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The explosion and subsequent fire at the Flower Branch Apartments at the corner of Flower Avenue and Piney Branch Road on August 10 destroyed the homes of more than 100 persons.

Helping Victims of the Silver Spring Fire

The massive explosion and fire at a Silver Spring apartment complex on August 10 left seven people dead, thirty-four injured, and about one hundred without homes. Many of the victims were parishioners at St. Camillus, St. Michael, and Our Lady of Sorrows parishes.

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The Franciscan friars at St. Camillus Parish in Silver Spring – along with support from Interfaith Works, area congregations, and community agencies – organized and held a prayer vigil on August 14 for their neighbors suffering from the impact of the recent fire at the Flower Branch Apartments. The vigil was attended by hundreds of persons. A two minute video is available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=DUFmz1RmC9Y&feature=youtu.be.

Street Mercy



Chuck Short

Hope your summer was restful and spiritually restorative. The fall activities ahead will require a rested mind, body and spirit to manage the holidays, sports, chores, traffic, school, etc. that September brings. Amidst bitter political campaigns,

we will need a focused perspective on peace and charity to help us continue along our journeys of mercy to which Pope Francis has called us.

Before we reflect together, let's joyfully welcome the new Montgomery county pastors, Msgr. Bill Parent at St. Elizabeth's; Bro. Chris Posch at St. Camillus; and Fr. Francisco Tovar at Our Lady of Sorrows. These dedicated priests join the outstanding corps of pastors who shepherd us in worship and service. A grateful welcome as well to all the new priests, especially those in the class of 2016, deacons, school principals, teachers and parish staff and volunteers. Our Catholic communities are blessed to have you and thank you for your service and sacrifice.

Victory Housing is the affordable and senior housing arm of the Archdioceses of Washington founded by Msgr. Ralph Kuehner. For the past twenty five years, it's been led by one of the most effective and successful non-profit housing developers in the country, Jim Brown. Jim announced his retirement this summer. While he certainly has earned retirement, he will be missed at the helm of Victory Housing. During his tenure, Victory Housing has developed thirty communities, most for the elderly, many operating within

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Despite 90° temperatures and blazing sunlight UCR families and supporters patiently pose for a group photo before starting the first-annual 5K Walk & Roll-a-thon at Good Counsel High School.

Walkin' & Rollin' SUCCESS

By Jenn Lynn

Upcounty Community Resources, a non-profit serving a growing population of adults with special needs, originated

in St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Derwood roughly four years ago. SFA parishioners and families still make-up a huge cornerstone of this organization and are thrilled with the success of the group's first-ever fundraiser.

Roughly 70 community members, with and without special needs, came together for the first annual **Walk & Roll-a-thon** on July 16. The event was held at **Our Lady**

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Mercy U: A Lay Theology Institute

Our Lady of Mercy Parish is beginning something new this fall. Father Bill Byrne wanted to provide opportunities to study higher level theology to Catholics living in suburban DC. He stated that "People are hungry for a deeper knowledge of the Lord but are unlikely to enroll in a full semester course, and are less likely to drive to Catholic University of America to do so." Father Bill's solution has been to partner with the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception (aka) the Dominican House of Studies to provide four week mini-courses



covering topics in church history, moral theology, scripture, philosophy and systematic theology.

Cardinal Wuerl has expressed his support for Mercy U in a statement found on the organization's web site which begins with a quote from Pope Francis: "Evangelizing is the church's mission, it is not the mission of only a few, but it is mine, yours and our mission." Cardinal Wuerl continues, "These words of Pope Francis underscore the importance of adult faith formation. If we are to

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Requiescat in Pace – Jeffrey L. Jones

The Georgetown Prep community will gather on Saturday, September 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel for a Memorial Mass celebrating the life of former Headmaster Jeffrey L. Jones. Mr. Jones, 61, passed away surrounded by friends and family on Saturday, June 25, at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Jones suffered from serious health issues over the past year, and he had a mechanical heart installed this past spring while he waited for a heart transplant.

In May 2015, Jeff –as he was known by all – announced his retirement as Headmaster effective at the end of the 2015-2016 academic year. Unfortunately, in December, Jeff was hospitalized and transported to Los Angeles.

Jeff served Georgetown Prep for two decades, including the last nine years as Headmaster. In his role as Headmaster, he took the School's curriculum and academic profile to new heights while hiring many outstanding faculty members. He stood as a role model for our student body, developing lasting personal



relationships with hundreds of our young men over the years.

For a year and a half, Jeff served as acting president. He graciously accepted this additional responsibility and kept Prep on a steady course during a time of transition. Jeff served as an administrator in various capacities at the School since his arrival in 1998, including seven years as Prep's Dean of Students.

Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Georgetown Prep's president, said, "In October, I had the privilege of presenting Jeff with the Insignis Medal, Prep's highest

honor. Insignis is the Latin word for "exceptional," and an entirely apt descriptor of Jeff. Jeff exemplified in extraordinary ways Georgetown Preparatory School's highest ideals and aspirations."

Gregory Dyson '76, chairman of Georgetown Prep's Board of Trustees, added, "For 20 years Jeff Jones touched the lives of hundreds of young men and their families here at Georgetown Prep. He embodied truly a man for others. From the classroom to the ball fields and in the arts his support and mentorship was ever present. On behalf of the members of the Board of Trustees, I extend condolences to Jeff's family and our prayers at this time."

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angels of the Lord!
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to God the Most High.

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And let perpetual light shine
upon him.
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Fr. Enzler

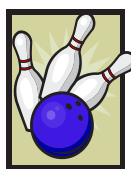
Gold Medals in Rio and at Catholic Charities (sort of)!

Man oh man, the Olympics have been a lot of fun, haven't they? Each night I get home and eagerly tune in to watch some incredible athletes in the biggest moment of their careers. It's truly inspiring – both moments of triumph and of falling short. Just the other night, Rockville's own Helen Maroulis had one of the biggest upsets ever in women's

wrestling. I was deeply moved by the spirit of competition and respect in the women's 5,000 meters when two competitors when one was injured, the other helped and encouraged her to finish the race and keep her dream alive.

And one of the most stirring moments already was watching Simone Manual

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Our Catholic faith and how we vote

By Anthony Bosnick

The 2016 election year of is bound to be a tough one for many Catholics, especially those who believe their faith should guide how they vote. While the presidential election is getting much focus, we also face issues at the state and county levels that call for thoughtful decisions.

What are we to do?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has issued a document called "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," (FCFC) which is "a call to political responsibility." The USCCB first issued this document in 2007 and has reissued it, in slightly revised formats, in 2011 and 2015. FCFC is intended to offer "guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy." The



Anthony Bosnick

Advocacy Council of Montgomery County. The J&A Council was established over ten years ago to encourage Catholics to reflect on and advocate for policies of importance to us as Catholics seeking to live out Church teaching in the public square.

Four Principles to Guide Catholics

At all governmental levels, "we face serious challenges that are both political and moral" (FCFC, para. 1). Recognizing this, the bishops offer four principles to guide Catholics in forming our consciences so that we can make moral and just decisions. -

The Dignity of the Human Person is the first and fundamental principle. It recognizes that "human life is sacred" and that "The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society"

bishops state that "It is as citizens faithful to the Lord Jesus that we contribute most effectively to the civil order" (FCFC, Introduction).

This document also guides us at the county level in the Justice and

(FCFC, para. 44). The Church understands that this applies from conception to natural death, and at all points along the way. Already we can see the challenge facing some Catholics.

Subsidiarity is the second principle guiding us. The Church understands that the family "is the first and fundamental unit of society and is a sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children." Thus, the family "should be defended and strengthened, not redefined, undermined, or further distorted" (FCFC, para. 46). Another conundrum for Catholics in this era supporting

same sex marriage.

Promotion of the **common good** challenges us to support public policies "which allow people . . . to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily" (FCFC, intro. to para. 49). Since this concerns the economy and work conditions and thus fair wages and policies such as paid sick leave, it is bound to challenge some Catholics as well.

Finally, we are called to promote **solidarity**, which calls us to treat each other justly as neighbors, so this shouldn't be too hard! But since this touches on issues of

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June in Jamaica

By Ellen Clifford, The Avalon School

As the school year draws to an end, students plan parties, beach trips or just lazy days to celebrate. But for 22 members of The Avalon School, in Gaithersburg, and its "sister" school Brookewood, in Kensington, the weeks leading up to June also included fundraising and fervent prayers for the fortitude and wisdom to succeed in a week-long mission working with the poorest of the poor.

Jacob's Ladder in Moneague, Jamaica, is a Mustard Seed community and home to nearly 100 young adults with physical and mental disabilities. The country has no facilities for this population after the age of 18. *Jacob's Ladder* works to fill this void, providing young adults a home where they can live out their lives in a safe and caring environment.

With beds for only 24 volunteers, the 17 high school students and five adults stayed in two bunkhouses served by cold-water bathrooms. Rising early each day for mass, they dispersed throughout the compound after breakfast, informally interacting with the residents through games, song, storytelling, and just hanging out. Others, under the direction of Avalon teacher Tom Stroot, took on the building of a sidewalk system throughout the compound. "It was sweaty, heavy work," he observes. "I was impressed that the boys and girls attacked the process with unflagging enthusiasm."

Before their departure, Rich McPherson, team leader and president of the schools told the students, "It is important to be present and willing to learn from the residents and others you meet."

Initially, student volunteer Teresa



Students from the Brookewood School community sport the commemorative T-shirt they designed for the trip to Jamaica

Petrucelli was uncomfortable spending time with the residents. "I kept thinking, 'This is so unfair. They do not have any experience of parents, siblings, school...,'" she remembers. Yet she found them "... the happiest people I have ever met! Their joy and my judgment of their situation did not match up. In the end, I learned to give of myself without measure or calculation and to welcome a person into my life freely, completely and with a smile,"

says Petrucelli.

Working with the residents was a wonderful way to live the *Year of Mercy* proclaimed by Pope Francis, says McPherson. "I think each of us experienced a rare opportunity to see the transformative impact of faith on those many would consider the most unfortunate, and realize ever more clearly how Jesus informs each of our lives, no matter our circumstances. For us, the impact of that week will last a lifetime."

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Our Lady of Mercy Church Choir Pilgrimage

By Jayne Traynor Rose, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Music, Our Lady of Mercy Church

This past June the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Choir, joined by singers from St. Patrick's in Rockville and St. Jane de Chantal, traveled to Rome in celebration of the Holy Year of Mercy. Our first event was to sing as part of the Guida (guide) Choir for the Papal Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, celebrated by Pope Francis. To be a part of such a large event and to

share the Eucharist with thousands of attendees was very inspirational, not to mention exciting!

The next day we visited the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel followed by Mass in the Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major. The small chapel we sang in is where Pope Francis, upon his return from travel outside Rome, stops to pray beneath the painting of Mary before returning to the Vatican. We also toured the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Wall, St. John Lateran Cathedral and the Church of St.



Our Lady of Mercy Choir Pilgrimage singers from OLOM, St Patrick's Rockville, and St. Jane de Chantal in Bethesda in front of the chapel in the Papal Basilica of St Mary Major. Photo by Holly Looney Photography, 2016



Choir pilgrims performing an hour long concert at St. Ignatius Church in Rome. Photo by Holly Looney Photography, 2016

Peter in Chains, passing through four Holy Doors for plenary indulgences.

After touring Imperial Rome and seeing all the sites, Roman Forum, Coliseum and the monument to King Victor Emmanuel II, often called the "Wedding Cake," we traveled to Naples and Pompeii. We even sang in Pompeii's outdoor amphitheater to the delight of other tourists. Of course the highlight of the trip was the hour long concert at St. Ignatius Church in Rome.

For our final evening we sang

at the Sunday evening Mass inside St. Peter's Basilica at the Chair of Peter, followed by a farewell dinner with great wine, food and music. Before leaving on our pilgrimage, prayer request cards were collected from Mercy Parishioners. We offered prayers for those intentions and for all the parishioners of Mercy at all the Masses during which we sang. We returned to the US tired from living la dolce vita, happy to have experienced the Eternal City and happy to be back home.

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Our pilgrims to World Youth Day are shown as they prepare to get on the bus for the airport (also shown is Roo, Father Bill's dog).

Connecting With Our World Youth Day Pilgrims

By Gerry Burgess

A wonderful effort was made by the team that organized the World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Poland, to connect our pilgrims with the parishioners at home. A beautiful booklet containing a biography and picture of each pilgrim, and a Poland and Stateside Calendar of Events was distributed to members of the parish who were invited to become prayer partners of the pilgrims. Each pilgrim had a number of prayer partner who prayed for their pilgrim's inten-

tions. The pilgrim in turn prayed for the intentions of the prayer partners.

Sunday July 24 was the day our pilgrims left for Poland. That day, the 8:30AM Mass became a Send-Off Mass where pilgrims met their prayer partners and gave them a gift bag. The bags contained bookmarks or items to post on the fridge to remind us to pray for our pilgrims. Pilgrims, their families and parishioners had coffee and pastries together before the pilgrims boarded their bus for the airport. The

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WORLD YOUTH DAY

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Pilgrimage Calendar let us know what the pilgrims were doing each day after they got settled in Krakow on the 26th of July. I enjoyed checking my calendar to see what my prayer partner was doing each day. I was excited to know that she was at the Papal Mass on July 31.

My pilgrim Melissa Ford is especially blessed because this is her second experience with Pope Francis. Melissa attends the Catholic University of America and she saw the Pope earlier this year when he visited Washington. Unfortunately, I was out of town on August 3 when our pilgrims returned to Mercy. I would have liked to help celebrate their return. Even though I never left the country, sharing the excitement and joy of their journey of faith was a very special experience.

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SAVE THE DATE

On Monday, September 13, Mercy Health Clinic will hold its thirteenth Annual Golf Classic to benefit the clinic. The eighteen-hole tournament will take place at Manor Country Club in Rockville. Retired sportscaster Tim Brant will serve as honorary chairman. Information about the tournament can be found at www.mercyhealthclinic.org/golf.

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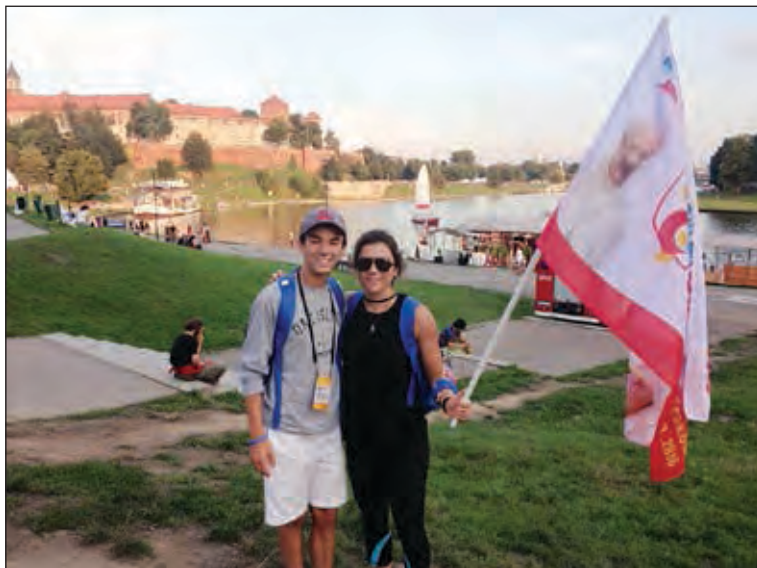
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Our WYD pilgrims are shown hiking down a hill in Poland where St. John Paul II used to hike.



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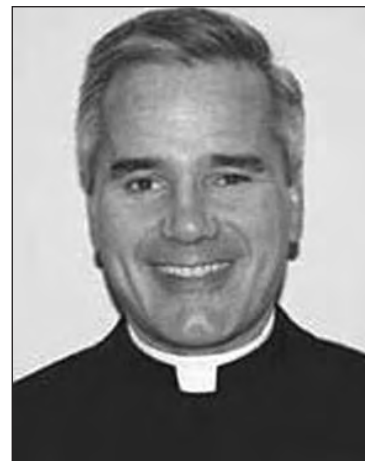
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Msgr. J. Wilfrid Parent Named St. Elizabeth's New Pastor

Msgr. Bill Parent has been named the new pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish in Rockville, and began his tenure on July 6th. In the parish's 52 years of existence, there have been only two prior pastors: Fr. Fred Bloom, who founded the parish in 1964 and then retired in 1992, and Msgr. Jack Macfarlane, who came in 1992 and just retired this past July. With that kind of history, it makes sense that Fr. Jack's welcome of Fr. Bill included – 'you may have just been handed a life sentence'!

Fr. Bill, ordained in 1991, comes with a wealth of experience, having served in two parishes as parochial vicar – Little Flower Church in Bethesda (1991-1994) and St. Peter's in Waldorf (1994-1998) – and, most recently, as pastor at St. Peter's from 2007 until his recent move here to St. Elizabeth. He was born in Maine, and is an alumnus of Bowdoin College there, but his family moved to Maryland while he was still young and his home parish

**Msgr. Bill Parent**

is Sacred Heart in Bowie, where his parents reside to this day.

In 1998, he began serving as the director of priestly vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington, a position he held until 2002, while concurrently representing the Archbishop of Washington on the ethics boards of Georgetown, Holy Cross and Providence Hospitals from 1996 to 2002. He became seminary vice rector for Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg in 2003, and then in 2005 became vice president for Catholic identity

and mission for them, a position he held until 2007, when he returned to St. Peter's as their pastor.

So, with almost 10 years under his belt as pastor of the parish and school there, he now takes up residence at St. Elizabeth's and he's been welcomed with our parish's well-known warmth and hospitality.

Msgr. Parent introduced himself at all Masses his first weekend, and then summarized in the following weekend's bulletin, in this way: "Thanks to everyone for such a wonderful welcome to St. Elizabeth's last Sunday – my first Sunday with you as pastor. Your reputation for warmth and hospitality is well deserved!"

If you were away, and I suspect some were in the midst of prime vacation season, I introduced myself at all our Sunday Masses. As I said then, I answer to "Msgr. Parent," "Fr. Bill," or some combination thereof.

I also stressed that I will never be able to replace Msgr. Macfarlane in the life of your parish family. He has gifts and a wonderful history with you that I simply don't have. But the Church uses the language of succession, not replacement.

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Back in the Saddle!

Eager as the next person upon retiring this past July, Msgr. Jack Macfarlane made the mistake of not taking his phone off the hook in time! As an Archdiocesan priest for over a half century and pastor of St. Elizabeth Church in Rockville half of that time, he was looking forward to having some time to himself, with no management responsibilities other than his own day-to-day new life of leisure. However, he'd not yet settled into his new apartment when the phone rang.

It was his former home office, the Archdiocesan chancery, calling. They had a little favor to ask of him: Tom Burnford, the Archdiocesan Secretary for Education had just announced he was stepping down to become President and CEO of the National Catholic Education Association effective August 8. Would Msgr. Macfarlane mind taking his place as an interim position to allow for a search for Burnford's successor? With a Master's in Education and some experience in this same office when a young priest, Cardinal Wuerl felt Msgr. Macfarlane would be a good fit.

So he's back in the saddle after a short month of retirement. And not only can he look forward to being a working stiff once again, he gets to enjoy the stress of commuting every morning and evening around the busiest slice of the Beltway, between Rockville and Hyattsville. Welcome to the club, Fr. Jack!

**Msgr. Jack Macfarlane**

As the interim Secretary until the new one is hired, Msgr. Macfarlane will head the Office of Education as the Cardinal's liaison for the 57 Archdiocesan private and parochial schools and countless religious education programs until a successor for Burnford can be found. The office provides leadership and service to Catholic schools, including elementary schools, high schools, early childhood programs and special programs, so he'll stay busy while the search for a replacement goes on.

If Msgr. Macfarlane had any concerns about being bored in retirement before, he won't be after he settles in at home after this stint back at work. And he certainly won't forget to take his phone off the hook again!



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The week of July 30, Ocean City Maryland saw a St. Mary's invasion. Families attended 10am Mass at St. Luke's on Sunday and met as a group on Wednesday evening to capture this photo and have a pot luck dinner at sunset.



St. Mary's School alumni Jase Ashkin and Robert Scanlon were honored on July 24 for achieving the highest Eagle Scout designation. Fr. Chip, an Eagle Scout himself, presided over the Mass and gave the invocation at the reception immediately following. Congratulations to both Robert and Jase as this honor represents years of hard work and dedication.

What We Did on Our Summer Vacation

Ask any school family or parishioner and they will tell you the sense of community at St. Mary's is unmatched. The parish is the catalyst for life-long friendships, support and fellowship. It is truly the embodiment of Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." This summer, St. Mary's families had some pretty awesome adventures together celebrating and giving thanks for each other.

The summer was also a busy one for the parish itself as faith never

takes a break. The Youth Group traveled to The Steubenville conferences in June to convene with other youths across the region to pray and learn tools for keeping Christ in the forefront during the difficult teen years. Social Concerns hosted a successful school supply drive for less fortunate children and continued its efforts for the Gabriel Project and Rockville HELP. The parish also provided many activities and meetings promoting spiritual growth including a BYOB (Bring your Own Bible) Bible Study for college students home on break.

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WYD Pilgrims Discover Divine Mercy

By Jeanne Marie Hathway

World Youth Day takes over a city the way the Olympics does. During the last week of July, all sporting arenas and concert venues in Krakow were transformed into houses of prayer, worship, and discernment. Blonia Park held over one million pilgrims as they welcomed Pope Francis and participated in the Way of the Cross. Jordan's Park, one of the oldest public parks in Europe, played host to dozens of pop-up confessionals open all day to passersby.

The city of Krakow itself became the host of mercy, welcoming young Catholics from every corner of the world and inviting them to encounter Christ's mercy. My experience at World Youth Day opened my eyes to the mystery of Divine Mercy, and it fills me with gratitude to know that I am not unique in that sense. Most



Pilgrims taking over Krakow's Main Square

of the young people I spoke to—especially young Americans—had limited (if any) knowledge of the Divine Mercy prior to their stay in Krakow.

"Divine Mercy" is understood as a particular devotion to Jesus according to revelations received

by Saint Faustina, a Polish nun. This devotion places special emphasis on Christ's Passion and His desire to draw all people to His heart by freeing them from sin. Laid out so objectively, the concept can seem stuffy and hard to understand. It sounds like a mishmash of Church phrases thrown together, the kind of thing you might find yourself drifting off to during an extra-long homily. In Krakow, I learned to see it as anything but.

Divine Mercy is history: a city pummeled by Nazi occupation and the Soviet fist and, in the same century, resurrected through the selfless love of Saints

Maximillian Kolbe, Faustina, and John Paul II. Divine Mercy is a concert: Matt Maher and Sister Cristina (whom you probably know as "that nun who went viral for singing on the Italian Voice") pumping up a crowd of fifteen thousand

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Introducing Father Cusick: An Interview

By Robyn Fobouo

Father Mark Cusick is the new Priest on the block, and his hobbies include traveling abroad and tennis. He was raised in Florida with 2 brothers by his mother, a part time nurse, and his father who teaches aviation at the Florida Institute of Technology. Fr. Cusick attended Melbourne High School, the University of Miami, Florida, and Mount St. Mary's Seminary, in Emmitsburg, MD. Ordained on June 15, 2013, Fr. Cusick has learned much on his journey to the priesthood:

Q: When did you know that you



Rev. Mark A. Cusick is the new Parochial Vicar for St. John the Evangelist parish.

wanted to be a Priest?

A: I knew I wanted to be a priest when I was in the fourth year of my seminary studies. A seminary provides the environment for one to pursue holiness and to discern if they are called to the priesthood. It was a gradual process and I sincerely enjoyed the formation program at the seminary.

Q: How has becoming a Priest changed you or your outlook on life?

A: Being a priest is a great privilege. I am amazed at the generosity and love of God and how God touches people's hearts. In the celebration of the Sacraments, the church is giving the strength and direction it needs to be the light of the world.

Q: What is one of the joys of being a Priest?

A: One of my joys as a priest is acting as an instrument of God's love and guidance. I appreciate the confidence and trust that people put in their parish priests.

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A Farewell to Father Francis

By Robyn C. Fobouo

Father Francis has recently been relocated to Iowa, per the decision of his bishop and some consultants. He first came to St. John the Evangelist in 2012, and was known for his wonderful homilies,



Father Francis reflects on his experiences during his four years at our parish.

his kind smile, and an infectious, pleasant attitude. A heartfelt farewell reception, filled with well-wishers and gift-givers, was held for him on July 31st. While Fr. Francis may have left our parish, his work at our church will be remembered.

Francis was born and raised in Ghana,

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Parish Notes

Men of the parish, their friends and relatives are invited to join Father Dan Leary and Father Mario

Majano who will lead a silent overnight retreat for men at the Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, Md. "Rooted in Christ: Leading Others to Grace" begins Sunday afternoon,

September 4 and concludes Monday afternoon, September 5. Located on the Potomac River, the Retreat House has a number of walking paths, a small beach and outdoor Stations of the Cross. It's a wonderful opportunity to spend some quiet time in spiritual reflection. Check the parish bulletin for registration information.

Blessings and Breakfast (affectionately known as B&B) will resume Friday, October 7 after the 8:30 Mass. B&B is a potluck breakfast held in the All-Purpose room, most First Fridays, October through June and hosted by the Saint Andrew Apostle Seniors Group (SAA Seniors Group). Join us for Mass or come later. Something to share is always appreciated but never required. It's an opportunity to catch up with old friends and

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A visit to the historic cannon on the grounds of the Maryland State House



Water is cool fun on a hot day!

School News and Dates to Remember

Summer camp has ended and it's back to school time. The campers biked, splashed and had a tremendous amount of fun over the summer. What became a temporary bike garage for the summer has been returned to its original purpose as a music room.

A family dinner to kick off the new school year is planned for September 1. Back-To-School nights are scheduled the weeks of September 12 and 19. Homecoming Week begins September 19 and ends with the annual Saint Andrew Apostle Carnival and Family Picnic, Sunday, September 25 from 12:30 to 4:00pm. There will be

rides, food and fun for all! Tickets are available for advance purchase by contacting the school office.

Once again, Saint Andrew

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Are the Olympics in Her Future?

Leaving home for Georgia earlier this month to participate in the AT&T Junior Olympic National Dive Championship, Michelle Mazzara's goal was to finish among the top five in one event. Not only was that goal achieved, it was exceeded! Coming from behind, she took third place on the One Meter Spring Board. She also placed third on the Three Meter Spring Board and ninth on the Five Meter Platform.

Michelle, entering sixth grade at Saint Andrew Apostle School, jumped into a pool as a four year old and is a member of the Montgomery Dive Club. Congratulations! We're proud of you and what you've accomplished.

A happy winner displays her medals



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Youth Group Encounters God at Catholic Service Camp

Written by the St. Jane de Chantal Youth Group

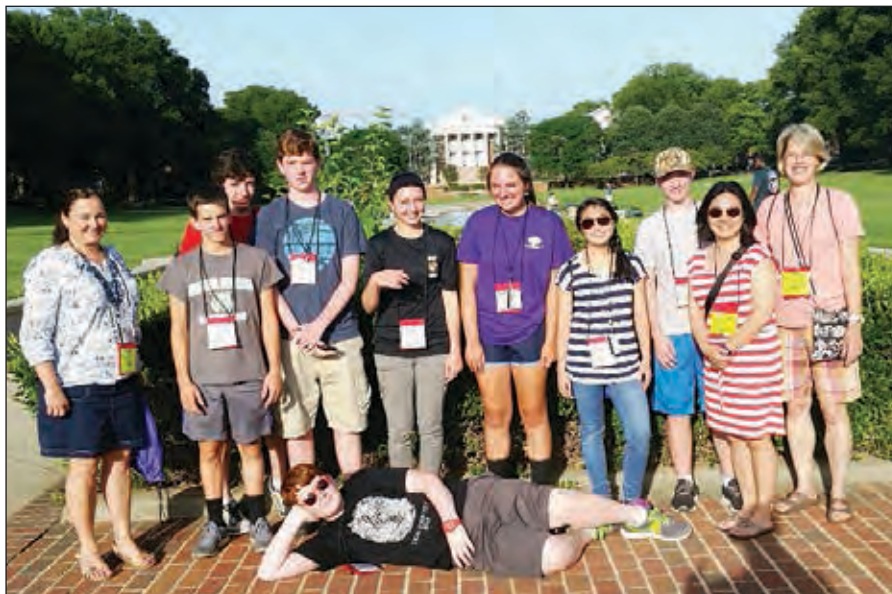
Encounter the Gospel of Life is a week-long, Catholic service camp held at the University of Maryland, in which youth from all around the East Coast congregate in order to fully unite in Christ through service. The Saint Jane Youth Group, comprised of eleven members, experienced first-hand the value of helping others.

A common theme amongst the youth members was an experience of forming close bonds of friendship within their respective service groups. The service groups varied from helping clothing drives to taking care of infants, all of which were moving in their own ways.

Each night, there was a new faith-forming activity that opened the mind to a new perspective. This year we had a keynote speaker who taught theology through interactive motions and dramatic storytelling.

Encountering God came to each participant in their own way, for some it was meeting new people and others through the service they provided. At the end of the week all the participants found it very difficult to leave their groups after developing a sense of tight community. Even those not expecting anything special from the week are transformed and empowered to live their faith through their daily actions.

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The St. Jane de Chantal Encounter Team, along with their leaders, takes time out of their busy schedule to pose for a group photo on the campus of the University of Maryland College Park.

Fr. Mark Cusick Reflects – Moving On, Yet Staying Connected



Many parishioners of St. Jane de Chantal Church came out to Fr. Cusick's farewell reception to say good-bye and wish him well.



Fr. Cusick meets with Parishioners during his farewell reception.

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Each time a new priest is assigned to a parish, there is the expectation that he is only going to stay for a few years. My case was typical – three years at St. Jane de Chantal and I'm moving on! Luckily, I am not going to some far-flung place where my former Parish Parishioners won't get to see me. I anticipate hearing from Parishioners about certain things: first Holy Communion, graduations, and please God, news about engagements and weddings. In my three years at St. Jane de Chantal, I have invested myself in many people and they have invested in me, and that's something I will never forget.

We are in this journey to our eternal reward together! If there's one thing I learned from my time at the St. Jane Parish, it's this: We need each other. We need each other's prayers, smiles, greetings, and yes even partings. Rest assured that I will keep the memories of this assignment, like Mother Mary, and ponder them in my heart. Thanks for the first leg in what promises to be an extraordinary journey of grace, life, and peace. God bless!

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Rebuilding Together – A Great Success!

By Anthony Bosnick, Minister of Social Concerns

Thanks to the efforts of over forty St. Francis parishioners, the Rebuilding Together project on the weekends of April 30 and May 7 was a great success.

The volunteers worked at fixing up a very distressed townhouse in Montgomery Village. The effort included erecting scaffolding, tearing off and

replacing rotted wood siding and trim, demolishing and replacing a yard shed, and cleaning up and hauling away trash.

We also replaced a dishwasher, cleaned up the entire kitchen and bathroom, repaired a water-damaged ceiling in a bedroom, and primed and painted repaired areas inside and out. The residents of the townhouse are very pleased with the repair work, and we suspect the neighbors

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Rebuilding Volunteers and Homeowner (L-R) Front Row: Francisco Gonzalez-Rey, Michael Rogewitz, Christine Rogewitz. Second Row: Gonzalo Concha (Homeowner's Son), Pat O'Connor, Nelson Concha (Homeowner), Christopher & Eunice Goh, John Vilgos. Last Row: Pete Carlson, Jim Foti, Doug Holly, Bob Hamilton, Steve Edgar. Volunteers not in picture: Doris Chung, Chris King, Paul Koda, Tom Crone



2016 Vacation Bible Campers

Vacation Bible Camp 2016

By Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education

During the last week of June, the St. Francis Parish Center was transformed to host "Cave Quest" Vacation Bible Camp, a week-long adventure of prayer, music, lessons of faith and engaging activities. Each day began with an opening program and skit, introducing campers to the day's theme and challenging them to "Follow Jesus, the Light of the World." Teen and adult volunteers then guided campers through five

activity centers, including Bible lessons, crafts, games, music and snacks.

Throughout the week, campers were contributed food donations for St. Martin's Food Pantry as our VBC service project. On Thursday evening, campers, staff and families gathered for a program featuring songs learned during the week and a skit highlighting each day's faith theme. Continuing a long-standing tradition, the evening concluded with an Italian ice social to celebrate this wonderful week of faith and fun.

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Newly Ordained Priest in Residence for the Summer – A Double Benefit

By John McCarthy

We were blessed to have Father Robert P. Boxie, III at St. Francis during this summer as Parochial Vicar. The

benefits were mutual. Father Boxie was ordained by Cardinal Wuerl on June 25, along with seven other men. He reported to St. Francis in early July.

He grew up in Lake Charles, LA,

and had an amazing professional life before answering the call – degree in Chemical Engineering, a music background, law degree from Harvard, worked for a Federal

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District Judge and then for a DC law firm. It was during his stint at the law firm that he began to seriously discern a vocation to the priesthood. He entered the seminary in 2010.

In his interim report to the parish, he stated; "I could have not been blessed with a better first assignment as a newly ordained priest. I am loving every single minute of it." During his first 6 weeks, he had several funerals, a wedding, a couple of baptisms and, anointing's and administration of last rites to the dying, plus celebrating morning and Sunday Masses. And, he had a 2 week stint as "pastor" while Father John was away in Europe with the youth group attending World Youth Day in

Krakow, Poland.

His homilies have been a center piece – well prepared, thoughtful, thought provoking and instructive. He clearly lives by the motto "be prepared", which was instilled in him during his days as a Boy Scout. He has been warmly welcomed by the parishioners, especially the regular morning Mass attendees.

At the end of September, he will be returning to the North American College in Rome to complete a licentiate (analogous to a Master's degree) in Biblical Theology. A fellow classmate, Father Stephen Wyble, will also be returning to Rome to complete a licentiate in Theology and Patristic Studies (Study of Fathers of the Church). Coincidentally, Father Wyble spent the summer of 2014 at St. Francis, as a seminarian. We trust we will see both of them again.



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Father Boxie greeting parishioners after Sunday Mass

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are too!

We had so many volunteers that we could not use them all at the townhouse, so by prior arrangement, many came to the parish rectory/office to work. This included cleanup and power-washing of the rectory exterior deck and brick walls, coating the deck and steps with a new cover of red deck seal, fixing the parking lot landscape ties damaged by snow plows, and repairing the brick entrance steps and securing the hand railings.

The team also cleaned up and mulched the outdoor Stations of the Cross, trimmed overgrown trees that obstructed the walkways, and painted the rectory porch wood trim and hand railings.

At both locations, additional volunteers helped with registration and by providing drinks and lunch for the workers, which was greatly appreciated.

St. Francis parish recently received an award from Rebuilding Together for our over ten years of service to the local community. This year's effort built on that and we are very grateful to all who made this effort possible. It is another way that we live out our faith and practice charity to those in need around us.

A special thanks goes to Mike Rogewitz and Pat O'Connor who took the lead in coordinating our efforts. They were supported by John Vilgos who led the effort at St. Francis for many years. Think about joining us as we anticipate in Rebuilding Together next year.

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Fr. Rick Curry at St. Bartholomew Parish

Fr. Richard Curry, Jesuit Priest, Remembered Fondly

Rev. Richard “Rick” Curry, who died in late 2015, was a Jesuit priest who lived a life of service and humility, setting an example of courage and faithfulness in the face of a serious disability. Fr. Curry was born without one of his forearms. In 2009, he told an interviewer, “I had to learn to adapt. It wasn’t always easy, but this disability is a gift from God.”

Father Curry joined the Society of Jesus in 1962 and was ordained a priest in 2009. He was the founder and director of the Academy for Veterans at Georgetown, which aids veterans in returning to civilian life. He was also the director of the National Theatre

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Lightning Strikes St. Bartholomew Parish in Bethesda

St. Bart’s Battles Back from Lightning Blast

On Thursday night, July 28, St. Bartholomew Parish was hit by a powerful lightning strike, awakening the staff with “a terrific crash.” Scientists estimate that such a lightning strike can heat the surrounding air to 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit— five times hotter than the sun—and can contain up to 300kV of energy.

An inspection of the parish grounds the next morning revealed little serious physical damage, but it soon became clear that St. Bart’s had not escaped the lightning’s wrath, as numerous electrical/electronic systems, “fried” by the powerful bolt, were behaving oddly or not at all.

At first, there were hopes that the damage would be limited to the phone system, but

such hopes dimmed in the morning light, as sound systems, televisions, alarm systems,

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St. Bart’s Youth Group has the pedal to the metal at Go Kart Track in Bladensburg, on July 24.

Energetic St. Bart’s Youth Group Stays Busy Through the Summer

The St. Bart’s Youth Group, under the direction of Maria and John Archer, was busy though the summer, with sports, go-karting, canoeing, a water balloon war, and service events. The St. Bart’s Middle School Youth group are sixth, seventh, and eighth graders interested in serving our neighbor, playing together, and getting to know our Lord Jesus Christ. All are welcome. For more information, contact John and Maria Archer, 32kaufmann@cardinal-mail.cua.edu.

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St. Bart’s Youth Group takes to the water at Black Hill Park in Boyds, Md., on June 26.

Deacon Rev. Mr. Ben Garcia Attends World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland

St. Bartholomew’s own Rev. Mr. Ben Garcia made a pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. This is his report:

Some weeks ago, I had the grace to visit Poland and be present at the World Youth

Day, together with about two million youth from all over the world. During my trip, I had the chance to visit the chapel where Saint John Paul II had been ordained and where he later prayed for Poland and Krakow as Archbishop.

Poland is not just the land of the Great John Paul II but also the land of Saint Maximilian Kolbe. These two great saints are examples of faith and trust in God which, like good seeds, produce much fruit and seem to permeate the land and the millions of youth who took part in this event. World Youth Day was started by Saint John Paul II, and

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Adoration with the Holy Father the night before the final Mass. Photo courtesy of Rev. Mr. Ben Garcia



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Two longtime faculty members at Holy Cross will be take on new responsibilities in the fall, as we welcome several new teachers to our school family.

Lorraine Branson, our much-loved aide in the Pre-Kindergarten classroom for many years will move to the Second Grade classroom as the teacher's assistant. She is looking forward to working with the Second Grade students, many of whom she welcomed as Pre-K students three years ago.

The Kindergarten class will welcome Mary Downs as the new teaching assistant. Ms. Downs is a Maryland native and comes to Holy Cross with seven years of experience at St. Bernadette's in Silver Spring and Holy Redeemer in Kensington.

After twelve years as the Second Grade teacher, Lurana Hogan will join the Middle School team as the Language Arts teacher. Mrs. Hogan

is a reading specialist and is certified as a Secondary English teacher. She is very excited to bring her love of both reading and writing to the middle grades. "I want to help students become adept at analyzing all forms of text, and to help them find their voice as strong writers."

With Mrs. Hogan's move to Middle School, Nicci Falcone will join the faculty as the new Second Grade teacher. Mrs. Falcone taught Pre-K at St. Raphael's for ten years. She also became a certified catechist to teach School of Religion classes to Middle School students. Last year, Mrs. Falcone accepted a long term substitute position as a Second Grade teacher. She is very excited to start a new chapter at Holy Cross, saying "I feel fortunate to be able to combine the emerging drive for independence seen at this age with a chance to foster a long-term love of God and learning."

Brittany Kline is thrilled to begin the year as our new third grade teacher. For two years Ms. Kline worked as an elementary and high school substitute teacher in Frederick County, Maryland and Columbus, Ohio. She also worked as the School Age Teacher at a private preschool in Dublin, Ohio. Ms. Kline describes herself as a good listener, and appreciates opportunities to communicate with parents. "Education should empower children to make a positive contribution to our world," she said.

Amanda Herndon will take on

responsibilities as the new Art teacher. She has taught in various capacities at Our Lady of Mercy, as an Inclusion Specialist and most recently as the Library and Media Specialist where she dubbed herself the "funbrarian!"

A new lower school resource teaching position will be filled by Katie Shaffer. A graduate of Catholic University, Mrs. Shaffer has taught at both St. Ann's Academy and St. Bartholomew for many years, earning the Knights of Columbus Teacher of the Year award in 2005. Mrs. Shaffer took a hiatus from teaching to raise her children, but during that time became an administrator for the Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County. "I am so excited to be going back to work in a Catholic School. I feel like I won the lottery getting the opportunity to work for Lisa Kane at Holy Cross School. As soon as I walked through the front doors, I felt this was the school I was meant to be part of."

Principal Lisa Kane has every confidence that the new school year will be wonderful. "Holy Cross is a special place, and we have always been blessed with teachers who are not only highly credentialed, but who are extremely dedicated. Our new faculty members will maintain the same commitment to providing excellent learning experiences for our students."

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realize she was the first African-American woman to win a gold medal in swimming at the Olympics. The look on her face in the pool was priceless.

Of course, Simone Manual's roommate at the Olympics did pretty well: our own superstar, Katie Ledecy. Katie stole the first week of the Olympics with unbelievable dominance and grace. How refreshing it is to see someone at the very top of their sport continue to remain true to who she is. Katie is a great representative of our country and our church. Not that I want to put too much pressure on her!

Katie has been wonderful to us at Catholic Charities, using her star power after her last Olympics to hold a coat drive for the poor at one of the swim meets with her team at Stone Ridge. She was one of the very first people to join in our Walk with Francis pledge last year as we prepared to welcome Pope Francis. Eventually, more than 110,000 people would join that pledge to pray, serve or act in their community. Certainly I'm praying she'll still have time for us as she heads off to college – maybe she can visit our Kennedy School students when they compete at the Special Olympics!

Of course, you don't have to win five gold medals and a silver in two Olympics to be an inspiration to someone. As the school year gets underway, consider volunteering

with Catholic Charities or at your local parish's ministry. In fact, we'll soon be launching Walk with Francis 2.0, which provides a perfect opportunity to remember and celebrate Pope Francis' one year anniversary visit to our region and recommit to his powerful message to get outside of our daily lives and walk amongst the poor.

Speaking of gold medals, over the summer, I'm proud to say we won our own gold medal of sorts.

Every few years, Catholic Charities is intensely reviewed by the Council on Accreditation to examine how we run our programs and ensure the people we serve are receiving the very best care. Five fellow non-profit professionals from across the US spend nearly a week with us, visiting with our programs, checking our record-keeping and interviewing staff and clients on their experiences.


I am proud to share that we've beaten our own stellar personal records once again. I know that accreditation isn't nearly as fun as Katie Ledecy winning a gold medal in the 800 meters in the pool (by a huge margin, at that!). But this is how our community – our donors, volunteers, fellow nonprofits, government partners – can all know that we are a great investment to turn their donation into real, meaningful change in the lives of our neighbors.

So, I hope you and your family had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the Olympics and our local superstars. I look forward to sharing more of what we're doing at Catholic Charities and hopefully inspiring you and your family to join our work.

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We Are St. Raphael! 10 Years Strong!

By Nina Cardillo

Ten years ago, the seeds for our school were planted by late pastor Fr. Bill Finch. In August 2006, St. Raphael School, with a kindergarten and first grade, opened as the newest school in the Archdiocese of Washington. Our longstanding preschool, St. Raphael Nursery School, suddenly had a companion elementary school. What was then groundbreaking has now achieved milestone, and dreams have become reality.

Cultivated by the commitment of founding principal Teri Dwyer, the spiritual guidance of pastor Fr. James Meyers, and the dedication of teachers, clergy, and parents, these seeds have come to fruition through the success and achievements of our students and alumni. On the occasion of our 10-year anniversary, we are thankful to all who made this vision possible through prayer, participation, and financial support, and we look forward to a special celebration at this year's opening school Mass on Aug. 29. Our theme this year is, fittingly, "We Are St. Raphael!" At 10 years strong, we gratefully realize that precious moments have become fond memories, and as St. Raphael Catholic Church celebrates 50 years as a parish, we strive to build on the established foundation toward Catholic education grounded in the message of our motto, "Fides et Ratio" (Faith and Reason).

What's New

SRS welcomes the arrival of new staff for the 2016-17 school year: Christina "Chrissy" Hainer returns to the classroom as kindergarten teacher after taking a break to start a family; two of her three girls join us at SRS and SRNS. Second-grade assistant Maureen Everling is a parishioner and previously an SRNS parent and member of the staff. Joining us as math enrichment teacher and SPARK instructor is Christian Carpenter, who, having played football at the University of Maryland, also coaches football at Gonzaga College High School. Additionally, the SRS family introduces Nan Waffan as reception-

ist, Yesenia Pineda as lunchroom supervisor, and Andres Moreno, Mike Haverty, and Karen Watson as recess supervisors. New assignments at SRNS are Silvia Urdavinia as enrichment assistant and Serrita Francois as 4's assistant. Both Urdavinia and Francois are SRS parents.

In addition, students and staff members will return to school to find a repaired and beautifully refinished Trumpet Room floor. This upgrade was financed through SRS and SRNS generosity from the St. Raphael Gala and SpringFest events, coupled with a grant secured through the Nonpublic Aging Schools Program. The renovation coincides with the parish "Raise the Roof" campaign, which is generating funds to repair the ailing church roof. St. Raphael's is grateful to all the supporters as we spruce up from head to toe!

What's Ahead

- Aug. 29: Opening Mass and festivities mark the beginning of a new school year and the 10-year anniversary of our school.
- Sept. 15-16: Day to Serve provides an opportunity to give back as SRS and SRNS students bring in donations for Stepping Stones Shelter.
- Sept. 25: St. Raphael Parish Picnic continues a 50-year parish anniversary celebration with food, fellowship, and walks down memory lane.
- Sept. 26: St. Raphael Golf Classic commemorates Fr. Bill Finch with a day of golf and memorial dinner.
- Sept. 30: Grandparent's Day invites grandparents to a special Mass, classroom visits, and a light reception.
- Oct. 17: SRS Open House welcomes interested parents to a presentation and tour of our campus.
- Oct. 29: Angels on the Run 5K invites everyone to a morning fun run and school-spirited celebration.

For details about these events and more, visit our website at www.straphaelschoolmd.org.

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St. Raphael Golf Classic

The annual St. Raphael Golf Classic – and its inherent fun traditions (what will Michael P. Rose wear this year?) – returns Sept. 26 at Lakewood Country Club. The tournament is held in memory of Fr. Bill Finch, whose dream to open St. Raphael School became a reality in 2006. SRS will celebrate its 10-year anniversary at the opening Mass on Aug. 29. Photo by MJ Zafis-Garcia/St. Raphael School

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Second grade is overjoyed to celebrate Communion Mass



Kindergarten students were all smiles before their graduation ceremony

Celebrations Abound as 2016-17 School Year Ends

End-of-the-year celebrations and activities bring about much excitement at Mary of Nazareth. We'd like to take one final opportunity to congratulate 2016 graduates and thank students, parents, and teachers for another wonderful school year together.

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Cotillion Program Offers Eighth Graders Social Grace Training

The Mary of Nazareth School Cotillion Program is in its fifteenth year of offering an introduction to ballroom dancing and social grace training for eighth grade boys and girls. Students enjoy the opportunity to learn basic dance steps and etiquette skills from professional instructors.

The program consists of five Saturday sessions from 6:30–8:30pm – September 17, 24 and October 8, 15 and 22 – and is held

at Mary of Nazareth School located at 14131 Seneca Road, Darnestown, Maryland. The fee for the series is \$200 and a standard of dress is required.

For additional information, please contact the Development Office at 301-869-0940 ext. 6 or cotillion@maryofnazareth.org. Registration is open to all eighth-grade students. The registration deadline is September 2, 2016.

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We Have Spirit, How About You?

Yes, Yes, Yes we do, we have spirit how about you? 2016 Spirit Day was a fun-filled opportunity for the Mary of Nazareth student body to celebrate our school with exuberant, creative, and entertaining grade level skits and dances. The day involved everything from the Principal bungee-jumping from the rafters to students performing their rendition of Neil Diamond's classic, "Sweet Seventh Grade." Students, parents, and teachers alike participated in this fun day enjoyed by the school community year after year.

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Third graders parade their Mustang spirit with pride.



Seventh grade won the coveted Spirit Stick with their creative take on Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline."

School Increases Mobile Learning Technology with New Chromebook Labs

Students and teachers alike look forward to benefitting from two new mobile learning labs this school year, each including 32 Chromebooks. New mobile Chromebook labs were purchased this summer in response to donor requests to apply Annual Giving funds toward the School's educational technology resources. Mary of Nazareth School is blessed to provide students with a diverse range of learning tools, including new Chromebooks, 2 existing iPad labs, a fully equipped iMac computer lab, and state-of-the-art Microsoft Surface media center. We are excited to announce that additional upgrades have been made with regard to IT capability, featuring an updated wireless network and increased bandwidth and internet speed, allowing teachers to seamlessly incorporate educational technology into daily lessons.

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Neocatechumenal Way Youth of Mother Seton Parish in Krakow, Poland

By Olga M. Paz

I would like to thank all the wonderful parishioners from Mother Seton, who helped us go to Poland. The pilgrimage was a beautiful, life changing experience, which started in Rome, Italy. We visited many beautiful churches, the one that struck me the most was entering St. Peter's Cathedral. Mainly because it's the Vatican, but also it had La Pieta by Michelangelo which was stunning. We went to the Colosseum;

this was very impactful, because it was where thousands of Christians were brought to be killed for entertainment. Many times my Catholic faith has been put to the test due to worldly pressures. Especially in college, it is very difficult to stand up for my Catholic values when many of my peers are accustomed to liberal ways of life.

We visited the home where St. Maria Goretti was killed. It was moving because not only did she

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Neocatechumenal Way Youth Pilgrimage to WYD in Krakow, Poland.

Hearts Full of Love and Mercy

By Jill Brodrick

God's Mercy was overflowing this summer as middle and high school students participated in service camps hosted by Mother Seton Parish and St. Elizabeth. MAC Week, our third annual Middle School Service

Camp, and AIM, our first ever High School Service Camp, in June & July, changed hearts and lives as over 100 teens & chaperones from multiple parishes, spent their days volunteering at several different service locations in the surrounding areas of Gettysburg and



Helping out and changing lives at Tender Care Pregnancy Center



Doing yard work at The Biglerville Senior Center

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The teens and volunteers formed relationships with young children at the First Baptist Church of Gettysburg and the elderly at St. Joseph Ministry, Biglerville Senior Center and the Gettysburg Lutheran Home. Their joy & laughter was contagious, as they shared of their time and talents by going to Mass, singing songs, playing games, hiking and swimming with

the young children.

Also, several groups of teens, worked tirelessly without doubting or complaining at Adams County Rescue Mission, Operation Community Care, South Central Community Action and the Hanover

Council of Churches. They didn't always see the fruits of their labor as they sorted through endless items, bagged shoes, and stocked shelves in the food pantries and thrift stores. They had faith without seeing and persevered, believing and knowing that they were making a difference in the lives of the people of the community.

Several more groups of teens and adults worked tirelessly at outdoor sites. The Middle Creek Christian

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Staying cool after work at Camp Eder

Mother Seton Parish School of Religion Summer Program

By Dominique Seraphin

This year our Mother Seton Parish School of Religion, offered our parish families a one-week *Summer Program* as an alternative to the traditional once-a-week class format that is held from

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Taking a break from recreation to take a picture with our pastor Fr. Lee

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2016 Saint Bernadette Parish Fall Festival

Sunday, October 2, 1-5pm
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Seeking "Shadow" in 2016 who will chair the Fall Festival event in 2017:

The parish is in need of a volunteer (or several volunteers) to step up to shadow the chairs in 2016 and to take over the event as chair in 2017, as the current chairs are stepping down after many years of running it. It should be a seamless transition due to great record-keeping. Please consider taking this on – it's a great parish

community builder and a ton of fun! Tier credits are also available for these positions (for Saint Bernadette School parents).

Other volunteer positions needed for this 2016 year:

§ Logistics Chair – running the set up and break down of the festival – the supplies and volunteers are available for this

§ Entertainment Chair – setting up performances for the day of the festival (i.e. dance, karaoke, etc.)

The Fall Festival is a fun Saint Bernadette Parish tradition.

Pumpkins, face-painting, local artisans, pony rides, delicious food, bingo, bake sale, cake walk and much more. It's a fabulous event and it's a great way for new and existing parents in the parish, religious ed program and school to get involved. The existing chairs will act as helpful mentors for the new chairs.

Please contact Lauren Draley at Lmdraley@yahoo.com or Kristien Carroll at learke@com-cast.net if you are interested in hearing more. Many thanks.

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CYO Golf Tournament September 16

The CYO Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 16, at Sligo Creek Golf Club starting at 9am. Individuals and foursomes welcome! Proceeds support the Saint Bernadette CYO Program.

This is a rain-date from the spring, so many golfers are already lined up. Let us know your interest now!

Questions? Contact Ed Mullaney at 301-452-4100 or emullaney@verizon.net.



CURRY

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Workshop of the Handicapped in New York City. Fr. Curry was an accomplished baker, and authored books on bread baking and desserts. He became well-known in the wider community and was often profiled in the media, including an interview on "60 Minutes."

He was known for his many service projects, which included the Dog

Tag bakery in Washington where wounded veterans could learn a craft.

For several years near the end of his very holy and productive life, Fr. Curry assisted at St. Bartholomew Parish, often saying Sunday 8:30 morning Mass. St. Bart's parishioners remember that his consistent practice was to end his homilies with, "And how do they know we are Christians? We wash each other's feet." In a 2013 interview, Fr. Curry told OPT that he found assisting at St. Bart's to be wonderful, due to the "attentive, very welcoming, and very appreciative parishioners."

Almost a year after Fr. Curry's death, St. Bart's staff and parish-

ioners continue to remember him as a wonderful priest and a good friend. St. Bart's parishioner Livia Gatti recalls Fr. Curry telling her, "Livia, keep praying for me because the one thing I want the most is to be a good priest." She recalls that Fr. Curry often illustrated his homilies with personal anecdotes about how he dealt with his disability "in the real world."

St. Bart's pastor, Rev. Mark Knestout, told OPT: "Fr. Curry was very beloved at St. Bart's, especially by 8:30 a.m. Mass participants who admired his example of turning his 'disability' into a vehicle for serving the Church and the community. His service here was a great gift to St. Bart's."

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MERCY U

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share the faith, we must know the faith. The Lay Theology Institute, informally known as Mercy U., is an answer to that call. The collaboration between Our Lady of Mercy Church and the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception brings higher level theology to the parish, so that lay men and women can grow in the knowledge and the love of Jesus in order to call others to know and love Him. I encourage you to participate in this wonderful opportunity."

The first course; Introduction to Church History – A Story of Grace, will meet on Wednesday's beginning September 28th and

continuing on October 5, 12 and 19, 2016. It is offered at Our Lady of Mercy, in Potomac from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. The Very Reverend John Langlois, O.P., President of the Pontifical Faculty and Assistant Professor of Church History, will be the instructor. The Mystery of Jesus Christ in the Fathers of the Church will meet on Wednesdays for four weeks from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM, beginning January 25, 2017. Seeking Happiness: A Catholic Vision of Morality will meet on four consecutive Saturdays beginning March 18, 2017. The class will meet in the morning from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

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Msgr. Francis Kazista Celebrates 80th Birthday & 50th Anniversary of Ordination

By Amy Horn

The Church of the Resurrection in Burtonsville was blessed this past summer to celebrate Monsignor Francis Kazista's 80th birthday and the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Monsignor has resided at Resurrection's rectory since 2014 when then parish pastor Father Scott Hahn invited the cane-wielding priest to continue his retirement there because of the rectory's accessibility. Monsignor Kazista is spending time these days traveling centuries and coun-

tries through the pleasure of reading historical novels but the reality is he is not far from home. He continues to say daily and weekend Masses and St. John the Baptist in Silver Spring, the parish home where he spent many vibrant and productive years, is close by with old friends still stopping by to hear counsel and wisdom as well as stories of a well-lived life. It seems fitting that a man who has loved to sing his whole life and can say that singing in the choir kept him close to the Church, would spend



Msgr. Francis Kazista celebrating his First Communion. Photo provided by the Kazista Family



Msgr. Francis Kazista celebrating his 50th Anniversary of Ordination Mass at the Church of the Resurrection. From left to right Rev. Joseph Calis, Rev. John Hurley, Dea. Chuck Biberich, Msgr. Francis Kazista, Fr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Jeffrey Defayette. Photo by John Small

his twilight years in a parish community like Resurrection with its Living Arts Concert Series and large adult choir directed by Annick Kanter - St. Hubert.

Francis Kazista grew up near Scranton, Pennsylvania amidst neighborhoods of Italians and Eastern Europe immigrants drawn there by the flourishing coal industry at the turn of the twentieth century. His Polish mother, Anna Stachnik was a good cook but not just polish food like young

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Resurrection Youth Service Work Campers Care about Riderwood Residents! Handmade bookmarks were given to our residents in July. Photo by Helene Stever

Youth Summer Service Work Camps

The Holy Spirit worked in the midst of young people as they chose a single motto from 50 Bible quotes for their week of service during Resurrection's 2016 Summer Service Work Camps. "Give your coat, walk the extra mile", "Do not tire of doing good", and "Do God's will" inspired over 50 middle school to high school youths who participated during the three one week sessions.

Under the guidance of Religious Education director Helene Stevers and the help of many volunteers they started out their days with Mass and then provided service to their parish, city, and county communities, seniors at Riderwood and

Holy Cross Rehabilitation Center, and programs such as Catholic Charities "Cup of Joe" and the Greg Gannon/John S. Mulholland Food Drive.

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Members of Resurrection's adult choir singing at the Memories! The Music of the Greatest Generation concert. From left to right: Bill Coester, Melanie Hobbs, Suzanne Karpov, Nancy Finn, Trish Shanklin. Photo by John Small

Music Center Stage at Resurrection

Music was center stage this summer at the Church of the Resurrection. In June, singers from the adult choir, Voix de Femmes Women's Choir, and soloists Suzanne Karpov, Sammie Huh and Sonia Guimaraes presented Memories! The Music of the Greatest Generation, the final concert of Resurrection's 2015-2016 Living Arts Concert Series. Accompanied by pianist William Wisnom, they wowed a packed house at the Riderwood Chapel performing musical numbers from the 1940's to the end of the 20th century, enriched with historical narrative.

Audience members were encouraged to sing along on such favorites as Do Re Mi and Hey Jude. One happy resident was heard

to say, "That was the best concert we've ever had at Riderwood!"

In July, parish families hosted Les Petits Chanteurs de Belgique, a boys choir from Belgium, and their chaperones as they toured the United States. Resurrection's music director Annick Kanter - St. Hubert reached out to present the touring group through the parish's Living Arts Concert Series at both Riderwood Retirement Community and Resurrection.

The enjoyable concert included contemporary works, sacred music and folk songs from Belgium and other countries. The 2016-2017 Living Arts Concert Series will be announced this month. Visit: www.livingartsconcerts.com

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	Freshman Class Size: 250 • Tuition: \$16,975 • Application / Financial Aid: Admissions Office 240-764-2210					

 DeMatha Catholic High School 4313 Madison Street, Hyattsville, MD 20781 Fr. James Day, O.S.S.T., President Dr. Daniel McMahon, Principal Mr. Tommy Paolucci, Admissions www.dematha.org • 240-764-2210	Boys Wide range of co-curricular activities including 15 competitive interscholastic sports teams, and numerous clubs and organizations moderated by faculty. Stags Red, White & Blue	Curriculum College Prep, Honors, Advanced Placement level courses to meet needs of a diverse student body.	Open House Sunday, Nov. 6 11:00 a.m.	Entrance Exam: Archdiocesan HSPT required	Freshman Application Deadline December 15 Financial Aid Application Deadline December 15	Freshman Notification of Admission Feb. 2017 Registration Deposit Due Mid-March 2017
	Freshman Class Size: 250 • Tuition: \$16,975 • Application / Financial Aid: Admissions Office 240-764-2210					

 Elizabeth Seton High School Sr. Ellen Marie Hagar '74 President Melissa Davey Landini '99 Dean of Admissions 5715 Emerson Street Bladensburg, MD 20710 301-864-4532 www.setonhs.org	Girls Basketball, soccer, volleyball, softball, golf, swimming, crew, cross country, lacrosse, indoor and outdoor track, tennis, field hockey, cheerleading and dance. Washington Catholic Athletic Conference Roadrunners Scarlet, Gold, and White	Pre-Career Programs Engineering & Design Law, Health Science / Pharmacy AP & Honors Courses Scholars Program Small classes and personal attention 1:1 MacBook Air devices	Open House Sunday, November 6 11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Entrance Exam Archdiocesan test results required.	Application Deadline December 8	Notification of Admission February 16 Registration March 10 & 11
	Freshman Class Size: 245 • Tuition: \$21,475					

 Georgetown Preparatory School 10900 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20852 www.gprep.org 301-493-1215 Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J., President John Glennon Jr., Headmaster Brett Graham '92, Admissions Director	Boys 15 Interscholastic Sports Over 20 Clubs and Organizations Hoyas Blue & Gray	College Placement: Virginia • Yale Notre Dame Georgetown Harvard U.S. Naval Academy Boston College Duke • Princeton Penn • Stanford	Open House Sunday, October 16 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm REGISTER ONLINE	Admissions Process: Please visit www.gprep.org to set up your admissions account. Also, be sure to set up your Hoya-for-a-Day Visit.	Application Deadline Jan. 6, 2017 Financial Aid Appl. Deadline Jan. 6, 2017	Notification of Admission Feb. 24, 2017 Registration Deposit Due March 13, 2017
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	Freshman Class Size: 245 • Tuition: \$21,475					


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	Tuition \$20,675					

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	Freshman Class Size: 122 • Tuition: \$28,300 • Financial Aid: Janet Keller @ 202.337.3350 ext. 2241				

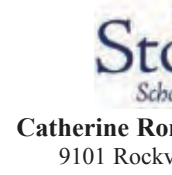
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	Freshman Class Size: 120 • Tuition: \$22,425 • Financial Aid: 301-942-2100					


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	Freshman Class Size: 45 • Tuition: \$25,900 Middle; \$26,900 Upper • Financial Aid: Ms. Ieva Young @ 202-281-1656					

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	Freshman Class Size: 45 • Tuition: \$25,900 Middle; \$26,900 Upper • Financial Aid: Ms. Ieva Young @ 202-281-1656						

 Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart Catherine Ronan Karrels '86, Head of School 9101 Rockville Pike • Bethesda, MD 20814 301-657-4322 www.stoneridgeschool.org	Girls PS-12 (Coed PS-K) Basketball, cross country, equestrian, field hockey, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, squash, swimming/diving, tennis, track & field and volleyball The Gators Blue & Gold	Special Programs Honors/AP Courses 1:1 Laptop Social Action Student Exchange Stem Certificate	Open House Upper School (Grades 9-12) Sunday, Oct. 16 12:00 – 2:30 pm	Required Entrance Exam: SSAT Register at www.ssat.org (School Code: 7494)	Application Deadline Dec. 2, 2016 Financial Aid Deadline Jan. 15, 2017	Notification of Admission Late February Registration Deposit Due Early March
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 THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL 10400 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac, MD 20854 Alvaro J. de Vicente, Headmaster Richard S. Moss, Director of Admissions 301-765-2093 • admissions@heights.edu www.heights.edu	Boys 3-12 The Heights forms "men fully alive" through a rigorous curriculum implemented with a highly personal approach to education and character. Cavaliers Red & White	Challenging liberal arts; innovative science and math; small classes; individual mentorship; 13 varsity sports; extensive extracurriculars; rich sacramental life.	Open House Sunday, October 30 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.	Admissions: Call us any time or visit our website at www.heights.edu/admissions for an overview of our application process.	Admissions Deadline for Full Consideration Jan. 6, 2017 Financial Aid Appl. Deadline Jan. 26, 2017	Notification of Admission Feb. 23, 2017 Registration Deposit Due March 10, 2017
	Freshman Class Size: 65 • Financial Aid: Phil McGovern (CF0) 301-365-4300					



Children were very happy to receive the most basic of gifts – all donations from the St. Patrick's community.

St. Patrick's Fourth Mission Trip to Haiti

Throughout the week of June 14, the group of twenty-eight divided and conquered various projects that brought aid to Life Connection Mission's friends in the rural and mountainous community of Montrouis. Volunteers worked every day in the only free medical clinic and for the first time provided dental care. One of the greatest days for the St. Patrick's group was when hundreds of children passed through three classrooms "shopping" for clothes, shoes, hygiene products, and toys that had been collected by the St. Patrick's community throughout the year.

The group from St. Patrick's found great joy in delivering rice, beds, goats and chickens, and care packages, not only to their own sponsor children, but to nearly a hundred other children. What a great gift to experience a little child opening a gift to find a doll, toy truck, soccer ball, or shoes and from that knowing that someone in the United States loves him or her. The St. Pat's team was touched by the number of children who held our hands and climbed onto our backs. These very special moments reminded us of God's power and

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Gifts

By Beth Poulos

For one week, we shared God's love. We were God's loving hands, providing hope, kindness, clothing, food, and comfort to a very unfortunate population that never asked to live where they live. I am grateful for the opportunity to take part in this mission, grateful for all the spiritual and emotional "gifts" I received from this journey.

Sharing Dreams

By Stephanie Lushniak, Junior at Georgetown Visitation High School

Life Connection Mission provides education for the children of Montrouis so they can escape the cycle of poverty and help rebuild their country. During my week in Haiti, I established relationships with numerous Haitian children whose dreams inspired me. Daphney, a 15 year old Haitian girl, aspires to become an eye doctor. Jimmy, a 19 year old Haitian, is studying to become an engineer. Through kids like Daphney and Jimmy, Haiti can become a more stable and prosperous country.

There's something about a mission trip and the act of helping others that changes your life. But what was it about Haiti that made it so different? I learned their stories and realized that we aren't quite so different. I aspire to be a doctor just like Daphney does. Through the Mission's work, Daphney has that chance to finish her education and make her dream come true.

While it can be so easy to focus on the overpowering and heart-wrenching disparities of Haiti—the poverty, the earthquake, the corrupt government system—I, as well as many others on the trip, now see Haiti as it truly is: a beautiful country with inspirational and hardworking people who have such a powerful love for their country that they would do



Old uniforms from one become a new treasure for another.

anything to build it back up. Through the work of missions like Life Connection Mission, Haiti can eventually become a safe, happy, and healthy environment for all of its citizens.

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Very Special Friends

By Julia Derry, Graduate of the Academy of the Holy Cross High School

For three summers, I have traveled with Saint Patrick's Parish to Life Connection Mission in Montrouis, Haiti. Although I expected to enjoy my first trip, I never anticipated the personal relationships and the deep love I would develop for LCM and the children they serve.

Prior to my first trip, my family decided to sponsor an 18-year-old girl, Dania, through LCM. When I met Dania, our immediate connection amazed me. The first words she ever spoke to me were "thank you, thank you, thank you, I love you!" At that moment, seeing Dania's gratefulness, it hit me that LCM is not just making a general difference for the poor, but rather touching and helping specific, beautiful, loving people. One of my most memorable moments in Haiti was meeting our second sponsor child, Jaerzinko. We were playing soccer when he spotted his mom across the road. He ran over to her, pulled her across the street, and said in Creole, "This is my sponsor!" His mom gave me a big hug.



Julia with two of her very happy friends!

Each year, going back to LCM, I feel privileged to see children I know and recognize, looking happier, healthier, and succeeding in school. Watching them feel encouraged, loved, and hopeful because of LCM. I am so proud to be a part of such a loving, faith-filled community, whose mission is to serve God's little ones in the most beautiful way.

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Understanding How the Small Things Make a Big Difference

By Meghan Farren, Junior at Georgetown Visitation High School

Throughout our week, we offered up small tasks: sorting clothes, carrying cinderblocks, and handing out plates of rice and beans.

I was struck by the depth of the destitution in proportion to the size of our group and the plans we had. After all these small things, how were we any help to the Haitians? We fed the families in the mountains for one night, gave the children at the school clothing to last only until their next growth spurt... the list of "small" things only goes on.

I reminded myself that these peo-

ple were so grateful for the bare essentials and for the one meal or the one shirt they had received. Still, the inevitable swarmed my thoughts: Back home, there are rooms full of toys, furniture, clothes and shoes and pantries full of food.

But on our last day in Haiti, we set out on a leg of destinations: a town in the mountains, a small orphanage, and a homeless shelter—places where Life Connection Mission does not routinely reach.

I was struck by the disparities between those the mission has reached and those it has not.

Many of the kids in the mountains were barefoot and many with distended bellies... but the kids at the school have clothes (uni-

forms even), shoes on their feet, clean water and lunch provided by the school, access to a doctor and membership of a strong community rooted in faith and education.

When we returned to Montrouis that evening all I could think was: Life Connection has really made a difference for these kids and their families.

This was a huge validation of all the "small things" our group had done that week. After all, Life Connection Mission got its start with these small things—little improvements here and there that eventually changed lives in Montrouis.

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New Faces at Holy Redeemer

By Michelle Ardillo

Students returning at the start of the school year will find new faces at Holy Redeemer in the parish, the faculty, and the staff, beginning with a new parochial vicar for the parish. Fr. Ryan Pineda joined the parish just after his ordination in June, replacing Fr. Samuel Plummer. Fr. Pineda, who was born in Manila but spent his young adulthood in Guam and Los Angeles, will feel quite at home in the hallways of the school. Before his entry into the seminary, Fr. Pineda taught math and science for eight years at a Catholic high school in Los Angeles and math for two years at Elizabeth Seton High School here in the ADW.

Wendy Spellman, a former HR parent, will be joining the HR nurs-

ery school as teacher for a 3 and 4 year old combination class. Colleen Boyd will be taking over 3A from Sharon Kennedy who is moving to fourth grade this year. Rising fifth graders will have two new teachers this year, with Shannon Egan and Pam August taking over the reins. Pam August has been a first grade aide at HR for several years. Two new resource teachers will join the staff, Christina Kelly and Andrea Savage, where they will work closely with Andrea Rubin, an HR alum who has been a resource teacher at HR since 2007, to support students at all grade levels. HR French students this year are going to *parler* with new French teacher Julie Weismantel, a native French speaker from Canada. The health and welfare of the student body will be in good hands with

Patty Winters and Pilar Gormley, two registered nurses, sharing the position of school nurse. The keys to the computer lab have been handed over to technology teacher Mousumi Chatterjee.

The school building itself will also have some new faces, with architectural elements being added throughout the school hallways and in the Herb Young Auditorium, to match those added two years ago when the school's lobby and front entrance were renovated. The computer lab also received a significant face-lift with the acquisition of thirty new Dell desktop computers.

Holy Redeemer Catholic School offers a warm welcome to all new and existing students, parents, faculty, staff, and Fr. Pineda! Go Cardinals!

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Kensington Park Senior Living residents' favorite place to be on Sunday mornings, back home at Holy Redeemer!

Holy Redeemer, A Timeless Treasure

Holy Redeemer is a community that shares its life and love with others. It's where neighbors become friends and friends become family. For over 66 years, Holy Redeemer has been known as a place of worship and learning. It has taught students to read and write but more importantly it has taught a community of people how to love and care for others.

Many of its early parishioners still live close by. The community surrounding Holy Redeemer is one that glues an entire neighborhood together. This includes Kensington Park, an independent, assisted living and memory care facility just around the corner. Kensington Park has several residents that have lived in the community since they were little. Many went to school, married and raised their families in this special community.

Holy Redeemer has seen many changes since 1950. One thing that has never changed is the community that surrounds it. Kensington Park resident Bob Silk Sr. recalls his fond memories of Holy Redeemer with his son Robbie, a former student of Holy Redeemer. Both men are still in touch with their peers from school; a unique and common quality shared among many of its members. Shirlee McGlooin

and Patricia Scanlon two women also living at Kensington Park, also belong to the Holy Redeemer Church. Their children attended the parish school. Both of them recall fond memories of their children's time at school, in sports and in other church functions. Kensington Park offers rides to mass at Holy Redeemer every Sunday and residents have an opportunity to receive Holy Communion on Wednesdays. Even though the residents are around the corner, they are still a vital part of the Holy Redeemer Community.

They say that life comes back full circle. Kensington Park demonstrates this as it provides many of the volunteer hours needed for

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Be You, Be Here, Be Now

May and June is the season of commencement speeches. High schools and universities seek out the best speakers, the cream of the crop, the top name in an industry, the highest-ranking official. Uploaded to YouTube and other social media, their well-crafted phrases are quoted for years to come, some speeches so successful they are published as inspirational or self-help manuals. For a Catholic elementary school, the commencement speech is most often the priest's homily which, along with reflection on scripture, serves many purposes: congratulations, farewell, good luck, and most importantly, keep the faith.

In June, Fr. Samuel Plummer, who had been recently reassigned to another parish, gave the homily at Holy Redeemer's 8th grade graduation Mass. He had been very active in the middle school, teaching religion classes, going on field trips, hanging out on the blacktop at recess and after school. He came to us just after ordination, a "baby priest" as he introduced himself, but in his three years with us, he grew into a strong, confident, and moving homilist. His homily at the graduation Mass was no exception. We will miss him.

His theme, which he drove home to the 8th graders in clear and concise language, was "Be You, Be Here, Be Now." Fr. Plummer said that he first heard this phrase while in seminary from a "wise, old priest", a priest who no doubt grew up in a different time than what society resembles today. As we prepare for a new school year, whether we are a parent, a teacher, or a student, we can use these six simple words to shape our paths.

"Be You" is a lot more difficult than it seems, given peer pressure to fit in and be part of the crowd. "What are you wearing to the party?" or "I'll go if you go" are things we often hear, from tweens and teens to their moms. Fr. Plummer said "the biggest problem with young people, not just with



Kevin Harper, Class of 2016, and his family with Fr. Plummer (second from right) after graduation. Also pictured, Fr. Greg Shaffer (second from left) and Fr. Zachary Dominguez (rear center).

today's generation, but really with every generation when they were young, is that young people try very hard to fit in." He went on to say that we were not made to fit in. We were made to stand out. He said that "to be holy, which all of us should be striving for, means 'to be set apart'." The start of a new school year gives us all the opportunity for a clean slate, to try new things, to be a different kind of student or teacher, to improve our parenting skills, to be set apart.

Have you ever been in a conversation with someone when an awkward pause occurs and you suddenly realize the other person is waiting for a response from you? You mumble something about having zoned out or being distracted, but the problem is that you are not fully there, not fully in that conversation. Not being fully present can be the result of boredom, fatigue, stress, anxiety, or simply being glued to your cellphone instead of focusing on the here and now. Multi-tasking has scaled to new heights and we wear our ability to do three things at once as a badge of honor. Fr. Plummer broadened his reflection on "Be Here" to our station in life, the school we have to attend, the team we play for, the job we have to do. He said, "God has a mysterious way of placing us

where He wants us. All we can do is make the most of where we are and give it our all," which is easier said than done in today's world of instant gratification.

Finally, "Be Now". Fr. Plummer, in speaking to the graduates, said, "While it is a good thing to plan for the future and to discern God's will for you down the road, never lose sight of God's will for you right now." The difficulty is knowing God's will for each of us now. To answer this, Fr. Plummer quoted Pope Francis who said on his third day as pope, "If we're not praying to God, we're praying to Satan." A bold statement, no doubt, but Fr. Plummer counseled that "we have to pray every day, we have to go to Mass at least every Sunday, and we have to keep going to Confession. If we do these things, we'll stay close to Jesus."

Be You, Be Here, Be Now. Six simple words, but a very powerful message indeed, especially at the start of a new school year.

Michelle Ardillo teaches middle school language arts at Holy Redeemer Catholic School and is a parishioner at the Shrine of St. Jude. Read more of her essays on her website "Cajun Girl in a Kilt" at www.michelleardillo.com.

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Ending the Stigma that Prevents Older Adults from Enrolling in Benefit Programs

National Council on Aging analysis details both the challenges and solutions of enrolling struggling seniors into core programs



One in three Americans aged 65+ is economically insecure – lacking the resources needed to meet basic food, housing, and medical needs. While there are numerous of public benefits programs that can help, the stigma surrounding these programs often is a key reason that eligible seniors do not enroll.

On June 21, the National Council on Aging (NCOA) released **An End to Stigma: Challenging the Stigmatization of Public Assistance among Older Adults and People with Disabilities** to better define the challenges stigma poses and provide recommendations for overcoming it.

The report is based on in-depth interviews with 40 local counselors who work each day to find and enroll eligible seniors into benefits. It examines the stigma surrounding five core public benefits programs, including the:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs)
- Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy (Extra Help)
- Medicaid
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

“The value of these benefits can exceed more than \$6,000 annually, which for many low-income older adults would raise their income to more than twice the Federal Poverty Level,” said Leslie Fried, Senior Director of the NCOA Center for Benefits Access. “It’s critical that

we can illustrate how and why stigma stops people from considering these programs and share ways to overcome it. These programs can help struggling older adults pay for basic needs, reduce debt, and maintain their health and independence.”

According to the survey, not all benefits programs carry the same level of stigma. Counselors reported that universal benefits like Social Security and Medicare are popular and face less stigma. SNAP and Medicaid, however, often have stigma attached to them, which prevents eligible individuals from applying.

The report states that benefits stigma manifests itself in two ways:

- Internal stigma arises from negative perceptions or connotations about oneself when deciding to learn about, apply for, and participate in benefits programs. Shame and embarrassment about participation in the program are the most common manifestations of internal stigma.
- External stigma arises from experiences or perceptions about the benefits themselves. Administrative burdens, such as long applications or difficult-to-reach social service agencies, and misconceptions about the value of a given benefit may lead eligible people to decide the reward is not worth the cost.
- Overcoming benefits stigma takes a coordinated effort. For benefits counselors, the report recommends that they:
- Challenge the narrative of “deserving” and “undeserving”

to dispel notions that a person is “accepting a handout.”

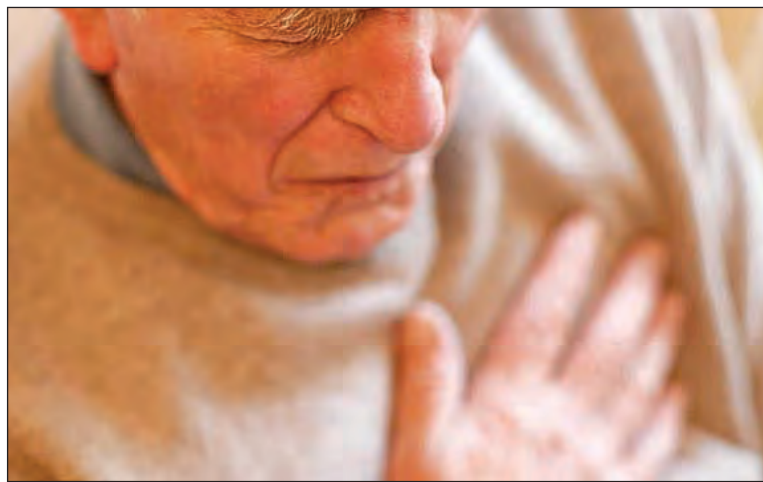
- Focus on the structure of the program to demonstrate that other seniors are also struggling and that applying for assistance is not a personal failing.
- Correct misconceptions about benefits by explaining exactly how they work.
- Provide person-centered benefits enrollment assistance to screen clients for all benefits available and help them apply.
- Demonstrate the value of a benefit to show how it can free up money for rising costs, such as expensive medicine or health care.

“Counselors are extremely important in overcoming the stigma that threatens to keep older Americans from enrolling in these important programs, but a growing senior population, and shrinking budgets often limit these resources,” said Fried. “Just recently a Senate appropriations bill proposed eliminating funding for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program – or SHIP. The 15,000 local SHIP counselors provide assistance with Medicare issues and with enrolling in the Extra Help and Medicare Savings Programs, making them instrumental in dispelling the stigma around other important benefits programs.”

Agency administrators and policymakers also have a role to play. The report recommends that they improve enrollment processes through existing waiver programs such as shorter applications, experiment with new processes, and improve data-sharing between agencies.

To read the full report, visit www.ncoa.org/stigma.

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Do people get disease from aging or are certain aspects of aging caused by disease?

This is one of the central questions of geroscience, an emerging field in aging research. The question is explored and elaborated on in a special issue of the *Journals of Gerontology: Series A – Biological Sciences and Medical Sciences*, published August 15 online. Six papers by researchers working at or funded by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), part of the National Institutes of Health, present the opportunities and challenges of moving this multidisciplinary approach forward.

“These papers are a testament to the concentrated and collaborative work of several distinguished scientists,” said NIA Director Richard J. Hodes, M.D. “We have long been challenged by the interaction of aging and chronic disease. This series of papers points to important ways we can integrate our thinking and approach toward aging and disease.”

Geroscience seeks to understand the molecular and cellular mecha-

nisms responsible for aging being a major risk factor and driver of common chronic conditions and diseases of older people. While aging itself is not a disease, the aging process represents a major risk factor for a number of chronic diseases and conditions, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, many cancers, arthritis, and frailty, among many others. The goal of geroscience is to increase the years of healthy life – the healthspan – rather than simply lifespan.

“We hope that research in this area will ultimately translate the findings about aging biology into clinical interventions,” said Felipe Sierra, Ph.D., director of NIA’s Division of Aging Biology. “For example, we know some of the risk factors specific to cardiovascular disease and we have interventions to modify and reduce those risk factors. But a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease is aging, and we hope to identify specific risk factors that derive from the process of aging, so we can develop interventions against them.”

The NIA-funded Geroscience Network is a national interdisciplinary network of aging centers whose goal is to understand and exploit links between aging and genesis of chronic disease.

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St. Jane Parishioner to head Division of National Institute on Aging

The National Institute on Aging (NIA), part of the National Institutes of Health, announced that John G. Haaga, Ph.D., an expert in demography and public policy, has been named director of the institute's Division of Behavioral and Social Research. John and his wife Elin are members of St. Jane de Chantal parish.

"John is exceptionally qualified to lead this important division at a time of great scientific opportunities," said NIA Director Richard J. Hodes, M.D. "His scientific background in demographics and social science is well known. Further, John's experience in management, as well as his background as a program officer, policy analyst, teacher, and author gives him a breadth of experience that will serve the division and the Institute well."

The Division of Behavioral and Social Research supports social, behavioral, and economic research and research training on the processes of aging at the individual and societal level. The division fosters cross-disciplinary research, from genetics to cross-national comparative research, supporting investigations along the spectrum from basic through translational research.

"I'm excited to have this opportunity to lead a division that fosters research and research training on some of the most important issues affecting the health of aging populations," said Haaga. "These issues include health disparities at older ages; understanding dementia trends, prevention and care; and moving from understanding life course factors in disease and disability to new behavioral and community interventions."

Before joining NIA in 2004, Haaga served as director of the Domestic Programs Department and director of the Center for Public Information on Population Research at the Population Reference Bureau. He led programs communicating research results on population issues, including changes in the American family, migration to and within the United States, and the aging of the American population. He also worked as director of the Committee on Population at the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences where he directed studies on issues related to population growth and change in the U.S. and developing countries. He has served as President of the Association of Population Centers and on the Board of Directors of the Population Association of America.

Haaga holds a Ph.D. in public policy from the RAND Graduate School in Santa Monica, California. He has a master's degree in international relations from Johns Hopkins University and earned his undergraduate degree in modern history from Oxford University in England. He is a graduate of St. Anselm's Abbey School in Washington. He is the author and editor of numerous journal articles, review essays, book chapters, reports, and book reviews.

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John G. Haaga

SOAR Fall Trips

The Montgomery County Department of Recreation has released its Fall 2016 Senior Outdoor Adventures in Recreation (SOAR) travel program for active adults age 55 and over. Unless noted, all transportation is provided on restroom-equipped motor coaches.

You may register for a SOAR trip in any of four ways. The fastest and easiest way is to use the internet and go to ACTIVEMONTGOMERY.ORG. You may also mail your trip application, fax it to 240-777-6818, or register in person at 4010 Randolph Road.

If you have questions about the registration process, please call 240-777-6840. If you have questions or require more information about a specific trip, call the SOAR Coordinator at 240-777-4926.

Fall trips include:

Guided Tour of Odessa, Delaware
Sep 21 and 22, \$60

History and Hops in Howard County
Sep 28 and 29, \$69

Tour Robert E. Lee's Gettysburg Escape Route
Sep 13, \$83

Blue Angels Air Show, Baltimore
Oct 13, \$83

Western Maryland Scenic Railroad Trip
Oct 19 and 20, \$85

The Amish Experience, Lancaster, Pa.
Oct 26, \$89

Luray Caverns and Shenandoah Vineyards
Nov 3, \$85

Winfield Parker Revue, Black Rock Center
Nov 9, \$30

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Maryland Senior Olympics

Heat? What Heat? Track & Field Sets 23 New Records

It was the hottest weekend in three years and we completed a whopping 42 events in six hours on the second day, but Maryland Senior Olympic's 37th annual track and field meet had no energy shortage. A bevy of new records were set, including Jim Kenney (photo) breaking the age 75-79 javelin mark that had been standing since 1991.

For all the MSO results so far (and the updated event records), visit: www.mdseniorolympics.org/



Remaining 2016 MSO Events

Sept. 3 5K Run, Kentlands/Lakelands 5k, Gaithersburg
 Sept. 7-8 Racquetball, Severna Park Racquet and Fitness Club, Millersville
 Sept. 8-10 Softball, Olney Manor Regional Park, Olney
 Sept. 10 Badminton, Bauer Drive Community Center, Rockville
 Sept. 10 Horseshoes, Maryvale Park, Frederick
 Sept. 10 Shuffleboard, Leisure World, Silver Spring
 Sept. 15-17 Tennis, Olney Manor Regional Park, Olney
 Sept. 17 Swimming, Germantown Indoor Swim Center, Boyds
 Sept. 18 10k Run, Lifebridge Race For Our Kids 10k, Baltimore
 Sept. 19 Golf, Laytonsville Golf Course, Gaithersburg
 Sept. 25 Archery, Genessee Valley Outdoor Learning Center, Parkton
 Oct. 1-2 Croquet, Ginger Cove in Annapolis and West River Wickets

Congregate Retirement Living – Independent Together

Older adults are increasingly choosing to relocate to congregate-type independent living communities. As a life style for seniors who no longer want the responsibility of maintaining their own homes, independent living is an important segment of the strong and growing retirement housing market. A “package” arrangement includes extra services and amenities such as housekeeping assistance, the provision for two or more meals a day, transportation to local malls, churches, and personal appointments, and a planned program of activities that promote the health and well-being of the residents.

Marie Watson, now 86, and her husband Paul moved from their home in Holy Redeemer parish to the **Five Star Premier Residences of Chevy Chase** on Connecticut Avenue ten years ago and found a welcoming group of interesting people, many of them Catholic, and a stimulating and supportive environment.

Although relocation is a late-life transition that may be considered a stressful life event, research shows that older adults who comprehend the need to move, take the initiative and participate in the decision-making process are most likely to make a successful move. That was



Marie Watson, former parishioner of Holy Redeemer parish, in her apartment at Five Star Premier Residences of Chevy Chase.

certainly the case for the Watsons. “We wanted to stay close to family and friends and yet continue to lead active, independent lives,” Marie explained while seated in her high-rise apartment overlooking the golf course at Columbia Country Club. “It’s like living in a hotel – no need to cook, shop, or clean – except you are surrounded by friends.”

Paul passed away in 2008 and Marie decided to stay, partly due to the well-organized cluster of Catholics. Mass is celebrated in a community room every Thursday morning by Fr. Percy D’Silva, a retired priest in residence at Blessed

Sacrament. One resident acts as Mass coordinator, another as lector, and others prepare the altar. On Sundays, Catholic residents are taken to Mass in the community town car at either Blessed Sacrament or Our Lady of Lourdes.

Not surprisingly, Marie, spry and energetic in spite of, rather, because of a hip replacement, is a member of the Welcoming Committee at Five Star. “I tell new residents how much they will enjoy it here whether they prefer privacy or participation or a mix of both.”

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Festival of El Salvador Del Mundo



Parishioners process from Parish Center to the Church.



Parish youth perform traditional Mexican Folkloric dance from the state of Veracruz

St Michael the Archangel celebrated its annual Festival of El Salvador Del Mundo (The Savior of the World) on Sunday August 7, 2016. This festival has its roots dating back to 1525 in El Salvador. The celebration began with a religious procession from the Parish Center

to the Church for mass. The celebrant for the mass was the newly ordained Parochial Vicar Father Biondi.

After mass, parishioners crowded the Williamsburg Room for food and entertainment. Parishioners began the entertainment portion of the event with a

parade of flags from the different countries of the Americas and the Caribbean. Live music was provided by members of the Hispanic music ministry and parish youth entertained with folkloric dances from El Salvador and Mexico.

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Fond Farewell and Warm Welcome to Parish Priests

On July 2, Father Saulo Vicente was given a well-attended send off by parishioners of St Michael the Archangel. The Knights of Columbus grilled hot dogs and hamburgers for parishioners as they gathered to wish Father Saulo the best in his new assignment and to thank him for his service.

After serving for over 4 years as the Parochial Vicar at St Michael's, Father Saulo, has been appointed Spiritual Director for the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Seminary in Washington, DC. St. Michael's new Parochial Vicar, Father Alberto Biondi, was ordained on June 25, 2016 and will start his duties after his return from World Youth Day in Krakow.

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Father Alberto Biondi, the New Parochial Vicar

Ealey's Celebrate a New Chapter in their Lives

On Sunday, July 31, St. Michael the Archangel parishioners gathered to honor Deacon Ronald and Catherine (Kitty) Ealey as they retired after over a decade on the parish staff. Long the mainstay of many parish ministries, they served in almost all corners of parish life – the diaconate, RCIA, Bible Study, Religious Education, Parish Council, Finance Council, Children's Liturgies, Stewardship Council, Christmas and Advent Family Days, oversight of the lector and EMHC ministries and much, much more.

A proclamation, signed by the pastor, Monsignor Eddie Tolentino and Parish Council Chair Douglas Lawrence and presented on behalf of all parishioners, was read at all the masses that weekend and a framed copy was presented to the Ealeys. The proclamation expressed appreciation for the Ealeys countless hours of service and dedication to their work at the parish. It noted in particular their outstanding work as leaders of an RCIA program that has brought many new members into the parish and made St. Michael's a true leader in evangelization. The proclamation also praised Kitty's work as Director of Religious Education, Deacon Ron's weekly Bible Study sessions and rousing homilies, their work with the various parish coun-



Monsignor Eddie Tolentino presented a proclamation to Deacon Ronald and Catherine (Kitty) Ealey recognizing their retirement and honoring their service to the parish as long-time members of the parish staff. Deacon Carlos Hernandez is also in the photo.

cils and ministries and their love of Louisiana 'cuisine.'

Parishioners gathered in the Williamsburg Room after each of the Sunday morning and early afternoon masses on July 31 to honor their service and wish them well. Food was plentiful, with breakfast fare after the 8:00 mass and brunch food – including some Louisiana beans – included after the later masses. The Hispanic community provided food following the 1:00 Spanish mass. Retirement cakes were also enjoyed by all. Pictures

featuring the Ealeys' participation in many parish liturgical and social events were on display for all to enjoy. Parishioners had the opportunity to sign a guest book and also to provide a videotaped expression of gratitude.

While the Ealeys are retiring from the staff of St. Michael the Archangel, they will both continue to participate in parish life as parishioners and lay leaders. All parishioners expressed extreme gratitude for the past and continuing service to the parish.

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PARENT

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Replacement implies that we're interchangeable cogs in a machine, while succession implies that we're links in a chain – a chain where we receive what has been handed on to us by our predecessors, try to build on it, and then one day pass on to those who follow us – a chain that for Christians

begins and ends in Jesus Christ.

I hope and pray that one day you will find me a worthy successor to Msgr. Macfarlane as all of us work together to build on his remarkable legacy of 24 years as pastor."

So, as a parish community we welcome Fr. Bill. We look forward to both sharing with and learning from him as we together continue on our journey as followers of Jesus Christ.

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Save the Date for Michaelmas Celebration

On Saturday September 24, St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Silver Spring will hold its sixth annual "Michaelmas" celebration in honor of their patron saint. Michaelmas originated in the middle ages when it was a major festival marking not only the Feast of the Archangels but also the autumnal equinox and harvest time. The celebration of Michaelmas will begin with a multicultural vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. with many of the St. Michael's choirs provid-

ing beautiful voices to the mass. Following the Mass, parishioners will enjoy a potluck multicultural feast and entertainment provided by parishioners.

The success of our Michaelmas celebration is due to the enthusiasm and contributions of the time and talent of our parishioners. Parishioners are encouraged to wear traditional clothing representing their cultural heritage.

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**St. Michael's
Annual
Crab Feast**

**Friday
September 2**

4:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Williamsburg Room

**St Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
805 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring**

Adults: \$40.00 in advance, \$50.00 at the door

Children under 13: \$15.00

Table of 8: \$300 (\$20 discount)

Join us for a great evening of food & entertainment. This is a great way to help the Knights of Columbus and the parish as well as partake of a mouth-watering menu of home cooked food. Menu includes steamed blue crabs, crab soup, bbq chicken, side dishes and soft drinks.

For tickets contact: Sir Knight Jim Robertson 301-589-0306, Sir Knight Charles Hayes 301- 806- 8347 or email chajhayes@gmail.com.



Photographed at their 50th anniversary in August 2008, are (l to r): son Jim III, daughter Lisa Tate, Jim, son Pete, surrounding Josi in front holding a bouquet.

Do You Remember?

Throughout the 1980s and 1990s Christ the King was served by members of the Madigan family. The father, Jim, was a Parish Council President. His wife, Josi, was our parish organist and also taught music to our Religious Education students every Saturday morning. When they retired to Sarasota, Florida, their eldest son, Jim (III) took on the job of parish organist. When they arrived in Florida they immediately became acquainted with the new Church family and Jim was

elected to the Parish Council and served at daily Mass. Josi joined the choir (first time inside a choir instead of directing or accompanying), bell ensemble, became a lector and formed an entertainment group (G.O.D.D. Squad- Golden Oldies by Dames & Dudes) that go around to area nursing homes every month, serving nine venues.

This past May 11, Jim died. Thanks to parishioner Mary Pat Gaffney for sharing the family photograph on the wedding 50th anniversary.

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New Schedule at Christ the King

Daily Mass

Weekdays Monday- Friday at 9:15am
Saturday 8:30am (English)

Sunday Mass schedule remains:

Saturdays 4pm (English); 5:30pm (Misa en Espanol)
Sundays 8:30am (English); 10:30am (English); 12:30pm (Misa en Espanol)
First Sunday of every month at 4pm in Tagalog

First Friday

Misa de Sanacion Grupo Carismático con Padre Salinas

Confessions

Thursday 9:45-10:45am & 6-7pm; Saturday 3-3:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 9:45-10:45am & 6-7pm

Christ the King Updates its Website

Christ the King has a new website. In it all information can be found relating to the staff (and all the new email addresses), the calendar, upcoming events, directions to the Church, but more importantly points parishioners (and everyone) to available resources, such as medical and dental clinics! Also on the web site, developed by the parish's Project Assistant, Jean Barriounevo, is a fill in question/contact page for any questions unanswered by the web site, and an appointment page for requesting an appointment with any member of the staff. Photos from parish events have always been a part of the parish website and are included on the new one as well. But Daily Readings is a new point, as is the option to Live Chat. In the very near future, there will be an online telecast of the Sunday Mass from the Nave for shut-ins! Check it out: <http://www.ctkcatholicparish.org/>

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FIRE

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On August 19, Federal investigators said a natural gas leak in the meter room of the building caused the explosion at the Flower Branch Apartments in Silver Spring. Leaking gas built up in the room until the explosion was sparked.

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett said that a natural gas odor was reported on July 25. Firefighters responded to that complaint, could not verify the smell and left the scene. Washington Gas says it is cooperating in the investigation into the explosion, as well as the prior complaint of the smell of gas. An official of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which is investigating the explosion, said that there is no indication that a criminal act occurred.

The remains of seven individuals have been removed from the burned-out apartment building. As of Friday, August 19, three of the victims had been identified. There will be a community memorial service for all those who died once all of the bodies have been identified.

Rev. Mansfield "Kasey" Kaseman, the Interfaith Community Liaison of Montgomery County's

Office of Community Partnerships, said in a release that "government, nonprofit and faith communities are working collaboratively to assure effective and trustworthy support for the victims."

Financial contributions are most important. Donations may be made to the Montgomery Housing Partnership which will help the families affected by the explosion get back on their feet, find new housing, and recover from the tragedy. (Note: Flower Branch Apartments are not owned by MHP, but MHP is helping out as part of its work in the local community – 100% of the donations received to help with the disaster will be used to assist the residents.)

The easiest and preferred method is an online financial donation at www.MHPpartners.org. Click on Give Direct on the right side of the screen, enter the amount and credit card information. Make sure to indicate LONG BRANCH FIRE in the comment box. Or contributors may mail checks to:

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Write Long Branch Fire on check memo line.

Alternatively, a crowd funding website, Razoo.com, based

in Alexandria created a fundraiser to help the victims of the explosion. Donations will be routed to Montgomery Housing Partners: www.razoo.com/us/story/Flowerbranchfire

Montgomery County agencies have developed a coordinated way in which people can donate food and clothing and volunteer to respond to the long-term needs of the victims. To stay informed, visit the following website: www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=16282

This disaster will require volunteers for the long haul. A broad coalition of governmental, faith-based and civic have groups set up a volunteer sign-up system coordinate the intense interest. To sign-up to volunteer (be patient as offers are matched with needs) go to: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9dC1Wu-is4iN1t-CNtpFrtKNMy_Fdxv51WWV9yGWWdy14wg/viewform

"As people of faith, we know our essential nature is love, and responding to our neighbors in love increases the love that unites, strengthens and keeps hope alive," noted Rev. Kaseman in his statement.

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Upcoming Events & Notes

Altarserver schedules are being put together and will be soon distributed.

Religious Education will be announced during weekend Masses, as well as on the website.

The WorkCenter still meets 9:30am every first Saturday of the

month but is now located at Holy Redeemer Church, Kensington; Stefano Ratti, coordinator, rattig-no@yahoo.com.

CTK's parish lunch is held after the 12:30pm Sunday Mass during the school year; the next one will be announced soon!

The next Lord Is My Shepherd parish Halloween dinner/dance fundraiser will be held Oct. 22 in the Colonial Room (announcement of time and donation to come).

Note: Christ the King's Music Director Katie Yeago was married Aug 13 to Thad Winker and while she will not be returning as Music Director or organist, she and her husband live in Silver Spring and will continue here as parishioners for at least one more year.

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SUCCESS

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of Good Counsel High School track in Olney. Parishioners Sylvia and Meghan Jones, the social event coordinators for UCR, and other SFA members pulled out all the stops in securing the popular radio station HOT 99.5 to attend and play music for all walkers. The dynamic duo also arranged for Mayorga Coffee for spectators, Kona Flavored Ice for walkers/runners, as well as Branded 72 BBQ to bring trucks to the event.

The group was able to warm up their muscles with SPIRIT Club, fitness instructors for special needs, before the walk. Everyone formed a giant circle around the 50 yard line and stretched, turned, bended and tilted with huge smiles on their faces. Carol Maloney, NEWS 4

Sports personality, was charged with getting the group to the starting line and beginning the race. Many commented to organizers that Carol is the "real deal" and so compassionate. As she departed, she waved wildly and made promises to MC our next event!

The feeling of community and bonding was felt throughout the entire event. Walkers and runners alike were cheering each other on, chatting and socializing throughout the walk, and sharing ice cold water bottles afterwards. Many gathered in the shade to enjoy their BBQ and flavored ice together. Montgomery County Police officers took part in the fun by handing out water bottles and giving tours of their police cruisers. Many families took the opportunity to meet them and introduce their young adults.

UCR is energized from the turn-

out of this first 5K, and under the direction of board chairman Deacon Dan Finn, we are all looking forward to a very bright and exciting future!

The UpCounty Resource Group is an organization of persons who believe that diversity in our community enriches us all. Our mission is to promote opportunities for individuals with, and without, developmental differences in a community that values each member. Our upcoming events include a Nationals game on Sept. 11, a Hoe Down Dance on Oct. 8 and Mary Poppins at the Olney Theater in December. If you would like more information about our group and upcoming events, follow us on Face Book and the web at www.ucresources.org or emailing jennlynn@ucresources.org.

Join us for our next event!

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Working Together for the Common Good

Saint Francis International School believes that we are stronger when we form partnerships and work together for the good of our children and our community.

Over the past few years the opportunities for partnership between SFIS and the local, state, and federal governments has grown tremendously. This summer SFIS has been working diligently to upgrade an often overlooked, but essential, part of a child's experience of school: the restrooms. Thanks to a grant from the Maryland Aging Non-Public School Buildings Fund, SFIS is replacing all of its 60+ year old urinals and sinks with high-efficiency, modern models and parents are painting and upgrading those restrooms to help students feel more comfortable while at school. Thanks to similar state and federal grants, over the coming year SFIS will be also be upgrading emergency exits, modernizing the PA sound system and emergency call buttons throughout the building, and expanding the Wi-Fi network.

But that's not all, each year for the last decade SFIS has partici-



pated in the Maryland Textbook and Technology Loan program that provides non-government schools with textbooks and computers for students to use to access curriculum. This year, SFIS used a good portion of the textbook funds to acquire new social studies and citizenship education materials for students in Kindergarten through eighth grade, as well materials needed every year like workbooks for language arts and math.

This year is a very special time of new partnerships with the state and federal governments. Saint Francis International School is excited to be working with the Maryland State Department of Education to implement two programs. One, called the Pre-K Expansion Grant, uses federal funds to enable eighteen low-income families to enroll their 4-year-old children at SFIS for full-day pre-kindergarten.

The other program was created this past spring by the General Assembly; the BOOST Scholarship program will be supporting many Kindergarten through 8th grade students at SFIS from families facing financial challenges. BOOST Scholarships, when combined with other financial assistance from SFIS and the Archdiocese of Washington, will allow many families to better afford to give their children the gift of Catholic school. Saint Francis International School is proud to be welcoming dozens of new students, especially Latinos from the Langley Park area, to the SFIS family thanks to the BOOST Scholarship program!

There are many other ways that

SFIS partners with the local, state, and federal governments to promote the common good including providing breakfast, lunch, and after-school snack through the Federal School Nutrition Program. SFIS is especially proud to work intensively with Montgomery County Public Schools to provide services to students facing academic struggles through Titles I and III of

the *Every Student Succeeds Act* as well to provide numerous services to meet students with special education needs. SFIS is grateful for the many ways it is blest to be able to work with the various levels of our nation's government to provide for the common good of our children and our society!

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New bathroom fixtures and other upgrades await students at SFIS this fall.

J&A COUNCIL

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immigration and concern for the poor, we face hot buttons again.

After advancing these four principles, the bishops apply them to 13 major policy issues—such as human life, promoting peace, health care, migration—which call for serious consideration and responses and which may come up in the fall election.

The bishops recognize that sometimes all the candidates “hold a position that promotes an intrinsically evil act.” In this case, “the voter may decide to vote for the candidate deemed less likely to advance such a morally flawed position and more likely to pursue other authentic human goods” (FCFC, paras. 35-36).

So again, what are we to do?

The answer is not to throw up our hands in despair, although we may be tempted to do that! A good place to start is by reading and reflecting on “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship.” It can be downloaded from the USCCB website at: www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/index.

cfm. Or try searching for “USCCB faithful citizenship.” The website also has a good 30 minute video, bulletin inserts, and other helpful material. You might recommend to your pastor that they be used in your parish this fall.

Also, a number of websites such as “CRUX” and “ZENIT” are helpful in keeping us updated on issues. *America* magazine, the NCR and *National Catholic Register* may also be helpful.

The bishops also stress fasting and prayer, “asking our loving and gracious God to give us the ability to effectively proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our daily witness to our faith and its teachings” (see “Introductory Note”). And in his Angelus message on July 24, Pope Francis urged us to pray: “Father, give me the Holy Spirit.”

Being a faithful Catholic in the public square is not easy, and it is an on-going call to political responsibility. It is a wonderful and rewarding way to live out our Catholic faith.

Anthony Bosnick has been a member of the Montgomery County Justice and Advocacy Council since it was founded. He is also Minister of Social Concerns at St. Francis parish in Derwood.

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Extended Opportunities for Learning are Year-Round at SFIS

Founded in 2010, Saint Francis International School embarked on its seventh year on July 5th with its annual Summer @ Saint Francis session.

In fact, even before SFIS was officially founded in 2010, it ran its first summer program. This year the largest group ever - almost 90 students from SFIS and other area Catholic and public schools - came together for four weeks of Saint Francis Summer Academy. The intensive extended learning opportunity included “get ready” for Kindergarten and 1st Grade classes, a science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) program taught by a high school AP physics and chemistry teacher, and reading, writing, and math classes designed to meet the needs of children in grades 1 through 8.

SFIS is built around the mindset that children and families need as many flexible opportunities to learn throughout the year as possible. With this mindset, SFIS offers a 7 ½ hour school day most of its 184 days during the traditional school year. But, beyond that, SFIS is actually open from 6:45 am to 6:30 pm most days to meet the needs of modern families. In addition to the academic days during the traditional school year, SFIS offers well over 200 days of learning when you count the Summer Academy!

This year Summer @ Saint Francis got back to its roots by partnering with St. Camillus Parish to offer a Peace Camp for an additional 60 students for one of the



Summer Academy students share what they've learned at their annual STEM Symposium.

weeks this summer. Summer @ Saint Francis doesn't just benefit children's academic needs; during the summer SFIS participates in the government's Summer Food Program and provides breakfast and lunch for all of the children who attend Summer Academy and Peace Camp, plus SFIS provides another 60 free meals per day on Tuesdays through Fridays to children in need through the nearby Catholic Community of Langley Park.

Planning is already underway for Summer @ Saint Francis No. 8! We are hoping to add a fifth week of programming next summer in partnership with St. Camillus Parish Faith Formation designed to provide children with additional spiritual and

character building activities within an fun setting.

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Hebrews, the Pastoral, Catholic and Johannine Epistles

SJB Bible Study of Hebrews and the non-Pauline letters will begin September 15. First, they will examine Hebrews, which scholars consider one of the most impressive works in the New Testament. Following will be The Pastoral Letters (1 & 2 Timothy and Titus), the catholic letters, meaning general or universal (1 & 2 Peter, James & Jude), and the three Johannine Epistles.

Classes are offered in the Kazista Center's Large Conference Room for eight Thursdays either 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 7:30-9:30 p.m. Please contact Alicia Urban for further information or for registration: 301-879-4368 or urban261@gmail.com.

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Help Veterans Set-up Their Homes

SJB has partnered with a local Veterans Supportive Services organization which provides services and needed items to veterans and their families. The organization provides Welcome Home Kits to formerly homeless veterans.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this crucial ministry. To date we have assisted over a dozen veterans from toiletries to beds. Most veterans come from transitional housing. For instance, some reside in single rooms while others reside in efficiency apartments. Often, they arrive in their new residence with only their clothes on their backs. Most recently, we had several requests for full-size beds

with box spring/platforms and bedding. Social Concerns Ministry has purchased the beds and platforms from Amazon.com. The shock and smiles on the veteran's faces when they received their welcome home kits are priceless.

After a two month hiatus, we are averaging two to three new veteran referrals every week. Welcome Home Kits for our Veterans is an ongoing project; therefore, continued support is crucial. If you'd like to help purchase, assemble, or pay for any of the items listed below, please contact Cynthia Norris at socialconcerns@sjbcatholicchurch.com or 301-622-1122.

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Box Tops for Education

Bring your clipped box tops to the Parish Office. Last year, box tops helped to raise funds to renovate our school.

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An Workshop Invitation to Married Couples

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The Teams of Our Lady, an international married couples' movement, can help keep you focused on your married life with a supportive group of like-minded Catholic couples.

The workshop will be on September 8 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist School located at 10201 Woodland Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20902.

For more information, contact Eva St. Clair (eva.stclair@gmail.com; 415-446-8079) or Harry & Josie Gieske gieske.equipes1@verizon.net; 301-384-8177).

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Young Adult Catholics

Beach Trip to Bethany Beach

On September 2-10 enjoy a week or weekend stay on private beachfront property with other fellow Catholics. Daily mass with Father Thomas Morrow, holy hour, cookout, and local restaurants. Jets skiing, para-sailing, and kayaking are available.

Cost: \$250 for the men's house and \$230 for the ladies' house.

Carpool is available.

For more information or to register, contact info.slsociety@gmail.com.



Join the Arimathean Ministry

Arimathean Ministries assist at funeral services as ushers, greeters, altar servers, lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The ministry is especially suited for those who are retired or have flexible work schedules. If you would like to serve your parish in this compassionate ministry, contact 301-622-1122 or worship@sjbcatholicchurch.com.

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SJB Christian Meditation Class

Every Tuesday, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Church

Experience inner peace, reduce stress, improve health, gain clarity of mind, deepen faith, connect with God. All are welcome.

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our parishes. We are deeply grateful to Jim Brown for his service and to his family for sharing him with us these many years. Many vulnerable seniors have a safe, high quality, affordable home in which to age because of Jim.

In April Dr. Ralph Coan, Our Lady of Lourdes, passed away. Those of you who benefit from acupuncture, owe Dr. Coan, a beloved medical doctor, a debt of gratitude for he was a courageous advocate for the acceptance and use of acupuncture as a valid medical procedure. Many remember him best, however, as a relentless advocate for the homeless and hungry of downtown Bethesda. That's right, homeless in Bethesda! Twenty five years ago, Dr. Coan and others from Lourdes noticed a growing number of homeless people living on the streets of Bethesda. Instead of looking away from them, he began to advocate on their behalf. Despite monumental business and community opposition, Dr. Coan and others formed the nonprofit, Bethesda Cares and began providing a hot lunch for the homeless each weekday in local churches. Thank God, the lunches and Bethesda Cares continue to this day; sadly so do the homeless on the streets of Bethesda. Life is better today for these poor people because of Dr. Coan's compassion and courage to act.

There's still time to respond to Pope Francis's call during this Year of Mercy. Dr. Coan's example inspires us. He sought to help a population most wished would simply disappear. Homeless people clad in rags aren't good for business in downtown Bethesda. We have seen a rise in the number of people pleading for money in our county, especially on the median strips at major intersections. Some residents complain about them as nuisances. Others are concerned for their safety. Sometimes we hear it said that those seeking help are disingenuous. Others believe the donated money is used to buy drugs and alcohol. Some homeless advocates and government discourage giving money to those who beg. There may be truth in these views and it may make it easier to ignore their presence. **The question for a merciful Christian is, what response does Christ demand from each of us?** Wouldn't Francis say, as Christ said, who are we to judge?

So what does a faithful Christian do for the person at the intersection or on the sidewalk? The answer is as personal for each Christian as his/her relationship is to Christ. But it begins with a prayerful recognition that the person before them is a child of God. Pausing a moment to look into the face of a street beggar, we may see the eyes of a frightened and desperately poor young mother; the terror of a mind distorted by mental illness; the enslaved body of a drug addict; the

confusion and vulnerability of an intellectually challenged person; the pain and distrustful eyes of one who has been sexually abused; perhaps one who has lost all to a tragic fire. There but for the grace of a merciful God are we or members of our family. Perhaps the person is a member of your family.

One thing that we cannot do as Pope Francis told thousands at World Youth Day, "... we can't sit around with arms folded". And something we must do as the soon to be St Teresa of Calcutta pleaded, "love them".

Here are a few local resources for "street people" where you may wish to volunteer or otherwise support: Bethesda Cares 301 907 9244; Progress Place 301 585 4471; Gaithersburg Soup Kitchen at St Martin's 301 990 3203; The Shepherd's Table 301 585 6463; Our Lady of Lourdes Sunday Soup Kitchen 301 907 9244; Catholic Charities 301 942 1790. You may wish to make and distribute your own caring kits for the homeless: <http://5chc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/CARING-KITS-ideas.pdf>. The Clancy family, mom, dad and six children (Our Lady of Mercy) do it this way. They created their own nonprofit called Immediate Impacts, <http://ii-index.appspot.com/home.html>.

Where there's mercy, there's a way.

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POLAND

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stand up for her chastity, but she forgave her killer. It made me reflect on how sexualized things, like social media are becoming and how easy it is to fall into temptation. She is the true example of God's mercy on us; she was able to forgive what we may see as impossible.

We traveled to Austria, and also visited Venice. In Poland, we were

greeted by Fr.Cezare's community of the Neocatechumenal Way who hosted us for two nights. The next morning, we had a beautiful Mass with Pope Francis. He said how the youth have turned into "couch potatoes," people rather stay home than going out and face the world or reality. He asked us if we want to continue to be these couch potatoes and let society control our future, or do we want to go out into the world and create our own futures. He spoke about how we should leave footprints wherever

we go. We visited the Basilica of the Divine Mercy, kissed the relic of St. Faustina Kowalska and viewed the famous Divine Mercy painting. It made me feel loved and that Jesus cares about me and has mercy on me despite my many sins.

I hope to leave footprints, have mercy for others, the same way I receive mercy from Him. Please pray for us youth, because we are constantly fighting the spiritual battle and we are the future of the Church!

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38 Picnics Together – Rain AND Shine

By Rus Wester

We've done parish picnics under sunny skies, overcast and cool days and in the rain. Regardless of weather, we know how to throw a party and nobody's going to talk us out of a good time. Great food, fun games, prizes, live music, lots of smiles and laughter, visitors from the past. It was a joyful get-together!

"Our dining room was four large

tents, a number of food tents and we filled them all," said Father Joe Rogers.

Father Joe was seen in the open grassy area, eyes closed, looking upward probably whispering "hold the water back just one more hour". Prayers were answered. We came, ate, laughed and enjoyed the children as they played their games, especially getting the Piñatas to yield their treasures.

Knights of Columbus parish

elder, Carmine Castellano (in his 90s) coordinated Master-Puppeteer, Bob Brown's "live performance" of Clowning Around. "Another packed house for our puppet show," said Carmine. "The rain helped us fill the chairs, cheek-to-jowl."

Near days end, the voice of Dr. Ron Bauer was heard all over the picnic grounds, calling out bingo numbers as players scrambled to cover their cards to be the next winner of an assortment of exciting prizes.

Father Joe reminded us that the second reading at Mass was "endurance produces proven character." (St. Paul, Romans 5).

Over a hundred volunteers and a huge turnout proved their character by coming out in the elements for the picnic.

"One of our biggest blessings is having each other", said Father. "Our 650+ attendees join me in offering special thanks to Cheryl Harskowitch, Mike May and Luis Jovel who oversaw everything throughout the year. And thanks to the dozens of volunteers who made it all come together, rain and shine."



Cook and they will come...and they came in numbers greater than 650! Photo by Jerry Kelley



Can't beat picnic fare: "Another hot dog, please." Photo by Jerry Kelley



"If it'll just stay still for a couple more swings..." Photo by Jerry Kelley

SJN Taste a Night to Remember

By Rus Wester

SJN Taste was a culinary night to remember. It featured a wide variety of international delights, all created and served by SJN parishioners. Everything offered was a prized recipe from people's own heritage – a labor of love.

"Our goal was to serve 200 that night", said SJN Taste Event Coordinator, Cheryl Harskowitch. "It wasn't just about having a dinner. People quickly went through the buffet line for generous samples of international dishes and sat down for a nice long visit with one another. The food was outstanding and they didn't want to go home!"

Check out a brief overview of the menu: Lebanese Kibbeh and Tabooli, Salvadorian Pupusas,

Mexican Tacos, Asian Chicken Stir Fry, Peruvian Chicha Morada, West African Akara, Jamaican Meat Pies, Nigerian Chin Chin Cookies, Sicilian Arancini, Lumpiang Shanghai/Pork Barbeque/and Pancit from the Philippines, Columbian Empanadas and more. Desserts also included traditional chocolate chip cookies, baklava and it was reported that one of the "tasters" actually bought a second Tasting Passport



Food selection was so extensive, heard around the Parish Center until closing time: "Please hold my seat...be right back...going for more." Photo by Jerry Kelley

just to dig into another serving of the Cuban Flan.

"This whole event was the brilliance of Yolanda Caraballo--her idea," said Event Coordinator Harskowitch. "I was then asked to stage it. Blessed with a huge suc-

cess, we're already planning next year's SJN Taste – don't miss it!"

"This was a beautiful manifestation of the family life of our parish—hospitality at its best!" remarked Fr. Joe.

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Tasting Passports in hand, parishioners took to the sampling tables. Photo by Jerry Kelley



White SJN baseball hats kept parish pilgrims together as they toured Washington religious sites.

SJN on Religious Pilgrimage

White SJN Baseball caps were everywhere on July 2, marking the first parish-wide religious pilgrimage in our history.

Not a simple trip downtown, consider what was bundled in a single day: Roundtrip to Washington, paying respects to Our Lady at her Shrine with Mass, walking through the Holy Year Door – setting up a Plenary indulgence, group prayer for Pope Francis' intentions, venerating St. John Paul the Great's relic, touring life-sized replicas of the Holy Land, confessions heard at every stop of the day, photo ops and enjoying fellow parishioners.

Early morning, buses rolled from SJN's parking lot. First stop: the

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Father Joe Rogers was pilgrimage tour guide and led SJN visitors through the Holy Year Door at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

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Congratulations to Our Newest Stephen Ministers

St. Rose is happy to welcome eight new Stephen Ministers who were commissioned on June 5. These new Stephen Ministers join other Stephen Ministers who are trained members (undergoing 50 hours of training) from St. Rose who provide high quality and confidential care to hurting people. They listen and share God's love

with those going through difficult times, such as grief, divorce, relocation, hospitalization, illness or unemployment.

For the last ten years, St. Rose's Stephen Ministers have helped approximately 115 people who experiencing hardships in their lives and just needed someone to listen to them.

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Front row (L-R): Margaret Mc Ewan, Christina Stern, Mary Algeo Freburger, Ruthann Giusti; Back row (L-R): Joseph Bucci, Cathleen Irish, Maria Knab, Geoffrey Lewis



Encounter the Gospel of Life

Fifty St. Rose of Lima youth, young adults and adults participated in Encounter the Gospel of Life this summer. Participants served our neighbors in various non-profits throughout DC, Montgomery County, PG County and Baltimore County. After serving throughout the day, participants returned to the University of Maryland for retreat style faith formation and community building.

World Youth Day

Seven St. Rose of Lima youth and young adults traveled to Kraków, Poland this summer to participate in World Youth Day, joining with two million Catholic young people from around the world. It was a life-changing and spiritual experience for all! Photos by Molly Gradowski

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Above, some of the St. Rose World Youth Day pilgrims and others taking a selfie with Bishop Holley

At left, Mark Moitoza, a St. Rose parishioner, who was on pilgrimage with the Military Archdiocese, met up with the St. Rose Pilgrims at World Youth Day.



TREASURE

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Holy Redeemer students to complete their Confirmation requirements. Students visit residents and share their time and talents with those who are older and in turn, Kensington Park residents share their stories and memories that keep them connected to the next generation. The ties to Holy Redeemer

never stop being a relevant part of the Kensington Park resident's lives. It's what makes this community unique. The community connects different generations by working with and for each other. The community expands far past the walls of the church throughout the entire town of Kensington. It is here with years of memories, shared stories and love for one another that we understand that life truly comes back full circle.

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SJN pilgrims were welcomed at the Franciscan Monastery to experience the replicas of the holiest shrines of the Holy Land.

PILGRIMAGE

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Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Father Joe celebrated Holy Mass in the Crypt Church, pilgrim parishioners serving. Following prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, SJN's parishioners passed through the Holy Year Door to receive a Plenary Indulgence for the Year of Mercy.

Second stop: St. John Paul II Shrine, near the Basilica. After

lunch, a brief gallery walk-through and a stop to venerate his first-class relic. Back on buses for the Franciscan Monastery and touring many replicas of the Holy Land – The Holy Sepulcher, the catacombs, gardens, large chapel, and one of a kind, multi-dimensional, sacred art.

"We did so much in a very short time," said parishioner, Kristy Burrows. "Each of these holy sites could easily take days to tour. It was just an introduction, now we need to plan a return trip to really take it all in."

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St. Martin's Honors Longtime Aftercare Coordinator Ursula Ehrhardt

By Sherry Antonetti

Ursula Ehrhardt (Uschi) managed the Aftercare Program of St. Martin's School for twenty-eight years. Helping to manage roughly fifty children ranging in age from Pre-Kindergarten to eighth grade, five days a week, shepherding them through homework, snack time, playground disputes, inclement weather, holidays, and the ordinary scrapes and bruises of everyday play for two decades, one might think she'd grow weary. However, Uschi maintained a joyful heart. She managed through shifting enrollment, increased demand on the facilities, and always made sure the children's needs came first.

When she retired from working at St. Martin's school at the end of the 2015 school year, she spoke



St. Martin School's Aftercare Program will be dedicated in memory of longtime Aftercare Coordinator, Ursula Ehrhardt. Photo courtesy of St. Martin's School

fondly about spending more time with her grandchildren. "You have to spend today" she said to

me once as I was picking up the kids and she mused over the loss of her husband, "Spend today with the people you love." We talked about the fleeting nature of time and how obvious this seems when spoken, but how difficult to remember in the midst of living life with schedules and homework and errands and all the hassles of every day. She gave the little ones a hug and a snack for the car.

Mrs. Ursula Ehrhardt passed away on August 28, 2015. For her and her many years of dedication to St. Martin's School, the Aftercare Program will be dedicated in Mrs. Ehrhardt's memory during the first school mass of this school year. Please join us on September 16, 2016 at 1:00pm to celebrate the life of this wonderful woman. All are welcome.

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Congratulations to four Girl Scouts from St. Martin's Troop 274 for earning a Catholic Girl Scout medal this year. Cadettes, Anne Cooksey and Layla Ruiz, earned the Marion Medal, while Brownies, Nora Manyin and Mary Jasper, earned the Family of God Medal. Fr. Gabriel Fermin presented their medals a mass in June. Photo courtesy of Greg Cooksey

St. Martin's School Welcomes New Principal!

By Anne Gemunder

St. Martin's School community extends a warm welcome to our new principal, Mr. Anthony Sahadi. Mr. Sahadi comes to us from Warren, Michigan, where he has been principal of St. Anne Catholic Grade School since 2007. As principal, he has been committed to teaching and learning excellence with a focus on Catholic identity, enrollment and retention, and diversity.

Monsignor Mark Brennan said "His Catholic identity is in his blood, from his many years attending Catholic schools to his close

connection to the Catholic community through his late father, a longtime high school football coach in the Detroit Catholic League. We look forward to these valuable Catholic school experiences that he will be bringing to St. Martin's."

Mr. Sahadi is a graduate from the University of Detroit Mercy. He attended Catholic elementary and high school. Mr. Sahadi began his teaching career at Detroit Gesu Catholic Grade School in 1998. He was then appointed to assistant principal of Detroit Christ the King Catholic Grade School in 2003.

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City of Gaithersburg Mayor Jud Ashman joined St. Martin's School staff and students on Tuesday, May 17, to plant a tree at St. Martin's in celebration of Arbor Day. Msgr. Mark Brennan and Principal Andrew Piotrowski, on behalf of St. Martin's School, also congratulated the City of Gaithersburg for being the recipient of the Tree City USA. Our third and fourth grade students performed a musical tribute to trees. Our "Principal for the Day," 8th grader Olisaneme Okonkwo, welcomed and introduced our dignitaries. The celebration was followed by a Cookie Reception. Photo courtesy of St. Martin's School

Monsignor Brennan Celebrates Forty Years

By Anne Gemunder

On June 5, 2016, St. Martin's Parish celebrated the 40th anniversary of Msgr. Mark Brennan's ordination during the annual Parish Field Mass and Picnic. The outdoor mass took place at Fr. Meyer Field, across from St. Martin's church, under a large tent. The mass was celebrated in the three main languages of the parish – English, Spanish and French. Some prayers and responses were spoken in Polish, Tagalog and African languages.

A picnic followed the mass, where Monsignor Brennan was presented with many gifts from parishioners. He was given a new chalice set with an inscription, a Papal Blessing from Pope Francis, new albs, and a beautiful watch to name a few of the presents.

Msgr. Brennan's anniversary was also celebrated with the school community during the St. Martin's School spring music program. The teachers and children presented him with special gifts representing the

40 years of his devotion and loving service to God's people.

Msgr. Mark Brennan was ordained a priest on May 15, 1976 at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle here in Washington DC. He has served throughout the Archdiocese of Washington. For the past 13 years, he has served Pastor here at St. Martin's.

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St. Martin's students gathered for a summer evening enrichment event to learn about the art of indigenous Australians and create paintings that use color and symbols to celebrate nature. Photo courtesy of St. Martin's School

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A New Year with New Faces in New Places

The faculty and staff at Our Lady of Lourdes School is growing this year! We welcome Ms. Molly Carter to Our Little Group classroom. She is a graduate of Lourdes, and has been serving as a teaching assistant in Little Group, where she will now serve as the lead teacher. Joining her in Little Group will be new teaching assistants Fatima Caceres and Maria Claudia Cruz. Mrs. Kathryn Wasp will assume the position of Director of the Little Group and Pre-K programs, and she will teach one Pre-K class. Joining her will be new teaching assistant, Rita Gonzalez.

Ms. Chelsey Hipp and Ms. Kristin Addison will be moving from other positions to our two Kindergarten classes this year. Ms. Paola Palacios, new to Lourdes, will be the Kindergarten teaching assistant. Taking over the second grade will be new teacher, Ms. Kara Carter, and she will be joined by new teaching assistant, Mrs. Bridget Launi.

In the fourth grade we welcome Ms. Claire Grady. Ms. Grady moved here from Minnesota where she taught in Catholic school for four years. In fifth grade we welcome back Ms. Green, who is now Mrs. Imwalle. Mrs. Alli Richardson will be moving to our Resource Department from her position in Kindergarten. Mrs. Richardson is looking forward to working with children of all ages in Resource.

Mr. James Roberts is returning to Lourdes, and will be our PE Teacher and will run our Aftercare Program, and Mrs. Elizabeth Cooley, who moved here from out west where she taught in Catholic schools in Utah and Colorado, will be teaching middle school Religion.

All of our teachers, veterans and newcomers, are excited to begin the 2016-2017 school year. We anticipate an exciting and productive year filled with faith, academic excellence and service.

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Summer Reading for Teachers, Too

During the summer, the teachers of Our Lady of Lourdes read a number of assigned books and they took a test. Sounds like fun, right?

Teachers were asked to read "Good to Great" by Jim Collins. This book identifies key

characteristics of companies and organizations that have taken themselves from good companies to become great companies. One of the first steps in the process is to hire the right people, or as Collins says, "to have the right people on the bus". We have some wonderful, energetic and dedicated people on our bus for the 2016-2017 school year. While we are still waiting for a couple more passengers (teachers) for our bus, Collins has warned us that it is always worth it to wait for the best, and so we will!

Many teachers read "Teaching Children with Down Syndrome to



Read" and "Teaching Math to Children with Down Syndrome." These books will serve as a reference for our teachers, as our student body this year will include five children with Down Syndrome. Finally, some of our teachers read "You're

Going to Love this Kid", which is a great book about including children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder in the classroom. We will have some great discussions during our Teacher Week meetings based on these books.

We did take a test! All faculty and staff took the Golden Personality Profile. This test gives people a profile using personality types, and describes the ways in which we best learn, communicate and relate to others. It will be interesting to discover how many teachers are in each personality type category, and to discuss the ways in which our personality type influences our teaching and our relationships with our colleagues.

During our teacher week we will have an opportunity to reconnect with one another, to get to know the newest members of our team, and to discover more about ourselves and our colleagues. We will also have time to explore strategies and instructional methods that will benefit our students. We can hardly wait to get started!

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The rendering of the completed project by Delizzio Seligson Architects and Planners

A Haven in the Making in downtown Bethesda

By Angelyn Tugado-Marzan

Two months after school starts this Fall, students, workers, senior citizens, metro bus and train commuters will find a welcome respite at the corner of Pearl Street and East-West Highway, off Wisconsin Avenue in Bethesda, Maryland.

Said respite for the otherwise weary souls would be a little plaza currently being constructed along with the vestibule renovation of the 66-year-old Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL) Church. After conducting the Indicators of Vitality Survey (a self-assessment tool that assists pastors and parishioners in the Archdiocese of Washington) to the congregation three years ago, OLOL Pastor Monsignor Edward J. Filardi announced the need to create "a more welcoming environment and better use of the space in the church, that better accommodates our needs, and serves all members of the parish and future generations in our rapidly growing area."

Said church with its Blue Ribbon school (Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School) is indeed in a growing area with neighbors like the busy Red Line metro train station, a major bus terminal, the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, hi-rise apartments, law offices, restaurants, theaters, a senior citizens' home and a grocery.

The renovation project (also



The very gentle, low archways of the new windows and doorways will blend harmoniously with the strong horizontal lines of the church and the dome above the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

known as the Lourdes Portico Project) started after over \$1.2 million in funds was raised from the OLOL congregation. "While we have raised 90% of the costs, we still fall short of the total by about \$150,000," said Monsignor Filardi, former priest-secretary of Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington.

Under the guidance of the Archdiocese of Washington, the services of Dennis DeLizzio Seligson Architects and Planners (known to have designed buildings and facilities of religious communities, including the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. and Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Potomac, Maryland, St. Michael Parish in Silver Spring, St. Raphael Parish

in Rockville, and the new home of Cardinal McCarrick, among others) was tapped. The Associated Builders, Inc. was awarded the construction job of the said Lourdes project which includes enclosing the front portico to provide gathering space for use year-round, updating the current vestibule, expanding the restrooms (which would certainly have a thumbs-up from bridesmaids during weddings!), adding a room for a small library and meeting space, and improving the front walkway to a stone plaza.

Much to the dismay of parishioners who desired a bell tower, as seen in other Catholic churches, the addition of said tower was scraped as construction budget did not allow it.

Nevertheless, Monsignor Filardi is hopeful that when construction of the Lourdes Portico project is completed by the end of the Holy Year of Mercy on November 20, 2016 (Feast of Christ the King), parishioners and passers-by will indeed find a welcome haven, a much-needed respite in busy downtown Bethesda.

"I feel like this project is a work of mercy. Much as the added spaces at the vestibule and little plaza will be meeting places for fellowship, the whole area will be a place of healing, just as a church is meant to be: a place of healing," Monsignor Filardi, who's known to explain God's Word with much gusto (thanks to his mother's Italian origins), quietly revealed to this writer.

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The addition to the front of Our Lady of Lourdes Church is beginning to take shape. Care was taken to match the color, size and texture of the original brickwork as closely as possible.



The Youth Group from the Shrine of St. Jude in Rockville, MD, made a pilgrimage to the Monastery of the Precious Blood in Brooklyn, NY. Pictured are some of the youth and their young adult leaders in the monastery's beautiful chapel. Photo by Christine Saah

St. Jude Youth Group Summer Pilgrimage to Brooklyn

By Xiommy Esteban, SJ Youth Group, young adult volunteer

On Tuesday, June 28, 17 teens led by four young adult volunteers from the Shrine of St. Jude gathered to prepare for their annual end-of-school-year pilgrimage to the historic and beautiful Monastery of the Precious Blood in Brooklyn, NY. Before departing, the group enjoyed dinner, listened to an introduction talk related to the theme of the pilgrimage, "Receiving and Sharing Mercy," and had the opportunity to go to confession. Then Fr. Ken Gill blessed the two vans and gave everyone a special pilgrim blessing.

The Monastery, which includes a retreat house, is home to two cloistered, contemplative communities of sisters, the Adorers of the Precious Blood and the Servants of the Lord. Msgr. Philip Reilly, the resident chaplain of the Monastery, has devoted a large part of his 50+ year priestly ministry and been actively involved in almost every aspect of the Pro-Life movement. For the last 25+ years, the Monsignor

has dedicated much of his time to counseling women approaching abortion clinics in New York City, and he has travelled around the U.S and the world teaching the art of sidewalk counseling and the peaceful, prayerful, loving approach that is central to his organization and ministry.

On Wednesday, the group began the day with 7:15 a.m. Mass celebrated by Msgr. Reilly in the Monastery's beautiful chapel. After breakfast, the Monsignor gave the group a talk regarding the abortion industry, the history of abortion in our country (most notably New York being considered abortion capital of America), and also shared some information about sidewalk counseling. The group then joined Msgr. Reilly at one of his most frequented abortion clinics, one that allows abortions up to six months. For two hours, the teens prayed while the Monsignor stood a little closer to the entrance of the clinic, praying and offering women that entered and exited a pamphlet of resources and a rosary.

The remainder of Wednesday included some time to play sports and enjoy the beautiful

Monastery gardens, have a meet and greet and Q&A with three of the sisters from the cloistered community, and participate in an evening Holy Hour with the sisters. To top off the spirit of prayer experienced throughout Wednesday, the teens were awakened at 3 a.m. to pray together the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in the pitch black serenity of the Monastery's chapel.

On the last day, the group ventured via subway into Manhattan to do a little sightseeing and shopping, but primarily to enter through the Holy Door of Mercy at St. Patrick's Cathedral and attend Mass. It truly was a beautiful way to wrap up the pilgrimage!

This coming school year, the SJ Youth Group will be led by newly appointed parochial vicar, Fr. Shaun Foggo, assisted by a group of young adult volunteers. The group's kick-off meeting will be Friday, Sept. 9, from 7-9 p.m., and will continue every Friday thereafter. To join the St. Jude Youth Group and find out about upcoming events, email: Shaun.Foggo@stjuderockville.org.

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Living an Ongoing Pentecost Booklet Provides Pastoral Vision

By Fr. Paul Lee, Pastor, Shrine of St. Jude

The very definition of Pentecost exudes "outwardliness." To go forth, to go out into the world, to engage with our fellow men embodies the spirit of the Pentecost. We at St. Jude can play an instrumental role in advancing and celebrating the Pentecost.

The Shrine of St. Jude parish boasts over 60 nationalities. Reflecting this kaleidoscope of nationality, I instituted a monthly *intercultural* Mass. Being *multi-cultural* designates the status quo, but being *intercultural* points to where we want to go and what we want to become as a faith community, regardless of our ethnicity. Reaching out to one another is to practice the catholicity of our faith; that is, thinking and acting according to a totality of the whole, centered around Christ. A parish is a school of communion (John Paul II), and the Holy Spirit shows us the way. Thus, Pentecost is the quintessential American feast to be realized and celebrated as such at all times.

By definition, a spiritual person is a relating and relational person. The Church is the community of spiritually reborn people on that journey. The divinely initiated movement to engage us into a lov-



Fr. Paul D. Lee, Pastor

ing union with God and with one another is the *raison d'être* of the Church. The Church's mission is to expand the concentric circles of communion in time and space. The Holy Spirit ever keeps us on our toes in the sacred tension of the *already* and the *not yet*; that is, what we have become and what we need to be, how we have been and how we must be. That is the very essence of an ongoing Pentecost.

If you have not already picked up a copy of Fr. Lee's Pentecost Letter, copies are available alongside the weekly bulletins at the entrances to the Shrine of St. Jude.

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Welcome Fr. Shaun Foggo

Welcome Fr. Shaun Foggo! Fr. Foggo, who grew up in Hyattsville, and attended St. Jerome School and parish and DeMatha High School, joined the St. Jude parish in July as its new parochial vicar.

A graduate of Catholic University with a degree in history, Fr. Foggo taught at several elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Washington as well as at DeMatha High School, where he also coached baseball. Throughout those years, Fr. Foggo felt the call to the priesthood continually tugging at his heart and he embraced the Lord's call to him to be a priest.

Fr. Foggo was ordained in 2013 and assigned as a parochial vicar to St. Peter's Parish in Olney.

Some fun facts about Fr. Foggo



Fr. Shaun Foggo

are that he loves baseball and worked hard to play outfield for three years at Catholic University; the Nationals are his favorite team; and Mike Mussina is his favorite player.

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Happy Campers!

Another summer ... another successful Vacation Bible School for St. Jude! Seventy-two campers (ages 4-9) and counselors, at left, enjoyed the week together, studying about Jesus and the Saints and having lots of fun. They focused on "Winning the World for Jesus" and acknowledged that "We are On a Mission." Many thanks to the stalwart leaders, Marilyn Mullan and Linda Grant, as well as the other volunteers - Terry Heineman, Clare Kuzma, Cecilia Rowedder, and Liz Welton -and to the many, many student leaders. Adults of the parish are welcome to consider helping out next year in this enjoyable and satisfying ministry. Photo by Tom Roach



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FRANCIS

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and it was during his high school years at the Boa Amponsem Secondary School that he first came to view the priesthood as a career he wanted to pursue. The future priest waited until after completing a year of national service before fully embracing his true calling. Education remained an important part of Francis's life and he attended both St Paul's Catholic Seminary and St Peter's Regional seminary in Ghana, with the former being geared towards Philosophy and the latter towards Theology.

Prior to arriving in the U.S., Father served as a parochial vicar at St. Mary's Sanctuary from 2002-2004 and as Pastor at St Edward's parish for yet another two years, before returning to the Sanctuary as a pastor and serving until 2012. To anyone considering priesthood, Fr. Francis would like to relay the



Father Francis shares a smile with parishioners at his farewell reception.

point that "it's humbling and offers intrinsic satisfaction."

Father Francis derives great pleasure from his occupation, and in

becoming a priest, he has rediscovered the value of and acquired a newfound appreciation of God's love for humanity. In Father's eyes,

to be a good Christian is to be consistent in your faith. Fr. Francis loves being able to serve God and His creatures, especially because

he can help people find happiness and joy on a daily basis. The liturgy takes a special part of his heart, because in Father's eyes, the liturgy is a way to "experience the reality of the mystery of God's presence in our life in his word and sacrament."

Having earned a Master of Science in Management while attending The Catholic University of America, Fr. Francis is currently in the process of getting an Industrial/Organizational PhD in Psychology at Grand Canyon University (GCU).

Father Francis would like to tell every parishioner to have gratitude, and to smile as much as possible. Over the course of Fr. Francis's 4-year stay at St. John the Evangelist parish, he touched the hearts of many parishioners, and we all wish him the best!

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Robyn Fohouo, a tenth grader, is in the International Baccalaureate program at Richard Montgomery High School.

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Q: Is there a part of the liturgy that is of special importance to you? If so, what is it and why?

A: The liturgy commemorates the saving sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. If I had to choose a particular section of the Mass that means the most to me, it would be the words of consecration, in which

the priest confects the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Q: How does the process of placing priests in parishes work? Where are some of the other locations you've been assigned to?

A: There is a priest personnel board at the Archdiocese of Washington DC that helps make the assignments. I have had two assignments, Parochial Vicar at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church in Bethesda (2013-2016) and St. John

the Evangelist (2016-present).

Q: In your eyes, what does it mean to be a good Christian?

A: To be a Christian is to follow Jesus Christ, to be a part of the family of the Church which he established, and to work for the salvation of souls. We need the guidance of the Bible and the strength of the Sacraments in order to lead an authentic Christian life. And we all need prayer and service that will put our faith into action.

Q: If you could meet a Saint, which one would it be?

A: St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests

Q: What advice would you give to anyone considering Priesthood?

A: To pray every day, opening your heart to God's will in your life. To attend Mass and receive the Sacrament of Confession on a regular basis. Get a trustworthy spiritual director and seek the advice of holy people about discernment of the

vocation.

Q: If there was something you could tell every parishioner, what would you say?

A: I would say that we all need to turn to Christ in all things and this will make us happy! The heavens are open wide to us. All of us, who are sinners and in need of God's tender mercy, can turn our back on evil and sin, come to the Lord, and trust that he will bring us to Heaven.

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LIGHTNING

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computer servers, and other electrical/electronic equipment, both at the Parish and at St. Bart's School, were found to have gone kaplooy. Much of the audio visual systems' functionality was gone, screens and saved settings "seemed haywire," microphones were "dead." The lightning strike also caused the failure of several key elements of the gym fire alarm system. On Friday morning, parish staff worked feverishly to get a "passably working rig" operational, a "battlefield solution to get through the weekend."

Although the sound system in the church has been returned to "approximately normal function," several parts have been or will be replaced. Particularly painful for St. Bart's parishioners was the apparent loss of the parish's venerable organ, which may have sounded its last notes. Initial indications are that the total damage will amount to thousands of dollars.

St. Bart's, however, is now well on its way to full recovery, with Pastor Fr. Mark Knestout leading the charge, directing repair persons and technicians, and meeting with insurance representatives. OPT's inspection on Sunday, August 14, indicated no apparent problems with essential parish or school systems.

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WORLD YOUTH DAY

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the great numbers of people who attended from all around the world presented a powerful picture of the Church and its vitality.

I think one the greatest graces that one can receive during such times is to see so many youthful Catholics praying together. The youth, with all their life, joy and faith, show how alive the Church is in the present day. They spend hours walking, then spend a night in prayer, sleeping with bugs, just to listen to the Pope and to pray with him.

The final Mass was attended by about three million people. Many

had little food, and the sun was over our heads. The heat was almost unbearable but faith was stronger. The faith of the youth who had walked and slept outside to be with the Pope was so clear, for many saw the Pope only through a screen. The only thing that mattered was to be there and be with the Pope. This showed the Church's strength and what it is made of. It is not a political institution, but founded by Christ and stands on Peter who keeps it united and with whom we pray and walk, helping and strengthening one another so one day we can rejoice with the saints in heaven. The World Youth day was incredible and a great experience of faith and love for Our Lord and His Church.

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presence in our lives.

A lasting impact was had on all of the group members after a visit to "a homeless shelter" in a neighboring community. Sadly, it offered far from an acceptable shelter by anyone's standards to nearly 100 men, women, and children. The team from St. Patrick's found some peace in feeding and clothing all who "lived" there.

Finally, one of the great successes was building the Eugene Family a new home! The group moved rocks, mixed concrete by hand, and stacked

cinder block after cinder block and by the end of the week; a home was complete for the this family who lost their mother in child birth. The children had been split up amongst extended family to help care for them. The team feels great pride in knowing that these children are back together under one roof with their father who no longer faces the struggle of finding a place for all his children to live while trying to find work to support their needs.

The team of St. Patrick's missionaries thanks fellow missionaries who have walked any street and loved the children in any country struggling with extreme poverty.

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PILGRIMS

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young people whose faith had never felt so strong. Divine Mercy is a person: the speaker at a catechesis session who inspired an arena the size of the Verizon Center to line up for confession, the providential run-in with an old friend you didn't expect to see in Krakow, the stranger who opened up to you about his vocation on a crowded tram, the Brazilian with bongos who got the whole street singing about the Beatitudes. Divine Mercy is the future: 1.5 million Catholics gathered in an open field to hear Pope Francis's rallying cry to go out and seek freedom in Christ.

Divine Mercy is the memory of World Youth Day, the image of a massive, diverse, and vibrant Church that every pilgrim takes home to reflect upon and share. Divine Mercy makes World Youth Day better than the Olympics: it's the gold medal 1.5 million people won at once.



Providential Run-Ins: The author with her cousins Colleen (left) and Maggie (right) Hathway who attended WYD with a group from Georgetown Visitation.

Jeanne Marie Hathway attended World Youth Day as a volunteer for the official press team. She is a theology student at Catholic University.

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Bishop Holley Visits OLQP

On August 14, 2016, the feast day of martyr St. Maximilian Kolbe, H.E. Bishop Martin D. Holley of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC, visited Our Lady Queen of Poland & St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Silver Spring, MD. He celebrated Mass with OLQP Pastor Rev. Jerzy Frydrych, S.Chr., and SJE Pastor Rev. Joseph A. Calis, with Rev. Robert Nalepka, S.Chr., and Deacon Curtis in attendance. Bishop Holley had traveled to Krakow for World Youth Day and recounted his moving visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa while in Poland.

During Mass, there was exposition of the Relics of St. Maximilian Kolbe as well as the Relics of St. John Paul II and those of St. Faustyna Kowalska of Divine Mercy. All of these Relics are housed at the Parish in their individual reliquaries.

After Mass, we had a reception with Polish food where Bishop Holley was very popular with the parishioners. Everyone wanted to greet him and welcome him to our parish. Among those were our centenarian Walter Zachariasiewicz and his wife Sandra. The Bishop gave a special blessing to OLQP parishioner Maksymilian (Maks) Korzan on his patron saint's day.

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Celebrating St. John Paul II's Birthday

On May 15, 2016, after the noon Mass, parishioners and friends gathered in the parish hall of Our Lady Queen of Poland & St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish for a play put on by the Polish Drama Club celebrating the life of St. John Paul II. The event, which was co-sponsored by the Friends of John Paul II Foundation, Washington, DC, Chapter, concluded with everyone singing St. JP II's favorite songs.



Visit of Minister Anna Maria Anders

Minister Anna Maria Anders from the Chancellery of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland visited and met with the Polish Diaspora, including OLQP parishioners, on June 21, 2016. From left: Maria Quas de Penno, Anna Janiak, Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish Rev. Jerzy Frydrych, Hanna Raczyński, Minister Anna Maria Anders, Bożenna Buda. Minister Anders is the daughter of the late General Władysław Anders, the hero who fought for freedom during World War II and in exile.



Remembering the Warsaw Uprising

On Sunday, July 31, 2016, parishioners, survivors, Polish Legion American Veterans, and Polish Scouts gathered for Mass at Our Lady Queen of Poland & St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Silver Spring, to commemorate the Warsaw Uprising of 1944. Pictured with the Mass celebrant Rev. Robert Nalepka, S.Chr., are Jacek Marczyński, Anna Kajkowska, Sebastian Bilinski, Klaudia Weidlich, Karl Klonowski, Bożenna Buda, Dr. Edwarda Buda-Okreglak, and Captain Marian Mols, who took part in the Uprising as a teenager in German-occupied Poland during World War II.

OLQP at Krakow in the Capital

Many parishioners, at left, from Our Lady Queen of Poland & St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Silver Spring, volunteered during Krakow in the Capital World Youth Day on July 30, 2016, held at Catholic University of America and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. They staffed the display table alongside the Friends of John Paul II Foundation display table. They helped serve the Polish dinner. Many served the Polish dessert, paczki, which the parish supplied for the occasion. Several took part in the Divine Mercy devotion, the Stations of the Cross, and the Mass which was presided over by Cardinal Wuerl.



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KAZISTA

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Francis' favorite golabki (stuffed cabbage leaves). She made amazing Italian meals she learned from her neighbors. English was spoken at home but Monsignor remembers speaking Polish with his grandmother and keeping her furnace stoked with coal. Francis joined his mother for Sunday Mass at the Polish Church, St. Michael but he was baptized across the street at his Father's Russian Byzantine Catholic, St. Nicholas. He was a model student at Polish Catholic grade school and later public high school and enjoyed singing in the church choir. His mother who worked in a silk mine and his father first a coal miner and then milkman, saved enough money to send him to Penn State and there he settled on chemical engineering. While repeating a failed laboratory experiment with classmates on a beautiful Saturday afternoon in his third

semester, Francis decided he didn't want to do this for the rest of his life and went home to his folks. When he told his parents he didn't know what he wanted to do, his mother's response was, "You're not spending our money on 'I don't know'." They took the saved college money, \$11,000 and bought a new home. Francis joined the Army.

Francis spent three years in the army from 1955-1958. His first duty station was Ulm, Germany followed by Colorado Springs, Colorado. His short time with algorithms and math served the Army well as they assigned Francis to missile guidance systems. He attended Mass and remained active in the church by singing in the chancel choirs.

When Francis left the Army, he took his GI Bill and decided to enter the St. Mary Seminary in Baltimore. There were no thunderbolts or signs from God to do this. In fact, there was a bit of a SNAFU! He was baptized not Roman Catholic but Russian

Byzantine Catholic! Special permission was granted from Rome. He was ordained in 1966.

Francis blossomed in school, first at the University of Scranton and then later Catholic University of America. He found that he had a gift for languages although he quickly learned that the Polish he knew from childhood was vernacular and not the kind learned in higher education. His love of history flourished and his special interest was modern European Church History from 1600-1800. He spent two years in France doing graduate work translating letters of a French nineteenth century heretic whose handwriting was indecipherable. Francis returned to Baltimore to teach history at the Seminary and then was sent out amidst the faithful as an associate pastor until 1984 when he became Pastor of St. James in Mt. Rainier.

Monsignor loved being a Parish priest and even today at 80 with his direct gaze, friendly smile, piercing blue eyes, and congenial manner,

one can understand why he was successful. He is a people person and loves nothing better now than to go to lunch with friends many whom he has known for years. Msgr. Kazista is very proud of his present friendships with of all his associate pastors and considers his own time as pastoral associate with Fr. E. Carl Lyon and Monsignor Michael Farina as formative years. In 2006 he was bestowed a Papal honor by Pope Benedict XVI and became a Monsignor. He must also have had a persuasive manner with his congregation because when he retired in 2011 from St. John the Baptist Church in Silver Spring after 24 years, he had raised enough funds to build two additional buildings on parish grounds, the Lyons Center in 1988 and the Visitation Chapel and Parish Life Center in 2001 (later named the Kazista life center).

At his fiftieth anniversary Mass on May 22 at Resurrection Church, many past associates and parishioners as well as his newly made

friends here filled the pews. Msgr. preached the homily and thanked his friends and family including his only brother Joseph and several cousins for coming.

He was given a large photo book filled with eighty years of memories and people he had touched. Resurrection's pastor, Fr. Jeff Defayette remarked that Monsignor Kazista, "Embodied all the wonderful qualities and characteristics we cherish in our parish priests." The choir sang the closing hymn and Monsignor's warm baritone could be heard joining the voices he has touched in his long fruitful ministry to God's people.

Well wishes can be sent to: Monsignor Francis Kazista, Church of the Resurrection, 3315 Greencastle Road, Burtonsville, MD 20866

For more information on Monsignor's priesthood go to: <http://bit.ly/2bqGR6u>

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LOVE AND MERCY

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Retreat Center, Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve and Camp Eder were over whelmed with how hard everyone worked, making vast improvements by picking weeds, painting, building flower boxes, and clearing trails.

God was working in and through

the teens as they also helped out at the Tender Care Pregnancy Center and the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Our evenings were filled with joy and laughter as we enjoyed recreational activities, thanked and praised God with our hearts and our voices. It is through our selfless acts of mercy that we are reminded that sometimes in our own lives, the load that we carry is heavy & the roads we travel are rocky.

In addition to the support from our families and friends, we need to have a strong faith in God and be open to accepting the generosity and kindness of strangers, to give us the courage and strength that we need to endure our challenges and dodge the curve balls that are thrown into our paths. As sons and daughters of God, we are called to live our lives not as the world tells us, but as followers of Jesus Christ.

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SCHOOL NEWS


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Apostle is partnering with Mustard Seed Communities to deliver 5,000 stuffed bears to Kingston, Jamaica in time for Christmas. This year, we are working with a supplier who will make teddy bears, especially for us, and ship the majority directly to Jamaica. Each bear costs \$3.00 and

the goal is to raise enough money to cover the entire amount by the end of September! Checks, payable to Saint Andrew Apostle with "MSC Bears" noted in the memo line, may be mailed, dropped off at the school, rectory or deposited in the weekly collection.

Additional information about Mustard Seed Communities can be found at: www.mustardseed.com.

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Our visit at the National Basilica and look who we ran into!

PROGRAM

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September through May. It was an intensive plan which provided for a more focused approach and retention of the subject matter while it attempts to accommodate the busy schedules of our families by eliminating the weekly shuttling of children to the parish. Students and their families must stay connected to the parish throughout the year through weekly Mass and must attend three parish events during the Advent, Lent, and Easter seasons.

Our first session was held from June 27 through July 1 with almost 60 students from Grades One

through Seven. We began each day with an 8:00am daily Mass. After Mass, students went either to class, music, art or prayer, throughout the day everyone rotated to another station. Another component of the day was recreation, where the children got to run around, play corn hole, have water bucket races and other fun activities. The theme was the Jubilee Year of Mercy and all activities and lessons were focused around this theme. Our music director, Ms. Amy Massey taught our children about the Divine Mercy chaplet and taught them how to sing it as well. We brought all 60 students to Church where some of our sixth and seventh-grade girls led their peers in a sung Divine

Mercy chaplet.

We ended our week with a field trip to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC where they were given a guided tour through the Basilica and most importantly we got to walk through the doors of mercy! Afterwards, we headed to the Franciscan Monastery where we had a guided tour as well. The feedback we received from both the students and the parents was all positive. One of seventh graders shared the following: "I loved starting our day with Mass every day, it made me realize how beautiful my faith is and how starting my day with God made such a difference."

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Recent graduate Logan Rohde won first place in two events at the championships.

Success for Mary of Nazareth Track & Field Team at CYO Championships

Congratulations to all Mary of Nazareth athletes competing in the 2016 CYO Track and Field Championships. Special recognition goes to the following participants:

Logan Rohde First Place, Girls 13-14 1600 meters
First Place, Girls 13-14 800 meters

Claire Rogers Second Place, Girls 13-14 400 meters

Ileana Plummer First Place, Girls 11-12 1600 meters
First Place, Girls 11-12 800 meters

Juanci Abreu Second Place, Boys 11-12 400 meters
Third Place, Boys 11-12 100 meter-dash

Maya Plummer Third Place, Girls 8 and under 200 meters

Scott Urick Named Georgetown Prep's Lacrosse Coach

Georgetown Preparatory School in North Bethesda announces the appointment of Scott Urick as head varsity lacrosse coach and Assistant Director of Athletics.

Coach Urick has an impressive lacrosse background. Most recently, he oversaw the lacrosse program at the University of the District of Columbia. He was hired in 2012 as the school's first ever head lacrosse coach and guided the program for four seasons.

Before UDC, Coach Urick served at Georgetown University for ten years as an assistant coach and offensive coordinator. In his ten seasons at Georgetown, he helped 28 players earn All-ECAC accolades including coaching three "Offensive Players of the Year." He coached at Cornell University for one season before Georgetown.

As a player, Coach Urick is one of the most decorated players in Georgetown University lacrosse history. He captained the 1999 and 2000 teams and was named All-American as a junior and senior. He is the all-time leading goal scorer in Georgetown history. He graduated from Georgetown in 2000 with a



Scott Urick

B.A. in Government with a minor in Theology.

Coach Urick played professionally in Major League Lacrosse (MLL) for nine seasons. Playing for the New Jersey Pride and the Chesapeake Bayhawks, he retired in 2009 as the third all-time leading goal scorer in MLL history.

Coach Urick will join Georgetown Prep's athletic department full-time as Assistant Director of Athletics. In this role, he joins

Dan Paro '79, Director of Athletics, and will assist with all facets of Prep's athletic program, including athletic department

communication and promotion, mentoring student-athletes and coaches, and the development of athletic programming for all Prep students including an expansion of intramural competition. This appointment is in line with our Strategic Plan's goal to increase the number of coaches who work full-time at the school.

Dan Paro noted, "Coach Urick will bring a wealth of lacrosse knowledge and professionalism to the Georgetown Prep athletic department. Having attended high school in the area, he understands and respects the Georgetown Prep lacrosse tradition. He will be a great role model for Prep's student-athletes."

Prep's Headmaster John Glennon Jr. added, "Georgetown Prep lacrosse has a proud tradition and we look forward to Coach Urick building on the program's achievements and guiding the program for years to come."

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Contact information@johnpaulii.edu or 201-526-3799.

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make new ones. Invite a friend and plan to attend October 7. We look forward to seeing you. All are welcome. We also plan several trips a year to local areas of interest, either by chartered bus or car.

The most recent was a bus trip to

historic Annapolis, Md. On a beautiful June day, we enjoyed lunch at a Severn riverfront restaurant and an outstanding docent guided tour of the Maryland State House (the oldest state capitol still in continuous legislative use, the only State House to have served as the nation's capital, where George Washington came before the Continental Congress to resign his commission as commander in chief of the Continental

Army and scene of the ratification of the Treaty of Paris marking the official end of the Revolutionary War). An added bonus was an unscheduled stop to visit the Door of Mercy at St. Mary's Church.

Plans for a fall trip are underway. Destinations and dates are under discussion. Details will follow soon.

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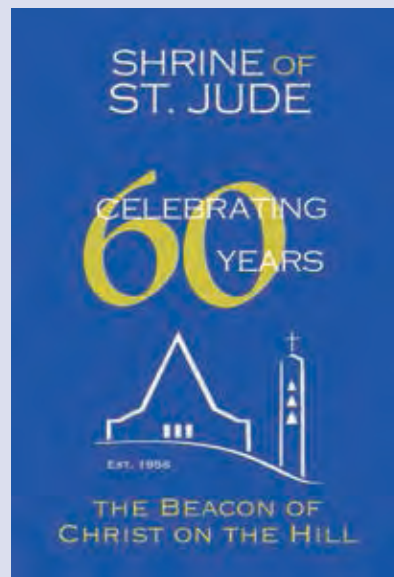
St. Jude 60th Anniversary – The Celebration Continues

The St. Jude 60th Anniversary Committee continued planning activities during the summer to prepare for several blockbuster anniversary events this fall, including:

1956 Family Movie Night: Friday, Sept. 16, featuring the 1956 blockbuster "The King and I" and Ledo pizza; Thaddeus Room

Welcome Back Fellowship Sunday and Canned Food Drive: Sunday, Sept. 25, following the 8:30, 10:30, and 12:30 Masses; Thaddeus Room

Solemn Novena to St Jude:



Thursday, Oct. 20, through Friday, Oct. 28; Shrine of St. Jude

60th Anniversary Mass and Reception: Sunday, Oct. 23, 10:30 Mass. Cardinal Wuerl will celebrate the Anniversary Mass and bless the new memorial bricks; Shrine of St. Jude and Thaddeus Room

Sponsorship opportunities for the Anniversary Mass and Reception are still available. Please watch the bulletin for details or call Natalie Craven at the Parish Office, 301-946-8200.

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