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- Feb. 3 St. Blaise, St. Ansgar
- Feb. 5 St. Agatha
- Feb. 6 World Day for Consecrated Life, Boy Scout Sunday
- Feb. 8 St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita
- Feb. 10 St. Scholastica
- Feb. 11 Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick
- Feb. 13 World Marriage Day

### 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.

### World Day of the Sick – Feb. 11

In his message for the celebration of World Day of the Sick, Pope Benedict XVI reflects upon the mystery of suffering, highlighting that our communities and civil societies must be more sensitive to our sick brothers and sisters.

“... it is precisely through the wounds of Christ that we are able to see, with eyes of hope, all the evils that afflict humanity,” the Holy Father said. “In rising again, the Lord did not remove suffering and evil from the world, but he defeated them at their root. He opposed the arrogance of evil with the omnipotence of his love. He has shown us, therefore, that the way of peace and joy is love: ‘Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another’ (John 13:34). Christ, victor over death, is alive in our midst.”

World Day of the Sick is marked each year on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

For the complete text of Pope Benedict XVI’s message, visit [www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/messages/sick/index\\_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/sick/index_en.htm).



## Honoring the unsung heroes of the church

### Bishop’s Commendation for Service Award nominations due Feb. 18

By Jason Koshinski  
FaithLife editor

Bishop Donald Trautman is looking for the unsung church heroes in the Diocese of Erie. He’s looking for people like Helen Trocki.

Trocki, a member of St. George Parish in Erie, has made more than 40,000 rosaries over the years. “I love doing it,” she said.

It takes her approximately 12 to 15 minutes to make a rosary—stringing beads together, tying knots and putting a crucifix on each one. And at 91, Trocki has no plans to slow down.

The rosaries she makes are for Rosaries for Kids, a joint effort between the World Apostolate of Fatima and the Knights of Columbus. Each year, Rosaries for Kids distributes 15,000 rosaries to students throughout the diocese.

Last year, Bishop Trautman presented Trocki with a medallion from the Bishop’s Commendation for Service Award program. The bishop established the awards in 2010 to recognize the many people who are motivated by faith and consistently give of their time and energy.

“These people have made a significant contribution in some specific way in the church,” Bishop Trautman said. “They are the unsung heroes and often their good works go unnoticed.”

The deadline to nominate someone for the Bishop’s Commendation for Service Award is Feb. 18. Nomination forms are available on the diocesan website at [www.ErieRCD.org](http://www.ErieRCD.org). Forms must be completed and sent to the nominee’s local pastor.

The local vicars will review all nominations and will determine which ones will be sent to the bishop



Bishop Donald Trautman presents Helen Trocki with a Bishop’s Commendation for Service Award medallion. Trocki, 91, is a member of St. George Parish in Erie. Over the years, she has made more than 40,000 rosaries for the Rosaries for Kids program.

for final selection. All recipients of the service award will be notified by mail with a letter from the bishop. The awards will be presented in each vicariate by Bishop Trautman at a special prayer service honoring the recipients.

In addition to Trocki, a number of awards have been given out in the diocese. Five were given to members of Ss. Cosmas and Damian Parish in Punxsutawney in

September in conjunction with the parish’s 125th anniversary celebration. One of the recipients was Jean Gigliotti.

Growing up in the neighborhood and attending the parish school, Gigliotti said she has always been close to the parish.

A lifelong member, she has worked as the parish secretary since 1980. In addition to those duties, she also attends to “what-

ever else might come up during the day,” said Msgr. Joseph Riccardo, her pastor and boss. “She does anything that’s needed.”

Gigliotti also serves as a eucharistic minister and volunteers during the parish’s annual summer lawn festival.

“The parish has always been a part of my life,” she said. “I thoroughly enjoy working here.”

## Catholic Schools Week Jan. 30-Feb. 5



### A snapshot of Catholic schools

Catholic schools in the U.S.*	Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Erie**
Total Catholic school enrollment:.....	2,119,341..... 8,770
Elementary school enrollment:.....	1,507,618..... 5,232
Secondary school enrollment:.....	611,723..... 2,289
Preschool enrollment:.....	Unavailable..... 1,249
Total number of schools:.....	7,094..... 40
Elementary schools:.....	5,889..... 31
Middle schools:.....	Unavailable..... 2
Secondary schools:.....	1,205..... 7
Co-educational:.....	93.4%..... 95% (38 schools)
Single sex male:.....	2.7%..... 2.5% (1 school)
Single sex female:.....	3.8%..... 2.5% (1 school)

\* From 2009-10 school year, National Catholic Education Association (NCEA)  
\*\* From 2010-11 school year, Diocese of Erie’s Catholic Schools Office

## The new Roman Missal

### What exactly is the Roman Missal?

The red book that the priest uses most often during Mass is called the Sacramentary. The Sacramentary and the Lectionary for Mass, which includes the Scripture readings, together make up the Roman Missal.

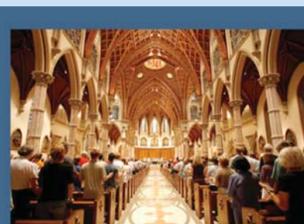
The missal is the collection of prayers, chance, and instructions (rubrics) used to celebrate Mass. This includes prayers such as the Sign of the Cross; Opening Prayers; Gloria; Creed; Eucharistic Prayers; Holy, Holy, Holy; Memorial Acclamations; and the final blessing.

Most of the prayers we recite or sing at Mass are contained in this book and it is these prayers that recently have been translated from the original Latin into English.

In the early Christian Church, many of the Mass prayers were memorized and handed down orally. They were collected and recorded by scribes in the book of sacraments or sacramentaries (liber sacramentum).

Eventually the chants, Scripture readings, prayer texts and instructions were compiled into a single volume. The invention of the printing press allowed the Mass texts to become standardized and published universally. In 1474, the first Roman Missal was printed in Latin. The texts contained in this volume evolved over the ensuing 500-plus years.

COUNTDOWN: There are 302 days to the implementation of the new Roman Missal (as of Jan. 30)



Preparing for the 3rd Edition ROMAN MISSAL

## Vigil and March for Life



CNS photo

A young man wears a pro-life sweatshirt during the opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington Jan. 23. The vigil precedes the March for Life, held each year to protest abortion and the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized

it across the nation. Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, praised the young people gathered for the two days of events for being “unflagging witnesses to the inestimable worth of each human person.”



## IN THE U.S.

### Two Catholic funerals among six for shooting victims in Tucson



John and Roxanna Green sit with their son, Dallas, during the funeral Mass for their daughter, Christina Taylor Green. Christina was killed in the Jan. 8 shootings that left six dead and 14 others wounded, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

Christina Taylor Green was memorialized for her love of sports, her excitement about her many interests, from politics to dance, and for affecting the whole country, as her father put it at her Jan. 13 funeral. U.S. District Judge John Roll was recalled a day later for his judicial evenhandedness, for his faithful involvement as a lector and daily Massgoer, a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus and as a strong supporter of a wide range of church and civic activities. The two were among six people murdered in a shooting rampage in Tucson Jan. 8, both remembered at funeral Masses at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, SEAS as it's known, on the city's north side. St. Odilia hosted a Mass of commemoration and healing celebrated by Tuc-

son Bishop Gerald Kicanas Jan. 11. Funerals were held in the following days for the other four people killed at a shopping mall during a meet-your-congresswoman event hosted by Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, who was among 13 people wounded. Bystanders, some of whom were injured themselves, tackled the gunman. Jared Lee Loughner, 22, was being held in federal custody in Phoenix.

## AROUND THE WORLD

### Jesus was a refugee, pope says on world migration day

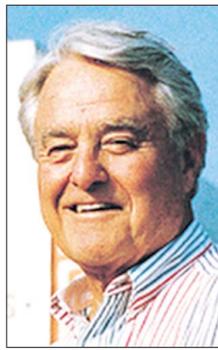
Jesus was a refugee — a fact that should be remembered as societies deal with modern issues of emigration and immigration, Pope Benedict XVI said. "Migration today sometimes is voluntary and at other times, unfortunately, is forced by wars or persecution, often in dramatic conditions," the pope said Jan. 16. From its very beginnings, the church has taken an interest in these situations, he said. "The parents of Jesus had to flee their own land and take refuge in Egypt, in order to save the life of their child: the Messiah, the son of God, was a refugee," he said. Throughout the centuries, he said, Christian populations have at times suffered the necessity to leave their homelands, impoverishing the countries where they and their ancestors had lived. On the other hand, the pope said, the voluntary migration of Christians through the ages has increased the church's missionary dynamism and ensured that the witness of faith reaches new frontiers. The pope made the remarks at the Vatican on a day that was celebrated in most countries as the World Day for Migrants and Refugees.

## PEOPLE OF FAITH

### Shriver, Peace Corps founder and leader in war on poverty, dies at 95

R. Sargent Shriver, the founder and first director of the Peace Corps, a major figure in the war on poverty and the Democratic vice presidential nominee in 1972, died Jan. 18 in a Bethesda hospital at age 95. Shriver's death came about a year and a half after the death of his wife, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, a

founder of the Special Olympics and member of one of the most prominent American Catholic political families of the 20th century. She died Aug. 11, 2009. About two weeks later her last surviving brother, Sen. Edward "Ted" Kennedy, died. A native of Maryland and lifelong Catholic who attended daily Mass and was known to carry a well-worn rosary with him, Shriver was "a man who personified the ideal of Catholic public service," Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said. He noted that his death came just two days shy of the 50th anniversary of the inaugural address of his brother-in-law, President John F. Kennedy, who issued a call to public service, inviting Americans to ask what they could do for their country.



Sargent Shriver

### Nun who fought nuclear testing dies from injuries suffered in accident

Franciscan Sister Rosemary Lynch, who prayerfully called for the end of nuclear weapons testing in the Nevada desert for more than 33 years, died Jan. 9, four days after being hit by a car during an early morning walk. She was 93. Sister Rosemary, who co-founded Pace e Bene, an international network focusing on education in justice, social change and nonviolence, began visiting the Nevada National Security Site, formerly the Nevada Test Site, in 1977 after moving to Las Vegas. She continued to visit the site until the accident that caused her death, friends said. "Sister Rosemary was the symbol of the resistance to nuclear testing," said Sister Megan Rice, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Child and a fellow staff member of the Nevada Desert Experience, which coordinates prayerful witnesses at the test site.

## By the Way...

Joe Luckey, who passed away Jan. 18 at the age of 82, is a legend at Gannon University. Born in Mobile, Ala., Luckey came to St. Joseph's Home for Children in Erie at age seven. He maintained a close friendship with many of the children who had lived with him at the home, along with the Sisters of St. Joseph who cared for them.



Jason Koshinskie

He worked in Gannon's maintenance department for more than 55 years, retiring in 2008. He also had a passion for the theater pipe organ. You'd be hard pressed to find someone in the Gannon community who didn't know or hasn't heard of Luckey.

After nearly 20 years of service to the Diocese of Erie, Father Jorge Villegas will be returning to his native home in Mexico. Through the Mission of Friendship, Father Jorge has helped minister to the diocese's Hispanic population. He is the pastor of St. Stephen of Hungary (Inglesia De San Esteban) Parish in Erie. The Archdiocese of Yucatan, Mexico, plans to send a priest to replace him for this important outreach.

The entire diocesan family is invited to join in a farewell Mass for Father Jorge on Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Center.

Father Bill Barron, assistant vocations director and parochial vicar at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie, has started a weekly blog on vocations called, "I Will Lower My Net."

This, coupled with the Vocations Office website at [www.ErieRCD.org/seminary.asp](http://www.ErieRCD.org/seminary.asp) and a weekly article by Father Steve Schreiber, diocesan youth director, at [www.onthevine.us](http://www.onthevine.us), helps give the diocese a quality presence on the web, which is where more and more young people are going for information on the priesthood and religious life.

"The Vocations Office is not only for those thinking about entering St. Mark Seminary Formation Program, but for all those who wish to support vocations," Father Bill writes in his initial post. "This includes current seminarians, priests, religious, deacons, educators, catechists, youth, adults, parents, even Bishop (Donald) Trautman. We support vocations for both for the Erie Diocese and the worldwide Catholic Church."

The blog's name comes from the call of St. Peter in the Gospel of Luke (chapter 5, verse 4).

Visit his blog at <http://iwillowermynet.wordpress.com> and be sure to bookmark it as one of your favorites. Father Bill is also the administrator of the "I Will Lower My Net" Facebook group.

Save the date for "The Triple Crown Event," the 16th annual Catholic Charities Ball, which will be held Friday, May 13 at the Bayfront Convention Center in downtown Erie. Music will be provided by "The Chosen Few." The themes for the "triple crown" are faith, hope and charity.

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## Research finds spot for parting of the Red Sea

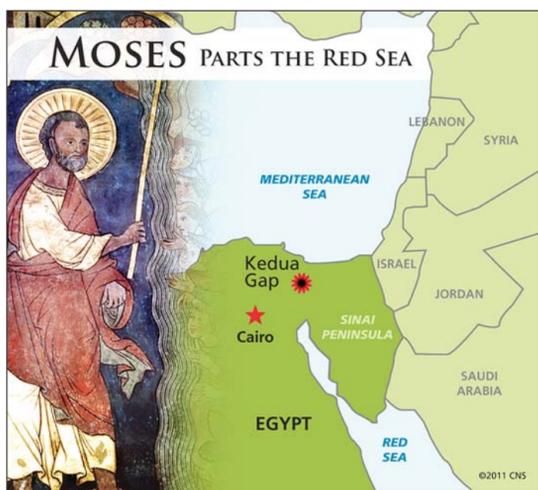
By Anna Maria Basquez  
Catholic News Service

BOULDER, Colo. — From his office in Boulder, scientist Carl Drews can pinpoint the spot where his research theorizes the biblical miracle of the parting of the Red Sea took place.

Although Drews has never been there, the Google Earth Pro imaging on his computer can zoom in on the place in Egypt where Moses and the Israelites escaped death when the waters parted, according to the Book of Exodus. His virtual "pushpin" comes back with images of what is now predominately agricultural land, with orchards, irrigation canals and grape fields indicating vineyards.

It is in the Eastern Nile Delta, between Pelusium and Qantara, and 75 miles north of the most popular theorized place in Egypt, which has been the Suez Canal. And it's reachable on foot.

"One of the places right in the middle of the crossing shows what looks like a hotel and some type of building," said Drews, a member of Epiphany Anglican Fellowship in Boulder, a congregation under the umbrella of the Anglican Mission of the Ameri-



cas out of Rwanda. "It would be fun to knock on their door and to say in Arabic, 'Do you know that Moses walked right by here.' It would probably elicit a form of disbelief. But perhaps people would say, 'Well, maybe...'"

His research made the miracle ever more real, said Drews, who claimed to have always been enchanted by the account in the Book of Exodus.

"For anyone who always believed this happened, somehow

it's still a thrill to see it supported by scientific finding," he said.

Drews, of Gunbarrel, took up the crossing of the Red Sea for his master's thesis in oceanic and atmospheric sciences at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

His research gained national attention, including a segment by ABC News anchor Diane Sawyer, but the software engineer with the National Center for Atmospheric Research said he was not comfortable with the premise some media took — that his research "explained" the phenomena of the parting of the Red Sea.

"The science can only look at the physical aspects of it," Drews said. "'Explanation' means somehow God didn't do it and I don't like those connotations. I think my research further affirms it happened. I think it supports the account."

The study was part of a project into the impact of winds on water depths, including the extent to which Pacific Ocean typhoons can drive storm surges, according to the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, known as UCAR.

"By pinpointing a possible site south of the Mediterranean

Sea for the crossing, the study also could be of benefit to experts seeking to research whether such an event ever took place," UCAR said in a statement. "Archaeologists and Egyptologists have found little direct evidence to substantiate many of the events described in Exodus."

Drews and oceanographer Weiqing Han analyzed archaeological records, satellite measurements and current-day maps to estimate the water-flow and depth that could have existed 3,000 years ago. They then used an ocean computer model to simulate the impact of an overnight wind at that site.

The results were that a wind of 63 mph, lasting for 12 hours, would have pushed back waters estimated to be 6 feet deep. That would have exposed mud flats for four hours, creating a dry passage about 2 to 2.5 miles long and 3 miles wide. As soon as the wind stopped, the waters would come rushing back, UCAR said.

"There are a number of details (in Exodus) like the duration of the wind and the direction of the wind that support the computer model," Drews said. "The fact that bodies washed up on the Eastern shore where the Israelites were able to see them — details like that were confirmed by the ocean model."

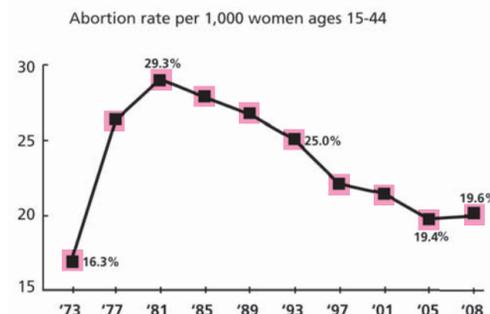
From a theological standpoint, the timing of the Red Sea parting when Moses and his people needed to cross shows the miracle, Drews said.

"From a faith perspective, it has always made sense to me that God uses natural action to carry out his plan if he so chooses," said Drews, who grew up Lutheran. "In this case, he sent the wind and the wind moved the water. God is using natural means to bring out what he wants to have happen, which is to save his people. In this case, God is directing all things."

*Editor's note: The Google Earth Pro coordinates used by Carl Drews are: Kedu Gap, 30.9812 North, 32.4553 East.*

## Latest abortion figures show rate, numbers steady

THE U.S. ABORTION RATE has been on a general decline for the past 30 years.



WASHINGTON — After declining steadily for the past quarter-century from a high of 29.3 in 1981, the U.S. abortion rate increased slightly in 2008, according to the latest Guttmacher Institute survey of abortion providers.

The survey, released in mid-January, estimated that 1.21 million abortions were performed in the United States in 2008 for an abortion rate of 19.6 abortions per 1,000 women ages 15 to 44. The abortion rate was 19.4 in 2005 and 19.5 in 2007, according to Guttmacher.

The number of abortions performed has remained relatively stable at about 1.2 million abortions a year for each of the past five years, but more abortions were performed in nonhospital

settings and more were chemical rather than surgical abortions, involving use of the abortion pill mifepristone, also known as RU-486, or methotrexate.

The full report on "Abortion Incidence and Services in the United States, 2008" was published online and will appear in the March issue of Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health.

Deirdre McQuade, assistant director for policy and communications at the U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, noted that the Guttmacher study showed a continued decline in the abortion rate among teens ages 15 to 17 but said it was because of "the delayed onset of sexual activity, not more contraception."

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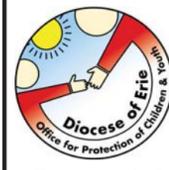
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# Catholics Come Home TV spots to air throughout diocese beginning Ash Wednesday

By Jason Koshinski  
FaithLife editor

Beginning this Lent, the Diocese of Erie will be inviting Catholics to come home to the church.

Catholics Come Home, a comprehensive evangelization effort that uses promotional TV spots as well as parish-based program to welcome returning Catholics, aims to welcome people back to the church.

National statistics show that two out of three Catholics don't attend Mass or practice their faith.

Whatever their reasons, Catholics Come Home not only welcomes them back to the faith but also encourages those who want to know more and become more active (see sidebar).

The commercials will air on TV stations and cable outlets throughout the diocese beginning March 9, which is Ash Wednesday. The projected cost of the Catholics Come Home TV spots is \$123,000. Parishes in the diocese took up a special collection to support the project in November.

"We have not yet met the goal," said David Murphy, the



diocese's chief financial officer. "There are a few parishes that had elected to postpone the collection. Some have yet to send in their collections."

The amount collected so far is more than \$100,000, Murphy said.

Since the commercials began airing in 1998 in participating dioceses, they have reached millions, said Tom Peterson, president and founder of Catholics

Come Home, which is based in Georgia.

"What we've found out is that our TV commercials are changing hearts," Peterson said.

Since 2008 in the Diocese of Phoenix, an estimated 92,000 inactive Catholics have come back to the church in large part because of the campaign, he said.

With the average American watching more than four hours of TV each day, Peterson said no other single advertising medium has the reach and impact of television. Combining the commercials with a Catholics Come Home presence on the internet is proving to be a recipe for success.

"We have the potential to not only reach a lot of people but bring them back home," Peterson said.

For more information on Catholics Come Home, visit [www.ErieRCD.org](http://www.ErieRCD.org) and [www.catholicscomehome.org](http://www.catholicscomehome.org).

## Catholics Come Home facilitator training

One way to welcome back inactive members is to invite them to be a part of the small communities in your parish. To prepare for this welcoming back during the Catholics Come Home program this Lent, small community facilitator training sessions will be sponsored by the diocese at the following locations. All sessions start at 7 p.m. No pre-registration is necessary.

Thursday, Jan. 27	Queen of the World, St. Marys
Tuesday, Feb. 8	Our Lady of Peace, Erie (school cafeteria)
Tuesday, Feb. 15	Notre Dame, Hermitage
Thursday, Feb. 17	St. Mary, Meadville
Wednesday, Feb. 23	St. Callistus, Kane
Thursday, Feb. 24	Our Lady Help of Christians, Oil City
Thursday, March 3	St. Mark, Emporium

A date for **Our Lady of Mercy**, Harborcreek, will be scheduled in the near future.

For more information or questions, contact Sister Nancy Fischer, SSJ, director of Community Formation and Lay Ministry Training, at 814.824.1217 or e-mail [NFischer@ErieRCD.org](mailto:NFischer@ErieRCD.org).

## Briefly

### Rainbows begins 12-week session Jan. 31

Rainbows is a support group for children who have suffered a significant loss in their lives, either by death, separation or divorce, or any other painful transitions.

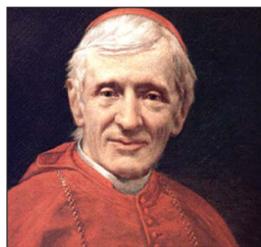


A new session of Rainbows, which meets at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. in Erie, begins Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. and runs for 12 weeks.

For more information, call Sister Ann Bannon, OSB, at 814.824.1253.

### Gannon to host lecture on Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman

As part of the celebration of Catholic education at Gannon University, Father Nicholas Rouch, STD, and Sister Kathleen Dietz, FSO, STD, will present a lecture on the topic of Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Yehli Ballroom.



Questions, dialogue and dessert will follow the lecture.

This event is free and open to the public.

The Yehli Ballroom is located in the Waldron Campus Center, 124 W. Seventh St., Erie.

### Faith music festival at St. John the Evangelist

St. John the Evangelist Parish in Girard will hold a Faith Music Festival on Sunday, Feb. 13 from 12:30 to 7 p.m. at the parish center, 1001 Main St. East, Route 20 in Girard.

The festival will feature local bands and musical groups including Higher Ground, Selah Praise Band, Manna, Leaving September, True Praise and Broken Chains.

Admission and parking are free.

### Opening doors to religious education for children and adolescents with autism

Catholic Charities' Disabilities Ministries is sponsoring a special event for directors of religious education, catechists and families who have children and adolescents with autism and other developmental disabilities on Saturday, Feb. 19 at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. in Erie.

Dr. Lawrence Sutton, director of the Western Region of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Autism Services, will be the presenter. Mass is at 4:30 p.m. with the presentation beginning at 5:30.

There is no charge for this event; free will donations will be accepted.

For more information or to make reservations, contact Jackie Johnson at 814.824.1257 or 800.374.3723 Ext. 267 or e-mail [JJohnson@ErieRCD.org](mailto:JJohnson@ErieRCD.org).

### Retrouvaille weekend March 4-6

Retrouvaille is a weekend experience for couples who are experiencing difficulty in their marriage. Held in complete confidentiality and privacy, Retrouvaille is designed for couples who need help strengthening a marriage that no longer feels life-giving.

Following the completion of the Retrouvaille weekend, couples are encouraged to attend a six-week follow-up program.

The next Retrouvaille weekend is scheduled for March 4-6.

For confidential information or to speak with a couple experienced in the Retrouvaille program, contact Ann Badach, director of the diocese's Family Life Office, at 1.800.374.3723 or 814.824.1261 or e-mail [FamilyLife@ErieRCD.org](mailto:FamilyLife@ErieRCD.org).

For more information, visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

## Bishop-elect warmly greeted at St. Stanislaus

By Jason Koshinski  
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In his nearly 30 years as a priest of the Diocese of Erie, Bishop-elect Mark Bartchak never served as the pastor of his own parish.

"I've always wanted to be a pastor," Bishop-elect Bartchak said during his introductory news conference Jan. 14 as the new bishop of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. "I never thought that my first parish would be this big."

Now he will serve as the shepherd of our neighboring diocese, which includes 94,000 people in seven counties.

After the news conference in his new diocese, Bishop-elect Bartchak returned to the Diocese of Erie and St. Stanislaus Parish in Erie, where he has served as a resident priest for nearly 20 years. He made unannounced appearances at the parish's 5 p.m. Mass Jan. 15 and 10:30 a.m. Mass Jan. 16. He celebrated the 8:30 a.m. Mass Jan. 16.

"They were edified," Msgr. Bernard Urbaniak, pastor of St. Stanislaus, said of the weekend's congregations. "They're sad because we're losing him. Altoona-Johnstown's gain is our loss. But we're happy about him going



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Bishop-elect Mark Bartchak is greeted April 14 by Bishop Joseph Adamec, the retiring bishop of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Bishop-elect Bartchak, a priest of the Diocese of Erie, will be consecrated and installed as Altoona-Johnstown's eighth bishop April 19.

there. He's going to do a marvelous job down there."

Bishop-elect Bartchak spoke about his new assignment only at the end of Mass. His words were met with emotion by parishioners.

"We're filled with joy," Msgr. Urbaniak said. "It was emotional for him and for the people,

too. People were in tears. It was like, 'Our Father Mark is going to be a bishop.'"

The parish is planning a bus trip to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona for Bishop-elect Bartchak's consecration and installation April 19.

While plans for the Mass and

celebration are underway, they are being overseen by the bishop-elect from afar. Bishop-elect Bartchak had foot surgery Jan. 18 at Saint Vincent Hospital and will be recuperating in the Erie area for several weeks. The surgery was scheduled prior to his appointment from the Pope Benedict XVI.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Msgr. Lawrence Speice

Msgr. Lawrence Speice, 75, of Cambridge Springs, died January 16, 2011 at his residence in Cambridge Springs.

Born in Erie on June 3, 1935, he was a son of the late Harold and Marie (Engist) Speice.

He attended St. Ann School and graduated from Cathedral Preparatory School in 1953. From 1953-55, he pursued seminary studies at St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, Md., where he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and later a bachelor of Sacred Theology.

He was ordained a priest on May 11, 1961 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie by Bishop Edward Peter McManaman. His home parish was St. Ann, Erie. In 1996, Pope John Paul II named him a Prelate of Honor with the title of Monsignor.

From 1961-63, Msgr. Speice taught at Gannon University while working as associate editor of the *Lake Shore Visitor* with residence at St. Andrew Parish, Erie. He remained at Gannon until 1982 where he served as an instructor, assistant director of admissions, dean of students, assistant registrar, vice president for external affairs and director of student development. He was also a member of the university's Board of Trustees.

From 1982-91, he served as the diocesan vicar for vocations. He was appointed rector of St. Mark Seminary, Erie, in 1985, where he directed the St. Mark College Formation Program. He held both posts until 1995 when he became full-time rector.

Msgr. Speice served as a sacramental assistant at a number of parishes throughout the Diocese of Erie including: Our Lady, Queen of the Americas, Conneaut Lake; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Erie; St. Hippolyte, Frenchtown, and its mission churches of Our Lady of Lourdes, Cochranton, and Ss. Peter and Paul, Pettis; St. Julia, Erie; St. Titus, Titusville, and its mission church of Immaculate Conception, Mageetown.

In 2000, Msgr. Speice was appointed pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Cambridge Springs, where he remained until his retirement in October 2010. While serving there he was a member of the Cambridge Springs Ministerium.



Msgr. Lawrence Speice

He also served as chaplain of the Serra Club of Erie (1995-2000) and the community at Gannondale. He was elected to the Office of Dean of Meadville Deanery in 2002 and served until 2005.

Msgr. Speice was active at Camp Notre Dame in Fairview, formerly operated by the diocese. In 1960, he was part of the summer staff for the camp's first year. From 1961-96, he volunteered as a member of the camp's board of directors, off-season director and summer camp chaplain.

### Sister Miriam Vos, OSB

Sister Miriam Vos, OSB, 80, died January 18, 2011, at Mount St. Benedict Monastery in Erie.

Born in Paris, France, and baptized Flore Aline, Sister Miriam was the daughter of the late Marius and Aline (Porge) Vos. She entered the Benedictine Sisters of Holy Family Priory, Benet Lake, Wis., on Feb. 10, 1963 and pronounced her perpetual vows Feb. 6, 1970.

In 1986, the Benedictine Sisters of Benet Lake began a merger process with the Benedictine Sisters of Erie. Sister Miriam celebrated her silver jubilee in 1989. The merger process was completed Dec. 29, 1991.

Sister Miriam held a bachelor's degree in foreign literature and languages from the Catholic University of Paris, a superior certificate in Spanish from the University of Granada, Spain, a superior certificate in Italian from the University of Florence, Italy, a bachelor's in philosophy from the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minn., and a master's in Sacred Scripture from St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn.

During her years at Benet Lake she worked primarily as a director of religious education for children and adults and received the Bishop Arthur O'Neil Award for outstanding work in catechetics on two occasions. After moving to Erie, Sister Miriam was an adjunct professor of theology as well as the assistant director of the Pastoral Ministries Program at Gannon University (1988-92). In the years following, she did data entry for the Electronic Scriptorium, Ltd., and worked in internal ministries at Mount

St. Benedict as a clerk in the Chapter 57 Gift Shop and an assistant librarian.

At the time of her death, Sister Miriam was involved in the ministry of hospitality as a receptionist. In addition to this, she was actively involved in prison ministry since 2001 and was a volunteer visitor of the Pennsylvania Prison Society. She visited two state prisons weekly (SCI Albion and SCI Cambridge Springs), as well as the Erie County Prison. Sister Miriam ministered to the inmates and maintained contact between visits through phone calls and letters. In 2004, she received the Volunteer of the Year Award for outstanding commitment and service to the men of SCI Albion.

Throughout the years Sister Miriam was actively involved in Benedictine life and served as an elected member of three General Chapters of the Federation of St. Scholastica. She was also a member of the Ecumenical Theological Center at Thiel College (1989-92), a member and councilor for Inter-Church Ministries (1992-2005) and a member of the Erie County Criminal Justice Advisory Board (2002-08).

### Sister Mary Ernest Budzinski, CSFN

Sister Mary Ernest (Rosalia) Budzinski, CSFN, 94, died Jan. 4, 2011, at Holy Family Manor in Pittsburgh. She joined the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth (CSFN) on Jan. 6, 1934.

A native of Erie, she was a daughter of the late Valentine and Theophila Gwizdowska Budzinski.

Sister Ernest was a registered nurse-anesthetist. Her high school years were spent at Mt. Nazareth Academy, Pittsburgh, graduating in 1934. In 1945, she received her RN from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Altoona; she completed her studies in anesthesiology at St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital, Chicago, in 1947.

Sister Ernest ministered as a nurse-anesthetist in Altoona and Pittsburgh. She also served as co-manager of John Paul II Plaza and Just-Inn-Transition, both in Pittsburgh.



Sister Miriam Vos, OSB



Sister Mary Ernest (Rosalia) Budzinski, CSFN

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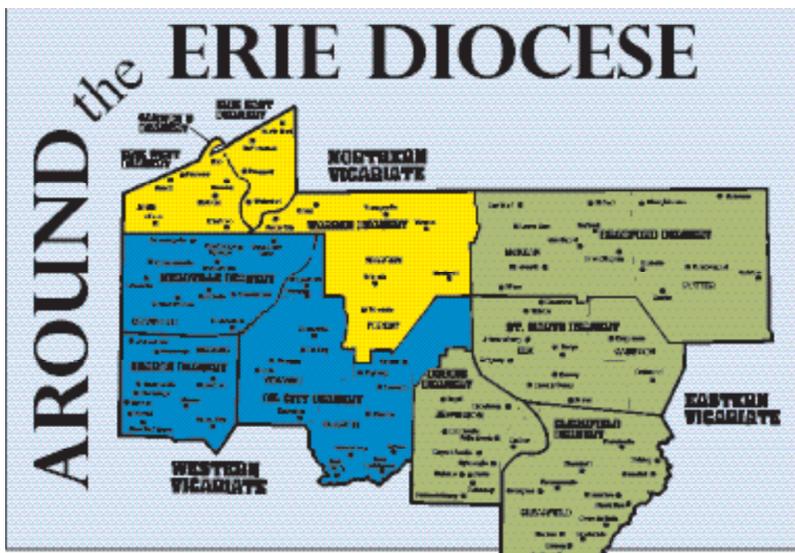
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### St. Patrick unveils multi-purpose room dedicates hall

FRANKLIN – Bishop Donald Trautman celebrated Mass and dedicated the new multi-purpose room Dec. 11 at St. Patrick Parish in Franklin.

The multi-purpose room project began eight years ago when the parish built an addition to St. Patrick School and renovated the old school building. Total cost of the project was \$2 million.

"We raised about \$1.3 million for the project," said Msgr. John Herbein, pastor of St. Patrick. "That, coupled with the funds we had in savings for the project, got us a nice new building."

The new space was dedicated as Cenedella Hall in honor of Dr. Stephen and the late Marie Cenedella.

Marie served as parish council president. She and Dr. Stephen were co-chairs of the building fund, along with Deacon Dick and Tammie O'Polka.

"She was instrumental in the project," Msgr. Herbein said of Marie Cenedella, who passed away in 2010. "She never missed



a meeting. She was a great help in the process and just had a powerful way about her in getting things done."

The parish council wanted to dedicate the new hall to her, he said.

During his visit, Bishop Trautman presented Dr. Cenedella with the Bishop's Commendation for Service Award medalion. The award, established by Bishop Trautman in 2010, recognizes people who have made

a significant contribution in some specific way in the church. Dr. Cenedella is also an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist.

Following the dedication, the parish hosted a dinner for family members and guests.

Pictured from left to right are Gayle Cenedella Nelson, Msgr. John Herbein, Dr. Stephen Cenedella, Bishop Trautman and Stephen Cenedella. Gayle and Stephen are children of Dr. Stephen and the late Marie Cenedella.

### Barber National Institute donates to pope's, bishop's causes

ERIE – Bishop Donald Trautman visited the Barber National Institute Dec. 16 to celebrate the center's annual Christmas Mass for a large gathering of students, adults and staff.

During his visit, Bishop Trautman accepted two donations to support charitable efforts for children.

The first donation was made by the Employee Service Fund at the Barber National Institute for the efforts of Pope Benedict XVI on behalf of children around the world. The second contribution was presented for the bishop's charitable works from Touching the Lives of Children, an organization founded by Dr. Gertrude A. Barber to promote the health and welfare of children.

Presenting Bishop Trautman with the Barber National Institute donations are John Barber (left),



presenting Bishop Trautman with the Barber National Institute donations are John Barber (left), president and chief executive officer of the Barber National Institute, and Bidget Barber (right), director of external affairs.

### DCC secures First Energy grant for classroom labs

DUBOIS – DuBois Central Catholic students taking trigonometry/pre-calculus this academic year will benefit from a grant which takes formative ideas that explore learning concepts one step further by creating actual testing models whose data will then be graphed.

"The various cross-curricular labs will clearly demonstrate to students the importance of math in the field of science," said DCC teacher Laurie Zamperini, who secured the grant.

According to Zamperini's proposal, a Vernier CBL motion detector, a Vernier CBL thermometer, and Vernier CBL microphone will be used along with a Vernier CBL volt meter to complete the requirements of the various labs stipulated in the grant proposal.

Student evaluations and grading will be based on the student writings, lab preparations and the completion of each lab within the 72 minutes allotted for each. Initially, 30 students will benefit



DuBois Central Catholic math teacher Laurie Zamperini (center) was recently awarded a First Energy grant through the company's Mathematics, Science and Technology Education Grants Program. The money will be used to provide materials for hands-on labs that model mathematical data, allowing students to see clearly the use of math in science. Also pictured is Principal Father Marc Stockton and First Energy representative John Shimko.

from the project.

Fifteen of the educational standards set forth by the state will be met through this student math and science project, Zamperini said. Other math and science personnel at DuBois Central Catholic have been appraised

of the project and will view the labs in progress with the goal of incorporating similar technology into their classrooms.

Specifics about the grant program can be found online at [www.firstenergycorp.com/education](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/education).

### New England priest leads retreat for deaf, hard of hearing



ERIE – Catholic Charities' Disability and Deaf Ministries sponsored a retreat for the deaf and hard of hearing Nov. 5-7 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. The retreat, titled "Odds

and Ends about the Catholic Church," focused on the history of the Scriptures, the sacraments, the Mass, reconciliation and questions and concerns about the Catholic faith.

Father Joseph Bruce, SJ, who has been involved in deaf ministry in the New England area since 1993, served as the retreat director. Father Bruce, who is deaf, is fluent in English, Spanish and American Sign Language.

Pictured from left to right are retreat participants (front row) Susan McLeod, Cindy Benoit Mlakar, Sandra Leach, Roseann Pisano, Guilo Ferrante, (back row) Chris Bednar, Sue Bednar, Shirley Ferrante, Father Bruce, Laura Olin, Dan Lucas, Jackie Johnson (director of the Diocese of Erie's ministry with the deaf and hard of hearing) and Lois Kilbert.

### Sharon Deanery holds ministry conference, faith renewal



Father Steve Schreiber, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Erie, gives a talk on spirituality titled "Fools for Christ: The Saints and Us" at the Sharon Deanery's Regional Ministry Conference.

HERMITAGE – Those involved in parish ministry in the Sharon Deanery were treated to a day of renewal during the Regional Ministry Conference and Faith Renewal Oct. 23 at Notre Dame Parish in Hermitage.

The event, themed "Through Him the Body Grows" (Ephesians 4, 16), was sponsored by Notre Dame and St. Joseph Parish in Sharon.

"There was something for everyone," said Father Glenn Whitman, pastor of St. Joseph, who spoke on "How prayer can refresh your ministry." "We had a lot of great presenters, some of whom came a good way."

Father Ted Marconi, pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie, was the keynote speaker. He gave his talk on "Enthusiasm in Ministry: Being renewed to do the work of the church."

The conference included Mass, Father Marconi's keynote talk and two breakout sessions.

Attendees could choose from a number of offerings.

"The different sessions were a way we could update lecturers, religious education leaders, hospitality ministers and others," Father Whitman said. "If you wanted to find out how to make Communion calls special every time, what better way than to hear it from a permanent deacon who visits prisons and the home-bound."

Presentations focused on music ministry, religious education and family life, Scripture, RCIA, sacramental preparation, the new Roman Missal, among others.

About 90 people attended the event, which lasted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We received some great feedback, so hopefully we'll pick a date for next fall and do it again," Father Whitman said. "As long as people are interested, this is the kind of thing we were hoping to do."

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