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DIOCESAN NEWS

Special Mass of the Holy Spirit, July 25-26 Bishop requests Mass for the intention of pastoral plan

When diocesan priests requested that a day of prayer and fasting be set aside for the success of the pastoral plan currently underway in the Diocese of Erie, Bishop Lawrence Persico listened.

"I wholeheartedly agree with the idea, and therefore am asking that each parish offer a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit for this intention on the weekend of July 25-26, 2015," the bishop said after the priests' annual Emmaus retreat.

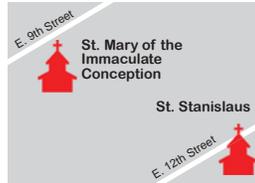
Bishop Persico also has invited parishioners to select a day at the end of July to pray and fast for the intention of the pastoral plan.

"This is an appropriate moment for us to pray together as we will celebrate the 162nd anniversary of the founding of our diocese on July 29," the bishop told the priests by letter.

According to Bishop Persico, the special Mass of the Holy Spirit witnesses to how the Apostles prayed and fasted in preparation for certain situations that called for discernment. The diocese is in such a time as it prepares for recommendations of the Pastoral Planning Task Force.

The bishop added, "Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide our efforts, and that through the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be open to the gifts and graces we need, especially wisdom, knowledge, counsel and fortitude."

Erie parish to merge with St. Stanislaus



Graphic by Rick Papalia

Finances and changing demographics have forced the closing of a Catholic church in inner-city Erie.

Bishop Lawrence Persico—in announcing the closing of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church on E. 9th Street—expressed sadness, but said the action was necessary.

"I would be negligent if I ignored this situation until the pastoral plan was complete," the bishop said, referring to the strategic planning currently underway in the Diocese of Erie.

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception is among many churches throughout the country that have fallen victim to the exodus of inner-city populations to the suburbs. Its roots go back to the 1840s, when German immigrants first established St. Mary Church, and to 2009 when it merged with Erie's black Catholic community at Immaculate Conception Parish.

On July 26, the church officially will close and the parish will merge with St. Stanislaus Parish, located about six blocks away. Bishop Lawrence Persico will mark the occasion by concelebrating a Mass with Msgr. Bernard Urbanik, pastor of St. Stanislaus, and Father Stanley Swacha, pastor of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception.

"It is interesting that in its earliest days, St. Mary Parish reportedly provided a German-speaking priest—who also spoke Polish—to the traditionally Polish St. Stanislaus Parish," Bishop Persico said. "Many generations later, the people of St. Stan's and St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception will once again ensure each other's future."

Upon its closing, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception had only 54 households. Prior to the merger, St. Stanislaus had 491 households.

Prince of Peace Center receives Phoenix Award

FARRELL—The Prince of Peace Center in Farrell, an affiliate agency of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, was recognized recently for its service to the Shenango Valley at the 11th annual Phoenix Awards. Prince of Peace was among several businesses and organizations recognized by the Shenango Valley Chamber of Commerce in seven categories. Prince of Peace was honored as a non-profit/service organization.

Since 1983, Prince of Peace has provided support and services for the economic, emotional and spiritual needs of people in the community.

Q&A

Bishop discusses same-sex ruling

Editor's Note: On June 26, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that all states are required to license and recognize same-sex marriage. Bishop Lawrence Persico shares his thoughts on the ruling in an interview with *FaithLife* editor, Mary Solberg. See the bishop's official statement at www.ErieRCD.org/pdf/2015supremecourt.pdf.

FaithLife: Church teaching clearly states that marriage is between one woman and one man. How can Catholic parents and family members who have relatives in same-sex unions reconcile this teaching with the See Q&A, page 2



Photos by Rick Papalia

Bishop Lawrence Persico reflects on various aspects of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage.

PAPA FRANCISCO IN SOUTH AMERICA



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Pope Francis greets a young girl at the second World Meeting of Popular Movements in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

SANTA CRUZ, Bolivia (CNS)—Meeting with an international gathering of grassroots activists, Pope Francis not only encouraged, but tried to add fuel to their fire for "standing up to an idolatrous [economic] system which excludes, debases and kills."

Addressing the World Meeting of Popular Movements in Santa Cruz July 9, Pope Francis acknowledged he did not have a "recipe" for a perfect economic-social-political system, but he said the problems with the current system are obvious and the Gospel contains principles that can help.

The activists—including labor union representatives and people who organize cooperatives for the poor who make a meager living recycling trash or fishing—combat "many forms of exclusion and injustice," the pope said.

These injustices, according to Pope Francis, are a result of a global economic system that "has imposed the mentality of profit at any price, with no concern for social exclusion or the destruction of nature."

The current global finance system is "intolerable," he said. "Farmworkers find it intolerable, laborers find it intolerable, communities find it intolerable, peoples find it intolerable. The earth itself—our sister, Mother Earth, as St. Francis would say—also finds it intolerable."

At the meeting, sponsored by the Vatican and organized with the help of Bolivian President Evo Morales, Pope Francis shared the urgency shown by participants, who adopted a long statement of commitments promising to mobilize in the defense of the rights of the poor and of the Earth.

FaithLife, Faith win Catholic Press awards

Bishop named finalist for religious liberty honor
Designer wins Addy; editor finalist for Golden Quills

BUFFALO, N.Y.—The staff of *FaithLife* newspaper and *Faith* magazine in the Diocese of Erie have brought home gold, silver and a slew of other honors this awards season.

At the national Catholic Press Association conference in Buffalo in June, the staff of *FaithLife* and *Faith* magazine won a total of seven awards, including two firsts and two seconds. They competed against publications from across the United States and Canada.

Here are the Catholic Press Association award winners and categories:

- **Best Sports Journalism (Sports Feature):** First place to *FaithLife* for "Erie's Kayla McBride has one motto: 'God first.'" Written by Mary Solberg.
- **Best Photo Story:** First place to *Faith* magazine for "Sacred Sowing." Written by David Solberg; photos by Mark Fainstein, Rick and Liz Boni, and Ray Beigel.
- **Best Front Page Design for a Broadsheet Newspaper:** Second place to *FaithLife*. Designer Rick Papalia; editor Mary Solberg.
- **Best Feature Article in a Diocesan Magazine:** Second place to *Faith* magazine for "The Joy of Simplicity." Story and photos by Anne-Marie Welsh.
- **Best Essay in a Diocesan Magazine:** Third place to *Faith* magazine for "A Promise Kept." Written by Father David Renne.

- **Best Cover (Large) magazine:** Honorable mention to *Faith* magazine for "The Joy of Simplicity." Design by Lynne Hsu; photo by Anne-Marie Welsh.
- **Best Multiple Picture Package in a Magazine:** Honorable mention to *Faith* magazine for "The Joy of Simplicity." Story and photos by Anne-Marie Welsh.
- **Bishop John England Award for the Defense of Religious Freedom:** Finalist, Bishop Lawrence Persico. The other two nominees were the late Cardinal Francis George of Chicago (posthumous winner), and Bishop Richard Sitka of the Diocese of Knoxville, Tenn.

Other awards:

- Elizabeth Butterfield, graphic designer with the Office of Communications, won a **Silver Addy** for the "Beacon of Hope" invitation in the Collateral Material category of the American Advertising Awards, sponsored by the Erie Ad Club.
- Mary Solberg, editor of *FaithLife* newspaper, also was named a **finalist for two Golden Quill awards** presented by the Press Club of Western Pennsylvania. Her stories included, "The Search for Father Morgan" and "Erie's Kayla McBride has one motto, 'God first.'"



The Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada awarded *FaithLife* second place for Best Front Page Design. The Kayla McBride story also took first place for Best Sports Feature.



God, Lakota culture taught at mission

ROSEBUD INDIAN RESERVATION, S.D. (CNS)—Jesuit Father John Hatcher, president of St. Francis Mission, blesses the chalice in front of children attending Body, Mind & Soul Camp on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota.

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■ More than \$3 million given to church in Latin America

WASHINGTON (USCCB)—The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) subcommittee on the Church in Latin America approved funding for 228 projects, totaling more than \$3.3 million. The funds will be disbursed as grants to aid the pastoral work of the church in the Caribbean and Latin America.

The top funded countries in this grant cycle are Colombia, Peru, Haiti, Mexico and Ecuador. Projects include training of lay catechists, youth ministries, evangelization and communication.

■ New abortion waiting period law goes into effect in Florida

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (CNS)—A new Florida law establishing a 24-hour waiting period for women seeking an abortion went into effect July 1.

A state circuit court judge had issued a temporary injunction one day before the law was scheduled to go into effect. Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi's office appealed the injunction and the 1st District Court of Appeals stayed the ruling, allowing the law to go into effect.

The measure was signed into law June 10 by Gov. Rick Scott. The bill had major support in the state legislature, passing 77-41 in the House and 26-13 in the Senate. Rep. Jennifer Sullivan said. "The purpose of this bill is to empower women to make an informed decision, versus a pressured, rushed, unexpected one."

■ Iowans urged to 'buckle down' on environmental problems

DES MOINES, Iowa (CNS)—Iowa Catholic and interfaith leaders, clean energy advocates and others encouraged Iowans to take action in light of Pope Francis' historic encyclical on the environment, "Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home."

Des Moines Bishop Richard E. Pates encouraged Catholic Iowans to take advantage of the state's first-in-the-nation role in the presidential electoral process by conserving energy, using energy-efficient appliances, investing in renewable energy systems and talking with their local, state and national leaders, urging them to "exercise leadership in protecting the earth."



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Iowa Catholic leaders, clean energy advocates and others hold a news conference July 2.



Editor's Notes

Mary SOLBERG

"Sing as you go" is one of Pope Francis' recommendations in his new encyclical on the environment, "Laudato Si', On Care for Our Common Home." It seems this is exactly what he is doing as he travels across Mother Earth this year, most recently in South America.

Along with spreading joy and instilling hope in most everyone he meets, the pope has some harsh words for what he terms an "idolatrous" economic system that oppresses the poor. He's asking all people, including those of us in the Diocese of Erie, to make some changes.

This week, the Bethany Youth Retreat Center in Frenchville will address care for all of God's creation during a high school retreat.

Sister Suzanne Thibault, CA, director, agrees with the pope's assertion that creation extends to all of our interpersonal relationships, too.

Neil and Marge Himber belong to a prayer group at Holy Redeemer Parish in Warren that plans to review the encyclical a little more closely.

"These issues are all crucial since we are stewards of the earth," Neil Himber says.

It's appropriate that World Tourism Day on Sept. 27 coincides with the last day of Pope Francis' trip to the United States this fall.

There likely will be more than 1 million people—including many of us from the Diocese of Erie—in Philadelphia to see the pope during the World Meeting of Families. In the midst of this mass of humanity, the Vatican has some advice for tourists. According to official estimates from

2012, 1 billion tourists were traveling the world, setting a new record for international tourism. By 2030, the number of tourists worldwide is expected to reach 2 billion.

It's a small world, as they say, but in a recently released statement marking World Tourism Day, the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant Peoples focused on the opportunities and challenges raised by these statistics.

Now that most of us in the United States are in the throes of summer holidays, it would be good to reflect on what the Pontifical Council has to say about tourism: "There are 1 billion occasions to transform a voyage into an existential experience. One billion possibilities to become the makers of a better world, aware of the riches contained in every traveler's suitcase."

The religious communities in the diocese take every opportunity to awaken our collective conscience about violence and protection of our communities.

Along with regular "Take Back the Site" vigils held throughout the City of Erie to pray for victims of gun violence, another type of vigil was sponsored recently by the Benedictines for Peace. **Benedictine Sister Marlene Berke** was happy to report a good turnout at Erie's Federal Building July 6 to oppose the large number of trains carrying combustible crude oil through populated areas in Erie.

The vigil was part of the National Week of Action Against Oil Trains.

Congratulations to **Katie Caryl** of St. Peter Cathedral School in Erie whose drawing for the Safe Kids Erie campaign against bullying took second place.

Her artwork will be displayed at Pennsylvania Sen. **Sean Willey's** office in Harrisburg.

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Q&A Bishop Persico

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reality of their family situation?

Bishop: One of the hardest things for Catholic parents who have a child in a same-sex relationship is to come to terms with what the church teaches. It's a real dilemma. The Holy Father has emphasized the importance of families and how we have to bring healing in the family. The church has worked to do in helping people understand its teaching. Ultimately, parents have to love their children and care for them.

FaithLife: In your statement after the ruling, you said we must find "a new and better way" for people to discuss this divisive issue. What are some ways we can do that?

Bishop: What I mean is that we need to dialogue. The church's teaching is very clear. That's not going to change. But it's the way you present it and the way you help people understand it.

FaithLife: Does the Supreme Court ruling require Catholic priests/deacons to perform same-sex marriages?

Bishop: No, but that doesn't preclude the fact that there may be cases where same-sex couples will try to push what they feel are their rights. I hope that our religious liberty will be protected and respected,



especially in regard to the church's clear teaching on marriage.

FaithLife: What about children of same-sex couples? Would they be permitted to attend Catholic schools?

Bishop: Why would we punish the child? If the family complies with the policies of the school, I don't see that as a problem, but then again, same-sex couples have to understand that we're not changing our teachings for the child. That child will be exposed to what we teach and believe.

FaithLife: What's at the core of the Supreme Court ruling?

Bishop: The Supreme Court has changed the definition of marriage, which it has no right to do. The justices changed the civil definition of marriage, but not the church's teaching, Scripture or natural law. That's the issue.

Pope Francis' itinerary in the U.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

- **Sept. 22 at 4 p.m.**—Pope Francis arrives in Washington, D.C., at Andrews Air Force Base
- **Sept. 23 at 9:15 a.m.**—White House welcoming ceremony and personal meeting with President Barack Obama
- **11:30 a.m.**—Midday prayer with U.S. bishops at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
- **4:15 p.m.**—Junipero Serra canonization Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

- **Sept. 24 at 9:20 a.m.**—Speech to the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives (joint session of Congress)
- **11:15 a.m.**—Visit to St. Patrick Catholic Church in D.C., and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington
- **4 p.m.**—Departure for New York from Andrews Air Force Base

NEW YORK

- **Sept. 24 at 5 p.m.**—Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport
- **6:45 p.m.**—Evening prayer at St. Patrick's Cathedral
- **Sept. 25 at 8:30 a.m.**—United Nations General Assembly
- **11:30 a.m.**—Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum, World Trade Center
- **4 p.m.**—Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School in East Harlem
- **6 p.m.**—Madison Square Garden Mass

Bishop Lawrence Persico will attend a Sept. 27 meeting with Pope Francis and other U.S. bishops in Philadelphia. "It's a real blessing to have this opportunity," Bishop Persico says. "I think it will be a good experience to be in a smaller setting and I am looking forward to hearing what he has to say."

PHILADELPHIA

- **Sept. 26 at 8:40 a.m.**—Departure for Philadelphia from John F. Kennedy International Airport
- **9:30 a.m.**—Arrival in Atlantic Aviation hangar at Philadelphia International Airport
- **10:30 a.m.**—Mass at Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter and Paul
- **4:45 p.m.**—Visit to Independence Mall
- **7:30 p.m.**—Visit to Festival of Families at Benjamin Franklin Parkway and prayer vigil with World Meeting of Families
- **Sept. 27 at 9:15 a.m.**—Papal meeting with bishops at St. Martin's Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
- **11 a.m.**—Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility
- **4 p.m.**—Papal Mass for World Meeting of Families
- **7 p.m.**—Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families at Atlantic Aviation
- **8 p.m.**—Departure for return to Rome

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NFP Awareness Week begins today

ERIE—Catholics in the Diocese of Erie are encouraged to mark National NFP Awareness Week beginning today by promoting openness to life, respect for human sexuality and fertility, children as sacred gifts from the Lord, and chaste living for all Christians. For more information and resources, go to the NFP website at http://ErieRCD.org/nfp_awarenessweek.asp.

Gannon hosts traveling Holocaust exhibit

ERIE—The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's traveling exhibition "Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race" examines how the Nazi leadership used science to help legitimize persecution, murder and, ultimately, genocide. The exhibition is on display at Gannon University's Nash Library now through Oct. 28.

"Deadly Medicine" explores the Holocaust's roots in then-contemporary scientific and pseudo-scientific thought," explains exhibition curator Susan Bachrach.

"Deadly Medicine" takes about one hour to tour and will be open during the library's normal working hours. It is free to the public. A number of supporting videos are available online at www.usmm.org.

To schedule a tour for a group, contact Caroline DiPlacido at 814-871-5816 or by email at dipiacc005@gannon.edu.

Merton presentation planned at monastery

HARBORCREEK—"Thomas Merton Alive at Fourth and Walnut" is a one-man, one-act presentation on the spiritual journey of writer-monk Thomas Merton by actor and playwright James Nagle. The event is open to the public and free of charge at Mount St. Benedict Monastery, 6101 East Lake Road, Erie, July 20 at 7 p.m.

Beloved Disciple hosts painting event

GROVE CITY—Paint "Swirly Birds on a Wire" at a fundraiser for the Church of the Beloved Disciple, Grove City, on July 30. No painting experience is required.

The teaching artist is Jen Kreczewski. Tickets are \$45 per person. Artist set-up from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; event from 7 to 9 p.m.; and clean-up from 9 to 10 p.m. This event is for anyone 21 years or older. For information, call Angie at 724-748-6700, ext. 110.

Golf tourney benefits elementary school

ERIE—Golfers are welcome to participate in the fourth annual Blessed Sacrament Scholarship Golf Tournament Aug. 7 at Lake Shore Country Club, 5950 Lake Shore Drive, Erie.

The entry fee is \$95 per person; sponsorships are available. Proceeds benefit Blessed Sacrament School, Erie. Registration will be held Aug. 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m. Dinner will follow. For more information, call Jim Malloy at 814-882-1360 or email him at jmalloy@porterie.com.

Car show, dinner scheduled at St. Boniface

ERIE—The 4th annual "Cruise to the Country" event and spaghetti dinner will be held at St. Boniface School, 9363 Wattsburg Road, Erie, Aug. 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. An antique car show, a gift auction and a 50/50 are included. The admission cost is \$5 per exhibitor; free for spectators. Trophies will be awarded.

Enjoy the spaghetti dinner at the Coleman Center, 9637 Wattsburg Road, with carry-outs available. The dinner costs \$20 for a family, \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children under 12.

Celebrate Sister Parish Day in August

EDINBORO—Mission of Friendship's Sister Parish Day is back in the Diocese of Erie.

Anyone interested in establishing a sister-parish relationship or any parishes that already have a relationship with a parish through the Mission of Friendship are encouraged to attend the Aug. 15 event at Our Lady of the Lake Parish, 128 Sunset Drive, Edinboro. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with opening prayer at 10 a.m. The event continues through 12:30 p.m.

RSVP by e-mailing parishall@erieRCD.org or calling 814-824-1231 by Aug. 5.

Erie Benedictine greets Pope Francis

BY MARY SOLBERG | FAITHLIFE

Benedictine Sister Anne McCarthy of Erie shook hands with Pope Francis in Rome last month, taking comfort in his words that the smallest actions can heal divisions among us.

"It was pretty wonderful," Sister Anne said of meeting the pope at the Vatican June 23.

Sister Anne was in Italy for a June 22-28 meeting between Buddhists and Catholics. She is president of DIM-MID, an international monastic organization that promotes and supports dialogue between Christian monastic men and women and followers of other religions.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue sponsored the gathering, titled "Dialogue and Fraternity," at Castel Gandolfo, the pope's summer residence. It wasn't until after the 42 participants from the United States arrived that they heard they were invited to meet the pope privately at the Vatican.

"The fact that Pope Francis met with us really emphasizes the support from him for interreligious dialogue and prayer leading to action," Sister Anne said. "He said that in this moment which is wounded by wars and hatred, 'these small gestures are seeds of peace.'"

Despite the impromptu meeting, several participants gave the pontiff individual gifts. Sister Anne presented him with the



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Erie Benedictine Sister Anne McCarthy shakes hands with Pope Francis during a meeting at the Vatican in June. She was in Italy for an interreligious dialogue between Buddhists and Catholics.

book *Joan Chittister: Essential Writings*, edited by Erie Benedictine Sister Mary Lou Kowacki and Mercyhurst University's Mary Hembrow Snyder, Ph.D., a professor of religious studies and director of the Center for Mercy and Catholic Studies.

Recently, the book earned an honorable mention from the Catholic Press Association. According to Sister Anne, the meeting in Italy inspired the Catholic/Buddhist gathering with a lot of energy. There was a pilot effort intended to bring differing faiths

together to talk and then to take action. As soon as the dialogue ended, many participants attended the Climate March in Rome to promote Pope Francis' new encyclical on the environment.

"As we see where religions can be hijacked in the service of wars, in the service of hatred, in the service of creating divisions, to go to the truth of our traditions...and from that meet one another and make that truth visible together in concrete ways in local areas is very powerful," Sister Anne said.

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—Benedictine Sister Anne McCarthy

Mercyhurst Prep appoints new president

FAITHLIFE staff report

Ed Curtin, an employee of Mercyhurst Preparatory School the past 25 years, becomes the Erie high school's new president Aug. 1. Mary Ellen Dahlkemper, outgoing president, retires July 31. For the past two years, she has launched significant projects that drove Mercyhurst well into the technology-driven 21st century.

"It has been an honor to serve my alma mater and to assist the school during this pivotal time in its history," Dahlkemper says.

The school's board of directors named Curtin the fifth president of Mercyhurst, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy under the auspices of the Diocese of Erie.

He holds a master's degree in pastoral studies, and has served as a teacher, theology chair, athletic director and, most recently, assistant principal/dean of operations. He has worked closely in developing plans for the \$3 million renovation project currently underway at the school.

According to Curtin, "I have gleaned much wisdom from the past presidents during my 25 years as a teacher and administrator at Mercyhurst Prep."



Ed Curtin

OBITUARY

Sister Paulina Baka, MSHS, was a Brockway native

TOWSON, Md.—Sister Paulina Baka, MSHS, a native of St. Tobias Parish in Brockway, died Feb. 6 at age 72.

Born and raised in Brockway, she worked for seven years at Brockway Glass Company after graduating from high school. She entered the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart at age 25, serving as a religious sister for the next 46 years.

Sister Paulina's first mission was in Boston, where she took the parish census and visited the families of children in her religion class. From 1971-73, she worked in southwest Colorado. Her next mission took her to Winston-Salem, N.C.

She studied at Loyola University Maryland, the University of Maryland, St. Joseph's College in Indiana, and the University of Notre Dame Maryland. She earned her bachelor's degree in sociology and theology from Loyola University Maryland.

Over the years, Sister Paulina served as a director of religious education in Alexandria, Va., and in Lucinda in the Diocese of Erie. She worked in parishes on the eastern shore of Maryland in the

Archdiocese of Washington, and developed high school programs at Our Lady of the Angels Parish in San Antonio, Texas.

In the late 1980s, she studied to be a nursing assistant at the DuBois Area Vocational-Technical School. She lived at home, caring for her mother, and worked at Christ the King Manor in DuBois. She received her American Red Cross Nursing Assistant Certificate in 1989.

In 1990, Sister Paulina was severely injured in a car accident and suffered from those injuries for the rest of her life. She returned to Brockway in 1992 and took part in a sabbatical program at St. John Vianney in Downingtown. By 1996, she was able—with a support circle of sisters assigned to help her—to begin a volunteer ministry at St. Matthias the Apostle Parish in Maryland.

Survivors include her siblings: Barbara Montresor, Thomas, Joseph, Paul and George Baka; and by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Memorials may be made to the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, 1001 W. Joppa Road, Towson, MD 21204.

50th Annual Assumption Pilgrimage August 13-15, 2015
Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon

Thursday, August 13 9:00 a.m. - Shrine Opens 3:00 p.m. - Food Available 7:00 p.m. - Pontifical Divine Liturgy/Roman Rite Celebrant: Bishop George V. Murry, Diocese of Youngstown *Procession/Blessing *Live Choirs 8:00 p.m. - Candlelight Procession	Friday, August 14 9:00 a.m. - Shrine Opens 12:00 p.m. - Food Available 2:00 p.m. - Spiritual Conference: John Horvat II 2:45 p.m. - Confessions/Adoration 7:00 p.m. - Pontifical Divine Liturgy: Byzantine Rite, Holy Trinity Liturgy. Celebrant: Bishop Nicholas Samra, Eparchy of Newton, West Roxbury, MA 8:00 p.m. - Procession to the Tomb and Prayers for the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin; Msgr. George Applebyard	Saturday, August 15 9:00 a.m. - Shrine Opens 10:00 a.m. - Triduum Missa Cantata High Mass. Celebrant: Msgr. Anthony Spinoso; Live Choirs 11:00 a.m. - Food Available 12:00 p.m. - Maronite Divine Liturgy with Anointing of the Sick Celebrants: Bishops Elias Zaidan, Gregory Mansour, Robert Shaheen 2:00 p.m. - Music: String Quartet 2:45 p.m. - Confessions/Adoration 4:00 p.m. - Spiritual Conference: John Horvat II 5:30 p.m. - Lowellville Band Concert 7:00 p.m. - Pontifical Divine Liturgy: Maronite Rite Celebrants: Bishops Elias Zaidan, Gregory Mansour, Robert Shaheen
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Sunday, August 16
Celebration of the Feast of St. Rocca (10:00 a.m.)
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"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:38



Good Samaritan Center benefits from golf tourney



CLEARFIELD—Proceeds from the May 30 golf tournament in memory of the late Msgr. John Lucas benefitted the Good Samaritan Center in Clearfield. Good Samaritan is an affiliate agency of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie. The family of Msgr. Lucas presented a \$5,500 gift to Catholic Charities after the tournament. Pictured at far right is Ann Badach, executive director of Catholic Charities, accepting the donation from Michael Lucas, brother of Msgr. Lucas, second from right; and niece Rose Panko and her husband, Greg, who organized the event.

Tending the garden at St. Jude the Apostle



ERIE—St. Jude the Apostle Church was the proud recipient of the Presque Isle Garden Club "Garden of the Month Award" for June. Sally Nunes and her garden angels work hard throughout the season to beautify the parish grounds.

Hoops for Heart nets more than \$8,000



ERIE—Villa Maria Elementary students in Erie participated in the recent Hoops for Heart and Jump Rope for Heart program to benefit the American Heart Association, raising about \$8,500. Pictured, from left, are: Maya Mokris, Laura Carniewski (teacher and fundraiser director), Emmie Parkin, Christy Mastrian (American Heart Association representative), and Principal Damon Finazzo.

More than 30 participate in pilgrimage to Italy



FRANKLIN—Julie Parquette and Paula Klinger, both teachers at St. Patrick School in Franklin, were among 30 people from the school and parish and the nearby parishes of St. Venantius, Rouseville, and Our Lady Help of Christians, Siverly, who visited Italy recently. The group enjoyed an audience with the pope and toured St. Peter Basilica in Rome. Participants attended a Mass celebrated by Father Ed Lohse and Father Jason Mitchell at the tomb of St. Peter. In Assisi, the group visited the Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare, and in Venice they attended Mass at the Basilica of St. Mark and rode gondolas through the canals.

Musicians attend Spring Songfest



Photo by John Stumpf

GREENVILLE—Musicians from throughout the Diocese of Erie attended the Spring Songfest and Banquet at St. Michael Church in Greenville this spring. Pastor David Foradori, right, welcomed Father James Chepponis of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, who presented an address, "How to Build a Singing Assembly." Participants also sang several of Father Chepponis' original compositions.

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Aug. 15

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