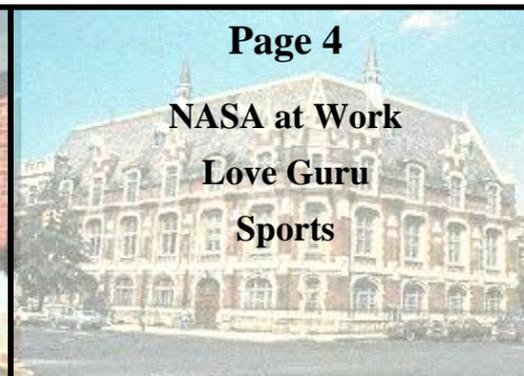


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Fr. Dulaney, Priest for 43 Years and Staff Member for 22, Years Passes Away

By Sebastian Rosas

Father William R. Dulaney, 68, an active member of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, February 10th, 2017, just five days before what would've been his 69th birthday. He passed away in his sleep at North Shore University Hospital, in Manhasset, after being hospitalized for breaking both of his knees in an unfortunate fall.

Father Dulaney was born in Jackson Heights, Queens, on February 15th, 1948. He studied in Blessed Sacrament School, then went on the Cathedral Prep (class of 1965), and continued his studies at Cathedral College, Douglaston, and finally at the Immaculate Conception Seminary at Huntington. Having completed his studies, he was ordained to the priesthood on May 26th, 1973, by Bishop Francis J. Mugavero. Throughout his life, he served the Catholic Community generously and lovingly. In the Diocese



Fr. Dulaney Passed Away After 22 Years of Service to Cathedral Prep

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of Brooklyn, Father Dulaney was the Pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven (Brooklyn), as well as Parochial Vicar of many other churches, including St. Sebastian and Saint Thomas the Apostle. Also, he was not only an alumnus of Cathedral Prep, but he also served as a Vice-Rector, teacher, and a spiritual director, giving a total of 22 years of loving service to this school.

Along with his service to Cathedral Prep, he was also a chaplain at St. Edmund Prep H.S., as well as the Parochial Vicar at St. Gregory the Great since 2007.

His funeral mass was held at St. Gregory the Great Church. The main celebrant was Auxiliary Bishop Raymond Chappetto, who was accompanied by many concelebrants. Father Dulaney was buried at St. Charles Cemetery, Farmingdale, Long Island, and is survived by his brother, Robert, to whom our condolences are sent. Thank you Father William Dulaney for your service and your priesthood, you will be greatly missed.

Bishop Barres Is Installed As 5th Bishop of Rockville Centre

By Freddie Feria

The new year starts fresh with a new bishop for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Bishop John O. Barres was installed on January 31, 2017, as the spiritual leader for the diocese, succeeding retired Bishop William Murphy. It's a new area for the Bishop since he is coming from the Diocese of Allentown, located in Pennsylvania. This is especially a new experience as he is ministering in a diverse and large (6th largest in the nation) diocese. It was a special Mass for him when residents from



Bishop Barres Shows the Proclamation from the Vatican that he is the new Bishop of Rockville Centre

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Pennsylvania came to Long Island.

On top of his installment he says, "I appeal on this day of my installation as the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre to every inactive Catholic in the diocese to gently come back... to the power of the word of God, the power of the sacrament of penance, the power of the Catholic Mass. I am so very sorry if you have been hurt or disappointed by the Church in any way and we stand here today to support you, to listen to you and to love you." With Bishop Barres coming to Long Island, he shows that he is already excited to be there.

The Guide To Lent

By Aidan Birth

We celebrate some of the most important feast days and solemnities during this time of the year in the Church. Christmas is over, but we look ahead to the holy days of Lent. Every year, people ask themselves: “What can I do for Lent?” The following is a guide for the season of Lent:

1. People 14 years and older have to abstain from meat on Fridays: This includes freshmen. We definitely won’t see burgers and fries on Cathedral Prep’s lunch menu on Fridays during Lent. According to the Catholic Church, every person of the age of 14 and older must abstain from meat. This is definitely a challenge for those of us who like meat. However, the purpose of this is to remind us of the sacrifice that Jesus made in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. Years ago, people had to abstain from meat every Friday of the year, but these regulations have since been relaxed to Fridays during Lent.

2. People of 18 years to 59 years must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: This rule doesn’t apply to most people in the school, but it does apply to faculty and some seniors. According to the United States Conference of

Catholic Bishops (USCCB): “When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.” This fast occurs on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, once again, to remind us of the sacrifices that Jesus made for us.

3. Pick up a new habit and give up an old one: There are two times of the year that we make resolutions: New Year’s Day and Ash Wednesday. As far as New Year’s resolutions go, we usually break them. As for Lenten penances, we often only do them for Lent. This can easily be something that we treat in the wrong way. So many people talk about giving up something that they like. Chances are, if it is something you feel like you should give up, then it shouldn’t last for just Lent. If we give up something, we should make an effort to use it less, even when it is not during Lent. In addition to this, we can substitute habits. For example, the time that we would otherwise use on social media could be used for praying a decade of the rosary. Once again, this is something that we should continue, even after Lent.

4. Lent is More than 40 days: Yes, for those of us with Catholic OCD, you didn’t miscount it; Lent is more than 40 days and 40 nights. However, we shouldn’t complain about this; we should interpret this as more of a challenge to pursue holiness more days in our lives. Once again, it can be a challenge not just pursued in Lent, but in all liturgical seasons.

For more information, check out usccb.org for more about Lenten rules and practices.

Update: Bishop DiMarzio made the following announcement on March 3, 2017:

This year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17, falls on a Friday in Lent. Given the parades and many celebrations that occur on this day and in view of the fact that it is the patronal feast of our neighbors in the Archdiocese of New York, in accord with the norm of law, I hereby grant to all Catholics of the Diocese of Brooklyn as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products. I strongly encourage all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day.

Best Films of 2016 Win at the Academy Awards

By Thomas Daudelin

No matter what you think about the year of 2016, you cannot say it was a bad year for movies. The Academy Awards have shown that to be so with many great picks for the Best Picture of 2016, some of which may be destined to live up to the ranks of movie classics.

One of these films is *Hacksaw Ridge*, directed by former movie star Mel Gibson. After many years of exile from mainstream movie business, Gibson explodes back onto the Hollywood scene with this movie, based off the real story of a Christian soldier, Private Desmond Doss. The movie shows how Doss was able to save the lives of over a hundred U.S. soldiers in the closing stages of World War II. Filmed in Australia, this movie contains many stars like Andrew Garfield as Private Doss, the main character of the movie as well as Vince Vaughn as a drill sergeant, which he pulls off magnificently. This movie will inspire people’s faith as well as the critic’s praise.

Lion is another film, which will most likely win many awards. Set and

filmed in India as well as Australia, this story is about a man, Saroo Brierley, played by Dev Patel, who had been separated from his family in the Indian countryside at a young age. It weaves a great story of how he became a Calcutta street-urchin and was adopted by two Australian parents, the mother played by Nicole Kidman. It brilliantly portrays Saroo’s struggle to track down his birth mother. According to Dev Patel, this “stunning anthem of humanity,” is able to show Saroo’s struggle brilliantly. It has already drawn the applause of many Hollywood elites as well as children’s foundations in India, which are shown to have been in association with the film. It was directed by Garth Davis.

Manchester by the Sea is a truly moving movie directed by Kenneth Lonergan. Realistic, grim, gritty, and a truly all-American drama, this movie is set and filmed in Manchester by the Sea, Massachusetts. Starring Casey Affleck as the main character, this movie narrates the story of a Boston janitor, Lee, who is

forced to become his nephew’s guardian after his brother, the boy’s father’s, suddenly died. The story is able to portray Lee’s haunted past in Manchester and how his nephew reacts to losing his father. The movie, while sad, is undoubtedly well-done and is deserving of the nomination and praise that it’s receiving.

Some other movies that got Academy Awards (that I didn’t watch)

- *Moonlight* – The story of a man growing up black and gay in Miami, Florida

- *La-la Land* – A modern musical set in Los Angeles, California

- *Arrival* – A sci-fi picture about one woman’s struggle to learn an alien language

- *Hell or High Water* – Two brothers try to stop a foreclosure of their ranch

- *Fences* – The Story of a sanitation worker whose lost dream of baseball eats him up

- *Hidden Figures* – The story of black astrophysicists who helped win the Space Race

Resident Evil 7: Evil Returns In Full Form

By Manuel Pamposa

I never thought *Resident Evil* would go back to classic survival horror, I always thought it would be a thing for side games like *Resident Evil Revelations* and the rest of the main games would be

action-horror as fans would complain of the shift of tone. Boy was I wrong on the same levels when I thought I had enough Jack Baker coming out of nowhere to lay the hurt on me. *Resident Evil 7* is a return

to form of the series—a feeling of isolation and dread as you are pulled into it as evil hits home. (Continued on page 3)

Premise: Set after the dramatic events of *Resident Evil 6*, Ethan Winters, an ordinary white-collar worker and one who has no combat experience unlike the other *Resident Evil* protagonists. His thought-to-be dead wife, Mia Winters, has contacted Ethan. He travels to Dulvey where he gets more than what he bargains for. His wife is alive indeed. . . But he is hunted by the sadistic Baker family who will stop at nothing to make Ethan a part of their “family”

Gameplay: *Resident Evil 7* may look like a hide and seek simulator but in reality, it is the most *Resident Evil* you can get as you can fight back, but ammo is very limited. The series has returned to its roots by going back to basics and nothing extravagant like the previous games. Crafting returns in the form of chemicals, which like the ammo is very rare, and you need to know how to conserve. Once you master item management, it will turn into basically an action shooter, which is natural for *Resident Evil* as you build up the courage to fight your nightmares.

Characters: For some reason, I like Ethan due to this human personality and short temperament of his situation. He’s like all of us. Although I have gripes that he is not very vocal when it comes to painful situations, his wife Mia is very interesting and is a welcome addition to the cast. I wish to learn more about her, in fact, she is caring but at the same time has a shady past that is Ada Wong’s level of shady. Zoe Baker manages to be very helpful and at the same time, a bit selfish when you find out about her intentions, although the daughter makes you sympathize, and almost like her, in fact. The stars of the game is the Baker family, this psychotic trio has a certain disturbing charm through funny lines. Jack is my favorite out of all of them with his scary demeanor and funny lines that make me want to run or shoot him in the face. Marguerite is foul-mouthed and creepy. Lucas offers more humor and there is more to his character than meets the eye.

Design: A very dirty and disgusting kind of vibe flows through the Baker residence, which adds to the sense of dread in it.

Graphics: This game has somewhat borderline photorealistic graphics, which adds to the immersion and almost feeling like you’re there.

Pros: The best *Resident Evil* since *Resident Evil 4* is how I describe this game. A perfect return to form and also a balance of action and horror (mainly horror) that is also an interesting story. It connects to the other *Resident Evils*. Neat Easter Eggs, too.

Cons: It can get boring and annoying sometimes, but shrug it off. Boss battles sometimes feel like bullet sponges, or a little too easy, or maybe even hard the first time. The finale felt somewhat disappointing, but you’ll know what I mean when you beat the game. Also, the mid-chapter is annoying and tedious.

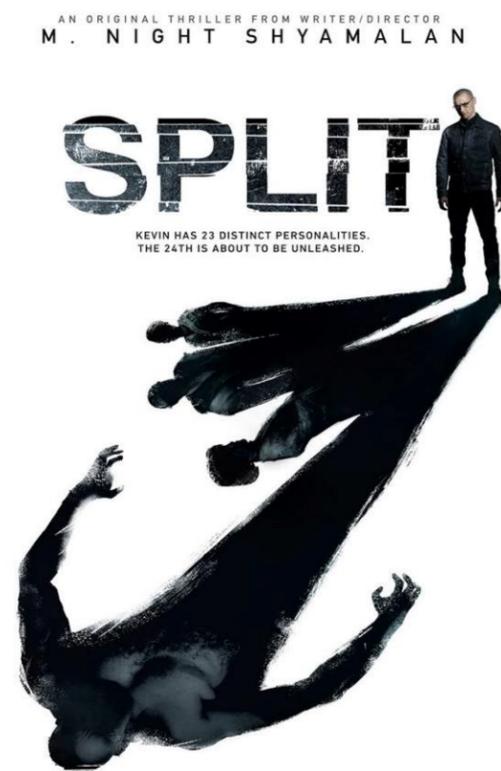
Verdict: A perfect addition to the Resident Evil family. In Jack Baker’s words- “Welcome to the Family son!”

Movie Review: Split

By John Schilling

The recent release of *Split* directed by M. Night Shyamalan not only reestablishes him as a thrilling director, but also proves his capability to create something amazing. *Split* tells the story of three teenage girls, all captured by a man named Kevin Wendell Crumb (James McAvoy), a man with dissociative identity disorder. “Dennis” one of the 23 split personalities inhabiting his body, who captures the girls and places them within a cellar in an undisclosed location. Meanwhile, Kevin meets with Dr. Karen Fletcher (Betty Buckley), regarding his disorder, as another identity known as “Barry.” Throughout the film, the girls are told they are meant for a bigger purpose and fear it has to do with this new 24th identity called “The Beast,” whom the other identities often refer to. As a result, the girls work to escape before “The Beast” comes alive.

In the film, James McAvoy was great. Even though he is clearly the same person, he manages to make the audience think of his identities as different characters, which is not an easy task. In addition, McAvoy was even funny at some points, despite playing a very intimidating character. Anya Taylor-Joy was very good as Casey, one of the capture girls and the main protagonist. She managed to make Casey stand out as a character and made the audience pity her. Because of this, the audience is able to see the story being told from her perspective. Betty Buckley was nothing special in terms of her performance as Dr. Fletcher, but provided the audience with a firm understanding of the disorder and its severity. Her character basically served as an indirect “commentary” for what Kevin was



Split has been released to relatively positive reception from film critics, including our own.

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experiencing inside his body and it worked well within the plot of the film.

When the movie begins, the main storyline starts almost instantaneously, which is great. There was no drawn out build up that ate up time and stalled the main purpose of the movie. During the first hour of the movie, you begin to question whether you’re watching a horror film or not because it is rather humorous. However, it is very clear when the audience is supposed to laugh and when they are to remain serious. The witty comments and random outbursts both contribute to this aspect of humor, but it does not take away from the drama aspect, which saves the film. The second hour of the movie, however, is when things get completely

serious as everything goes down, leaving the audience on the edge of their seats.

The only downside of the film was how some scenes were inserted. Casey’s incomplete flashbacks are often inserted at random times, and it does not really help the flow of the film. However, it becomes evident in the end what each flashback meant, but viewing them one by one spread out in this way doesn’t make much sense. In other words, the viewer is given a puzzle that can’t be fully solved until the very end. This isn’t a major flaw, but kind of an annoyance to say the least. Also, after the girls are kidnapped, the film spends a good amount of time putting the names of almost all the contributors to the film on blank black screens, acting as “cut scenes.” It has nothing to do with the plot, but is kind of annoying.

Overall, *Split* is a good film. The plot is cohesive, the characters are well developed, and the story is intriguing. Shyamalan hits it right on the head with this film, as it has been heralded by many as his “best movie ever.” It is safe to say he still has creative talent within him, prompting many to wonder if will he stick around to do more films of this franchise. The ending of the film certainly hints at this, but Shyamalan remains unsure, as he revealed in a recent interview that he would love to write a sequel, but may not because he is a “wimp.” Having not seen Shyamalan’s *Unbreakable* (2000), I was not expecting *Split* to be a spin-off movie to that film, but simply just another typical horror film. However, *Split* completely rises above and beyond these expectations for it is unique in nearly every aspect and completely worth watching.

NASA Continues Looking For Life Outside of Earth

By Eryk Baginski, Alexander Lomas, and Fabian Rozparzynski

Have you ever imagined discovering alien life or possibly living on a different planet? On February 23rd 2017, NASA announced the discovery of seven new exoplanets that orbit the star TRAPPIST-1. TRAPPIST-1 is a dwarf star and is similar in size to Jupiter. Three of these planets are in the habitable zone, which is an area where liquid water most likely exists. The farther planets most likely have an icy environment. NASA states that all seven planets could possibly contain liquid water. "This discovery could be a significant piece in the puzzle of finding habitable environments, places that are conducive to life," said Thomas Zurbuchen, associate administrator of the agency's Science Mission Directorate in Washington. "Answering the question 'are we alone' is a top science priority and finding so many planets like these for the first time in the habitable zone is a remarkable step forward toward that goal." These planets are roughly 40 light years, or 235 trillion miles away, from Earth in the constellation Aquarius.

In May 2016 astronomers announced the discovery of three of the exoplanets of the TRAPPIST-1 system with the assistance of the TRAPPIST (Transiting Planets and Planetesimals Small Telescope) in Chile. NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope was able to discover 5 additional planets with the help of ground-based telescopes including the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope. After the Spitzer discover, NASA's Hubble Space Telescope has started scanning four of the planets, including the three planets in the habitable zone for a hydrogen atmosphere. NASA plans to launch the James Webb Space Telescope in 2018 to further their research of the seven exoplanets and hopefully detect "chemical fingerprints of water, methane, oxygen, ozone, and other components of a planet's atmosphere." The James Webb Telescope will also analyze planets' temperatures and surface pressures, which are two major aspects of determining the planets' habitability. NASA will continue to research the exoplanets and search for alien life in the upcoming years.

Love Guru

Q: All the girls around me tell me that I have an eating problem, but it's not true. It's not a problem with eating since I love food! It's the fat that's the problem. How do I get rid of my fat to impress the girls?

A: There are a few ways to do this. You could try a conventional diet that you might give up on, or you could exercise a lot. My suggestion is much more effective and will impress the girls while you lose weight! Tie some bacon around your waist and get a pack of rabid dogs to chase after you. Just keep running until you're as fit as a superhero. If you survive the dogs, I'm sure the girls will be very impressed.



A Look at Cathedral Sports

By Kevin Plut

Cathedral's sports teams appear to have bright futures ahead of them. The regular basketball season is quickly coming to a close. A fun season with varying levels of enjoyment was had, feeling as if it just started. Numerous games were played, many of well-played, some resulting in inevitable losses. However, the hardest-played games resulted in a win. Wins were greatly cherished and well-deserved, just like the recent victory against Christo Rey. There was an amazing show of teamwork amongst those on and off the court. This is a surefire way to end a season on a memorable note.

Speech and Debate has also seen a number of recent victories. Senior Aidan Birth, junior Peter Munoz, sophomores Rafael Silva and Frank Oliva, and freshman Jasha Basila all won trophies. Some won half-quals, putting them on the path towards competing at states. Mr. Russo continues to push team members to try their best and giving ceaseless advice and support, in addition to the hours of practice put in by members and time spent researching. Victory does not come to the lazy, nor the unmotivated.

Mr. Medina and Mr. Morales are trying to kick the habit of laziness with some of the new and old members on track and field. Conditioning has begun so members are viable for upcoming meets and workouts. Baseball begins soon, with Senior Michael Bode's father, Joe Bode, as coach. New recruits could prove instrumental to victory.



The J.V. and Varsity Basketball teams take photos after the Jim Dilg Memorial Tournament earlier in their seasons.

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