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Church Calendar

Events of the local, American and universal church

Feast days



St. Katherine Drexel St. Casimir

- March 3 St. Katherine Drexel (patron of racial justice, philanthropists)
- March 4 St. Casimir (patron of Poland, Lithuania and youth)
- March 7 St. Perpetua and St. Felicity (martyrs)
- March 9 St. Frances of Rome (Benedictine oblate, mystic)

Confirmation schedule

St. Boniface, Erie
Monday, March 9
at 7 p.m.

St. Gregory,
North East
Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

St. Bartholomew, Sharpville – Sunday,
March 15 at 4:30 p.m. Confirmation classes
include St. Bartholomew, Sharpville, and
Good Shepherd, West Middlesex.

Rite of Election – March 1

Candidates and catechumens participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program at their respective parishes in the Erie Diocese will celebrate the Rite of Election on Sunday, March 1, the first Sunday of Lent. The Rite of election will be celebrated at 3 p.m. at two sites: St. Peter Cathedral in Erie and Sacred Heart in St. Marys.

All new members of the Catholic Church will be received into their own parishes at the Easter Vigil on April 11. The Rite of Election formally acknowledges the readiness of those preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation—baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist.

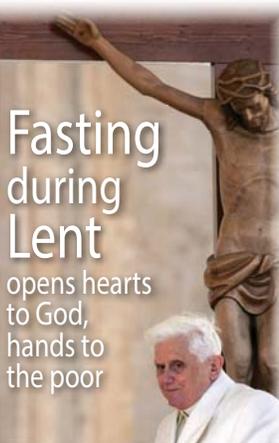
Lenten calendar available at
www.ErieRCD.org

For a printable Lenten calendar, visit the Erie Diocese's official Web site at www.ErieRCD.org. Sponsored by Catholic Charities' Office of Parish Social Ministry/Respect Life, the calendar provides a Scripture verse, reflection and activity suggestion for each day of Lent.

The official Lenten regulations from Bishop Donald Trautman are available on the Web site, as well.

Regulations for fasting and abstinence during Lent

- Here are the church regulations for fasting and abstinence during Lent.
- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
- Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not obligate.
- Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.



Fasting during Lent opens hearts to God, hands to the poor

Papal message for Lent focuses on submitting humbly to God

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Fasting from food and detaching oneself from material goods

during Lent help believers open their hearts to God and open their hands to the poor, Pope Benedict XVI said. The Lenten fast helps Christians "mortify our egoism and

World Hunger

About 963 million people — 14 percent of the world's population — are undernourished.



Pope Benedict XVI is juxtaposed with a crucifix as he leaves his weekly audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Feb. 18. Focusing his message for Lent specifically on the prac-

tice of fasting, the pope said it is a way for believers to submit themselves "humbly to God, trusting in his goodness and mercy."

open our hearts to love of God and neighbor," said the pope in his message for Lent 2009. Cardinal Paul Cordes, president of the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, the Vatican's office for promoting and coordinating charity, told reporters that Christian fasting brings together love for God and love for neighbor.

"The pope reminds us of our obligation to open our hearts and our hands to those in need," he said at the Vatican presentation of the message. The Vatican invited Joseete Sheeran, executive director of the UN's World Food Program, to help present the papal message. "Serving the hungry is a moral call that unites people of all faiths," said Sheeran, whose organization relies heavily on Catholic charities

and other faith-based organizations to distribute food aid. "At this time of worldwide economic challenges, let us not forget that the food and financial crises hit the world's most vulnerable the hardest," she said. "Since 2007, 115 million were added to the ranks of the hungry to create a total of nearly 1 billion people

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Journey to the Cross Villa Maria senior behind Lenten art project

By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife editor

ERIE — When people look at a cross, they can see many things—salvation, forgiveness, hope and joy, to name a few. Jillian Dunn, a senior at Villa Maria Academy in Erie, is helping to make those unique and personal feelings more tangible. Dunn is the architect behind Journey to the Cross, an art project that can be seen during Lent throughout the Erie area.

Similar to the Go Fish and Leap Frog public art projects in the Erie area, decorated crosses will be visible landmarks at churches throughout Lent. For \$100, each cross is sponsored by a youth group, ministry, parish or family which they get to design. All proceeds from the project will go toward youth ministry in the Erie Diocese.

"All the things that I've gotten to know, like adoration and going to the teen Mass, have been a really important part of my life," Dunn said. "It's helped me realize that there's no reason to be afraid to express your faith." A total of 16 crosses will be seen in the Erie area: Two each at Blessed Sacrament and St. Joseph/Bread of Life in Erie; and one each at Villa Maria Academy; Our Lady of Peace, Erie; Our Lady of the Lake, Edinboro; Holy Cross, Fairview; Holy Rosary, Erie; Sacred Heart, Erie; St. Andrew, Erie; St. Boniface, Erie; St. George, Erie; St. Gregory, North East; St. John the Evangelist, Girard; and St. Patrick, Erie. The pine planks used for the project were donated. Dunn and her family put each one of the 80-inch by 40-inch crosses together.



Jillian Dunn

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Romance Without Regret

Apologist Jason Evert explains the difference between chastity and abstinence

Jason Evert, a staff apologist with Catholic Answers, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the Catholic faith through all forms of media, will visit the Erie Diocese March 2-3 for a series of presentations on chastity. Evert, 33, earned a master's degree in theology and undergraduate degrees in counseling and theology, with a minor in philosophy at Franciscan University of Steubenville. He is the author of many books including "Pure Love," which challenges young people to embrace the virtue of chastity. "One of the ways that we can really assist our young people is by giving them a vision of what chastity looks like and why it is a virtue that leads to great personal happiness and fulfillment," said Father Steve Schreiber, director of youth ministry for the diocese. "Jason Evert is one of the best at doing just that." Evert recently spoke with FaithLife about his visit, what he'll cover in his talks and the difference between chastity and abstinence.

Q: Can you give an overview of what you do in your talks?

A: "Sure. The talk I give most often is called 'Romance Without Regret.' There's a variation of it for middle school, high school and college. Basically, an abstinence talk would be just don't have sex. With chastity, it's not so much saying no to something as saying yes to purity through their actions, how they dress, what they read and see on the Internet. It's a very positive message of hope. It's doesn't matter what they've done in the past. This is a clean slate."



Jason Evert

Q: What's the most common question or comment you get from young people?

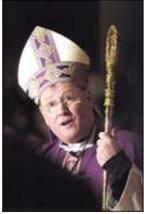
A: "I think the most common question they ask is how far can they go. I answer the question but first I lay down a foundation. If you're asking how far can you go, you're really asking how far can you go toward sin, and that's the wrong question. I try to form their consciences and ask how far they'd want someone going with your future spouse. Then they can apply that principle to future questions. If it's a guy, I try to put them in position of a father. How far would you want someone to go with your daughter?"

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IN THE U.S.

■ **Pope Benedict XVI named Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of Milwaukee as archbishop of New York and accepted the resignation of Cardinal Edward M. Egan, who has headed the archdiocese since 2000.** The appointment was announced Feb. 23 in Washington by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Archbishop Dolan, a St. Louis native who turned 59 Feb. 6, has been head of the Milwaukee Archdiocese since 2002 and was an auxiliary bishop of the St. Louis Archdiocese for a year before that. Cardinal Egan, who turns 77 April 2, was ordained a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese and served as an auxiliary bishop of the New York Archdiocese, 1985-88, and bishop of Bridgeport, Conn., 1988-2000. Both Cardinal Egan and Archbishop Dolan have backgrounds that include extensive service in Rome and/or at the Vatican.



Archbishop Timothy Dolan

natural death," the Vatican said in a statement about the Feb. 18 meeting. Pelosi was making an official visit to Italy to meet members of the U.S. military stationed in the country and to discuss common security concerns with Italian government leaders.



U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi

■ **The Feb. 9 death of Eluana Englaro after nutrition and hydration were withheld should lead Italian citizens and their government to find more effective ways to protect and promote human life,** said the Vatican spokesman Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi. Englaro, who had been in a persistent vegetative state for more than 17 years, died at a private clinic in Udine, Italy, less than a week after her doctors, with the support of her father, began withholding nutrition and hydration. By Feb. 7, doctors said she was receiving only sedatives. Vatican officials have said that the provision of nutrition and hydration is an obligatory, basic part of caring for a person who cannot care for him or herself; it is not an extraordinary means of keeping someone alive and cannot be withdrawn.

■ **Countless sick and suffering children are in urgent need of help and protection,** Pope Benedict XVI said. In his message for the Feb. 11 celebration of World Day of the Sick, the pope urged Catholics to not be indifferent to the suffering of these "weakest and most defenseless creatures" and to recognize a "pressing duty to intervene." World Day of the Sick is marked each year on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Vatican released the pope's message Feb. 7. The pope dedicated this year's message to children. He underlined the plight of children "wounded in body and soul as a consequence of conflict and war and other innocent victims of the senseless hatred of adults."

■ **The smallest nation in the world is celebrating a relatively young 80th birthday this year.** Although the Catholic Church has a 2,000-year history, Vatican City State was established Feb. 11, 1929, to guarantee that the Holy See and the pope could freely carry out their spiritual mission of confirming Christians in the faith and guiding the universal church. The transition from the Papal States to nationhood was a long and bumpy road. In the 19th century, revolutionaries fought against papal control in their struggle to unify Italy and the Papal States dissolved in 1870 after Rome and the surrounding territories were annexed to a unified country covering the entire peninsula. A dispute with the Italian government over the sovereignty of the Holy See kept popes confined inside the walls of the Vatican from 1870 to 1929.

PEOPLE OF FAITH

■ **Pope Benedict XVI's planned May 8-15 trip to the Holy Land was slowly taking shape in February,** and the tentative schedule included a number of important pastoral and interreligious events. The proposed itinerary would take the pope to Jordan for a stop at Jesus' baptism site at the Jordan River and a pilgrimage to Mount Nebo, where Moses once looked out at the Promised Land. In Israel, he would visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem and the Western Wall, sacred to Jews; meet with Jewish and Palestinian leaders; visit a Palestinian refugee camp; and celebrate Mass in Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jerusalem.



Pope Benedict XVI

The 14th annual Catholic Charities Ball will be held Friday, April 17 at the Bayfront Convention Center in downtown Erie beginning at 7 p.m. Norm and Marie Stark, members of St. Andrew Parish in Erie, will be honored with the Helping Hands Award, which is given annually to an individual, family or organization for having demonstrated outstanding dedication to the church and their community. Look for a feature on the Starks in the March/April issue of *Faith magazine*.



Jason Koshinski

The ball is the premiere charitable event for Catholic Charities. Last year, attendees raised nearly \$35,000 for families in need throughout the 13-county diocese. Tickets are \$75 each. For more information, contact Catholic Charities at 814.824.1250 or visit www.eriecd.org/charitiesball.asp.

For the time being, the last day for the Roman Catholic Chapel at the Millcreek Mall will be Easter Saturday, April 18 so that the diocese can focus its resources for the chapel at the times of the year when it receives the most visitors. Plans call for the chapel to return in mid-November.

The chapel, which opened on Ash Wednesday 2008, has been deemed a spiritual success by Bishop Donald Trautman. The bishop and Father Ed Lohse distributed ashes on the hour from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25, and heard confessions, as well.

Congratulations to Sister Christine Vadimiroff, OSB, prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, who was recently elected president of the Conference of Benedictine Priories of the North American Federation/Congregations at its annual meeting held at Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman, Ala.

The conference is designed to offer mutual assistance and encouragement to Benedictine prioresses and to further the ideals of Benedictine life in the perspective of the needs of the church, the Benedictine order and contemporary society.

The Erie Diocese will be part of national postcard campaign asking members of Congress to oppose any measures similar to the Freedom of Choice Act, which "would overturn many existing widely supported policies, including laws protecting parental involvement and conscience rights and those preventing partial-birth abortion and taxpayer funding of abortion," according to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

With tens of millions of postcards already distributed to Catholic schools and parishes, non-Catholic churches and civic organizations, postcards will be delivered to parishes in the diocese the weekend of March 14-15. Look for more information in the next issue of *FaithLife*. The majority of U.S. dioceses are participating in the postcard campaign, according to a news release from the USCCB. "The current campaign is unprecedented and is expected to exceed any sponsored by the Catholic bishops in the past," the release said.

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AROUND THE WORLD

■ **Pope Benedict XVI met privately with U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, speaker of the House of Representatives,** and told her that all Catholics, especially those who are lawmakers, must work to protect human life at every stage. Pelosi, a Catholic Democrat from California, has been criticized by many Catholics for her support for keeping abortion legal. "His Holiness took the opportunity to speak of the requirements of the natural moral law and the church's consistent teaching on the dignity of human life from conception to

Villa Maria senior behind Lenten art project



Father Steve Schreiber blesses crosses Feb. 22 at Villa Maria Academy.

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All crosses were blessed by Father Steve Schreiber, director of youth ministry for the diocese, during a prayer service Feb. 22 at Villa before going on public display Feb. 25, Ash Wednesday. And just like Dunn had hoped, each design is unique. One cross is covered with pieces of broken mirrored glass on each side. Another shows multi-colored footprints with an excerpt from the Footprints poem: "During your times of trial and suffering, when you saw only one set of footprints... that is when I carried you." A peace themed cross shows several doves with the words,

"There is no way to peace. Peace is the way." A portrait of the Blessed Mother is depicted on one and above her the word "Behold your mother" from John 19:26-27. Splashed with red paint signifying Christ's blood shed during the passion, one cross simply says, "Remember." "I think the more reminders we have of God's love for us the better," said Father Jim Cutting, pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Erie. Holy Rosary will be home to the cross decorated by Dunn and her family. "It's such a visible reminder. The cross says it better than anything."

Apologist Jason Evert explains the difference between chastity and abstinence

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Q: Do people have a lot of misconceptions about chastity? Do they confuse it with abstinence?

A: "The most common confusion about chastity is that people think it's some dull, frigid, Victorian concept of sex where the only response to sexual pressure is repression. That's the most common misconception. If you asked people what the Catholic Church teaches on sexuality, they'd give you a list of nos. You can't do this, this and this. The wisdom of the Catholic Church often gets whittled to a list of prohibitions. And chastity helps you see the truth of the church. There's an important connection to love and chastity. John Paul II said chastity can only be thought of as an association of love. You're chaste because you love God and you want to do the best for someone in terms of their soul and body."

Q: We're bombarded with information and views daily from secular culture. What advice would you offer to young people who want to live a chaste life yet struggle?

A: "You can't encourage them to live a particular way without giving them the tools to succeed. Mother Theresa said purity is the fruit of prayer. You need to have a relationship with God. Take advantage of the sacraments, particularly confession. Go to Mass and receive the Eucharist. Choose good friends. Have an idea over your senses. Only date someone who you can see yourself marrying someday instead of hoping that they will change. You can help make a life of purity easier on yourself. Often times we create our own temptations. But temptations are bound to come. We need to lift our hearts toward God."

Q: Anything else?

A: "I'd just like to plug our Web site at www.chastity.com. It has all the information on Pure Love Club, which is the chastity outreach program at Catholic Answers. I'd also invite readers to pray for the students and that they will receive the message. That's the most important thing. It's about winning hearts and souls. You can't do that without grace and prayer."

Jason Evert visit
Free and open to the public:

Monday, March 2
For 8th graders and parents
St. Peter Cathedral School, Erie

Tuesday, March 3
For high school students and parents
St. Leo Parish, Ridgway

Evert will also visit:
Kennedy Catholic High School, Hermitage

DuBois Central Catholic High School, DuBois

Cathedral Prep, Erie

Villa Maria Academy, Erie

Papal message for Lent focuses on submitting humbly to God

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without adequate food." Sheeran said that at a time when the U.S. and other governments are announcing multi-billion-dollar packages to bailout banks, car companies and other industries, the World Food Program is asking that 0.7 percent of all stimulus plans be dedicated to hunger relief. "Financial rescue packages must serve not only Wall Street and Main Street, but also the

places with no streets," she said. Cardinal Cordes and Sheeran agreed that the financial bailout plans are necessary not just for helping the world's richest nations, but also for preventing a worsening situation in poor countries dependent on exports, on development aid and on the money their citizens working abroad send home to support their families. "If the financial system fails completely, it will hurt the poor

first," Cardinal Cordes said. Sheeran said the 2007-2008 food crisis — when the price of basic staples soared — combined with more recent job losses because of the financial crisis involved "two separate problems, but the result is the same: malnutrition and death." In his message, Pope Benedict said the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are meant to help Christians focus on God and prepare for the Easter celebration of Jesus' victory over

sin and death. Focusing his message specifically on the practice of fasting, the pope said it is a way for believers to submit themselves humbly to God, trusting in his goodness and mercy. "Denying material food, which nourishes our body, nurtures an interior disposition to listen to Christ and be fed by his saving word," the pope wrote. "Through fasting and prayer we allow him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we

experience in the depths of our being; the hunger and thirst for God," he said. While some people fast to cleanse their body or to lose weight, Christians fast during Lent in order "to heal all that prevents them from conformity to the will of God," he said. "Freely chosen detachment from the pleasure of food and other material goods helps the disciple of Christ to control the appetites of nature, weakened by original sin," the pope

wrote. At the same time, he said, "fasting is an aid to open our eyes to the situation in which so many of our brothers and sisters live." By fasting in solidarity with the poor, "freely embracing an act of self-denial for the sake of another, we make a statement that our brother or sister in need is not a stranger," the pope said.

To read Pope Benedict XVI's complete message for Lent, visit www.eriecd.org.

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Lenten activities

St. George, Erie

Experience "Soup, Salad and Soul" throughout Lent at St. George, 5145 Peach St. in Erie. Soup, salad, bread and refreshments will be served each Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria, after which will be the opportunity to listen to guest presenters.

- March 3 — Spirituality at 6:30 p.m. with Father John Fischer
 - March 8 — Taizé prayer service at 3 p.m. with Gretchen Wagner
 - March 17 — Moral responsibility at 6:30 p.m. with Father Nicholas Rouch
 - March 24 — Holy Scripture at 6:30 p.m. with Father Michael Kesicki
 - March 31 — Marriage at 6:30 p.m. with Ann Badach
- For more details, visit http://home.catholicweb.com/st_george_church/

St. Andrew, Erie

Journey with St. Paul through Lent each Wednesday evening at St. Andrew, 1116 W. Seventh St. in Erie, with Mass (5:30 p.m.), a simple Lenten supper of soup and salad (6 p.m.) followed by a presentation.

- March 4 — St. Paul/overview of his life, teaching and writing (Acts of the Apostles) with Father Mike DeMartinis
- March 11 — St. Paul and Jesus (1, 2 Corinthians, Colossians) with Msgr. Richard Sullivan
- March 18 — St. Paul and the Church (Ephesians) with Father DeMartinis
- March 25 — St. Paul in prison (Philippians) with Deacon Ralph DeCecco
- April 1 — St. Paul and discipleship (1, 2 Timothy, Titus) with Father DeMartinis
- April 8 — St. Paul and grace (Romans, Galatians) with Father DeMartinis

St. Mark the Evangelist, Erie

Enhance your Lenten journey with a visit to St. Mark the Evangelist, 695 Smithson Ave. in Erie, for Evenings of Prayer with Father Raymond Kemp, senior fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University, Sunday, March 8 through Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. Also, Monday and Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Mass will be followed by dialogue with Father Kemp.

- March 8 — Good News
- March 9 — Conversion
- March 10 — Easter mission and Mystagoga Challenge with Eucharistic Liturgy

Operation Rice Bowl

Operation Rice Bowl, the official Lenten Program of Catholic Relief Services, began in 1975 as a response to the drought in the African Sahel. For 34 years, Operation Rice Bowl has called participants to pray with their families and faith communities, fast in solidarity with those who hunger, learn about our global community and the challenges of poverty overseas, and give sacrificial contributions to those in need.

Since its beginning Operation Rice Bowl has raised more than \$167 million to fund development projects that improve peoples' ability to access food around the world and in local diocesan communities in the United States.

Each Lent, more than 13,500 faith communities across the United States participate in Operation Rice Bowl as a way to respect human dignity and foster solidarity with the poor around the world.

The program is conducted annually in the Erie Diocese, and the proceeds benefit food pantries throughout the 13-county diocese. For more information about Operation Rice Bowl, visit <http://orb.crs.org>.

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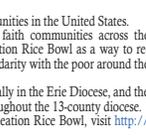
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DEATH NOTICES

Msgr. John W. Mignot dies at 80

Reynoldsville pastor, longtime administrator of Christ the King Manor, DuBois



Msgr. John W. Mignot

Msgr. John W. Mignot, 80, died February 19, 2009 at DuBois Regional Medical Center.

Born June 8, 1928 in Clearfield, he was the son of the late Sylvester and Catherine Wayne Mignot. He attended St. Francis Grade School and was a 1946 graduate of St. Francis High School in Clearfield.

He entered St. Mark Seminary in Erie in 1946 and attended Gannon College. He then entered St. Bonaventure Seminary in Olean, N.Y., in 1948, and earned a bachelor's degree in 1950. He completed his seminary training in 1954.

In 1972, he studied long-term health care at Temple University in Philadelphia and received his license as a nursing home administrator. In 1974, he completed studies in business administration at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

He was ordained a priest May 27, 1954 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie. His home parish was St. Francis of Assisi in Clearfield. He served as an assistant pastor at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in DuBois from 1954-68 and served as chaplain at Penn State DuBois from 1958-68. He was appointed pastor of St. Mary Parish in Reynoldsville in June 1968.

In 1994, Pope John Paul II named him a Prelate of Hon-

or with the title of monsignor. He was the administrator of Christ the King Manor in DuBois from 1971 until he retired in 2004. He was active at the manor and managed the cottage section after his retirement.

He was active in community organizations and served many years as chaplain to the State Showmen's Association and the State Association of County Fairs. He was president of the Pennsylvania State Fair Association of County Fairs and was president of the Sykesville Ag and Youth Fair since 1992. He spearheaded many renovations and projects at the fairgrounds in Sykesville.

He was honorary chairman of the Christmas Seal campaign for Jefferson and Clearfield counties. He served on the diocesan ethics committee and the committee for the retirement home for priests. He also served on the board of directors of the DuBois American Red Cross and the DuBois Hospital.

Father Paulinus J. Selle, OSB, dies at 95

St. Marys native taught at St. Vincent Seminary for 57 years



Father Paulinus J. Selle, OSB

Father Paulinus J. Selle, OSB, 95, a monk of St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, died February 8, 2009.

Born in St. Marys on February 4, 1914, he was a son of the late Joseph and Margaret (Caskey) Selle. He was one of 17 children. He attended Windfall (Benzinger Township) Grade School and St. Marys Catholic High School in St. Marys. He is a 1931 graduate of St. Vincent Preparatory School. He received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Vincent College in 1936. He earned a degree in sacred theology in 1938 and a licentiate in sacred theology in 1940 from the Pontifical Athenaeum at Sant'Anselmo in Rome.

He entered the Benedictine monastic community of St. Vincent Archabbey in 1933. He made simple profession of vows at St. Vincent Archabbey on July 2, 1934 and solemn profession of vows at Montecassino Archabbey, Italy, on July 11, 1937. He was ordained a priest at Montecassino Archabbey on July 16, 1939.

Father Paulinus served the archabbey in the formation of its monks and in its educational apostolates from 1940 to his retirement in 1997. He taught moral theology (1940-1945), dogmatic (systematic) theology (1946-1971), patrology (1941-1966) and fundamental liturgy (1966-1997) at Saint Vincent Seminary, teach-

ing in the seminary for 57 years and 116 consecutive semesters.

His pastoral experience included weekend missions at Holy Family Parish in West Newton and many other parishes of the dioceses of Pittsburgh and Greensburg. He was chaplain at St. Vincent College (1948-50) and at the Carmel of the Assumption Monastery in Latrobe (1988-89).

Father Paulinus was the recipient of numerous awards, including the Nova et Vetera Award of St. Vincent Seminary (1989) for outstanding and distinguished service, the 1989 Alumnus of Distinction Award from St. Vincent College Alumni Association, and the 1989 Alumnus Recognition Award from St. Vincent Seminary Alumni Association. In 1992 he received an honorary doctor of sacred theology degree from St. Vincent Seminary, and in 1997 he was named professor emeritus of St. Vincent Seminary.

He is survived by one brother, Leo Selle of St. Marys.

Lenten Dinners

FISH, SHRIMP & CRAB LEGS

LUNCH AND DINNER

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April 3, 10

4:00-7:00 PM

Adults: \$7.95, Children: \$4.95

Preschool and under: Free

Crab Leg Dinner: \$10.95

Dinner includes:

- Baked or Fried Fish, Shrimp or Crab Legs
- Choice of Potato
- Coleslaw, Roll, Drink, Dessert

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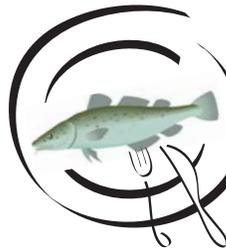
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355 Main St., Kersy, PA

Ash Wednesday: February 25

February 27

March 6, 13, 20, 27 / April 3

4:00-7:00 PM

Adults: \$8.00, Small: \$7.50

Dinner includes:

- Icelandic Haddock
- Choice of Potato and Side
- Beverage and Homemade Dessert

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FISH

St. Teresa Parish

9 Third Ave., Union City, PA

February 27

March 6, 13, 20, 27 / April 3

4:30-7:00 PM

Adults: \$8.00

Children 5-12: \$4.00

4 and under: Free

Dinner includes:

- Baked or Fried Haddock
- Baked Potato or French Fries
- Coleslaw, Dinner Roll

• Homemade Desserts, Beverage

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St. Luke Parish

Knights of Columbus

School Cafeteria

421 E. 38 St., Erie, PA

February 27 / March 6, 13, 20

5:00-7:00 PM

Adults: \$8.00 / Ages 6-12: \$5.00

6 and under: Free

Dinner includes:

- Icelandic Cod, French Fries
- Green Beans, Coleslaw or Applesauce
- Macaroni and Cheese or Pterogi

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St. Joseph Parish

17735 Bennetts Valley Hwy, Force, PA

Ash Wednesday: February 25

and every Friday during Lent

4:00-7:00 PM

Adults: \$8.50, Ages 12 and under: \$5.00

Dinner includes:

- Baked or Fried Haddock
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- Roll, Coleslaw, Dessert, Drink

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FISH

All Saints Parish

11264 Route 97 North, Waterford, PA

February 27

March 6, 13, 20, 27 / April 3

4:30-7:00 PM

Adults: \$8.00

Ages 12 and under: \$4.00 / Toddlers: Free

Takeouts available: (814) 796-3023

FISH

St. George Parish

Youth Athletic Association

School Cafeteria

5145 Peach St., Erie, PA

February 27 / March 13

5:00-7:00 PM

Adults: \$8.00 / Children: \$3.50

Dinner includes:

- Baked or Fried Fish
- Rice Pilaf with Peas, Green Beans
- Salad, Roll, Dessert, Beverage

Children dinners:

- Pizza, Salad, Dessert, Beverage

FISH

St. Anthony Parish

St. Paul Center

746 W. Main St., Sheffield, PA

February 27

March 6, 13, 20, 27 / April 3

5:00 PM

Adults: \$8.00, Children: \$5.00

Dinner includes:

- Deep Fried Haddock
- French Fries, Coleslaw
- Desserts, Drinks

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Catholic Schools Celebrate Service

Catholic Schools Week Jan. 25-31

This year for Catholic Schools Week, students and educators were invited to "Celebrate Service" by volunteering in the community or parish. Schools typically celebrate Catho-

lic Schools Week with Masses, open houses and activities for students, administrators, faculty, school staff, the community and families. Additionally this year many schools undertook new service projects.



Here is Part II of FaithLife's roundup of Catholic schools in the Erie Diocese celebrating service.

DuBois Central Catholic Elementary School



DUBOIS — DuBois Central Catholic Elementary School kindergarten students made a snowman during Catholic Schools Week in front of the school. All

of the elementary classes also went sled riding, made snow angels and then enjoyed hot cocoa and cookies provided by the PTG.

St. James School, Erie

ERIE — Eighth graders at St. James School in Erie participate in SIGN (Service in God's Name) throughout the year. Students are asked to serve a minimum of 20 hours of service at St. James Parish. During Catholic Schools Week, a jeans day

was held to benefit Bishop Donald Trautman's breakfast for the homeless. Students contribute to the Second Harvest Food Bank and parish food bank and continue to make rosaries for Polk Center in Franklin and for prison ministries.

St. Marys Catholic Elementary and Middle Schools, St. Marys



ST. MARYS — On Monday of Catholic Schools Week, students from St. Marys Catholic Elementary School joined those from St. Marys Catholic Middle School for a special Mass. Father Meinrad Lawson, OSB, pastor of St. Mary Parish, led the celebration. Pictured left to right are first grader Martin LeGrys and second grader Gina Meyer who led the procession into church with a special banner created by first grade teacher Patty Gilmore. Students at St. Marys Catho-

lic Elementary School celebrated "Souper Bowl Day" with a dress down day on Thursday. For a donation of \$1 each student could dress in the colors of their favorite sports team. The students and faculty collected \$250 for the Christian Food Bank.

Students made cards and treats for their friends in the local nursing homes and convent. Some classes took time to play bingo with them. Pictured are third graders Hannah Lenze and Kristen Kirst and Pincere resident Pauline Fritz helping each other with their bingo cards.

St. Thomas School, Corry

CORRY — Service is an integral part of St. Thomas School in Corry throughout the year.

- During Halloween, Christmas and Easter, students make greeting cards for parish shut-ins and nursing home residents.
- Students serve food and clean up after parish and school dinners.
- Students actively participate in the school's weekly Mass and on weekends. They are not only altar servers but greeters, readers and gift bearers and take up the offertory collection.
- They make decorations for Corry Manor nursing home.

Students make greeting cards and raise money for St. Thomas' sister parish, St. Anthony of Padua in Guatemala.

- On Earth Day, they clean up the school grounds and neighboring properties.
- Annual food drives benefit Corry Food Pantry, Erie Diocesan Lodge and Corry Salvation Army.
- St. Thomas students also raise money for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief, bring in and serve breakfast for parishioners during the Thanksgiving holiday and read to students at Corry Head Start.

Venango County Catholic schools



The three schools that make up the Venango County Catholic schools — St. Patrick School, Franklin; St. Stephen School, Oil City; and Venango Catholic High School, Oil City — celebrated Catholic Schools Week together on Jan. 30 at VCHS. The students spent the morn-

ing learning about service. Area priests celebrated Mass for the students at the school in the afternoon. Pictured from left to right are Deacon Tim Wren, Father Matthew Ruyechan, Father Skip Davis, Father John Malhaner, Father David Poulson and Msgr. John Swogor.

Ss. Cosmas and Damian School, Punxsutawney



PUNXSUTAWNEY — Ss. Cosmas and Damian School in Punxsutawney celebrates service throughout the year but targeted its efforts toward several different groups during Catholic Schools Week.

Students brought in different items during the week. More than \$400 in household items such as towels and cleaning supplies were donated by students to be given to Community Action for local shelters. Slightly used toys and games were donated to

the Salvation Army. During an afternoon bingo game, students each donated a dollar for the American Cancer Society.

Staple food items were brought in for the parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society. The week ended with a family Mass followed by brunch for more than 350 family members and friends. Pictured are Sally Villella's fourth grade students looking over items that were donated to SSCD kids to shelters in Punxsutawney.

Mercyhurst Prep, Erie



ERIE — Thad Turner (fourth from left), executive director of the Warren County YMCA and organizer of the Kinzua Country Tango, recently presented a \$3,975 check to Mercyhurst Preparatory School in Erie for its 1st place win in the KCTC High School Challenge Relay Race. The relay adventure, sponsored by Kwik Fill, included a 13.1-mile run, 20-mile bike, 2.2-mile swim, 6-mile orienteering, 4.5-mile run and an 8-mile canoe race. Pictured left to right are Kirk Skelton, chair of the MPS physical education department and student participants Nick Stolar, Conrad Kubaney, (Turner) and Abe Sorek.



Juniors Cassy Unger and Molly Jane Phelps sport "fun ties" as part of the Catholic Schools Week celebration at Mercyhurst Prep. The week also included an all-school liturgy, food drive, special luncheon, games, raffles and a drive-in movie party.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Erie



ERIE — During Catholic Schools Week, students at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Erie collected socks which were given to different organizations. Teachers and staff were honored with a lunch from the Parent-Teacher Council, followed

by a game of volleyball pitting the 8th graders against the OLMC staff. The school received special guests from St. Mary's Home and Independence Court who came to play bingo with the students. Father Raymond Hahn was the enthusiastic bingo caller.

St. Joseph School, Lucinda

LUCINDA — Students at St. Joseph School in Lucinda were busy with service projects before and during Catholic Schools Week. Pre-school through sixth grade raised money for PAWS, a local pet assistance center. Second grade sold lemonade, with proceeds benefiting local food banks, and 3rd grade collected food for

them. Fourth grade made cards for shut-ins and prayed the rosary for those in need. The faculty and staff donated money to the Safe Kids program at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. The highlight of the week was the Grandparents' Day Mass on Friday when the children sang before and during Mass.

Notre Dame School, Hermitage

HERMITAGE — Notre Dame School in Hermitage celebrated service for Catholic Schools Week by visiting the elderly at the Nugent Home and holding a bingo and talent event. The sixth graders have developed friendships with many of the residents, as they have visited the Nugent Home three times already this year. Students in grades K-4 held a Hoop-A-Thon and collected money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Students in grades 5-8 held

a Hoop-A-Thon and collected money for the American Heart Association. The students made thank you cards for local businesses that support Catholic education. All the classes brought in monetary donations to support the Best of the Batch Foundation, which is set up by Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Charlie Batch and provides programs that directly impact the youth of disadvantaged communities in Pittsburgh.

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