



**Week of the Young Child**

Photo by Ben Susso

The National Week of the Young Child is being observed this week. Trinity Montessori School, 110 French Road and 4095 East Ave., will have a Walk-Thru Day, a Sibling Day, and Parent Day, as well as other special activities. In the above photo, Jennifer Fox and Lori Hartleben use triangles to construct various geometric shapes.

**Life, Liberty and Law**



Nancy Murphy

I sometimes think that if Vatican documents were written entirely in headline form, dissension and painful confusion would be reduced especially in U.S. Catholic circles where reading has become an endangered activity. Vatican documents are clear, reasonable and compassionate; they are the results of extensive study and reflection; they start with Christ and find completion in Christ. Much of today's theological opinion, though very sincere, starts with Christ and ends in the self. Catholics in every American diocese would benefit from readily obtainable Vatican documents.

On family planning as a means to control population expansion: "Some leaders conclude that unless procreation is kept within limits, there will develop a great imbalance between the number of inhabitants and the necessities of life. (Some) are convinced that the conception or birth of humans should be avoided or curbed by every possible means. In truth, however, the inter-relationships between the number of births and available resources are such that we can infer grave difficulties (are not now) present, nor will they be in the immediate future. No course of action may be followed whereby, contrary to the moral law laid down by God, procreative function is violated. We affirm these (population/world hunger) problems should be posed and resolved in such a way that man does not have recourse to methods and means contrary to his dignity. The life of man is

passed on to other men deliberately and knowingly; it therefore follows that this should be done in accord with the most sacred, permanent, inviolate prescriptions of God. Everyone without exception is bound to recognize and observe these laws. . . . The guiding principles of morality and virtue can be based only on God; apart from Him, they necessarily collapse. Man absolutely requires a moral law rooted in religion." (Pope John XXIII, Mater et Magistra).

"Since there is widespread opinion that the population of the world should be kept in check by all possible means and by every kind of intervention, this Council exhorts all men to beware of all solutions in public and in private which transgress the natural law." (Vatican II, the Church in the Modern World). "Some of the proposed solutions . . . are shameful, and some people have not hesitated to suggest the taking of human life. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception. Abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes." (Vatican II, Church in the Modern World.)

Next Week: A few more words from the Vatican. . .



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Dear Father Hohman,

Recently I went to see the movie entitled "In Search of Noah's Ark." When I got home I wondered why, if God is all forgiving and loved His people so, why did He send the flood? As bad as they were, why couldn't God forgive them?

Signed, K.R.

Dear K.R.,

I know that the movie "In Search of Noah's Ark" gave the impression that the happenings as recorded in the Bible were to be taken literally and it happened the way they are there depicted. I do not wish to argue that point at this time. Some scientists and theologians will say yes and others will say no. The point that I would like to make with you is that the words that are put in God's mouth were obviously not spoken to Noah or anyone else in the normal way. Those words merely show how the ancient peoples perceived God as reacting to their sins. They felt very strongly that when they did sin punishment was inevitable, and every earthly catastrophe was explainable in that way. When it says that God repented of the fact that He had made man that must not be taken literally. God by His very nature cannot change His mind. What it simply means is that man was living in a way which was going to lead to his own destruction and in a certain

sense God would be sad because of that, even though technically speaking God can't be sad either.

The real point that is being made here is that man's sins always have consequences and those consequences are bad. Also that all bad consequences are ultimately traceable to man's sins. The lesson of Noah's Ark is that if we stay in contact with God through prayer and worship and acquiescence to His will then He will protect us and inevitably bring us to our proper destiny which is happiness. But if we go against His will and reject Him then we will be left to our own devices and inevitably bring about our destruction.

**Red Cross At St. James**

The Red Cross Blood-mobile will be at St. James Church Hall, 119 Brockley Road on Wednesday, April 13, 1-7 p.m.

Anyone between 17 and 66, in good health and weighing at least 110 pounds can be a donor.

**TRINITY DRIVE**

Trinity Council of the Knights of Columbus will conduct a combined Hypertension Screening and blood donation program under the auspices of the Red Cross on April 6, between 3 and 6:45 p.m.

**SQUARE DANCE**

Chuck Priestler will call the square dances Saturday night at Holy Name parish recreation hall on Bonesteel Street. Teenagers and adults, experts and novices, will be welcome. Dancing begins at 8 p.m., April 2

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**1. Baked Macaroni in Four Cheeses**

- 1 pound Polly-O Elbow Macaroni
- 2 ounces Polly-O Mozzarella, diced
- 2 ounces Polly-O Sharp Cheddar Cheese, diced
- 2 ounces Polly-O Swiss Cheese, diced
- 4 tablespoons Polly-O Grated Romano or Parmesan Cheese
- 8 tablespoons Polly-O Butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350°. Cook macaroni as directed on package until barely tender (al dente). Drain. Toss with four cheeses, butter, salt and pepper. Place in 2-quart casserole, sprinkle additional grated cheese on top and bake, uncovered, 15 minutes.

**2. Cheese-Stuffed Sole Fillets**

- 1 1/2 pounds fillet of sole or flounder
- 1 tomato, peeled and chopped
- 6 ounces Polly-O Mozzarella, diced
- 4 Polly-O Anchovy Fillets, mashed
- 3 tablespoons Polly-O Grated Parmesan or Romano Cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped Polly-O Ripe Olives
- 1/2 cup Polly-O Minced Onion
- 3 tablespoons Polly-O Butter
- 1/2 cup vermouth

Preheat oven to 350°. Wash fish and dry with paper towels. If fillets are large, cut in half lengthwise. Blend tomato with mozzarella, anchovies, thyme, grated cheese and olives. Spread 2 tablespoons of cheese stuffing on each fillet, roll and, fasten with wooden toothpicks. Sauté onion in butter in a large skillet until soft and transparent. Add stuffed fillets and brown lightly on all sides. Lift fillets from pan and arrange in a buttered baking dish. Add vermouth to skillet, scrape bottom and sides of pan and pour over stuffed fillets. Cover and bake 15 minutes or until fish flakes easily.

**3. Spinach Cheese Pie**

- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach
- 1/2 cup Polly-O Grated Parmesan or Romano Cheese
- 3 eggs
- 1 container (2 pounds) Polly-O Ricotta
- 1/2 teaspoon Polly-O Ground Pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 8-inch pie crust shell

Preheat oven to 350°. Thaw spinach and drain thoroughly but do not cook. Combine spinach with next 5 ingredients and mix well. Turn mixture into pie crust and bake about 30 minutes or until set in the center. Serve hot or cold. Diced ham, prosciutto or crumbled bacon may be added to spinach.

**4. Spaghetti with Ricotta**

- 1 pound thin Polly-O Spaghetti
- 8 tablespoons Polly-O Butter, melted
- 1 container (15 ounces) Polly-O Ricotta
- Polly-O Grated Parmesan or Romano Cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cook spaghetti as directed on package. Drain. Place in warm serving dish, stir in melted butter, add ricotta and toss gently to blend. Sprinkle with grated cheese, salt and pepper. Garnish with chopped parsley.



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