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## Our Mission: To be disciples who know, love and serve God.

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Mike Mitchell and Roger Kremer help unload materials for organ assembly

## **GOD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW HERE**

Even casual observers have noted that the Catholic landscape is dotted with empty pews, empty convents, empty religious houses, and empty seminaries. And yet, here at St. Margaret Mary there is growth, new life and abundance. While other parishes are being shuttered,

consolidated or downsized we are expanding and growing.

The vibrancy of this community and the dynamic growth that we are experiencing are signs that God is doing something new here. Space has been created for the Holy Spirit to work and to move. When we get out of the way of the Holy Spirit and invite the Spirit into our hearts and into our midst, new life comes abundantly and God's will is manifested.

Consider that there has been such an abundance and flourishing of programming over the last few years that we had to acquire a new building just to begin to accommodate the growth of small groups, bible studies and retreats as well as to meet staffing needs. Further, this last week the final stages of our organ project got underway with the arrival of the Shantz organ.

If we were any other organization we would look at this growth, this vibrancy and say to ourselves, "look at what we have accomplished, job well done!" and then from there seek to expand our accomplishments, or else settle into the malaise that can come with self-aggrandizing fulfillment. But, thank God, we are not any other organization, we are part of the Catholic Church, a community of faith. Being spiritually astute and fully awake, we ask ourselves, "what must God have in store for us?" Being so well equipped, so blessed, only means one thing; God has something tremendous in store. An extraordinary mission flows from extraordinary abundance.

One strains to imagine it and shudders to think of the implications. One trembles at the prospect of such an extraordinary call and yet in faith we are called to actively discern what God has in store for us. It takes extraordinary courage and no small amount of heroic virtue to be faithful to the Gospel. We should be in awe of the creativity and the superabundant blessing that the Holy Spirit has manifested in our parish community. At the same time we must prepare to be awed by the depth and breadth of the call to mission that will come with our faithful response to God's blessing. All material gain, all growth, all blessing must conduce towards our mission to bring Christ's presence into the world.

As we prepare to enter into Holy Week and begin our observance of Easter let us rejoice in the superabundant blessing that comes to us in the resurrection of our Lord even as we anticipate Pentecost that follows.



Delson Craig helps laying out pipes



Organ pieces spread throughout the Church in preparation for assembly.

## **SALUTE TO CATHOLIC SCHOOL ALUMNI HONOREE**

Peggy Noe Stevens

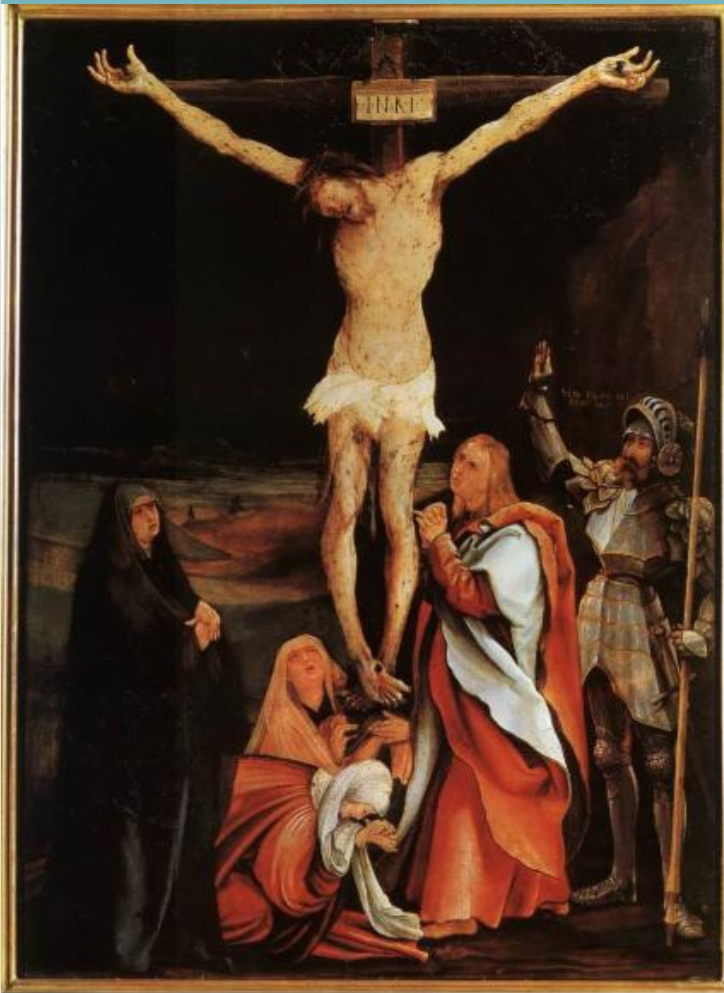
On March 18th, Peggy Noe Stevens, a St. Margaret Mary parishioner, was honored as distinguished Catholic school alumni at the 25th annual, Salute to Catholic School Alumni. Peggy Noe Stevens has dedicated herself to others by building their personal and professional presence through the thriving image branding business she founded in 2008, Peggy Noe Stevens and Associates. Young Peggy was adopted by a loving Catholic Italian family



Peggy Noe Stevens pictured center

through Catholic Charities.

She calls her education by Catholic sisters, teachers and priests, "a consistent and constant beacon" that she has relied upon and cherished throughout her life. Peggy graduated from St. Martha Elementary School and Mercy Academy. Peggy and her husband Ernie, are members at St. Margaret Mary parish and have two sons, Ernie Utah and Tanner.



# The Seven Last Words

**Monday March 23rd  
7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday March 24th  
9:00 –11:30 a.m.**

**Sacred Heart Spirituality Center  
Kathleen Mitchell [krmitchell730@yahoo.com](mailto:krmitchell730@yahoo.com)**

## **THE CRUSADES**

Separating Fact From Fiction

The true history of the Catholic Crusades has become lost in a continuous barrage of misquotes, misunderstandings, and misinformation. What were the crusades really about? Who was involved? Were

they justified? Join us for a single evening study at one of two parishes and learn to separate fact from fiction about the historical crusades!

Wednesday, April 22, 7:00-8:30PM  
St. Margaret Mary Hospitality Room

Presented by: Mr. Adam Richard, M.A., M.A.

Mr. Adam Richard has a M.A. in Theology from Christendom College in VA and a second M.A. in Medieval History from King's College in London, England. He currently teaches Theology, Latin, and Medieval Humanities at Immaculata Classical Academy in Louisville.



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