



## LATEST NEWS

### Bishop David P. Talley Installed as Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Memphis/Bishop tours National Civil Rights Museum with friends and family

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MEMPHIS, Tennessee, April 3, 2019 - The Most Reverend Bishop David P. Talley was installed as the sixth bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Memphis at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Memphis, Tenn., on Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

Over 1,000 people attended the invitation-only installation mass including, the Most Rev. Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States; the Most Rev. Joseph E. Kurtz, archbishop of Louisville, Ky.; the Most Rev. J. Terry Steib, S.V.D., bishop emeritus of Memphis and Cardinal Justin Rigali, archbishop emeritus of Philadelphia, Pa., who now resides in Knoxville, Tenn.

The installation was streamed live from the diocese's website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

"The Holy Father has appointed you to shepherd this portion of the people of God, to be a true father and pastor, and bring them healing, unity and hope amid the storms of this world," Pierre said before presenting the papal letter of appointment. "You are man of prayer who never ceases to intercede for his flock. You will have your work cut out for you. We're confident you will get things done."

During his homily, Talley referenced the first reading, Ezekiel 36:24-28, from which he receives his episcopal motto, "He will give you a new heart." He offered words of gratitude and encouraged the faithful in west Tennessee to be transformed by a new spirit and a new heart.

"He has claimed us as living branches, and we bear the fruits of His spirit," Talley said. "When things seem difficult to face, let us remember the prophesy of Ezekiel, 'I will bring about a new spirit, and I will wash you clean.' The Lord has given us a new heart, the heart of His son, which implores us to be transformed into a body for one purpose: to love the Lord with all of our heart, all of our soul, all of our strength, all of our mind and to love our neighbor, every neighbor, as we love ourselves."

Previously, Talley was bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Alexandria, La., a position he served for two years. He served in various roles for the Archdiocese of Atlanta over a 23-year period. He was ordained to the episcopacy as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese in Atlanta in 2013.

During the installation, the apostolic nuncio referenced Memphis' connection to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who is a personal hero of the bishop.

King was assassinated at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis on April 4, 1968.

"Help the Church in Memphis dream again," Pierre said. "Dr. King's dream continues to inspire us all. The Holy Father has dreams of a bright future for Memphis."



Talley visited the National Civil Rights Museum, which is located at the site of the Lorraine Motel, with friends and family on April 3, the day following his installation.

"I wanted friends and family to be here with me today because these events changed my heart many years ago," Talley said referencing his conversion to Catholicism at the age of 24. "The words of Jesus manifested through Dr. King. At the time when I was a young man I didn't know how to react, but I know how now."

Talley will visit over 25 parishes in the diocese over the next two months to visit the faithful throughout the diocese, which encompasses 21 counties and over 61,000 Catholics.

"I'm overwhelmed with love and feel welcomed, and that leaves me with a full heart," Talley said.



### **Hudgens named St. Benedict AD**

He compiled a 29-26 record with the Houston Mustangs as Head Football Coach prior to joining SBA. In five seasons he guided them to the playoffs each



### **St. Benedict students sweep pro-life oratory competition**

The Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Right to Life held their annual Pro-Life Oratory competition on March 30 and the top three winners were from St. Benedict at Auburndale High School.

Junior Zach Person won 1st Place and \$100 and has advanced to the State competition in Nashville in late April. Freshman Emma Drzycimski placed 2nd, winning \$75 and Senior Brianna Jones placed 3rd and won \$50.

The School has had winners advancing to the State competition the past three years. SBA - A voice for Life!



### **SFA Sixth Grade Students Shine a New Light on the Stations of the Cross**

April 1, 2019- Every year during Lent, our 6th grade students prepare a live presentation of the Stations of the Cross done in shadows. They use lighting, sound effects, and narration to shine a new light on the Catholic tradition that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. For each station, the students recreate and meditate on a specific event from Christ's last day. Their goal is to open the hearts and minds of others during the season of Lent. Students, faculty, parents and friends always look forward to this powerful presentation.





### **St. Agnes Junior is Runner Up in Statewide Poetry Out Loud Competition**

St. Agnes Academy junior Denise Geronimo was the runner-up in the Tennessee state Poetry Out Loud competition held in Nashville in March. The statewide competition, which is sponsored by the Tennessee Arts Commission, featured 21 finalists from across Tennessee.

As state runner-up Denise receives a scholarship award, and the school will also receive a stipend for the purchase of poetry books and supplies. This was the first year that St. Agnes competed in the competition.

Denise, an avid reader with a love for literature, has written and published two short stories and two poems. She has always loved the thrill of public speaking, and she has known since she was a freshman at SAA that she wanted to participate in the Poetry Out Loud competition.

In preparation for the competition she worked with Ann Neal, Director of Theatre Arts at St. Agnes Academy, to select three poems from a catalog of over 900 poems. "I looked for those poems that resonated with me," Denise said. "You have to have an emotional attachment to deliver a poem. When I deliver a poem, I want it to be a conversation with the audience," she said. She spent numerous hours preparing, reciting with Mrs. Neal, rehearsing in front of her classmates, and even reciting on her way to school.

In the first two rounds of the state competition, Denise recited Mr. Darcy by Victoria Chang and Invictus by William Ernest Henley. She advanced to the final round of 10 competitors where she recited Barter by Sara Teasdale.



Denise has performed in several plays at school, but noted that reciting poetry is a very different experience. "This was a very humbling feeling, being completely by myself. It was harder without a cast next to you on stage."

At St. Agnes Academy all Upper School students study a unit on poetry delivery as part of their Drama I –Oral Communications curriculum. "When you recite poetry, it is someone else's words. The words are a gift to you, and you give them back as you see fit," said Mrs. Neal.

The Poetry Out Loud program seeks to foster the next generation of literary readers by capitalizing on the latest trends in poetry, recitation and performance, building on the resurgence of poetry as an oral art form.

"Poetry Out Loud is an incredible opportunity for all students to master public speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn something new about themselves and others from across the state," Tennessee Arts Commission Chair Steve Bailey said. "The hard work of these students and their educators was very evident."

### **SFA Sixth Grade Service Project Benefits Our Four Legged Furry Friends**

March 29, 2019 – This year, 6th grade students at SFA have made by hand over 200 dog toys for area shelters and rescue groups. The dog toys are made from donated t-shirts that the students braid into chew toys for dogs of all sizes. The dog toys are being sent to the Bartlett Animal Shelter, Blue City Rescue, Big Fluffy Dog Rescue and several others. SFA's patron, Saint Francis of Assisi would be proud of the work our 6th graders are doing.





### **STEM is HOT at SBA**

The SBA STEM/ROBOTICS TEAM wowed the St. Ann School families at their recent STREAM (Science, Technology Religion, Arts, Math) DAY with the robots and drones. Proud of sophomore Briana Duhart, junior Jeffrey Li and seniors Luke Tolbert, Allen Jimmerson, Matthew Li!

### **Alexa Pangonas Honored as Memphis Business Journal's inaugural "Girls Who Mean Business."**

St. Benedict at Auburndale High School senior Alexa Pangonas has been honored, with 26 other young women from Memphis-area high schools, as one of the Memphis Business Journal's inaugural "Girls Who Mean Business." This initiative by MBJ recognizes these young women for academics, service and extracurricular accomplishments and helps nurture their career aspirations, equip them with a mentor who is an empowered Memphis business-woman and invest in their future as leaders. Alexa, nominated by SBA, met with her mentor and then received her formal recognition at the luncheon held March 26



### **Annunciation Diocesan Pro-Life Mass**

Many thanks to all who assisted in the success of the Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at Holy Rosary Church on the feast of the Annunciation. Thank you to our pastor Father Russ Harbaugh for celebrating Mass last night with Father Richard Cortese, Father Jeo Poulouse, Father Robert Ballman (Pastor, St. Alphonsus Church), Father Francis Chiawa (Pastor, St. Augustine Church), Father Carl Gregorich (Associate Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Church) and Father Gary Lamb (Pastor, St. Mary's Church), assisted by Deacon Jim McBride. Also in attendance at this Mass were Father Michael Okata (Associate Pastor, St. Louis Church) and Father Cosmas Mabu, Director, Queen of Peace Retreat Center. Thanks to Master of Ceremonies Mark Romer. Thanks to St. Benedict at Auburndale High School Students Lance Jamias and Caroline Armour for being tonight's altar servers; and Jesse Hollingsworth, Lector, and gift bearers Lexie Gaska and Bri Jones. Thanks to Holy Rosary Church Respect Life Committee members: Paula Witek (Lector), Mairead Deehan (Sacristan), Ed Locks and Grace Kreager (Greeters). Thanks to Sharon Masterson, St. Benedict at Auburndale High School Director of Communications. Thanks to Kim Eggert Trudell and Dr. Trent Zitzelberger for the BEAUTIFUL music. And thanks to Alma Abuelouf and the staff at the Catholic Diocese of Memphis Pastoral Life Ministries. All thanks to Our Blessed Mother for saying "Yes" to becoming the mother of Our Savior Jesus Christ! God bless you all!



# **St. Agnes-St. Dominic Students Make Wishes Come True**

Students at St. Agnes Academy-St. Dominic School made wishes come true for one very special little girl when they surprised her during a recent wish granting ceremony.

Six-year-old Abbi and her family arrived at SAA-SDS where Abbi was welcomed by students from Kindergarten through 12th grade. As Abbi made her way through the gym, she was greeted by many new friends included a red headed mermaid and and some Ninja Turtles. At the completion of her "journey" Abbi entered the Mickey Mouse Club House bounce house and was told she would be going to Disney! She was showered with gifts for her trip including a camera, sunglasses, beach towels, and other items for that special visit to Orlando and the Magic Kingdom.

This is the 18th year St. Agnes and St. Dominic students have participated in the Make-A-Wish "Kids for Wish Kids" program. The entire school participated in special fundraising activities that included a Read-a-Thon and Trivia game. Student chairs for the event were St. Agnes sophomores Lilly McCrary and Eve Davis.



# **DAVID MAURICE BRUNO**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on November 21, 2018 for David Maurice Bruno, Sr., 66, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Simon Thoi Hoang, SVD. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery. Survivors include children Dina Cashon, David Bruno, Jr., Ashley Bruno, five grandchildren, one great-grandchild and fiancée Sharon Carter

# **ABIGAIL BARRERA ARIZA**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on February 23, 2019 for Abigail Barrera Ariza, 18, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Simon Thoi Hoang, SVD. Burial was at Memorial Park Southwoods. Survivors include spouse Hernan Mera Ortega, daughter Layla Aranza Mera, parents Amadeo Barrera and Corina Ariza and brother Lorenzo, Armando.

# **CATHERINE J. LARSON**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 14, 2019 for Catherine J. Larson, 77, at Church of the Nativity. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Robert Szczechura. Burial was at West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery. Survivors include spouse Robert J. 'Bob' Larson, children James Larson and Steven Larson, two grandchildren and daughter-in-law Jennifer Larson.

# **MODEANE NICHOLS THOMPSON**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Modeane Nichols Thompson, 89, at St. Therese Catholic Church. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Patrick Gallagher. Burial was at Memphis National Cemetery.

# **HELEN MARIE GREVE**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 12, 2019 for Helen Marie Greve, 102, at Catholic Church of the Incarnation. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Jacek Kowal. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include children Elizabeth Stokke and Lawrence Greve.





VIVIAN CHAMBERS

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 4, 2019 for Vivian Chambers, 87, at St. Louis Catholic Church. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Msgr. John B. McArthur. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include children John, Ron, Paul Mark, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and in-law, Karen Mahi.

DOLORES A. MURRELL RIDDICK

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 30, 2019 for Dolores A. Murrell Riddick, 91, at Church of the Holy Spirit in Germantown. The Mass was celebrated by Msgr Edwin Creary. Burial was at Forest Hill Midtown Cemetery. Survivors include children Michael Murrell, Patrick Murrell, Timothy Murrell, five grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and siblings Alice Denley, Cleatte Sandmeyer and Paul Huddleston.

JOSEPH A. CARLSON

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 30, 2019 for Joseph A. Carlson, 71, at Church of the Holy Spirit in Germantown. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Mathew Panachachira. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include spouse, Marie Florio Carlson, children Janna Hacker, Erik Carlson and five grandchildren.

CLIFFORD WILLIAM HILL JR.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 4, 2019 for Clifford William Hill Jr., 69, at St. Michael Catholic Church. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Msgr. Victor P. Ciaramitaro. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include siblings Berenice Hill Van Vliet, Helen Hil Couch and John Hill, as well as Beatrice Morand Hill.

HELEN GOATLEY POWERS

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 25 for Helen Goatley Powers, 93, at Church of the Holy Spirit in Germantown. The Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Al Kirk and con-celebrated with Fr. Thomas Clark. Burial was at West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery. Survivors include nieces, Jane Hayden and Kate Marconi.

PATRICK NOEL DUBOIS

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 25 for Patrick Noel Dubois, 48, at Church of the Holy Spirit in Germantown. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Mathew Panackachira. Con-celebrants were Msgr. Al Kirk, Fr. John Hourican, Fr. Ajesh Joseph, Fr. Carlos Donato, Fr. Ruben Rivera, Fr. Richard Coy. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include parents, Don and Lucy Dubois and siblings Susan Turner, Mary Kay Monson, Ellen Sater, and Chris Dubois.

