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- July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus
- July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Aug. 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori
- Aug. 2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard
- Aug. 4 St. John Vianney
- Aug. 6 Transfiguration of the Lord
- Aug. 7 St. Sixtus II and companions, St. Cajetan
- Aug. 8 St. Dominic
- Aug. 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- Aug. 10 St. Lawrence
- Aug. 11 St. Clare
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- Aug. 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe
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- Aug. 16 St. Stephen of Hungary
- Aug. 20 St. Bernard
- Aug. 21 St. Pius X
- Aug. 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Aug. 23 St. Rose of Lima
- Aug. 24 St. Bartholomew
- Aug. 25 St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz

Collection for the Church in Latin America – Aug. 4-5

This year, the Diocese of Erie will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America Aug. 4-5.

Last year, the generosity of Catholics in the United States allowed this collection to distribute more than \$7.5 million to support the church in Latin America. It funded seminarian formation and the continuing education of clergy, as well as the formation of lay ministers. Locally, funds from this collection are also used to help maintain the diocesan Mission of Friendship in Yucatan, Mexico.

Recently, St. Blaise Parish in El Pozon, Colombia, prepared a group of nearly 800 children for first holy Communion. The parish was aided by the generous support provided through the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Such support allowed the boys and girls to attend classes led by trained catechists with the materials necessary to teach the faith in one of the poorest parishes in Colombia.

100th anniversary Mass at Holy Redeemer, Warren – Aug. 11



Bishop Donald Trautman will celebrate Mass at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11 at Holy Redeemer Parish in Warren for the parish's 100th anniversary. About 100 families in East Warren organized the St. Anthony Society in 1908, which eventually became Holy Redeemer Parish in 1912.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (holy day of obligation) – Aug. 15

"Finally the immaculate virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her son, the Lord of Lords and conqueror of sin and death." – *Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 966*



Diocese marks Fortnight for Freedom

Parishes hold events to preserve religious liberty

By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife editor

When the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops asked Catholics to dedicate 14 days to the preservation of religious freedom through prayer, education and public action, the faithful in the Diocese of Erie listened.

Parishioners in the diocese joined others across the United States by participating in Masses, devotions, holy hours, educational presentations and rallies during the June 21 to July 4 campaign to support the nation's "first and most cherished freedom" and draw attention to actions Catholic and other religious leaders say are weakening religious liberty, including the federal contraceptive mandate.

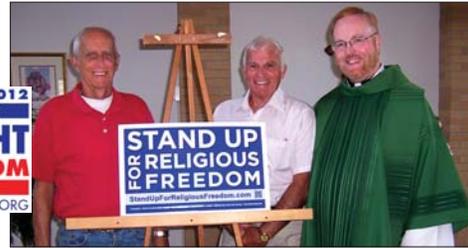
"We've got the HHS man-



date going on, which is a slap in the face to religious freedom," said Father Skip Davis, pastor of St. Michael Parish in Fryburg. "And this is in response to what the U.S. bishops called on us to do."

Parishioners at St. Michael Parish planned numerous events during the Fortnight for Freedom in collaboration with the St. Thomas More House of Prayer in Cranberry.

Several speakers presented an overview of concerns about religious freedom, discussed religious accommodations in health care and led night



As part of the Fortnight for Freedom activities, parishioners at St. Luke in Youngsville participated in a letter writing campaign to government officials urging them to support the Respect of Conscience Act which would allow faith-based organizations to minister to all people according to the teachings of their church. Left to right are Pat Black, pastoral council president; Darrell Harlan, Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus Council No. 13066; and Father John Neff, pastor.

prayer. A talk on the HHS mandate was followed by a wine and cheese reception, a panel discussion on contraception included a beer and brats social and popcorn and candy were served during a film discussion night on "The American Experiment: Step-

ping Stones." An outdoor Mass was followed by the release of red, white and blue balloons.

The events were well received. Father Davis said, with 25 to 50 at each event and many coming from other areas of the Oil City Dean-

ery. As a follow up, a bulletin insert distributed July 21-22 helped guide parishioners through a number of practical calls to action including writing to local representatives. See FORTNIGHT page 2

2012 Catholic Services Appeal pledges eclipse goal

By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife editor

The generosity of the faithful in the Diocese of Erie is evident in the results of the 2012 Catholic Services Appeal.

As of June 26, the appeal has resulted in more than \$5.9 million in pledged donations from more than 19,000 donors. Current pledges are \$2.1 million over the CSA goal of \$3.8 million.

The annual Catholic Services Appeal helps fund the diocese's ministries and provides support for health and social services, education, diocesan administration and pastoral services that serve 13 counties in northwest Pennsylvania.



Parishes also benefit from the appeal. Each parish is assessed a financial goal. Once a parish reaches its assessment, every dollar pledged over that amount stays within the parish for local projects. In addition to the 90 ministries and services that are funded through the Catholic Services Appeal, more than \$2.1 million will remain in

parishes for local projects.

Bishop Donald Trautman celebrated Mass June 16 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie for the intentions of all the benefactors of the 2012 Catholic Services Appeal.

"The best way for me as bishop to acknowledge the generosity of our donors is to celebrate Mass for them and their loved ones," Bishop Trautman said during his homily.

"Without your financial support, the teaching and charitable works of our diocese would be severely impacted if not impossible. I say to our donors, your goodness and generosity has made a difference in countless people's

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Bishop Donald Trautman poses with John and Janet Blakeslee who brought up the gifts June 16 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie for the Mass offered for the donors of the 2012 Catholic Services Appeal. John serves as an adviser for the Catholic Services Appeal in the Erie West Deanery and has been chairman of the CSA committee at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie for more than 15 years.

Clergy appointments

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

Father Thomas Aleksa, appointed pastor of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Erie, and chaplain at the Erie Veterans Affairs Medical Center, for a term of six years. Effective September 1, 2012.

Father William Barron, appointed campus minister at Cathedral Preparatory School, Erie, while continuing as a member of the faculty and associate director of vocations. Effective August 10, 2012.

Father Joseph Czarkowski, appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Lucinda, for a term of six years. Effective September 1, 2012.

Father James Gutting, appointed pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, Warren, for a term of six years. Effective September 1, 2012.

Father Daniel Hoffman, appointed vice chancellor of the Diocese of Erie, with residence at St. Luke Parish, Erie. Effective August 14, 2012.

Father Joseph Kalinowski, appointed pastor of St. John Parish, Tidioute, and St. Anthony Mission Church, Tionesta, for a term of six years. Effective September 1, 2012.

Father Brandon Kleckner, appointed parochial vicar of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Clearfield, for a term of three years. Effective June 22, 2012.

Father John Malhaner, appointed pastor of St. Luke Parish, Erie, for a term of six years. Effective August 10, 2012.

Father Shane Mathew, appointed headmaster of Venango Catholic High School, Oil City, and administrator of Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish, Oil City, for a term of six years. Effective August 10, 2012.

Father William Miller, appointed pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Girard, for a term of six years. Effective September 1, 2012.

Father John Miller, appointed campus minister at Penn State Erie – The Behrend College, for a term of three years while continuing as parochial vicar of St. Peter Cathedral, Erie.

Father John Neff, appointed pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Sheffield, for a term of six years while continuing as pastor of St. Luke Parish, Youngsville. Effective September 1, 2012.

Father William O'Brien, appointed pastor of St. Andrew Parish, Erie, for a term of six years. Effective September 1, 2012.

Deacon Richard O'Polka, appointed pastoral care coordinator of St. Michael Parish, Emlenton, for a term of one year. Effective September 1, 2012.

Father Charles Schmitt, appointed priest in residence at St. Michael Parish, Emlenton, for a term of one year. Effective September 1, 2012.

Retiring from active ministry:

Msgr. John Lucas, pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, Warren. Effective September 1, 2012.

Msgr. Jan Olowin, pastor of St. Michael Parish, Emlenton, and campus minister at Clarion University. Effective September 1, 2012.

Msgr. Thomas Snyderwine, pastor of St. Luke Parish, Erie. Effective August 10, 2012.

Mission church of Immaculate Conception in Madera closes

By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife editor

MADERA – Due to structural issues and a small number of registered families, Immaculate Conception Church in Madera, a mission church of Christ the King Parish in Houtzdale, has closed.

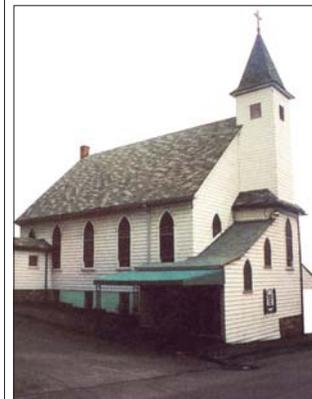
Bishop Donald Trautman celebrated the final Mass at

the church July 8.

Families will be welcomed at Christ the King in Houtzdale, said Father Stanley Swacha, who serves as pastor of the parish and its mission church.

"Primarily, it's a structural issue," said Bishop Trautman. "There are very steep steps

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Immaculate Conception mission church in Madera.

IN THE U.S.

■ New proposal would remove mandate's penalties for religious employers

Saying that the U.S. Supreme Court's June 28 decision on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act "leaves intact a grave assault to religious freedoms," Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., announced July 10 that he would introduce the Religious Freedom Tax Repeal Act. The bill, which has 57 co-sponsors, would allow employers who have religious or moral objections to covering certain preventive services mandated by the health reform law to decline to provide them through their health insurance plans without facing taxes, penalties or enforcement actions for their noncompliance. The Supreme Court ruled June 28 that it was constitutional for Congress to require individuals to purchase health insurance under its authority to tax.



People for and against the administration's health care reform law demonstrate in front of the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington June 28.

Sensenbrenner said the health reform law "gives the federal government the tools to tax religiously affiliated schools, hospitals, universities and soup kitchens right out of existence" by imposing penalties of up to \$100 per employee per day on employers who fail to provide services mandated by the Department of Health and Human Services, which include sterilizations and contraceptives, including some abortion-causing drugs.

■ Charter progress report details success dioceses have in abuse cases

While the Catholic Church has taken major steps in addressing allegations of clergy sexual abuse, it must continue to be vigilant in assuring that victims and their families receive the attention and care they deserve, said the chairman of the National Review Board. In a report marking the 10th anniversary of the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," Al Notzon III told the U.S. bishops June 13 at their spring meeting that transparency remains a crucial component of building and maintaining credibility among the Catholic faithful as well as the general public. He credited the country's bishops for developing more pastoral responses, rather than being concerned primarily with legal issues when allegations are made.

The charter was part of the U.S. bishops' response to the clergy

abuse scandal that was a major concern when they met in Dallas in 2002. Notzon also commended the bishops for readily reporting abuse allegations to law enforcement authorities for investigation, a requirement of the charter.

AROUND THE WORLD

As pope's vacation begins, taking stock of his work year

The papal year starts when the pope returns to the Vatican each fall and ends when he leaves for the papal summer residence at Castel Gandolfo (where he relocated this year July 3). Almost all of the Vatican's important business gets done in this span, making it the most relevant unit of time to use when analyzing the papacy's activity and its implications for the church as a whole. So what can the 2011-12 papal "term" tell us about where Pope Benedict XVI is leading the church?

If there was one message that the Vatican's agenda and statements this year seemed designed to convey, it was that the world needs the Catholic Church's help to solve its most urgent social and economic problems. In five speeches over the course of six months to U.S. bishops on their "ad limina" visits to Rome, Pope Benedict said that the health and prosperity of American society as a whole require the engagement of its Catholic citizens, in fidelity to the church's teaching on contentious matters, including marriage, abortion, euthanasia, immigration and education. On a November visit to the West African country of Benin, the pope said that a "church reconciled within itself can become a prophetic sign of reconciliation in society," on a continent divided by often violent ethnic and religious conflicts.



Pope Benedict XVI

PEOPLE

German theologian to head Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Archbishop Gerhard Muller of Regensburg, Germany, has been named by Pope Benedict XVI as the new prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The 64-year-old expert in dogmatic theology and ecumenism, who has co-authored a work on liberation theology, replaced U.S. Cardinal William Levada, who retired at 76. As head of the doctrinal congregation, the archbishop also assumes the roles of president of the Pontifical Commission "Ecclesia Dei," the Pontifical Biblical Commission and the International Theological Commission.



Archbishop Gerhard Muller

By the Way...

In November, L'Arche Erie will celebrate its 40th anniversary. L'Arche is a community of faith where people with and without intellectual disabilities live together and share life. **Father George Strohmeier** and **Sister Barbara Karsznia, OSB**, first brought the concept of L'Arche to Erie from founder **Jean Vanier** in France. There are now 17 communities in the U.S. and 137 worldwide in 40 countries. Father Strohmeier recently traveled to France to meet with other L'Arche communities.



Jason Koshinski

"Not only do we promote the gifts of all people and see the transformation that is made in people with intellectual disabilities when they are loved and given a purpose, but the impact that is made on those who assist people with disabilities is also a transformation that isn't widely broadcast," said **Laura Hunter**, development director of L'Arche Erie.

For details on a number of celebrations regarding L'Arche's milestone, visit www.larcherie.org.

TEC retreats (To Encounter Christ) in the Diocese of Erie have recently undergone a name change. Now known as **Divine Mercy Encounter**, the retreat weekends are still the same. The three-day experiences are open to anyone from high school sophomores through adults. The retreats are held at St. Joseph Parish/Bread of Life Community in Erie. The next Divine Mercy Encounter is Nov. 9-11. For more information or to register, visit www.wonthevine.us.

A number of discerning young men joined priests from the diocese's Vocations Office for its annual Discipleship Hike July 11 at Allegany State Park. The day included some climbing, prayer, lunch and fellowship.

We offer our condolences to **Father Vince Cieslewicz** on the loss of his mother, **Mary Cieslewicz**, who died July 6. Father Cieslewicz serves as pastor of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Smethport and St. Joseph Parish in Mount Jewett.

The next issue of *FaithLife* is a special edition of *Faithful Servants*, our annual tribute to the priests and religious celebrating jubilee anniversaries. *Faithful Servants* will be in parishes Aug. 11-12. We'll return to our regular format Aug. 26.

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calling the offices of government officials and signing petitions.

Overall, Father Davis said people are well informed.

"What impresses me most is their zeal, their passion," he said.

"We as a people can become complacent. The people who came really want to do something. There's a burning desire in the country today to return to values and principles we used to have. We've come so far away from it that we don't know how to get back. But it's not too late to do something."

At St. Luke Parish in Youngsville, parishioners took part in a letter-writing campaign to senators Bob Casey and Pat Toomey and Rep. Mike Kelly, urging them to support the Respect of Conscience Act currently pending in Congress, which would allow faith-based organizations to minister to all people according to the teachings of their church without fear of fine or discrimination by the federal or state government.

"Some people thought that this was just politics," said Father John Neff, pastor of St. Luke. "I said from the pulpit, 'This isn't a

political issue; this is a faith issue.' The majority who took the time to sign the letters, they realize it's not a political issue."

The parish also held a novena during the Fortnight for Freedom, which included evening prayer.

"We had a good turnout," Father Neff said.

A Warren Deanery event was held June 28 at Holy Redeemer Parish in Warren, which included a holy hour, evening prayer and adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The three Catholic parishes in Meadville—St. Agatha, St. Bridgid and St. Mary of Grace—held a religious liberty prayer service June 25 at Diamond Park in Meadville. Approximately 120 people came from different parishes throughout Crawford County.

"People were very positive," said Father Johnathan Schmitt, pastor of St. Bridgid. "Several said they were grateful that we had this for religious freedom. We purposely did this at the park to show we were exercising our religious freedom in a public place."

Catholic News Service contributed to this report.



CNS photo

Members of the clergy process down the center aisle of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington July 4 for the closing Mass of the bishops' Fortnight for Freedom campaign. The observance, which began with a June 21 Mass in Baltimore, was a two-week period of prayer, education and action on preserving religious freedom in the U.S.

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going up the entryway, and it's not entirely handicap accessible."

He said engineers have looked at the church, which has developed a number of structural problems. It would not be prudent judgment to spend the money required to rebuild and refashion it, he added.

"There are fond memories there, and for most of the people it's a sad moment," Bishop Trautman said. "But they're going into a church that's air conditioned, that's flat, is wheelchair accessible and makes sense."

Christ the King lists 470 registered families, and Immaculate Conception lists less than 70. Christ the King is approximately five miles from Immaculate Conception.

The mission church of Immaculate Conception was founded in 1917. Catechism classes were held in the former Madera jail until the church, originally known as St. Brendan, was built in 1921.

About two-thirds of the congregation gathering at Immacu-

late Conception for Sunday was coming from Houtzdale, Father Swacha said.

"People have been so faithful," he said. "Their faith and willingness kept it open for many years when similar parishes might have been closed."

Despite knowing a closure was imminent, Father Swacha said the final Mass was still difficult for many.

"I saw many people wiping their eyes during the final prayer," he said.

But part of the mission church will live on at Christ the King. Parishioners recently decided that the church's shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, which includes a statue against rose-colored granite, will be moved to Christ the King and have a prominent place on the parish grounds.

"Remember, when Our Lady of Lourdes appeared to St. Bernadette," Father Swacha noted, "she said, 'I am the Immaculate Conception.'"

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Briefly

5k for Catholic education

ERIE - The third annual 5k for Catholic education will be held Saturday, Aug. 18 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. in Erie.
The entry fee is \$15 (\$20 if you register after Aug. 1). Register by Aug. 1 and receive a free T-shirt. Registration can be done online at www.ErieRCD.org.

Participants can run or walk the 5k or 1 mile. Donations and volunteers are appreciated.

All proceeds will benefit Catholic education throughout the Diocese of Erie.

The initial race raised more than \$2,000 for the Bishop's Tutoring Assistance Program. The project, organized by local youth for youth, looks to continue raising both awareness and funds for education within the diocese, as well as promote youth activism within the church.

For more information on the 5k for Catholic education, visit www.eriecatholic.org, e-mail eriecatholic@gmail.com or call 814.881.5459.



Reflection afternoon for women

PORT ALLEGANY - The sisters of Catholic Rural Ministry of the Bradford Diocese will host a reflection afternoon for women on Sunday, Aug. 12 at the Catholic Rural Ministry Center in Port Allegany.

The program begins at 1:30 p.m. and closes at 5:30 with prayer. Sister Carolyn Gorny-Kopkowski, OSB, will present "Happiness—The Gift of Nature." The program will include discussion, reflection and prayer. A donation of \$5 includes the book, "Happiness," by Sister Joan Chittister, OSB.

For more information or to register, contact Margaret French at 814.945.6245 or Sister Phyllis Schliecher, OSB, at 814.544.8017 or e-mail crm@zotimedia.net. The registration deadline is Aug. 9.

Pilgrim statue to visit St. Ann, Erie

ERIE - Celebrating 40 years of First Friday and First Saturday devotions, St. Ann Church, 10th Street and East Avenue in Erie, will host the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima Aug. 25-26.

The statue will arrive on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 8:45 a.m. with a blessing held outside the church, followed by Mass.

Sent out to bring the message of Fatima to the world, the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue has traveled the world many times, visiting more than 100 countries, including Russia and China, bringing the message of hope to millions of people. Many miracles and signal graces are reported wherever the statue travels including shedding tears many times.

For more details, call the Apostolate of Divine Mercy office at 814.459.3220.



Mercy associate program begins Sept. 9

ERIE - The Mercy associate program sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy will begin on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 12:30 p.m. in the community room of the Mercy Motherhouse, 444 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie.

Mercy associates are women and men who hear and respond to a call from God, an invitation to Gospel holiness lived through sharing in the mission of Mercy. Associates make a commitment to Mercy through a formal covenant.

For information on the program or to register to be a Mercy associate, call Sister Phyllis Marie McDonald at 814.824.3910 or Carol Costello at 814.866.5783.

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St. Michael School, Greenville, names new principal

GREENVILLE - St. Michael School in Greenville has announced the appointment of Dawn Blair as its new principal effective July 1. Blair's appointment follows the retirement of Mary Jo Lipani, who served as principal for 40 years and is also an alumna of the school.

Blair is from Erie and is an active member of St. Peter Cathedral Parish. She attended St. Gregory Elementary School in North East. Her level of higher education includes an undergraduate degree in elementary education from Clarion University and a master's in educational leadership with a principal's certification from Edinboro University.

For the past 10 years, she has been serving as a teacher within the Erie School District as well as interim substitute principal. Blair said her first order of business is to get to know her teaching staff and work closely together on curriculum for next year. A new Pre-K program is being implemented this coming school year under her administration.

A back-to-school picnic is planned for Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. on the parish grounds following a 5 p.m. Mass in the church. All school and parish families will have the opportunity to meet Blair, as well as school teachers and staff.



Dawn Blair

St. Marys native professes solemn vows at Saint Vincent

LATROBE - Brother Albert Gahr, OSB, a native of St. Marys, made his solemn profession of monastic vows, or vows for life, July 11 at Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe.

Brother Albert (Scott) Gahr is the son of Raymond and Diana Gahr of Kersey. He is a 1991 graduate of Elk County Catholic High School in St. Marys. He earned a bachelor of science degree in biology in 1995 from Saint Vincent College and a doctorate in genetics and developmental biology from West Virginia University in 2002.

He entered the novitiate of Saint Vincent Ar-



Brother Albert Gahr, OSB

chabbey in 2008, made simple profession of monastic vows on July 10, 2009 and began studies at Saint Vincent Seminary in the fall of 2009. He was appointed socius of novices and a teaching assistant in the Biology Department of Saint Vincent College in 2009. In 2010 he was appointed an assistant food service liaison.

Gannon University announces new members of Board of Trustees

ERIE - Gannon University has announced two new members to its Board of Trustees. Each will serve a three-year term:

■ Meg VanderLaan is vice president of corporate communications at MWH Global, headquartered in Broomfield, Colo.

VanderLaan graduated from Gannon University with a bachelor's degree in communication arts, including a proficiency certificate in German. She is a past recipient of the university's Distinguished Alumni Award.

VanderLaan is active in the community, serving on the Downtown Denver Partnership Management Group, the Denver Civic Ventures Board of Directors and the Downtown Denver Events Board of Directors.

She and her husband, John, are residents of Highlands Ranch, Colo.

■ Richard G. Orlando, M.D., is founder of Columbus Ophthalmology Associates in Dublin, Ohio.

A native of Ashtabula, Ohio, Orlando graduated from Gannon University with a bachelor's degree in biology and earned a doctor of medicine degree from The Ohio State University College of Medicine. He is a past recipient of Gannon University's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Orlando and his wife, Cindy, are members of St. Brigid of Kildare Parish in Dublin.



Meg VanderLaan



Dr. Richard Orlando

DEATH NOTICE

Father Joseph Maryland

Oldest, most tenured priest in diocese

ERIE - Father Joseph Maryland, 101, died June 20, 2012 at St. Mary's Home at Asbury Ridge.

He was born March 20, 1911 in Pittsburgh, son of the late Bernard and Anna Kelleins Maryland. Father Maryland was a member of the first graduating class of Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh in 1931. He attended Duquesne University, Pittsburgh; St. Vincent College, Latrobe, and St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, Md.

Father Maryland was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Erie on May 2, 1940 at St. Peter Cathedral by Archbishop John Mark Gannon. He was the oldest and, serving 72 years, most tenured priest in the diocese, retiring in 1981.

Throughout his priestly ministry, Father Maryland served as assistant pastor and also parochial vicar at St. Brigid, Meadville; St. Paul, Erie;

St. Cosmas and Damian, Painswick; St. John the Evangelist, Girard; and St. Mark, Emporium.

He served as pastor at St. Timothy, Curwensville; Our Lady Help of Christians, Oil City; St. Hippolyte, Frenchtown; St. Basil the Great, Coalport; St. Joseph, Anita; and St. Anthony of Padua, Walston.



Father Joseph Maryland

2012 Catholic Services Appeal pledges eclipse goal

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lives—through education, Catholic Charities, youth programs and your own parish also benefits, as well. In the Lord's name and in my name, I express profound thanks."

Parishes throughout the diocese conducted Commitment Sunday the weekend of Feb. 18-

19 to begin the appeal. But it's not too late to participate. To make a pledge or gift to the 2012 Catholic Service Appeal, contact your parish office or Bill Grant, diocesan director of stewardship and annual giving, at 814.824.1192 or WGrant@ErieRCD.org for more information.

Visit www.eriepcd.org/csa.htm to watch a video message from Bishop Trautman as well as the compelling stories of many who have benefited from Catholic Services Appeal dollars.

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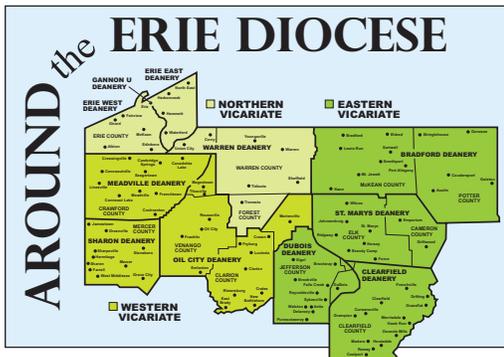
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 Saturday: 4:30pm Mass; Music by The Neighborhood Boys from 6-7pm and The 4-Jays from 7-10pm
 Sunday: 11am Mass celebrated in Italian by Fr. Justin Pino followed by procession of Virgin Mary statue; Spaghetti dinner from 12-5pm; Italian dancers perform from 2-3pm

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 More details: 814.459.3173



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Quick, important tips for taking good digital pictures. <http://www.ErieRCD.org/faithlife.asp>



St. Peter Cathedral students shop to aid refugees

ERIE — Eighth graders at St. Peter Cathedral School in Erie put their faith into action in a very tangible way prior to graduation. The class received a visit from Erin Landini-Grogan, Catholic Charities' director of Parish Social Ministry/Respect Life, which promotes the social teachings of the church. Landini-Grogan talked about Catholic Refugee Ministry, which coordinates a resettlement program for new arrivals to the United States. "The kids thought it would be nice to do something for the refugee program," said Karen Hund, the school's director of religious education and youth ministry. After talking with their parents, students brought in a suggested donation of \$10. Instead of donating the cash, students went on a shopping excursion to Wal-Mart. They divided into teams,



with each team having a budget of \$80. Students were asked to purchase essential items and debated potential purchases as necessities versus wants. The students purchases were added to other items brought from homes such as blankets, dishes and silverware. They were then given to Catholic Refugee Ministry for dispersal. Pictured are members of St. Peter Cathedral School's eighth grade class along with officials from Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Erie's Catholic Schools Office.

Mercy Terrace Apartments celebrates 25 years

ERIE — Mercy Terrace Apartments, 444 E. Grandview Blvd. in Erie, celebrated its 25th anniversary with a Mass at the Sisters of Mercy motherhouse recently. A reception followed at Mercy Terrace. Pictured enjoying the reception seated, from left, are Sister Kathryn Preston, RSM, Karen Narusewicz and Kylie Dolak, all with Mercy Hilltop Center. Standing are Sister Mary Felice Duska, RSM, Mercy Terrace manager, and Michael Gallagher, Mercy Terrace board president. Mercy Terrace Apartments is a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy New York, Pennsylvania, Pacific West Community. Currently, 75 residents live there.



Immaculate Conception School honors achievers

CLARION — Twelve middle school students at Immaculate Conception School in Clarion were honored for their academic achievements. To receive an invitation to the Honors Banquet, students had to have all A's on their report card for a nine-week period with no demerits or unacceptable conduct reports; every Immaculate Conception middle school student has four chances each academic year to achieve this goal. On May 12, students were honored with a luncheon at the church's rectory for their academic achievements. The school's principal, Donna Gaydash, middle school science teacher Lauren Sutkowski and Father Monty Sayers, pastor of Immaculate Conception, were also on hand to honor the students. In addition to the pizza and ice cream



cake, each child was presented with a T-shirt bearing the school's Honor Student emblem, which was created specifically for this annual event. Pictured left to right: (front row) Kaden Bauer, Gabrielle Weaver, Lydia Tack, Wyatt Baker, Ryley McMaster, Larissa Bauer, Aleksandra Troese, (back row) Catherine Buchanan, Father Monty Sayers, Zakary Bauer, Madison Weaver, Emily Baker and Claire Eckert.

Service projects at St. Luke School, Erie

ERIE — Throughout the school year, students and teachers at St. Luke School in Erie have incorporated the theme "Faith, Academics, Service"—the theme from Catholic Schools Week 2012—into their calendar. During the year in a variety of collections, more than 7,000 "gifts of joy" have been distributed to the Erie VA Medical Center, Presbyterian Lodge, St. Mary's East, Erie Police and Fire departments and the St. Luke parish and school community. Students and teachers produced handmade placemats, table and window decorations, numerous cards, cookies and other goodies throughout the year to remind the residents, patients and public servants that they are remembered and cherished. The works of art



were bright, festive and included many written sentiments. Pictured left to right are: (front row) Colton Ojowski, Tony Martin, Sarah Pelkowski, Michael Kuzma, Leah Markiewicz, Allison Schiffer, Isaac Spilko, David Kaliszewski (back row) Becca Skrypzak, Julia Reiser, Grace Rhodes, Maria Ventrello, Zoey Crenshaw, Josie Barclay, Jeremy Kunco, Abby Vandemere, Madison Jarrett and Britany Jones.

DuBois Central Catholic graduates EMT class

DUBOIS — All eight students enrolled in the year-long EMT course offered through DuBois Central Catholic School's science curriculum were recently notified that they had passed the Pennsylvania state-required written exam and the accompanying practicum, according to Jenn Graeca, DCC's EMT and medical technology instructor. Through a unique program, DCC students have earned basic EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) certification. A limited number of high schools in the state offer this course during the school day as part of their science curriculum. This is the second year that DuBois Central Catholic has graduated an EMT class. Pictured left to right are instructor



Jenn Graeca, Ayden Hanes, Katelyn Pegher, Dom Goldbach, Alexandra Huckestein, Jake Heigel, Arianna Martino and Craig Lindemuth. Missing from the photo is Garrett Randolph.

Knights of Columbus make donation to Erie's eastside

ERIE — Members of Knights of Columbus Council No. 10969 in Erie presented a check for \$783 to the Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry. The money raised by the knights at their annual pancake breakfast has been donated each year for the purchase of Catholic youth bibles. Pictured left to right are Patrick Connolly, Venessa Cochran, Abby Cochran, Gary Pietrasiewicz (grand knight), Reese Clark, Michelle Clark and Ryleigh McNaughton.



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