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Church Calendar

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Feast days



St. Philip Neri Visitation

May 25	St. Bede the Venerable St. Gregory VII St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
May 26	St. Philip Neri
May 27	St. Augustine of Canterbury
May 30	Memorial Day
May 31	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
June 1	St. Justin
June 2	Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation)
June 3	St. Charles Lwanga and his companions

Confirmations

St. Jude the Apostle, Erie – Monday, May 23 at 7 p.m. Confirmation classes include St. Julia, Erie, and St. Jude the Apostle, Erie.

St. Adalbert, Farrell – Friday, May 27 at 7 p.m. Confirmation classes include St. Anthony, Farrell; St. Stanislaus-Holy Trinity, Sharon; Our Lady of Fatima, Farrell; and St. Adalbert, Farrell.

St. Patrick, Franklin – Saturday, May 28 at 5:15 p.m.

Holy Cross, Fairview – Thursday, June 2 at 7 p.m. Confirmation classes include St. John the Evangelist, Girard, and Holy Cross, Fairview.

Beloved Disciple, Grove City – Friday, June 3 at 7 p.m.

Clergy appointments

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



Father Vincent Cieslewicz, reappointed as pastor of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Smethport, and St. Joseph Parish, Mount Jewett, for a term of six years.

Msgr. Daniel Magraw, reappointed as pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Erie, for a term of six years.

Father Jeffery Noble, reappointed as pastor of Notre Dame Parish, Hermitage, for a term of six years.

Father Thomas Whitman, reappointed as pastor of All Saints Parish, Waterford, for a term of six years.

The new Roman Missal

New translation, richer imagery

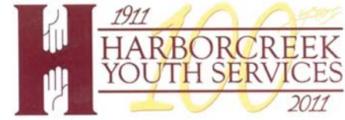
Soon we will begin implementing the third edition of the Roman Missal. The most change you will recognize in this new Mass book is in the translation of the text. The new translation more closely corresponds to the Latin, which is richer in imagery, and hopefully will promote deeper prayer. As you hear these new texts, it is better not to analyze them but to allow the prayer to capture your heart and lift yourselves to God.



– Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) clergy workshop kit

COUNTDOWN: There are 189 days to the implementation of the new Roman Missal (as of May 22)

Providing help and hope



Harborcreek Youth Services celebrates 100 years of serving youth and families

By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife editor

ERIE – Stanley Mokwa remembers his time at Harborcreek Youth Services in 1953 as the point when his life turned around.

"I was 16 and I thought I knew it all," Mokwa said. His mother had a nervous breakdown, and he and his sister were placed in St. Joseph's Home for Children. They were there a year-and-a-half before they went to live with their cousins.

But Mokwa said he had issues with his anger, and he found himself at what was then called the Harborcreek Training School for Boys.

"The nuns taught me that

you have to learn to control yourself," he said. "I had to learn self control and to respect authority."

Those lessons have stayed with him throughout his life.

"It makes me feel proud," Mokwa said.

Mokwa has been married for 45 years, has four children and is retired from the work force.

"That's something to be proud of, too," he said.

Mokwa joined several other resident alumni, along with

members of the community, staff and board members, benefactors and friends May 11 to mark the 100th anniversary of Harborcreek Youth Services.

Bishop Donald Trautman celebrated an anniversary Mass at St. Peter Cathedral, which was followed by a luncheon at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie.

An affiliate of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, Harborcreek Youth Services is a psychiatric residential treatment facility providing treatment to males, ages 10 to 18, who demonstrate mental health, behavior and/or legal problems.

In 1911, Msgr. H.C. Wie-

cker, the first diocesan superintendent of schools, and the Sisters of St. Joseph founded what was then called the Catholic Boys Protectorate to provide a safe haven for boys who were too old to remain at St. Joseph's Home for Children. The mission began when 37 boys and six Sisters of St. Joseph moved into an old farmhouse in Harborcreek. A few years later, it began accepting youth from the Erie County Juvenile Court.

"While the culture was very different in 1911, there was then and now a desire on the part of the church to help those in need," Bishop Trautman said in his homily.

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Tomorrow's priest: Deacon Jason Feigh

By Jason Koshinski
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Soon, Deacon Jason Feigh will be present to the people of God in the most intimate moments of their lives. He'll be with them during the joys of baptism, their loss during the death of a loved one and offer Christ's forgiveness during reconciliation.

"Just being with people in these moments, it's humbling to think about," Feigh said. "I look forward to offering the sacraments, being with my brothers and sisters in Christ and ministering to them."

Feigh will be ordained to the priesthood on June 10 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie during a 7 p.m. Mass and ceremony.

He grew up in a Catholic home and attended Mass with his family each week. He remembers first thinking about the priesthood when he was 12 years old. His family would point out his attentiveness at church.

"I always found what they were doing in the sanctuary intriguing," Feigh said.

As he got older, he said he became more involved in parish life at St. Basil the Great in Coalport, first as an altar server. Then he heard about a live-in weekend experience at St.

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Deacon Jason Feigh

Age: 25
Hometown: Coalport
Home parish: St. Basil the Great, Coalport

Family: Parents, John and Mary Jane Feigh; brother and sister-in-law, Matt and Kathy Feigh; nieces, Emma and Sophia Feigh; numerous uncles and aunts.

Schools attended:

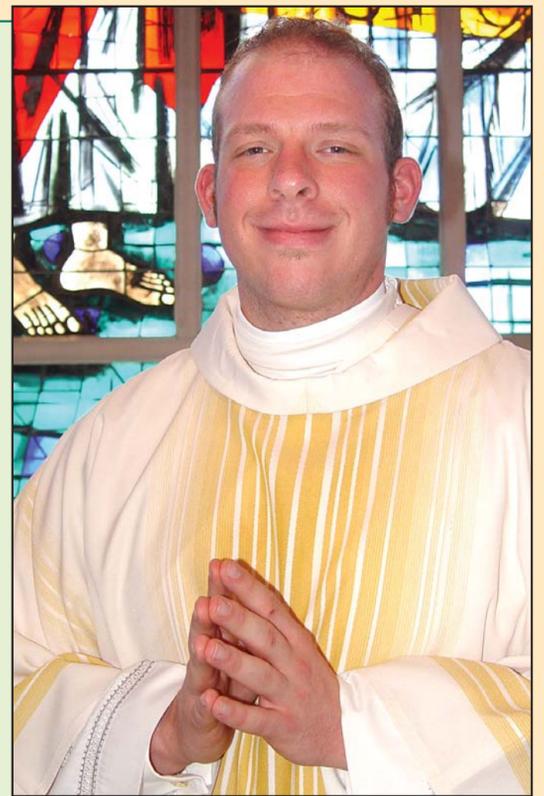
- ▶ Glendale Area Elementary School, Flinton, Pa.
- ▶ Glendale Area Junior-Senior High School, Flinton, Pa.
- ▶ St. Mark Seminary formation program, Erie
- ▶ Gannon University, Erie
- ▶ St. Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore

Seminarian assignments:

- ▶ Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Erie
- ▶ Institute for Priestly Formation, Omaha, Neb.
- ▶ St. John, Westminster, Md.
- ▶ St. Joseph Hospital, Towson, Md.
- ▶ Catholic Community of South Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.
- ▶ St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Baltimore, Md.

Deacon assignment:

- ▶ Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Erie



Deacon Jason Feigh

Christ the King honors Msgr. Mignot

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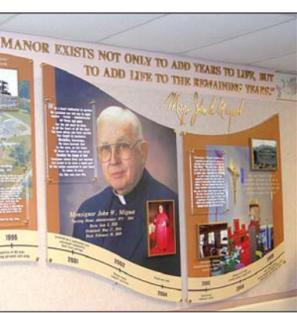
For more than 30 years, Msgr. John Mignot served as administrator of Christ the King Manor in DuBois. Today, two years after his death, his service and ministry to the senior care center and Catholic Charities affiliate is memorialized at its entrance.

Bishop Donald Trautman blessed and dedicated a memorial wall in honor of Msgr. Mignot on April 14 during a prayer service at Christ the King Manor. Many residents, board members, clergy and friends gathered to pay tribute to the longtime administrator.

"Msgr. Mignot reflected the care and compassion described in the Beatitudes. We are grateful for all his efforts to build up, expand and update this facility. He was motivated by love of Christ and love of you, the residents," the bishop said.

The memorial, designed by Sekula Sign Corporation of DuBois, records a time-line of the history of Christ the King Manor. It begins with the groundbreaking for the original building 40 years ago and ends with the addition of the Msgr. John Mignot Short-Term Rehab Unit in 2009.

Artists incorporated many of Msgr. Mignot's personal quotes and prayers, as well as his signature in the memorial. One of Msgr. Mignot's famous sayings graces the top of the wall: "Christ



the King Manor exists not only to add years to life but to add life to the remaining years."

Msgr. Mignot served as administrator of Christ the King Manor from 1971 to 2004. He died in 2009 while still contributing to the facility on a daily basis.

"It's hard to believe that Msgr. Mignot has been gone for a little more than two years," said Sam Zaffuto, administrator of Christ the King Manor. "But it's taken a long time to get a memorial that was suitable, to recognize someone who gave so much of his life to Christ the King Manor."

Bishop Trautman said the wall memorializes Msgr. Mignot's service.

"We need to say thank you and remember him in prayer," he said. "We need to imitate his good works. He was a humble servant of the Lord. Today we honor a great priest of God, a great administrator. May God reward him and bless him and may we all continue to carry on his love for Christ the King Manor."

'To Know and To Serve'

St. James School wins religion competition

ERIE – Teams from four finalist Catholic schools in the Diocese of Erie challenged each other on questions about their faith during the annual "To Know and To Serve" religion competition April 19 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie.

The four regional winners in the finals included St. James School, Erie; Blessed Sacrament School, Erie; St. Michael School, Greenville; and St. Marys Catholic Middle School, St. Marys.

The project combines religious education and service for sixth grade students in the diocese's Catholic school system, said Kim Lytle, director of curriculum and teacher personnel for the Catholic Schools Office.

The competition encourages students to enhance their knowledge of the Catholic faith while increasing their interaction with social service agencies.

Catholic schools put together five-member teams to compete at the regional level. Those winning their regionals compete at the diocesan level. The material for the questions comes from the sixth grade religion textbooks published by RCL.



Pictured (left to right) are members of the St. James School team: Kevin Bello, Jack Groshek, Morgan Rospierski, Sarah Babay, Karoline Kienholz and Anna-Marie Osiecki.

The entrance "fee" for entering the competition has each team adopt a social service agency. The entire sixth grade class from the school will host one service project for their agency. At the five regional levels, the winning teams receive \$100 to donate to their sponsored agency. At the diocesan level, the winning team receives an additional \$100 for its agency.

St. James School won the diocesan-level of competition by correctly answering 48 out of 50 questions.

Beginning in September, this group got together at least three days each week to go over material from the religion book, according to their teacher, Paula Pacinelli.

For their service project, the students began writing letters to senior citizens at St. James Parish. They also made and delivered Easter baskets.



IN THE U.S.

■ Southern dioceses cope with aftermath of worst storms in decades
Southern U.S. Catholic dioceses are seeking aid for those shattered by the violent storms and devastating tornadoes that tore through their region in late April, killing more than 350 people. Officials from several dioceses told Catholic News Service that they are also busy assessing damage to church buildings and schools, and several special collections have been started to help those in need. Archbishop Thomas Rodi of Mobile, Ala., asked all pastors in his archdiocese to hold a second collection to assist tornado victims, especially in the neighboring Diocese of Birmingham, which covers the northern portion of Alabama, home to the hardest hit cities of Birmingham, Cullman and Tuscaloosa. Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, noted that most of the tornado damage "occurred mostly in mission dioceses that do not enjoy the blessing of substantial financial resources."

■ Catholic offertory giving may have rebounded after recessionary lull
Catholic parishes seem to have weathered the recession of 2008, according to a study issued April 27. The study, "Holy Toll," conducted by the Hartford Institute for Religious Research, part of the inter-faith Hartford Seminary in Connecticut, noted that more than half — 57 percent — of Catholic parishes said their offertory collections had declined either "a lot or a little" during the recession. According to the National Bureau of Economic Research, the recession began in December 2007 and ended in June 2009. The Catholic numbers, gleaned from earlier research conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University in Washington, also said 13 percent of parishes studied indicated their offertory revenues had dipped but then rebounded, while 30 percent said they saw no change or had grown. Asked about their current financial situation, an equal percentage of parishes — 40 percent



each — said it was "good or excellent" or "tight," while the remaining 20 percent said their parish was experiencing "some" or "serious" difficulty.

■ House passes bill making Hyde Amendment permanent
The House has approved a bill that would make the Hyde Amendment permanent, limit tax deductions for the cost of an abortion and block other potential use of federal funds for any clinic or doctor who offers abortions. The legislation is unlikely to reach a Senate vote and would likely be vetoed by President Barack Obama if it should pass. But supporters of the bill called for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., to bring the bill to the floor. In a 251-175 vote May 4, the House approved H.R. 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, which would make permanent the restrictions of the Hyde Amendment, prohibiting the use of federal funds for any abortion. The amendment currently must be renewed each year.

AROUND THE WORLD

■ Vatican says bin Laden's death cause for reflection, not rejoicing
The Vatican said the killing of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, a man who sowed division and hatred and who caused "innumerable" deaths, should prompt serious reflection about one's responsibility before God, not rejoicing. The Vatican statement May 2 came the day after President Barack Obama announced that U.S. forces had killed bin Laden in an attack on his hideout in northwest Pakistan. In several U.S. cities, the news prompted street demonstrations and expressions of jubilation. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, released a brief written statement reacting to the news. "Osama bin Laden, as we all know, bore the most serious responsibility for spreading divisions and hatred among populations, causing the deaths of innumerable people, and manipulating religions to this end," Father Lombardi said. "In the face of a man's death, a Christian never rejoices, but reflects on the serious responsibilities of each person before God and before men, and hopes and works so that every event may be the occasion for the further growth of peace and not of hatred."

■ Faith, like water, is life-giving, pope says in Venice
Visiting Venice, the city of gondolas and canals, Pope Benedict XVI said Christians must make sure their lives as individuals and communities reflect the life-giving qualities of water and not the chaos and destruction it can bring. "Water is an ambivalent symbol: of life, but also death; the populations struck by flooding and tsunamis know this," the pope said May 8 at the end of a two-day visit to Aquileia and Venice in northern Italy.



■ Mexicans call for peace, new public policies in drug war



Tens of thousands of Mexicans streamed through the Mexican capital, calling for peace and new public policies in the drug war to end a wave of violence that has claimed more than 36,000 lives over the past four years. Catholic leaders were prominent in the May 8 march, which began in Cuernavaca, 40 miles south of Mexico City, three days earlier. It gained increasing numbers, media attention and controversy as it converged on the capital for a rally in which many participants chanted slogans calling for the departure of President Felipe Calderon. Catholic poet Javier Sicilia, whose son, Juan Francisco, was murdered March 28 in Cuernavaca, led the march, which began with a blessing from Bishop Raul Vera Lopez of Saltillo. It ended with Sicilia marching arm-in-arm with Father Jose Alejandro Solalinde, whose fight to protect undocumented migrants from criminal groups in Oaxaca state has drawn nationwide attention.

By the Way...

Jason Koshinski

In June 1993, St. Peter Cathedral in Erie was rededicated on the centenary of its opening and dedication in 1893.

May 17 marked the 100th anniversary of the cathedral's solemn consecration. Between 1893 and 1911, the interior of the Diocese of Erie's mother church was beautified and the debt was paid off. Bishop John Edmund Fitzmaurice, Bishop Tobias Mullen's successor, saw to it that this further step of consecration was made possible.

This centennial event was remembered May 17 at the cathedral's four daily Masses, noting the benefactors of the cathedral past and present, our departed bishops, its departed priests and sisters, its living and deceased members of the congregation and the intentions of Bishop Donald Trautman and the needs of the diocese.

The new Blessed John Paul II Elementary School, which will operate in the Shenango Valley beginning in the fall, is ahead of the curve when it comes to having institutions named after the church's newest blessed.

Regionalization of Catholic schools in the area required a new school name. At the suggestion of Bishop Trautman, the school, which will be located in Hermitage, will take on the name of the late Holy Father. The decision was officially made last fall, shortly after John Paul II's beatification date was announced. Early registrations indicate a very strong enrollment at the new school.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington announced May 2 that the new archdiocesan seminary opening for the fall semester will be named for Blessed John Paul II. A few other dioceses across the country have made similar announcements in naming schools and other institutions after JPPII.

As this edition of *FaithLife* went to press, Gannon University announced May 16 that Dr. Keith Taylor has been named the seventh president of the university. The university's Board of Trustees unanimously approved Dr. Taylor to succeed Dr. Antoine Garibaldi as president of Gannon. Dr. Taylor was chosen from a pool of more than 40 candidates after a national search to fill the position.

Dr. Taylor, currently Gannon's provost and vice president for academic affairs, will begin serving as president on July 1.

"Gannon University is a special place with exceptional and dynamic students, faculty and staff," Dr. Taylor said. "I am extremely grateful for the support of the Board of Trustees and I'm excited about leading this great university into the future."

"In addition, I am privileged to have the opportunity to help distinguish the university as a leader in comprehensive Catholic higher education," he added. "Higher education has been my vocation and passion for decades, and my heart is firmly committed to Gannon."

Look for a full story in our June 5 issue.

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Mark Seminary in Erie.

Father Mark Hoffman, who served as the Diocese of Erie's vocation director at the time, invited him to give it a try.

"His was one of the models of priesthood I saw that was pretty powerful," Feigh said.

Father Alex Amico, his pastor at the time, and Father Zab Amar, the present pastor, were two others that influenced him.

"He was very open and very supportive of vocations," Feigh said of Father Amico. "He served as a good pastor and role model."

Coming to the end of his high school years, his career thoughts were on the priesthood, becoming a teacher, a newscaster/meteorologist or a pharmacist. Then he made the live-in retreat at the seminary.

"I had to go investigate it," Feigh said. "I noticed that the guys here were normal guys trying to discern their call."

He entered St. Mark Seminary and Gannon University in

Erie, which was the first Catholic school he attended. He said the support of his parents and family members helped him throughout the discernment process. He was even encouraged by some of his non-Catholic friends.

"Being in seminary helped me along with my prayer," he said. "Prayer should be a priority in anyone's life, particularly someone who might be called to the priesthood. The faculty would tell us, 'Life's hard; you'd better be linked closely in a relationship with Jesus.'"

A To Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat during his sophomore year of college opened his eyes about being someone who seeks God in prayer and seeks to do God's will.

During a study abroad trip to Rome, he attended classes at the Angelicum. It was the first year of Pope Benedict XVI's pontificate. He received Communion from the Holy Father on Pentecost Sunday in 2006. He'll be ordained a priest just before the church celebrates Pentecost this year.



Deacon Jason Feigh will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Donald Trautman on Friday, June 10 during a 7 p.m. Mass at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie.

Feigh said he's always found fulfillment in lending a hand to someone, not for his own benefit, but to reach out to something deeper. He said he sees the priesthood as an extension of lending that helping hand.

"Reaching people is a challenge," he said. "We have to make sure we are with the people where they are. We need to have a sense of reality but be rooted in

the church."

Feigh said he sees technology as both a strength and a weakness today.

"It's a good way to reach out to people," he said. "I see more and more use for it as an evangelization of the Gospel. It's a different way for people to see the church and for us to say, 'Look, there is still relevance here.'"

He said the challenge and strength of the priesthood is reaching today's youth.

"But a good priestly vocation will lead others, young and old, to a relationship with Christ," he said.

Having entered seminary in the wake of the church's abuse scandal in the United States, Feigh said he hopes to be a priest who can help heal and build up the Body of Christ.

"The challenge is regaining the trust of the people," he said. "That's part of what we have to do now. We have to show that the church is not only relevant in its truth but it's also trustworthy."

Feigh said he enjoys a number of devotions including the rosary, daily Mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and St.

Faustina Kowalska's message of Divine Mercy.

"I've been enamored these last four years by Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati," Feigh said. His interest in the Italian blessed known as the man of the Beatitudes increased when he met Frassati's great-niece.

He has a devotion to St. Jason, his patron saint, "because he's obscure and awesome" and St. Francis of Assisi, whose name he took for confirmation.

On a personal level, Feigh is a movie buff of all genres, loves anything dealing with Coca-Cola and has an eclectic taste when it comes to music.

"Anything from Gregorian Chant to rap," he said.

He enjoys the outdoors, swimming and playing sports, "though I'm not really good at them," he said. He is also a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Feigh has simple advice for someone considering entering the seminary.

"Just give it a try and see where the Lord takes you," he said. "Christ works through everybody and has a plan for all of us."

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Briefly

Sisters of St. Joseph to host appreciation event in Clearfield

CLEARFIELD – The Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania will host an appreciation event in Clearfield as part of the congregation's ongoing 150th anniversary celebration. The Sisters of St. Joseph ministered in the Clearfield/Houtzdale area for many years.

The sisters will be at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Clearfield on Sunday, May 29 for a Mass at 11:30 a.m. which will be followed by a reception. The event is free and open to the public; no pre-registration is required.

For more information on the history of the Sisters of St. Joseph, visit www.ssjeric.org.



Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth anniversary celebration at St. Stanislaus, Erie

ERIE – The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth (CSFN) are celebrating 125 years of ministry in the United States and have been holding local celebrations at key locations around the province for the past year.

On Sunday, June 5, the sisters will celebrate in Erie at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Stanislaus Parish, 516 E. 13th St., followed by a blessing of Nazareth Center, the former convent. Msgr. Bernard Urbaniak, pastor of St. Stanislaus, will offer the Mass. All are invited.

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth arrived in the U.S. in 1885 and ministered in Erie from 1915 through 2000.

Camp Notre Dame open house

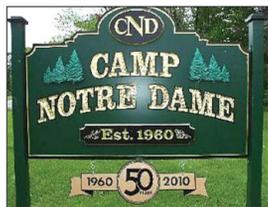
FAIRVIEW – Camp Notre Dame will hold an open house on Sunday, June 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. for interested families.

Learn more about resident and day camping for children ages 4-16, and visit with staff and administrators.

Mass will be celebrated in Hilbert Hall at 12:15 p.m.

Near the shores of Lake Erie, Camp Notre Dame is open year-round with programs for the entire family. It is affiliated with the Diocese of Erie.

Camp Notre Dame is located at 400 Easton Road in Fairview. For more information, call 814.474.5001 or visit www.camp-notredame.com.



People in the News

Sister Christine Vladimiroff, OSB, named executive director of St. Benedict Education Center

ERIE – Sister Christine Vladimiroff, OSB, has been named the new executive director of St. Benedict Education Center (SBEC), effective July 1.

The appointment was announced by Sister Anne Wambach, OSB, prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie.

Sister Christine will continue the work of Sister Miriam Mashank, OSB, who is stepping back from the executive director position as of June 30 but will remain at SBEC to work on special projects.

Following 22 years as a teacher, principal and college professor in the Diocese of Erie, Sister Christine served as multi-cultural coordinator and then superintendent of schools and secretary of education in Cleveland (1982-1991).

Sister Christine, former prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie (1998-2010) and former president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (2004), is currently the president of the Conference of Benedictine Prioresses. She served as CEO and president of Second Harvest National Network (1991-1998).

SBEC, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters, has been the primary contractor for employment and training programs for the Department of Public Welfare for 21 years. Located in the former St. Benedict Academy building in downtown Erie, SBEC offers intensive case management, academic remediation, job readiness preparation, job development and job placement assistance for 2,900 people each year, including more than 500 refugees.



Sister Christine Vladimiroff, OSB



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HYS celebrates 100 years of serving youth and families

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"There was then and now a program of compassionate charity for young boys."

He called Harborcreek Youth Services a concrete sign of Catholic Charities and its staff an instrument of the Lord's healing.

"We are celebrating today the presence of the risen Jesus in this facility, reaching out, teaching, changing and guiding his young brothers to new lives," Bishop Trautman said. "Harborcreek Youth Services is a source of help and healing, of stability and strength for new, emerging needs of young men in our contemporary culture."

John Petulla, chief executive officer of Harborcreek Youth Services, welcomed luncheon attendees by thanking them for their support and offered a thought for the day.

"Nurture hope in a child and the world flourishes," Petulla said. "I think that probably has been the sentiment throughout our history."

Sister Carol Morehouse, SSI, chair of the board of trustees, recognized several residential alumni in the crowd, along with former and current board and staff members including Sister Hildegard Boxer, Sister Rachel McGuire and Sister Antonia Domeracki, who are three of the surviving Sisters of St. Joseph who staffed Harborcreek Youth Services.

"All those years ago, the first sisters and Father Wienker came together as a team to accomplish what became the beginning of Harborcreek Youth Services," Sister Carol said. "Throughout the years, the agency has known that we don't get anywhere by ourselves. We're very grateful for all of the benefactors and the support we've received over the years."

Erie County Executive Barry Grossman, who was the keynote speaker, recalled the many names the agency has had over its history: Catholic Boys Protector, Catholic Training School for Boys, Harborcreek School for



The HYS choir performed the agency's theme song, "Lean on Me," and dedicated it to Bishop Trautman.

Boys and Harborcreek Youth Services.

"While its name has changed several times, its identity has not," Grossman said.

He broke down the agency's 100 years as 876,600 hours of working with young people.

"These are hours of sweat, love and compassion that have touched the lives of thousands of young men who otherwise may have been the victims of society's indifference," he said.

Bishop Trautman and James, an HYS resident, then exchanged gifts. James gave the bishop a framed collage of photos of his

interactions with HYS residents. The bishop asked James to bring the news to his fellow residents that he will throw them a pizza party at a time of their choice. He then gave James a stained-glass crucifix to be hung at the residential facility.

"You are the light of the world," he said. "Let the light of Christ shine through you, and let your light shine. We are proud of you. Believe in yourselves because we believe in you."

The bishop then presented Petulla with a papal blessing from Pope Benedict XVI in honor of the agency's anniversary.

DEATH NOTICE

Father Norbert Wolf

Father Norbert G. Wolf, 88, who dedicated much of his priestly ministry to education, died May 10, 2011, at St. Mary's Home in Erie.

He was born March 20, 1923, son of the late Joseph and Elizabeth (Trapp) Wolf.

He attended St. John the Baptist School, Erie, and graduated from Cathedral Preparatory School, Erie, in 1941.

He began studies for the priesthood at Gannon University, Erie, and continued his studies at St. Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore, Md., where he earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1944 and completed his theological studies for ordination.

He pursued further studies after ordination at Theological College of the Catholic University

of America, Washington, D.C., where he earned his master's in theology in 1949.

He was ordained to the priesthood on May 15, 1947, at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie by Archbishop John Mark Gannon. His home parish was St. John the Baptist, Erie.

Following ordination to the priesthood and graduate stud-

ies in theology, Father Wolf was appointed in 1949 to Gannon University, where he remained until 1975. His primary office at Gannon was as treasurer, but he also served as an instructor of theology, classical languages and history, assistant dean of men and vice president for business affairs.

While an administrator at Gannon, Father Wolf helped oversee the construction of Wehrle and Beyer halls and Zurn Science Center as well as various other construction and renovation projects.

During his years at Gannon, he also served as administrator at St. John Parish, Tidouete, and as parochial vicar at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Girard.

In 1975, he was appointed pas-

tor of St. Michael Parish, Emlenton, where he served until 1977 when he was appointed pastor of St. Boniface Parish, Kersey. During his tenure in Kersey, he also served as administrator at Holy Cross Parish in Brandy Camp (1990-93). In 1993, he was assigned as senior associate at Holy Rosary Parish, Johnsonburg, and St. Anne Parish, Wilcox, and its mission church of Holy Cross, Rasselas.

In 2000, he retired to reside at St. Mary's Home. Other responsibilities given to him included membership on the Bishop's Finance Council and on the Gannon University Board of Trustees. He also served as confessor to the Carmelite Sisters of Holy Family Monastery, Erie.



Father Norbert Wolf

June 8, Holy Rosary 2nd Annual Four-Person Golf Scramble

Venango Valley Golf Course
\$75 per person, \$300 per foursome; includes golf and cart, lunch, beverages, raffle prizes, Chinese auction, 50/50 and steak dinner. Proceeds benefit Holy Rosary Church, Erie. Deadline to register is May 25, 2011. Contact Ken at 814-825-7375 to register and/or for more info.

June 11, Our Lady of Lourdes Old Fashioned Strawberry Festival

Our Lady of Lourdes Social Hall
251 South Franklin St., Cochran
4-7:30 pm; ice cream, cake, strawberries, sloppy joes, chicken sandwiches and hot dogs available; Chinese auction. Cost: \$3.50. Call 814-789-2022.

June 18 St. Anthony Festival and Chicken BBQ

St. Anthony Parish Center, South Main St., Cambridge Springs.
4-10 pm; bingo, bake sale, basket auction, big basket raffle and games. BBQ chicken dinners: \$8, takeouts available. Tickets on sale now at St. Anthony's or by calling 814-398-4234.

June 25 St. Bernadette Chicken BBQ

222 Renner Ln., Saegertown
12-7 pm; sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, cake and ice cream topped with strawberries. 814-763-2831.

July 4, St. Joseph's 72nd Annual 4th of July Celebration

St. Joseph Parish Grounds, 112 Rectory Lane, Lucinda (along Rt. 66).
11 am-4 pm, rain or shine. Canopy covered and handicap accessible. Chicken and ham dinners, soup with homemade noodles and homemade pies. Dinner tickets on sale at 10 am; dinner: 11 am-3 pm; takeouts: 11 am-2 pm; adult: \$7.50, child 6-12: \$3.50, 6 and under: free. Games of skill and chance, live entertainment, bingo and over \$35,000 in cash and prizes including over 20 handmade quilts. www.st-joseph-lucinda.org; 814-226-7288.

July 10, SummerFest '11 Our Lady of Mercy

837 Bartlett Rd., Harborcreek
Noon-5 pm; BBQ chicken dinner, something for everyone: raffles, game tables, Chinese auction, children's activities, hand-crafted items and bake sale; 814-899-5342.

July 28 St. Teresa of Avila Parish Lawn Festival

9 Third Ave., Union City
5-9 pm, rain or shine; games, food, raffles, prizes, Chinese auction, pony rides, bake sale, crafts and music. Grand prize drawing (\$500) and other prizes awarded at 9 pm (need not be present to win). Come to the festival for good food, family fun and games. For more information: 814-438-2000.

July 31 115th Annual Ham or Chicken Dinner

St. Hippolyte, 26012 N. Frenchtown Rd. Rte. 27, Frenchtown
Noon-6:30 pm; ham or chicken dinner and takeouts available; 814-789-2022.

August 5-7 Ss. Cosmas and Damian Lawn Festival

616 W. Mahoning St., Punxsutawney
Fri. and Sat., 6-11 pm; Sun., 12:30-11 pm. Grand prize: 2011 Chevy Cruze RS LTZ or \$15,000; 2nd prize: sofa and chair set; 3rd prize: Sanyo 31.5 LCD HDTV with DVD player, PC input; 4th prize: \$300 in Sheetz gasoline cards; 5th prize: 32 GB iPod Touch. Sunday buffet, nightly entertainment, food, fun and fellowship. www.sscdchurch.com, 814-938-6540.

August 12-14 St. Paul Italian Festival

453 W. 16th St., Erie; Fri., 6-10 pm; Sat., 1-10 pm; Sun., 12-8 pm. Friday: 5:15 pm Mass, pasta fagioli dinner and music by The Two Cousins from 7-10 pm; Saturday: 4:30 pm Mass and music by The Contels from 7-10 pm; Sunday: 11 am Mass followed by procession of the Virgin Mary statue, spaghetti dinner from 12-5 pm and music by Ruby Port from 5-8 pm. Daily activities include: home-made foods, games, prizes, bingo, games of chance and children's activities. Free trolley shuttle service from Erie Central Mall or from parking lot at 18th and Hickory St.; 814-459-3173.

August 19 Holy Rosary Fun Night

2701 East Ave., Erie
Fri., 4-10 pm; picnic-style foods including corn-on-the-cob, hot dogs, funnel cakes etc. Bocce tournament, Chinese auction, grand award, child games, music and theme baskets. Free admission; 814-824-5936.

August 26-28 Zabawa Polish Heritage Festival

Holy Trinity Church, E. 23rd and Reed streets, Erie; Fri., 5-10 pm; Sat., 1-10:30 pm; Sun., 12-6 pm. Polka Mass: Sat. at 5 pm, Sun. at 11 am. Live music with nationally known bands, Polish kitchen and bakery, raffles, theme baskets, auction, children's activities area, folk dancers and free admission! 814-456-0671, www.holytrinityrc.org.

September 16-18 St. Patrick Annual Erie Irish Festival

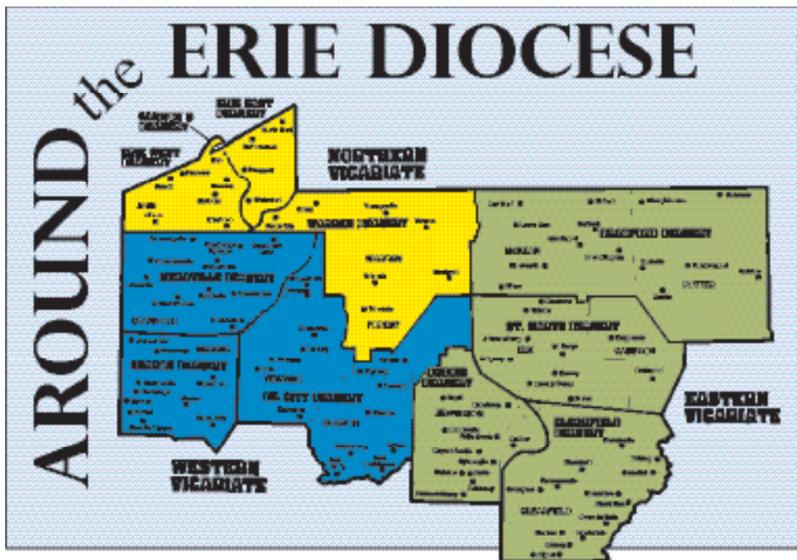
Rainbow Gardens, intersection of 6th and 8th streets. Fri., 5-10:30 pm; Sat., 11:30 am-10:30 pm; Sun., 10:30 am-6 pm. Adult: \$5 and a donation of canned/dry goods to help support St. Patrick Food Bank, under 16: free. 814-454-8085, www.ErieIrishFestival.com.

October 2 Sacred Heart Parish Day Raffle

816 W. 26 St., Erie
Noon-6 pm; raffle: 2011 SLP Camaro "ZL 585" or \$40,000, 585 horsepower, 64th one built. Tickets: \$10 each, 3 for \$20, 10 for \$50. Winner announced at dinner (need not be present to win). 814-456-6256; www.winahotcamaro.com.

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Catholic Rural Ministry hosts reflection for women

PORT ALLEGANY — The sisters of Catholic Rural Ministry in the Bradford Deanery held a reflection afternoon for women May 3 at their residence in Port Allegany.

Fifteen women from nearby areas including Austin, Corry, Eldred, Kane, Smethport and Olean, N.Y., participated in the program.

The theme for the afternoon was "Uncommon Gratitude—Alleluia for All that is." The program included presentations, conversation, private reflection and prayer.

Pictured are Sister Carolyn Gorny-Kopkowski, OSB, presenter (right), along with participants.



St. Luke celebrates Divine Mercy, May crowning

YOUNGSVILLE — St. Luke Parish in Youngsville recently celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday along with the traditional May crowning. Pictured are religious education students along with Sandi Mineweaver, coordinator of the program.



Bishop blesses new mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

ERIE — Bishop Donald Trautman blessed the new east mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery in Erie on April 12.

The mausoleum's chapel includes several items from the former Immaculate Conception Church in Erie. They include the altar and lectern, procession cross, paschal candle holder, crucifix and Stations of the Cross.

Immaculate Conception Parish and St. Mary Parish merged in 2009 to form St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception.

Calvary Cemetery is operated by Erie Diocesan Cemeteries.



St. Boniface School, Kersey, thanks volunteers

KERSEY — St. Boniface School in Kersey recognized and thanked its volunteers for all that they do with a continental breakfast and Mass on May 6.

"They demonstrate our belief that St. Boniface is a partnership among family, community, school and church," said Marie Giazzoni, principal of St. Boniface School.

Pictured (left to right) are: Audrey Cesa, Nini Tamburlin, Dolores Miller, Ginny Skrzyppek, Joanne Angelo and Charles and Alice Dollinger.

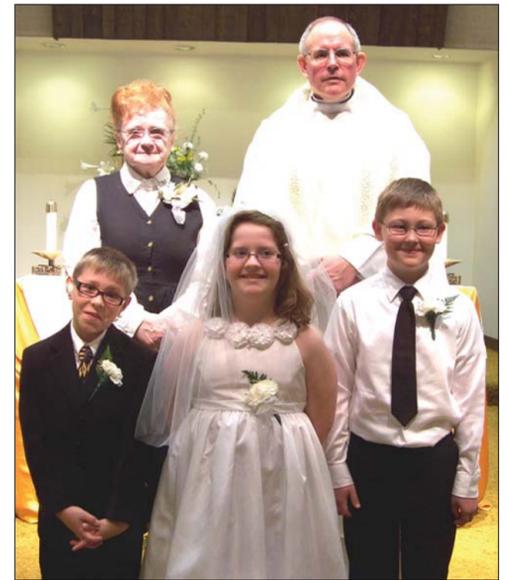


First Communion in Sheffield

SHEFFIELD — First Holy Communion season is in full swing throughout the Diocese of Erie.

Pictured are members of the first communion class from St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Sheffield. Left to right: (front row) Ian Goldthwaite, son of Kelly and Joseph Goldthwaite, Sheffield; Tessa Korchak, daughter of Sarah and Tim Korchak, Blue Jay; and Mitchell McNeal, son of Lori and Kyle McNeal, Sheffield.

Religious education instructor Helen Mangold and Father Stephen Collins are pictured in the back row.



Cathedral Prep, Villa Maria Academy hold outreach day

ERIE — On April 13, students from Cathedral Prep and Villa Maria Academy along with faculty and staff took to the streets to help out the Erie region during the schools' annual "Community Outreach Day."

More than 60 groups met at various locations throughout Erie and spent the day helping out. Activities ranged from social activities with retirement home residents and daycare children to yard work and trash clean-up.

Brandon Wiley, Cathedral Prep director of campus ministry, and Sister Mary Ellen Plumb, SSJ, Villa Maria Academy campus minister, spearheaded the effort.

Pictured are Cathedral Prep



senior Christian Martin and St. Peter pre-school student Amani Thomas enjoying Outreach Day at the Erie Zoo.

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