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John 13:12-14



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## Bishops consider plans to 'transform' Catholic education

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Catholic bishops, including Erie Bishop Lawrence Persico, are looking to "transform" Catholic schools in response to decades of declining enrollment that has forced hundreds of schools to close.

The effort, according to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Catholic Education, encompasses a wide-ranging look at issues facing Catholic schools to close.



Bishop Lawrence Persico talks at USCCB meeting.

Sponsored by the University of Notre Dame, the January meeting at USCCB headquarters was the sixth in a series since 2009 looking at the future of Catholic education.

The bishops and the educators focused on four trends:

- The changing relationship across Catholic school leadership, including those between bishop and pastors, pastors and principals, and principals and teachers.
- The evolving landscape of Catholic school governance as more advisory boards of lay leaders take shape.
- Expanding access to Catholic schools through educational choice.
- Charter school expansion.

Bishop Persico discussed the Diocese of Erie's historic "Building in Truth and Love" plan for Catholic schools in the 13 counties of northwest Pennsylvania. He specifically mentioned the creation of the new Erie Catholic School System, which encompasses six schools in the Erie area.

According to Bishop Persico, "We have to re-imagine the way we promote and sustain Catholic schools."

## Nash Library dedicated

More than 200 people gathered Jan. 19 for the dedication of Gannon University's newly renovated Nash Library in Erie.

"I hope that students find it a place they want to go to study," said Linda Wagner, vice president for finance and administration.

Bishop Lawrence Persico formally blessed the building and was joined by other city, church and school dignitaries celebrating the occasion.

The 87,400-square-foot building was first opened in 1973 and named in honor of



Bishop Lawrence Persico leads the ribbon-cutting at Nash Library.

Msgr. Wilfrid Nash, former president of Gannon. It was closed for renovations beginning in the summer of 2016.

The facility has doubled its seating, incorporating more space for independent and collaborative studies. New technology includes a 28-seat computer lab, 30 additional PC and Mac workstations, and a self-service digital recording studio.

The renovated library has brought together a newly enhanced Student Learning Commons and a new coffee shop, all under a new green roof.

"While all of these services are exciting, what makes it all the more exciting is to see how each student is going to make this place their own," said Kendra Walker, president of the Student Government Association.

## FaithLife to cease publication in June

FAITHLIFE staff report

Following a 13-year award-winning run, *FaithLife* newspaper of the Diocese of Erie will cease publication at the end of June.

The last issue of the bi-weekly newspaper is June 24.

*Faith* magazine, delivered bi-monthly to parishioners' homes, will continue to be published.

In a Feb. 12 letter to the clergy of the diocese, Anne-Marie Welsh, director of Communications, said, "Despite its quality, *FaithLife* is no longer the most cost-effective way to reach Catholics, especially the younger generations. As the number of Americans who receive at least some of their news from social media grows, we must divert more resources into our digital presence."

The pastoral planning process underway in the diocese the past few years prompted the Communications Office to evaluate each platform it uses to spread Christ's message of faith, hope and love to the nearly 190,000 Catholics residing in the 13 counties of northwest Pennsylvania.

In addition to *FaithLife* newspaper and *Faith* magazine, Communications currently maintains the diocesan website and its social media presence. It is responding to what Welsh describes as the "sea change in how information is delivered in our world."

The Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada, the Press Club of Western Pennsylvania, and the Erie chapter of the Public Relations Society of America all have bestowed honors on *FaithLife*.



*FaithLife* was considered a news bulletin when it was first published in February 2005, pictured at right. Today, it is a broadsheet newspaper.

In 2016, *FaithLife* editor Mary Solberg received the Catholic Press Association's Editor of the Year award.

Solberg has been named editor of *Faith* magazine, effective with the September 2018 edition.

"I look forward to all Mary will bring to the publication," said Welsh, who is relinquishing her role as editor to concentrate more fully on her duties in the Communications Office.

The Communications Office also publishes a diocesan directory and an annual *Faithful Servants* edition that honors clergy and religious anniversaries.

*Faithful Servants* will cease publication this year, too, but jubilees will continue to be recognized in another format.

"evolution" of information delivery in the diocese.

The first newspaper of the diocese, *The Lake Shore Visitor*, was established in 1874 and delivered weekly to people's homes.

It was replaced in 2005 by the more compact *FaithLife* newspaper. *Faith* magazine and the introduction of the diocesan website also were created in response to the needs of the times.

"I see each one of these things as folding into the next stage of adaptation to the needs of the faithful and how they receive information that can support them in their faith," Msgr. McSweeney said. "Our faith is enhanced in the process of this evolution rather than just simply clinging to old methods."



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## Defending LIFE

WASHINGTON—Several members of the Catholic Community of Meadville, including these young people from St. Agatha Parish, participated in the national March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 19.

Pictured, from left, are: Tyler Charboneau, who just entered the parish's RCIA program; Mariah Mauer; and Abby and Hanna Mosbacher. The march was one of several local and national events attended by parishioners from the diocese this past month.

## Rice Bowl begins this Lent

BY MARY SOLBERG | FAITHLIFE

In the landlocked West African nation of Burkina Faso, nearly half of the population of 17 million subsists on less than \$1 a day. About 80 percent are farmers who struggle to till a mostly desert soil with only about three months of rain a year.

"I grew up like that," Jacques Kabore told *FaithLife* in a telephone interview during his recent visit to the northeast United States.

Kabore, 48, is a married father of four children who serves as the partnership and capacity building coordinator for CRS in Burkina Faso and neighboring

Côte d'Ivoire. He spoke at several high schools, universities and parishes during his visit, discussing the importance of giving to Catholic Relief Services' annual Rice Bowl campaign.

For more than 40 years, Catholics have dropped change into the cardboard Rice Bowl boxes, providing enough money worldwide to assist humanitarian programs and services in up to 45 countries.

The U.S. government, through longtime educational food programs, has assisted the hungry children of Burkina Faso, Kabore said. But Catholic Relief Services is using Rice Bowl money and other financial assistance to develop "new strategies" toward self-reliance.

Despite the semi-arid conditions in Burkina Faso, Kabore said, about 350,000 women are learning new agricultural techniques to grow certain vegetables. The women sometimes earn enough money to sell their produce and pay for their children's schooling. CRS also assists with microfinancing businesses.

"CRS is convincing others that new strategies are possible," Kabore said.

Despite small advances, countries like



Catholic Relief Services graphic

Burkina Faso struggle to keep people from leaving their homeland, Kabore explained. He asks people in the U.S. to give as much as they can because "Jesus is everywhere in this world."

"Nobody in the world in the past, in the present or in a future time could convince me that help is not necessary in the world," Kabore said. "No political system, no one, could convince anybody that we are not supposed to help each other."

To obtain a Rice Bowl box or to participate in inspirational Lenten activities, go to [www.crsricebowl.org/families](http://www.crsricebowl.org/families).

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## LENTEN PRACTICES AND REGULATIONS

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, and concludes with the start of the Paschal Triduum, which begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 29.

Traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving and other forms of self-denial are recommended by the church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.

Lenten observances:

- **Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent and Good Friday** are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age and older.
- **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** also are days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58, inclusive. On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, also are permitted, and liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.



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## Newsmakers



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### ■ Three young adults named delegates to pre-synod meeting

WASHINGTON (CNS)—A religious brother, a campus ministry director and a youth minister who is a wife and new mother have been named to represent the United States as young adult delegates at a pre-synod gathering in Rome in March.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops announced Jan. 25 that the delegates are: LaSallian Christian Brother Javier Hansen, a religion teacher at Cathedral High School in El Paso, Texas; Nick Lopez, director of campus ministry for the University of Dallas; and Katie Prejean-McGrady, a wife, mother, youth minister, and a popular speaker from the Diocese of Lake Charles, La.

Last October, Pope Francis invited Christian and non-Christian young people from around the world to a meeting in preparation for this October's Synod of Bishops, which will have as its theme: "Young people, faith and vocational discernment."



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Katie Prejean-McGrady

### ■ The Lord's Prayer examined

ROME (CNS)—After special study, the German bishops' conference decided to retain the traditional wording in the Lord's Prayer while the Italian bishops' conference has decided to change the words of the prayer in their translation of the Roman Missal.

The decisions come after the French bishops decided that beginning in early December last year, French Catholics would change the line, "Lead us not into temptation," to the equivalent

of "do not let us enter into temptation."

French-speaking Catholics in Benin and Belgium began using the new translation at Pentecost last June. The common Spanish translation already is *no nos dejes caer en la tentación*, or "do not let us fall into temptation."

The issue got wide attention after Pope Francis discussed the line, "And lead us not into temptation," with Father Marco Pozza, a Catholic prison chaplain, Dec. 6, as part of a television series on the Lord's Prayer.



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In this 2016 file photo, priests pray the Lord's Prayer as Pope Francis celebrates Mass at the Vatican.

### ■ Philippine church seeks help during volcano eruption

LEGAZPI, Philippines (CNS)—The social action arm of the Catholic Church in the Philippines has appealed for donations for the relief and rehabilitation of families affected by the ongoing eruption of Mount Mayon in Albay province.

At press time, more than 70,000 people were evacuated to temporary shelters as the volcano spewed columns of ash as high as one mile. Father Edwin Gariguez, head of Caritas Philippines, said his office has already sent initial financial aid to displaced residents.

"We will issue another appeal in coming days," Father Gariguez told ucnews.com.



## Editor's Notes

Mary SOLBERG

Even Pope Francis is talking about "fake news" these days.

At the end of his message for World Communications Day 2018—based on the subtitle, "Fake news and journalism for peace"—he included a prayer he wrote adapted from the "Prayer of St. Francis."

The prayer was released at the Vatican Jan. 24, the feast of St. Francis de Sales, patron saint of journalists:

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace.*

*Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.*

*Help us to remove the venom from our judgments.*

*Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters. You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world.*

*Where there is shouting, let us practice listening;*

*Where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;*

*Where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;*

*Where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;*

*Where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;*

*Where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;*

*Where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;*

*Where there is hostility, let us bring respect;*

*Where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.*

These words from the pope can inspire us—just like the "Prayer of St. Francis"—if we take time to read them again and again, but, especially, before we read the news or engage in discussions about world events.

According to Pope Francis, the first to employ the fake-news tactic was the serpent in the Garden of Eden, who convinced Eve that she would not die by eating the fruit of the forbidden tree.

"Trusting in falsehood," the pope said, "can have dire consequences."

Luther Manus Jr., at age 90, was likely the oldest graduate of Gannon University to attend the recent dedication and blessing of the newly renovated Nash Library in downtown Erie.

"I wanted to see the new advancements to the library. It's all fantastic," said Manus, who earned his undergraduate degree from Gannon in 1953 and his master's in 1971.

It was fitting that Manus was present for the event because he knew Msgr. Wilfrid Nash, the former president of Gannon for whom the library is named. From 1968-71, Manus was an instructor for the school's ROTC program. From 1980-89, he was a counselor for federal programs for Erie city schools, including several Catholic schools. He later established the Luther Manus Book Fund at Gannon.

"Msgr. Nash was a magnificent person. He was outstanding," Manus said.



Luther Manus Jr.

Congratulations to **Matthew Clark**, administrator of the Office of Worship, whose article on the diocesan pastoral planning process will appear in the spring edition of *AIM* magazine. *AIM* covers liturgical topics and is published in English and Spanish. The title of Clark's article is, "Praying through the Process of Change."

Sympathies to the family, friends, co-workers and athlete students of **Jeffrey Bomba**, 36, who died Jan. 13. A 2000 graduate of Cathedral Prep, he was an assistant football coach at Prep.

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EVENTS

■ Pre-Cana rescheduled

The Pre-Cana scheduled at St. Titus Church in Titusville has been moved from March 11 to March 18. The updated schedule can be viewed at [www.ErieRCD.org/ho\\_mps.htm](http://www.ErieRCD.org/ho_mps.htm). For more information, contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or at [familylife@ErieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@ErieRCD.org).

■ Vocation dinners

St. Andrew Dinners for young men striving to follow Jesus' call in their lives and to be open to the possibility of the seminary and priesthood will be offered at the following dates and locations:

- Feb. 8, St. George, Erie
- Feb. 11, St. Eulalia, Coudersport
- March 8, St. Peter Cathedral, Erie.

Those interested do not need to belong to these parishes to attend. Direct questions to Father Mike Polinek, director of Vocations, at [mpolinek@ErieRCD.org](mailto:mpolinek@ErieRCD.org) or call 814-824-1200.

■ Mardi Gras

St. Francis Xavier Parish invites everyone to its annual Mardi Gras Night Feb. 10 beginning at 6 p.m. at the parish hall, 8880 Main St., McKean. The admission cost of \$15 includes entry into a cash giveaway, as well as food and beverages. Those attending must be at least 21.

■ Western Vicariate parishes

Bishop Lawrence Persico invites members of the parishes in the Western Vicariate of the Diocese of Erie to join him at St. Peter Cathedral, W. 10th and Sassafras streets, Erie, for 11 a.m. Mass on Feb. 11 in celebration of the 125th year of worship at the cathedral, the mother church of the diocese. Guided tours of the church, including the crypt, will immediately follow Mass. Social time will include coffee and donuts.

■ Aida

Cathedral Prep and Villa Maria Academy will present the Tony Award-winning *Aida* at the H. David Bowes Auditorium, 225 W. Ninth St., Erie, on Feb. 8-10 at 7 p.m., and Feb. 11 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$5 for students and seniors. *Aida* chronicles the love triangle between Aida, a Nubian prin-

cess; Amneris, an Egyptian princess; and Radames, an Egyptian general.

■ Musical at Notre Dame

The musical "Moses and the Burning Within" will be presented Feb. 16-18 at Notre Dame Parish, 2325 Highland Road, Hermitage. The Feb. 16 and Feb. 17 shows will begin at 7:30 p.m.; the Feb. 18 performance will start at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. For ticket and program ad information, call Gretchen Wagner at 724-981-5566.

■ Lenten reflections

The Benedictine Sisters of Erie are hosting Lenten vigils in the chapel at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery, 6101 East Lake Road, Erie. The public is invited to attend each Saturday vigil beginning at 7 p.m. with the following women offering reflections:

- Dr. Mary Hembrow Snyder, Oblate, Feb. 17
- Sister Janet Goetz, OSB, Feb. 24
- Sister Margaret Zeller, OSB, March 3
- Sister Susan Doubet, OSB, March 10
- Sister Ann Hoffman, OSB, March 17
- Sister Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB, March 24.

■ Dance fundraiser

All are welcome to attend the Feb. 17 winter dinner dance to benefit Young People Who Care, Inc., at the Knights of Columbus, 512 Arnold Ave., Clearfield. Stuffed pork loin dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Music by the 14th Street Jazz Band. The cost is \$30 per person. To purchase tickets, call the Bethany Retreat Center at 814-263-4855, Grice Gun Shop at 814-765-9273, Best Jewelers at 814-765-9201, Mt. View Market Place at 814-345-6310, or Adler's Market at 814-342-1993.

■ Pro-life prayer breakfast

Pro-Life of Mercer County will sponsor a pro-life prayer breakfast Feb. 17 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Park Inn by Radisson, 3377 New Castle Road, West Middlesex. The deadline to purchase tickets is Feb. 9. John Garvey, president of The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., will be the keynote speaker. For more information, contact

Susan Wallace at [susanwallace@hotmail.com](mailto:susanwallace@hotmail.com) or at 724-815-5221, or Bob Lackey at [rlackey@eglow.com](mailto:rlackey@eglow.com) or at 724-342-6835.

■ Hard as Nails Ministry

St. Joseph Parish, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., Warren, will welcome Justin Fatica and his nationally known Hard as Nails Ministry on Feb. 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For this year's talk, "All Heart, All In." For more information, contact Jennifer Wortman at [jennifer.wortman@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifer.wortman@yahoo.com) or at 814-688-3842.

■ Father-Son Program

All fathers (or male role models) and their sons, ages 11 to 13, are welcome to attend the Father-Son Program Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Parish social hall, 128 Sunset Drive, Edinboro. The Chastity Education Office of the Diocese of Erie is sponsoring the annual event. For more information and to register, go to [www.ErieRCD.org/chastity.htm](http://www.ErieRCD.org/chastity.htm) and click on Father-Son under the Events tab. To register by phone, call Kate Whiteford at 814-824-1259.

■ Erie's Best Coffee

St. Martin Center, Inc. will host Erie's Best Coffee fundraiser Feb. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bel-Aire Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 2800 W. Eighth St., Erie. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door (kids ages 12 and under are free). Tickets can be purchased at the Erie Federal Credit Union, 3503 Peach St., Erie, or online at [www.stmartincenter.org](http://www.stmartincenter.org) under the "Who's New" headline. Many coffee shops will provide samples and treats which you attend may vote for their choice of Erie's best coffee.

■ Dan Schutte performance

Save the date for a Lenten mission, featuring renowned musician and composer Dan Schutte, March 11-13 at 7 p.m. each day at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek. All are invited. Schutte will explore the theme, "Lord, Make Me Whole," through Scripture, reflection, story and song. The mission is co-sponsored by the parishes of Our Lady of Mercy, St. Gregory, St. Mark/Mount Calvary, and St. James.

Serra Club, seminarians gather in Erie



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The Serra Club of Erie hosted a Jan. 10 banquet for seminarians studying at St. Mark Seminary. Pictured, from left, are guest Joann Donohue, Serra member Dennis Deiner, and seminarians Daniel Weaver, Waylon Duncan and Eric Eggert. Ten seminarians attended the event, along with Father Michael Kesicki, rector; Father Nicholas Rouch, vice rector; and Father Michael Polinek, vocation director.

OBITUARY

Sister Agnes Jean Lavín, OSB

Sister Agnes Jean Lavín, OSB, 93, died Jan. 17 at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery in Erie. She was in her 73rd year of religious life.



Sister Agnes Jean Lavín, OSB

A native of Sharon, Sister Agnes Jean, known to many as Sister Jean, was the daughter of the late John and Agnes Credit Union, 3503 Peach St., Erie, or online at [www.stmartincenter.org](http://www.stmartincenter.org) under the "Who's New" headline.

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directing "Sisters '66," a fundraising musical production by the Erie Benedictines that was televised on the popular Ed Sullivan Show, in 1967. Following her musical career, she worked in several capacities in the Business Department at Mercyhurst University in Erie. She was a tenured professor (business and the PACE program) and director of the Business Department and Interpersonal Development Programs.

Through the years, Sister Jean was engaged in internal community ministry and for a period of time served on the monastic council and in monastic formation.

In 1990, Sister Jean began ministry at St. Benedict Education Center as a faculty member in life skills and as the director of Stillpoint contemplative prayer retreats. As a Fulbright Scholar, Sister Jean traveled widely.

At the time of her death, she was engaged in the ministry of prayer and presence. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers: Oswald, William, John and James; and her sister, Sister Roberta Lavín, OSB.

Survivors include members of her Benedictine community, including her faithful friend, Sister Miriam Mashank, OSB; her sister-in-law, Ruth Lavín; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Jan. 23 at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery in Erie. Interment was at Trinity Cemetery.

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FEB. 16, 23 and MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23  
4:00-6:30 pm  
BAKED or FRIED FISH  
Adult: \$10, Child under 12: \$7  
Includes sides, drink and dessert.  
\*Take-outs available (814) 345-6665

**BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Cafeteria, 1626 W. 26th St., Erie  
FEB. 16 and MARCH 2, 16; 4:30-7:00 pm  
BAKED SCROD or CHEESE RAVIOLI  
Adult: \$9, Child under 12: \$5  
MAC AND CHEESE  
Adult: \$5, Child: \$3  
Includes sides, drink and sherbet. Bake sale!  
\*Take-outs available (814) 454-0171

**SS. PETER AND PAUL BYZANTINE**  
Social Hall, 3415 Wallace St., Erie  
FEB. 16 and MARCH 2, 16; 4:30-7:00 pm  
BAKED COD and/or PIEROGI  
Adult: \$10, Child (6-12): \$5, Child under 6: FREE!  
Nut roll bake sale! \*Take-outs (814) 825-8140

**ST. ANTHONY**  
Church Hall, Sherman Ave., Sharon  
FEB. 16, 23 and MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
4:00-7:00 pm (Good Friday 2:00-6:30 pm)  
FRIED or BAKED FISH Includes sides, drink and palacinkas or cookies. \*Take-outs (724) 342-7391

**ST. JOSEPH**  
Route 66, Lucinda  
FEB. 16, 23 and MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23  
4:00-7:00 pm  
SHRIMP, FISH or CRAB LEGS  
Adult: \$9, Child: \$5, Preschoolers: FREE!  
Crab leg dinners: \$17 (includes sides and dessert).  
LUNCH SPECIAL: (\*Take-out only)  
11:00 am-1:00 pm  
FISH SANDWICH: \$7 or HOAGIE: \$9  
Includes coleslaw and french fries. (814) 226-8310

**ST. STANISLAUS**  
516 E. 13th St., Erie  
FEB. 16 and MARCH 2, 16; 4:00-7:00 pm  
FISH or PIEROGI  
Adult: \$10, Child (6-10): \$5  
Under 6: FREE! \*Take-outs \$10.25  
(814) 452-6666

**ST. ANTHONY**  
St. Paul Center, Route 6 (Saybrook), Sheffield  
St. Anthony Knights of Columbus  
FEB. 16, 23 and MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
5:00-7:00 pm  
HADDOCK  
Adult: \$9. Includes sides, drink and homemade dessert. 50/50! (814) 968-5915

**ST. LUKE**  
School Cafeteria, 421 E. 38th St., Erie  
Knights of Columbus  
Msgr. Robert Goodill Council #11229  
FEB. 16, 23 and MARCH 2, 9  
5:00-7:00 pm  
ICELANDIC COD, PIEROGI, SHRIMP or MAC AND CHEESE  
Adult: \$10, Child (6-12): \$5.50  
5 and under: FREE!  
Includes french fries and green beans.  
SHRIMP BASKET: \$7  
CAPTAINS PLATTER: \$12  
\*Take-outs begin at 4:45 pm

**ST. TERESA**  
Parish Center, 9 Third Ave., Union City  
FEB. 16, 23 and MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23  
4:30-7:00 pm  
BAKED or FRIED HADDOCK  
Adult: \$10, Child: \$5. Includes sides, drink and homemade dessert. \*Take-outs (814) 438-2783  
More info: (814) 438-2000

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**  
Gallagher Hall, 100 Penn Ave., Mercer  
FEB. 16, 23 and MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
5:00-7:00 pm  
FRIED FISH or MAC AND CHEESE  
Adult: \$10, Child (12 and under) \$5  
3 and under: FREE!  
Includes sides, drink and cake.  
\*Take-outs available

**VENANGO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
1505 W. First St., Oil City  
FEB. 16, 23 and MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23  
5:00-7:00 pm  
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY  
Adult: \$10.50, Senior: \$10, Child under 12: \$8  
Child under 5: \$4. Includes sides, drink and dessert. PIZZA: \$3/slice. \*Take-outs (814) 676-9429

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## New principal named to DCC Elementary



DuBOIS—Gretchen Caruso, left, headmaster of DuBois Central Catholic, welcomes Carol Bernat, of Punxsutawney, as the new principal of DuBois Central Catholic Elementary School. A member of Sts. Cosmas & Damian Parish, Bernat joins Dawn Bressler, middle and high principal, on the administrative team, supervised by Msgr. Charles Kaza, right, president of the school system. Bernat previously taught at both the SSCD Elementary School and the Punxsutawney Area Middle School. "Being at DCC fulfills my desire to be part of an educational setting that is faith-centered as a community of believers," Bernat says.

## Erie Otters players meet with St. Luke students



ERIE—Every year, students at St. Luke School in Erie collect stuffed animals for the annual Erie Otters "Teddy Bear Toss," a project in which toy animals are distributed to needy children for Christmas. The school community donated 628 stuffed animals this year. The second-graders pictured above earned a pizza party with Erie Otters players Anand Oberoi (#40) and Jordan Sambrook (#6).

## Mercyhurst girls attend annual weekend retreat at Hope House in Union City

ERIE—Several students at Mercyhurst Preparatory School in Erie attended the annual Girls Weekend in December at the Hope House retreat center in Union City. Presentations focused on the love Jesus has for each person and how that love overcomes forces that work against finding self-acceptance and true joy.

Pictured in the front row, from left, are: Alex Wagner, Madison Schaefer, Josie Barcley, Reagan Kennedy, Olivia Eagley, Rachael Surkala and Elizabeth Whiteford. In the back row, are, from left: Kate Whiteford (presenter), Father Steve Schreiber, Amy Zellefrow, Becca Swanson, Rachel Pratzel, Sarah Bahm, Ruth Kanik, Lauren Habursky, Brooke Talbot, Sarah Gdaniec (science teacher), Andrea Fracassi, and Hannah Tatar (campus minister director).



## Knights announce contest winners



CURWENSVILLE—The St. John XXIII Knights Council #16090 of Curwensville and Grampian held its "Keep Christ In Christmas" poster contest at the end of last year. The contest was open to faith formation classes at both St. Timothy Parish in Curwensville and St. Bonaventure Parish in Grampian. Standing with winners Adrianna McCracken, Kyleigh Dunn and Emily Wink are, from left, Knight Rick Carley; Father Steven Collins, pastor of both parishes; and Knight Bernie Carley.

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