

Word & Spirit

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Archbishop O'Brien Library

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What's New in Books?

Made for Goodness and Why this Makes all the Difference. Desmond Tutu & Mpho Tutu. Harper Luxe, 2010. (Large Print 170 TUT)

The Disenchantment of Secular Discourse. Steven D. Smith. Harvard University Press, 2010. (211.6 SMI)

The Language God Talks: on science and religion.

Herman Wouk. Little Brown, 2010. (Large Print 215 WOU)

Jesus in the Power of Poetry: a new voice for gospel truth. Diarmuid O'Murchu.

Crossroad, 2009. (226 OMU)
Called to Love: approaching John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Carl Anderson and Jose Granados. Doubleday, 2009. (233.5 AND)

Spiritual Parenting: an awakening for today's families.

Michelle Anthony. David Cook, 2010. (248.845 ANT)

Spiritual Formation: following the movements of the spirit. Henry Nouwen. Harper One, 2010. (249.6 NOU)

The Future Church: how ten

trends are revolutionizing the Catholic Church. John Allen Jr. Doubleday, 2009. (282.09 ALL)

The Future of Islam.

John Esposito. Oxford University Press, 2010. (297.09 ESP)

Faith and Power: religion and politics in the Middle East. Bernard Lewis. Oxford University Press, 2010. (297.292 LEW)

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Appreciation for Volunteers in Library

This summer the library was fortunate to have excellent volunteer help from the Archdiocese of Hartford's seminarian, Ben DelMonico. Ben attended to many essential tasks in the operation of the library. Ben is entering his second year of theology at Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell. This summer, in addition to working in the library, he attended Providence College in Rhode Island where he took two

courses, the Gospel of John and Latin. He is a native of North Haven.

Gabriel Park assisted at the library barcoding library materials. Gabriel is a seminarian from Seoul, Korea who was visiting the Korean community in Connecticut. He returned to Korea in August.

Seminarian Patrick Kane did extensive work scanning the *Stella Matutina*, the St. Thomas Seminary

yearbook to be preserved for future generations beginning with the first known year book in 1916-17. As a result, Patrick has created a presence for St. Thomas Seminary on Facebook. Patrick is a native of New Britain and a second year pre-theology student at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia.

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"Prayer is the effort to live in the spirit of the whole."

Samuel Taylor Coleridge,
Poet & Philosopher
1772-1834

New Books *continued from pg. 1*

Islam in America. 2nd ed.

Jane Smith. Columbia University Press, 2010. (297.0973 S641)

Nomad: from Islam to America, a personal journey through the clash of civilizations. Ayaan Hirsi Ali. Free Press, 2010. (305.89 A398)

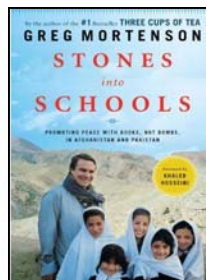
Paradise Beneath her Feet: how women are transforming the Middle East. Isobel Coleman. Random House, 2010. (305.48 C692)

Saved by her Enemy: an Iraqi woman's journey from the heart of war to the heartland of America.

Don Teague & Rafrak Barack. Howard Books, 2010. (305.89 T253)

Son of Hamas: a gripping account of terror, betrayal and political intrigue and unthinkable choices.

Mosab Hassan Yousef. Howard Books, 2010. (305.89 YOU)
Stones into Schools: promoting peace with books not bombs in Afghanistan and Pakistan, Greg Mortenson. Viking, 2009. (371.82 MOR)



Constantine: Roman Emperor, Christian Victor.

Paul Stephenson. Overlook Press, 2009. (92 C758s)

Crossing Mandelbaum's Gate: coming of age between the Arabs and Israelis 1956-1978.

Scribner, 2010. (956.94 BIR)

New Fiction

Noah's Compass. Anne Tyler. Knopf, 2009.

"A compassionate novel about a school teacher who had been forced to retire at sixty-one, coming to terms with the next phase of her life."

Patched Together: a story of my story. Brennan Manning. David Cook, 2010.

"A lonely boy finds belonging in the eyes of the mysterious Man of Sorrows, through three distinct seasons of his life—morning, noon and night."

House Rules. Jodi Picoult. Atria Books, 2010.

"A teenage boy with Asperger's syndrome is charged with murder and his family becomes torn apart."

Ford County: stories. John Grisham. Doubleday, 2009.

"In his first collection of short stories the author takes us back to Ford County, Mississippi, the settings of his first novel, 'A Time to Kill'."

New Media—DVD's

Franz Jagerstatter: a man of conscience (24 min.) + discussion guide. Franz Film Project, 2008.

"Martyred by the Nazis for his faith, this is the story of an ordinary man who performed an extraordinary act and reminds us that with faith we can all do extraordinary things."

The Reluctant Saint: the incredible true story of St. Joseph Cupertino, "The Flying Friar." (104 min.) + 16 pg. booklet, Sp/Eng. Ignatius, 2010.

"When young Giuseppe Diesa is sent to work at a monastery circa 17th century Italy he surprises a local

Bishop. He is taken in and taught to pray with miraculous results."

St. Giuseppe Moscati: doctor to the poor (177 min.) + 15 pg. booklet, It/Eng/Sp. RAI Trade, 2007. "The story of a remarkable man known as "The Holy Physician of Naples" whose research led to the discovery of insulin."

The Thirteenth Day. (85 min.) + 24 pg. booklet and special feature film with Fr. Andrew Apostoli, Eng/Sp. 13th Day Films, 2009.

"In a world torn apart by persecution, war and oppression, three children are chosen to offer a message of hope in

the story of the miracle of Fatima."

Saints and Soldiers (90 min.) [cc] Excel Entertainment Group, 2005.

"A small group of soldiers are trapped deep behind enemy lines where they must test their courage, honor, and camaraderie."

Paul VI: the Pope in the tempest (200 min.) + 15 pg. booklet, It/Sp/Eng. Luxvide, 2008.

"From 1963-1978 the papacy of Pope Paul VI helped shape how the Catholic Church would confront the complexities of the modern world, depicted in this stunning film with historical film footage."



Also, for family viewing~

Believe in Me

The Gift of Love: the Daniel Huffman story

How Green was my Valley

The Lost & Found Family

No Greater Love

Saint of 9/11: the true story of Father Mychal Judge

Saving Sarah Cain

Uncle Nino

Musical Performance

On Saturday afternoon November 6, 2010 at 2 p.m. in the Seminary chapel the Library will sponsor a musical performance by *Ernani Domingos* and *Patricia Guadagnoli*.

Mr. Domingos, a tenor, will sing an extensive array of sacred songs and Italian repertoire accompanied by Ms. Guadagnoli on piano. Mr. Domingos started his study of voice with the project of *Federal University of Santa Maria (Brazil)* in 1995,

under the direction of Professor Elocilda Andrade. In 2005, he won a scholarship to study at the *University of Cantareira* with the Romanian professor Marian Cioromilla and under her direction sang in the *Jardim Sao Paulo Theater* in Sao Paulo Brazil.



In 2006, the professor Moura Castro invited Ernani to continue his studies at the *Hartt School of Music* with Professor Jerome Pruett. In addition to his performances in Brazil, Ernani has traveled

throughout Europe participating in master classes. He has sung locally at various churches in Hartford, Newington and Enfield. *Pianist, Patricia Guadagnoli* began her music studies at the age of five with her mother. While in Brazil, she won several piano competitions including first prize in the *Artlivre National Piano Competition*, first prize and best Brazilian music interpretation in the *Honorina Barra Piano Competition*, and special prize in the *Magda Tagliaferro Piano Competition*. In 2007, she won the *Paranov Competition* and performed with the *Hartt Symphony Orchestra*. In addition, Patricia has



performed as a soloist with symphonic orchestras in Brazil, and with *Beth El Temple Orchestra* in Connecticut. Recently, Patricia won second prize from the *Connecticut State Music Young Artist Competition* and the *Van Rooy Competition*.

The public is invited to attend. A donation of \$10 is suggested. A light reception in the library will follow the concert. Please stop in or contact the library for additional information. Registration is not required.

iConn Offerings

In addition to searching for books and media and full-text articles in English and Spanish, the Connecticut State Library's database of Connecticut's academic, public, school and special libraries now offers more content for library patrons and card holders. These include: *Genealogy, Heritage Quest, Newspapers, News photos (AP images), Downloadable audiobooks, Digital collections, Online magazines, Individual resources* and other useful online collections. In addition, there are numerous database resources that range from *Reference*

and Academic to History, Health and Wellness, Legal information, Biography and much more. To access go to: <http://www.iConn.org>

Free Access to Environmental Studies

In keeping with the emphasis on environmental studies and concerns, *iCONN* is pleased to furnish free access to a database of environmental information for Connecticut libraries and their users. A link has been created known as *GreenFILE* that is accessible with your library card from within the library and from anywhere else in the state.



Blog on Connecticut's Environment

CT Environmental Headlines is a blog, or website, that collects all of today's environmental news stories being reported on in Connecticut and puts them all in one place -- www.environmentalheadlines.com/ct

Featured is a news feed that you can sign up for as well as an e-newsletter. A copy of a recent newsletter can be viewed at : <http://bit.ly/d8DJgv>

This is a great local, environmental news resource and considered the number one environmental news blog in Connecticut.

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Volunteer Appreciation—
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Monsignor Charles Johnson, retired priest and resident of St. Thomas Seminary, is currently working on an archival project researching and identifying various photos of St. Thomas Seminary from its beginnings in 1897 on Collins Street in Hartford to its continuation in 1928 at the Seminary's current location in Bloomfield. Monsignor Johnson is a former student, faculty member and President Rector of the Seminary and is the new head of the Mission Office.

Volunteer, Betsy Morrison, has assisted with library book sales and Mary Ann Sabbath has assisted with barcoding of the library collection.

Many thanks to these invaluable volunteers and may many special blessings come your way.

New Books— (New Fiction)
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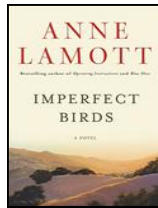
Brendan: the remarkable life and voyage of Brendan Clonfort, one of the most beloved Irish saints. Morgan Llwyn. Tom Doherty Associates, 2010.
"The Story of St. Brendan the Navigator whose legendary quest to find the Isle of the Blessed is one the most remarkable and enduring of early Christian tales."

Wolf Hall. Hillary Mantel. Henry Holt, 2010.

"In the ruthless arena of King Henry VIII's court, only one man dares to gamble his life to win the King's favor and ascend to the heights of political power."

Imperfect Birds. Anne Lamott. Riverhead Books, 2010.

"An exploration of parents fearing for their children, what it means to be a child and what it means to be a family in our human quest for connection and salvation."



Olive Kitteridge. Elizabeth Strout. Random House, 2009.

"The author binds together thirteen rich, luminous narratives into a book with the heft of a novel, through the presence of one larger-than-life, unforgettable character: Olive Kitteridge."

Creative Ways to Give Thanks & Praise

Here are simple yet creative Thanksgiving ideas to help you and your family express thanks to God on Thanksgiving Day.

Some ideas to consider:

A Thanksgiving story—Set aside a few moments on Thanksgiving Day to sit down and read a Thanksgiving story. You can read it

alone or together with your family.

A Thanksgiving poem or prayer—Take on the family project of writing a Thanksgiving poem or prayer together.

A Thanksgiving Bible verse—Ask each family member to read a favorite Bible verse before the Thanksgiving meal.

A Thanksgiving memory—During Thanksgiving dinner, ask each family member to share a favorite Thanksgiving or other special memory.

Thanksgiving communion—Attend mass and plan a time of family communion on Thanksgiving to give thanks by remembering Christ's life, death and resurrection.

A Thanksgiving blessing—Invite a widow, single person or someone who is lonely to share in your family Thanksgiving meal.

A Thanksgiving Day parade or play—Put on your own Thanksgiving Day parade or "pilgrim play" with family, friends and neighbors.

Thanksgiving offering—Prepare a Thanksgiving offering to give to a needy family or one of your favorite charities.

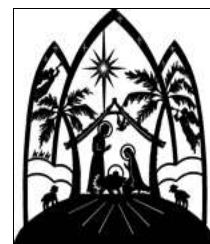
A Thanksgiving Adoption: Adopt a family at Thanksgiving by providing their groceries in advance.

Source: Christianity.about.com

Prepare the Way
Advent & Christmas

Where do you praise God and for what reason? Make a list of the places and reasons for your praise and add one or two new ones that would increase your overall praise of Him. (*Exercise is from Advent and Christmas Wisdom from G. K. Chesterton.*)

Other Advent and Christmas meditations and reflections for Advent and Christmas to consider include **Advent Light**, Stephen Binz; **Advent and Christmas with Thomas Merton**; **The Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook**; **Advent and Christmas with Fulton J. Sheen**; **A Way to the Heart of Christmas**; **Reflections of Messiah: contemporary meditations inspired by Handel**. Jim Melchiorre; **While we Wait: living the questions of Advent**, Mary Lou Redding; **Cradle of Redeeming love: the theology of the Christmas Mystery**, John Saward; **Fathoming Bethlehem**, Robert Morneau and **On the Way to Bethlehem**, Hilary McDowell (all classified under (242.33) and are available to be checked out).



New Books by Pope Benedict



Maria: Pope Benedict XVI on the Mother of God. Ignatius, 2009. (232.931 BENXVI)

"Dozens of inspiring and famous statues, paintings, scriptures and other artwork of the Blessed Virgin Mary from all over the world accompanied by the profound words of Pope Benedict XVI on the person of Mary and her unique role in the plan of God for human and salvation history."

Church Fathers and Teachers: From Saint Leo the Great to Peter Lombard. Ignatius, 2010. (280.5 BENXVI)

"Pope Benedict XVI devotes his attention to the most

influential Christian teachers from the fifth through the twelfth centuries."

Heart of the Christian Life: thoughts on Holy Mass.

Ignatius, 2010. (264.32 BENXVI)
"This volume brings together substantive texts on the many aspects and dimensions of the mass and the mystery of the Eucharist."

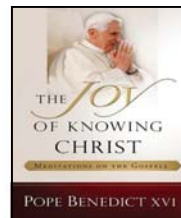
The Joy of Knowing Christ: meditations on the Gospels.

The Word Among Us Press, 2009. (242.5 BENXVI)
"The Holy Father is the bearer of good news in these fifty-five reflections on passages from the Gospels that guide us on

a journey through the life of Christ."

The Fathers, Vol. II. Our Sunday Visitor, 2010. (280.5 BENXVI)

"Pope Benedict focuses on St. Leo the Great to St. Bernard. He carefully explains their rich history and the vital role each one played in not only preserving the Church but in anchoring, the Church of today and the future."



New Audiobooks

Created and Redeemed: the universal message of John Paul II's Theology of the Body, with Christopher West—8 CD's—Ascension Press

The Edwina Gately Collection: three complete talks—7 CD's—Source Books.

The New American Bible, New Testament. Unabridged, narrated by Eric Martin—14 CD's—Casscom Media

From Now You Know Media: The Bible: an owner's manual, with Fr. Michael D. Guinan, O.F.M.—12 topics on 4 CD's

St. Paul's Letters: Romans. Fr. Frank Matera—2 CD's

God's Battalions: the case for the Crusades. Rodney Stark—7 CD'S—Tantor Press.

Lives series by Kathleen Krull. Audio Bookshelf.

Lives of the Artists—2 CD's
Lives of the Writers—2CD's
Lives of Extraordinary Women—2 CD's

Lives of the Musicians —2 CD's

From St. Anthony Messenger: Angels of God: the Bible the Church and the Heavenly Hosts, with Mike Aquilina—3 CD's

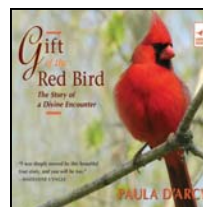
Eucharist: spirituality for adults, with Robert Barron—3 CD's

The Journey to Peace: reflections on faith, embracing suffering, and finding new life.

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin—3 CD'S

The Art of Discernment: wrestling with sacred questions, with Richard Groves—3 CD's

The Gift of the Red Bird: the story of a divine encounter. Paul D'Arcy—3 CD's



"Mary Virgin and Mother, shows us what love is and whence it draws its origin and its constantly renewed power."

Pope Benedict XVI, from the encyclical, "God is Love"



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Museum passes for free or reduced admission to The New Britain Museum of American Art and the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford are available to check out at the Library

Current programs can be found at <http://www.nbmaa.org> and <http://www.wadsworthatheneum.org/>

Calendar

October 1—Feast Day of St. Therese of the Child Jesus

October 4—Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi

October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary

October 11—Columbus Day—St. Thomas Seminary closed

November 1—All Saint's Day

November 2—All Soul's Day

November 6 — Concert with Emani Domingos & Patricia Guadagnoli at 2 p.m. in the chapel

November 22—Feast Day of St. Cecilia

*November 25-26—Thanksgiving holiday—
St. Thomas Seminary closed*



November 28—First Sunday of Advent

December 8—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 25—Nativity of the Lord, Christmas

December 27—St. Thomas Seminary closed.