

Rita Nzinga and Kwasi Burgin

When Rita Nzinga moved to Cincinnati over 20 years ago, her son Kwasi Solomon Zhandli Burgin was an infant. Her first order of business was to find a multi-ethnic parish in her neighborhood, and St. Agnes came highly recommended.

She attended her first Mass when Kwasi was two months old and immediately joined. Rita said she was drawn in by the aura of peacefulness she felt in the sanctuary.

The mother and son duo soon became regular attendees at the Saturday Mass, although their attendance was often interrupted by young Kwasi's numerous hospitalizations.

Thanks to their strong spiritual bond and the bonds they had with their Church of the Resurrection family, the young man whose doctor predicted would not live past three years old will graduate from Xavier University this December.

Both Rita and her son Kwasi are dedicated to public service. Rita says the majority of her life has been spent in community service or volunteering

after hours. "Admittedly I am a sucker for what most people label a lost cause. I will always champion the underdog."

One of her proudest accomplishments has been her work and leadership at the Over-the-Rhine and Walnut Hills soup kitchens.

Following his mother's example, young Kwasi was a volunteer at the Walnut Hills soup kitchen by the time he was ten years old.

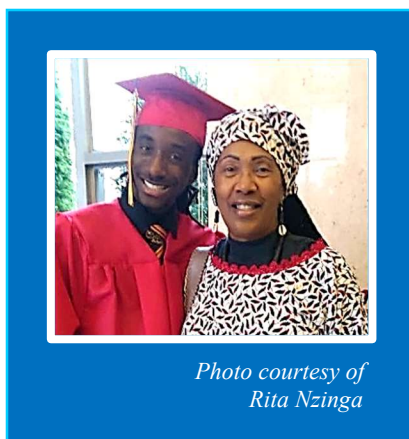


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As a teenager Kwasi shined as he began his journey toward a life committed to helping others and exploring other fields of interest. He was an active member of the Church of the Resurrection Teen Group and

participated in numerous community service projects.

In 2021 he was bitten by the acting bug and participated in his first play at Purcell Marian High School. He continued his acting career as one of the "Queen's Men" in the school's Technical Theater Ensemble

Kwasi says one of his greatest achievements to date is being a recipient of the church's Martin Luther King, Jr. "Keep the Dream Alive" award.

Rita who says one of her passions is cooking and baking spoke lovingly about her son and their relationship with the parish: "At the Church of the Resurrection, we were allotted much more than spiritual nourishment. There Kwasi acquired the mandatory sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and oh so much more."

Rita and Kwasi say the Church of the Resurrection is both their faith-based spiritual home and extended family. Kwasi says upon graduation from Xavier University he plans to apply for graduate school there and pursue a career in sports management. Mom Rita is a trained pharmacy technician.



Dear Parishioners,

The COR Newsletter Committee is very appreciative of the positive feedback received about our first issue. It motivates us even more to produce a quality newsletter that is informative and fun and brings our parish family closer together.

We encourage parishioners to engage in this effort by becoming CORrespondents. Remember that being a CORrespondent does not obligate one to join the committee or require continual engagement. The COR is a parish newsletter, and we want to ensure that it reflects your interest.

Some may wonder if their content is more appropriate for the bulletin vs. the newsletter. In fact, the two communication vehicles complement each other.

The Committee agreed that "In Need of Prayer" requests should be reserved for the bulletin, as well as financial updates and archdiocesan notices. However, personal stories on sharing the gift of treasure, or living the faith would be welcome material in the newsletter.

Furthermore, certain celebratory announcements found in the "C.O.R. Corner!" could be expanded in the newsletter. The newsletter will also contain features such as games

and recipes, which will not be included in the bulletin.

If in doubt about whether a potential submission is better suited for the newsletter vs. the bulletin, contact any committee member, or email questions to: TheCORnewsletter@aol.com or bulletin@ResurrectionCinci.org. We look forward to your continued support and participation.



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Take a Break . . .

It's FunTime!

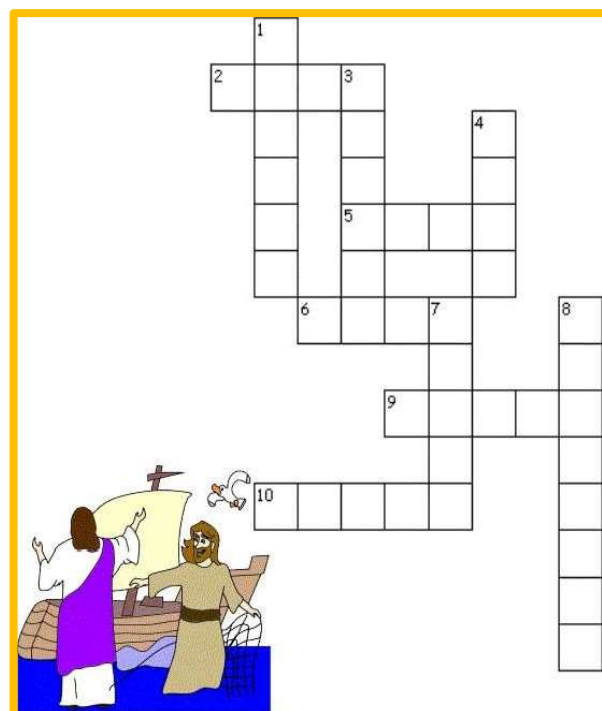
ACROSS

- Jesus sometimes taught from inside this.
- The disciplines ___ everything.
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- The disciplines ___ everything and followed Jesus.
- Jesus gave the disciples authority to drive out evil spirits and ___ every disease.
- John's brother's name.
- From this disciple's boat Jesus taught and performed a miracle with fish.

DOWN

- Jesus said, "___ me and I will make you fishers of men."
- This is the number of disciples Jesus chose.
- Jesus told the disciples to let down their ___ and suddenly they were able to catch fish.
- We can be Jesus' disciples by trying to ___ all we can about Him.
- The name for follower of Jesus Christ.

Twelve Disciples Crossword Puzzle



Tillie Celebrated The Big 103!

Matilda "Tillie" (Hartmann) Rizzo celebrated her 103rd birthday on September 25, 2021, at Harvest Home Park along with 38 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

The long-time parishioner was born in 1918 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Tillie graduated from Our Lady of Angels High School and met Henry Rizzo, the love of her life, shortly afterward. They were married at St. Clement Church on November 27, 1940, and raised a happy brood of 13 children.

Henry managed At Your Door Fruits & Vegetables business to support his family.

The couple was married 38 years when Henry succumbed to lung cancer

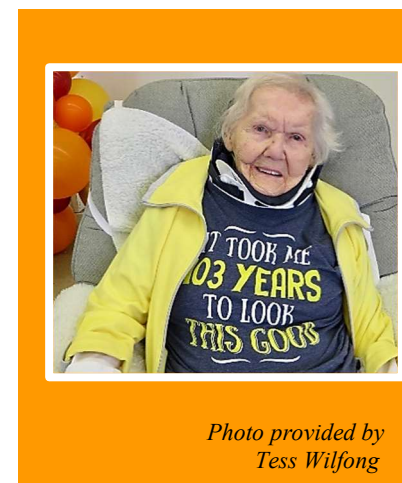


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after a two-year battle. It was 1978 and Tillie was 60 years old with five children still living at home. She started the second phase of her life with drive and determination. Learning to drive, she began working as a housekeeper at the St. Agnes

rectory and church, which she worked for the next 20 years.

When St. Agnes merged with other parishes to become the Church of the Resurrection in August 2010, she embraced this change. Joining and singing in the choir was one of the highlights for Tillie during this time in her life. She enjoyed her many friends and new relationships

Tillie reached her 99th birthday, and she needed to make one more change. She moved to St. Margaret Hall Retirement Center, February 2018. Being born during the Spanish Flu pandemic in 1918, Tillie has shown her will to live by recovering from COVID-19 during 2021.

Matilda "Tillie" Rizzo continues to be an excellent role model. She is missed around the parish, but the sunshine she shared is still felt.

Social Justice Corner

Catholic Social Teaching: Second Principle

The Catholic Social Teaching (CST) principle highlighted in this month's newsletter is *Promote the Family*. As with all principles, CST looks to Scripture to recommend actions and behaviors to better connect the family to the individual and the larger society.

Our first social consideration and base structure within the community is the family. The human person is not simply an individual but also a member of a community. Recognizing this, CST acknowledges that the human person does not stand alone but is a family member.

Of particular importance is fostering stable marriages where we welcome and educate children. A society's failure to understand these social factors leaves itself

open to radical individualism where the individual's desires threaten the right of others, particularly those who may be different.

Social conditions either contribute to *the stabilization or the destabilization* of family structures. Social situations that destabilize include mandatory and unreasonably long work hours, a toxic "social structure" (that denigrates "fidelity"), legal dissolution of the definition of marriage between one man and one woman, and excessive taxation.

CST seeks to promote the family as a central structure for social interaction. According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), "marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We [USCCB] believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable."



Photo courtesy of
Jaylah Winters

Onward and Upward: Freshman Jaylah Winters

Jaylah Winters has been a member of the Church of the Resurrection since birth. These days the 14-year-old is a freshman at Purcell Marian High School. She is busy adjusting to being a high school student along with keeping up with her extracurricular social activities.

At church, Jaylah has volunteered for several parish ministries including the Lenten Fish Fry, Bereavement, Jazz on the Lawn, and Vacation Bible School. She is also a member of the Praise Dance Ministry, an altar server, and was a member of the youth choir under the direction of the late Deborah Shipp.

For the past four years, Jaylah has been a member of the Black Ice Dance Academy, a majorette dance team that travels to competitions all around the United States. Before starting high school, Jaylah attended the School for the Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA) as a dance major. Currently young Winters is on the

Purcell Marian Lady Cavaliers basketball team.

Her parents are extremely proud that she has maintained a 3.86 GPA. Jaylah's future plans are to attend an HBCU (historically black college or university) and go to law school.

She loves spending time with her family and friends, especially her older brother Jaylan, uncle Ryan, cousin Kaitlin and best friend Aubri.

Jaylah is the daughter of Joyce Winters and Antony Jones, and granddaughter of Deacon Royce and Nor-Rita Winters.

Did You Know . . .

Bond Hill: On October 16, 2019, The Cincinnati City Council unanimously voted to designate The Bond Hill Vista Historic District as the city's 25th historic district.

The Bond Hill Bella Vista Historic District runs east of Reading Road, for the entirety of Bella Vista Street, which is a one-block, no outlet road with all underground utilities. This area is designated as Cincinnati's first predominantly Tudor Revival historic district, as well as its first predominantly 1920's – 1930's historic district.

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Meet the Connollys

Chris and Jane Connolly joined the Church of the Resurrection in January 2020. After attending only one Mass, they were sold! Both were struck by the love and warm welcome from parishioners. In addition, they found the music uplifting and say the homilies given by Fr. Dave and Deacon Royce inspire and challenge.

After joining the church, they attended the Bible study group facilitated by Deacon Royce, then COVID-19 hit. Like many others, they streamed the Mass until in-person services returned. They say streaming services were a saving grace.

The Connollys, who hail from Pennsylvania, made Cincinnati their home in 1976. Before retiring a few years ago, Chris



Photo courtesy of
Chris and Jane Connolly

worked in behavioral health for over 25 years, developing and supervising mental health and drug treatment programs. Jane was a teacher with Cincinnati Public Schools for over 30 years.

Now the Pleasant Ridge residents participate in various community and

volunteer activities including our Bond Hill Food Pantry. On occasion you may see their children join them – three grown sons and their families.

When considering a faith community to join, one of their guiding priorities was diversity. The Connolly kids attended public schools, and early on Chris and Jane saw the benefits of belonging to a diverse community.

Ten years ago, they traveled to Thailand for the wedding of their youngest son Will and his wife Kae. The couple reside in Cincinnati and say through this union they have experienced the grace and growth that comes through embracing other cultures and faiths.

Chris and Jane look forward to enjoying many years in the Church of the Resurrection community.

Larry Cox: More Than a Coach

For Larry Cox, coaching football and helping young people are a way of life. Although he has taught and coached throughout the greater Cincinnati area, one of his most notable accomplishments is his 22-year career as defensive coordinator at Princeton High School

In addition to the lessons he taught on the gridiron, generations of students have benefited from his frank and down to earth style as he guided them through some of the toughest years of their lives.

This past September, his young mentees got together to thank him. The Princeton Vikings Athlete Alumni Association honored Coach Cox at a lifetime achievement dinner held at the Princeton High School cafeteria.

Students say it was important to thank Coach Cox for his contribution to their growth and development. They say as



Photo courtesy of
Larry and Mary Cox

struggling young teens, it was Cox who helped them to develop vision and purpose and guide them toward making positive decisions.

The ceremony was extremely moving for the humble coach whose other accomplishments include teaching and coaching at Cutter Junior High, Withrow and Hughes High School and freshman football coach at Xavier University. He also ran the National

Youth Sports Program at the University of Cincinnati.

Coach Cox says he couldn't believe the outpouring of love by his students who were now successful adults. When applauded for all that he has done, Coach replied, "I was just doing what I was supposed to do."

The tribute also included roses for his wife Mary of 54 years and thank you to his two daughters who have also followed in the family tradition of success. Jennifer is the director of marketing at the Contemporary Arts Center in Cincinnati and Aimee is a professor of anthropology and African American studies at Yale University.

Since his retirement, The Xavier University alumnus ran the weight room at the once St. Andrew Catholic Church in Avondale. He still finds plenty to do with his time including gardening and playing the piano. Larry and Mary Cox (a retired teacher) are members of the Church of the Resurrection.