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## DIOCESAN NEWS

### National Needs Collection

Parishes in the Diocese of Erie will take up a special collection July 9-10 to show their solidarity with the vulnerable and poor in the United States.

The National Needs Collection is a combination of two other collections: The Catholic Home Missions Appeal and the Black and Indian Mission Collection.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal funds catechesis for children and adults, seminarian education, lay ministry training, Hispanic ministry, and other programs in needy dioceses throughout the country.

The Black and Indian Mission Collection helps to support African-American, Native-American and Alaskan-Native communities.

### Appointments expected for new Erie Catholic School System

Bishop Lawrence Persico is expected to appoint members of the new board for the Erie Catholic School System (ECSS) by the end of September.

Also, the Schools Office of the Diocese of Erie was expected to fill two vital administrative roles by early July. Interviews were completed at the end of June for superintendent of schools and president of the ECSS.

### NFP Awareness Week July 24-30

Bishop Lawrence Persico has designated July 24-30 as Natural Family Planning Awareness Week in the Diocese of Erie.

The week is part of a national educational campaign promulgated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to remember the anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*, the papal encyclical that articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood.

For information and resources about Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, go to [www.ErieRCD.org/nfp\\_awarenessweek.htm](http://www.ErieRCD.org/nfp_awarenessweek.htm).

### Women's conference scheduled

The third annual 1:38 Women's Conference is set for Oct. 1 at the Warner Theatre in downtown Erie. Speakers will include model and international speaker Leah Darrow; mother-daughter team Emily Jaminet and Michele Paehle, contributors to CatholicMom.com; and Mother Mary Assumpta Long, OP.

The cost is \$40 per person, including lunch. To register, go to [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com) or call 814-455-7364.

## FaithLife to publish special jubilee edition

The next regular edition of *FaithLife* will appear Aug. 21 due to preparations for the annual jubilee publication, *Faithful Servants*.

*Faithful Servants* is a 48-page special supplement that recognizes the anniversaries of clergy and religious in the Diocese of Erie. *Faithful Servants* will be available in parishes the weekend of Aug. 6-7.

## DIVINE WORK

### Sister Colette served as principal for 53 years

BY MARY SOLBERG | FAITHLIFE

Sister Colette Hilow, CDS, became principal at St. James School in Erie in 1963, the same year President John F. Kennedy was assassinated and the Beales were preparing for their first U.S. tour.

This past June—more than a half-century later—Sister Colette wrapped up what the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Erie believes to be the longest tenure of any principal in its history.

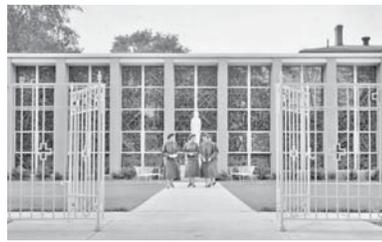
"I don't know what happened to all the years," Sister Colette told *FaithLife*.

Her departure represents not only the closing chapter of her personal legacy at the east Erie school, but the end of six decades of the continuous presence of the Congregation of the Divine Spirit in the diocese. In June, Sister Colette and Sisters Martha Cadden and Mary Babik were the last members of their religious community to leave Erie.

They relocated to the House of Loreto, the motherhouse of the Congregation of the Divine Spirit in Canton, Ohio. In 2010, the order moved its motherhouse to Canton from Erie, where it was founded in 1956.

"I feel very sad that I had to leave St. James," Sister Colette said. "I loved it very much and I loved the children and families."

In addition to her 53 years as principal, Sister Colette had taught at the school from the time it was first founded in 1957. She and the other sisters are expected to be honored Oct. 2 for their years of service at the parish and school.



Sisters of the Congregation of the Divine Spirit are pictured in this updated photo in front of their original motherhouse on West Sixth Street in Erie.

## Divine Spirit Congregation leaving Diocese of Erie



Sister Colette Hilow, CDS, principal at St. James for 53 years, reads a book with Abby Ladaika, left, and Sophia Swanseger, both of whom will be second-graders at St. James School next year.

In a recent letter to the school community, Father James McCormick, pastor, announced "with a very heavy heart" the departure of the sisters.

"For the last 59 years, St. James School has been blessed with the presence, ministry and leadership of the Sisters of the Divine Spirit," Father McCormick said, adding that Sister Colette "led by example, not by decree."

He announced the appointment of Lisa Norton, a graduate of St. James and a 36-year veteran teacher at the school, as principal for the 2016-17 school year.

Norton said that Sister Colette ran "a tight ship" at St. James, but one in which students thrived both academically and spiritually. Most of the school's faculty are alumni, and most of the current students come from families that have graduated from the school. It's

a testament to the positive influence of Sister Colette and the Divine Spirit community.

"There are multiple generations here. Sister Colette ran a very traditional school," Norton said. "The faculty that are alumni wanted to come back and continue that for the children of the future."

One of the greatest lessons that Norton learned from Sister Colette was that all children are different and learn in different ways. As principal, Sister Colette was known for visiting classrooms unannounced, just to teach a mini lesson or two.

"Sometimes she would ask the children if they would read a poem or maybe she would give them a little math problem to do," Norton said. "She visited Lourdes, so she would tell them about St. Bernadette or Fatima."

Founded under the episcopate of Archbishop John Mark Gannon, the community mostly ministered as educators at St. James and Our Lady of Mount Carmel schools, in Erie, and one school in Ohio. It established religious education centers in Warren, Emporium and Coudersport, and its sisters worked in the chancery and at Gannon University.

"It's a sad day for the Diocese of Erie because the Divine Spirit sisters have served us so long and so well over the years," said Sister Nancy Fischer, SSI, vicar for religious. "The diocese indeed will be different without their presence."

## CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

**Bishop Lawrence Persico makes the following clergy appointments:**

• **Deacon Michael Bray**, appointed deacon assistant to St. Raphael Parish, Eldred, with assistance to the communities of St. Theresa, Shinglehouse, and St. Mary Mission, Sartwell, effective April 20, 2016, term unspecified.

• **Father David Carter**, appointed pro tem, parochial vicar, St. Joseph Parish, Sharon, and sacramental assistant to area parishes, effective July 1, 2016, through Feb. 1, 2017.

• **Father Jason Glover**, interim appointment, interim president of the Shenango Valley Catholic School System, effective May 31, 2016, term unspecified.

• **Father James Power**, appointed pro tem, parochial vicar, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Clearfield, with assistance to DuBois Central Catholic High School, effective July 1, 2016, through Feb. 1, 2017.

• **Msgr. Richard Siefer**, appointed parochial administrator, St. Joseph Parish and St. Michael

Parish, both in DuBois, effective May 25, 2016, term unspecified, while continuing as pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, DuBois.

• **Father David Wilson**, reappointed pastor of Holy Rosary Parish, Johnsonburg, and St. Anne Parish, Wilcox, term unspecified.

### RETIREMENTS:

• **Father Jerome Simmons**, retiring, effective June 1, 2016, while continuing as chaplain to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania and the Ecclesia Center.

• **Deacon Walter Jones**, retiring from St. Patrick Parish, Franklin, and chaplaincy ministry at UPMC Northwest, Seneca, effective May 20, 2016.

### CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT:

• **At Father Stephen Schreiber's** request, Bishop Persico has relieved him of the responsibility of director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, a position he has held for eight years. Father Schreiber will continue his priestly ministry at Mercyhurst Preparatory School, St. Mark Seminary, St. Gregory Parish in North East, and Penn-State Behrend.



## Pope establishes feast day for St. Mary Magdalene



Mary Magdalene is portrayed by Chipo Chung in a scene from the 2015 NBC-TV series "A.D. The Bible Continues."

VATICAN CITY—Pope Francis has raised the memorial of St. Mary Magdalene (July 22) to the status of a feast in the liturgical calendar.

Pope Francis explained the change, saying he recognizes Mary Magdalene's role as the first witness to Christ's resurrection and a "true and authentic evangelizer."

Archbishop Arthur Roche, secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, reflected that St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is a call for all Christians to "reflect more deeply on the dignity of women, the new evangelization, and the greatness of divine mercy."

While most liturgical celebrations of individual saints during the year are known as memorials, those classified as feasts are reserved for important events in Christian history and for saints of particular significance.

# Tourists asked to report trafficking during Olympics

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Religious priests, brothers and sisters in Brazil are urging everyone attending the Olympic Games next month to report instances of exploitation of vulnerable people and to turn in suspected human traffickers.

Their campaign, "Play for Life," invites tourists, residents and visitors "to take a stand, not to submit passively to the arrogance of those who want to manipulate and use everything, even sports and life, for power, pleasure and greed," according to a global network of religious.

"Talhita Kum," an international network of consecrated men and women working against trafficking in



Official logo for anti-trafficking effort. CNS photo

persons, sponsored a news conference at Vatican Radio on June 21.

The group unveiled a new campaign organized by "Um Grito pela Vida," the Brazilian network of religious against human trafficking.

The campaign was launched for the Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 5-21.

## Newsmakers



Snippets of Catholic headlines and stories from around the world

from Catholic News Service

### Catholic response to Orlando: Pray, act, show solidarity

WASHINGTON (CNS)—As Orlando, Fla., and the nation moves on from the shock of the June 12 nightclub attack that left 50 dead, including the shooter, many are finding that there is no set path to find solace.

But in the midst of collective mourning over the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history, the Catholic Church had something to say not only about the sense-



Friends and family release doves and balloons during the June 21 funeral for Franky Jimmy De Jesus Velazquez in his hometown of Caguas, Puerto Rico. He was one of the victims of the June 12 shooting at the Pulse night club in Orlando, Fla.

less attack on human life, but also about finding peace in troubled times and showing solidarity with the suffering.

Many U.S. Catholic bishops condemned the shooting at the gay nightclub, but some people have been critical that the bishops as a group had not specifically noted that victims of the rampage were members of the gay and lesbian community.

Chicago Archbishop Blase J. Cupich took the lead in expressing sorrow that the gay community was singled out by the gunman. He said he and the Chicago Archdiocese stood with members of the gay community in the wake of "the heinous crimes" in Orlando "motivated by hate, driven perhaps by mental instability and certainly empowered by a culture of violence."

### U.S. Supreme Court rejects abortion clinic safety law

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-3 in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, striking down two provisions of a 2013 Texas law regulating abortion in that state.

The law required abortion clinics to comply with standards of ambulatory surgical centers and their doctors to have admitting privileges at local hospitals.

In February, the USCCB's general counsel had filed an *amicus curiae* brief calling for the law to be upheld on behalf of USCCB, the Texas Catholic Conference, and several other Christian partners.



### Editor's Notes

Mary SOLBERG

Most people already have planned their summer vacations, or maybe have taken one by now. But there's still time to take a spiritual break.

St. Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuits, developed certain prayer techniques that are helpful to anyone interested in relaxing in the Spirit. The website [www.jesuitspirituality.com](http://www.jesuitspirituality.com) offers many ideas on the topic, including the Daily Examen. This prayer practice heightens our awareness of God's presence in every moment.

- Here are five steps in the Daily Examen practiced by St. Ignatius:
- Become aware of God's presence.
  - Review the day with gratitude.
  - Pay attention to your emotions.
  - Choose one feature of the day and pray from it.
  - Look toward tomorrow.

Happy 80th birthday to Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, who enjoyed a three-day celebration at the end of June. Bishop Trautman marked his birthday June 24 during the Emmaus retreat for clergy. Two days later, on June 26, he celebrated the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Peter Cathedral.

Several friends and relatives and fellow priests were on-hand for the Mass and reception that followed. Among those in attendance was Bishop Edward Grosz, auxiliary bishop of Buffalo. Bishop Grosz had been a student of Bishop Trautman's when he served in the Diocese of Buffalo.

Msgr. Robert Smith, vicar general of the Diocese of Erie, spoke at a birthday luncheon, recognizing Bishop Trautman's contributions to the church on the local and national levels. Bishop Trautman served on nine different committees of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. On June 27, Bishop Trautman—who is well loved by employees of the diocese—also was feted at a birthday party at St. Mark Catholic Center.

Good luck to Brandi Copeland, a parishioner of St. Lawrence Parish, Albion, who begins a nine-month experience with Hard As Nails Ministries at the end of July.

Brandi will join a mission team led by Justin Fatica, Hard As Nails founder, who also is a native of Erie. She'll be traveling across the country helping to organize events for schools, parishes and communities, mostly working with youth and young adults.

"I have attended events with this ministry around five times and am always astonished by the authenticity, courage and intense love that is shared from the moment they arrive at the place they are doing the event," Brandi says.

Brandi recently graduated from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. For the past three years, she has done ministry work at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie, mentored by Jesse Spanogle, coordinator of religious education and youth ministry.

Read about Brandi's experiences by following her blog at [www.brandicopeland.blogspot.com](http://www.brandicopeland.blogspot.com), or help fund her ministry at [www.gofundme.com/brandicopeland-HANM](http://www.gofundme.com/brandicopeland-HANM).

Gary Loncki, director of communications for the Sisters of Mercy New York, Pennsylvania, Pacific West Community in Erie, is an amateur historian who gives occasional presentations on significant events in U.S. history.

On July 5 at noon, he will present "Day Through My Father's Eyes" at Mercy Hilltop Center, 444 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. He will recreate the experience of his father, the late Chester Loncki, who participated in the Omaha Beach landing on June 6, 1944.

To register for the event, call 814-824-2214.

The ministry of the late Father Norbert Wolf was recognized recently with the creation of the new Father Norbert Wolf Memorial Endowed "Power" Scholarship at Gannon University.

The scholarship benefits students enrolled at Gannon who are in seminary formation.

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# Each holy door offers a story



### Guest Commentary

Sister Kathleen Dietz, FSO

It's the middle of summer and also halfway through the Holy Year of Mercy called for by Pope Francis. Have you made plans to visit a designated holy door or pilgrimage site as part of your summer travels?

There are seven holy doors in the Diocese of Erie, but there are plenty throughout the world to visit before November. Just a couple of weeks ago, I had the privilege of walking through two not-so-well-known holy doors in England during a visit to my community, The Spiritual Family The Work.

The first holy door was at Harvington Hall in Worcestershire. Owned by the Diocese of Birmingham, it is a beautifully moated manor house originally built in the 1300s and greatly developed in the late 1500s.

In addition to its rare collection of original Elizabethan wall paintings, it is famous for having a large number of "priest holes," or hiding places, created in the late 16th century to hide clergy who brought the sacraments to the faithful. At that time, it was considered treasonous to be a Catholic priest or to harbor or protect priests in England. They had to be ready to run or hide at a moment's notice.

The parish church of St. Mary, next to the parking lot of Harvington Hall, has been designated a jubilee church with a holy door. It is a simple church with a simple door, made significant by its history. Although no priest was ever captured at Harvington Hall, Nicholas Owen, who likely built some of the priest holes at Harvington, was caught and tortured to death in the Tower of London. He was canonized as one of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales by Pope Paul VI in 1970. The second door I visited in England was in Littlemore, a hamlet just outside of Oxford. It was there that Blessed John Henry Newman lived for a time, built a church and school, and cared pastorally for the people as their Anglican vicar.

Since 1987, my religious community has cared for the place where Blessed John Henry Newman lived and where, in 1845, he was received into the Roman Catholic Church.



Photos by Sister Kathleen Dietz, FSO

Above: Sisters of The Spiritual Family The Work go through the holy door into Blessed John Henry Newman's chapel in Littlemore, England.

Right: Members of the religious community process toward the holy door in Littlemore.

Littlemore has become a place of pilgrimage, study and retreat. Its holy door signifies the mercy of God at work through the ministry of Blessed Newman to the poor people of Littlemore, and represents the sacrifice he made to know and embrace the true church of Jesus Christ. Evidently, there is a story at every holy door.



Why not learn about them by visiting a pilgrimage site this summer? Or take a day trip to visit one in our diocese. To find a list of these pilgrimage sites, go to [www.ErieRCD.org/mercy.htm](http://www.ErieRCD.org/mercy.htm).

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EVENTS

**Divine Mercy offers two summer retreats**

ERIE—The Divine Mercy Encounter retreat program offers two opportunities to attend this summer. DME #82 will be held July 8-10 at St. Joseph Church in Erie, and DME #83 will be held Aug. 12-14 at Elk County Catholic High School in St. Marys. The cost is \$45 per person; participants must be 16 years of age or older. Find applications and more information online at [www.divinemercyencounter.com](http://www.divinemercyencounter.com).

**Cruise on the Lawn car shows held at St. Jude**

ERIE—Join the St. Jude the Apostle Parish community at its Cruise on the Lawn car shows July 26, Aug. 23 and Sept. 27—from 5 to 8 p.m. each day—on the church lawn, located at 2801 W. 6th St., Erie. Proceeds will benefit parish youth ministry programs. Email Jesse Spanogle at [samtjudeym@gmail.com](mailto:samtjudeym@gmail.com) for more details.

**Enjoy the Fourth of July at St. Joseph, Lucinda**

LUCINDA—St. Joseph Parish in Lucinda will host its 77th annual Fourth of July celebration with a 5K run/walk and other festivities. The run/walk will kick-off the festival on July 3 at 7 p.m., beginning at the Antler Club, 231 Sunset Drive, Lucinda.

On July 4, activities will be held on the parish grounds, 112 Rectory Lane, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be chicken and ham dinners, homemade pie and soup, games of skill and chance, live entertainment, bingo and more than \$40,000 in cash and prizes, including handmade quilts, a drone and a \$5,000 grand prize.

The event will be held rain or shine and is handicapped accessible. Dinners will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with take-outs available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dinner ticket sales are available at 10 a.m. The cost is \$8.50 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6 to 12, and free for children under 6.

All proceeds benefit St. Joseph Catholic School. For more information, go to [www.st-joseph-lucinda.org](http://www.st-joseph-lucinda.org) or call 814-226-7288.



**Save the date for Prayer Shawl Ministry Retreat**

ERIE—The Prayer Shawl Ministry of St. Joseph Church/Bread of Life Community in Erie invites members of active prayer shawl ministries in the Diocese of Erie to attend a diocesan-wide Prayer Shawl Ministry Retreat on Sept. 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Reservations are requested by Aug. 1.

The day will include fellowship, testimonials, lunch, a holy hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament, the praying of a special blessing for hands, and small and large group discussions to enhance dedication to this powerful ministry.

Susan Yurkovich, author of the book *Triumph*, will be the guest speaker. For more information, contact Laurie Pietras at 814-459-6503 or email her at [pietraslaurie@yahoo.com](mailto:pietraslaurie@yahoo.com).

**Murder victim's mom to speak at brunch**

ERIE—All are welcome to attend the Word of Life Center's prayer brunch Aug. 27 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the St. Joseph Community Center, 147 W. 24th St., Erie.

Guest speaker is Betty Ferguson, author of "The Story of My Life: A Mother's Forgiveness," which describes the murder of her teenage daughter, Debbie Gama, in 1975.

Ferguson works as an advocate for crime victims and says forgiving her oldest daughter's killer has been the best thing for her heart.

The cost of the brunch is \$8.50; checks can be made payable to Word of Life Center and sent with name, address and phone number to: Word of Life Center, in care of St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16504. Register by Aug. 22.



**Merida kids benefit from mission**

BY MARY SOLBERG | FAITHLIFE

MÉRIDA, Yucatán, Mexico—Galilea, Andrea and David are teenagers now, but one look at a photo taken of them more than a decade ago proves the continued success of the Diocese of Erie's Mission of Friendship in Mérida, Yucatán.

Their healthy, happy faces as youngsters at the mission's day care center (see photo above) are still evident now as they continue to benefit from the care of others affiliated with the Mission of Friendship.

"I feel such a connection with these kids, and a sense of pride," says Carl Serafin, the current associate director of the diocesan Mission Office who took both photos. "It's good to know they stayed in school and want to do better in life."

Galilea del Socorro Melendez Chan is 17, and David Durán Leal and Andrea Margarita Celiskú are both 16. They all graduated from junior high school, but Galilea and David continued to senior high. David will be starting university education in Yucatán this fall.

Each continues to be sponsored by people through the



Photos by Carl Serafin

Three of the five children pictured in the top, undated photo at the Mission of Friendship in Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico, gathered in February for a reunion photograph taken by Carl Serafin, associate director of the diocesan Mission Office. The threesome—Galilea del Socorro Melendez Chan, Andrea Margarita Celiskú, and David Durán Leal—are identified with a circle in the older picture. Each has benefited from the mission's Amigos Family Sponsorship program.

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In February, on a trip to the Mission of Friendship, Serafin was thrilled to bring together as many of the children in the original photograph as possible. Two kids from the first photo were not available for the reunion picture this winter.

When asked about his sponsors, a group of Benedictine Sisters from Erie, David said: "All of this time, they have shown me their love because of their support. Now I consider them a part of my family."

To learn more about the Amigos Family Sponsorship Program, go to [www.ErieCD.org/missions4.htm](http://www.ErieCD.org/missions4.htm).

OBITUARY

**Sister Ann Louis Grandinetti, SSJ**

**Sister ministered for 53 years in education**

Sister Ann Louis Grandinetti, SSJ, 78, of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania, died June 15. She was in her 59th year of religious life. Born March 13, 1938, in Bradford, she was the daughter of the late Louis and Joanne Curcio Grandinetti.

She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Bernard Parish, Bradford, on Aug. 28, 1957; professed her final vows on Aug. 15, 1965; and celebrated her 50th anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph in 2007. At the time of her death, Sister Ann Louis resided at the

Sisters of St. Joseph Community Living Center in Erie. Sister Ann Louis spent 53 years of her religious life teaching in the Diocese of Erie. She taught at the following schools: Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary, St. Joseph, Sacred Heart, St. Paul, Our Lady of Peace, Our Lady's Christian, Holy Rosary/St. John Eastside Catholic (teacher and advancement director), all in Erie; St. Ag-



Sister Ann Louis Grandinetti, SSJ

atha, Meadville; and St. Francis in Clearfield. She also ministered as the religious education teacher/director in many parishes.

At Our Lady's Christian School, Sister Ann Louis served as the athletic director/student activities director. She also was a girls' basketball coach, both at the elementary and high school level, as well as intramural director for more than 20 years.

Also, she was a counselor at Camp Notre Dame in Fairview, and directed a summer learning program at Our Lady's Christian School. Sister Ann Louis always felt blessed by the children she taught.

A graduate of St. Bernard Junior High and St. Bernard High School in Bradford, she went on to earn her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1968 from Villa Maria College, Erie. She also attended many education-related workshops and conferences held at various colleges and universities.

Sister Ann Louis received many teaching awards, including one honoring her for 50 years of

teaching in the Erie Diocese. She also was nominated many times for the diocesan "Teacher of the Year Award." Other honors included "My Favorite Teacher" award from Mercyhurst Preparatory School, Erie, the Golden Apple Award, and the Disney Teacher Award.

In addition to her parents, Sister Ann Louis was preceded in death by her brother, Richard; and her sister, Shirley.

Besides her religious community survivors include her sister-in-law, Anita Grandinetti; four nephews: Martin, Steve, Randy and Ricky Grandinetti; several great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins; and her dearest friend, Sister Marie Timmons, SSJ.

Visiting hours were held at the Sisters of St. Joseph Community Living Center. A Mass of Christian Burial was held there June 18, with interment following in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph Community Support Fund, 5031 West Ridge Road, Erie, PA 16506-1249.

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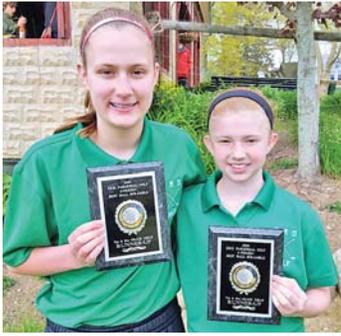
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## Students scramble for golf recognition



ERIE—A two-person golf scramble sponsored by the Diocese of Erie was held in May at the Lake Pleasant Golf Course in Erie. **Alaina and Anna Harpt** from St. Michael School in Greenville placed second in the seventh- and eighth-grade girls' division. Anna is only in fifth grade, but was moved up. The pair scored a 45 on the 9-hole course and were two strokes off the winning score of 43. Another golf scramble was held at JC Martin Golf Course in Erie.

## Students support pet rescue efforts



DuBOIS—Students in Jan Kness' art classes at DuBois Central Catholic Elementary School recently collected items for both the Gateway Humane Society and the Clearfield County SPCA. Kness' students have been supporting rescue activities by providing supplies for the past 20 years. Pictured in the front, from left, are **Katelyn Pittsley, Karlianne Lovins, Aliza McGarvey** and **Isabel Dinger-Noemi**. In the middle, from left, are **Lydia Morgan, Alexia Berta, Cietta Blasdell** and **Jan Kness** with **Barney**, her rescue dog. In the back, from left, are **Mathue Volpe, Morgan Bojalad, Alyssa Johnston, Alyssa Dinger-Noemi** and **Dylan Hanna**.

## Holy Redeemer students presented with scholarships



WARREN—The Holy Redeemer Scholarship Award, established in 1999 to recognize students who give their time and talents to the parish during high school, was presented to five graduates. Award recipients were required to have plans to attend a school of higher learning and must have regularly attended Mass and religious education classes. Recipients provided service to the parish beyond what was required in their religious education program. This year's recipients were **Katlyn Adams, Devin Nowacki, Logan Eadie, Mariah Allen** and **Janelle Balas**. They are pictured with **Father Jim Gutting**, pastor.

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## Tea party hosted at St. Basil

COALPORT—The Ladies' Afternoon Tea Party—hosted by the activities committee of St. Basil the Great Parish in Coalport—was held May 14. Pictured, from left, are: **Sarah Niebauer, Lindsey Bush, Christine Niebauer, Joann Niebauer, Virginia North** and **Mary Kay Peachman**. Some of the gentlemen of the parish served as waiters.

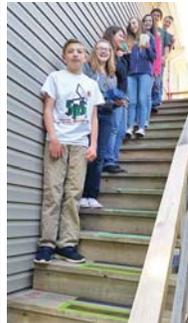


## Grant grows garden, insight at Seton School

MEADVILLE—Middle school teachers at Seton School in Meadville were awarded the Food and Agricultural Curriculum Grant for grades 6 to 8. The grant, through Allegheny College, enables teachers to integrate a school garden into the middle school curriculum. The Seton garden team consists of three teachers: **Laura Blake, Cathy Gorman** and **Patty Ross**, along with an experienced agricultural engineer, **Kyle Wensel**. Students helped install and plant more than 15 different plants within the three Seton gardens. The grant was written by **Rich Bowden**, who serves on Seton's School Advisory Committee, with the help of the teachers.



## Mustard Seed Missions get help from seventh- and eighth-graders



FRANKLIN—Seventh- and eighth-graders from St. Patrick School in Franklin recently completed a service project in conjunction with Mustard Seed Missions, a cooperative effort between Venango County churches and the Department of Human Services.

Students placed non-skid treads on steps leading to a resident's apartment.

Pictured with their handiwork, from bottom to top, are: **Andrew Burda, Natalie Janidlo, Katlyn Stewart, Kerrigan Judy, Emerson Ekis, PJ Teslovich** and **Alex Guth**.

## Soul Walk continues to clean up



ERIE—Helping keep their neighborhood and souls clean are members of the Soul Walk project, organized by a women's group called The Soul Sisters. Its goal is to care for the neighborhood in cooperation with the efforts of the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network (SSJNN).

Most of those pictured are members of the parish communities of Holy Rosary and St. John the Baptist in Erie. They are: **Joe Mattis, Denny Deiner, Mary Margaret Skladanowski, Pat Fronzaglia, John Sins, Jenna Sins, Father John Jacques** (pastor), **Julie Sins, Joan Cerrona** and **Patti Mattis**. Not pictured is **Lori Follett**.

## Singing praises to Jesus Christ



SHARPSVILLE—St. Bartholomew Church in Sharpsville hosted a "Gathering" May 11, featuring guest speaker **Dr. Ralph Martin**, president of Renewal Ministry and a consultant to the Pontifical Council for New Evangelization. Pictured is the evening's musical group, **Shalom for Jesus**. Members are **Gay Mix, Sheri Lang, Rich Kenawell, Stan Lang** and **Bart Foradora**.

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