

It's an excellent example of faith. The many problems of our world are well-documented daily. The awful ways people can treat each other often dominate our attention. But it's the quiet work of Christ day after day, by volunteers and professionals alike, that most deeply reflects the good in our world.

For me, faith is not simply stating belief. It is walking forward to try and tackle a problem you know is too big to be tackled by you alone. It's trusting that if you do your part, no matter how small or insignificant it seems, then the rest of the pieces will fall into place.

Though we're still tallying the numbers, approximately \$700,000 in dental care was performed. When I step back from this event, I see a perfect example of the potential of community. Together, hundreds came to give of themselves, their talents and their time, to express their love for their neighbor.

I met some incredible people on my visit to the site. One young woman was in recovery from addiction, but her front teeth had been destroyed from years of drug abuse. This held her back from truly moving on with her life. Our clinic was able to fit her up with new front teeth – she literally got her smile back.

And one of our volunteers worked a full day the first day of the clinic, then showed up to receive dental work herself on the second. She needed several painful teeth extracted, but it was more important to her to serve, than to be served.

It was so special to see the transformations taking place, not just in the smiles of those served, but in their whole attitude. Amazing how different your perspective on life is when a longtime pain is suddenly gone, or a heavy burden suddenly lifted. This is what we strive to do each and every day at Catholic Charities – heal those wounds, physical and spiritual; lift those burdens; and witness Christ to those who feel alone. We do all we can, then place our faith in God to help us with the rest.

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## ISRAEL

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Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, visited the Papal Nuncio to the Holy See, Archbishop Guiseppe Lazzarotto, heard testimony from an Israel National Police Officer who is a survivor of attempted murder by a terrorist, toured the Golan Heights and the security fence, ate with settlers in the West Bank, and much, much more.

We were also afforded the special privilege of meeting with Abraham Foxman, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League, who connected powerfully with us when relaying his early history as a child in hiding during the Holocaust, brought up as a Catholic by his nanny. This meeting and the tearful embraces which ended it was living, undeniable proof of the enduring connection which has existed for years between the ADL and the Catholic Church.

Another highlight was our meeting with Yossi Klein Halevi, author of *At the Garden of Eden: A Jew's Search for God with Christians and Muslims in the Holy Land* (Harper Collins, 2002) and the upcoming *Like Dreamers* (Harper Collins,

Oct. 2013). Mr. Halevi provided a fascinating overview of the current state of Israel, but what stuck with us was his sharing of his personal struggles to deal with the escalation of violence in the land that he loves, and the near-constant evolution of his point of view. His words were wise and generous.

After these incredible eight days, many of us feel reborn, as if we have entered a new phase of life. We are filled with a new enthusiasm and are bursting with plans to bear the fruits of all that we have learned. We discuss new pedagogies, plans for interfaith groups, presentations to students and staff, and booking guest speakers at our schools. We have found a new land and a new life.

Tucked away in our luggage are the treasures we bring with us - souvenirs and gifts for family members, our notes and musings that we will pore over when we get home, talismans, medals, books to consult, and other trinkets and keepsakes to remind us of our new spiritual home. Our cameras are loaded with hundreds of photos. We hope to keep the light of our memory glowing, to repay the ADL's investment in our education, and to one day return to Israel.

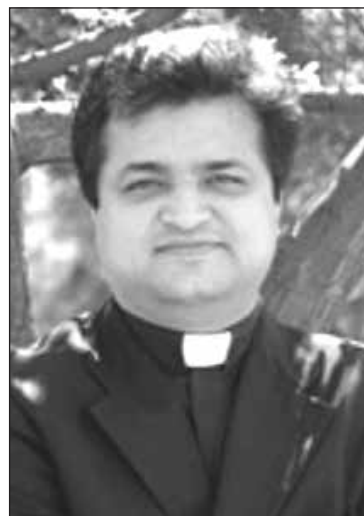
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## Welcome Father Jacob!

**O**ur new associate pastor at St. Elizabeth is Father Jacob George - a priest with a very different background than the young, fresh-out-of-the-seminary, or nearly so, archdiocesan priest. He's been ordained for 18 years. And he has even already been a pastor. The big difference is he didn't start out as a priest in the Roman Rite. There are, believe it or not, 22 different rites in the Catholic Church in concordance with Rome, and the one to which Fr. Jacob is ordained is the Syro-Malankara Catholic Archi-Episcopal Church - a rite that was a product of the missionary work of the apostle St. Thomas, who traveled in the pioneer years of Christendom eastward to Syria and beyond. The Malankaras are a community in South Asia - India and its immediate surrounding countries.

Fr. Jacob, one of eight children, was born in Athirumkal, Pathanamthitta Diocese, Kerala, India, on April 3, 1971. He was ordained April 4, 1997, at St. Mary's Cathedral in the Major-Archdiocese of Trivandrum, on the far western coast of India near its southern tip. Fr. Jacob served nine years in his home diocese, before being sent to the United States to be the fourth pastor of the Catholic Mission of the Malankara Church in the Archdiocese of Washington - separate in language (West Syriac) and liturgy, from our rite, even though fully subject to our pontiff in Rome. He remains incardinated in his home diocese.

Strange as it may sound, Fr. Jacob came to the U.S. as a missionary. He was sent specifically to minister to Malankara Catholics here in the Washington area. Current immigration laws in the U.S., while restrictive to many, are very permissive toward those with training in professions deemed highly in demand here. Indians have taken advantage of this in large numbers, sending nurses, doctors, and, especially in this age, IT specialists. If you Google the Syro-Malankara Catholic Exarchate Web site, you will find not only a vibrant church



Father Jacob George

in India, but a great many communities here in the United States. Most parishes are small in membership and enormous in geographic area, but the Indian immigrants to faith communities of this rite remain loyal despite their scattered numbers.

Fr. Jacob arrived in the United States in June 2006, to take over his new parish. His parish church was the St. Anne's chapel used for weekday Masses by St. Mary's parish in Landover Hills, which, at the inception of his pastorate, was given "on loan" for his community to celebrate Sunday Mass. Fr. Jacob, who was the mission's fourth pastor, had a primary mission to continue growing the community, which at the beginning of his pastorate, had six registered families and had grown 29 months later, at the end of his pastorate, to 30 registered families. This he accomplished by logging thousands of miles in his car, his parish stretching from as far south as Richmond, Virginia, and north to Baltimore, Maryland, one parish covering four of our dioceses. As his parish grew, a CCD program was begun, and

eventually it provided faith training up to the 10th grade. And, with the parish's growth, the chapel-on-loan was turned over permanently to the Malankara community. With a church of their own, they were able to fully equip the sanctuary to make it a truly Malankara church in décor, sacramentals and vestments. Father Jacob built a cohesive parish by regular visits to the parish's disparate families, praying with them and showing a pastor's touch by hands-on ministry, despite the enormous distances separating his flock.

After five years as pastor of the Malankara community (the term length determined by his bishop in India, who regularly supplies this small community with their pastors), Fr. Jacob was given the opportunity to remain in our archdiocese and attend Loyola University to attain a master's degree in psychology and pastoral counseling. Since his term with the Indian community had ended, he was allowed to take an assignment as parochial vicar at St. Mary of the Mills, in Laurel, where he served for the past two and a half years. (Because Fr. Jacob remains incardinated to his diocese in India, for his tenure here in our archdiocese he cannot be named a pastor in a parish of our archdiocese, but can serve as an associate.) With the departure of our recent associate, Fr. Harry Stokes, to Little Flower parish, Fr. Jacob was assigned here to St. Elizabeth in July, where he continues to serve in the Roman rite, at the pleasure of the Archbishops of Washington and Trivandrum.

Although still a recent arrival, Fr. Jacob has had time enough to get a good sense of our parish. "You are a wonderful Catholic community, so welcoming, and very rich in a multinational, multiethnic heritage. I know I will enjoy my stay here."

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## WOMEN

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Communion Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Mass in Saint Peter's Chapel followed by breakfast & special presentation

## Saturday, March 1

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## Sunday, May 4

Easter Luncheon & Reflection at a private home from 12-2:00p.m.

## Saturday, May 31

Feast of the Visitation 8:30 a.m. Mass & Consecration Women are invited to a special 33-day spiritual exercise, Total Consecration to Our Lord through Our Lady, also known as the Saint Louis De Montfort Spiritual Exercises

For more information and to be added to the email list of Saint Peters' Magnificat Womens' Group, contact Carol Flannery at flannerycrunforvocations@gmail.com or call her 240-432-4340.

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## RUPPERT

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make Catholic education affordable and accessible is something to be celebrated, and a cause I believe in."

In addition to his role in the Ruppert organization, Mr. Ruppert is an active leader in numerous professional and charitable organizations that support the communities he serves, including Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore Region, Food for the Poor, Sandy Spring Bank, St. John's College High School, Associated Builders and Contractors Leadership Development Program and The Community Foundation of

Montgomery County. In addition, Craig has formerly been involved in various capacities with the following organizations: The Federal Reserve Board (Class B, Fifth District/Richmond, VA First Community Financial Corporation (Phoenix, AZ); Lee Development Group (Silver Spring, MD); Rodgers & Associates (Germantown, MD); St. Paul's Honduras Clinic (Damascus, MD); Young President's Organization (Washington Metro & U.S. Capital Chapters) and World President's Organization (Chesapeake Chapter).

Mr. Ruppert and his wife Pat live in Laytonsville and have four grown children and four grandchildren. He is a parishioner of St. Paul Catholic Church in Damascus.

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## St. Jude Regional Catholic School News

### Openings at St. Jude Regional Catholic School

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St. Jude Regional Catholic School has been providing high-

quality, values-based education for more than 50 years to students in Pre-Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade of all religious, racial, ethnic, and income backgrounds. Its

location in Rockville is perfect for commuters as it is convenient to Connecticut Avenue, Georgia Avenue, Rockville Pike, and the new InterCounty Connector. There are still openings in various classes for the Fall 2013 semester, which starts on Aug. 26. For information on the curriculum, admissions policies and registration, or to set up a shadow visit, please contact the school office at 301-946-7888 ext 0.

### Sept 14 Alumni Social

Calling all St. Jude alums!! The Alumni Social will be held in the Thaddeus Room of the school on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 6 to 11 p.m. School memorabilia will be displayed and 42 Years Later, the alumni band from the Class of 1967, will provide music along with another alumni band headed up by alumni from the Class of 1975. Please spread the word and encourage your SJCS friends, families, and classmates to attend. For more information or to register for the event, go to: <https://sosj.ejoinme.org/alumni-dance2013>. You can also email Joe Seamone, class of 1967, at [sjsalumni@comcast.net](mailto:sjsalumni@comcast.net).

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### St. Jude Partners with Catholic Charities

St. Jude Regional Catholic School has partnered with Catholic Charities to provide artwork for the homes in its Kennedy Institute Community Living program. The students' art will grace the walls of the 20 homes of maturing adults with developmental disabilities. Pictured above are Dennis Lewis and his office staff of the Kennedy Institute's Community Living Office along with the framed works of art by St. Jude students.



## Sodality Woman of the Year 2013: Maria Myers

"For her untiring effort in performance, for her diligence in accomplishment, and her leadership in devotion," Maria Myers was honored as Woman of the Year by the Shrine of St. Jude Sodality. Maria has been a vice-prefect and spiritual chairperson of the sodality and has helped behind the scenes in many ways. Pictured above are Sodality Prefect Susan Willcoxon (left) and Maria Myers (right). Congratulations, Maria!

# Shrine of St Jude Catholic Church News

## Faithful Servants: Maria Myers and Deborah Jacobs

By Gail Saur and Susan Willcoxon

With a combined total of more than 58 years of service to the Shrine of St. Jude, Maria Myers and Deborah Jacobs recently retired from their positions as Parish Secretary and Sign Language Interpreter. The staff and parishioners will forever be grateful for their service.

Maria Myers, parish secretary, retired in May after 25 years of service. As mother to eleven children and grandmother to 19 and counting, she was more than well



Maria Myers



Deborah Jacobs

equipped to handle the multiple tasks required for a parish of over 1,200 families! Her experience, knowledge, thoughtfulness, intuition and wisdom were invaluable in keeping things running smoothly in a busy parish with many different organizations. Maria is enjoying spending time with her father, who turned 100 years old last year, and traveling with her husband, Bob, visiting their children and grandchildren.

Deborah Jacobs reluctantly retired from a job that she loved for 33 years—providing the sign language interpreting at the Shrine of St. Jude. Deborah, who has been a parishioner for over 40 years, had

no family members who were deaf, but found the language fascinating and started taking classes. Back in the late 70s, Deborah mentioned to Father Madigan she would like to interpret the mass and Father contacted a family with a deaf child. This was the beginning of Deborah's deaf ministry. She contacted the National Catholic Office of the Deaf and spoke with Mary O'Meara, the interpreter coordinator for the archdiocese, and was given wonderful support. Deborah has enjoyed the friendships of the many people she has enabled to participate in the mass.

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## Welcome to St. Jude, Fr. DeLeon and Deacon Schmitt

While the Shrine of St. Jude said goodbye to Father R.E. Blake Evans and Deacon Don Mays this summer, it also welcomed Fr. Raul DeLeon and Deacon Paul Schmitt.

### Father Raul DeLeon

Fr. Jose Raul DeLeon comes to St. Jude as its new Parochial Vicar. Father Raul, as he likes to be called, was ordained by Cardinal Wuerl in 2008. He studied at both Seton Hall University and Catholic University. Born in the Dominican Republic, Father Raul felt the call to the Priesthood in 1997. After a period of discernment, he entered formation at the Redemptoris Mater Seminary, part of the Neo-Catechumenal Way, affiliated with the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ, in 1999. In 2001, he was transferred to Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Washington, which is also part of "The Way," an ecclesial movement founded in Spain with seminaries worldwide. Since ordination, Fr. Raul has been serving at Our Lady of Sorrows in Takoma Park. Father also has played on the DC Padres



Fr DeLeon.

baseball team, the vocations-promoting baseball team of Priest and Seminarians.

### Deacon Paul Schmitt

Also assigned to St. Jude was Deacon Paul Schmitt, who was ordained a permanent deacon by Cardinal Donald Wuerl on June 22. He has been a member of St. Peter in Olney for over 30 years, where he met and married his wife, Andrea, and where they raised their five children. He comes with an abundance of parish experience having been involved at St. Peter with Music Ministry, the Religious Education Program, and Youth Ministry.

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# New and Familiar Faces at OLOL

New faculty and staff members bring a new energy to any school community. While change can make all of us a little nervous, it's also good for us! We are given opportunities to view our school through new eyes, and to explain ourselves to new parents, students and colleagues.

This year, we welcome **Mrs. Kristen Billings** back to Lourdes as a part time enrichment teacher. Mrs. Billings taught enrichment classes a couple of years ago, and then took over the reins in first grade. In March of 2013, Mrs. Billings had a beautiful baby boy. We are so happy to welcome this creative and beloved teacher back to Our Lady of Lourdes!

**Ms. Alison Jakovics**, who worked with Mrs. Billings in first grade last year, will take over the third grade this year. Ms. Jakovics is excited about this new challenge. She spent her summer traveling to Italy and reviewing the third grade standards.

**Ms. Toni Spatola** will move to the first grade after seven years in Kindergarten. Ms. Spatola brings her expertise and enthusiasm to the first grade, and her former Kindergarten students can't wait to see her again! She has been busy ordering new chairs and tables for the boys and girls who will join her in first grade, and planning some exciting new lessons for them as well.

**Ms. Alex Corbutt**, who taught fourth and fifth grade students last year, will focus on the fifth grade this year. She is an outstanding writing teacher, and has all kinds of new projects in mind for her students. Ms. Corbutt has been busy rearranging the classroom, and researching some great interactive Social Studies and Science lessons.

We welcome **Maria Chirikof** to our front desk for two days a week. Maria has been home with her children for a few years, but is an expert with data and technology. She is currently updating our database and setting up email lists, attendance records and more. We are so happy to have her smiling face at the front desk!

**Ms. Mary Lide** comes to us from The Academy of the Holy Cross where she taught English classes. Ms. Lide was a student at Saint Jane DeChantal, The Academy and Washington College. While she is studying for her Masters Degree, Ms. Lide will work with Ms. Spatola in the first grade. Ms. Lide is a talented writer and actress, and will surely be sharing her gifts with the students of Lourdes.

**Ms. Kristin Addison** taught at Mother of God School last year, and she brings her bubbly personality and her experience to Lourdes' Kindergarten this year. She can hardly wait to meet her students, and is meeting with Mrs. Stallsmith this week to learn all about our school. Mrs. Stallsmith is our eighth grade teacher, and has eight years of OLOL experience. Her lessons, entitled "The Art of Teaching at Our Lady of Lourdes



L-R: Pat Stallsmith, Alexandra Walsh, Bridget Looney and Kristin Addison

School": give new teachers the ins and outs of how to get things done; show them the secret way to church, identify all those important spots in the building; provide an overview of what's good at hot lunch; and help them to avoid the deadly "flip flop fiasco."

Joining Ms. Addison in these informative sessions with Mrs. Stallsmith are **Bridget Looney** and **Alexandra Walsh**. Ms. Looney is a product of Catholic education, and has been coaching lacrosse since she graduated from Syracuse University. She will teach the fourth graders. She and many of her friends from The Academy of the Holy Cross have been here setting up her classroom for weeks! Ms. Looney looks forward to getting to know her students, challenging them to be their best, and maybe doing a little coaching on the side.

Ms. Walsh, a recent graduate of the University of Maryland, is certified in elementary education. Also a product of Catholic education – at St. Jane DeChantal and St. John's College High School – Ms. Walsh will teach second grade. Many of

our students already know and love Ms. Walsh, as she has worked at A Long Summer Camp for five years and has also worked in our after-care program over the years. We welcome Ms. Walsh to the second grade classroom!

These young teachers, so many of them graduates of Catholic school themselves, will have a profound impact on the children they teach as they will represent for them the respect and care for each individual student that are the hallmarks of Catholic education.

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## Generosity results in positive change at Our Lady of Lourdes School

In 2012 -2013, through our first Annual Fund and our fifth Lions' Roar Kate Truax 5K Run the Our Lady of Lourdes School community raised just about \$100,000 to be used for new windows in the gym, a new basketball court, baskets and backboards, a storage shed and a very special bench dedicated to Ms. Truax, rubber mulch on the playground and tetherball area, some landscaping, some new iPads and funds to provide financial assistance to current families who are experiencing financial difficulties.

The Annual Fund Cocktail party was a great success, and parents, alumni and friends were inspired to donate to our school. The 5K race exceeded all records, with over 650 registrants and a fabulous silent auction and sponsorship program.

Over the summer our new

windows were installed. They are so beautiful and clear that they make the whole gym look new! Unfortunately, we didn't realize that the public schools line up the Sport Court companies for the whole summer, so our new court won't be installed until later this fall. The rubber mulch will be delivered soon, and some terrific young volunteers from A Long Summer Camp will be spreading it. By the time we are kicking off at the annual Faculty v Middle School Football game on November 27, everything should be completed. That will be a great day to dedicate the court area to Ms. Truax, who was always a star in our athletic competitions and in the classroom.

We thank our parents, alumni and other supporters for their generosity and their commitment to the mission of Our Lady of Lourdes School.

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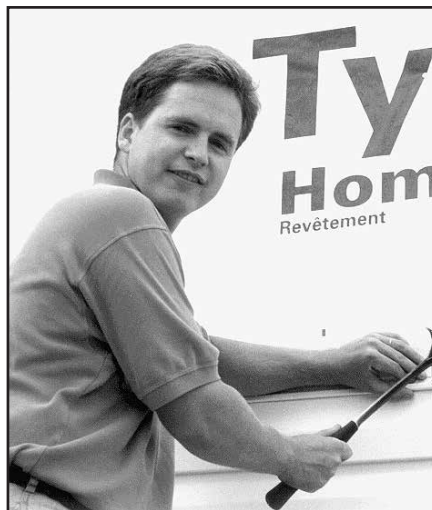
## Our Lady of Lourdes Eighth Grade Will Visit the Supreme Court Again!

In October the eighth graders and three teachers will be going to the United States Supreme Court to hear oral arguments in the case of The University of Michigan versus The Coalition to Defend. This is an affirmative action case, and should be particularly interesting to our students. After hearing oral arguments, the students will receive a tour of the Court building. Last year, the eighth grade class heard arguments in two cases, took a tour of the building, met a bomb sniffing dog and his handler, and had an opportunity to interview Chief Justice John Roberts.

Prior to their visit this year, the students will work with Mrs. McGann to explore the issues presented in the case, and to understand the rules and procedures of the US Supreme Court. We are so excited to be visiting the court, and we thank our special friend, Mrs. Nelson, for arranging this for us. It will truly be a once-in-a-lifetime event!

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## Jubilarians Honored at Special Mass at National Shrine

About 20 couples from Resurrection Church are celebrating wedding anniversaries or 25 years or longer during 2013, topped by Charles and Doris Rowee celebrating their 70th anniversary.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl celebrated a special mass June 16 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to honor couples who have been married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 years or more.

A total of 582 couples in the Washington Archdiocese renewed their wedding vows and received commemorative certificates at the annual "Jubilarians Mass" at the basilica. In all, 804 couples in the archdiocese are celebrating milestone anniversaries this year, totaling 33,000 years of marriage.

The Resurrection couples celebrating wedding anniversaries of 25 years or more this year include:

70th Anniversary Charles and Doris Rowee

61st Anniversary Richard and Rosemary Deily; Paul and Ruth Poelma; Anthony and Peggy Sampogna

52nd Anniversary Pierre Gerard and Louissette Laguerre

50th Anniversary Luis and Irma Gomez; Nick and Audrey Saleik

40th Anniversary James and Kathleen Messina; Robert and Judyn Rengers; Jose and Elena Sancho

35th Anniversary Steve and Carol Criswell

30th Anniversary Craig and Denise Plunkett; Anthony and Julie Ramirez

25th Anniversary Robert and Claire Connors; Debi Gartland and Walter Cruickshank; Marie Vivienne and Hernst Joseph; Andy and Mary Kranking; John and Lisa Peacock; Paul Korycinski and Abby Sandler

In a message to the couples celebrating their jubilee, Cardinal Wuerl said: "Today, it is a fully mature love that radiates from the faces and eyes of the jubilarian couples that gives witness to the enduring quality of human love and the fidelity of God's love for his people."

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Middle school students display messages of encouragement on "Welcome Home" bags that were filled with items for prisoners returning home. Photo by Cat Halpin

## Service Campers Help Former Prisoners Return Home, Spread Gospel of Kindness

By John Small

A total of 84 high school and middle school youngsters helped former prisoners return to home, prepared food for the homeless, preached a gospel of "kindness" to more than 400 people, and took part in numerous other service projects during three Summer Work Camps at Resurrection Parish.

Other activities focused on helping children undergoing cancer treatment, tornado and bombing victims, and victims of domestic violence, as well as projects related to worship, the parish Haiti project, pet adoption, and environmental cleanup.

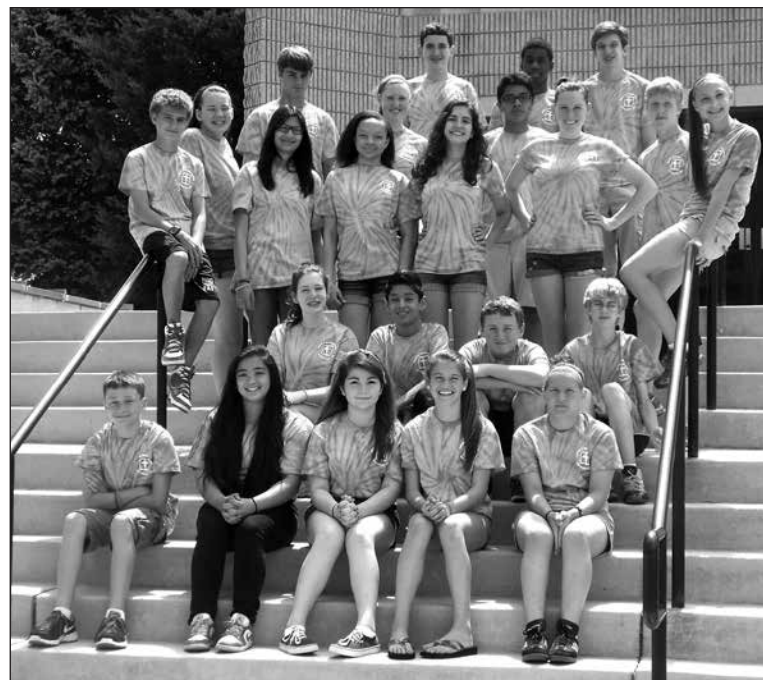
At the first camp from June 24-28, two dozen high-schoolers pursued their activities under the theme "Combine Prayer With Action," taken from the gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Then at two camps from July 8-12 and July 15-19, a total of 60 middle-schoolers pursued the theme of "Be an Advocate for the Voiceless," taken from Proverbs 31:8-9.

The camps were conducted under the direction of Helene Stever, Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry, and Adult Leaders Cat Halpin and Monica Lopez. The middle school camps included 10 high school Core Team Leaders as well.

### Prison Re-Entry Assistance

Stever said a new program this year was the prison re-entry assistance, conducted with the Archdiocesan Catholic Charities office, which included assem-



Two dozen high school students participated in a variety of Service Work Camp activities at Resurrection Church from June 24-28. Photo by Cat Halpin



Resurrection work campers delivered 84 bags containing necessities such as hygiene items, notebooks, and gift cards for the "Welcome Home" program. Photo by Cat Halpin



## Resurrection Pre-School Director Retires

Patty Sullivan, longtime director of the pre-school at Resurrection Church, was honored at a party June 2 after her retirement from the position at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Pastor Scott Hahn presented Sullivan with a present from the Resurrection community. Susan Quinn, who has served as an aide for a number of years at the school for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds, will become the new director. On the last day of pre-school this year, the youngsters were treated to entertainment by a clown in checkerboard costume and red wig. Photos by Sally DeSavage



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bling and delivering 84 bags of basic necessities for the "Welcome Home" program.

The work campers heard a brief presentation from "Welcome Home" staff, then decorated canvas bags with words of hope, peace and encouragement for the men and women transitioning home from incarceration. The students filled the bags with items such as soap, notebooks, gift cards and other hygiene products --all a big need for the individuals returning home from prison.

Liz Laird, a Catholic Charities "Welcome Home" reentry coordinator at a center in Rockville, said of the program: "Focusing on the story of God's redeeming work that

transformed Saul, a persecutor of the early church, into the Apostle Paul," the re-entry program staff shared with students "the power of a second chance for men and women leaving incarceration. By putting together these hygiene kits and decorating them with words of hope and encouragement, students are reminding ex-offenders that they, too, have a second chance."

In another project, the work campers assembled some 1,300 "healthy breakfast" bags for the Catholic Charities "Cup of Joe" project and delivered them to a men's shelter for the homeless on New York Avenue in Washington.

The Cup of Joe program provides  
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## Tea and Auction to Support Single Young Mothers

**O**n Saturday, October 12, the Seton Guild will hold its annual fundraising event to support programs for single young mothers and their babies at St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families (formerly St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home).

In addition to providing financial aid to St. Ann's accredited high school, Guild members host receptions for Honors Assemblies and graduations, give an annual Christmas party, assemble gift bags of grooming essentials for mothers and supplies for their babies and help meet other needs as they arise.

This year's fundraiser, a Tea and Auction, will be held at Normandie Farm, Potomac, Maryland, from noon to three o'clock. Tickets are \$40. For reservations, please call Isabella Donnelly at 301-460-4932 no later than Friday, October 4.

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## SERVICE CAMPERS

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basic breakfast food (fresh fruit, juice boxes, instant coffee packets, granola bars and peanut butter crackers) at five emergency shelters, which host more than 1,000 men and women each night in the Washington area.

Stever said the Resurrection Religious Education Program hopes to continue working with Cup of Joe throughout the year, perhaps doing quarterly activities.

### Numerous Other Activities

During the three service camps, the Resurrection youngsters also:

Made and distributed 450 Act of Kindness Cards -- a decorated card with words to challenge the receiver to do an act of kindness each week for 52 weeks. The cards were distributed to parishioners, residents at the Riderwood seniors community, bus driver for the work camp social, firemen, police officers, teachers, librarians, staff at Liberty Grove Methodist Church, staff at Learning Tree Day Care, and staff at Benjamin Banneker Elementary School and at Greencastle Elementary School.

Stained 14 wooden crosses that are used during Lent for Stations of the Cross.

Made 30 "Adopt a Pet" take-home bags filled with handmade chew toys, biscuit treats and encouragement cards, as well as cage cards for pets to be adopted. All were donated to the Montgomery County Humane Society.

Tie-dyed 30 t-shirts for donation to children at the House of Ruth Domestic Violence Center.

Tie-dyed an additional 30 t-shirts for donation to children undergoing chemo treatment for cancer.

Cleaned up the Resurrection courtyard gardens and prepared ground for native species planting this fall.

Made 84 encouragement cards, hope bracelets and a \$250 donation to the Boston One Fund to assist victims and families in the April bombings at the Boston Marathon.

Made 84 encouragement cards, hope bracelets and a \$250 donation to the Catholic Charity Archdiocese of Oklahoma City relief efforts for tornado victims.

Made 200 rosaries and an \$800 donation to the Camp Claudine Youth Camp in Haiti.

Camp director Helene Stever said of the campers and their summer activities: "The youth who participate in the parish summer service work camp are a witness of faith. Their goodness, their enthusiasm, their mission to help others in need gives me hope and challenges me to live out my discipleship, as they do!"

More information on the Catholic Charities "Cup of Joe" program is available at: <http://www.catholiccharitiesdcblog.org/2013/04/our-cup-of-joe-means-so-much-more-than.html>.

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## Students Embrace Technology at Holy Cross

**T**he students of Holy Cross greet the new school year with much excitement as they reconnect with classmates and welcome new families and faculty members to the school. However, this year brings new levels of enthusiasm as the students eagerly embrace a brand new technology suite!

In addition to the extensive use of classroom smart board technology the students will make use of new laptops as well as a new tablet lab. Principal Lisa Kane states, "We expect the growing use of mobile technology such as tablets in the classroom will bring numerous benefits including higher levels of student engagement and learning, primarily due to the interactive nature of tablet technology." Fourth grade student, Katie Zalewski agrees by exclaiming, "Using tablets in class is fun, exciting and just plain cool!"

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Fourth-grade student Katie Zalewski enthusiastically uses a tablet in her classroom

## Three Welcomes and One Welcome Back

**"I** can't believe how lucky I am to be back at Holy Cross! God truly has a plan for us," shared Stephani Kolevar who will resume teaching P.E. at Holy Cross this year, a position she held for eight years prior to a three-year relocation to Michigan with her family. Mrs. Kolevar has an extensive background in physical fitness with state teaching certifications in both Maryland and Michigan, as well as a Master's degree in Kinesiology. "My goal is to keep students moving as much as possible during P.E., and to make sure they go back to their academic time feeling re-energized."

Our new Director of Resource Services, Joanie Friel, grew up in the area and is an alumna of Archdiocesan Catholic schools. After graduating from Marquette University with a B.A. in History, Mrs. Friel went on to earn an M.Ed from Catholic University. Most recently, she has been at Our Lady of Lourdes. "I am really excited to support

the children, teachers, and parents of the Holy Cross community!"

Corinne Cicero joins Holy Cross as the Third Grade teacher. "I am so thankful and overjoyed to join the Holy Cross faculty," she said. A graduate of Loyola University Maryland with both an undergraduate degree and an M.Ed in Elementary Education, Ms. Cicero holds teaching certification in multiple states including Maryland. With a decade-long background working and teaching in both public and charter schools, Ms. Cicero has an established track record of providing small group instruction and differentiated hands-on activities which will benefit her students at Holy Cross.

Our Lady of Good Counsel alumna, Ashley Sherman, will join the staff as our new Kindergarten aide. After graduating from the University of Dayton, Ms. Sherman traveled to Tanzania to work at a nursery school and orphanage. There, she discovered her love for teaching. "I love the sense of community that is cre-

ated at a Catholic school. I am so excited to be a part of Holy Cross School, and look forward to meeting all of the wonderful children and families!"

Holy Cross School is delighted to welcome our three new faculty members, and to welcome back Mrs. Kolevar.

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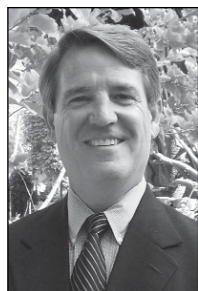
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## Fr. Sileo Leaves St. Bartholomew Parish for Retirement

**O**n May 23, Father Joseph Sileo, Pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish since 2011, announced that he was retiring and moving to New Jersey to care for his elderly mother. Father Sileo celebrated a special Noon mass on June 23, followed by a parish farewell reception.

Father Sileo asked the hundreds of assembled parishioners and friends to pray for him in this "next phase" of his life, as he would pray for them. He commented, "I have not lived at home since 1966 and I am unsure just what demands this new phase will make on me and on Mom."

Father Sileo also reminded parishioners of the continuing work to be done at St. Bartholomew Parish, including the development fund, school improvement, CCD and the youth program, and programs for senior citizens.



Father Joseph Sileo, Pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish, presides at Mass prior to his recent retirement.

## Fr. William Montgomery Leaves St. Bart's

**F**ather William Montgomery, who joined St. Bartholomew Parish in February, 2013, has been reassigned. Fr. Montgomery told OPT, "I had many positive experiences at St. Bart's. I wish the parish well and am sure that St. Bart's will continue to grow in its ministry of faith and service."

Father Montgomery will serve on an interim basis as chaplain at Sibley Hospital, pending a permanent reassignment now in process.



Father William Montgomery is leaving St. Bartholomew Parish.

## Vince Steis Inducted into Youth Coaches Hall of Fame

**O**n April 30, St. Bartholomew's Vince Steis was inducted into the Youth Coaches Hall of Fame by the Catholic Business Network. Vince, an alumnus of St. Bart's, has been actively involved in the CYO since 2000. He has coached over thirty teams in baseball, soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. He has served as the Soccer Commissioner and organized the CYO's first golf tournament to raise funds for our teams and for the maintenance of the parish's Reddy Center. Vince is currently the assistant athletic director at St. Bartholomew Parish.

As a coach, Vince concentrates on the fundamentals of the



St. Bart's Vince Steis inducted into Youth Coaches Hall of Fame by the Catholic Business Network

sport as well as Christian values. He emphasizes to his players that they should have fun while striving to do their best. Whether teaching our children sportsmanship, setting up the gym for a game or filling in as a scorekeeper, Vince has worked without fanfare to build our program and service as a role model for our children. St. Bart's is proud to be represented in the CBN Hall of Fame and thanks Vince for his many years of dedicated service.

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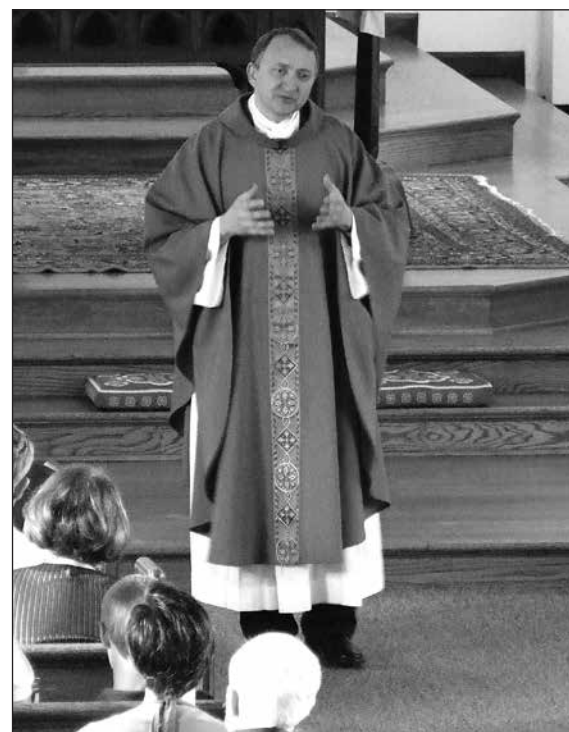
## Father Mark Knestout Appointed Pastor at St. Bartholomew Parish

**F**ather Mark Knestout has been appointed Pastor at St. Bartholomew Parish, replacing the retiring Father Joseph Sileo. Father Knestout is a local product, growing up in Bowie, Maryland, and graduating from Archbishop Carroll High School. He has degrees from Merrimack College in Massachusetts, the University of Maryland, and the University of St. Thomas and Lateran University in Rome. He was ordained a priest in May, 1998. He has served at Our Lady of Mercy in Potomac, St. Francis in Derwood, and as Pastor at Holy Family in Mitchellville, Maryland.

Most recently, Father Knestout has been assigned to Archdiocesan duties, including in the Office of Worship where he served as master of ceremonies for major archdiocesan liturgies, including the Papal Mass. He also served as a priest secretary to Cardinal Wuerl.

Father Knestout's father was Deacon Thomas Knestout, who headed the Office of the Permanent Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Washington for many years. Father Knestout's Brother is an Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, the Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout.

Fr. Knestout told OPT: "I'm pleased to be at St. Bartholomew's and I'm looking forward to working together and helping to build community of church and school. We together will grow spiritually in love with the Lord."



Father Mark Knestout at Sunday Mass at St. Bartholomew Parish

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ship funds.

In a letter to Holy Cross parents, Ms. Prebble wrote, "I am thrilled to have found a deep connection between the Academy and my own beliefs about young people, their education and their infinite possibilities for goodness. I am grateful to be part of the rich legacy of Catholic education begun in 1856 by the Sisters of the Holy Cross who founded the Academy. Today, that legacy stands solid, as we have built ourselves a reputation as a leader in Catholic education for young women in the Washington area community.

As the Academy moves forward, towards its 150<sup>th</sup> year celebration and beyond, I am excited about the many new opportunities that we will embrace together."

Ms. Prebble is now beginning to get to know her new "family" at the Academy. A welcome social for parents will occur on Saturday, August 24. An installation and welcome Mass takes place on Monday, August 26 with students, faculty/staff, parents, board of trustees and special guests. Recently, she visited with local Sisters of the Holy Cross at Saint Angela Hall. Ms. Prebble shared about her background beginning with her time as a science teacher and working to become an administrator and eventually serving

as president of two schools. A number of the Sisters were at one time faculty at the Academy and several are alumnae. One of the Sisters who is also an alumna from the class of 1948, was visiting from Brazil, where she has ministered for nearly 50 years. She extended an invitation for Ms. Prebble to come visit her school there.

As the school year gets underway, Ms. Prebble begins the work of ensuring the Academy's future as a preeminent Catholic school for young women, dedicated to stellar and innovative educational opportunities. As the saying goes, "Once a Holy Cross girl. Always a Holy Cross girl." The Academy is pleased to welcome their newest "girl." OPT





### Knights of Columbus Initiation

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## Summer 2013 Issue of Potomac Catholic Heritage Now Available

The Catholic Historical Society of Washington (CHSW) announces the publication of the Summer 2013 issue of Potomac Catholic Heritage. On the cover is a picture of the visit of Eleanor Roosevelt to Fides House, an inter-racial settlement house described in the feature story. Also included in this issue are articles on the following subjects:



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■ Slavery in Montgomery County and the story of the escape of Anne Marie Weems, a Black Catholic slave;

■ Fr. Timothy O'Toole, the second pastor of St. Patrick's Church and his suspicion of "nativist" Catholics;

■ Admiral William Benson, the highest ranking Catholic in the American military during WWI;

■ "quickie" weddings at St. Mary's Church in Rockville;

■ the "Collegian Adventures" of Fr. Paul Liston;

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## St. Rose Parishioners Attend NAPM Convention

This year the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, a Catholic organization dedicated to fostering the art of musical liturgy and serving musicians, clergy, liturgists and other leaders of prayer, hosted their annual convention in Washington, July 29 - August 2. The convention, which had not been held in DC in over a decade, was attended by about 2500 people, and relied heavily on volunteers to support every aspect of the week-long event.

St. Rose of Lima volunteers offered tremendous support as we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Vatican II. One parishioner spent the last year as a member of the core planning committee, seven musicians participated in either or both the opening celebration choir and the Eucharist choir. Five members showed up to



Mass at the Basilica at Catholic University. St. Rose parishioners volunteers helped with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Vatican II at the National Association of Pastoral Musicians convention, including serving as a banner carrier for Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at the Catholic University of America in Washington.

assist with morning Mass. Four volunteers came to participate in the opening intercultural ceremony, while many others helped throughout the week with a variety of tasks, including banner carrier for the beautiful Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine, usher coordinator for evening events, and showcase coordinator. Choir members were on hand to assist as needed. Some came for just a day, others for several, while eight members stayed the entire week.

In all, 28 St. Rose parishioners offered their time to help with this important conference. Coming together with other musicians and liturgists allowed us to share our gifts, and afforded us the opportunity to bring home inspiration, enhancing our own music ministry and parish life.

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## St. Rose Youth Attend Encounter

St. Rose of Lima high school youth ministry joined many other parishes at Encounter the Gospel of Life. Encounter is a weeklong work camp at the University of Maryland campus for high school aged teens. Based on Catholic social teachings on the Dignity of the Human person, Encounter provides a hands-on opportunity for youth to build relationships and provide service to individuals in need in the D.C. area. St. Rose brought 40 teens and 8 adults this year and had an awesome time!

"This was my second Encounter experience. It is truly an eye opening week. I am constantly blown away by the faith of our teens and their willingness to serve others and step out of their comfort zones." – Mindy Sullivan, Coordinator of Youth Ministry at St. Rose of Lima

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Forty teens and eight adults from St. Rose attended this year's Encounter camp at the University of Maryland, which provides a hands-on opportunity for youth to build relationships and provide service to individuals in need in the D.C. area.

### Save the Date!

### St. Rose Fiesta on September 28

St. Rose of Lima church in Gaithersburg will hold its annual Fiesta on September 28, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fiesta features an auction, flea market, book nook, country store, silent auction, live auction and lots of things for kids to do.

St. Rose is located at 11701 Clopper Rd., Gaithersburg, MD 20878. For more information, please call 301-948-7545.

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## New Music Director at St. Jane de Chantal

After consultation with members of the parish choirs and parish staff members, Fr. Giese is pleased to announce that Russell J. Weismann will be our new Music Director.

Mr. Weismann is the Associate Director of Music for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. He has also served as the Director of Music and Liturgy at Georgetown University, the associate Music Director at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the principal organist for Yale University's historic Battell Chapel.

A native of Pittsburgh, Russell holds a Master of Music from Yale University and a Bachelor of Music from Duquesne University in addition to completing postgraduate coursework at Carnegie-Mellon University and holding a certificate of study from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music.

As an organist, Russell has twice been accepted to participate in the London Organ Summer Course and has offered recitals across the United States as well as in Europe and Africa. He was a featured performer at the 2004 American Guild of Organists Convention in Los Angeles and 2010 Organ Historical Society Convention in Pittsburgh. He has also been featured on American Public Media's Pipedreams.

Russell serves on the board of membership and development and chapter support for the American Guild of Organists and holds the Guild's Colleague and Service Playing certificates. Russell will officially begin at St. Jane's in August.

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Catholic faith.

Join this 20 week Bible study at the Seton Center, at St. Jane de Chantal beginning Sunday, September 22 at 6:15 pm, or Thursday, September 26 at 9:00 am. Cost for the study set is

\$30.00.

To register, contact Sally Daniel at 301-530-1640 or Sally.daniel@stjanedechantal.org.

Register by September 12 so that materials can be ordered in time

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St. Jane parishioners at Encounter the Gospel of Life this summer at the University of Maryland: (L-R) Grace Eder, Nora Dever, Violet Cerritelli, Olivia Cerritelli, Julia Pitts, Tommy Pitts, Delaney Marchigiani, Abby Wallisch, and Maddie Pence.



## New Video Explains Catholic Rite of Marriage

A new video, "Saying I Do: What Happens at a Catholic Wedding," introduces viewers to the Rite of Marriage and answers frequently asked questions about Catholic marriage. The video is intended for engaged couples, their families and people involved in marriage preparation, and anyone with questions about Catholic weddings.

"This will be a valuable addition to marriage preparation programs. The Catholic Rite of Marriage is profound and beautiful and I hope that engaged couples and their families will take this opportunity to learn more about it," said Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, chairman of the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

The video includes a brief overview of the sacrament of marriage

and an explanation of the three forms of the Rite of Marriage. It answers basic questions such as when and where Catholic weddings can be held and how non-Catholic clergy can participate in the ceremony. The video was produced by USCCB's Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth in collaboration with the Secretariat of Divine Worship and the Department of Communications.

"The video is a great way to help people to visualize the Catholic way of celebrating weddings," said Father Daniel Merz, USCCB's associate director of Divine Worship. "It's good to get these images in our heads rather than more secular ones that really don't reflect Christian marriage."

The 22-minute video is available on the homepage of the For Your Marriage website: [www.ForYourMarriage.org](http://www.ForYourMarriage.org)

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## Permanent Deacon Ministry Growing Almost 15,000 Active in U.S.

The number of permanent deacons in the United States continues to increase, according to a national survey released by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Georgetown University-based Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) conducted the survey of 193 of the

195 U.S. dioceses in April. This marks the seventh CARA survey of the permanent diaconate, an ancient ministry reinstituted by the Second Vatican Council.

The bishops began to ordain permanent deacons for the United States in the early seventies. The

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## St. Jane de Chantal School choir at international festival

St. Jane de Chantal's school choir participated in the 38th International Congress of Pueri Cantores, an international federation which educates young people through Christian values and sacred music. This year's congress met in Washington—the first ever to be held in the United States—

July 3-7. Choirs from 17 states joined groups from Switzerland, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Canada, and India for activities throughout the week, including a prayer for peace sung at the Jefferson Memorial, a ceremonial gala concert, and the closing Mass at the National Shrine.

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## Bishop Calls to Reduce Inequality in Labor Day Statement

*Cites rampant income inequality in the midst of uneven economic recovery  
Urges bold action to create just economy with jobs that provide living wage  
Calls for increased minimum wage, immigration reform, end to wage theft*

The growing disparity in the income of U.S. workers is the focus of the 2013 Labor Day Statement of Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, California, chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

In the statement, dated September 2, Bishop Blaire said that most people want to live in a more equal society that provides opportunities for everyone. "The current imbalances do not have

to be inevitable," Bishop Blaire wrote. "We must be bold in promoting a just economy that reduces inequality by creating jobs that pay a living wage and share with workers some profits of the company, as well as ensuring a strong safety net for jobless workers and their families and those who are incapable of work."

Bishop Blaire echoed the words of Pope Francis, that "work is fundamental to the dignity of a person.... it gives us the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, to contribute to the growth of one's

own nation." Bishop Blaire said millions of workers are "denied this honor and respect as a result of unemployment, underemployment, unjust wages, wage theft, abuse or exploitation."

Even amid a modest economic recovery, he said, "Over four million people have been jobless for over six months, and that does not include the millions more who have simply lost hope; for every available job, there are as many as five unemployed and underemployed people actively vying

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# Montgomery County Transportation Improvements Funded

**M**ontgomery County will be receiving \$628 million in State transportation investments and an additional \$400 million for construction of the Purple Line that will benefit both Montgomery and Prince George's counties. Maryland's 2013 Transportation Act, announced August 5, includes funding for the following projects:

■ **Purple Line**, a 16-mile light rail line that runs east-west inside the Capital Beltway between Bethesda and New Carrollton, will receive \$280 million in new funding for right-of-way acquisition and final design and an additional \$400 million in new construction funding. The Purple Line will be built as a public-private partnership under HB 560

- Corridor Cities Transitway, a 15-mile bus rapid transit system extending from the Shady Grove Metro Station to the COMSAT

facility just south of Clarksburg, will receive \$100 million in new funding for right-of-way acquisition and final design for the Phase I portion extending to the Metropolitan Grove MARC Station in Gaithersburg.

■ **I-270/Watkins Mill Road Interchange** will include improvements to I-270 from north of MD 124 to south of Middlebrook Road and bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Watkins Mill Road. The project will receive \$125 million in new funding for construction.

■ Ride On Bus will receive \$85 million in new funding, increasing the State's subsidy by 50 percent to fully fund the State's fair share of the bus service.

■ **MD 97 Relocation Near Brookeville** will receive \$25 million in new construction funding to build a two-lane MD 97 highway from south of Brookeville to north

of Brookeville, relieving traffic congestion and improving safety in the historic town center.

■ **US 29 Interchanges Design** at Musgrove Road and Fairland Road will receive \$7 million in new funding for design of two interchanges that will accommodate projected traffic growth along this key north-south route, reduce congestion and improve highway safety.

■ MD 124 Widening (Phase 2) will receive \$3 million in new funding for design to widen this route to a six-lane divided highway from Midcounty Highway to south of Airpark Road. The third phase, widening MD 124 to Warfield Road, is not funded.

■ MD 28/MD 198 Corridor Transportation Improvement Study will receive \$3 million in new planning funds to evaluate possible roadway improvements in the corridor from MD 97 to I-95.

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## HHS releases 2013 Alzheimer's disease plan update



**U**.S. Department of Health and Human Services released the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: 2013 Update, a follow-up to the initial plan released in May 2012. The update reflects our national progress towards accomplishing the goals set a year ago, as well as new and action steps.

Highlights over the past year include:

■ Multiple new Alzheimer's research projects were funded in 2012, including two major new clinical trials, genetics sequencing,

and development of innovative new cellular models for Alzheimer's.

■ The Health Resources and Services Administration issued grants that helped provide training to more than 10,000 health care providers on topics from dementia diagnosis to effective behavior management for people with dementia and their caregivers.

■ HHS launched the widely praised website, **[www.alzheimers.gov](http://www.alzheimers.gov)** to increase public awareness and connect people with a diagnosis and their caregivers with important resources. The site had more than 200,000 visits in the first ten months.

■ The update plan also identifies additional action steps that HHS and its partners will take. These include:

■ A unified Alzheimer's disease training curriculum for primary care providers will be developed to help deliver high-quality dementia care. Researchers will investigate avoidable hospitalization and emergency department use among those with Alzheimer's disease and the best interventions for reducing them.

■ Detection of elder abuse and neglect will be expanded through aging networks and program providers who work with the Alzheimer's population. Demonstration grants will be awarded to help promote legal services groups that assist families and communities impacted by Alzheimer's.

- An expanded Dementia Capability Toolkit will be developed for state and local health networks to better help them provide dementia services in their communities.

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## Give county feedback via engage-Montgomery

**M**ontgomery County's engageMontgomery website – [engage.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://engage.montgomerycountymd.gov) – serves as an informal online town hall meeting. Users who sign up for an account are encouraged to express their ideas on key issues as a means to provide elected officials, department heads and program managers on issues that affect the community. The two current topics up for discussion relate to e-books in county libraries and Metrorail service.

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1.) Go to the web address of: <https://maryland.nsga.com>;

2.) You will have two options on the main registration page:

■ Option A: Register with an existing National Senior Games Association Account. You simply click on the Athletes Log in and

Register button and login with your account number and password;

■ Option B: Register as a new participant. If you don't know your NSGA account details, please choose this option, even if you have competed in the Maryland Senior Olympics before. Simply click on the New to the Games button and fill out your personal details.

Aug. 17-18: Track and Field, Johns Hopkins University Eastern High Campus, Baltimore.

Aug. 25: Volleyball, men's and women's play, Meadowbrook Athletic Complex, Ellicott City.

Aug. 31: Disc Golf, Druid Hill Park Disc Golf Course, Baltimore.

Sept. 5-8: Softball, men's and women's play, Olney Manor Regional Park, Olney.

Sept. 7: Swimming, Germantown Indoor Swim Center, Germantown.

Sept. 7: Badminton, Bauer Drive Community Center, Rockville.

Sept. 7: Basketball, St. Frances Academy, Baltimore.

Sept. 9: Bowling—all singles, Brunswick Normandy Lanes, Ellicott City.

Sept. 10: Bowling—all doubles, Brunswick Normandy Lanes, Ellicott City.

Sept. 9-10: Lawn Bowling, men's and women's play, Leisure World, Silver Spring.

Sept. 11: Shuffleboard, men's and women's play, Leisure World, Silver Spring.

Sept. 11: Billiards, Top Hat Cue Club, Parkville.

Sept. 11-12: Racquetball, men's and women's play, Severna Park Racquetball & Fitness Center, Millersville.

Sept. 14: Cornhole and Horseshoes, Howard L. Turner American Legion Post 276, Severn.

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 <p><b>GEORGETOWN VISITATION</b> PREPARATORY SCHOOL <i>Founded 1799</i></p> <p>Daniel M. Kerns, Jr., Headmaster Mary Kate Blaine, Principal Janet Donnelly Keller, Director of Admissions Tel: 202-337-3350 Fax: 202-342-5733 www.visi.org 1524 35th Street, NW • Washington, DC 20007</p>	<p><b>Girls</b></p> <p>Educating women of faith, vision and purpose for over 200 years. Extensive array of co-curricular activities, sports, and performing arts; dynamic Christian service program. Independent School League</p>	<p><b>Special Programs</b></p> <p>Bridge programs with Georgetown University, AP &amp; Honors Courses, Competitive athletic program &amp; lively performing arts opportunities</p>	<p><b>Open House</b></p> <p><b>Saturday</b> <b>Oct. 19, 2013</b> <b>1:00 to 3:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Entrance Exam</b> <b>HSPT</b> (Offered at Visitation Dec. 7, 2013)</p>	<p>Freshman Application Deadline <b>Dec. 6, 2013</b></p>	<p>Freshman Notification of Admission <b>Feb. 27, 2014</b></p>
	<p><b>Cubs • Gold &amp; White</b></p>	<p><b>Tuition: \$25,500</b></p>	<p><b>Financial Aid: Janet Keller@ 202-337-3350 ext. 2241</b></p>	<p>Freshman Financial Aid Appl. Deadline <b>Jan. 3, 2014</b></p>	<p>Registration Deposit Due <b>March 20, 2014</b></p>	
<p><b>Freshman Class Size: 124</b></p>						

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	<p><b>Freshman Financial Aid Appl. Deadline</b> <b>Dec. 13, 2013</b></p>	<p>Freshman Registration <b>March 14, 2014</b></p>				

 <p><b>CONNELLY SCHOOL OF THE HOLY CHILD</b></p> <p>9029 Bradley Boulevard, Potomac, MD 20854 Maureen Appel Headmistress Patricia Harden Director of Admissions • 301-365-0955 www.holychild.org • admissions@holychild.org</p>	<p><b>Girls 6 - 12</b></p> <p>Field Hockey, Cross Country, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball, Equestrian, Basketball, Swimming, Diving, Lacrosse, Softball, Track, Dance Team Independent School League Artificial Turf Field</p> <p><b>Tigers • Blue &amp; Gold</b></p>	<p><b>Special Programs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>College Prep Curriculum</li> <li>Spanish Heritage Program</li> <li>Bethesda Consortium of Independent Schools</li> <li>AP and Honors Courses</li> <li>Fine Arts Opportunities</li> </ul>	<p><b>Open Houses</b></p> <p><b>Upper School</b> Sunday, October 27 11AM-1PM <b>Middle School Preview Days</b> October 22; November 5 &amp; 19; December 10 8AM-10:30AM <b>Entrance Examinations:</b> Middle and Upper School SSAT or ISEE</p>	<p>Application Deadline &amp; Financial Aid Appl. Deadline <b>UPPER SCHOOL</b> December 6 <b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b> January 10</p>	<p>Notification of Admission: <b>UPPER SCHOOL</b> February 27 <b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b> March 4 Reg. Deposit Due: <b>UPPER SCHOOL</b> March 15 <b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b> March 25</p>
	<p><b>Freshmen Class Size: 70 • Tuition: \$27,220 Upper School; \$24,950 Middle School • Financial Aid: Patricia Harden</b></p>				

 <p><b>OAKCREST SCHOOL</b></p> <p>850 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101 Dr. Mary T. Ortiz, Head of School Terri Collins, Director of Admission Cecilia Marquez, Academic Dean 703-790-5450 • Fax 703-790-5380 Oakcrest.org • admissions@oakcrest.org</p>	<p>7:1 student-teacher ratio 1 to 1 advising Vibrant International Program 21 Clubs including Model UN, Mock Trial and Jr. States of America Daily Mass</p>	<p>Basketball, Volleyball, Cross Country, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swimming, Softball, Tennis, Track &amp; Field, Conditioning &amp; Weight Training <b>Potomac Valley Athletic Conference</b></p>	<p><b>Open House</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, October 20, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p>2 Veritas Scholarship Awards Each Year</p>	<p>Application Deadline <b>Feb. 3, 2014</b> Tuition Assistance Appl. Deadline <b>Feb. 7, 2014</b> Testing SSAT HSPT</p>	<p>Academic Excellence ~ Leadership ~ Character ~ Service</p>
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 <p><b>Stone Ridge</b> SCHOOL OF THE SACRED HEART</p> <p>Catherine Ronan Karrels '86 Head of School 9101 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MD 20814 301-657-4322 www.stoneridgeschool.org</p>	<p><b>Girls PS-12 (Coed PS-K)</b></p> <p>Basketball, cross country, field hockey, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, swimming/diving, track &amp; field and volleyball</p> <p><b>The Gators Blue &amp; Gold</b></p>	<p><b>Special Programs</b></p> <p>Honors / AP Courses 1:1 Laptop Program Social Action Exchange Programs Courses through Bethesda Consortium of Independent Schools Internships</p>	<p><b>Open House</b></p> <p><b>High School</b> Sunday, Oct. 20 12:00 - 2:30 pm <b>All School</b> Nov. 11, Dec. 5, Jan. 23 8:45 am</p>	<p>Required Entrance Exam: SSAT Register at www.ssat.org (School Code: 7494)</p>	<p>Notification of Admission <b>Late February</b></p>
	<p>Application Deadline <b>Dec. 6, 2013</b></p>	<p>Financial Aid Deadline <b>Jan. 15, 2014</b></p>	<p>Registration Deposit Due <b>Early March</b></p>		
<p><b>Freshman Class Size: 85 • Tuition: \$27,900 • Financial Aid Available</b></p>					

 <p><b>The Academy of the Holy Cross</b></p> <p>4920 Strathmore Ave., Kensington, MD 20895 Kathleen Prebble, President Ann Nichols, Principal Gracie Smith, Admissions 301-929-6442 • www.ahctartans.org</p>	<p><b>Girls</b></p> <p>Basketball, cross-country, field hockey, ice hockey, golf, lacrosse, poms/cheer, rugby, soccer, softball, volleyball, swimming and diving, tennis, track, crew, equestrian. <b>Washington Catholic Athletic Conference</b></p> <p><b>Tartans • Lavender &amp; White</b></p>	<p><b>Special Programs</b></p> <p>IB Diploma Programme AP &amp; Honors Courses 1-to-1 iPad Program Senior Project Internship</p>	<p><b>Open House</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, October 27</b> <b>10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Entrance Exam</b> HSPT Scholarship Available</p>	<p>Application Deadline <b>Dec. 6, 2013</b></p>	<p>Notification of Admission <b>Feb. 27, 2014</b></p>
	<p>Financial Aid Appl. Deadline <b>Jan. 6, 2014</b></p>	<p>Registration Deposit Due <b>March 13, 2014</b></p>				
<p><b>Freshman Class Size: 130 • Tuition: \$19,550 • Financial Aid: 301-942-2100</b></p>						

 <p><b>ST. JOHN'S</b> COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL   EST. 1871</p> <p>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</p>	<p><b>Coed</b></p> <p>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. <b>WCAC</b></p> <p><b>Cadets Scarlet &amp; Grey</b></p>	<p><b>Special Programs</b></p> <p>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. Kimsey Science &amp; Technology Center</p>	<p><b>Open House</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, Oct. 20, 2013</b> <b>11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Entrance Exam</b></p> <p>Archdiocesan test results are required.</p>	<p>Application Deadline <b>Dec. 13, 2013</b></p>	<p>Notification of Admission <b>Feb. 27, 2014</b></p>
	<p>Financial Aid Appl. Deadline <b>Feb. 1, 2014</b></p>	<p>Registration Deposit Due <b>March 15, 2014</b></p>				
<p><b>Tuition: \$16,625</b></p>						

 <p><b>Georgetown Preparatory School</b></p> <p>10900 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20852 www.gprep.org 301-493-1215 Jeffrey L. Jones, Headmaster Brian J. Gilbert, Dean of Admissions</p>	<p><b>Boys</b></p> <p><b>15 interscholastic sports</b> <b>20 clubs and organizations</b></p> <p><b>Hoyas Blue &amp; Gray</b></p>	<p><b>College Placement:</b></p> <p>Virginia • Yale Notre Dame Georgetown Harvard U.S. Naval Academy Boston College Duke • Princeton Penn • Stanford</p>	<p><b>Open House</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, October 20</b> <b>1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</b> REGISTER ONLINE</p>	<p><b>Admissions Process:</b></p> <p>Please visit www.gprep.org to set up your admissions account. Also, be sure to set up your Hoya-for-a-Day visit.</p>	<p>Application Deadline <b>Jan. 10, 2014</b></p>	<p>Notification of Admission <b>Feb. 28, 2014</b></p>
	<p>Financial Aid Appl. Deadline <b>Jan. 10, 2014</b></p>	<p>Registration Deposit Due <b>March 14, 2014</b></p>				
<p><b>Tuition: Day: \$30,960 Boarding: \$52,735 • Forming men of competence, conscience, courage &amp; compassion: Men of faith, Men for others since 1789</b></p>						

 <p><b>The Heights School</b></p> <p>10400 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac, MD 20854 Alvaro J. de Vicente, Headmaster Richard S. Moss, Director of Admissions 301-765-2093 • rmoss@heights.edu www.heights.edu</p>	<p><b>Boys 3-12</b></p> <p>Varsity and Junior Varsity Soccer, Basketball, Baseball Lacrosse, Swimming, Track, Squash, Tennis, Golf, Cross Country, Wrestling &amp; Rugby</p> <p><b>Cavaliers Red &amp; White</b></p>	<p>Challenging Liberal Arts, College Prep Curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full array of AP courses</li> <li>Summer and abroad programs</li> <li>Small classes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Open House</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, October 27, 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>SSAT or HSPT Entrance Exam</b> is required of all high school applicants.</p>	<p>Admissions Deadline for Full Consideration <b>Jan. 25, 2014</b></p>	<p>Notification of Admission <b>Feb. 27, 2014</b></p>
	<p>Financial Aid Appl. Deadline <b>Jan. 25, 2014</b></p>	<p>Registration Deposit Due <b>March 14, 2014</b></p>				
<p><b>Freshman Class Size: 65 • Financial Aid: Phil McGovern (CF0) 301-365-4300</b></p>						

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Additional Dates TBA  
Exam also offered by appointment

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**Nov 3**  
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ial Aid:  
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Journalism • Dress Code •  
Transportation  
• Interscholastic Sports •  
Co-ed Kindergarten

**Open House**  
**Saturday,**  
**November 2**  
**1:00 p.m to**  
**3:00 p.m.**

Steps to  
Admission:  
• Application  
• Shadow Visit  
• Teacher  
Recommendation  
• Transcript  
• Family Interview

Application  
Deadline  
**Rolling  
Admission**

Notification of  
Admission  
**Rolling  
Admission**

Financial Aid: Kevin Davern  
@ 301-963-8022

Avg. Class Size: 15 • Tuition: Half-Day Kindergarten \$6,225; Full-Day Kindergarten \$12,450; Lower School \$12,450; Middle School \$13,950; Upper School \$14,500



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**Open House**  
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**Nov. 3**  
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**Entrance  
Exam:**  
**Archdiocesan**  
**test results**  
**are required**

Freshman  
Application  
Deadline  
**December 15**

Freshman  
Notification of  
Admission  
**Late Feb. 2014**

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

Registration  
Deposit Due  
**Mid-March  
2014**

Freshman Class Size: 240 • Tuition: \$14,750 • Financial Aid: Admissions Office 240-764-2210



**Archbishop Carroll  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
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**Open House Dates**  
**Sunday**  
**October 27, 2013**  
**11:00 am – 1:00 pm**


Priority  
Application  
Deadline  
**Jan. 21, 2014**

Notification of  
Admission  
**Feb. 27, 2014**

Financial Aid  
Appl. Deadline  
**Jan. 21, 2014**

Registration  
Deposit Due  
**March 14, 2014**

Freshman Class Size: 125 • Tuition: \$11,920 • Admissions Information: Tiffany D. Scurlock @ 202-529-0900, x124



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**Open House**  
**Sunday,**  
**November 3**  
**11:00 AM–**  
**2:00 PM**


**Entrance  
Exam**  
**Archdiocesan**  
**test results**  
**required.**

Application  
Deadline  
**December 5**

Notification of  
Admission  
**February 27**

Archdiocesan  
Financial Aid  
Application  
**Required**

Registration  
Deposit Due  
**Mid March**



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**Sunday,**  
**November 3**  
**1:00–3:00PM**

**HSPT  
Entrance  
Exam**  
Saturday,  
December 14  
8:30AM  
Registration  
9:00AM  
Testing begins

Application  
Deadline  
Rolling  
Admissions

8th Grade  
Acceptance  
Day  
Feb. 13, 2014

Financial Aid &  
Scholarship  
Appl. Deadline  
Dec. 16, 2013

Registration  
Deposit Due  
March 14, 2014

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



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Grades 1–12**  
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Field hockey  
Lacrosse  
Volleyball  
**Bengals**  
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**Special Programs**  
Small Classes • Personal  
Attention • Content-  
Oriented Curriculum •  
Experiential Learning •  
Advanced Placement (AP)  
Courses • Emphasis on  
Cultural Literacy • Latin •  
Italian • Advanced Math  
Program • Music • Art •  
Actors Guild • Uniform •  
Interscholastic Sports

**Open House**  
**Sunday**  
**November 3**  
**2:00 p.m. –**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Steps to  
Admission**  
Application  
Transcript  
Shadow Visit  
Family Interview

Application  
Deadline  
Rolling  
Admission

Notification of  
Admission  
Rolling  
Admission

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



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High School**  
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**Open House**  
**Sunday,**  
**Nov. 10, 2013**  
**12:30 p.m.**  
**to 4:00 p.m.**

**Entrance  
Exam**  
High School  
Placement  
Test (HSPT)  
required

Application  
Deadline  
**Dec. 15, 2013**

Notification of  
Admission  
**late Feb 2014**

Financial Aid  
Appl. Deadline  
**Dec. 15, 2013**

Registration  
Deposit Due  
**March 14, 2014**

Freshman Class Size: 235 • Tuition: \$12,500

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**Grades 9-12 College  
Prep Curriculum**  
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99% College Placement  
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**Laptop Technology**  
**Visual & Performing  
Arts Program**  
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**Nov. 10**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**to**  
**5:00 p.m.**

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Admissions  
Application  
Deadline  
**Dec. 13, 2013**

Financial Aid  
Application  
Deadline  
**Jan. 5, 2014**

**18:1 Teacher  
Student Ratio**

**500 Students**



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**Boys**  
7 Freshman,  
16 Junior Varsity,  
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**Special  
Programs**  
Comprehensive  
advanced  
placement,  
band, choral arts,  
internet applications,  
earth systems,  
science laboratory.

**Open House**  
**Sunday,**  
**November 24**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**to 2:00 p.m.**

**Entrance  
Exam**  
Archdiocesan  
test results are  
required.

Application  
Deadline  
**December 10**

Notification of  
Admission  
**Feb. 27, 2014**

Financial Aid  
Appl. Deadline  
**Jan. 10, 2014**

Registration  
Deposit Due  
**March 14, 2014**

Freshman Class Size: 240 • Tuition: \$19,275



# If I Were Mayor . . .

By Catherine Cooksey

**"**f I were Mayor, I would be a leader." That's how Bianca Sanchez-Delgado, a rising fifth grader, at St Martin's

School in Gaithersburg, MD started her award-winning essay. The essay was the District 5 (including all of Montgomery and Howard counties) winner of a state-wide contest sponsored by the Maryland

Municipal League. The league conducts the essay contest every spring for fourth graders as part of their outreach efforts to educate students about municipal government.

This year's theme was "Vision for the Future." Students were asked to explain how they would improve their community and how they would involve citizens in making their community a better place. Bianca shared her many ideas in the essay, including her intention to "put everybody's problems and needs before mine, and I would make sure the people that need help get that before I added fun things into the community." She also stated that "the most important thing to do is try



Bianca Sanchez-Delgado (center, front row) and Gaithersburg Mayor, Sidney Katz (center, back row), stand with the other winners of the "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." essay contest and their local mayors at the recognition ceremony at the Maryland State House. Photo courtesy of Linda Joseph.

to get money that could help repair the buildings and houses for people who can't afford to hire someone else to repair them."

Bianca's essay was one of 11 winners from a total of 571 entries. She and the other winners were recognized by Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown at a special recognition ceremony at the Maryland State House in Annapolis on May 14, 2013. Each winner received a Governor's citation, an award plaque, and \$100. Following the ceremony, the winners, their families, and teachers were treated to a

boat tour of Annapolis Harbor.

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# Leadership Changes

The late spring and early summer were a time of change for OLOM Parish, as we bid farewell to Father Bill English and welcomed Father John Dakes.

After much thought and prayer, having recently passed a milestone 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, Father Bill decided it was time to slow down and retire. In his message to the parish, he said that he was looking forward to helping as a retired priest wherever there is a need throughout the Archdiocese.

We are very grateful for having had Father Bill as our pastor for over eight years. He has been a wonderful pastor, always leading us prayerfully. Many parishioners looked forward to reading Father Bill's weekly letter on the front page of the bulletin, where he generously shared his faith and the wisdom gained in his forty four years as a priest.

Father Bill preached at all the Masses on June 9, and a reception was held after the 12:30 Mass. Many parishioners were happy to finally see Father Bill's twin brother about whom he had spoken many times. Father Bill humorously stated that the reception was being held before people left on vacation so that "they won't come

back and ask, hey what happened to the old guy?"

The people of Mercy wish Father Bill a relaxing and well earned retirement. He will be remembered fondly and with gratitude for all that he has done for us for many years.

Our new pastor is Father John Dakes came to us from St. Aloysius Parish in Leonardtown, MD, where he was pastor for eight years. Father Dakes attended the North American College in Rome and was ordained for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Washington in 1987. He has served a number of parishes in the Archdiocese and has also served the Office of Youth Ministry/CYO.

Father John and his dog Jake took up residence at Mercy in early July. While getting familiar with his new residence, Father John noticed Father Byron's chalice in a china cabinet. He is now using Father Byron's chalice to celebrate Mass. This will serve as a special connection to the history of the parish and to Father Byron who loved and was loved by OLOM parishioners.

We wish Father John much success and happiness at Our Lady of Mercy.

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## OLOM Organist Heather Adelsberger Departs

Our principal organist, Heather Adelsberger accepted a position as Director of Music at St. Louis Catholic Church in Clarksville, Maryland. Heather was at OLOM for four years and was greatly appreciated by lovers of organ music for the selected pieces she would play after the 12:30 Mass. It was good to hear classical organ music played on Sunday afternoon, not just on special occasions. St. Louis is fortunate to have such a talent.

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## Tenth Annual Mercy Health Golf Classic

All golfers are invited to support Mercy Health Clinic at the tenth annual golf classic on September 23, 2013. The event which is dedicated to the memory of long time volunteer Don Hope will take place at the Manor Country Club in Rockville. Proceeds will benefit the clinic as well as the Carl Nordberg Pharmacy Program.

The clinic provides services to low income and uninsured residents of Montgomery County and

is funded by donors, dedicated medical and non-medical volunteers, and partnership with local government, strategic partners and community supporters.

Golfers can register online at [www.mercyhealthclinic.org/golf](http://www.mercyhealthclinic.org/golf). Questions can be answered by the development office at 240-773-0334, or [development@mercyhealthclinic.org](mailto:development@mercyhealthclinic.org).

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# Four New Principals to Lead Montgomery County Parish Schools

When the doors open for the new school year on Monday, August 26, 2013, four Catholic elementary schools in Montgomery County will be led by

new principals. The new principals are Brother Gerald S. Hopeck, Jr., OFM at St. Francis International School in Silver Spring; Steven Lamont at St. Bartholomew in

Bethesda; Christie Anne Short at St. Patrick School in Rockville and Andrew Piotrowski at St. Martin of Tours School in Gaithersburg.

## St. Francis International School, Silver Spring

Brother Gerald S. Hopeck, Jr. OFM has been appointed the Co-Principal of St. Francis International School in Silver Spring. He is very familiar with the school, having served as the school's Vice Principal and Tuition Officer since May 2011. A native of Bridgeport, Conn., he graduated from Kings College in Wilkes-Barre, PA, with a Bachelor's degree in Theology and History.

He went on to earn a Master of Arts degree in Theology from LaSalle University in Philadelphia. Before entering the formation program for the Franciscan Friars, he was a pastoral associate at several parishes where he worked with youth and the African American community, and acted as director of religious education. He has more than 12 years of experience as an educator in several Catholic schools.

## St. Bartholomew School, Bethesda

Stephen Lamont comes to St. Bartholomew School from Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, DC, where he served

as the Assistant Principal last school year, and prior to that as a math teacher for five years. Mr. Lamont was also the math department chair at ACHS for one year. He has nine years of experience as an educator and holds a Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from George Washington University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

## St. Patrick School, Rockville

Christie Anne Short has spent her 14-year teaching career in the Archdiocese of Washington. She began her career at St. Elizabeth School in Rockville, where she was a classroom teacher for four years. She then became part of the founding team of teachers and staff who helped open St. Patrick School in Rockville to its very first students in 2004, and has taught there ever since. She has taught 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade and was named the school's Teacher of the Year in 2007. She holds a Master of Science degree in Special Education from John Hopkins University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Loyola University.

## St. Martin of Tours School, Gaithersburg

Andrew Piotrowski comes to Gaithersburg from New Jersey, where he has spent his teaching career. He most recently spent 12 years as Vice-Principal of Clifton High School in Clifton, New Jersey. He has also served as Principal of Woodrow Wilson Middle School and Christopher Columbus Middle School, both in Clifton. He is currently studying for a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and holds a Master of Arts degree in Urban Educational Leadership from New Jersey City University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Special Education from William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey.

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## MINISTRY

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ministry emphasizes roles in liturgy, preaching and service. Currently there are more than 18,000 deacons, about 3,000 of them retired.

The most recent survey found that the largest numbers of deacons were reported by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (414), Diocese of Trenton, New Jersey (383), Archdiocese of Los Angeles (344) and Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut (300).

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## New Beginnings for 2013-14 School Year

By Maureen Stiles

As summer winds down, St. Mary's school families look to practical matters like backpacks, books and the last of summer work. The school, however, has been hard at work preparing all summer.

The facilities crew has been sprucing up the school and the administrative staff has been making exciting staffing changes.

The most significant of these is the appointment of John DiGiovanni as Vice Principal. DiGiovanni, who was assigned the post at the end of the school year, sees this appointment as just another step in his philosophy of giving back.

"I view my new appointment as my affirmation in my belief in the parable of the talents. Many people including family members wonder why I don't retire. In the parable of the talents the master gave much and expected to get much back. All of my life God has taken care of me and my family. He has provided me with so many wonderful and varied opportunities to grow, learn and prosper. He has given me so much! And now that He has given



New Vice Principal John DiGiovanni

me all of those things, I feel it my duty to Him to reinvest all that I have to build up His Kingdom."

DiGiovanni began as a substitute teacher at St. Mary's in early 2010 and soon moved to permanent sixth grade homeroom teacher and Math teacher for the upper hall. Principal Debby Eisel enthuses, "We are excited to have Mr. Di Giovanni share more of his talents with our community."

DiGiovanni's talents are many and varied as he enjoyed a productive work history before turning to teaching. These posts included managing multi-million dollar Capitol and operating budgets for the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation, managing and leading 250 member in house staff, performing procurement, budget, and personnel duties, overseeing contractual services, managing emergency operations for the same organization.

He also directed the Archdiocese of Washington CYO Program for two years including the scheduling of over 7500 annual events, directing staff and contractors, managing budgets, and most importantly putting the "C" back in the CYO.

But DiGiovanni credits his "work in youth ministry for St. Mary of the Mills Parish and St. Vincent Pallotti High School as having had a profound effect on my development as a Christian leader."

Di Giovanni is much beloved in the school and will be welcomed in his new role by students, staff and parents alike.

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## 2013 Annual Avalon-Brookewood Pilgrimage

By Joseph McPherson

Each year for the past six, the Avalon and Brookewood Schools, coordinate independent Catholic schools, one for boys, the other for girls in grades K through 12, have conducted a pilgrimage on a Saturday in May. Each has been more than twenty miles in length, beginning early on Saturday with the celebration of Holy Mass and ending that evening with the celebration of an anticipated Mass. In between there is lots of walking and praying, carrying a large statue of the Virgin Mary, Mother of Pure Love. And lots of joyful camaraderie.

This year's pilgrimage was based on the theme of Faith, given by Pope Benedict XVI to the year. The Pilgrimage



Young pilgrims from The Avalon School carry the statue of Our Lady in Avalon-Brookewood's Sixth Annual Pilgrimage

began with Mass at Christ the King in Silver Spring. The pilgrims walked to Blessed Sacrament Church and said the Joyful mysteries of the Rosary. They proceeded to the National Cathedral on Massachusetts Avenue where prayers for unity were said and then on to Holy Trinity in Georgetown for the Sorrowful Mysteries.

From Holy Trinity, Our Lady's statue made a triumphal entry into Virginia across the Key Bridge up to St. Thomas More Cathedral in Arlington, where the Luminous Mysteries were prayed. From there the pilgrims walked to near the Air Force Memorial and entered Arlington Cemetery in silence, praying for the souls of the dead. Next, the proces-

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## Brookewood Graduation

By Joe McPherson

Dominique Dawes, a gold medal-winning gymnast, who competed in three successive Olympic Games, was the guest speaker at Brookewood School's Fourth Commencement Exercises. Dawes, who only the week before had become Mrs. Jeffrey Thompson, spoke of what she had learned from her successes and failures as a gymnast during her career as a gymnast. Dawes had been received into the Catholic Church at the 2013 Easter Vigil.

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Marisol Alicea (L), wearing a MARC conductor blazer presented by her conductor, Thomas Baer (R), with her mother.

## CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC FAITH IN ROCKVILLE

### St. Mary's Bicentennial Kicks Off

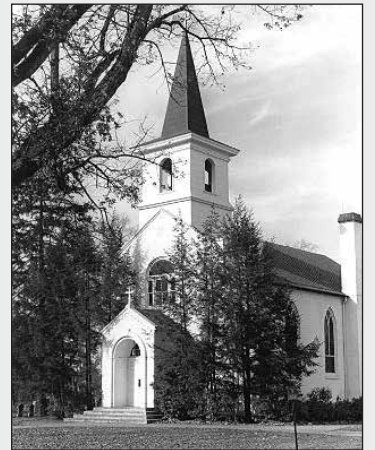
By Maureen Stiles

The year-long celebration of the parish's 200th anniversary officially begins on August 22 with a Mass in honor of the Queenship of the Blessed Mary (our Feast Day) presided by Monsignor Amey.

A myriad of events are in store to mark this milestone including a visit from Cardinal Donald Wuerl as he leads Mass attended by current and former priests of the Parish.

A stalwart at the corner of Rt. 355 and Viers Mill Road since its inception, St. Mary's will be feted by the city of Rockville as well. On September 16, the Mayor and City Council will recognize the parish during a ceremony at City Hall. Parishioners will also participate in the Memorial Day Parade in celebration.

Parishioner, Roger Langley, has generously compiled an anthology with photos and data chronicling the parish's early years through to today which



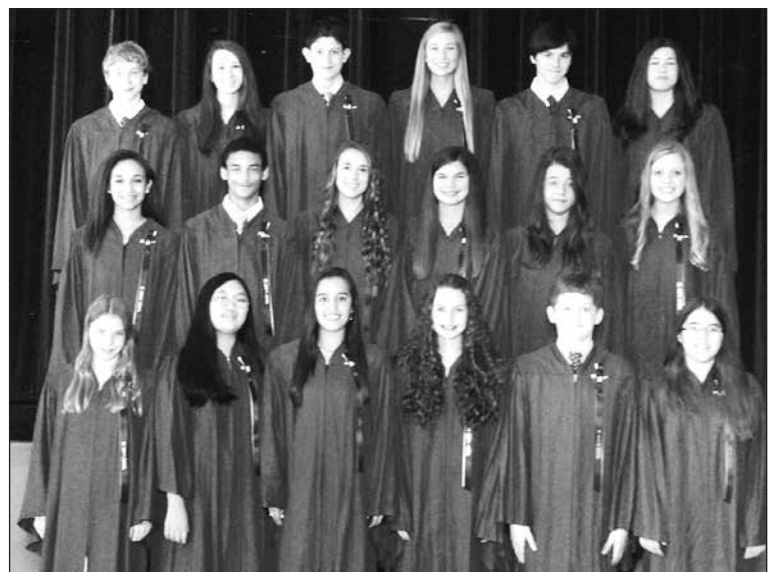
A beautiful black and white depiction of St. Mary's Chapel in the heart of Rockville

will be available for sale.

Tickets for the Parish Banquet to be held in November will also be available soon and the parish will host a "Bull and Brew" in May as well.

A pilgrimage to Rome, guest speakers and history tours are but some of the events already planned with more likely to come as we celebrate "200 Years of Catholic Faith in Rockville!"

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Congratulations to the Class of 2013 and Good Luck in your transition to high school. We know you will find success if you let faith guide your actions.

### Bikes for the World

On Saturday, September 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the St. Mary's parking lot, *Bikes for the World* will team up with St. Mary's Social Concerns Committee to hold a one-day collection of used bicycles!

The donated bikes will be distributed overseas, where they will be used by community organizations to improve the lives of impoverished people by helping them get to work, school and health clinics.

If you have an old bike in good condition, please consider donating it. For more information contact Chris Kelly at kellyc51@comcast.net

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Gloria Scott (left) and Sal Francomacaro, both Christ the King parishioners, in the dinner buffet line. Photo by Dino D'Agata

## Missions: Help to Syria

By Kristin Kennalley, AVSI-USA & CTK parishioner

Every Monday throughout the summer, friends from Holy Redeemer sponsor a potluck open to any family in the area. On Monday, July 29, the evening was a little special: the group sponsored a "10 for Syria" event. Kristin Kennalley of AVSI-USA, a parishioner of Christ the King, offered a beautiful presentation about the reality of Syrian families who have been forced to flee their homes and work AVSI is doing to support refugees in Lebanon. Several fellow parishioners from Christ the King attended.

While not political in sentiment, with all that is happening in Syria, it is deeply moving that AVSI is present to the suffering people of Syria. Syria is a place of violence and

persecution. The Pope asks us not to be indifferent to our brothers in Christ. Before allowing the event that occurred Monday evening to become simply a plea for money, it must be recognized that the same Christ that keeps us together is the one suffering now in Syria. AVSI is a way to be able to keep alive the Faith and the desire to be more in solidarity with Christians suffering in Syria.

Before and after the presentation, all were led in song.

The act of singing, especially songs of the heart, keeps us together with each other and with Christ. Thanks go to Laura Stohlman at Holy Redeemer, the many friends there and from other parishes, and to those from Christ the King for a beautiful evening that allowed us to be a part of helping the people of Syria in a more concrete way. **OPT**

Bettie Graham with coach Ray Finkleman after her Veteran 70+ Women's Epee National win. Photo by Michael Pederson, San Francisco coach



## Christ the King Parishioner Makes World Fencing Team

By Katie Holland, CTK parish editor

At this summer's USA Fencing National Championships June 28th in Columbus Ohio, Christ the King parishioner Bettie Graham won a place to represent the United States for the 11th time at the Veteran World Championships. What began as a recreational activity on her personal to-do list became competitive 13 years ago. This October she will go to Varna, Bulgaria as a part of the USA fencing team Women over 70! **OPT**

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# News of Note at Christ the King

### July & August

Parishioners Pam and Paul Hurley are pleased to announce grandchildren numbers seven and eight. John Paul Zullo was born to their daughter Eileen and son-in-law Sean Zullo on July 12. John Paul was baptized July 21 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Bethesda. And Lillian Rose Carpenter was born to their daughter Patricia and son-in-law Kevin Carpenter on August 3. Lillian will be baptized at St. Joseph's in Brooklyn.

### September 8

Christ the King will be hosted for its annual picnic by the Knights of Columbus Rosensteel Council in Forest Glen on Sunday Sept 8th from 1:30-5:30pm. Grillmeisters from the Council will serve up for sale hot dogs and hamburgers along with beverages at cost, while parishioners are asked to bring a dish to serve. Grand Knight Allan Jimenez and his family are providing a piñata willed with candies for the kids. Games, food and a 50-50

raffle will make the event a delight.

### 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.

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## A Rectory and a House

By Katie Holland, CTK parish editor

Christ the King has been undergoing a (small) Rectory renovation as it prepares to welcome its new residents, Fr. Roberto Amoroso, Fr. Ettore Ferrario and seminarian Giovanni Gemini, who will join

our Pastor, Fr. Josè Maria Cortes.

With the help of parishioner Hector Mata, one former office room has been made into a Chapel seating four. Another has been formed into the office for Fr. 'Ze's assistant, the new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Ettore. And, our parish secretary Evelyn Cordova sits in

new office space at a desk built by Fr. Roberto and seminarian Giovanni!

This "new" Rectory will be a House within their community, Fraternity of St Charles Borromeo, while serving all parishioners of Christ the King.

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## Our Lady of Grace in Honor of Fr. Plans

By Katie Holland, CTK parish editor

On Mothers' Day May 12, 2013 the long awaited statue of Our Lady of Grace was set in its place at Christ the King in honor of our former Pastor, Fr. Juan F. Plans, SF. Donations from many generous parishioners had made possible its purchase. The contribution by parishioner, Mario Arbaiza, was the actual hard labor, the setting of its foundation and placement of the statue under a magnolia tree east of the parish's front entrance. Then a small garden of roses was created surrounding the statue and its resting, prayer benches.

A bronze plaque by All-Craft Wellman Products of Ohio, the same company that made Christ the King's In Memoriam plaque, is planned for installation at a later date.

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Pastor Josè Maria Cortes, FSCB with parishioners at OLOG's installation



## Were You Once a Christ The King Parishioner?

By Katie Holland, CTK parish editor

Christ the King has installed a new In Memoriam plaque identical to the one erected in memory of parishioners in 1961 when we were established.

We have opened the availability of these nameplates to all who may have once been a part of the parish.

You may want to consider having one of these bronze nameplates made in honor of your family. You are invited to contact the Christ the

King parish 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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## INEQUALITY

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for it. This gap pushes wages down – half of the jobs in this country pay less than \$27,000. Over 46 million people live in poverty, 16 million of them children," he wrote.

He noted that individuals, the Church, businesses, government and community organizations all

share the responsibility to create jobs that allow workers to support themselves and their families.

"Ethical and moral business leaders know that it is wrong to chase profits and success at the expense of workers' dignity," he wrote. "They know they have a vocation to build the kind of solidarity that honors the worker and the least among us. They remember that the economy is 'for people.'"

Bishop Blaire cited the importance of unions in helping workers participate in company decisions that affect them and noted that the rise in income inequality has paralleled the decline of unions in the United States. He urged unions to continually improve themselves and focus on issues including "raising the minimum wage, stopping wage theft," and "standing up for

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# A Very Busy Summer!

When the final bell rings on that last day of school, students and teachers all heave a sigh of relief that another year has successfully come to an end. However, faculty and staff often take the “quiet” summer months to attend professional development opportunities to enhance their work with students in the classroom. Many members of the SFIS faculty and staff took full advantage of many training opportunities this summer. In June, a group of teachers attended a follow-up training in Responsive Classroom Techniques. In July a group of teachers attended a workshop on Developmental Designs while another group traveled to Chicago to attend a 3-day seminar on Instructional Differentiation. In August, 30 members of SFIS faculty and staff attended their first intensive training in Responsive Classroom techniques.

What is Responsive Classroom? According to the website and trainers, Responsive Classroom (or RC) is an approach to teaching and learning that fosters safe, challenging and joyful classrooms and

schools. SFIS has been using this approach for several years, and this new school year of 2013-14 will be the first year that all faculty and administration have been trained in this model. This approach was developed by classroom teachers, and consists of bringing together social and academic learning throughout the school day. RC uses teaching practices that are based on the foundations of developmental, cultural and individual development. RC promotes an awareness that social and academic learning go hand in hand and the central belief that all children want to and CAN learn.

Gone are the days of straight lined desks and long lectures (the way many of us were taught in elementary school!). RC promotes academic learning that smoothly incorporates into social learning. Students are given specific goals and expectations and then those expectations are modeled by the teacher and practiced by the students before they are expected to do anything on their own. For example, a middle school teacher may discuss with his/her class behavior

expectations during an up-coming large group assembly. The students usually know what is expected of them behavior-wise, so discussing the expectations comes naturally. The teacher would then model what some positive behaviors might look like – eyes on the speaker, hands quiet, paying attention to the speaker, etc. Next, the students would practice these behaviors while the teacher or another student pretends to be the speaker. Discussion might include questions like “What if the speaker is boring?” or “What do I do if my classmates try to get me to do something wrong?” By actively anticipating different scenarios, students are more prepared and more likely to be successful in having the desired behaviors. By achieving these positive behaviors, students have a more positive learning experience. This positive experience is the basis of excellent learning in the classroom and throughout the school building. The whole RC approach is driven by guiding principles that include the recognition by educators that:

■ The social curriculum is as important as the academic curricu-



Thirty SFIS teachers, staff and administrators attended 40 hours of training together in the Responsive Classroom model.

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■ HOW children learn is as important as WHAT they learn: process and content go hand in hand

■ The greatest cognitive growth occurs through social interaction

■ To be successful academically and socially, children need to learn and practice specific social skills like cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy and self-control

■ Knowing the children we teach (individually, culturally, and developmentally) is as important as what

we teach

■ Knowing the families of the children we teach is as important as knowing the children we teach

■ How we, the adults of the school, work together is as important as our individual competence – lasting change begins with the adult community

These guiding principles will be the focus of teachers, staff and administration of SFIS this year!

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## Learning Opportunities Continue throughout the Summer at SFIS

Many students were also busy this summer at the Saint Francis International School campus at St. Mark Church in Hyattsville where Summer @ Saint Francis was held.

The Saint Francis Summer Academy, taught by SFIS faculty and staff provided almost forty students ranging in age from 5 – 13 with the opportunity to hone their skills in reading, writing and mathematics. Some students came for just a week or two,

while others were there every day for the full five weeks. Opportunities were provided for students to work in small groups with each other and an adult guide. Student's instruction was customized after each student was tested using the Archdiocese of Washington's Scantron Testing program. A pre-test and post-test was administered and very clear and specific academic gains were monitored and recorded. A homework time with an adult monitor was provided

as part of the daily schedule so that students could ask for help and clarification. Students also had lunch provided for them and a time to socialize with each other.

Camp Wohelo – SFIS staff and Campfire USA teamed up to provide nearly 100 pre-school and elementary children with seven weeks of non-stop fun and learning. Field trips, swimming, nature excursions and hands-on activities that ranged from arts and crafts to building rockets were part of the camper's experience. Nutritional lunches and healthy snacks were provided every day for every camper.

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Children learn and play at the Summer @ Saint Francis programs this summer at St. Mark Church in Hyattsville.



Mrs. Ruppert, new SFIS assistant principal, shows off one of the new Chromebooks with a new smart TV.

## Saint Francis International School Continues to Grow!

SFIS is pleased to announce the appointment of Brother Gerald Hopek, OFM as co-principal along with current principal Mr. Toby Harkleroad. Brother Gerald has been an integral part of the SFIS administration for the past two years and both Mr. Harkleroad and Brother Gerald look forward to leading the school into the future. In addition to Brother Gerald's new position, SFIS would like to welcome Mrs. Patty Ruppert as its new Assistant Principal. Mrs. Ruppert was the principal of St. Catherine Laboure School last year, which ceased operations at the end of the school year. Mrs. Ruppert will be mentoring the new teachers of SFIS and assisting Mr. Harkleroad and Brother Gerald in promoting the academic excellence of SFIS.

Even the building has been busy this summer! A brand-new state of the art fire alarm system has been being installed all summer long. Anyone who has stopped by the school over the past several months can attest to various states of wires, buzzers and alarms that you would have encountered as the system has been installed. SFIS values the safety of every person who uses this building

and this new system will be one way we can ensure this safety. And technology has taken a big leap forward this summer at SFIS as the Wi-Fi network has been extended to all classrooms, a rolling lab of thirty Chromebooks has been purchased for use throughout the building, and the elementary classroom have been outfitted with new 50" Wi-Fi enabled flat-screen TVs that the teachers will be able to use with their Surface tablets.

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# Mother Seton Parish Welcome Father Evans

In mid-July Mother Seton parish in Germantown welcomed our new Associate Pastor Father Blake Evans. Fr. Evans is a Priest of Washington ordained by Cardinal Wuerl in 2010. He studied at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, and is also a grad of the University there where he graduated with honors. Fr. Evans also studied at the Institute for Priest Formation at Creighton University in Omaha. He grew up in Winter Park/Orlando, Fla., and attended the University of Central Florida. He also worked in the building industry for many years as a marketing/PR analyst and strategist. He



As a seminarian, Fr. Evans at The Papal Mass at National Park with Pope Benedict 2008 with seminarians and parishioners of the Archdiocese

he attended grade school at the U.S. base of Fort Buchanan. He has three brothers and a sister, and 7 nephews and nieces. His family lives in Orlando, Dallas, and South Yorkshire, England.

At The Mount, Fr. Evans was in the contemporary choir and a contributing writer to the Seminarians for Life newsletter and "Mount Charisma" Communications. He served as a Master of Ceremonies, and was a member of Lambda Pi Eta, the collegiate National Honor Society for Communications. He comes to us after 4 years at The Shrine of St. Jude/St. Jude Regional School in Rockville where he served for three years as an associate pastor and one year teaching as a seminarian.

Prior to Ordination, he served at many area parishes. He attended World Youth Day in 2008 with the Archdiocesan delegation. Father is fully bilingual in English/Spanish and also loves teaching. He is looking forward to a very active ministry here at Mother Seton, and in our education programs, as well as at Mary of Nazareth School. Welcome Father Evans!

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He was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, both his parents (his father a

Southern Baptist Deacon and his mother of French decent) worked for the U.S. Government there, and

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## Three Women Leaders Receive 2013 People of Life Awards

A lawyer, a Franciscan health care executive, and a diocesan leader and social worker received the 2013 People of Life Award for lifetime commitment to the pro-life movement during an August 4 ceremony at the annual Diocesan Pro-Life Leadership Conference held this year in Boston. The honorees were Frances X. Hogan, Franciscan Sister Jane Marie Klein and Barbara Thorp. Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM Cap., of Boston, chair of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), presented the awards. Over 150 diocesan, state and national Catholic pro-life leaders and guests from across the country attended the private awards dinner at the conference, sponsored by the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

The People of Life Award recognizes those who have answered the call outlined by Pope John Paul II in The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae, 1995) by dedicating themselves to pro-life activities and promoting respect for the dignity of the human person. It is bestowed to a practicing Catholic in honor of his or her significant contributions in service to the culture of life.

Frances "Fran" X. Hogan serves as a corresponding member of the Pontifical Academy for Life and is co-founder and former president of Women Affirming Life, a national group of Catholic women who witness to the value of all human life through their professions, their families and community services. Hogan is a partner at the law firm of Lyne, Woodworth and Evarts and a graduate of Mount St. Joseph Academy in Brighton, Massachusetts, Regis College in Weston, Massachusetts, and Boston College Law School. Hogan has served in a variety

of volunteer leadership roles at local, state, national and international capacities throughout her career. She is on the board of the Massachusetts Catholic Conference (MCC) and currently chairs its Pro-Life/Pro-Family Sub-Committee and facilitated the successful effort to defeat the 2012 ballot question on physician-assisted suicide. She also served on the boards of the Pro-Life Legal Defense Fund, the Value of Life Committee and Massachusetts Citizens for Life, where she also served as president. For many years she served as a consultant to the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

Sister Jane Marie Klein was honored as an advocate for Catholic health care and conscience rights. In 1996, she became chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Franciscan Alliance, a 13-hospital Catholic health care system in Indiana, Illinois and Michigan after serving as the corporation's president and CEO. She formerly held senior administrative positions in several of the system's hospitals and also worked in medical social work and accounting in her early health care ministry. Sister serves on a number of hospital and business boards and is a member of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocesan finance council. She has been a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration provincial council for over 20 years. In March 2013, Klein presented at a Congressional press conference at the introduction of the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940, S. 1204), and is featured in the USCCB video, "Speak Up for Conscience Rights"

Barbara Thorp earned her master's degree in social work from Rutgers University and served the Archdiocese

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Father Frank Kaminski SJ (in background) processes to Celebration of the Eucharist at Men's Retreat in the chapel.

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A special monetary enticement for attendance has been introduced for this year. A fee of only \$185 is offered to attract first-timers and young men under age-30.

For other attendees, the suggested donation

of \$235 is the same as last year ... less than the cost of most get-away weekends. This Jesuit Retreat House lies only 70 miles within a leisurely drive from the Norbeck area. Brochure and registration form are available at each entrance to the church.

Don't miss out. Sign up and join the group!

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## INEQUALITY

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safe and healthy working conditions."

Bishop Blaire also voiced support for immigrants, calling for policies that "bring immigrant workers out of the shadows to a

legal status and offer them a just and fair path to citizenship, so that their human rights are protected and the wages for all workers rise."

The 2013 Labor Day Statement is available online in English and Spanish at: [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/labor-employment/labor-day-archives.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/labor-employment/labor-day-archives.cfm)

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# Welcome to the Mary of Nazareth School Family

Every year as we welcome our students back into the classroom, Mary of Nazareth School also has the opportunity to welcome new faces to our team of faculty and staff. This year is no exception. We are excited for the opportunity to open our arms to our newest team members.

Mrs. Margo Arnold will be joining us as our sixth and seventh grade Language Arts teacher. Mrs. Arnold's education includes a B.A. in philosophy and a Master of Education Degree in Literacy Studies with a minor in English/Applied Studies. She has taught in Michigan, Colorado and Saudi Arabia, and we are confident she will be a superb asset to our middle

school.

Our elementary school hallway has two exceptional additions. The new second grade teacher is Ms. Caroline Isaacs. Ms. Isaacs is not only a wonderful teacher, but an athlete and a talented artist as well. With a B.A. in Studio Art and minors in Early Childhood Education and Psychology, her passion for teaching emerged during a mission trip to Soweto, South Africa. Ms. Isaacs' energy and enthusiasm will go a long way with our second grade students. Ms. Torey Krugle joins us as our new first grade teacher. She graduated a member of the Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society, was active with Student Government and a candi-

date for the Riall Award. She is extremely organized and positive and was hired immediately after she taught a lesson to our first grade students last spring.

"We are gratified that we were able to attract such a qualified and

competent group of professionals as an addition to our faculty and staff," says Mr. Michael Friel, Mary of Nazareth School Principal. "We are confident in their ability and are happy to welcome them to our team."

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## Mary of Nazareth School Open House Schedule

**Thursday, October 10, 2013 9am – 11am**

**Sunday, January 26, 2014 1pm – 3pm**

### St. Martin of Tours

## St. Martin's School News and Notes

**August 21, 2013**

What could be better than having frozen treats with friends? To kick off the new school year, students and their families are invited to the Annual Popsicle Social at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Come meet new friends and visit with teachers prior to the first day of class.

**August 23, 2013**

All new parents and students (Pre-K to 8) are invited to visit the school from 9 am to 11 am. Children will meet with their teachers and visit their classrooms, while parents join Principal Piotrowski for coffee and an informal meeting in the Library. This is a great opportunity to get all of your last minute questions answered before school starts the next day.

**September 13, 2013**

Join the St. Martin's school community in celebrating the start of the new school year with the opening school mass at 10 am in St. Martin's Church.

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## A New Leader at St. Martin's School

*By Matthew Cain, Eighth Grader*

On August 26, 2013, St. Martin's will begin its first school year with a new principal, Andrew Piotrowski. He has had over 10 years of teaching experience in the Clifton, NJ school system with various jobs, such as a Field Coach, the Dean of Students, Vice Principal, and Principal at middle and high school levels. Already, Mr. Piotrowski has met around thirty students from St. Martin's, and he wants to memorize everyone's name by Christmas.

Mr. Piotrowski has several plans for St. Martin's future. He wants to continue Sr. Sharon's successful vision for the school, along with continuing and reinforcing the dynamic learning environment supplemented with various pieces of technology. Mr. Piotrowski also hopes to strengthen the values of the Catholic Church seen in St. Martin's, such as caring, loving, and kindness. Mr. Piotrowski is especially excited to be able to work with the students to create the best St. Martin's experience

possible.

Along with the many St. Martin's traditions, such as the winter and spring music plays, school masses, and tag days, Mr. Piotrowski plans to add a couple of his own. He already has the main idea for one in particular, a way to recognize random acts of kindness and good character. Throughout the year, teachers recognize students who go out of their way to be exceptionally kind, and at the end of the week, the teachers tell Mr. Piotrowski which students fit the picture. Then, at the end of the month, Mr. Piotrowski has a special treat for those students.

Outside of school, Mr. Piotrowski is a huge fan of coaching and playing sports. "If you can name it, I play it," he says. During the time he spent working at the Clifton school system, he was both a pole vaulting and soccer coach. While he is at St. Martin's, Mr. Piotrowski is really looking forward to bringing his love of being active to St. Martin's by adding more after school activities to the list of extracurricular activities.

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## Fifth Grade Chesapeake Bay Adventure

*By Isaac Cooksey, Sixth Grader, and  
Lindsay Glaser, Fifth Grade Teacher,  
and Isaac Cooksey, Sixth Grader*

The fifth grade students from St. Martin's School visited the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center this past May. Previously, they spent several weeks learning about watershed eco-systems, and eagerly waited for the day of their field trip to arrive.

Unfortunately, the weather was not on the fifth graders' side and it rained throughout the day. Yet, they demonstrated excellent character by remaining positive and enthusiastic. They zipped up their rain coats and participated in all the activities. First, the fifth graders created artificial oyster reefs to help improve the water quality in the Bay. Next, they used seining and dip nets to catch and identify different animal species. They found crabs,



Fifth graders explore the Chesapeake Bay during a field trip this past spring. Partial funding for the field trip came from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Photo by Lindsay Glaser

tiny fish, clams, and even some worm-like creatures.

Several students remarked

that it was a field trip they would never forget!

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Every Wednesday during the month of May 2013, several 5th and 6th grade students gathered together to learn how to make rosaries by hand to donate to our church. The students were supervised by Ms. Stinger, the 6th grade teacher, Jessica Nguyen, a 7th grader, and her mother, Teresa Nguyen. This new opportunity was a wonderful service project for the students, whose nimble fingers and dedication created more than 50 rosaries. The rosaries were blessed and placed at the entrances of the church for anyone who needed one. Photo courtesy of Teresa Nguyen



# St. Andrew's Welcomes New Staff

**T**he parish community extends a warm welcome to newly ordained Deacon Stephen O'Neill and his family.

## Deacon Stephen O'Neill

St. Andrew's is Deacon Steve's first assignment following his ordination as a permanent deacon on June 22. He looks forward to getting to know the parishioners, becoming involved in the life of the parish, and serving the Lord and His people as a newly ordained minister of His Church.

Although new to the St. Andrew's community, he didn't need to travel far from his home parish of St. Peter's in Olney, where he and his wife, Traci, and their four children have been actively involved as lectors, catechists, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and altar servers. He is especially grateful for the opportunity to work closely with Father Dan Leary, our pastor, who has been his spiritual director for several years, Deacon Ken Barrett who was his formation director and Deacon Michael Bond.

Deacon Steve was born in Washington, DC, and raised in Kensington, the fifth of six children. He attended Holy Redeemer School, and went on to graduate from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Wheaton in 1980. After high school, he spent four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, most of which was spent in the 3rd Marine Regiment. He attended the University of Maryland and graduated in December 1987



Deacon Stephen O'Neill

with a BA in English. Deacon Steve has worked at the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service since 1992 and now leads the agency's regulatory development staff.

During his diaconate formation, Deacon Steve was assigned to Holy Cross Hospice for two years as his ministry of charity and justice. Having lost both of his parents, he found this experience particularly powerful and he looks forward to the opportunity to continue to minister in this area, either at Holy Cross or in his parish work.

"The welcome my family and I have



Mrs. Dominique Seraphin

received at St. Andrew's has been wonderful," said Deacon Steve, "it's a real blessing to get to serve in a parish that's so full of faith and energy."

## Mrs. Dominique Seraphin

Father Dan Leary, has appointed Mrs. Dominique Seraphin as St. Andrew's new Director of Evangelization and Adult Education. The Director will seek to uphold the mission of the Church to evangelize and bring others to Christ.

Mrs. Seraphin graduated from Long Island University with a degree in Criminal

Justice but experienced a major conversion during her junior year while attending a Youth 2000 New York retreat, a monthly Eucharist-centered retreat for young people held by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. After graduation, she became a Novice in the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal in New York as she sought to discern a call to religious life. She later served as Manager of The Shrine of the Unborn for John Cardinal O'Connor in the Archdiocese of New York, Assistant to the Dean of Academic Affairs at Ave Maria University and, most recently, was Director of Religious Education at St. Catherine Laboure in Wheaton.

In her new position, Mrs. Seraphin will assist Father Dan in the development and implementation of a number of exciting new programs and initiatives within the school, the Religious Education program, and the parish. Since arriving in June, she's been busy helping him work with teams of volunteers to plan new retreats, bible study groups, prayer groups, workshops, and missions for the coming year.

"As the Director of Evangelization I look forward to helping Father Dan implement programs that will interest not only to those who sit in our pews but also those who are questioning their own faith life. My hope is that we will continue to create programs that will appeal to people in every walk in life with a common goal of an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ."

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## Students Return to Refurbished School

**O**n August 26, St. Andrew Apostle School students will return to a significantly renovated school. Over the summer the grade school and junior high restrooms were completely refurbished, the 50 year old HVAC was replaced, doors were repainted and

construction of a new playground was initiated. Additionally, phase one of the new school entrance will soon be completed. The result will be expanded space and more efficient office flow. The students are going to love the updates!

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## Save the Date!

**T**he Second Annual St. Andrew Community Carnival and Picnic will be held Saturday, September 21 from 11AM to 4PM.

Last year, more than 500 people played traditional picnic games such as wheelbarrow racing, sack racing and water balloon tossing. Rides and other activities were also available. These included a climbing wall, moonbounce, Black Ops obstacle course, bungee run, verti-

cal rush, full court press and adrenaline rush course. The highlight of the day was our pastor, Father Dan Leary in the dunk tank. A long line of both students and adult parishioners waited patiently to take a try at dunking him!

Tickets will be available on site and can be pre-ordered via email at: standrewsvp@yahoo.com. Food and fun for the entire family! See you there!

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## Urge House of Representatives to Pass Comprehensive Immigration Reform

### Take Action!

Issue: The U.S. House of Representatives will begin debating immigration reform following the August recess. While representatives are back home in their districts, let them know that you support immigration reform that is just and comprehensive.

The Church welcomes Congress' renewed effort across partisan lines to achieve a comprehensive solution to our country's broken immigration system. Read the U.S. Bishops' statement on the blueprint here.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops urges lawmakers to:

■ Provide a path to citizen-



ship for undocumented persons in the country;

■ Preserve and strengthen family unity as a cornerstone of our national immigration system;

■ Provide legal paths for low-skilled immigrant workers to come and work in the United States;

■ Restore due process protections to our immigration enforcement policies; and

■ Promote efforts that will

address the root causes of migration, such as poverty and persecution.

America is unique. We are a land of immigrants and our Church has always been a leading advocate for those who are new to our shores. As Catholics, we are called to help lift up all people; and as Americans, we seek to make America stronger and healthier for future generations. It is time for the House of Representatives to take action and address this issue in a balanced way that protects human dignity and the homeland at the same time.

Urge your representative to pass just and compassionate immigration reform.

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of Boston in various capacities for 35 years, including as director of the Office of Pastoral Support Outreach and Child Protection, director of the Pro-Life Office and a Catholic Charities social worker. Thorp developed and directed the archdiocesan post-abortion ministry, Project Rachel. She managed

the Cardinal's Fund for the Unborn to provide aid to pregnant women in crisis, supervised the crisis pregnancy program, Pregnancy Help, and helped develop end-of-life resource manuals for parishes. She was a founding member of Women Affirming Life with Fran Hogan. Her writings from a pro-life/pro-choice dialogue have been published in The Boston Globe. Of special note, following the Boston Marathon bombings, Barbara led special crisis and support counsel-

ing for students and staff at The Newman School in Boston.

Hogan, Klein, and Thorp join 20 other People of Life award-ees since the Pro-Life Secretariat inaugurated the award in 2007. More information on the People of Life Award and the bishops' People of Life campaign is available online: [www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/2013-people-of-life-award.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/2013-people-of-life-award.cfm).

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## A Farewell, Welcome and Congratulations

By John McCarthy

A hundred plus parishioners bid farewell to Father David Beaubien, our beloved pastor for the last 4 years, at a reception on July 6. Father David was re-assigned to become pastor of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish in Leonardtown, MD—a parish with a 300 year history. He will be remembered for his scripture tutorials at daily and Sunday Masses—he knew

how to “connect the dots”. Father was also brought the long planned of a Catechetical Center to “shovel ready” status during tenure. In addition to his pastoral duties, he served as Chaplin of Montgomery County Knights of Columbus Council 2323.

Our new pastor, Father John Dillon, was warmly welcomed the weekend of July 13-14. Father John comes to us from St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Hyattsville, MD, where he



Deacon Ralf Pagan delivering his first homily



Father David receiving gift from KofC Council 2323. Past Grand Knight David Ball (left) and Grand Knight Larry Royster (right)

served as pastor for the last 5 years. Father John, a native of Butler, PA and was ordained in 1998. His priestly ministry, prior to St. Mark's, included five years as Parochial Vicar at St. John Francis Regis Parish in Hollywood, Maryland (1998-2003), one year as Parochial Vicar at the Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda, (2003-4), four years as Administrator and then Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Pomfret,

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Parishioners conversing with Father Ralph at Potluck Breakfast

## Annual July 4 Potluck Breakfast

By Rose Attig

Tradition brought St. Francis of Assisi parishioners and friends together for the Annual July 4 Potluck Breakfast. Everyone was invited to bring a breakfast item to share. The holiday began with prayers of thanksgiving for our great nation, at the 9 am Mass, celebrated by Father David, our former Pastor, and Msgr. Ralph Kuehner (Father Ralph). The turnout was

large and all enjoyed the abundance of delicious food. More importantly, this sense of friendship and sharing is what makes St. Francis of Assisi Parish such a great Faith Community.

Since this was the last Potluck Breakfast that Father David would be sharing with us as Pastor, it made the morning even more meaningful and special. Thanks to Kathy McKee and Mary O'Sullivan who organized this annual event. **OPT**

(L-R) Back row: Michael Rieford, Wendel Hall, Susan Lea, Andy Hall; Middle: Fatimah Sarah Seyed-Ali, Samantha Perez, Amanda Biting, Kelly Walsh, Samantha Walsh, Anna Hall, Alicia Church, Wendel Hall, Chris Ryan; Front row: Diego Suris-Rodriguez



## St. Francis Teens – Summer of Love 2013

By Susan Lea, Director of Youth Ministry

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” ~ John 13:35

St. Francis youth group participates in two service work camps each summer—Catholic HEART work camp (CHWC) and Encounter the Gospel of Life (Encounter).

CHWC operated 51 camps this summer. This year St Francis youth participated in the Virginia Beach location in June. At the camp over 400 young people and adults served at more than 50 sites in the area. The CHWC Mission is twofold—to share the love of Christ as we serve the neglected, brokenhearted and the marginalized by inspiring participants to live as disciples of Christ through serving others as a way of life, and, to foster the Catholic Faith of each participant through the sacraments, prayer and involvement in social service.

Encounter, as usual, was at the

University of Maryland in July. At Encounter, 350 young people and adults served at 35 different locations in the DC/MD area. Encounter's camp focuses on “Direct-Relational” ministry opportunities, where you actually work with and get to know the people

you serve. The sites included places like homeless shelters, soup kitchens, children's day camps, senior and special care settings and a few legislative and advocacy sites. It was a hot, exhausting, emotional, and amazing week! **OPT**



(L-R) Top: Kyle Walsh; Middle: Susan Lea, Michael Vetter, Sarah Gonzales and Dylan Jordan; Front row: Mikaela DeLeon, Kevin Merrel, Elisabeth DeMarco, Diego Suris-Rodriguez, Patrick O'Brien, UMD Turtle, Sean Jordan, and Janet Vette

## Vacation Bible Camp 2013

By Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education

The anticipation begins months in advance and teen and adult volunteers spend countless hours preparing for the Vacation Bible Camp (VBC)! Seventy-five children participated in this wonderful week, June 24-28, sharing prayer, music, lessons, and activities designed to teach and celebrate our Catholic faith. Using resources from the *SonWest Roundup VBS* (Liguori Publications - <http://www.gospellightvbs.com/sonwest/>), participants learned the stories of Moses and the Israelites from the Book of Exodus and reflected on God's plan of salvation in Jesus.

Each day of VBC opened by Kathleen Mantua, VBC Director since 2010, introducing the day's Bible story. Teen and adult volunteers then led the children in their class groups as they rotated through five activity centers:

At “Saddle Up! Bible Stories Center,” the children met Moses, Aaron and Miriam through skits prepared by the leaders. Costumes and beautifully designed sets were created to invite the children to experience these stories more fully.

At “Miss Sheryl's Snack Center” the children shared specially prepared snacks, many of which related to our VBC theme or the day's Bible story.

At the “Giddy Up! Game Center,” the children enjoyed fun games and activities to celebrate God's love for each of us.

In the “Rip-Roarin' Music Center,” the children shared music

and dance as each class group prepared a special song to present at the Thursday evening family program.

In the “Trading Post Crafts Center,” the children made beautiful crafts to take home as a reminder of all that they had learned.

This year's VBC service project raised funds to buy shoes for children in Haiti. Families were also encouraged to pray for the children of Haiti using a special prayer written by Monsignor Ralph J. Kuehner. Donations totaling nearly \$400 were received and will be sent to our Sister Parish, St. Paul's in Leon, Haiti.

On Thursday evening, children, their families and VBC staff gathered for a program featuring a recap of each day's Bible story led by teens in costume and the special songs shared by each class group. The evening concluded with an Italian ice social. It was a wonderful week-- truly as advertised, a “rip-roaring good time with Jesus.” **OPT**

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# Exciting Summer at The Academy of the Holy Cross

Summer has been a busy season at The Academy of the Holy Cross! On campus, students participated in enrichment courses, sports camps, and a summer stock performance of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast." Administration and faculty made preparations for the inauguration of AHC's new 1-to-1 iPad Program. Off campus, groups traveled to Indiana Virginia, and France. Additionally, the Academy welcomed new president Kathleen Ryan Prebble (see full article elsewhere in this edition) and new Athletic Director Lisa Schrader.

Summer at the Academy included a week of enrichment courses such as College Essay Writing, Public Speaking, and High School Placement Test (HSPT) Prep. A new course, "College Application Academy," offered senior students the opportunity to complete the college application process – from filling out the "Common Application," to writing and editing their personal statement and résumé, to conducting mock interviews with college admissions counselors.

During the Academy's Summer Sports Camps, athletes of all levels could hone their sports skills.

Camps included Basketball, Field Hockey, Soccer, Poms and Cheer, Lacrosse, Softball, and Volleyball. Counselors of the camps were made up of coaches and varsity players from AHC's athletic program.

The Academy's Summer Stock staged Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" for their performance this year. Summer Stock allows young performers to be onstage with professional and semi-professional actors. This year's cast included over 70 youth. The four performances were either complete or near sellout houses.

Last spring, the Academy announced to the incoming Class of 2017, the inauguration of a 1-to-1 iPad Program. Each freshman receives an iPad, which she will use for the majority of her ninth grade level classes (books, classwork, projects, homework, etc.). The technology consulting team working with Holy Cross boosted infrastructural tech requirements such as wifi and servers over the summer to ensure the smooth addition of this technological program. Faculty received training on utilizing iPad technology in the classroom. Students received their new



A group from The Academy of the Holy Cross traveled to France this summer for a Heritage Trip (shown here at Versailles). The founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Blessed Basile Moreau, lived in Le Mans, which was on the trip itinerary.



Mary and Theresa Rogers at The Academy of the Holy Cross iPad Pickup. The Class of 2017 will inaugurate the Academy's 1-to-1 iPad program this year.

iPads prior to Freshman Orientation and had dedicated time to become familiar with it during orientation.

Ladies of the Academy or "LOTAs," as they affectionately refer to themselves, took several trips during the summer. In June, a group traveled to France for six days where they visited Paris, Lourdes, Chartres, and Le Mans (the birthplace of Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of the Sisters of the Holy Cross). A second group traveled to Clintwood, Va., for the annual service trip to the St. Joseph Home



Members of The Academy of the Holy Cross Summer Stock's "Beauty and the Beast" cast during the July performance, which played to sellout crowds.



Cecelia Rubertone, Holy Cross class of 2014, works the table saw while helping to add a deck to a home during the annual Service Trip to Clintwood, Virginia.

Repair Program. During the week-long trip, the group renovated two homes. A third group traveled to Notre Dame, Ind., for the annual Holy Cross Conference for Student Leaders. The five-day conference builds community, both nationally and internationally, among Holy Cross schools.

To complete the busy summer, the Academy announced the hiring of new Athletic Director Lisa Schrader. She joins the Academy from Quince Orchard High School where she was Athletic Director for five years. She has been praised for her supervision of the program, which included 43 teams and approximately 100 coaches. Her reputation among her colleagues is stellar. Highly respected by her students, she is known for her high standards of sportsmanship, and her understanding of the important role athletics plays in the overall academic mission of young people.

While summer was a busy time, the Academy eagerly looks forward to a full and active new year.



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# St. Michael's Parish Welcomes Ryan Pineda

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Ryan grew up in the Philippines before his family migrated to Guam. He has also lived in Los Angeles before moving to Hyattsville in



Ryan Pineda and Joanie Heavey

2005. He has taught high school math and science for several years in California and in Maryland. He had several part-time jobs as well that included tutoring at Boys and Girls Club, preparing tax returns at H&R Block, and working as a library assistant at Catholic University Nursing Library. He earned his Master's Degree in Education from Grand Canyon University and his Master's Degree in Library Science from The Catholic University of America.

Ryan claims that the first time he seriously considered the idea of becoming a priest happened when he was in high school during mass when a Capuchin brother gave his vocation story. He can still remember the emotions that he felt at that time. After years of prayer, discernment and spiritual direction, he finally applied to the Archdiocese of Washington. When asked why he wants to be a priest, Ryan believes and hopes that this might be the will of God for him. He claims that being a priest will

help him to deepen his relationship with God and His Church. Finally, he says that this vocation is his answer to God's invitation to follow him.

Ryan has been at St. Michael since June 29. Seminarians of the archdiocese are usually given a parish assignment during summer. Although he loves to stay at St. Michael, he needs to come back to Theological College, the seminary he attends, to continue his priestly formation as a Second Theology student. He further adds, "I am looking forward to Second Theology because this is the year where I will be installed as an Acolyte. I will also be doing my hospital ministry at Washington Hospital Center. Finally, the classes that I will take at CUA will be more challenging but very interesting."

Thus, when you see Ryan after mass or at the parish rectory, please extend your welcome to our seminarian this summer.

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## Upcoming Events at Saint Michael the Archangel Church

- SMC Knights of Columbus Annual Crab Feast – Friday, August 23. Contact Sir Knight Jim Robertson – 301.589-0306
- First Friday Adoration, Friday, September 6
- Religious Education classes begin Sunday, September 8. To register please call 301.587.2395
- Sodality Bake Sale, Sunday, September 22
- MichaelMas Patron Day Celebration, Saturday, September 28

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## St. Michael's celebrates El Salvador del Mundo

By Edwin Mendez

**E**l Salvador del Mundo celebrations at Saint Michael the Archangel parish brought moments of joy and fellowship, prayer and communion and overall of a greater closeness to God. Throughout the liturgical celebration that happened during El Salvador del Mundo, we commemorated the Transfiguration of the Lord and the Feast Day of El Salvador which is when every august El Salvador del Mundo is celebrated as their patron saint.

The tradition of the Hispanic community is to celebrate this Feast Day with the entire Hispanic Community on the second Sunday

of the month of August. Previous to the Mass, the community met in the parish center to sing and to pray during the procession that went around the Church. Mass was beautiful and dances during the offertory filled the temple with joy.

Following Mass, the celebration in the Williamsburg Room was excellent. Dances from many parts of Central and South America filled everyone with emotion as they each enjoyed food from different countries and had fellowship with all parishioners. Everyone felt welcome and in unity, which made the people who came for the first time to a celebration, have the desire to return to the parish. It was definitely another wonderful celebration.

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## FAREWELL

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Maryland (2004-8). Father John will be officially installed by Cardinal Wuerl on August 18 at the 11:15 Mass. We look forward to Father John's ministry to the St. Francis of Assisi community.

Congratulations were in order for parishioner Rafael (Ralf) Pagan who, along with 24 other men, was ordained to the permanent diaconate by Cardinal Wuerl on June 22. A large contingent of parishioner's attended the ordination ceremony at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Ralf has been an active parishioner for 30 years – member of the choir and cantor since 1985, served on many committees and on the Pastoral Council, where served as the chairperson for several years. In 2005, he and his wife Maureen received the Archdiocese's Order of Merit award. He was also editor of the St. Francis contributions to OPT for



Father John Dillon with Deacon Jim Datovech

many years. A reception was held in the parish center after his Mass of Thanksgiving on June 23. He has been assigned to St. Catherine Laboure Parish in Wheaton. While

we will miss Deacon Ralf, we know that his Hispanic heritage will be of great benefit to the St. Catherine's parish community.

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## Ann Jurkowsk Requiescat in Pace

By K.C. Davy

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**Genevieve Ann Jurkowsk**  
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**M**other of God School and St. John Neumann parish grieves the loss of Genevieve Ann Jurkowsk who was an example of humility, peace and graceful suffering.

An experienced educator, Ann came to teach at Mother of God School, later becoming principal. Comments from former students include: "the perfect teacher. She understood us." "A saint! Patient, forgiving." "She showed the light of Christ. She was a holy woman."

Teachers remember her as a wise, prayerful mother to many, peaceful and gracious. "Mrs. J." cared about each staff member, each student and each family and was present and

available to everyone, while caring for her husband, children and grandchildren.

As principal she prayed about a yearly theme and while on vacation she and her husband Hank would buy a symbolic object (a lighthouse, a ship, a lantern) for each classroom to use as a focus for the teachers and students and she would remind us of them often. At each assembly she would weave the theme into the prayers.

At each Mass, Ann reminded the students that just as Mary carried Jesus within her so were *they* living tabernacles. Afterwards they left with a sacrifice of silence knowing that special privilege of having Jesus within them. Even the youngest children responded to this by silently walking out with their hands over their hearts. She introduced a picture of Our Lady, Mother of the Eucharist to the school which stills inspires everyone.

When Mrs. Jurkowsk became gravely ill with cancer, the school prayed for her each day. Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders were in Kindergarten and First Grade when she was principal so most of the students didn't know who she was. After Mass the week before she died I told them about how much she loved the school and how we could honor her by remembering her words. We sang a song that she loved: "Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary... In thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you."

Mother of God School "seeks to prepare students who... go forth bearing Christ to the world..."

This was Ann's deepest desire. She lived this. Her life's work will resonate for generations in the hundreds of students she taught as well as in her own 18 grandchildren.

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## Faith Quest: A Summer Adventure

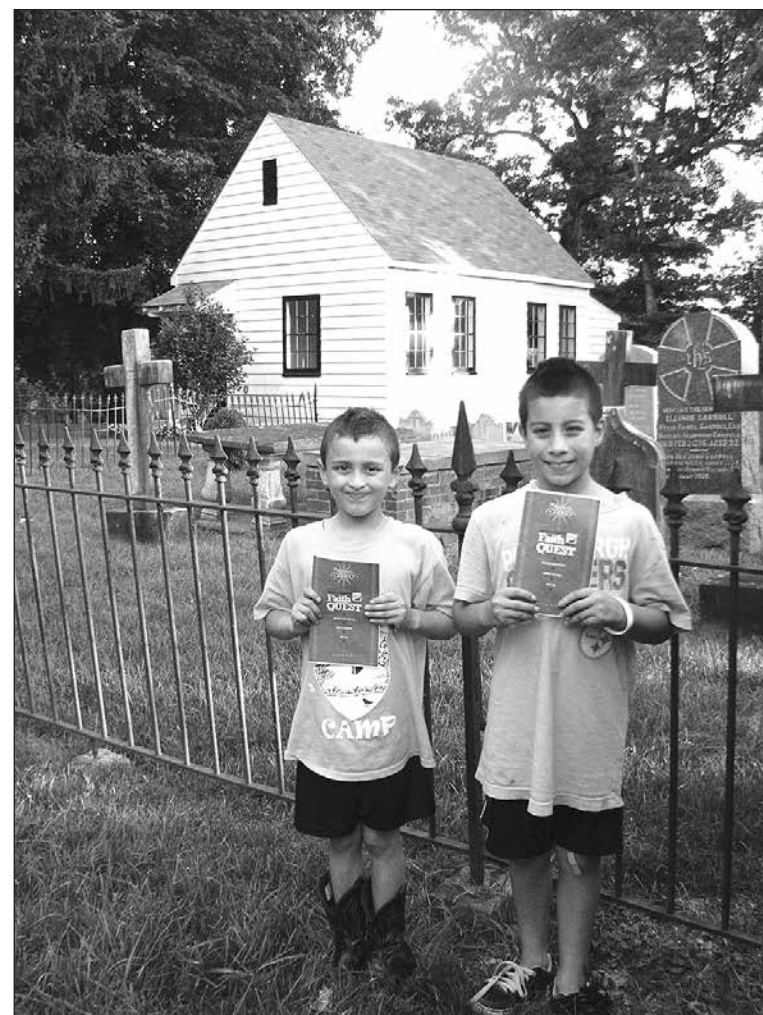
By Melba Beaumont

**"I** loved it!" said Maria Idoni, St. John Neumann parishioner, about Faith Quest. Maria visited 9 out of the 23 sites of historical or spiritual significance scattered throughout the Archdiocese of Washington that were part of the Faith Quest program. "I just wish I could have visited more!"

Faith Quest, part pilgrimage and part interactive puzzle, ran from May 26 to July 20 with the goals of helping participants to explore their heritage as Catholics, grow in holiness, and enjoy themselves, too, in this Year of Faith. Participants completed an activity at each site they visited and received a stamp in their "passport" booklet. Eight or more stamps earned an invitation to the final celebration, which featured Mass celebrated by Cardinal Wuerl, dinner, and prizes for categories like "Best Team Name" and "Best Facebook Post."

More than a dozen teams of St. John Neumann parishioners went on Faith Quest adventures, joining nearly 1,000 participants from the archdiocese and beyond. Some visited only a few sites, but some were "super questers." In fact, the first team to check off all 23 sites were our own parishioners: Peggy Burns and Louise Dufresne, a.k.a. Team Wazers, who won a prize for that distinction.

"We didn't set out [initially] to visit all the sites," noted Peggy. But something happened one day when they mapped out a route to southern Maryland -- they came away determined to do as many quests as possible. "It was amazingly beautiful to have this experience," she said. "Faith Quest changed my faith. It changed the way I look at the Church. The Church is so much



**Team Crooked Halos** show their Faith Quest passports at the Carroll Chapel in Forest Glen -- a replica of the chapel built in 1774 where Fr. John Carroll (who would later become the first bishop of the U.S.) celebrated Mass for his mother (buried here), brother Daniel (signer of the U.S. Constitution, also buried here), and other family members and residents of the area.

more than I knew."

If you didn't get a chance to participate in Faith Quest 2013, don't fret! You can see a list of the sites and download the activity guides at <http://site.adw.org/pilgrimage-sites> through the rest of the summer. Perhaps you'll make your first stop

our own parish or go to one or more of the nine pilgrimage sites where you can gain a plenary indulgence during the Year of Faith. Look for more Faith Quest next year, with new sites and new activities, as the Archdiocese of Washington celebrates its 75th anniversary!

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## Knights Yard Sale – Success!

**W**e are so proud of the men in Our Lady of Guadalupe Council #12127 Knights of Columbus. Once again they have proven that they are there for the parish community and worked diligently to pull off the much anticipated annual yard sale.

And what a sale! PGK Jim Barr said, "This was a cooperative effort of our Brother Knights, from setting

up the tents, to sorting the merchandise, to the final sales of items."

People in the parish and around the county do look forward to this sale for fun, entertainment and good ol' fashion bargains. Proceeds help fund parish programs sponsored by the Knights.

Weeks before the event, the Knights pick up and store items at Neumann House, across from church. Then comes the big "push" to raise the tent and display the furniture, rugs, appliances, clothing, electronics and knick-knacks on the weekend of the sale.

As anyone knows who has done their own sale, there is an enormous amount of work that goes into the advertising and organizing on the days just preceding the event.

The Knights were there to ensure that all went smoothly. They're now preparing for next year's event.

Anybody want to buy a Calabash?

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This is one of the four outdoor altars built especially for the celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 2, 2013, at Our Lady Queen of Poland & St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Silver Spring, MD. The Mass was celebrated by OLQP Pastor Rev. John Fiedurek, S.Chr. and visiting priests, followed by procession to the outdoor altars. Some of the young parishioners who gathered for a group photo afterwards were members of the Polish Scouting Organization, first communicants, and Polish Saturday School students.



OLQP Pastor, Rev. Jan Fiedurek, S.Chr., greets parishioners and the first communicants at Our Lady Queen of Poland & St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Silver Spring, MD, on May 19, 2013: Sebastian Bilinski, Nicholas Bochenek, Julianne Cieciewicz-Elias, Urszula Cieslak, Agata Czaja, Zofia Dyba, Damian Golebiowski, Aleksandra Gondek, Agata Gorska, Matthew Hassett, David Khabiye, Arletta Kochanowski, Andrew Konieczny, Jack Lasota, Lukasz Magierowski, Tomasz Magierowski, Aleksandra Majewska, Dominik Maslowski, Lidia Mason, Aleksandra Mogzecz, Konrad Niwa, Alexander Piszczatowski, Christina Szerszen, John Szerszen, Piotr Wilk, Isabella Zeigler.



On May 7, 2013, Polish Saturday School students from Our Lady Queen of Poland & St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Silver Spring, MD, with school director Ewa Chlebowska and parents, dressed in traditional Polish costumes and handed out joined Polish and American flag pins to guests at the Polish Ambassador's Residence in Washington, DC, to commemorate the Polish Constitution Day of May 3, 1791. After the United States, Poland was the second country in the world to have a written constitution. Here, the students have just presented the pin to special guest Vice-President Joseph Biden, who is seen attaching it to his lapel.



COLQP Polish scouts participated in the brownie-cub scout camp "Kolonja Zuchowa" in Pennsylvania and in the Polish Girl Scout camp in Connecticut this summer. Pictured are Scouting Leader Bozenna Buda and scouts Julka Syska, Klaudia Weidlich, Alicia Coleman, and Kasper Syski. Not pictured are Eagle Scout Buc Syski and Girl Scout Sophie Botto.

## OLQP Parishioner Walter Zachariasiewicz in the News

By Bojenna Buda, Editor

**S**ir Walter Wladyslaw Zachariasiewicz, OLQP parishioner, author, and much-decorated Polonia leader, who will celebrate his 102nd birthday this coming November 7, is again in the news.

This summer, TV Polonia included an interview with Walter in its special broadcast, seen internationally, featuring famous Polish and Diaspora persons. Walter's segment



OLQP Parishioner Walter Zachariasiewicz with Polish scout Ola Cieciewicz.

was entitled: Notacje: Wladyslaw Zachariasiewicz. "Chcialem polaczyc Polakow na calym swiecie (I wanted to link together Polish people throughout the world)."

Walter was born in Krakow, Poland, and graduated from the

Jagiellonian University. As a student, he was elected President of the Student Democratic Association and the International Student Fellowship. During World War II, he was arrested and deported to a gulag by Soviet Russians. After

his release, he served with General Anders' Polish Army that fought on the side of the Allies against Nazi Germany.

After he immigrated to the United States in 1948, he worked as executive director of the Polish-American Relief Committee, director of operations in the Democratic National Committee, and Assistant Postmaster General. He became a leader in Polish American organizations. He worked for a free Poland and authored, "The Independence Ethos of American Polonia." Pope John Paul II named him to the Board of Directors of the John Paul II Foundation.

Walter continues to be active in many organizations, including the Washington Chapter of the Friends of the John Paul II Foundation.

In addition to archives of his interviews in Poland, there is the Walter Zachariasiewicz Collection (AFC/2001/001/14573), Veterans History Project, American Folklife Center, at the Library of Congress.

## Announcements

### Registration for OLQP Polish Saturday School for the 2013-2014 Year

The Polish Saturday School calendar begins in late September and ends in early June. The School accepts children in preschool through grade four. The contact is School Director Ewa Chlebowska by email: [EwaChlebowska@yahoo.com](mailto:EwaChlebowska@yahoo.com)

### Registration for Polish Scouting Organization ZHP at OLQP

The new Polish Scouting year begins in October for brownies, cub-scouts, and scouts. For information and registration, contact Scouting Leader Bozenna Buda by email: [Polish.Scouts@gmail.com](mailto:Polish.Scouts@gmail.com)

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## St. Raphael

## Special Needs Mass to be Held at St. Raphael

Last year during the month of September, St. Raphael held its first Special Needs Mass. The Scriptural readings that were read at this Mass were providential in how our God provides mercy to those who need our care especially those with disabilities (see these readings by going to [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/090912.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/090912.cfm)). It was a particularly poignant and proved to be evidence of the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit on our inaugural Special Needs Mass.

We are pleased to announce that St. Raphael will once again host a Special Needs Mass on September 29, 2013 at the 11:30 a.m. Mass where "all are

welcome". This Mass will have an ASL Interpreter available for those individuals of the deaf community. After the Mass, we invite all in attendance to our Fellowship in our Trumpet Room, where we will have information on resources as well as members of our Special Needs Ministry available to answer questions on what we are doing to expand services within our growing Ministry. We consider this Mass as a kick-off of extending participation to all persons to the worship of our Lord and in sharing to the Good News to all during this coming academic year. Watch future editions of OPT that will alert you of our upcoming Special Needs Masses.

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## St. Raphael Parish Holds Bereavement Seminar

The loss of an important person in our lives is one of the most difficult lifetime experiences. Our Bereavement Ministry members have experienced death through the loss of a spouse, child, parents, siblings, and friends and they understand the complexity of the grieving process. St. Raphael has held the *Living With Loss Program* twice during the calendar year since 2010

to offer personal support, practical ideals and a spiritual perspective to help you move through the bereavement process.

This year's fall session of our Bereavement Seminar is scheduled to begin on **October 3, 2013** and will continue for seven consecutive weeks with each session lasting approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours. The number of participants is limited in

size to create a comfortable environment for sharing. If you are an adult, 18 years or older, and have suffered the death of an important person - your spouse, child, parent, sibling, or friend, you are eligible to attend. There is no cost for the program but we do require a telephone interview and a commitment to attend all sessions. Please call **Ursula Boesch at 301-762-7134** to register.

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## St. Raphael Parish News

Fall is an exciting time in St. Raphael Parish. Everyone comes back from their summer adventures and settles back into the routine of fall schedules. St. Raphael is an active and enthusiastic parish, and there are many exciting happenings planned for all ages in the weeks to come.

## Special Needs Ministry

Last year, St. Raphael started a religious education for children with autism. Our first class had three students. This year, we have more students, enough to start a second class! We are so proud to be able to accommodate these students and educate them in the Catholic faith. St. Raphael will be hosting another special needs Mass this fall, date still to be determined.

## Adult Faith Formation

Our Adult Faith Formation is a

very active group that offers many wonderful opportunities to expand upon one's knowledge of the Catholic faith. This fall, AFF will be offering a six-week course on "The Creed." The class in an in depth look at the history and meaning of the articles of the Creed, including the trinity and creation, original sin, the incarnation, Revelation, the end times, eschatology, Mary our Mother, and ecumenism.

## Other Parish Programs

The very successful "That Man is You" reconvenes on Sept. 14, with the first meeting of their 26 week program. Men of the parish are invited to join the more than 100 others who meet weekly to evaluate their spiritual lives and enhance their awareness of a continuing union with God.

The Women of St. Raphael provide an on-line, faith sharing space

for the women of St. Raphael parish that is more frequent than the bulletin, more dynamic than the parish web site, and more accessible than in-person meetings, with the goal of weaving the women of the parish into a tapestry of faith and friendship for the greater glory of God. See what the Women of St. Raphael are discussing on their website: <http://womenofstaphael.blogspot.com>

## Youth

Our high school youth group participated in a special and unusual annual tradition in mid-August. Forget the dog days of summer. This group celebrated the Winter Olympics and participated in activities such as ice skating and sledding but without the snow and ice! Our high schoolers also visited Raphael House residents for a joyful sing-a-long. Middle school youth group starts up again on Aug. 26.

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follow-up activities to build on the reading assignments. SRS will also be introducing a Guardian Angel program, where exemplary leadership and supportive behavior will be recognized.

## New Faculty

St. Raphael School is welcoming two new faculty members this fall. Caitlin Stonesifer joins SRS as our new third-grade teacher. Stonesifer holds both a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction from Florida State University. Cynthia Buzby will

be joining our staff as the home-room teacher for our first graduating class. Buzby has a Master of Education, is certified as both teacher and catechist, and has more than 20 years of teaching experience. She is ending her tenure as the assistant principal at Bishop Schad Regional School in Vineland, New Jersey. We are thrilled to have them both on board at SRS!

## Bake Sale and Golf Tournament

On Sunday, Sept. 15, organizers of the Fr. Bill Finch Memorial Golf Classic are having a bake sale after the Masses. Parent volunteers and students are searching through their favorite recipes and ready to whip up some goodies for our fellow

parishioners.

The golf tournament will be held on Monday, Oct. 21, at Manor Country Club. This tournament, now in its fifth year, has become a not only a highlight of the year in our parish, and a wonderful way to remember Fr. Bill, but also raises funds for the educational building that was his dream.

## Angels on the Run

Our second annual Angels on the Run 5K/1K will take place on Saturday, Sept. 21. This event takes runners through the neighborhood around the parish is a great way to celebrate our school and community. A little workout on a Saturday morning with friends and family is a great way to get us back in gear for the coming year!

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## Shrine of St. Jude



## Senior altar servers

Eight high school seniors were recently honored for their eight years of altar service. The servers received a plaque and a book, titled *College Faith: Own It*. Pictured, from left to right, are Billy Campbell, Mark Sintetos, Jimmy Donatelli, St. Jude Pastor Fr. Paul Lee, PJ Oristian, Brennan Craven, Patrick Danahy, and Corey Ferrick. Anthony Lozupone is not pictured.

## St. Jude Loses Long-Time Parishioner Ben Benoit

Wilton (Ben) J. Benoit  
(1931 - 2013)

Ben Benoit, married to Rita for 56 years, served the St. Jude parish in many ways. He was an usher, hall monitor for religious education, member of the Holy Name Society, and provided support for Sodality events. Additionally, Ben opened the church before each 6:30 a.m. Mass—the pastor knew he could call on him for anything. Recently he assumed control of the votive candle operation. He spent so many hours in this job that he was lovingly called the "candle man." Ben died of cancer on June 10 and was buried at Arlington Cemetery on July 10. He will be greatly missed by everyone at St. Jude.



## 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington

*March led to advances in civil rights for minority racial groups*

*More effort needed for non-violence, dialogue among races*

*Need to address poverty, joblessness, voting rights, racial inequality*

The 50th anniversary of the August 28, 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom calls people to address poverty, racism and class inequality, said the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Cultural Diversity.

The committee, which is chaired by Bishop Daniel Flores of Brownsville, Texas, issued its statement August 13, as the nation prepares to commemorate the event at which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech on the National Mall.

"We join our voices to those who call for and foster continued dialogue and non-violence among people of different races and cultures, and who work tirelessly for the transformative, constructive actions that are always the fruit of such authentic dialogue," the bishops said. "We rejoice in the advances

that have occurred over the past 50 years, and sadly acknowledge that much today remains to be accomplished. However, we must always view the task that remains from the perspective of the continued call to hope and in the light of faith."

The bishops cited both Dr. King, who said "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope," and Pope Francis, who in his first encyclical, *Lumen Fidei*, declared that "Faith teaches us to see that every man and woman represents a blessing for me, that the light of God's face shines on me through the faces of my brothers and sisters."

The bishops urged solidarity to meet the goals of the 1963 march.

"We join the call for positive action that seeks to end poverty, increase jobs, eliminate racial and class inequality, ensure voting rights, and that provides fair and just opportunities for all," they said.

The bishops' statement can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/resources/index.cfm>.

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## Bilingual tour guides needed at Franciscan Monastery

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land (1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC) is seeking volunteer tour guides who are bilingual (Spanish-English). Guides will lead visitors on tours of the historic church, including replicas of Holy Land shrines and catacombs. Training will be provided.

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## St. Jude Fifth-Grade Boys Bring Home Rockville Baseball Championship

Although school was out for summer, the St. Jude fifth-grade boys' baseball team knew they had one more job to complete before their school year was over – winning the Rockville Baseball Association Pee Wee Championship! After finishing the regular season at 12-1, the boys entered the double elimination playoffs as the number one seed. After losing in the semifinals the boys had to come back from the loser's bracket and beat that same team twice to win the title. Behind strong pitching from Dylan Monday, Kevin Ourand and TJ Mouchti, excellent catching by Patrick Ribas, timely hitting from Michael Bader and Jack Hudren, and two fantastic plays at second base by Nick Sanders, the boys came out strong to win the championship, 6-2. Justin Davis, Matthias Barish, Andrew Chestnut, AJ Russell, and Andrew Cocchiara were also key contributors. The Bulldogs received great fan support from St. Jude Pastor Father Paul Lee, who was in the dugout during the game. "I am proud of our boys for working hard all season and for fighting through adversity in the playoffs to win this well-deserved championship," said Coach Steve Monday.



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Jennifer Bernier presents Elizabeth Dolson with the 2013 Coach "B" Award

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The St. Bernadette Coach "B" Award has been created in memory of alumnus, parent, and coach, **Tom Bernier**. This award recognizes the virtues of a Catholic student-athlete who best demonstrates leadership and humility, personal development and teamwork; and shines as a light of Christ through commitment to Catholic community and service.

Twelve St. Bernadette athletes were nominated this year and after

much difficult deliberation the award was presented to Elizabeth Dolson for her consistent exhibition of these qualities.

The other nominees were: Annette Johnson, Joseph Doolan, Brian Doolan, Job Sarwal, George Clifford, Matthew Lawson, Alex Russ, Devin Stanton, Maggie Hawley, Olivia Garcia, and Marcus Green. Congratulations to all!

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## Meet Fr. Shaun Foggo, St. Peter's Newest Priest

By Father Shaun Foggo

Throughout my entire life, I have been blessed with a loving family and a wide array of friendships, which I can already see developing here at Saint Peter's. All of these people have helped make my experiences more exciting and have helped me to meet the challenges I have faced. Through all of this, it is the hand of God that has guided me.

My parents have always been very supportive and loving. I remember my mother taking me to my first day of kindergarten at Saint Jerome's in Hyattsville, Maryland, where I was raised. That day was significant for me because it was the beginning of a long period of involvement with Catholic schools. Both of my brothers and I attended DeMatha Catholic High School. Interestingly, one of the teachers there, Father Albert, told me that I was going to be a priest, but I did not want to think of that at that time. In the fall of 1995, I began a Bachelor's degree in History at The Catholic University of America, where my mom worked as a secretary in the Politics Department.

Overall, my college career was very successful. I met many new friends who remain close to me to this day. Two of these friends include Father Tim Daly, from the Orlando diocese, and Father Jim Garneaut, from Raleigh, North Carolina. These two priests vested me at my diaconate and priesthood ordinations.

After graduating from Catholic University,



Father Shaun Foggo

I began teaching Physical Education at Saint Mark's in Hyattsville. In the summer of 2004, I was accepted to graduate school at Catholic University. I was also hired as a part-time P.E. teacher at Saint Pius X in Bowie.

Upon completion of a Master's degree in secondary education, I was hired as a World and U.S. History teacher at DeMatha High School and as the head coach for the freshman baseball team. It was then

that I met another DeMatha teacher by the name of Scott Holmer, now Father Scott Holmer. He and I entered the seminary and were ordained to the priesthood together.

It is clear to see the hand of God in many of my experiences. Since joining the seminary, I have experienced a much closer relationship with God, Who has been there for me in my relationships with family and friends, throughout my endeavors, and most apparent, during the difficult times. I have also sensed Our Lady's presence throughout my time in the seminary. After my ordination as a deacon, I began to feel a deep sense of peace and satisfaction that I was on the route that God had been guiding me on all along.

My joy has only increased upon my ordination to the priesthood in mid-June of this summer and my coming to such a great parish as Saint Peter's. I am looking forward to continuing to grow in my journey, both in my relationship with God and with the community here at Saint Peter's Parish.

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## Saint Peter's Goes Wireless

At the end of last school year, the St. Peter's Technology Committee determined that the school was ready to expand its wireless system and use of technology in real-life applications. Throughout the summer, the Committee researched appropriate tablets that would be most effectively used in the school's environment, and the maintenance crew pulled wires and installed access points.

After much deliberation, the Committee decided that Apple iPads would best serve both our students and teachers. Many of the teachers had already used their personal iPads in the classroom, so the need for professional development would not be as great. Thirty-one iPads were purchased, along with protective covers and keyboards. A generous parent provided the resources to purchase several e-Readers for the library.

The school bought a new science program for the middle school that features on-line textbooks and other resources the students can link into during class and at home. Apple has collaborated with the company to provide engaging apps that support the curriculum. Although the new iPads will be shared throughout the school, it is expected that they will

be most often used in the middle school science classes for this year.

The Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools Office engaged a new on-line standardized testing company, Scantron, last year. Now the students are tested three times throughout the year and this makes it difficult to use the school's computer room for other subjects and projects. With the new iPad mobile lab, one class can be testing in their classroom, while another class can be in the computer room. As the teachers and students become more proficient using the tablets, it is expected that the school will purchase more mobile labs in the future.

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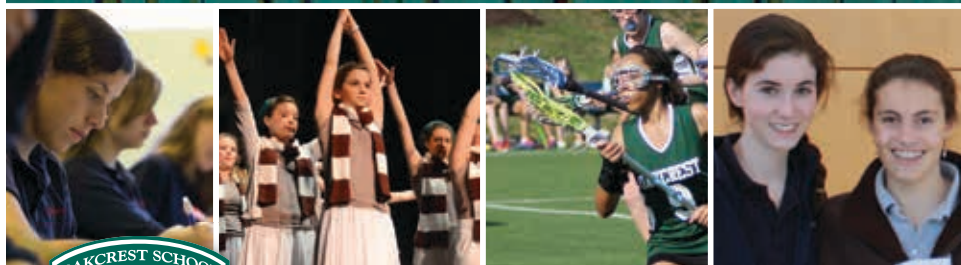
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## St. Bernadette Graduates

St Bernadette graduates (Class of 2005) at their Saint Joseph's University graduation in Philadelphia. (L-R): Sarah Lilly, Tim Devins, Maggie Long



## OLYMPICS

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women's play, D'Alesandro Park in Little Italy, Baltimore.

Sept. 20-22: Tennis, men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles, Druid Hill Park, Baltimore.

Sept. 22: Running 5k, Get Ready, Get Set, Get Fit 5k, Baltimore.

Sept. 24: Golf, Compass Pointe Golf Course, Pasadena.

Sept. 24: Line Dancing, Myerburg Senior Center, Baltimore.

Sept. 27-29: Croquet, Ginger Cove/West River Wickets, Annapolis.

Sept. 28: Table Tennis, Baltimore Table Tennis Club, Old Court Middle School, Pikesville.

Sept. 29: Running 10k, Sinai Race For Kids, Baltimore.

Sept. 29: Archery, Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center, Parkton.

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## PILGRIMAGE

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sion crossed Memorial Bridge and headed for St. Matthew's Cathedral to recite the Glorious Mysteries.

The last leg was to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Holy Mass was celebrated in the packed and overflowing Eucharistic Chapel. A buffet was served on the south terrace of the Basilica as people recounted the stories of the day. Just as the last food was served and clean-up finished, the skies, which had been threatening all day, opened up and dispersed the tired but happy pilgrims. Previous pilgrimages each followed a different route.

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## GRADUATION

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Brookewood's Class of 2013 had ten graduates, half of whom were founding students in 2006 of the K-12 school. One graduate, Marisol Alicea, who received the Cardinal Hickey Award, journeyed from Poolesville to Kensington everyday by the MARC commuter train. She was an enthusiastic evangelizer with fellow passengers in what was dubbed "the Gospel according to MARC." The conductor came to the ceremony and presented her with a MARC conductor's jacket. Marisol has begun doing a year of missionary work in Atlanta, GA before beginning her college career.

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Twenty-three high school-age young women attended the first annual Fiat Days camp. This discernment retreat was organized by several Montgomery County youth ministers, open to all girls in the Archdiocese, and led by sisters from various religious orders.

## First Annual Fiat Days Camp

By MyLan Metzger, a senior at Wootton High School who attends weekly Youth Group at St. Raphael in Rockville

I love nuns! I really do! I was fortunate to grow up around nuns starting at a very young age. I greatly admired my principal, who was a nun. I even wanted to be nun at the age of six because I thought she was so amazing and wanted to be just like her! I also thought that all nuns were principals, and all principals were nuns. But that confusion was cleared away when I started spending time going on retreats, camps, and after school clubs with sisters in my area. Some of my favorite memories of summer were going on an all-girls camp in the mountains with an order of religious sisters.

About a year ago, I began considering what my vocation is. I

loved to hear stories of how both married and religious woman knew where God was calling them and responded zealously. I started to put some thought into where God was calling me. During this time, the boys' discernment retreat, Quo Vadis, was being discussed in my parish. I remember writing down in my prayer journal how I wish the Archdiocese would create a similar discernment retreat for girls.

A year later, I was signed up for the first ever girls' discernment retreat in the Archdiocese, Fiat Days 2013! The retreat was such an amazing experience and made it so clear to me that God answers our prayers. He wants young people to find their vocation, even more than they want to. Fiat Days was a wonderful time for me to draw closer to God. I learned to not be afraid of listening to God's voice

and to respond with the same faith, energy, and love to God's will as Mary did! I was able to meet other girls my age wanting to find the same peace and assurance in Christ as I was. I also had the opportunity to spend time with several religious sisters who I could instantly tell were filled with the Holy Spirit and God's love.

Still in the early stages of discerning my vocation, I am not completely sure where God's calling me yet, but this retreat was a wonderful step in the right direction. I am so glad that the Archdiocese created this wonderful retreat, and I look forward to returning again next year! With every retreat I attend, I cannot help but fall even deeper in love with Jesus Christ and his holy Catholic Church, and Fiat Days just exemplified this.

## St. Raphael School Update

By Nora Stephens

It seems as though the summer has flown by at record speed! But the students, faculty, and staff of St. Raphael School are ready to come back and change the world.

### Change the World

*Change the World* is the theme of the 2013-14 academic year. Mohandas K. Gandhi once famously said, "Be the change you want to see in the world." It is up to us to get involved, perform acts of charity and public service, and make a difference in our community. Our school community begins this school year with our own "Day to Serve." We are participating as just a small part of this collaborative interdenominational effort to help families in need. On Sept. 16 and 17, students are encouraged to bring in a donation from

the urgent needs list for Stepping Stones Shelter, a Rockville organization that "provides a continuum of services to homeless families with children in order to move them from crisis to a stable home environment." "Stepping Stones is a wonderful organization, and SRS is a proud supporter of many events throughout the school year.

### EAT Initiative

This fall, we are starting an Emotional Assistance Team initiative at St. Raphael School, which focuses on affective development and emotional issues with the goal of offering students concrete ways to teach leadership, guide friendship, and help them grow to emotional maturity. The first step was to send home special summer reading assignments about friendships and bullying. When school resumes, each homeroom will have

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