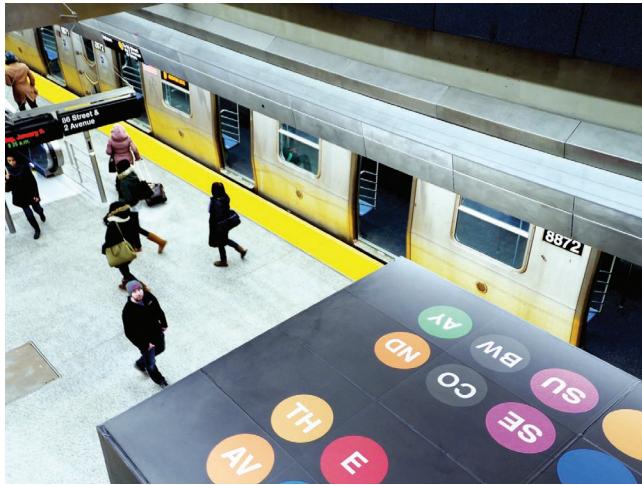


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JANUARY

■ The streets around St. Patrick's Cathedral were shrouded in a sea of blue before the Jan. 13 Funeral Mass Cardinal Dolan offered for Detective Steven McDonald, the New York police officer who was shot and paralyzed in the line of duty 30 years ago. Detective McDonald died Jan. 10 at age 59 after suffering a heart attack four days earlier. After the shooting, he forgave his assailant and dedicated his life to spreading a message of love and forgiveness.

■ Cardinal Dolan announced a campaign to raise 100 million in private philanthropic dollars during the next five years to provide help and create hope for children and families of New York, especially the poorest and most vulnerable, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. The campaign is expected to leverage \$4-5 billion when combined with additional private philanthropy and through other funding of Catholic Charities of New York's federation of agencies. Gov. Andrew Cuomo said he would proclaim April 24 as Catholic Charities Day in the state of New York, the same date in 1917 that Catholic Charities was incorporated by the New York state legislature. The announcements were made during a noon luncheon Jan. 29 at Rockefeller Center in Manhattan to kick off the centennial year of Catholic Charities.

FEBRUARY

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ALL ABOARD— Passengers continued to explore the new Second Avenue subway during the weekend of Jan. 14-15. The Manhattan transit line, with stations for the Q Train now also at 72nd, 86th and 96th Streets, officially opened to the general public Jan. 1. After nearly a century in the making, the extension of the Q train provides service from 96th Street to 63rd Street.

Parenthood Feb. 11 along Church Street in Poughkeepsie. The effort is part of a nationwide movement to end federal funding of the organization.

MARCH

■ The archdiocese officially closed an 18-month cause and submitted its work to Rome, where it will be assessed whether Father Paul Wattson, S.A., should advance to the next steps necessary to become a canonized saint of the Catholic Church. "It's an affirmation from above we've come this far," said Cardinal Dolan in opening a meeting on the matter March 9 at the New York Catholic Center in Manhattan. Father Wattson, born in 1863, was the co-founder with Sister Lurana White of the Franciscan Society of the Atonement at Graymoor in Garrison.



LOVE OF LIFE—Pro-life advocates participated in the Prayer Rally to Defund Planned Parenthood Feb. 11 along Church Street in Poughkeepsie. Among the attendees at the gathering was Auxiliary Bishop Peter Byrne, episcopal vicar of Dutchess, Putnam and Northern Westchester.

■ Visitors to St. Patrick's Cathedral can see the evidence of the multi-million dollar restoration project in the interior and exterior of the Gothic landmark building. Now, part of that restoration can literally be felt—thanks to the activation of a state-of-the-art geothermal plant. The plant is an ecologically friendly way of heating and cooling the atmosphere that reduces the cathedral's carbon dioxide emissions and increases energy efficiency by 35 percent. "We are not using fossil fuels, it's positive for the world we live in, and it's forward-thinking," said Msgr. Robert Ritchie, rector of the cathedral, in an interview with CNY March 10.

APRIL

■ Msgr. Neil A. Connolly, pastor of St. Mary's parish on Grand Street in Lower Manhattan for nearly three decades, died April 1. He was 83. He was pastor of St. Mary's, 1985-2013, and at the Bronx parishes of Our Lady of Victory, 1981-1985, and St. Athanasius, 1975-1981. He also served as episcopal vicar of the South Bronx, 1976-1985. Cardinal Dolan celebrated the Funeral Mass April 5 at St. Mary's Church.

■ Cardinal Dolan visited Ferncliff Nursing Home in Rhinebeck to celebrate Mass and bless ArchCare's new Center for Neurodegenerative Care April 12. The center is the fourth serving individuals with neurodegenerative diseases in New York state and the

second operated by ArchCare in the archdiocese. The first was the 48-bed Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center in Manhattan.

MAY

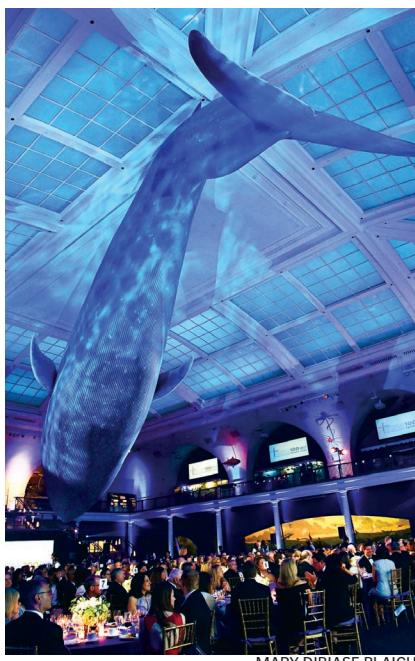
■ The rain outside the Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral in Lower Manhattan May 13 provided a fitting farewell for Irish immigrant John Curry who, at age 5, was the youngest of the 15 official witnesses to the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist in Knock, Ireland, just as rain fell there on Aug. 21, 1879. Curry, the last surviving official witness of the apparition—he died in 1943 at the age of 69, and had been buried in an unmarked, communal grave on Long Island—was re-interred in the stately St. Patrick's Old Cathedral Cemetery that surrounds the basilica immediately following the Requiem Mass.

■ Cardinal Dolan ordained 11 men to the priesthood—five for the archdiocese and six for the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal—May 27 at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

JUNE

■ Ukrainian Cardinal Lybomyr Husar, who led the Ukrainian Catholic Church and earlier served as a pastor of a parish in Ulster County, died May 31 near Kiev, Ukraine. He was 84. He served as pastor of Holy

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SPLASHY SOIREE—At the Catholic Charities Centennial Gala Benefit June 12 at the American Museum of Natural History in Manhattan, the museum's 94-foot, 21,000-pound fiberglass model of a blue whale suspended from the ceiling made a striking centerpiece for the 500 guests.

Trinity Ukrainian Catholic parish in Kerhonkson, 1966-1969. His Funeral Mass was June 5 in Kiev.

■ Cardinal Dolan ordained 12 men as permanent deacons June 17 at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

■ There was relief and sadness June 10 as parishioners of St. Peter and St. Denis in Yonkers brought urns with the cremated remains of 10 family members to a poignant communal Funeral Mass at the church and solemn burial at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne. The men and women were the first to accept Cardinal Dolan's invitation to bury their loved ones in the new St. Joseph of Arimathea section, one of several attractive low-cost options at each of the four cemeteries maintained by the Trustees of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

JULY

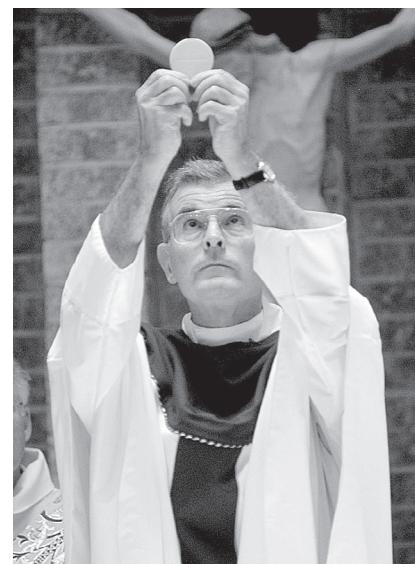
■ A delegation of New Yorkers attended the "Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America" July 1-4 in Orlando, Fla. Cardinal Dolan, in his homily at the opening Mass, urged the congregation of about 3,500 delegates who had been invited from dioceses around country, to reflect joy—a sign of God's presence—and not exclusively focus on the world's problems.

AUGUST

- Parishioners of the Shrine Church of St. Anthony of Padua in Greenwich Village, as well as non-parishioners, donated funds to replace the three shepherd children statues and repair the Our Lady of Fatima statue vandalized outside the Manhattan church in late June. About \$11,000—which exceeds the costs to replace and refurbish the statues—was donated.
- A dual language school, in English and Spanish, was to be offered this fall for kindergarteners at St. Elizabeth School in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan, Dr. Timothy McNiff, superintendent of schools for the archdiocese, told CNY in a Back to School interview.

SEPTEMBER

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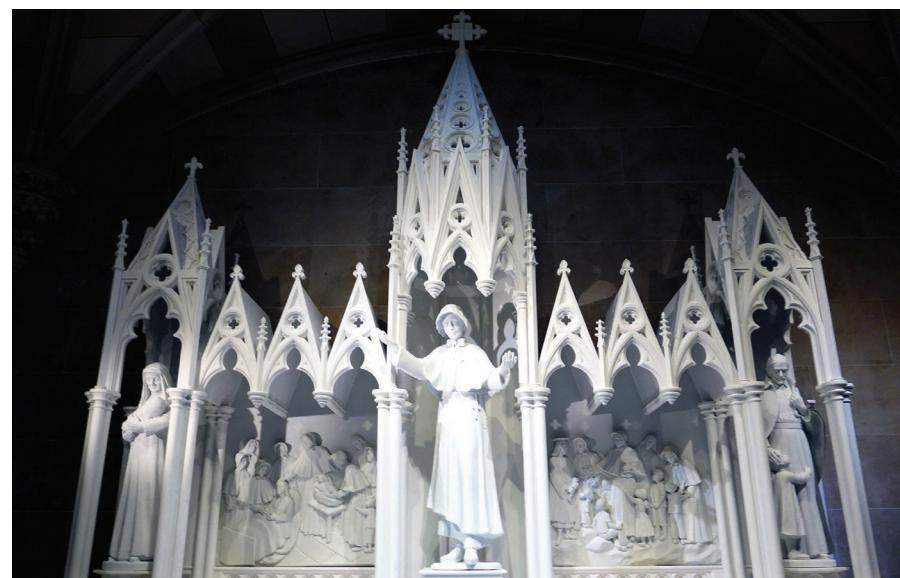
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REVERENT—Then-Bishop-designate Gerald Walsh raised the Host during Mass at St. Frances de Chantal Church in the Bronx, where he presided over a vow ceremony for the Sisters of Life in 2004. Pope Francis accepted the bishop's resignation Sept. 5. Bishop Walsh accepted a reappointment by Cardinal Dolan as vicar for clergy for one year.

Father Capodanno Memorial Chapel at Fort Wadsworth on Staten Island. Father Capodanno, whose cause for sainthood is under consideration, died at age 38 in combat in Vietnam Sept. 4, 1967.

OCTOBER

- With many Staten Island pastors and parish lay leaders gathered around him, Cardinal Dolan injected an upbeat note of congratulations at an Oct. 5 gathering to formally introduce the archdiocese's Renew + Rebuild parish fund-raising campaign, which had raised \$119.4 million, nearly 60 percent of the \$200 million goal,



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CATHEDRAL MISSION—A new Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, a native New Yorker, graces the interior of St. Patrick's Cathedral in commemoration of the saint and the 200 years of service of the Sisters of Charity of New York which she founded. Cardinal Dolan blessed the shrine during a prayer service at the cathedral Oct. 8.

in its early phases.

- Cardinal Dolan, at a special Disaster Relief Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral Oct. 8, expressed prayerful solidarity with the people of Puerto Rico, Mexico and Central America who have suffered loss of life and dismantling of infrastructure stemming from the recent natural disasters. The cardinal and Brooklyn Bishop Nicholas DiMazio led a delegation of New York clergy and officials to Puerto Rico later in the month. The archdiocese raised more than \$700,000 to assist the Church in Puerto Rico through parish collections and individual contributions.
- House Speaker Paul Ryan delivered the keynote address at the 72nd annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner Oct. 19 in Manhattan. Actress and producer Patricia Heaton, a

Catholic, wife and mother, was emcee for the event, marking the first time a woman has served in that capacity.

NOVEMBER

- Cardinal Dolan delivered pastoral consolation at a packed St. Patrick's Cathedral as he celebrated Mass Nov. 5 for the deceased and injured victims of the Oct. 31 terrorist attack along a Lower Manhattan bike path.
- Parish and community-based works of charity will be the beneficiaries of the inaugural archdiocesan Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice, taken up in parishes across the archdiocese Nov. 18-19.

DECEMBER

- The archdiocese, through a Dec. 7 report on the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program, said 189 victim-survivors of sex abuse by clergy have resolved their claims through the IRCP and have received, collectively, \$40,050,000 in compensation. More than 200 victim-survivors came forward to participate in the program. Although the IRCP enrollment process concluded, a number of claims remain in process, and determinations about those claims will be made in coming weeks and months.
- The archdiocese announced the successful completion of the Inner-City Scholarship Fund's \$125 million Kids Are Our Capital Endowment campaign Dec. 4.

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HISTORIC RALLY—Vice President Mike Pence stands with his wife, Karen, and daughter, Charlotte, at the podium in Washington Jan. 27 as he became the first president or vice president to speak in person at a March for Life rally.

JANUARY

- Cardinal Dolan, at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., was among a number of religious leaders taking part in the inauguration ceremonies for President Donald Trump Jan. 20. The cardinal read a passage from the Book of Wisdom.
- The chasm between faith and life is the greatest challenge facing the Catholic Church today, said Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, archbishop of Newark, N.J., at his Jan. 6 installation Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.
- “Life is winning again in America, and today is a celebration of that progress,” Vice President Mike Pence told the March for Life rally on the National Mall in Washington Jan. 27. The 44th annual march, marking the Roe v. Wade anniversary, had the highest-ranking government official to address the crowd in person. Cardinal Dolan, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on Pro-Life Activities, led a prayer at the rally.

FEBRUARY

Cardinal Dolan and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore urged the House and Senate to pass the Conscience Protection Act of 2017. The two prelates made the plea in a joint letter dated Feb. 8 and released Feb. 10 by the USCCB.

MARCH

Cardinal William H. Keeler, Baltimore’s 14th archbishop, who was an international leader in Catholic-Jewish relations and the driving force behind the restoration of America’s first cathedral, died March 23. He was 86.

APRIL

In a remarkable gesture of prayerful solidarity and consolation, Cardinal Dolan led a group of religious leaders on a Good Friday visit on April 14 to an Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Christian congregation in Manhattan just five days after deadly terrorist bombings killed 45 and injured more than 100 at two Coptic churches in Egypt on Palm Sunday.

MAY

- Standing before the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima on May 13, Pope Francis canonized two shepherd children who saw Mary at Fatima. SS. Jancinta and Francisco Marto, of Portugal, became the Church’s youngest non-martyred saints.
- A tribunal of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services wrapped up its nearly four-year inquiry into whether the life of Staten Island native Father Vincent Capodanno, M.M., a Vietnam War hero and U.S. Navy chaplain, merits consideration for sainthood. Archbishop Timothy Broglio, who heads the Washington, D.C.-based military archdiocese, announced May 21 that the archdiocesan phase into the Maryknoll priest’s cause had concluded.

JUNE

- Reflecting their concern that religious liberty at home and abroad remains a top priority, the U.S. bishops during their spring general assembly in Indianapolis voted June 15 to make permanent their Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty.
- The Diocesan Inquiry on the life, heroic virtues and reputation of holiness and of intercessory power of the Servant of God Dorothy Day,

co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, was formally initiated. The June 27 edict was signed by Cardinal Dolan and Msgr. Gregory Mustaciulo, chancellor of the archdiocese. Dr. Waldery Hilgeman, postulator of the cause in Rome, formally requested the diocesan inquiry be initiated June 21.

JULY

Pope Francis has approved a fourth pathway to possible sainthood—giving one’s life in a heroic act of loving service to others.

AUGUST

Catholic bishops and groups throughout the nation called for peace after three people died and several others were injured following clashes between pacifists, protesters and white supremacists in Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 11 and 12.

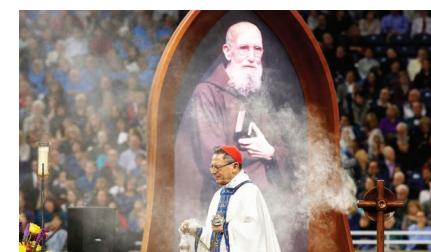
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The Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer, a church just off the Las Vegas Strip, became a different source of refuge after a deadly mass shooting took place Oct. 1 just across the street. Its parking lot became an immediate place of shelter for concertgoers fleeing a barrage of

bullets that showered down onto a country music festival. Hours later, a member of the police department asked a diocesan official about using the church space—allowing some of the concertgoers to go inside and police to set up a command post in the parking lot. The shooting left 59 people dead, including the shooter, and wounded more than 500.



HOLY PRESENCE—Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes, celebrates the beatification Mass of Blessed Solanus Casey Nov. 18 at Ford Field in Detroit.

NOVEMBER

Sixty years after his death, Capuchin Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap., moved a step closer to canonization as he was beatified Nov. 18 at a Mass at Ford Field in Detroit celebrated by Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes, before a congregation of 60,000. While serving at Sacred Heart parish and friary in Yonkers from 1904 to 1918, Father Solanus was assigned to be a friary porter, or doorkeeper, a ministry he would carry out for the rest of his life. He would go on to serve at Our Lady Queen of Angels in East Harlem and Our Lady of Sorrows in lower Manhattan. He later served at St. Michael’s in Brooklyn. New Yorkers celebrated the advancement of one of their own via a pilgrimage to the beatification in Detroit and through special Masses and other events at Capuchin parishes in the Archdiocese of New York Nov. 18.

DECEMBER

In his six-day visit to Myanmar and Bangladesh, Pope Francis called for dialogue and respect for all. He was in Myanmar Nov. 27-30 and in Bangladesh Nov. 30-Dec. 2.