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**Clergy Appointments**

The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, JCL, Bishop of Erie, makes the following clergy appointments:



**Father Thomas M. Aleksa**, pastor, Holy Trinity Parish, Erie, while continuing as pastor of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Erie, effective July 11, 2014, for a term of six years

**Father Christopher Barnes**, pastor, St. Mary Parish, Crown, and St. Ann Mission Church, Marienville, effective July 25, 2014, for a term of six years

**Father Chris Hamlett**, pastor, St. Peter Parish, Conneautville, while continuing as pastor of St. Philip Parish, Linesville, effective July 25, 2014, for a term of six years

**Father Matthew J. Kujawinski**, pastor, St. Mary of Grace Parish, Meadville, while continuing as pastor of St. Agatha Parish, Meadville, effective July 28, 2014, for a term of six years

**Father Jeffrey J. Lucas**, campus ministry, Allegheny College, Meadville, while continuing as pastor of Our Lady, Queen of the Americas, Conneaut Lake, effective July 28, 2014, for a term of six years

**Father Ted Marconi**, leave of absence at his request, effective July 18, 2014

**Father H. Desmond McGee**, health leave with residence at Christ the King Manor, DuBois, effective June 17, 2014

**Msgr. Thomas J. McSweeney**, retired, Holy Trinity Parish, Erie, effective July 11, 2014

**Father John Miller**, pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Clearfield, effective July 18, 2014, for a term of six years

**Father Philip M. Oriole**, administrator of St. Philip Parish, Crossingville, while continuing as pastor of St. Lawrence Parish, Albion, effective July 25, 2014, for a term of six years

**Father Paul D. Panaretos, SJ**, pastoral/sacramental assistant, St. Michael Parish, Greenville, while continuing as diocesan spiritual director for priests, effective July 25, 2014, for a term of three years

**Father Gregory P. Passauer**, pastor, All Saints Parish, Waterford, effective July 25, 2014, for a term of six years

**Father Marc J. Solomon**, pastor, Christ the King Parish, Houtzdale, effective July 28, 2014, for a term of six years

**Father George E. Strohmeier**, retired, Gannon University, Erie, effective June 28, 2014

**Father William E. Sutherland**, pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Force, effective July 18, 2014, for a term of six years

**Father Thomas L. Tyler**, pastor, Holy Cross Parish, Fairview, effective July 18, 2014, for a term of six years

**Father John Walsh**, pastoral/sacramental assistant, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish with residence at the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Residence for Retired Priests, Erie, effective July 25, 2014

**Father Glenn R. Whitman**, pastor, Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie, effective July 18, 2014, for a term of six years

**Father Thomas J. Whitman**, pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Sharon, effective July 18, 2014, for a term of six years

## Taking on Lake Erie

*Prep senior's swimming mantra:*

*'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me'*



Photo by Mary Solberg

Cathedral Prep senior Norman Stark, 17, aims to be the youngest person to swim a 24.3-mile section of Lake Erie.

By Mary Solberg  
*FaithLife*

**NORTH EAST**—Waves and the colder-than-normal temperature of Lake Erie this year are the greatest challenges of successfully swimming the 24.3 miles between Long Point, Ontario, Canada, and Freepoint Beach in North East.

But 17-year-old Norman Stark Jr., a senior at Cathedral Preparatory School in Erie, is going for it. At press time, he was gearing up for the iconic swim, which, if completed on July 18, will make him the youngest person to cross that particular stretch of Lake Erie.

Just a week before he was set to begin his journey, Stark stood on the water's edge at Presque Isle State Park, sharing a mantra that gets him through the tough spots of a long-distance swim: "All things are possible through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

A competitive swimmer since about age 5, Stark has had to dig deep into his reserves many times.

He is a member of the Prep swim team, usually competing in the 200-meter individual medley and the 500-yard freestyle. He has done numerous 12-mile, open-water swims. Since beginning preparations for the lake crossing, he has trained by swimming 70,000 yards per week.

"When I swim long distance, I try to think about nothing. If I think too much, there's too much anxiety. I just try to think of happy memories," Stark says. "If it's a bad day, I say the rosary or my mantra, 'All things are possible through Christ who strengthens me.'"

A varsity cross-country runner, swimmer and triathlete, Stark decided to make the swim to raise money for the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, a non-profit organization that assists U.S. military personnel lost in service to the nation, and for severely wounded military staff and veterans.

"I like this group because 100 percent of donations goes directly to veterans and they're really a good, Christian-based organization," Stark says.

At press time, Stark had raised 75 percent of his \$15,000 goal.

Father Jason Feigh, campus minister at Prep, is expected to offer a blessing as Stark and members of his family and crew set out from the Erie Yacht Club on July 18 about 4:30 a.m. The 34-foot boat "Windless" is scheduled to take the entire group to Long Point for a 6 a.m. start.

As Stark swims, his dad, Buddy, and his brother Francis, a junior at Prep, plan to paddle back across the lake in a two-person kayak. Josh Heynes of Millcreek Township will be in another kayak.

Heynes successfully swam across Lake Erie in 2006 and 2011 and has assisted Stark in his effort. The co-founder of Lake Erie Open Water Swimming Association, Heynes is scheduled to be the official navigator and observer for the marathon swim. He holds the course record of 11 hours and 16 minutes.

One of eight children, Stark says he is happy that other family members will be onboard the "Windless" as he crosses the lake. His brother Joseph Stark, an en-

sign with the U.S. Navy, will be on-hand, along with his sister Catherine, who is a junior aerospace engineering major at the U.S. Naval Academy.

"We're even being supported by the U.S. Navy," jokes Buddy Stark.

Buddy and Beata Stark, members of St. Luke Parish in Erie, are proud of their son's effort.

The fifth of their eight children, Norman woke up one Saturday morning in May 2013, telling his mother that he had a dream about swimming the lake. He has not backed off since.

"Norman has taught me to take the i-m out of the word impossible," Beata Stark says.

Norman Stark has faith that he can complete the swim; he's physically ready for it and he knows "the whole thing is mental."

"My goal right now is to finish," he says. "If God wills, I think I have a chance at breaking the record."

To follow Norman Stark or donate to his charity swim effort, visit [www.iswinforvets.com](http://www.iswinforvets.com).



**Putting faith into action**

By David Solberg  
*FaithLife*

**OIL CITY**—The scream of an electric saw penetrates the silence of Oil City's sloping avenues.

Just the sound intimates hard work—but how can anyone work on such a scorching, cloudless day? Who are the laborers, and what is their motivation?

At the side of a house stands Logan Saborsky, 15, of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Corry. Jeff Fike, also of Corry, crouches over and pushes the saw through the wood. They take the newly cut planks and repair a rotted section of a porch. Meanwhile, several other teens are working in an upstairs room, painting walls.

Their team was one of 14 scattered throughout Oil City July 6-12, laboring for homeowners in need, putting their faith into action—under the auspices of Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC).

Logan Saborsky was pleased to discover that he had "the courage and the peace" to do the work necessary to help people in need during that busy week.

A national organization founded in 1993, Catholic Heart Work Camp sponsors local events throughout the country for youth to enact the virtue of charity. Ten different parish groups from across the United States rendez-

**"When these kids are around, you get goosebumps. I know God's here with us."**  
— Erin Williams

voused at Oil City this month. Twenty-two of the 246 volunteers were from the Diocese of Erie: St. Thomas Church in Corry and Church of the Good Shepherd in West Middlesex.

"Even though we're from different parts of the country, we feel like a family," said Paul Armstrong, a teen from Michigan. "You encounter Jesus in all the people you meet here at camp."

Venango Catholic High School has hosted Catholic Heart Work Camp for the second year in a row. The volunteers convened in the evenings to have dinner, pray, reflect and settle down for a well-deserved night's rest. Headmaster Father T. Shane Mathew expressed his enthusiasm for the camp's mission.

"I think there's a real need for young people to see the relationship between faithful piety and concern for the disadvantaged," Father Mathew said. "The kids are the face of Christ to the people they serve; we hope this will put them on a path of discipleship throughout their whole lives."

A longtime youth minister from Aliquippa, Pa., Camp Manager Bob Summers first brought Catholic Heart to Oil City last year.

In Summers' opinion, it's "the wedding of liturgy and service" that hits home the message for kids.

"They put all they've learned in religious ed into action here," Summers said.

CHWC co-founder Lisa Walker believes hard work for God can enrich any life.

"All generations struggle with whether they can make a difference in this world or if they matter; through service, they discover that 'I can do something,'" Walker said.

Alyssa Brown of Hastings, Minn., concurred with Walker's feelings. "Everything you do matters," she then said after painting the inside wall of an Oil City residence.

Micela Moffet of Burke, Va., pointed to her paint-splattered legs, saying: "We're all doing it for a greater good, even while getting messy. That's what makes it beautiful."

Oil City resident Erin Williams served lunch for one of the volunteer teams. She expressed her thanks to them—and to God.

"When these kids are around, you get goosebumps," Williams said. "I know God's here with us."



Photo by David Solberg

Youth from all over the U.S. converged on the Oil City area July 6-12 for Catholic Heart Work Camp. Pictured, left to right, are Micela Moffet of Burke, Va.; Abby Helmer of St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth parishes, Corry; Olivia Pach of La Grange, Ill.; and Lydell Jordan of Church of the Good Shepherd, West Middlesex.



KRAKOW, Poland—At left is the official logo for World Youth Day 2016, which was unveiled this month in the event's host city, Krakow, Poland.



Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz said the focus of the logo deals with the theme chosen by Pope Francis from the Gospel of Matthew: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." (Światowe Dni Młodzieży (SDM) means World Youth Day.)

## Newsmakers



Snippets of Catholic headlines and stories from around the world

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### Holy Land bishops call for peace

JERUSALEM (CNS)—Catholic leaders in the Holy Land called for an end to the cycle of violence and criticized Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories and its collective punishment of Palestinians.

The Assembly of Catholic Ordinaries of the Holy Land, which includes Catholic bishops and the Franciscan custodians of the Holy Land, called the situation in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip "an illustration of the never-ending cycle of violence in the absence of a vision for an alternative future."

In early July, Israel launched airstrikes into Gaza, killing more than 40 Palestinians—including children, elderly and militants—in a circle of escalating violence that began with the discovery of the bodies of three kidnapped Israeli teens and the brutal apparent revenge killing of a Palestinian teen.

### Rate: High youth unemployment rates are 'defeat' for society

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Job creation, respect for the environment and the second chances God grants to every sinner were recurring themes as Pope Francis visited the southern Italian region of Molise in early July.

"We cannot resign ourselves to losing a whole generation of young people who don't have the strong dignity

of work," Pope Francis said during a meeting with the region's young people in the town of Castelpetrosino. "Work gives dignity."

The Italian national statistics bureau reported in early June that the Molise region's unemployment rate was 16.4 percent, which is worse than the national average. The situation is particularly bad for job-seekers between the ages of 15 and 24, a full 50 percent of whom cannot find jobs.



Palestinians flee from their homes during an Israeli airstrike on a house in Gaza City on July 9.



Pope Francis speaks to people during a luncheon at the Caritas soup kitchen in Campobasso, Italy, on July 5.

### Vatican names new bank president

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—As the restructuring of Vatican financial institutions moves into high gear, "our ambition is to become something of a model of financial management rather than a cause for occasional scandal," said Cardinal George Pell, prefect of the Vatican Secretariat for the Economy.

Cardinal Pell introduced Jean-Baptiste de Franssu, the French chairman of INCPIT, a mergers and acquisitions consulting firm, as the new president of the Institute for the Works of Religion, commonly called the Vatican bank. Franssu previously was the chief executive officer of Invesco Europe, an investment management company.



## Editor's Notes

Mary SOLBERG

Pope Francis has announced that 2015 will be celebrated as the Year of Consecrated Life. Already it seems that much joy is being shared by priests and sisters who have or are serving our own diocese.

Anyone can see that joy come alive in the photograph below.

Sister Eliana Day, a member of the Franciscan Sisters, TOR of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother, is shown surrounded by the several friends she made while coordinating the Heart and Soul chastity program



Newly professed Sister Eliana Day, TOR, gets a lift from friends, left to right: Fathers Steven Schreiber, Michael Polinek, Bill Barron and Daniel Hoffman, and Capuchin Franciscan Brother John Paul Kuzma.

in the Diocese of Erie in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

Sister Eliana, known then as Jody Day, recently professed her perpetual vows as a member of the Franciscan Sisters, TOR. She is the former assistant director of

Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Erie. (Her story can be seen on the bottom of this page.)

Sister Eliana's special day was complete when Father Steven Schreiber, Father Michael Polinek, Father Bill Barron, Father Daniel Hoffman and Capuchin Franciscan Brother John Paul Kuzma gathered around her for a special lift in the air. Other lay people who knew Sister Eliana during her stay in Erie also attended the event.

"I was really moved by their support of me and their friendship," Sister Eliana said.

The mission spirit has been going strong for more than four decades in the Diocese of Erie.

About 30 students and adults from the diocese put their faith into action July 6-13 as part of the 42nd summer mission trip to Kentucky. Father Mike Demartini led the group to the area of Vanceburg, Ky., as part of a mission of faith, service and fellowship.

Three priests of the Diocese of Erie have made it easier for students to fund their college experience at Gannon University in Erie.

Msgr. Andrew Karg, Father Joseph Gregorek and Father Leo Gallina all have created Endowed "Power" Scholarships under provisions of the "Power" Scholarship Challenge at Gannon.

Msgr. Karg's gift honors his parents, Louis J. and Rose M. Karg. Father Gallina's gift honors the memory of his parents, Leo and Jessie Gallina. Father Gregorek's scholarship benefits students enrolled in the university pre-med program.

"In all my years of teaching at Gannon, I witnessed the great transformation and success of those I was fortunate to teach," Father Gregorek said. "I simply wanted more individuals to be able to benefit and achieve these possibilities."

Both Msgr. Karg and Father Gallina credited their parents for inspiring them to take advantage of higher education.

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# EMMAUS: A time to renew the spirit of the clergy



Guest Commentary  
Father John Jacquet

**Editor's Note:** Father John Jacquet, pastor of St. John the Baptist and Holy Rosary parishes, both in Erie, gives this insight into Emmaus, the annual five-day gathering for diocesan clergy. This year's Emmaus was held at Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe June 16-20.

So, what do priests and deacons (and bishops) do at Emmaus? Wouldn't you like to be a "fly on the wall?"

Since 1982, we've had these convocations each June in order to experience and build a positive community life that visitors to our diocese can't help but notice. The camaraderie I experienced as a young priest, attending the first Emmaus closing in June 1983, has enhanced my personal and ministerial life like there's no tomorrow.

I was welcomed into the Erie presbyterate by getting to know ordained clergy one-by-one at meals, before and after presentations, on walks around the campus (Gannon University in Erie, Christ the King Seminary in New York, and this year at Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe). Those

moments were—and still are—priceless. We also have high quality educational/formational experiences. This year, Father Tom Hurst, rector of St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and previously my Scripture professor, helped us focus on St. Paul and his importance in our lives and in our ministries and vocations. We pray together during Mass and Liturgy of the Hours, and experience Eucharistic Adoration and the sacrament of Reconciliation.

That's not all. Deacons arrive on Wednesday in time for the jubilarian festivities, and stick around until Friday for topics specific to their ministry. Father John Detisch, pastor of St. Jude the Apostle Parish, Erie, is our master of ceremonies. Each year, he regales us with honors and, especially, humor. The afternoons and evenings afford us time to relax and catch up with friends, old and new.

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman has joined in several Scrabble matches over the years. The gathering also includes a Monday evening treat of banana splits (Latrobe is the birthplace of this delight). On Tuesday, it's pizza and wings. Some of the men gather around a large-screen TV to cheer their favorite team; a few make the pilgrimage to Pittsburgh for a first-hand sports experience.

Before it's all done, we all gather with Bishop Lawrence Persico to hear his agenda for our sprawling, 13-county diocese. We respond in a forum called "Diocesan Dialogue."

While at Emmaus, all the clergy can feel the powerful prayers of the people we serve. We are grateful for this time to renew our spirits. Wish you could have been there!

# Former diocesan youth minister becomes Franciscan sister

TORONTO, Ohio—A former youth minister for the Diocese of Erie—who grew up in the Protestant faith—has professed perpetual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience as a member of the Franciscan Sisters, TOR of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother.

Sister Eliana (Jody) Day, TOR, made her perpetual profession before Bishop Jeffrey Mororton of the Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio, on July 6. Several

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— Sister Eliana Day

priests and lay people of the Diocese of Erie attended the event. "It's my whole life. I continue to grow in love with the beauty and depth of our faith," Sister Eliana told FaithLife. "I feel called to share it, particularly with Catholics who have fallen away from the church or Catholics who need a booster shot. My real desire is to see all Catholics live their faith with real zeal."

The daughter of James and Kathy Day, Sister Eliana grew up in a Protestant home near Carlisle, Pa. Although her fam-



Sister Eliana Day, Franciscan Sisters, TOR

ily attended church on Sundays, religion was not a big part of her lives. She was baptized in the Protestant faith at age 14, and then later graduated with a bachelor's in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville.

In 1995, at age 21, she entered the RCIA program at St. Patrick Parish, Carlisle, and was later confirmed in the Catholic faith.

For six years, she discerned her religious vocation. She spent a volunteer year with NET Ministries and then served from 1999

to 2002 as assistant director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Erie. During that time, she was active in the TEC community, now known as Divine Mercy Encounter, a program that offers three-day retreats four times a year. She led the diocesan World Youth Day contingent to Toronto, Canada, in 2002.

During her time in Erie, she also was a member of St. Joseph's Bread of Life and coordinated the former Heart and Soul chastity retreat program.

Sister Eliana visited several religious communities before finding her home with the Franciscan Sisters, TOR of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother, a contemplative-active community committed to works of mercy. With the Franciscan Sisters, she has served in a variety of ministries, including nursing home care, college campus ministry and prayer. She currently resides at the motherhouse in Toronto, but returns occasionally to the Diocese of Erie for Divine Mercy Encounter retreats and to attend other events.

To read Sister Eliana's testimony or to learn more about her Franciscan community, visit [www.franciscansisterst.org](http://www.franciscansisterst.org).

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**Sisters of Catholic Rural Ministry to host Reflection Afternoon for Women**

PORT ALLEGANY—The Sisters of Catholic Rural Ministry based in McKean County will host a Reflection Afternoon for Women at 472 Sartwell Creek Road, Port Allegany, Aug. 3 from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The day's program is titled, "God's Tender Mercy—Reflections on Forgiveness." Discussion will explore the connection between mercy and forgiveness and what it means to extend mercy and forgiveness to ourselves and others.

Benedictine Sister Carolyn Gorny-Kopkowski will be the presenter. For reservations, contact Margaret French at 814-945-6245, or call Sister Phyllis Schleicher, OSB, at 814-544-8017 or email her at [sistersphy@gmail.com](mailto:sistersphy@gmail.com).

**Scouting meeting planned for August**

ERIE—The Diocese of Erie Catholic Committee on Scouting invites Catholic leaders to attend a gathering Aug. 9 to discuss the new direction for scouting in the diocese. This is an opportunity to learn more about religious awards, Catholic leadership, networking, and spiritual development in both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

The meeting is important for any adult leader who wishes to mentor Catholic youth through the religious awards program. The goal is to rejuvenate the Catholic scouting community within the diocese, including the Allegheny Highlands, Bucktail, Cornplanter and French Creek councils of Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania.

The program will be held at St. Thomas More House of Prayer, 365 Hill City Road, Cranberry, on Aug. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no cost for this event, but all participants must be registered by going to <http://catholicscouting.eventbrite.com>. Lunch and all material will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a Bible and a calendar.

For more information, call Kathleen Peterson, coordinator for the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, at 814-824-1218.

**Father Cooper Charity Golf Classic scheduled in Corry**

CORRY—The 24th annual Father Cyril Cooper Charity Golf Classic will be played at North Hills Golf Course on Route 426 in Corry Aug. 16.

Registration is from 7 to 7:45 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The four person scramble format includes greens fee and cart, along with breakfast, lunch and dinner at the course for \$60 per person (\$240 per team). The tournament includes a cash payout for top three scores, hole prizes for men and women, mini contests and a hole-in-one contest sponsored by Crotty Chevrolet.

Contact Amy Winchell at [amywinchell@yahoo.com](mailto:amywinchell@yahoo.com) or 814-664-4943 for additional details. Contact the St. Thomas Parish Office at 814-663-3041 for a brochure/registration form. Proceeds benefit St. Thomas School in Corry.

**Tea Cups for Charity planned Sept. 14**

ERIE—Make plans to attend the third annual Tea Cups for Charity event sponsored by the St. Peter Cathedral Women's Council on Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Ambassador Conference Center in Erie.

All ladies ages 5 to 95—or beyond—will enjoy a delicious menu, entertainment, baskets, boutique vendors and grand prizes. All proceeds will benefit numerous charitable causes in the Diocese of Erie. For more information or questions, email Deb Sobina at [nrmommydeb@gmail.com](mailto:nrmommydeb@gmail.com) or contact Barb Kelly at [barbkelly6@gmail.com](mailto:barbkelly6@gmail.com).

**Catholic Women's Conference is Oct. 4**

ERIE—More than 1,200 women are expected to gather in Erie on Saturday, Oct. 4, for the inaugural 1:38 Women Catholic Women's Conference at the Warner Theatre in Erie.

Enjoy fellowship and inspiring national speakers—including Sonja Corbit, Sister Catherine Marie from the Sisters of Life, and Father Larry Richards—along with lunch, adoration and the opportunity for reconciliation. The event will conclude with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Lawrence Persico.

For more information and registration details, go to [www.138Women.com](http://www.138Women.com) or search 1:38 Women on Facebook.

**Plan ahead for second Men's Conference**

ERIE—The second annual Erie Men's Conference, a Catholic outreach to men of faith, is being planned for Nov. 1, 2014. The half-day conference will be held at the Warner Theater in downtown Erie from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The conference is presented by 2322 MEN, a non-profit group of men of faith of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie. Cost for the one-day conference is \$40 and includes lunch and free parking.

For more information, questions or to register for the conference, visit [www.2322men.com.5998](http://www.2322men.com.5998).

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**Mother Maureen lived for God's will**

ERIE—Mother Maureen of the Precious Blood, OCD, lived for God alone. As a member of the cloistered contemplative community of the Order of Carmelites Disalcedo the past 14 years, she devoted her life to prayer.

A fellow sister at the Carmel of the Holy Family Monastery on East Grandview Boulevard in Erie remembers Mother Maureen as loving, thoughtful and "full of fun."

"If there was any concern or question, Mother Maureen would

say, 'I want what God wants,'" the sister said.

Mother Maureen died at the monastery on June 26, following an extended illness. She was 58.

Born Janice M. Lanzilotti in Plainfield, N.J., on Aug. 8, 1955, she was the daughter of Anthony and Maureen (Honey) Lanzilotti.

Besides earning her juris doctorate, Mother Maureen earned a bachelor's degree in music and a master's degree in business administration.

On Jan. 8, 2000, she entered

the Order of Carmelites Disalcedo. She made her first profession of vows on Dec. 8, 2003, and her solemn profession on Dec. 12, 2006. She was named prioress of the Carmel of the Holy Family on Oct. 7, 2013.

Besides her parents, survivors include two brothers, Thomas Lanzilotti, and his wife, Jean Marie, and Michael Lanzilotti, and his wife, Jean; a sister, Karen Lappin, and her husband, Paul; many nieces and nephews; and five sisters of the Carmelite Monastery

in Erie.

Visiting hours were held at the chapel of the Carmelite Monastery on July 1. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated there July 2, with Bishop Lawrence Persico officiating.

Memorials in honor of Mother Maureen may be made to the Carmel of the Holy Family Monastery, 510 E. Gore Road, Erie, PA 16509.

The Brugger Funeral Homes & Crematory in Erie handled funeral arrangements.



Photo by Rich Papalia

Mother Maureen of the Precious Blood is shown in this photograph taken in 2011 on the serene grounds of the Carmelite Monastery on East Grandview Boulevard in Erie.

**Deacon Gerald Beeman dies at 74**

BRADFORD—Deacon Gerald J. Beeman, 74, of 110 Jackson Ave., Bradford, died June 29 at Bradford Regional Medical Center.

He dedicated his life to the service of the Catholic Church. A deacon for the Diocese of Erie, he served as a campus minister at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and was an assistant chaplain at the Federal Correctional Institution-McKean. He was assigned to St. Bernard Church in Bradford.

For five years, he studied for the permanent diaconate at Gannon University, Erie, and was ordained by Bishop Emeritus Donald W. Trautman on June 9, 2006. He retired from St. Bernard due to illness in 2012.

A 1957 graduate of St. Bernard High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was trained as a combat medical corpsman. After three years of service, he was selected for a lengthy training program conducted by the Central Intelligence Agency and the U.S. Army, preparing him to become a counterintelligence special operations officer targeted against the intelligence services of the former Soviet Union and its allies.

He served operational tours of duty in Connecticut, Paris, Vietnam, Washington,

D.C., Norway and Germany. He retired from active duty as a major at Fort Bliss, Texas.

He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army of Occupational Medal (Germany), National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, RVN Campaign Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry Medal with palm, and two Meritorious Service Medals.

He later earned two degrees in academic management and served as a department manager at Texas Tech School of Medicine in El Paso, Texas, and at Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington before retiring in 2000 and moving to Bradford.

Survivors include four sons, Mark C. (Shirley) Beeman of Bay City, Mich., Jay G. (Barbie) Beeman of Bradford, Steven M. (Gina) Beeman of Hamburg, N.Y., and John C. (Michelle) Beeman of Fairfax, Va.; a brother, James J. Beeman of San Diego, Calif.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visiting hours were held at St. Bernard



Deacon Gerald J. Beeman

Church on July 2 and a Mass of Christian Burial was held there July 3, with Bishop Lawrence Persico and Father Raymond Gramata, pastor, co-celebrating. Commitment services and full military honors were held at St. Bernard Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the St. Bernard Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 2394, Bradford, PA 16701; or to The Pavilion at BRMC Gardening Fund, 200 Pleasant St., Bradford, PA 16701.

**On the links with Maria House Project**

UNION CITY—The late Msgr. James Peterson didn't golf, he was too busy helping those in need. But, surely, he would be happy with an upcoming tournament to benefit the men he loved the most.

"He was a duffer of a different sort," said Marty Radock, coordinator of the inaugural Father Peterson Golf Tournament benefiting Maria House Project, scheduled Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Union City Country Club.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit Maria House, which was founded by "Father Pete" in 1971 to help men recovering from alcohol and other addictions, imprisonment, homelessness and mental illness.

Joe Tarquinio, director of Maria House Project, hopes the event will keep the name of this special outreach alive in the community.

"I promised Father Pete that I would continue this as long as I could but that I was worried about the money to maintain the ministry," Tarquinio says. "He said to me, 'Just trust in God and the money will come.'"

In 1971, Father Peterson formed Maria House while he was still teaching at Gannon University, Erie, working with the

marginalized on the streets.

Today, Maria House includes six houses with 30 to 35 residents, and the Greg Leopold Prayer Center. Men receive housing and are required to get treatment, counseling, education and do hard work on a farm known as "The Lodge."

Father Peterson dedicated his life to the ministry until his death, at age 89, in May 2013.

The cost to participate in the tournament is \$65 per person or \$260 per foursome. The day includes golf with a cart, skill prizes (men and women), coffee and donuts at registration, drinks and a

hot dog at the turn, and a buffet dinner.

The start time is 9 a.m., with registration from 8 to 8:45 a.m. Registration forms are available at the following locations: Union City Country Club, 9400 Club Road, Union City; The Corry Journal, 28 West South St., Corry; and Maria House Project, 1218 French St., Erie. Corporate and hole sponsorships are still available by calling 814-438-2810 or visiting the club's website at [www.unioncitygolfclub.com](http://www.unioncitygolfclub.com).

Maria House and the St. Thomas More Club are sponsoring the event.

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## Meadville parishes observe Feast of Corpus Christi



MEADVILLE—About 150 parishioners from Meadville's three Catholic churches marched along city streets June 22 in observance of the Feast of Corpus Christi. The group gathered after the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Agatha Church, marched one block for a brief service at St. Bridgid Church, then processed six blocks to St. Mary of Grace Church for a Benediction service and reception. Above, the group passes St. Agatha Parish on its way to St. Mary Parish.

## Fryburg parish recognizes service



FRYBURG—Bill Ditz is pictured receiving the gift of a computer tablet from Father D.G. Davis, pastor of St. Michael Parish, Fryburg, in recognition of Ditz's 38 years of service to the parish bingo program. All of the profits from bingo during those years went to tuition assistance for students attending Catholic schools. At his retirement, Ditz estimated that bingo proceeds during his tenure reached about a half-million dollars.

## Cayarie Club members reunite for 60th



ERIE—Former members of the Cayarie Club (Catholic Young Adults of Erie) gathered for a 60th reunion at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie June 22. Dick Boniger, founding president, attended the reunion, along with his sister, Peg Boniger Mitchell, and several other former members. Cayarie was founded in 1954 in the Diocese of Erie to promote Catholic marriages. About eight couples married after meeting through the club.

Pictured in the front row, left to right, are: Lorraine Lepkowski, Marty Pastore, Ella Galvin, Sister Millicent Zimmer, SSJ, Rose Ann Yadeski and Peg Mitchell. In the back row, left to right, are: Don Sonntag, Jerry Galvin, Lou Brosche, Pat Brosche, Jim Yadeski and Lou Ann Nowostelski.

## Knights of Columbus give to St. Bibiana Parish



GALETON—The Galeton Knights of Columbus Council 693 presented \$500 to Father Joseph Dougherty, pastor of St. Bibiana Church in Galeton. The funds were given for the Catholic Services Appeal. The Knights also covered the cost of \$900 to repair the bells at the church. Pictured presenting the check to Father Dougherty are fundraising chairman, Gene Pondo, left, and John Lychalk, financial secretary for the council.

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Wednesday, August 13  
 9:00 a.m. - Shrine Opens  
 12:00 p.m. - Cedars Hall Open, Food Available  
 7:00 p.m. - Roman Rite Liturgy, Celebrant: Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio

Thursday, August 14  
 9:00 a.m. - Shrine Opens  
 12:00 p.m. - Cedars Hall Open, Food Available  
 2:00 p.m. - Tridentine High Mass (Missa Cantata), Celebrant: Fr. Shannon Collins  
 4:00 p.m. - Spiritual Conference: Father Boniface Hicks, O.S.B.  
 St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA. Topic: Mary, the First Revolutionary in "God's Revolution of Kindness"  
 7:00 p.m. - Byzantine Divine Liturgy, Celebrant: Bishop John Bura, Eparchy of St. Joseph of Parma, OH  
 8:00 p.m. - Procession to the Tomb and the Prayers for the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin

Friday, August 15  
 9:00 a.m. - Shrine Opens  
 10:00 a.m. - Maronite Divine Liturgy  
 12:00 p.m. - Cedars Hall Open, Food Available  
 2:00-5:00 p.m. - Confessions  
 12:00 p.m. - Maronite Divine Liturgy, "Anointing of the Sick," Bishops Elias Zaidan, Gregory Mansour  
 2:00-5:00 p.m. - Confessions  
 2:00-4:00 p.m. - Rosary (Tower Chapel)  
 4:00 p.m. - Spiritual Conference: Father Boniface Hicks, O.S.B.  
 St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA. Topic: Mary, Assumed into Heaven becomes a "Star of the New Evangelization"  
 7:00 p.m. - Maronite Pontifical Liturgy Celebrants: Bishops Elias Zaidan, Gregory Mansour, Robert Shaheen  
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