

Things to Do

Mercyhurst men's hockey stays cold to keep others warm:

The Mercyhurst University men's hockey team will take the cold and ice so Erie's needy can stay warm when it plays Ohio State University Friday and Saturday Jan. 2 and 3 at the Erie Insurance Arena. A portion of the proceeds from the first "Snowtown Throwdown" will benefit the Warming Center hosted by the Mental Health Association of Northwest Pennsylvania. Game times are Friday, Jan. 2 at 7:05 pm and Saturday, Jan. 3 at 2:35 pm. To purchase either single-game or two-game ticket packages, contact the Erie Insurance Arena box office at 814.452.4857. As many as 1,500 local residents are transitionally homeless in Erie; the Warming Center is an essential shelter.

Cathedral Prep, 250 W. 10th St. in Erie. Visit www.gannon.edu/eriechamberorchestra for details. On Monday, Jan. 19, the university will hold a prayer service in the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel at 9:30 am. Participants can then join the Community Solidarity March from Perry Square to the MLK Center beginning at 11 am, followed by a luncheon in the Yehl Ballroom.

Worldwide Marriage

Encounter will hold a two-day weekend event Jan. 24-25 at the Sacred Heart Spirituality Center near Johnstown, Pa. The Diocese of Erie has joined forces with the dioceses of Altoona-Johnstown, Greensburg and Pittsburgh to strengthen its offerings. Couples participating in this weekend are invited to make their own overnight accommodations. A

are \$7 per person in advance or \$10 per person at the door. This is a B.Y.O.B. event with beer, pop and snacks provided. Music "D.J. Dean" Balkovic. 2015 proceeds will benefit the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network East.

"Joy of the Gospel," a **diocesan confirmation retreat**, will be offered Sunday, Feb. 8 from noon to 6 pm at Elk County Catholic High School, 600 Maurus St., St. Marys. Open to any teen preparing for the sacrament of confirmation. Led by Father Stephen Schreiber and Kathleen Peterson of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. \$10 per person, must pre-register. For details, contact Kathleen Peterson at 814.824.1218.

All are welcome to a **pre-Lenten retreat for NFP couples/individuals** at St. Thomas More House of Prayer in Cranberry. The event will begin Friday, Feb. 13 at 5 pm and close after midday prayer at 3 pm on Saturday, Feb. 14. Father Matthew Kujawinski will serve as retreat master, using the theme, "The New Heavens and the New Earth." For more information, call Barb Burkett, NFP/Chastity Education Office at 800.374.3723. Registration form available at ErieRCD.org/nfp.asp.

Bring your appetite to the **3rd annual L'Asagna & More Tasting** benefiting L'Arche on Sunday, Feb. 15 from 1-4 pm at the Concourse of Union Station, 121 W. 14th Street, Erie. Vote for your favorite to win the People's Choice Award. Among the restaurants participating are: Gigliotti's, Olive Garden, The Brewerrie, Stephany's Catering, Super Suppers, The Magic Cookie and more. Tickets are on sale now \$15 presale, \$20 at the door (limited number available at the door). For more information please contact Selena N. King 814.452.2065 x230 or selena@larcherie.org.

Members of **St. Marks's Auxiliary** will meet at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., on Tuesday, Feb. 10 to continue their work in support of seminarians studying in the Diocese of Erie. New members are always welcome to the evening which begins with Mass at 7 pm followed by a short business meeting and reception.

important dates

Jan. 25-31 Catholic Schools Week 2015 will be celebrated in schools across the diocese using the theme, "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."



March 19 Diocesan Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry will be held at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. National youth presenter, leadership coach and inspirational speaker Mike Patin, (www.mikepatin.com) will be the main presenter. The conference will include breakout sessions, lunch and Mass with Bishop Persico. The event is free to all youth ministry leaders including clergy, DREs and campus ministry directors. Watch www.onthevine.us for more information. Sponsored by the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry.

in memoriam

Please keep the following sisters who passed away since the last issue of *FAITH* was published, in your prayers: **Sister Christine Vladimiroff, OSB**, 74, Sept. 25, 2014; **Sister Anna Mae Kuzma, OSF**, 83, Oct. 13, 2014; **Sister Emilie Rose LeBoeuf, SSI**, 78, Nov. 17, 2014.



The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry offers "**Prayer & Praise 4 Life**" in Gannon University's Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel, 512 Peach St., Erie on Saturday, Jan. 10 at 9:30 am. Come for praise and worship and Eucharistic adoration; Father Michael Kesicki will preside. The Erie March for Life, which begins in Perry Square, immediately follows. Visit www.onthevine.us for more information.

The Serra Club invites all to pray at a **Mass for vocations**, Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 8 am at the Carmel of the Holy Family Monastery, 510 E. Gore Road, Erie.

Gannon University invites all to a **celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** beginning with a performance by the Erie Chamber Orchestra, Friday, Jan. 16 at 7:30 pm. The event will be held in the H. David Bowes Auditorium at

second weekend is planned Feb. 27-March 1 at the Atherton Hotel in State College, Pa. Contact Joyce and Mark Kulyk at wwme.eriepa@gmail.com for more information.

The past presidents of the Erie Diocesan Cursillo Movement announce the **20th Annual K.I.S.S. Dance for Charity** to be held on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 7 to 11 pm in Hastings Hall at Holy Rosary Church, 2701 East Avenue, Erie. Tickets