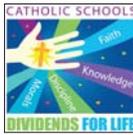


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**Church Calendar**

Events of the local, American and universal church

**Feast days**



Presentation of the Lord St. Agatha

- Jan. 20 St. Fabian, St. Sebastian
- Jan. 21 St. Agnes
- Jan. 22 St. Vincent
- Jan. 25 Conversion of St. Paul
- Jan. 26 St. Timothy and Titus
- Jan. 27 St. Angela Merici
- Jan. 28 St. Thomas Aquinas
- Feb. 2 Presentation of the Lord
- Feb. 3 St. Blaise, St. Ansgar
- Feb. 5 St. Agatha
- Feb. 6 St. Paul Miki and companions

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Jan. 18-25**

January 18-25, 2010 is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2010 is "You Are Witnesses of These Things" (Luke 24:48). Throughout 2010, join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one" uniting our prayer with the Lord Jesus Christ. For more information go to [www.gcii.org](http://www.gcii.org)



**National prayer vigil for life & March for Life – Jan. 21-22**

Catholics from across the country will gather in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the National Prayer Vigil for Life Opening Mass on January 21, the eve of the 37th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. The Vigil Mass for Life is the largest annual Catholic Mass in the United States. As in the past, approximately 10,000 participants are expected to attend the vigil and then join thousands more the next day to participate in the national March for Life.



**World Day for Consecrated Life – Feb. 2**

February 2, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, is also observed as World Day for Consecrated Life. This annual celebration highlights persons who are consecrated to Christ by vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. The day offers the opportunity to thank God for the gift of consecrated life, to promote knowledge of the life, to invite consecrated people to celebrate what the Lord has accomplished in them and to acquire more awareness of their mission in the church and in the world.



**Clergy appointments**

The Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman, STD, SSL, Bishop of Erie, announces the following clergy appointments:



Father Timothy Balliett, appointed to the faculty of Kennedy Catholic High School, Hermitage, with residence at St. Joseph Parish, Sharon. Effective January 11, 2010.

Father John Kuzilla, resignation accepted as pastor of St. Boniface Parish, Kersy.

Father James O'Hara, appointed spiritual director of the Legion of Mary Apostolate. Effective December 18, 2009.

Father Stephen Schreiber, appointed parochial vicar of St. George Parish, Erie, for a term of six months with continued residency at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Erie. This appointment is in addition to duties as director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and associate director of vocations for the diocese. Effective January 11, 2010.

**Synod, saints, shroud all on papal calendar in 2010**

By John Thavis  
*Catholic News Service*

VATICAN CITY — As Pope Benedict XVI says goodbye to 2009, his 2010 calendar is already being filled.

On the horizon for the next 12 months are four papal trips, a Middle East Synod of Bishops, the expected publication of a document on the Bible and the second volume of "Jesus of Nazareth," a major gathering of the world's priests, a pilgrimage to the Shroud of Turin; a probable consistency and several likely canonizations and beatifications — including that of Pope John Paul II.

In April Pope Benedict marks five years in office, and the event will no doubt be marked by modest festivities and lots of analysis on the accomplishments and priorities of the German pontiff, who turns 83 the same month.

Several of his endeavors are works in progress, like the

ongoing negotiations with the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X and the effort to bring its leaders back into full communion. No breakthrough is guaranteed in 2010, but Vatican officials say that, at the very least, the picture should be much clearer as twice-a-month meetings proceed.

January brings traditional papal liturgies and meetings, which included an encounter Jan. 11 with the diplomatic corps accredited to the Vatican. Six days later, Pope Benedict visited Rome's synagogue for the first time, an event that had added drama since the pope's recent decision to advance Pope Pius XII's sainthood cause.

The new year also means a new slate of "ad limina" visits by groups of bishops around

the world. Although the visits traditionally are made every five years, the interval has grown longer recently, and it now appears that U.S. bishops, who last came in 2004, will not be making their "ad limina" visits until 2011 — or even later.

The pope's second volume on the life of Jesus is expected to be released in the spring, although translations may take a little longer. It's expected to cover Christ's childhood, passion, death and resurrection.

Pope Benedict will make at least four foreign trips in 2010: to Malta in April, to the Marian shrine at Fatima in Portugal in May, to Cyprus in early June and to England in mid-September.

The fact that all four will take place in Europe or the Mediterranean gave rise to a rumor that the pope has decided not to make any more long-distance trips — a rumor that informed Vatican sources said was completely untrue.

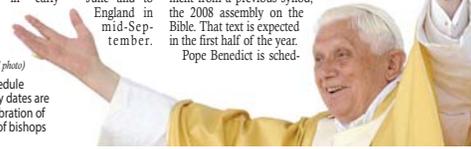
During his visit to the Mediterranean island of Cyprus, the pope will present the working document for the Synod of Bishops on the Middle East, which will take place Oct. 10-24 at the Vatican. Joining him on Cyprus will be church leaders from places like northern Africa, the Holy Land and Iraq.

The pope is still putting the finishing touches on a document from a previous synod, the 2008 assembly on the Bible. That text is expected in the first half of the year. Pope Benedict is sched-

uled to make four trips in Italy in 2010, including a visit in early May to see the Shroud of Turin, which many believe is the burial cloth of Christ. In early October, he makes a one-day visit to Palermo, Sicily, to address a meeting of families and youths.

Beatifications and canonizations will loom large on the papal calendar in 2010. Romans are already planning for the possible beatification of Pope John Paul II in October

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**Blending the OLD with the NEW**

*St. Boniface, Erie, moves back into newly renovated church*



By Jason Koshinski  
*FaithLife editor*

ERIE — There's been a common reaction from parishioners of St. Boniface Parish in Erie as they've first stepped foot inside their newly renovated church.

"Most people say that even though it's new, it feels like they're home," said pastor Father Jay Schultz. "That's pretty important."

They see the blend of the old and the new. They see the familiar Stations of the Cross and stained glass windows. But they also notice the new gathering space, as well as the pews, which are new in style and increased in number.

Shortly after Father Schultz became pastor of St. Boniface in 2006, he picked up the church project that was first talked about 30 years ago.



In renovating the existing church, plans called for expanding three of the four walls for additional seating and a gathering space. Pillars are now in place where the old walls once stood. After celebrating Mass for eight months in the parish's Coleman Center, parishioners were back in the church for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

"It was in the thought process, a renovation or a new church, but it never quite materialized," Father Schultz said.

Shortly after the parish celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2007, it seemed like the perfect

opportunity for those long-time plans to come to fruition. Government planners are assuming the Greene Township area where the church is

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**Finding the best version of ourselves**

*Matthew Kelly to give retreat, talk at Gannon Jan. 30*

From staff and wire reports

ERIE — God wants us to be our best.

According to Matthew Kelly, people are constantly tempted to be less than their best. God wants everyone to reach their "holy" full potential, he said.

"People don't understand that the purpose of God's rules is for us to become the best version of ourselves," Kelly said.

Kelly, a native Australian, best-selling author and internationally known speaker, will be speaking at Gannon University on Saturday, Jan. 30.

First he will give a retreat

during an intercollegiate gathering for local college students. With a theme of "Who am I?" Kelly will explore such questions as "What does God want for me?" and "What is God's dream for me?" This daytime event is reserved for college students in the Diocese of Erie.

In the evening, Kelly will also give a public talk, "A Call to Joy," where he will detail his personal journey of how his faith helped him overcome stress and emptiness. He'll also talk about the lasting joy he's found and the steps and habits that helped him along the way.

Deacon Stephen Washek, director of campus ministry

for Gannon University, said he's hoping for 125 college students to attend the retreat. Schools taking part in the event include Gannon, Mercyhurst College, Penn State-Behrend, Clarion University and Allegheny College. Students from Grove City College and Thiel College have also been invited.

"We're hoping that a lot of students will take part," Deacon Washek said. "This is something that could really help light their fire."

He said he first heard Kelly at a campus ministry conference a few years ago.

"He was incredible, and I just knew that he would be a phenomenal speaker for our

**Matthew Kelly at Gannon University Saturday, January 30**



Matthew Kelly

"Who am I?" — An intercollegiate gathering at Mary Seat of Wisdom Chapel and Student Services Building, 520 Peach St., Erie, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Includes three keynote talks, small group discussions, lunch, Mass and a Q & A session. Register with your campus minister. Registration fee is \$5.

"A Call to Joy" — A public talk in the Yehli Ballroom of the Waldron Campus Center, Seventh and Peach streets, at 7 p.m.

students to hear," he said. For more information about Matthew Kelly, visit [www.matthewkelly.org](http://www.matthewkelly.org).



## IN THE U.S.

■ **Up to 24 U.S. bishops, including two cardinals, could retire** because of age this year. There are 11 active U.S. bishops, including one cardinal, who have already turned 75. Thirteen more will celebrate their 75th birthday in 2010. At age 75, bishops are requested to submit their resignation to the pope. Turning 75 on April 19 this year is Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia. He was ordained an archbishop in 1985 while serving as head of the school that educates future Vatican diplomats. He returned to the United States in 1994 to become archbishop of St. Louis, holding that post until his appointment as archbishop of Philadelphia in 2003. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals that same year. Pope Benedict XVI, like his predecessor Pope John Paul II, has often asked cardinals to stay on the job after they've reached the age of 75. Even when a cardinal retires in his 70s, he remains an active member of the College of Cardinals, eligible to enter a conclave and vote for a new pope, until age 80.



Cardinal Rigali

## AROUND THE WORLD

■ **Pope Benedict XVI's personal secretary visited the woman responsible for knocking the pope down** during a Christmas Eve Mass. Msgr. Georg Ganswein, papal secretary, visited Susanna Maiolo at the psychiatric hospital in Subiaco, outside of Rome, where she was transferred Dec. 25. The papal secretary made the private visit to Maiolo "to show her the Holy Father's interest in her situation," the papal spokesman, Father Federico Lombardi, said in a written statement Jan. 3. While the Vatican did not specify when the visit occurred, the Italian daily *Il Giornale* said Msgr. Ganswein met with Maiolo Dec. 31. The newspaper said the monsignor brought her a rosary and told her that the pope had forgiven her and believed she hadn't meant any harm. It added Maiolo, a dual Italian-Swiss citizen, had previously received extensive psychiatric

care in Switzerland. The Vatican statement said the legal proceedings against Maiolo, which were being carried out by the Vatican's judicial system, would continue until it came to a conclusion.

■ **An uptick of violence against Catholic church workers in the Americas** contributed to almost doubling the number of missionaries who were murdered in 2009 compared to the previous year, the Vatican's Fides agency said. The agency said 37 people working for the church were killed in 2009, up from 20 people in 2008. It is also the highest number of deaths in the last 10 years, it added. Each year, Fides, the news agency of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, publishes a list of pastoral workers who died violently. The 2009 list released Dec. 30 included two priests and one nun from the United States.

■ **More than 2.24 million pilgrims and visitors came to see Pope Benedict XVI** in person at the Vatican or the papal villa at Castel Gandolfo in 2009. The crowds included people who attended a weekly general audience, a special audience with the pope, a liturgy he celebrated or his Sunday Angelus gathering, said the Prefecture of the Pontifical Household, which released the statistics Jan. 5. The total figure for 2009 was higher than in 2008 when more than 2.21 million people came; in 2007 there were more than 2.8 million pilgrims and visitors. In 2006 — Pope Benedict's first full calendar year as pope — the total was more than 3.2 million.



Pope Benedict XVI greets pilgrims as he arrives in person at the Vatican in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican in this Nov. 4, 2009, file photo.

## PEOPLE OF FAITH

■ **Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta will be among the subjects depicted on U.S. stamps** debuting in 2010, the U.S. Postal Service announced Dec. 30. The 44-cent stamp, bearing a portrait of Mother Teresa painted by artist Thomas Blackshear II of Colorado Springs, Colo., will go on sale on what would have been her 100th birthday, Aug. 26. "Her humility and compassion, as well as her respect for the innate worth and dignity of humankind, inspired people of all ages and backgrounds to work on behalf of the world's poorest populations," said the Postal Service news release on its 2010 commemorative stamp program. The release also noted that Mother Teresa received honorary U.S. citizenship in 1996 from the U.S. Congress and President Bill Clinton.



Mother Teresa

■ **The miracle needed for the canonization of Blessed Andre Bessette**, a brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross and founder of St. Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal in Montreal, has been formally recognized by Pope Benedict XVI. Known for his intense piety, famed for miraculous cures and praised for his dedication to seeing a shrine built on Mount Royal to honor St. Joseph, Blessed Andre is set to be the Holy Cross Brothers' first saint. While Pope Benedict issued a decree Dec. 19 putting Blessed Andre on the track toward sainthood, no date has yet been announced for Blessed Andre's canonization ceremony.



Blessed Andre Bessette

## By the Way...



Jason Koshinski

Sixteen local seminarians served at the Jan. 1 Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome presided by Pope Benedict XVI. The Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and the 43rd World Day of Peace, aired live on EWTN followed by several encore presentations.

The seminarians from the dioceses of Eric, Greensburg and Buffalo were traveling in Rome and Ars, France, with Bishop Donald Trautman and a number of diocesan priests Dec. 29 through Jan. 8 on a pilgrimage in observance of the Year for Priests.

We offer our sympathy to Fred Keck and family on the death of his wife, Jean Kennedy Keck, Dec. 29 following a brief illness. Jean, 57, worked as director of Social Justice and Social Ministry with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie and at St. Vincent Health Center as an inpatient/outpatient counselor. Most recently she had worked with the Visiting Nurses Association as a bereavement counselor. She will be greatly missed by many people whose lives she touched in the Erie Diocese.

Fred is a candidate for the diocese's Permanent Diaconate Formation Program and will be ordained a deacon in May.

Msgr. David Rubino had an article published in the Jan. 4-11 issue of *America* magazine. The piece, "Fraternal Orders: Good Counsel for Young Clergy from Their Senior Brothers," offers six suggestions from the residents of the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Residents for Retired Priests in Erie to their youthful counterparts. The unsolicited advice ranges from the simple ("Be yourself") to the practical ("Learning failures on both a cognitive and a spiritual level").

Msgr. Rubino is currently the senior vice provost at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM).

We will attend our first March for Life in Washington on Jan. 22. Bishop Trautman will be marching with a number of groups from all corners of the diocese. Youths from the diocese will join in the Rally for Life and youth Mass at the Verizon Center prior to the march.

Look for a report on these events in the next *FaithLife*, which will be in parishes Feb. 6-7. We are taking a one-week production break in order to maintain our bi-weekly status and still publish an issue for Easter Sunday.

A new Facebook page for the Diocese of Erie has been launched, and we are looking forward to creating an interesting site where people can exchange comments, keep up-to-date with everything going on in the diocese and find an occasional dose of inspiration. Please help us spread the word and invite your Facebook friends to consider becoming a friend of the diocese.

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## Migration week brings legislative push, prayers, a walk to Washington

By Patricia Zapor  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON — As the Catholic Church observed National Migration Week Jan. 3-9, support for legislative efforts took the forefront amid various other steps to bring attention to the concerns of migrants and refugees.

In a teleconference Jan. 6, Bishop John Wester of Salt Lake City, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Migration, described several steps being undertaken by the U.S. bishops, including a new Web site, a nationwide action alert and a previously announced postcard campaign to encourage members of Congress to support comprehensive reform. The Web site is a revamped version of [www.justiceformigrants.org](http://www.justiceformigrants.org).

"The American public, including the Catholic and other faith communities, want a humane and comprehensive solution to the problems which beset our immigration system, and they want Congress to address this issue," Bishop Wester said.

Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany, N.Y., chairman of the Committee on International Policy, said the bishops also want the legislation to address the root causes of migration and help enable people to make a decent living in their own countries.

"The first principle of the U.S. bishops with regard to immigration is that migrants have the right not to migrate — in other words,



(CNS photo)

Demonstrators rally for reform of U.S. immigration policy last January in Washington. U.S. bishops are taking steps to mobilize Catholics throughout the nation to support immigration reform as Congress prepares to take up the issue.

to be able to find work in their own home countries so they can support their families in dignity," he said. "Migration should be driven by choice, not necessity."

Sister Mary Beth Hamm, justice coordinator of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Philadelphia, said making sure the public hears the stories of individual immigrants is the key to what her order is doing to support immigration reform.

"You can't have the person whose story you know," she said.

Elsewhere around the country, Catholic, interfaith and nonreligious groups small and large held immigration-related events. They ranged from press conferences, simple prayer services and educational events to a walk from Miami to Washington by four students

hoping to bring attention to the situations they and others face.

The four current or former students at Miami-Dade Community College planned to walk to Washington to draw attention to the problem of students who are in the United States illegally through no fault of their own, brought into the country by their parents when they were young.

Without legal status they are barred in many states from obtaining lower in-state tuition rates, making it impossible for many to attend college. Legislation that would open a path to legalization and U.S. citizenship for tens of thousands of such students has long had broad public and congressional support but efforts to pass the bill repeatedly have been shelved.

## Synod, saints, shroud all on papal calendar in 2010

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— presuming that a miracle will be attributed to his intercession sometime during the next several months. On his September trip to England, the pope is expected to preside over the beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman, the influential 19th-century theologian and former Anglican.

Among those due to be canonized by the pope sometime in 2010 is Blessed Mary MacKillop, the Australian founder of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

Pope Benedict will close the Year for Priests in June, presiding over a worldwide congress of priests in Rome June 9-11 on the theme "Fidelity of Christ, Fidelity of the Priest." The program includes an evening gathering with the pope and the priests in St. Peter's Square.

Consistories to create new cardinals are always tough to predict, but most insiders expect Pope Benedict to hand out red hats sometime in 2010. Given the limit of 120 cardinals under age 80

and eligible to vote in a conclave, the pope would have at least 12 vacancies to fill by the middle of the year, and 19 if he waits until mid-November.

There's already a lot of speculation about which U.S. prelates, if any, would be named a cardinal. While most point to the archbishops of New York and Washington as likely candidates, it should be remembered that both archdioceses still have cardinals under the age of 80. Both Washington Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick and New York Cardinal Edward M. Egan are retired from their posts as archbishops.

In addition, the number of U.S. voting-age cardinals is at a record high 13, which will dip to 11 by the end of 2010.

Among those most certain to be on the next list of new cardinals is U.S. Archbishop Raymond L. Burke, head of the Vatican's highest tribunal, whose job title foresees that he be named a cardinal.

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# Catholic schools provide 'Dividends for Life'

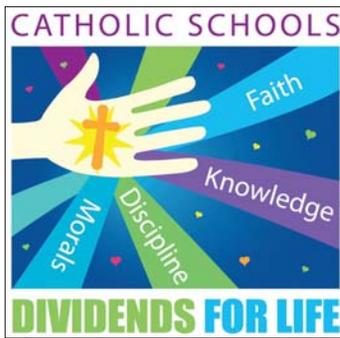
WASHINGTON – Catholic Schools Week, the annual celebration that focuses attention on the good work done by the nation's Catholic schools, will be observed Jan. 31 to Feb. 6. The theme selected for Catholic Schools Week 2010 is "Catholic Schools – Dividends for Life."

Catholic Schools Week is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

"Catholic schools provide good things for students and families—high expectations and daily experience of faith," said Karen Ristau, NCEA president. "In these challenging times, the theme also reminds parents that the dividends of a Catholic school education—students prepared in faith, knowledge, morals and discipline—last a lifetime. There is no better way to invest in a child's future—or the future of our world."

Marie Powell, executive director of the Secretariat of Catholic Education of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, noted, "We realize that in most parts of the country a Catholic education is not without some cost. But I can't think of a better investment in the future than to invest in the education of a child."

As part of Catholic Schools Week, National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools will be observed Wednesday, Feb. 3. National Appreciation Day was es-



established to encourage supporters nationwide to showcase to elected officials the great accomplishments and contributions of Catholic schools. In Washington, a delegation of Catholic school students, teachers and parents will visit Capitol Hill to meet with congressional leaders to promote Catholic schools.



## U.S. Catholic Education Snapshot 2008-09 School Year

### Catholic Schools

Total Catholic school enrollment: 2,192,531  
Elementary school enrollment: 1,568,016  
Secondary school enrollment: 624,515

Minority students: 643,173 29.3%  
Non-Catholic: 325,835 14.9%

Total number of schools: 7,248  
Elementary schools: 6,028  
Secondary schools: 1,220  
Co-educational: 93.6%  
Single sex male: 2.6%  
Single sex female: 3.8%

New schools in 2009-10: 31  
New schools in last 5 years: 184  
Schools with waiting lists for admission: (29.2%) 2,114

Full-time professional staff: 157,615  
Lay: 96.0%  
Religious/clergy: 4.0%  
Student/teacher ratio: 14:1

Average Tuition  
Elementary: \$3,159  
Secondary: \$8,182

### Catholic Colleges and Universities

Number of colleges/universities: 201  
Students: 900,000

### Religious Education

Non-parochial school  
Catholic elementary students: 3,145,424  
Non-parochial school  
Catholic secondary students: 689,552  
Number of parishes: 18,690  
Directors of Religious Education: 13,000  
\*Estimate. No studies have been conducted.

Data for the 2008-09 school year, unless noted.  
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Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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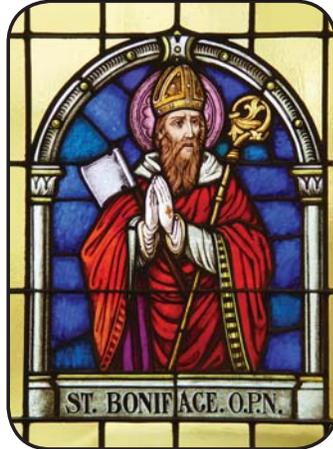
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# CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. BONIFACE PARISH IN ERIE

After eight months of renovations and expansion, parishioners at St. Boniface in Erie were finally back in its newly remodeled church for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

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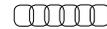
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## People in the News

### Gannon names new VP for enrollment

ERIE — William Edmondson has been appointed as Gannon University's new Vice President for Enrollment. The newly defined position reports directly to the university president and oversees a staff of 48 in the areas of undergraduate and graduate admissions (domestic and international), financial aid, the registrar's office and new student services.

Since 2005, Edmondson worked as a national consultant with Applied Policy Research, located in Minneapolis, Minn. In this position, he worked with a client base of 20 different colleges and universities across the country each of the past four years.

From 1994-2005, Edmondson held several positions with the Cleveland Institute of Art in Cleveland, Ohio. From 2000-05, he served as the Institute's vice president for enrollment and student affairs and was responsible for undergraduate and graduate admissions, financial aid, student life, housing, career services, registration, academic services, orientation, judicial affairs, student counseling, and international student services.

Edmondson assumes his new duties Jan. 25.



William Edmondson

## Briefly

### Father Vit Fiala in concert at OLQA

CONNEAUT LAKE — Franciscan Friar Father Vit Fiala will perform an hour-long concert for cello and piano from 4-5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 17 at Our Lady Queen of the Americas Parish, 155 N. Main St. in Conneaut Lake.

Father Fiala has performed throughout Europe, Canada and the United States. He will be joined by Nancy Rubenstein from Pittsburgh. Father Fiala's concert work benefits the work of his religious order, particularly mission work in New York and Central America. The talented cellist began his musical studies at age 6 in Czechoslovakia and has a successful career in music before deciding to join the Franciscan Order. He is currently the director of the Shrine of Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted in Youngstown, Ohio.

The concert is free and open to the public; free will donations will be appreciated. Refreshments will follow the concert. For more information contact Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church 814.382.7252.



Father Vit Fiala

### Family Honor at Holy Cross, Fairview

FAIRVIEW — Family Honor's Real Love & Real Life program for 7th and 8th grade students and their parents will be presented at Holy Cross Parish, 7100 W. Ridge Road in Fairview, on Jan. 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Jan. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost is \$45 per family, including lunch. Real Love & Real Life helps parents and adolescents to build a better family life by learning to communicate, anticipate and deal with changes.

Topics include: fertility appreciation, learning about appropriate future dating behavior (as in older teens), developing values and responsibilities in the family, the changes in adolescence and more. Skits, role play video clips, small group-breakouts, parent-child focused time and audience participation make this a fast-paced and interesting program for both parents and adolescents.

Contact Sylvia for reservations at cressmith1@verizon.net or 814.474.2605.

For more information about Family Honor, visit [www.family-honor.org](http://www.family-honor.org).

### National Catholic Youth Choir accepting applications



The 2010 National Catholic Youth Choir is currently accepting student applications.

The choir is open to Catholic students entering grades 10, 11 and 12. Join students from around the country at Saint John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minn., June 15-29 for camp and a multi-state tour.

Cost is \$900, and scholarships are available. Applications and audition materials are due March 8. For additional information or to register, visit [www.CatholicYouthChoir.org](http://www.CatholicYouthChoir.org).

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## St. Boniface back into newly renovated church

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located will be one of the next corridors to be developed in the Erie Area, Father Schultz said.

"In the future, we're going to have an increase in people here," he said.

Other factors included the reduction to one priest staffing the parish and having a 90 year old building in need of major attention.

Rather than build a new church, the overwhelming sentiment from parishioners was to enhance what they already had through renovation and expansion.

After Mass on Easter Sunday 2009, the church was vacated so renovations could begin. A temporary church was set up in the parish's Coleman Center for Mass until the overhauled was finished.

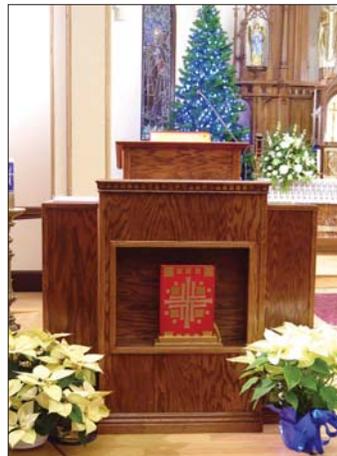
Workers began by expanding three of the church's walls and inserting a new steel frame.

"The architect said that in his 40 years, this was the toughest thing he's had to do," Father Schultz said. "It was time consuming and needed to be done first. What we didn't know was that the walls were weakening. The cast wall would've come down some time. It had shifted. So it was a good thing that we did this now."

Where the old walls stood, pillars are now on each side. Beyond the pillars are pews that can seat 80 extra people. The old Stations of the Cross have been refurbished and hung in familiar spots.

The sanctuary is considerably larger, and the altar has been moved forward. There is also a new reconciliation room.

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Other additions include an air conditioning and sprinkler system, handicap accessibility throughout including an elevator and new bathrooms. But one feature will most likely get the most smiles.

"I think people are really going to enjoy the gathering space because we've never really had one before," Father Schultz said.

The large, airy space is an ex-

located in the rectory. The director of religious education was located in the basement.

"What's nice is that now we'll all be over here, the church can stay open for people who want to visit," Father Schultz said. "Before, the doors were locked."

The church opened on Christmas Eve morning. The night before, workers stayed until midnight finishing the windows and lighting.

"You want to talk about down to the wire," Father Schultz said.

The new pews were for Midnight Mass, the parish's first in the renovated church. The installation of the organ and some finishing touches to the office wing are all that remain.

The church will be officially rededicated on Sunday, Feb. 14 at 10:30 a.m. during a Mass with Bishop Donald Trautman. Joining Father Schultz and Deacon Tim Good will be former pastors Father Leo Gallina and Msgr. Dan Arnold along with former associates Father Ray Hahn and Msgr. Thomas Snyderwine.

Over the course of planning and construction, approximately 200 parishioners were on various committees.

"I think that was one of the secrets to make it work because there was a lot of ownership," Father Schultz said. "People really thought this was their project."

With more than 800 families, 100 students enrolled in St. Boniface School and 250 in religious education, the parish is a vibrant and dynamic place, Father Schultz said.

"People might think of it as a little sleepy, country parish, but it's a very active place," he said.

## DEATH NOTICE

### Sister Kathleen Blair, SSJ

Sister Kathleen Blair, SSJ, 72, of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania, died on December 10, 2009.

Formerly Sister James Marie, she was in her 56th year of religious life. She was born on



Sister Kathleen Blair

February 5, 1937 in Erie, the daughter of the late James Sayre and Mary Elizabeth "Betty" (Felleisen) Blair.

She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from her home parish, St. Peter Cathedral, Erie, on September 2, 1954.

She professed her final vows on August 15, 1960. For 50 years, Sister Kathleen was involved in the ministry of teaching and spent 29 of those years as teacher and librarian at Villa Maria Academy in Erie (1977-2006). She began teaching at Holy Rosary School, Erie (1954), and St. Patrick School, Erie (1956-57). Subsequent assignments included St. Francis, Clearfield (1957-63), and Blessed Sacrament, Erie (1963-68). From

1968-76 she worked at St. Peter Cathedral Center in Erie.

She served on the Erie County Library Board for nearly 20 years. She graduated from Villa Maria Academy in 1954. She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Villa Maria College, Erie, in 1965 and her master's of library science from the University of Pittsburgh in 1977.

In November 2008, she received the Villa Maria Academy Alumni of the Year award.

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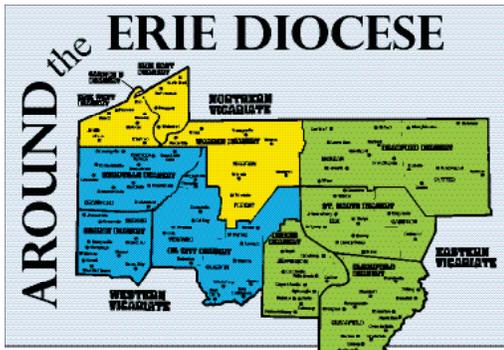
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### Bishop celebrates school Mass in Corry



CORRY – Father Tom Brown and Bishop Donald Trautman greeted the students of St. Thomas School in Corry after celebrating Mass for them and the Corry Catholic community at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish on Dec. 4.

### Clarion confirmandi make season brighter for shut-ins

CLARION – Since 2000, the confirmandi of Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarion have been visiting and delivering Christmas baskets to local shut-ins. Camille Rombold is pictured collecting a donation for the Christmas baskets from Kris Fusilli.



### DCC chorus brings carols to downtown DuBois

DUBOIS – Members of the senior high chorus at DuBois Central Catholic High School posed for a photo with Santa as they strolled and sang Christmas Carols in downtown DuBois. The school was contacted about having DCC choral students sing carols one Saturday afternoon as part of the city's holiday season kick-off.



Carolers included (left to right) Kathryn Reiter, Melanie Lowrie, Rachel Alexander, Emily Levin, Elizabeth Meier, Haley Hallowell, Spice Monteville, BryAnna Gornati and Dorothy Schaad. Tess Stewart, daughter of choral director Jodi Stewart, sits on Santa's knee.

### St. Luke student's artwork chosen in HCA national contest

ERIE – A drawing by Anna Dzuricky, a seventh grader at St. Luke School in Erie, was chosen as one of 24 winning designs in the annual Holy Childhood Association (HCA) Christmas Artwork Contest. Her design was selected from among some 10,000 entries submitted by children in Catholic elementary schools, religious education programs and home schools. Dzuricky received a plaque honoring her achievement. Her artwork, featured on the HCA Web site [www.hcaxkids.org](http://www.hcaxkids.org) as an e-greeting, was displayed at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., during Advent and Christmas.



Dzuricky is pictured with Msgr. John Kozar, national director of the Pontifical Mission Societies – of which HCA is a part – and her family. Anna was one of 13 students who traveled with her family to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. to attend a special Mass on December 11 for all artwork contest winners and their families. Monsignor Kozar was principal celebrant and homilist.

This is the third consecutive year at least one student from St. Luke School has received an award in this national contest.



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