



INSPIRING WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS
 "Suffering is not a value itself, but rather a reality that Jesus teaches us to approach with the right attitude."

THE SEARCH for Father Morgan (1869-95)



Priest finally memorialized 119 years after death to typhoid fever

By Mary Solberg
 FaithLife

All that survives of Father Edward B. Morgan is a cold paper trail of letters, newspaper articles and a single photograph. Not even an original burial site can be found for the 26-year-old priest of the Diocese of Erie who died nearly 119 years ago from typhoid fever.

Thanks to the zeal of Father Justin Pino, diocesan archivist, Father Morgan is now memorialized at St. Catharine Cemetery in Titusville. On Memorial Day, a new gravestone was dedicated to Father Morgan, whose name was added to the burial plot of former pastors who served St. Titus Parish in this Crawford County community.

"His gravestone was lost," the marker simply states. "Born May 6, 1869. Ordained Oct. 21, 1894. Died Oct. 23, 1895."
 These are the facts that first intrigued Father Pino about 15 years ago when he worked as a high school student in the office of St. Basil in Coalport, Clearfield County. Father Morgan served as pastor of St. Basil the last three months of his life, from August to October 1895, when he was felled by typhoid.

Ordained only the year before, Father Morgan served as assistant pastor at St. Titus immediately after he became a priest. He was a member of one of the first classes to be ordained in the newly dedicated St. Peter Cathedral in Erie. "I was struck that Father Morgan was only

ordained for a year when he died," Father Pino says. "I always wonder what would have happened had he lived longer."

His interest piqued, Father Pino began a methodical search for his brother priest. He unearthed newspaper articles from the *Titusville Morning Herald*, one dated Oct. 24, 1895, the day Father Morgan's body was taken by train from Coalport to Titusville for burial at Calvary Cemetery, and the other Oct. 26, 1895, when a reporter eloquently described the funeral Mass. "Many eyes were full of tears," the article states, as the celebrant paid tribute to the young Father Morgan, calling him "a model of Christianity, modest, unassuming and honorable."

Last fall, on a particularly damp day, Father Pino solicited the help of Father Walter Packard, current pastor of St. Titus, to search for Father Morgan's grave at the now-closed Calvary Cemetery. Walking among toppled tombstones, weeds, brush and mud, the two priests were never able to find the lost burial site.

"It was raining and muddy, but I was bound and determined to find it (the grave)," Father Pino says. "I kept digging around to no avail."

Calvary closed at the turn of the 20th century, when many graves were exhumed and moved to the newly established St. Catharine Cemetery. According to correspondence discovered by Father Pino, Father Morgan's body remained at Calvary at



Photo by Mary Solberg

Msgr. Walter Packard, left, and Father Justin Pino were instrumental in placing a memorial stone to Father Edward B. Morgan, who died from typhoid fever in 1895. "As a priest, I think it's wonderful that we're remembering those who came before us," says Msgr. Packard.

the request of his family.

Finally, Father Pino and Father Packard gave up their search. They decided instead to buy a gravestone so that Father Morgan's memory would not die. Korb Monuments of DuBois prepared the stone, which was financed by Father Pino, St. Basil Parish, the Knights of Columbus of Coalport and Titusville, and St.

Catharine Cemetery.

The placement of the marker was an emotional moment for Father Pino, who at 33 is not much older than Father Morgan was when he died.

"To a teenager who felt a call to the priesthood, who always loved history and felt the handing on and sharing of the church's memory

was important, this was an important thing to do," Father Pino says. "If a grave is forgotten, that person and their history is forgotten."

Standing over the freshly etched memorial, Father Packard and Father Pino scanned the serene cemetery surroundings and remembered the life of Father Morgan...once lost but now found.

Media Study Day

Event addresses benefits, pitfalls of technology

By Mary Solberg
 FaithLife

Everyone who attended last month's Media Study Day coordinated by the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Erie probably had a cell phone stuffed in their pocket or a purse.

What's more likely, though, is that none of them felt totally at ease with carrying those devices, said Msgr. Paul Tighe, the so-called social media guru for the Vatican. Most of those in attendance, he said, were not "technology natives," people who were born and raised during the high-tech explosion of the last 15 to 20 years.

"People are constantly talking about the revolution of technology, but the really significant change is not the technology but the culture of communication," Msgr. Tighe told the audience at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie May 13-14. "The challenge for us is to understand these changes so we can effectively engage with people for whom this is their everyday environment."

Via Skype from his office in Rome, Msgr. Tighe added, "The primary question for the church is not how do we use the technology, but how do we become present in the new environment to ensure that the Word of God is present today?"

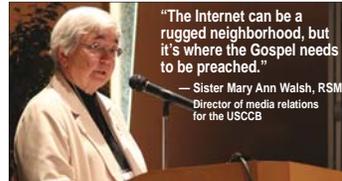
As secretary of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications at the Vatican, Msgr. Tighe kicked off the 24-hour event by discussing how the church can make full use of digital communications. He pointed to the example of Pope Francis, whose Twitter account reaches an estimated 13 million people every day.

"Just as in the past missionaries had to understand a culture, so it is with digital communication. We can't just do what we've always done," he added.



Photo by Mary Solberg

Msgr. Paul Tighe, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications at the Vatican, speaks via Skype at the Media Study Day coordinated by the Diocese of Erie.



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 — Sister Mary Ann Walsh, RSM
 Director of media relations for the USCCB

For most of the priests, sisters and lay people in attendance, digital communication is necessary to reach people who are mostly online or on their cell phones. Pastors and religious educators today are more dependent on Facebook or Twitter than ever before.

Many campus ministers, religious educators and family ministry representatives attended the event, looking for the best ways to interact with the "connected" world. Greg Baker, director of Campus Ministry at Mercyhurst

University, Erie, spoke at the Media Study Day, giving participants a peek inside the world of college students.

He discussed some potential problems inherent with social media, including explicit Skyping, excessive attachment to cell phones and self-documentation, and, ironically, lack of face-to-face communication.

In this fast-paced technological environment, he said, "What people really want is our personal presence."

Other speakers included Sister Mary Ann Walsh, RSM, director of media relations for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C.; Rocco Palmo, a Catholic blogger and television analyst; and Dr. David Delmonico and Elizabeth Griffin, co-authors of *In the Shadows of the Net and Cybersex Unhooked*.

While all the speakers addressed the benefits of social media, they also cautioned against its misuse. Delmonico and Griffin presented some of the psychological repercussions of Internet use, specifically the broad impact of online pornography. They also offered suggestions for Internet privacy.

In her talk, Sister Mary Ann of the USCCB told the audience, "The Internet can be a rugged neighborhood, but it's where the Gospel needs to be preached."

Governor won't appeal same-sex ruling

By Catholic News Service and FaithLife staff

PHILADELPHIA (CNS)—Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett, whose administration has defended the 1996 state law recognizing only marriage between one man and one woman, announced he will not appeal last month's federal ruling that declared the 18-year-old law unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge John E. Jones III struck down Pennsylvania's Defense of Marriage Act on May 20. In his 41-page opinion, Jones said the law that prohibits same-sex marriage and does not recognize the marriages of same-sex couples in other states violates the due process and equal protection clauses of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and is, therefore, unconstitutional.

According to Corbett, "Given the high legal threshold set forth by Judge Jones in this case, the case is extremely unlikely to succeed on appeal."

The judge's ruling cleared the way for same-sex marriage in Pennsylvania. Marriage licenses were immediately issued to same-sex couples in many county courthouses, including Erie.

Negative reaction to the ruling in the Catholic community—including the Diocese of Erie—was swift and strong.

Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia called the federal decision "a mistake with long-term, negative consequences." He said state laws that defend traditional marriage "were enacted for sound reasons—namely to defend the rights of children and contribute to the well-being of the larger community."

Bishop Lawrence Persico of the Diocese of Erie expressed his concern as well.

"I am very disappointed in the federal district court decision striking down Pennsylvania's Defense of Marriage Act, which had been passed by elected officials and recognized marriage as between one man and one woman," Bishop Persico said in a statement released to the media. "The Catholic Church is firmly in support of the dignity of marriage and family based on nature, tradition and Scripture."

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the state's Catholic bishops, decried the outcome of the court case. It called for people to reflect on church teachings on marriage to better understand what is at the heart of the debate.

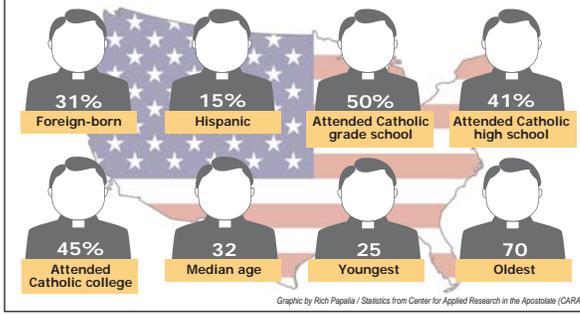
"The PCC pointed to a recent quote from Pope Francis: 'The image of God is the married couple: the man and the woman; not only the man, not only the woman, but both of them together. This is the image of God: love. God's covenant with us is represented in that covenant between man and woman. And this is very beautiful!'"

Defending traditional marriage, the PCC wrote, "doesn't preclude loving our homosexual family members and friends." The PCC urged the public to learn more about Catholic teaching on marriage and sexuality by going to the following sites:

- Catholics for the Common Good at <http://ccgaction.org/>
- Marriage Unique for a Reason at <http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org>
- Pennsylvania Bishops' Statement on Human Sexuality, Marriage and Same-Sex Unions at www.pacatholic.org/bishops-statements/human-sexuality-marriage-and-same-sex-unions

The PCC also invited Pennsylvania citizens to share their opinions with Gov. Corbett through the Catholic Advocacy Network, or sign up to participate in the March for Marriage in Washington, D.C., on June 19.

Class of 2014: Survey of newly ordained priests in U.S.



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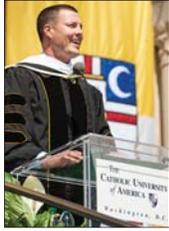
Chargers QB addresses graduates

WASHINGTON (CNS)—San Diego Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers, 32, had two Latin words for The Catholic University of America class of 2014: "Nunc Coepi," or "Now I begin."

If a student earns a bad grade, he or she must always "begin again," Rivers said at the university's 125th annual commencement ceremony May 17 in Washington.

"When I have a bad play or a good play, whether I throw a touchdown or an interception, I must begin again. 'Nunc Coepi,'" Rivers added.

A practicing Catholic, Rivers is a husband and a father of seven.



CNS photo

San Diego Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers speaks at The Catholic University of America's commencement exercises.

Brazil's religions plan to promote peace during 2014 World Cup

SAO PAULO (CNS)—In anticipation of the start of the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil on June 12, leaders of several religions gathered at Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro to kick off what they are calling the World Peace Cup.

Maracana Stadium will host the finals of the world's largest soccer tournament on July 13.

The inter-religious World Peace Cup was designed to promote the spirit of a "world without guns, drugs, violence and racism" during this year's World Cup, said a statement from Rio de Janeiro's archdiocese department that deals with sports.

"We want to score in favor of peace," said Father Leandro Lenin Favares, who works for the archdiocese.

He said the archdiocese's sports pastoral is creating a "peace tent" to bring together players and fans of all nations to the spirit of the games.

"There should be a truce between nations and fans during this period," said Father Favares.

Among religions promoting the World Peace Cup are Catholics, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, evangelicals and indigenous and African religions.



Editor's Notes
Mary SOLBERG

I was struck by a recent Catholic News Service photograph (below) of Israeli workers sewing colorful Vatican flags at Marom factory in Kfar Sava near Tel Aviv.

The women were preparing for the historic May 24-26 visit to the Holy Land by Pope Francis.

At press time, the Holy Father's schedule was to include visits to Jordan, the Palestinian territories and Israel. How inspiring it is to see the pope being welcomed by so many people of different faiths in a region of the world overrun by political conflict.

Politics—not the average person—is directly responsible for the upheaval in the Middle East. A few years ago, I met a young Israeli woman and a Palestinian man who spoke on behalf of the OneVoice Movement, a grassroots effort to achieve unity and peace in the Middle East.

Their efforts are similar to that of Pope Francis, who has been pushing for greater dialogue between people of different faiths all over the world.

He stands out as a reason for hope, especially to many Palestinians who still live in refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza.



Photo by CNS

Women sewing Vatican flags in Israel.

considered their own territories.

Bishop Denis Madden, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, blogged about the impact of the pope's trip, saying: "As he does on all of his trips, Pope Francis will carry with him a message of love, brotherhood, peace, and concern for all, especially the poor."

"The pope comes to a region torn by strife not only between the various communities but even within these communities. His very presence will say to all, 'we really don't have to live this way.'"

The *Bradford Era* published a nice story about **Bernice Welch**, an 84-year-old parishioner of St. Raphael Parish in Eldred, McKean County. Bernice and her goddaughter traveled to the canonization ceremony of Popes John Paul II and John XXIII in Rome this spring. Bernice wanted to witness the event because of her love for Pope John Paul II, whom she met on another trip to Italy in 1998.

"Of course, he's Polish and I'm Polish so I was very interested in being there for the canonization," Bernice told the *Era*.

Not letting her age get in the way, Bernice says she's thinking of going to Krakow for the 2015 World Youth Day.

Msgr. Jan Olowin, the former director of the Mission Office of the Diocese of Erie, writes from Arizona that **Kevin Lamb**, one of the first lay volunteers at the Erie Diocesan Mission of Friendship in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, has been named the senior adviser for Organizational Effectiveness for Catholic Relief Services headquartered in Baltimore.

Kevin, who is from Erie, studied at Harvard and later became director of development for Carnegie University. He served in the Arab emirate of Qatar while with Carnegie.

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Having a Ball

Catholic Charities Ball raises record-breaking funds

More than \$100,000 was raised—an all-time high—at the 19th annual Catholic Charities Ball at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie last month.

The beneficiaries will be the needy who live in the 13 counties of the Diocese of Erie.

"At this point, with still some donations coming in, we feel confident that we broke through \$100,000, setting an all-time record in net proceeds for distribution to those who are most in need throughout the diocese," said Emma Lee McCloskey, executive director of diocesan development.

The evening of music, dancing and fundraising attracted more than 400 people to the bayfront venue, an ideal setting for the popular annual dance competition with local celebrities. Nine couples competed in a 3-minute, 50-second dance to the song "Happy" by Pharrell Williams.

Taking first place in the men's category was Doug Massey of the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership, and experienced dance partner, Kathy Wayman. First place in the women's category was Colleen Stumpf, an attorney with the Quinn Law Firm, and her dance partner, Rick Boldizar.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to be involved with Catholic Charities," said Stumpf, who specializes in estate planning and administration, business law and educational law.

During the evening, those in attendance had an opportunity to donate to various charities represented in the diocese. One ticket for a gift basket was given for every \$10 donation. Gifts included a weekend getaway to Chautauqua Institute, a flat screen television, a Bose Sound-Dock speaker system, to name a few.

According to McCloskey, funds raised will be distributed in August to the charities. In the past eight years alone, more than \$409,000 has been distributed from ball funds to needy individuals and families of all faiths.



Photo by Darlene Derrow

Meet the winners of the men's and women's categories of the popular Catholic Charities Ball celebrity dance competition. Experienced dancer Kathy Wayman, far left, stands next to her partner, Doug Massey, of the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Part-

nership. Colleen Stumpf, an attorney with the Quinn Law Firm, second from right, holds her trophy with experienced dance partner, Rick Boldizar.

In the Diocese of Erie in 2013, Catholic Charities served an estimated 26,000 unduplicated persons in soup kitchens, pantries, dining in soup kitchens, pantries, seniors and food banks. More than 14,000 people received clothing assistance and more than 200 refugees were settled into communities.

McCloskey credits the leadership team, including chairperson Barb McNamara, for making the event a success. There were more than 30 major sponsors.

Women religious and clergy were well represented at this year's Catholic Charities Ball. Many from the Sisters of Mercy community—including Mercyhurst Prep and the Mercy Center for Women—were on hand to help recognize Jay and Ruth Alberstadt, recipients of the Catholic Charities' 2014 Helping Hands Award.

The Alberstadts have done extensive volunteer service in Mercy ministries.

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News Briefs

Family Honor program wraps up season

ERIE—Family Honor, a faith-based, family centered chastity program of the Diocese of Erie, recently completed its season of presenting the Real Love & Real Life programs to seventh- and eighth-graders and their parents.

This year, Family Honor was offered at St. Tobias Parish in Brockway, Beloved Disciple in Grove City, St. George in Erie, Bishop Musso Middle School in Steubenville, Ohio, and Elk County Catholic High School in St. Marys.

Family Honor is currently booking programs for next school year. For more information, visit www.familyhonor.org or call Laurey Kraus 814-781-6746.

Mercyhurst Prep sponsors two workshops

ERIE—Mercyhurst Preparatory School in Erie is offering two summer camps: a Musical Theatre Intensive Workshop in June, and a Learn-to-Row Camp in July.

The Musical Theatre Intensive Workshop will be held for students ages 10 and up from June 23-27. The cost is \$125.

Learn-to-Row Camp will be held July 8-24 and costs \$65. Currently enrolled Mercyhurst students as well as interested seventh- and eighth-graders are welcome to attend.

To see more details on each camp, go to www.mpslakers.com.

Made2Worship evenings start in July

ERIE—Made2Worship is an uplifting evening of witness, word and worship before Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. It will be held on the first Wednesday of the month beginning July 2 at 7 p.m. at St. George Parish, 5145 Peach St.

Saving Simon will be July's featured musical guest. Contemporary worship music, led by Daniel Cabanillas and the M2W Band, also will be provided. The entire family is invited to attend this free event, which includes lay witness, an opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Fellowship and refreshments will follow in the multipurpose room.

Other Made2Worship evenings this year will be held Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1 and Nov. 5.

Civil War exhibit to be displayed at MU

ERIE—Between the States: Photographs of the American Civil War, an exhibit of facsimile photos of historic sites and circumstances commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, will be displayed at Cummings Art Gallery on the Mercyhurst University campus in Erie June 12 through Aug. 3.

Photographers include George Barnard, Matthew Brady and Alexander Gardner.

Cummings Gallery is located in the lobby of the Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center. The show is free and open to the public weekdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 814-824-2092.

Bishop Emeritus Trautman receives degree

BALTIMORE—

An honorary doctor of divinity degree was conferred on Bishop Emeritus Donald W. Trautman at the May 15 commencement exercises at St. Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore.

Bishop Trautman has been a longtime seminary board member. The university recognized him for what it said were "his contributions as a bishop and pastoral leader and for his commitment to the liturgical life of the church and its priestly formation programs."



Photo by Larry Carter

Bishop Emeritus Donald W. Trautman receives his honorary doctor of divinity degree at commencement exercises May 15 at St. Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore.

Exchange student from the same Irish countryside as late archbishop's family

By John Chacona
Gannon University

More than 150 years ago, Thomas Patrick Gannon traveled from County Roscommon in Ireland to settle in northwestern Pennsylvania and start a family that would include Archbishop John Mark Gannon of Erie.

A scant 50 miles from County Roscommon, the town of Limerick recently sent another sort of pioneer to northwestern Pennsylvania. Mai Burke-Hayes was the first student from Limerick's Mary Immaculate College to attend Gannon University in Erie.

The exchange was part of a cooperative agreement between the two Catholic institutions of higher learning.

Burke-Hayes spent the spring semester at Gannon, having arrived during one of Erie's coldest winters on record. The junior education major learned that things are a bit different on this side of the ocean.

"I won't miss the snow," she said in a charmingly tangy brogue. "At first I thought it was so pretty, but now..."

Burke-Hayes experienced some similarities and differences between Gannon and "Mary I," a nickname for her college back home. Mary Immaculate College is the oldest institution of higher education in Limerick, and is recognized as a leader in teacher education in Ireland.

"It's very much the same as Gannon—a small, tight-knit community," she said.

At Mary Immaculate, she said, it's the student's responsibility to go to lectures, to do the work.

"It's independent study, and we



Photo by Mallory Hedlund

Mai Burke-Hayes of Ireland spent the spring semester at Gannon University.



Mai Burke-Hayes is a student at Mary Immaculate College in the town of Limerick, Ireland.

do everything together, the same 64 people in every class we take," she said. "Academically, of course, of students. While in Erie, she did a lot of adjustment, but the opportunity to travel to places I've never been, like Florida or New York, is so valuable."

Still, she saw the advantages of smaller classes and the diversity of students. While in Erie, she did a lot of adjustment, but the opportunity to travel to places I've never been, like Florida or New York, is so valuable."

When the opportunity to spend a semester at Gannon arose,

Burke-Hayes leapt at the chance with the tenacity of an athlete who excelled at camogie, the rugged female equivalent of Irish hurling. The adjustments necessary to become accustomed to a different culture weren't always easy, but Burke-Hayes was able to find echoes of home.

About her experience in Erie, Burke-Hayes said, "I had no idea what to expect. It was a lot of work, and a lot of adjustment, but the opportunity to travel to places I've never been, like Florida or New York, is so valuable."

Summer PARISH EVENTS

June 14, St. Bernadette Strawberry Festival and BBQ Chicken

222 Renner Lane, Saegertown; 12-7 pm, sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, pulled pork, BBQ chicken, cakes, ice cream and strawberries. Children's menu, auction, raffle, bake sale and pastry pantry; 814-763-2831.

June 25, Holy Rosary 5th Annual Four-Person Golf Scramble

Venango Valley Golf Course Sign in 11 am, Lunch 11 am-Noon, shotgun start Noon, dinner and prizes 5 pm; \$75 per person, \$300 per foursome; includes golf and cart, lunch, beverages, skill prizes, gift auction and steak dinner. Win \$5,000 in the Sink-A-Putt contest. Proceeds benefit Holy Rosary Church, Erie. Deadline to register is June 9. Contact Ken at 814-825-7375 to register and/or for more info. Make checks payable to Holy Rosary Church and send to 2701 East Ave., Erie, PA 16504.

June 28, Our Lady of Lourdes Old-Fashioned Strawberry Social

251 S. Franklin St., Cochran, 4-7 pm, ice cream, cake and strawberries: \$3.50. Also available: chicken sandwich, sloppy joe, hot dogs and homemade macaroni salad; 814-789-2022.

July 4, St. Joseph's 75th Annual 4th of July Celebration (Diamond Anniversary)

St. Joseph Parish grounds, 112 Rectory Lane, Lucinda (along Route 66), 11 am-4 pm, rain or shine (canopy-covered). Handicapped accessible and parking shuttle available. All-you-can-eat 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: \$8, child 6-12: \$3.50, 5 and under: FREE. Games of skill and chance, live entertainment, bingo and over \$40,000 in cash and prizes including a \$5,000 grand prize and over 20 handmade quilts. July 3, Pre-Festival Kickoff! St. Joseph's Liberty 5K Run/Walk, 7 pm. www.st-joseph-lucinda.org; 814-226-7288.

July 13, Our Lady of Mercy SummerFest '14

837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek; Noon-5 pm, BBQ chicken dinner, raffles, game tables, gift auction, children's activities, hand-crafted items, fresh funnel cakes and bake sale; 814-899-5342.

July 24

St. Teresa of Avila Lawn Festival

9 Third Ave., Union City 5-9 pm, rain or shine; games, food, raffles, prizes, gift 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; 814-438-2000.

July 27, 118th Annual Frenchtown Ham or Chicken Dinner

St. Hippolyte, 26012 N. Frenchtown Road on Route 27, Frenchtown; dinners served noon-6 pm (or until sold out): 1/2 chicken or ham, homemade pies. Noon to 7 pm: games, bingo, gift auction, quilt/afghan raffle and kids area. Shuttle service to parking areas; takeouts available. Adult: \$9, senior citizen: \$8, child: \$6; 814-789-2022.

Aug. 1-3

Ss. Cosmas and Damian Lawn Festival

616 W. Mahoning St., Punsxsutawney Fri. and Sat., 6-10 pm; Sun., 12:30-10 pm; grand prize: 2014 Chevy Equinox. Food, fun, Sunday buffet and nightly entertainment. www.sscdchurch.com; 814-938-6540.

Aug. 8-10

St. Paul Italian Festival

453 W. 16th St., Erie; Fri., 6-10 pm; Sat., 1-10 pm; Sun., 12-8 pm. Friday: 5:00 pm Mass, pasta fagioli dinner and music by Cugini Italiani from 7-10 pm; Saturday: 4:30 pm Mass and music by Gili Italiani of Canton, OH, from 7-10 pm; Sunday: 11 am Mass with Bishop Persico followed by procession of the Virgin Mary statue. Spaghetti dinner from 12-5 pm and music by Cugini Italiani from 3-6 pm and Ruby Port from 6-9 pm. Drawing for a 2014 Fiat 500L will be held at 8 pm. Homemade foods, games, prizes, games of chance and children's activities. Free trolley shuttle service from Erie Central Mall. Additional parking at W. 16th and Chestnut streets and St. Paul's Free Clinic; 814-459-3173.

Aug. 22-24, 21st Annual 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 Masses: Sat. 5 pm with Bishop Lawrence Persico, Sun. 11 am. Live music with nationally known bands, plenty of authentic Polish foods, bakery items, beverages, drawings, games, kids area and free admission. Handicapped accessible; additional parking and FREE shuttle service from lot at E. 34th and Ash streets. www.holytrinityrc.org; 814-456-0671.

Aug. 30-31

St. Michael Polish Festival

St. Michael the Archangel Church 25 Robinson St., DuBois Sat., 4-10 pm; Sun., Noon-10 pm. Polish food and music. Fun and games and fellowship "on the top of the hill." Przyjdzcie. Witamy. (Come. We welcome you.) 814-371-5773.

Sept. 14, 11th Annual Slavic Festival

Ss. Peter & Paul Social Center, 3415 Wallace St., Erie; Noon to 7 pm. Welcome Divine Liturgy at 11 am; ethnic foods and pastries, religious and heritage displays, Polka music, church tours, gift shops, hourly gas card drawing, gift basket raffle. FREE parking and FREE admission, 814-825-8140. www.eriecatholicbyzantines.org.

Sept. 20, St. John the Evangelist BBQ Chicken Dinner

1001 Main St., Girard; Noon-10 pm. Food available from 3-8 pm. Music 7-10 pm. Huge gift auction for all ages. & Sept. 27, Sports Raffle 8-11 pm, Doors open at 5 pm; Tickets \$10. Grand prize: Polaris Sportsman 4x4 ATV; 814-774-4108.

Sept. 21, Fall Festival 2014 in Celebration of Blessed Sacrament School's 75th Anniversary

1626 W. 26th St., Erie; Noon to 5 pm. Turkey Dinner with mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, roll and pumpkin dessert. Adult: \$9, child 6-12: \$5.50, 5 and under: FREE. \$750 prize drawings every half hour starting at 12:30. Grand prize drawing of \$7,500 at 5 pm. Win an extra \$75 if you are present and your name is pulled. Adult and child games, inflatables for children, bake sale, flu shots, our famous theme basket raffle, sale of fall paints, apples, cider and pumpkins. Come enjoy the fun with family and friends! 814-454-0171.

Oct. 12, Oktoberfest

St. Joseph/Bread of Life Community W. 24th and Sassafras streets, Erie Authentic German food and music. 814-452-2982.

Oct. 26, St. Jude Serafini's Spaghetti Dinner and Corvette Raffle

St. Jude Church, 2801 W. 6th St., Erie Win a 2014 Corvette Stingray or \$40,000! You need not be present to win. Tickets: 1 for \$10, 3 for \$20, 10 for \$50, 25 for \$100, 120 for \$300, 500 for \$1,000. Send your contact information and payment to St. Jude Church Raffle at the address above. For more information and to order tickets online: www.winavette.com; 814-833-0927.

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Rainbow of colors shown on Cancer Awareness Day



ERIE—The Blessed Sacrament Student Council collected \$280 during a recent Cancer Awareness Day at the Erie school. Each class was given a different type of cancer to support by wearing the color associated with that specific disease. Members of student council presented a check to Sarah Humphrey of the Regional Cancer Center in Erie.

Seton students win awards

MEADVILLE—Liam Dalton, at right, a third-grader at Seton Elementary School in Meadville, won third place in the Third Grade Category of the WOLN Young Writers Contest this spring.

Students were asked to write and illustrate their own story for a chance to win prizes. Liam's story was titled "Chicken Wing Man." Also at Seton, seventh- and eighth-graders won prizes in an essay contest sponsored by Optical Filters USA and CASA of Crawford County.

Eighth-grader Kaitlin Smith won an iPad for her first-place entry, and seventh-grader Alexis Abbott won an iPod for her second-place entry. Read their essays at <http://crawfordcasa.org/node/99>.



Praying on a chain at St. Boniface



ERIE—Students in the religious education program at St. Boniface Parish in Erie started a prayer chain in September and added chains each week as they prayed for family, parishioners and friends. They also collected pennies during Advent and Lent for the parish food pantry, netting more than \$300. Pictured is catechist Jennifer Pier and students Jamie Lamp, Heidi Biebel, Lucas Hoffman, Olivia Hoffman and Lauren Vallimont.

Talking about First Communion



GREENVILLE—Father David Foradori, pastor of St. Michael Parish, Greenville, talks to some of the First Communion class at the church on May 4. Concelebrating the Mass was Father Christopher Barnes.

Miss McKean County attends banquet



MOUNT JEWETT—Emily Houser, a member of St. Joseph Parish in Mount Jewett and the reigning Miss McKean County Fair Queen, entertained the ladies at St. Raphael's Mother-Daughter Banquet in Eldred on May 9. Houser is pictured with *Benedictine Sisters* Phyllis Schleicher and Mary Hoffman, of Catholic Rural Ministry.

May crowning held at St. Leo Parish



RIDGWAY—St. Leo Grade School in Ridgway recently held its annual May crowning after First Friday Mass in May. Shown are the attendants and the May Queen: kindergarteners Sofiya Cherry and Isaiiah Nicklas, first-graders Orin Pontious and Meghan Tettis, and eighth-grader Isabeau Stager.

Math helps St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



DuBOIS—More than 50 students at DuBois Central Catholic Elementary and Middle School used their math skills to support pediatric cancer research at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. Students participated in this spring's Math-a-Thon, raising \$2,336 for the hospital.

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