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July 9, 2006

Church Calendar

Events of the local, American and universal church

Dedication of All Saints Church – July 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Join the newest parish in the Erie Diocese in celebrating its official dedication at this Saturday Mass with Bishop Donald Trautman presiding. After St. Matthew in the Woods and St. Cyprian parishes consolidated in 2005, the new congregation broke ground on a new church located at 11264 Route 97, two miles north of Waterford.

All Saints Parish will also hold an open house weekend July 29-30: Sat., July 29 from 2-5 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. with Mass at 5:30 p.m.; and Sun., July 30 from noon-7 p.m. with Masses at 8:15 and 11 a.m.

100th anniversary Mass for St. Elizabeth Church, Smethport – July 16 at 10:30 a.m.

St. Elizabeth Parish, Smethport, is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its current church in 2006. The original church was destroyed in a Christmas Eve fire in 1905. The fire caused the church steeple to fall into the rectory, which was also destroyed. The cornerstone of the current church was laid in July 1906.

Bishop Trautman will celebrate a 10:30 a.m. anniversary Mass. Many other events the parish is planning for the anniversary year are still in the planning stages.

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel – July 16

The annual Carmelite Days of Prayer begin on Tues., July 11 at 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the monastery, 510 East Gore Road, Erie. The morning service consists of Mass, homily and prayers. The evening service consists of homily, prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.



Mass and final day of novena to celebrate 100th anniversary of St. Ann Church, Erie – July 26

Bishop Donald Trautman will offer this 7:30 p.m. Mass that will close the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the current St. Ann Church, 921 East Ave., Erie.

The 87th annual St. Ann novena opens July 18 with Mass and novena services at 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The novena Masses and services run for nine days through July 26. This year's novena will be conducted by Father John Murray, a Redemptorist missionary from Seaside, N.J. According to Father James O'Hara, pastor at St. Ann, this is the oldest continuous novena in the diocese.



Wedding anniversary Mass at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Erie – July 30 at 2 p.m.

Bishop Trautman will offer this Mass for couples who are celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversaries in 2006. A light reception for anniversary couples and their families will follow. To register, contact your church office or Catholic Charities' Family Life Office at 814.824.1250 or 800.374.3723 ext. 250 or go online at www.ErieRCD.org.

Transfiguration of the Lord – Aug. 6

"After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, 'Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'" – Mark 9:2-5



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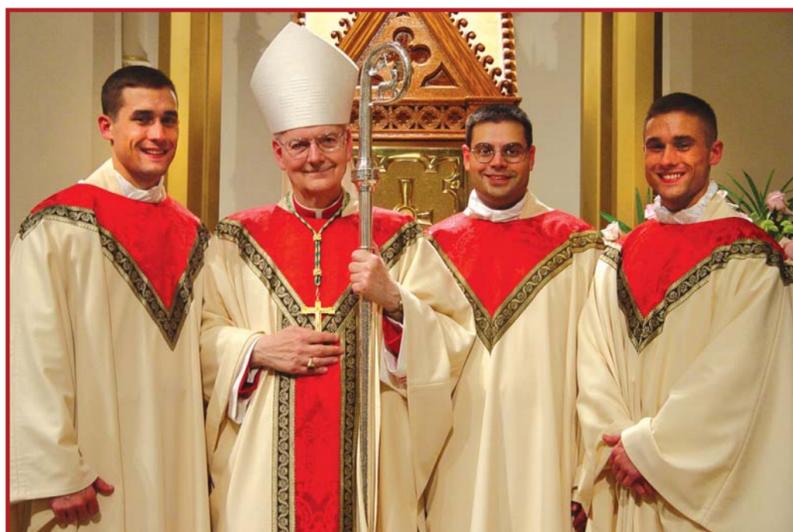
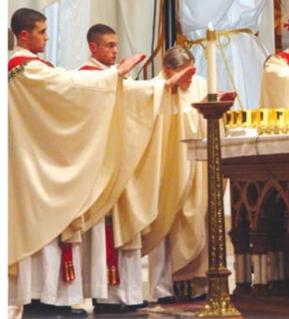
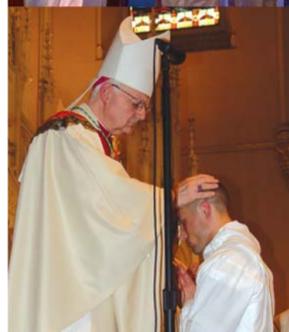
FaithLife will take a one-issue break for the summer after this current issue. Publication will resume Aug. 6 and continue on a bi-weekly basis. If you have any questions, contact FaithLife at 814.824.1171 or e-mail FaithLife@ErieRCD.org.

www.MassTimes.org

Going on vacation and looking for a church? This Web resource provides traveling Catholics with a listing of churches throughout the United States along with schedules for Mass times and services.



'New life to the church'



Photos by Jason Koshinski

Bishop Donald W. Trautman poses with the newly-ordained. From left, Father James Campbell, Father Marc Solomon and Father Joseph Campbell.

Campbells, Solomon ordained

By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife editor

ERIE – On June 23, the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, three young men from the Erie Diocese gave their hearts to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Bishop Donald Trautman ordained twin brothers James and Joseph Campbell and Marc Solomon to the priesthood in front of an overflow crowd of family, friends, diocesan priests and guests at St. Peter Cathedral.

More than 100 priests from the Erie Diocese attended the ordination. A busload of friends and well wishers from Marc Solomon's home parish of St. Francis of Assisi in Clearfield made the trip to witness the event. Many friends of the Campbells from their home parish of St. Andrew in Erie also came to see the brothers ordained.

After the presentation of the candidates and election by the bishop, consent was given by the gathered assembly with a round of applause. Bishop Trautman then delivered his homily to the three candidates, who were seated directly in front of the cathedra. "Tonight, the people of God are jubilant because he has given new life to the



church," he said. "To that we say, 'Alleluia!'"

He advised them that the road of the priesthood is difficult but God will not let them travel it alone.

"The Holy Spirit is more than enough for the task at hand," he said. "Trust in that gift. Great is the gift that you have been called to receive. Prefer nothing to Christ. Imitate his love and the mystery you celebrate."

During their examination, the candidates expressed their intentions to be faithful to the bishop, the worship life of the church, the Gospel and to Jesus Christ. After a promise of obedience, the candidates reclined face down in front of the altar while the congregation sang the litany of saints. Bishop Trautman conferred holy orders on the candidates through the laying on of hands and the

prayer of consecration. Sponsoring priests Father Edward Krause, Father Chris Hamlett and Msgr. Desmond McGee then vested the new priests with a stole and chasuble.

Bishop Trautman then anointed the hands of the new priests with sacred chrism to enable them to engage in the sacramental ministry in a totally committed fashion.

After the liturgy, Bishop Trautman returned to the pulpit to thank the Campbell and Solomon families, as well as the many priests, teachers and mentors for helping the formation of the newly ordained priests. He also put an end to the speculation as to where the new priests would be assigned by reading their appointments as parochial vicars.

Father James Campbell

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Clergy appointments

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

Father Alexander Amico, appointed pastor of St. Paul Parish, Erie, for a term of six years ending June 30, 2012. Effective July 1, 2006.

Father John Bauer, appointed pastor of St. Basil the Great Parish, Coalport, for a term of six years ending June 30, 2012. Effective July 1, 2006.

Msgr. Joseph Bobal, retired as pastor of St. Timothy Parish, Curwensville, and St. Bonaventure Parish, Grampian. Effective June 30, 2006.

Father Thomas Brown, reappointed pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish, Corry, and St. Thomas Parish, Corry, known collectively as the Catholic community of Corry, for a term of six years ending June 30, 2012. Effective June 30, 2006.

Father James Campbell, appointed parochial vicar of St. Michael Parish, Greenvale, and its mission church of St. Margaret, Jamestown, for a term of three years ending June 30, 2009. Effective July 5, 2006.

Father Joseph Campbell, appointed parochial vicar of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Clearfield, for a term of three years ending June 30, 2009. Effective July 5, 2006.

Father James Faluszcak, appointed temporary parochial administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish, Clarion, while continuing his assignment as campus minister at Clarion University. Effective July 1, 2006.

Father Robert Horgas, appointed pastor of St. Bernard Parish, Falls Creek, and Holy Cross Parish, Brandy Camp, for a term of six years ending June 30, 2012. Effective July 1, 2006.

Father Matthew Kujawinski, reappointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie, for a term of three years ending June 30, 2009. Effective July 1, 2006.

Father John Neff, appointed pastor of St. Luke Parish, Youngsville, for a term of six years ending June 30, 2012. Effective July 1, 2006.

Father Mark Nowak, appointed temporary parish priest at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Harborcreek. Effective June 22, 2006.

Msgr. Joseph Riccardo, appointed pastor of Ss. Cosmas and Damian Parish, Punxsutawney, for a term of six years ending June 30, 2012. Effective July 1, 2006.

Father Christopher Singer, reappointed parochial vicar of St. George Parish, Erie, for a term of three years ending June 30, 2009. Effective July 1, 2006.

Father Marc Solomon, appointed parochial vicar of St. Peter Cathedral, Erie, for a term of three years ending June 30, 2009. Effective July 5, 2006.

Msgr. Richard Stack, retired as pastor of St. Paul Parish, Erie. Effective June 30, 2006.

Father Mark Swoger, appointed pastor of St. Timothy Parish, Curwensville, and St. Bonaventure Parish, Grampian, for a term of six years ending June 30, 2012. Effective July 1, 2006.

Spiritual Seal

The sacrament of Confirmation is a gift of the Holy Spirit that directs the baptized toward service to the church and the world.



ANNUAL CONFIRMATIONS
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U.S. 645,000 (2005)



THE RITE
Bishop extends his hands over candidates and asks God to send the Holy Spirit to "be their helper and guide."

He anoints each candidate's forehead with chrism oil, says his or her name and "receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

CHRISM OIL

Consecrated perfumed oil used for anointing at confirmation and ordination and at the dedication of churches and altars. It is traditionally made from olive oil.



Source: Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2005 Official Catholic Directory and Vatican Statistical Yearbook of the Church 2004.

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Teens invited to experience God's love at Steubenville conference

STUEBENVILLE, OHIO (CNS) — Nearly 1,000 teenagers from across the country flooded the campus of Franciscan University in Steubenville June 16-18 for the summer's first High School Youth Conference. Events included talks and workshop sessions, liturgies, time for prayer and fellowship, as well as skits and musical entertainment. Organizers described the conference, one of a dozen hosted by the university on its campus and around the country, as "a weekend to get rocked by God, to get serious about life in Christ and his church and to learn the truth of the Gospel." Speaker Kate Barta, a religion teacher from Houston, shared her experience of being captivated by her unborn baby's heartbeat during a recent ultrasound. "The heart is the deepest center of who we are," she said. "God made us in his image, and he has a heart that is so good." Barta added, "There's one thing above all else that God's heart is — it's unchanging."

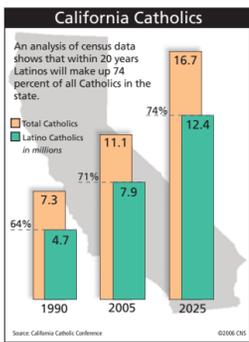


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Nearly 1,000 teenagers gather for Franciscan University's first summer High School Youth Conference in Steubenville, Ohio.

California's Catholic population growing rapidly, report shows

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — A new study says California's Catholic population is growing by more than 13 percent a year. By 2025, it says, Catholics will make up more than 36 percent of the state's population -- up from 30 percent in 2005. The forecast is part of a 65-page demographic study conducted for the California Catholic Conference by Seattle-based church researcher Joseph Claude Harris. He said Latino Catholics are driving the state's Catholic population increase, accounting for 80 percent of the church's anticipated growth in California. Overall, Catholics represent nearly 60 percent of California's projected population growth in the next 20 years, the study said, adding that the growth presents mixed blessings for Catholic leaders. Along with the prospect of many more members comes the challenge of how the church can serve them, especially their sacramental needs. The state's priest population has been declining, only a handful of new parishes have been created over the past 15 years, and those trends are expected to continue.



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Faith leaders rally against poverty

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Several hundred community and faith leaders along with religious activists from around the nation marched in Washington June 27 to fight against poverty. The event celebrated the unveiling of the Covenant for a New America, a faith-based strategy for overcoming poverty. The march and a related conference were hosted by Sojourners and Call to Renewal, a national network of churches, faith-based organizations and individuals working to overcome poverty in America. Twenty-three national religious groups and religious leaders endorsed the covenant. Among other things, the document aims to bring people from all religious and political backgrounds together so they can hold each other accountable for ending poverty. One goal is to develop a plan to cut child poverty in half over the next 10 years.



CNS photo

Several hundred people march in Washington June 27 from the National City Christian Church to the U.S. Capitol where they called on Congress to make eliminating poverty a priority.

WORLD

Catholics can get indulgence for praying for families in early July

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — To encourage Catholics to attend the Fifth World Meeting of Families in Valencia, Spain, and to recite prayers with their families, Pope Benedict XVI is offering a special spiritual gift, the Vatican said. "The gift of a plenary indulgence" will be given to those who participate in the July 1-9 meeting in Spain or who gather their own families together in early July to pray for families, the Vatican announced June 27. An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment deserved for sins. In order to receive the indulgence, Catholics must attend the meeting in Spain, go to confession, receive the Eucharist and offer prayers for the intentions of the pope. If they cannot go to Spain, the decree said, "they will obtain the same plenary indulgence under the same conditions," but rather than going to the meeting they are to "recite as a family the Our Father, the creed and other devoted prayers" asking God to strengthen their families.

Pope gives palliums to new archbishops

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The powers of evil and death will never triumph over Christ and the church he built on the rock of Peter and continues to fortify with his successors, Pope Benedict XVI told new archbishops from 18 countries. Though the church and Christ are continually walking toward their cross, suffering and being tossed to and fro like a small boat on a sea whipped up "by the winds of ideologies, ... in the suffering church, Christ is victorious," the pope said during a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica for the feast of St. Peter and Paul June 29. During the Mass, the pope gave the archbishops named within the previous year a pallium, a circular band of white wool marked with six black crosses. The pallium symbolizes an archbishop's authority and unity with the pope. The pope and archbishops were dressed in brilliant red vestments, but the pope wore a longer, more traditional style of the pallium. Among the 27 archbishops receiving palliums were U.S. Archbishops Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, George H. Niederauer of San Francisco and Donald W. Wuerl of Washington.



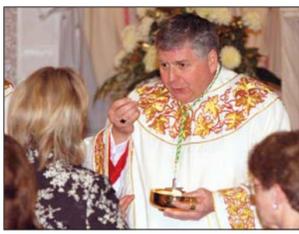
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Pope Benedict XVI presents a pallium to Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington during a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica June 29, the feast of St. Peter and Paul. The pallium symbolizes the archbishop's authority and unity with the pope.

PEOPLE

Pittsburgh auxiliary bishop elected to administer diocese

PITTSBURGH (CNS) — Pittsburgh Auxiliary Bishop Paul J. Bradley was elected administrator of the Pittsburgh Diocese June 26. He will head the diocese until a new bishop is installed to succeed Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl, the former Pittsburgh bishop who was installed as the new archbishop of Washington June 22. "The main responsibility of the administrator is to try to just continue to provide oversight on a day-to-day basis of the normal operations of this diocesan church," Bishop Bradley said at a news conference at St. Paul Seminary in Crafton shortly after the diocesan College of Consultors elected him administrator. Bishop Bradley, 60, has been a priest since 1971. He was named auxiliary bishop of Pittsburgh in December 2004 and was ordained a bishop Feb. 2, 2005. He was diocesan vicar general and general secretary of the diocesan curia under then-Bishop Wuerl.



CNS photo

Bishop Paul J. Bradley distributes communion for the first time as the new auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh in 2005.

Documents from Pius XI's papacy to be available Sept. 18

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has authorized the Vatican Secret Archives to make available to researchers all the documentation from the pre-World War II pontificate of Pope Pius XI. The documents of the 1922-1939 pontificate -- documents held in a variety of Vatican archives, including those of the Secretariat of State and the Vatican Secret Archives -- will be available to scholars beginning Sept. 18, said a statement published June 30 by the Vatican. In 2002, Pope John Paul II ordered the archives to begin preparing the material, particularly with a view to responding to requests for information about Vatican diplomatic contacts with Germany after Adolf Hitler came to power in 1933. In addition, he authorized the archives to make available to scholars the material from Pope Pius' pontificate that dealt directly with Vatican-German relations. The 2003 opening of the Vatican-German papers was unusual, because normal Vatican practice is to catalog and open all material from an entire pontificate at the same time. The Vatican had said the early publication of the selected material was a sign of Pope John Paul's desire to "render a service to historical truth without clamor, fear or delay." The documents were considered especially sensitive because they covered the period in which Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, the future Pope Pius XII, served as nuncio in Germany and then as Vatican secretary of state. In 1999, the book Hitler's Pope accused Cardinal Pacelli of having pro-German feelings that colored his World War II policies as pope — an accusation Vatican historians and the promoter of his sainthood cause have rejected as false. The documents related to Pope Pius XI's predecessor, Pope Benedict XV, were made available to scholars in 1984.



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Pope Pius XI

By the Way...

Father Rich Toohey and Joe Ranelli, both of Notre Dame Parish in Hermitage, will lead a pilgrimage to Mexico Oct. 10-15. Some stops on the itinerary include visits to the shrines of Our Lady of Guadalupe and San Miguel Del Milagro, the Tilma of Juan Diego, the Basilica of Our Lady of Ocatlan, the Plaza of Santo Domingo and the shrine of Our Lady of Covadonga, which is also the headquarters of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary.



Jason Koshinskie

Father Rich will serve as the group's spiritual director while Joe is coordinating the pilgrimage. For more information on the pilgrimage or to register, contact Joe Ranelli at 724.962.5059.

Gannon University President Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D., recently was honored by the University of Minnesota's College of Education and Human Development.

On May 31, Dr. Garibaldi was presented with the University of Minnesota's Outstanding Achievement Award, conferred to graduates or former students who "have attained unusual distinction in their chosen professions or in public service, and who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and leadership on a community, state, national, or international level."

The Outstanding Achievement Award is the highest non-degree honor that can be bestowed on a U of M alumnus. Garibaldi in 1976 earned a doctorate in educational psychology from Minnesota.

Mercyhurst West has accepted its first students. Classes will begin Aug. 30 at the new two-year campus in Girard. Mercyhurst College bought the former Faith Lutheran Church, 824 Main Street East in Girard, in May. It will serve as the classroom building until a new building at the 405-acre site just east on Main Street is built in a few years. Renovations on the former church began last week and are expected to be completed by Aug. 15.

It was nice to see St. Peter Cathedral so full and bristling during the month of June, with the diaconate ordination June 9 and ordination to the priesthood June 23. Prior to ordination, the new priests were hopeful that the ceremony would not only be a celebration for their families but also for the larger church family of the diocese. In hearing so many comments on how beautiful ordination was, I'm happy to report to the new fathers that it was a joyful occasion for the faithful.

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Papal trip to Germany confirmed for Sept. 9-14

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican officially has confirmed that Pope Benedict XVI's fourth foreign trip will be a Sept. 9-14 visit to Germany. The brief announcement June 24 said the pope will visit Munich, Altotting and Regensburg, all in the Bavarian region where he was born. He served as archbishop of Munich from 1977 to 1981, when Pope John Paul II named him prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Earlier he taught theology at Regensburg University. His parents are buried in Regensburg, and his brother, Msgr. Georg Ratzinger, still lives in the city. The Vatican has not released a detailed itinerary for the September trip.

Vatican publishes more than 150 decrees advancing sainthood causes

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has advanced the sainthood causes of scores of Spanish martyrs, an Italian martyr killed in Africa, seven founders of religious orders, three women religious, and two 19th-century laypeople. The Vatican published decrees the pope promulgated June 26 in the presence of Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins, head of the Congregation for Saints' Causes. The pope advanced the cause of 149 Spanish martyrs, mostly men religious killed during the country's 1936-1939 civil war. The Vatican also published a decree recognizing the martyrdom of the Italian missionary of the Servants of the Poor, Father Francesco Spoto. Born in 1924, the missionary priest went to serve in the Democratic Republic of Congo despite the risk of impending political upheaval at the start of the 1960s. He was wounded and later died in 1964 during the civil war in what was then called Belgian Congo.

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People in the News

Rose Graham leaving Catholic Charities for Second Harvest

ERIE — Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie has announced Rose Graham will be leaving her position as director of development and publications to pursue a position with Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania.

Graham will serve as Second Harvest's director of agency relations. Part of her new duties include starting new Kids' Cafés, quality assurance activities with food pantries and grant writing.

Having been with Catholic Charities for four years, Graham says the office has seen a great deal of expansion and the initiation of numerous programs in that time. She cited recent relief efforts in the diocese to aid victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita as an example of the generosity that has touched her personally.

"I think the people of the diocese have been incredibly generous," she said. "Whenever we've asked them to stand up and give, they've responded. I really appreciate them."

To fill the open position, Catholic Charities is seeking an experienced and dynamic development/marketing leader. Responsibilities include: organization and oversight of special events, direct mail, planned giving, grant writing, information systems and publications. Candidates should have a proven track record in above, be a self-starter and be committed to the mission of a church-affiliated health and human services network. Resumes should be sent to: Deacon William Saborsky, Human Resources, P.O. Box 10397, Erie, PA 16514-0397. Please mark all correspondence "position available."



Rose Graham

OLP names Jeff Lipiec new principal

ERIE — Our Lady of Peace School in Erie has named Jeff Lipiec as its new principal. Lipiec, the current principal at Sacred Heart School, officially began his duties at OLP on July 1.

The hiring brings Lipiec back to OLP, where he taught from 1979 to 1983. He has also served in several capacities at several schools in the Erie Diocese including as a teacher at the former St. Patrick School, Erie, (1983-90) and the former St. Mary School, Erie, (1990-91) and Sacred Heart School (1991-95).

He served as assistant principal at Sacred Heart from 1993-95. He was principal of St. Gregory School, North East, (1995-2002) before returning to Sacred Heart in the same capacity in 2002.

Lipiec received his bachelor's degree in elementary education from Edinboro University and his master's degree in education from Ursuline College.

He replaces Sister Claudia Dombrowski, SSJ, who recently left Our Lady Peace after 20 years to become principal of Cathedral Preparatory School, Erie.



Jeff Lipiec

People for Life offers program on abortion

ERIE — People for Life will present *Abortion: Policy, Practice and Perspectives* on Tues., July 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Blasco Memorial Library's Admiral Room, 160 E. Front St., Erie.

People involved in planning educational programs for youth and/or adults are especially encouraged to attend. This will be an opportunity to evaluate the presentation and

consider how it might fit into your church's educational activities.

This PowerPoint presentation, which includes an illustrated fetal development section, will cover information on various aspects of abortion.

For more information, call People for Life at 814.882.1333 or visit them online at www.peopleforlife.org.

Catholic Rural Ministry sponsors Reflection Day for Women

PORT ALLEGANY — A Reflection Day for Women, sponsored by Catholic Rural Ministry, will be held Sat., July 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Catholic Rural Ministry Center, 472 Sartwell Creek Road, Port Allegany in Pleasant Valley Township.

The program, titled "Journeying with Angels," will be presented

by Sister Carolyn Gorny-Koprowski, OSB.

For more information or to register, call Margaret French at 814.945.6245 or Sister Phyllis Schleicher, OSB, at 814.544.8017 or e-mail crm@zitomedia.net. Reservations are limited to 25 participants and due July 25. \$15 includes lunch and materials.

Information nights planned for NFP Awareness Week

July 23-29 has been designated Natural Family Planning Awareness Week in the Erie Diocese. In conjunction with the awareness week, the Natural Family Planning Office is presenting several information nights throughout the diocese.

These informal gatherings for adults will introduce aspects of Natural Family Planning such as fertility awareness, responsible parenthood and marital chastity. The evenings will include a brief overview of NFP and the marital benefits that couples experience when they live this lifestyle as well as a question-and-answer session.

Location	Parish	Date	Time	Contact	Phone
Clearfield	St. Francis	July 22	6:30 p.m.	Heather	814.768.7324
Grove City	Beloved Disciple religious ed. building	July 24	7 p.m.	Carrie	724.748.5857
St. Marys	St. Mary church annex	July 26	6 p.m.	Cathy	814.834.6208
Franklin	St. Patrick	July 27	7 p.m.	Brenda	814.678.3453
Smethport	St. Elizabeth Hall	Aug. 1	7 p.m.	Dr. Gloria	814.887.7776
Erie	St. Joseph/Bread of Life social hall second floor	Aug. 1	7:30 p.m.	Linda	814.866.7608
Meadville	St. Agatha social center	Aug. 2	7:30 p.m.	Barbara	814.337.7302
Clarion	Immaculate Conception rectory meeting room	Aug. 3	7:30 p.m.	Xhonane	814.226.0647

Father Kesicki to give talk on Scripture at St. Joe's

ERIE — Father Michael Kesicki will give a talk on Scripture on Wed., July 12 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Community Center, 124 W. 24th St., Erie.

The program, titled *Reading Scripture from a Catholic Perspective*, will reveal truth and dispel common myths as Father Kesicki explores the relationship between Scripture and Tradition and explains how the Scriptures are interpreted and lived in the life and prayer of the church.

Father Kesicki is rector and director of seminarians at St. Mark Seminary. He is also a faculty member at Gannon University, chaplain of Holy Family Monastery and sacramental assistant at St. Gregory Parish in North East.

This event is free and open to the public. This talk is part of the *Matters of Truth* speaker series held monthly at St. Joseph Parish/Bread of Life Community. For more information, call 814.452.2982.



Father Michael Kesicki

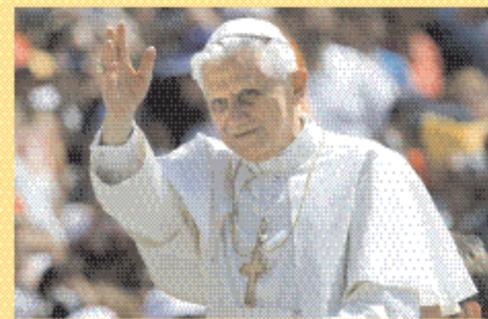
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— Bishop Donald Trautman, during his homily June 24 at St. Peter Cathedral, Erie. Bishop Trautman celebrated Mass for all the benefactors of the 2006 Catholic Services Appeal, which has reached \$5.3 million.

Papal Audience



"Faith in Christ must come to fruition in one's life, above all in one's love for the other and in particular in caring for the poor."

— Pope Benedict XVI, at his weekly general audience June 28 in St. Peter's Square. The pope continued a series of talks on the church's apostolic ministry by focusing his catechesis on St. James the Less.

Source: Catholic News Service

Annual Frenchtown HAM or CHICKEN Dinner
 Sunday, July 30, 2006
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DEATH NOTICES

Sister Joseph Mary Kosarsky, RSM, dies at 81

ERIE — Sister Joseph Mary Kosarsky, RSM, 81, died June 17, 2006 at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse. She was in her 62nd year of religious life.

Born July 12, 1924 in Greenville, Sister Joseph Mary (Nellie Ann) was a daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Klos Kosarsky.

On Feb. 2, 1944, she entered the Sisters of Mercy at St. Joseph Convent, Titusville, from St. Michael Parish, Greenville. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 17, 1949. She celebrated her silver jubilee in 1971, her golden jubilee in 1994 and her diamond jubilee in 2004.

She began her studies at Mercyhurst College then went to Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Scranton to become a registered nurse. Shortly after receiving her RN, she received a CRNA in anesthesiology from Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown, and later studied at Brigham Young University to become a college health nurse practitioner.

Sister Joseph Mary served as a teacher in several diocesan schools including Ss. Cosmas and Damian, Punxsutawney; St. Thomas, Corry, and St. Catherine, DuBois. Throughout most of her professional life, she ministered as a nurse for 18 years at DuBois Hospital then for 25 years at Mercyhurst College as its director of student health services. She spent several summers volunteering in health clinics located in Yucatan, Mexico, the Navajo Reservation at Ft. Defiance, Ariz., and at Rosman, N.C. She also served as a member of the Mercyhurst College Board of Trustees. Sister Joseph Mary received the Mercyhurst College President's Medallion Award. In March 2006, she was honored when the new nursing lab at the Michele and Tom Ridge Health



Sister Joseph Mary Kosarsky

Father Damian Albert Abbaticchio, OSB, dies at 89

LATROBE — Father Damian Albert Abbaticchio, OSB, 89, a monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey, died June 19, 2006.

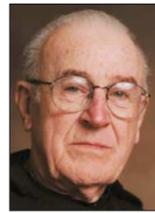
A son of the late Edward and Anne (Connor) Abbaticchio, he was born in Latrobe on Feb. 3, 1917.

He attended Holy Family Grade School in Latrobe, and was a 1936 graduate of Saint Vincent Preparatory School. He graduated from Saint Vincent College in 1941 and Saint Vincent Seminary in 1945.

He entered the Benedictine monastic community of Saint Vincent Archabbey in 1938. He made simple profession of vows on July 2, 1939 and made solemn profession of vows on July 11, 1943. He was ordained a priest at Saint Vincent Archabbey on Nov. 4, 1945.

Father Damian began serving the monastic community as socius of novices (1939-41); a prefect in Saint Vincent Scholasticate (1943-45); and as a prefect (1945-53 and 1955-57), director (1957-58) at the James Barry-Robinson Home for Boys in Norfolk, Va.

In the Archabbey's apostolates, he was assistant pastor at St. Bartholomew Parish, Crabtree (1953-55) and St. Joseph Parish, Johnstown (1968-72). From 1967-68 he was chaplain at St. Vincent Seminary. He was also pastor at St. Gregory the Great Parish, Virginia Beach, Va. (1958-65); St. Gertrude Parish, Vandergrift (1965-67); and St. Mary Parish, St. Marys (1972-92).



Father Damian Albert Abbaticchio

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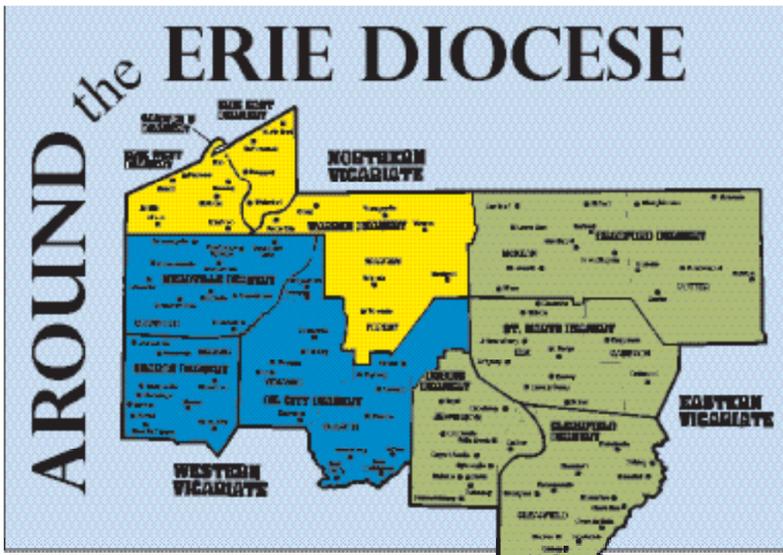
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VMA student receives national honor for fundraising

ERIE—Villa Maria Academy sophomore John Tell has been recognized by the National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA) as a Fraternal MVP (Most Valuable Participant) for the week of June 5. At 16 years old, he is the youngest person ever to receive the honor.

John was recognized by the NFCA for his work with the Loyal Christian Benefit Association (LCBA) Branch No. 49. He has raised money at both VMA and his church, Luther Memorial, for "Feed My People," an LCBA-sponsored program that collects funds to be donated to local food banks. John has been selling bags of crackers and pretzels for \$1 each at school during lunches since April. When he completes the fundraisers at school and church, he expects to raise \$1,000, with all funds going to both the Emmaus Soup Kitchen and the Bethany Lu-



Members of the Feed My People Team at Villa Maria Academy include (from left) John Tell, Megan Hoffman, Brittany Wilwohl, Matt Adamczyk and Marlee Malpiedi.

theran Church Food Pantry. This is John's second year with "Feed My People," having collected and donated \$500 to the Bethany Food Pantry his first year.

In addition to his work with the LCBA, John led a food drive

at Villa Maria Academy in April as the first part of his three-year VMA senior project. With his encouragement and organization, students and staff donated more than 100 pounds of food to Second Harvest Food Bank.

Benedictine Sisters of Erie close jubilee year

ERIE – Celebrating 150 years of prayer, community and ministry, the Benedictine Sisters of Erie closed their jubilee year with a Mass June 25 at Mount St. Benedict Monastery.

Abbot Primate Notker Wolf, who leads the worldwide Benedictine confederation, traveled to Erie from Rome to celebrate the closing Mass.

"The sisters are looking back to a period where they have done an enormous amount of work, care and education for the poor," Abbot Wolf said. "They are also reflecting on this service to the church and to God, which is prayer. It's a very prayerful atmosphere in this house. I also like what they are doing in taking care of refugees."

Also attending were Archbishop Douglas Nowicki, OSB, of St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe and Bishop Donald Trautman.



Dan Wolf, OSB, assists Abbot Primate Notker Wolf during the closing of the jubilee year Mass June 25 at Mount St. Benedict Monastery.

Conference examines spirituality, mental health

Finding Meaning through Chaos, Spirituality and Mental Health was the title of a conference held June 27 at Gannon University. Over 100 professionals, consumers, family members and clergy attended the event, a collaborative effort by six agencies and organizations including the Catholic Charities' Office of Disabilities.

Many of the presenters had had personal experiences with different forms of mental illness, and could speak from first-hand experience about the difficulties of finding wholeness and spiritual health in a society that attaches stigmas to mental illness. Speakers included, left to right, Trisha Cloyd, manager of family education at Stairways; Pauline Hoffman of the Pa. Mental Health



Photo by Anne-Marie Welsh

Consumers' Assoc.; Scott Tait, founder of the non-profit People Bridge; Jackie Johnson, director of the Disabilities Office for the Erie Diocese; art therapist Shawn Tubbs and

Connie Rakitan, founder and director of Faith and Fellowship, a program of congregation-based spiritual outreach for persons with mental illness.

Office of Education presents *Sleuth*

The Office of Education is presenting *Sleuth*, a murder mystery and comedy show by Anthony Shaffer, as a benefit show for Catholic schools throughout the Erie Diocese. The five-member cast includes Father Jay Schultz and Matthew Setzkorn along with three rotating cast members from each region of the diocese.

Critic Rex Reed has said that this play has "more plot twists than a country road," and it is sure to be a fun evening of theater for everyone.

Ticket prices vary by venue but will be available at all locations before each show.



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Father Jay Schultz (left) and Matthew Setzkorn rehearse a scene from *Sleuth*.

Sleuth will be presented at the following locations:

Titusville

Friday & Saturday, July 21 & 22
Henne Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh at Titusville
8 p.m. curtain
Benefits St. Titus School

Meadville

Friday & Saturday, July 28 & 29
The Academy Theater
8 p.m. curtain
Benefits Seton Catholic School and the educational programs of the Meadville Catholic parishes

Franklin

Thursday & Friday, Aug. 3 & 4
Barrow-Civic Theater
8 p.m. curtain
Benefits St. Patrick School, St. Stephen School and Venango Catholic High School

Erie

Friday & Saturday, Aug. 11 & 12
Schuster Theater at Gannon University
8 p.m. curtain
Benefits all Catholic elementary & secondary schools in Erie

Campbells, Solomon ordained

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was assigned to St. Michael Parish in Greenville, which is also where he served as a transitional deacon. Father Joseph Campbell was assigned to St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Clearfield. Father Solomon was assigned to St. Peter Cathedral Parish in Erie.

Retired Bishop Michael J. Murphy received an extended standing ovation when Bishop Trautman congratulated him on the 30th anniversary of his ordination as a bishop. Bishop Murphy, who concelebrated the Mass, marked the milestone anniversary June 11.

Bishop Lawrence Brandt of Greensburg, former chancellor of the Erie Diocese, also concelebrated the ordination Mass.

The new priests celebrated their first Masses of Thanksgiving the same weekend. Fathers James and Joseph Campbell offered their first Masses June 24 and 25, respectively, at St. Andrew. Father Marc Solomon



Photo by Jason Koshinski

Father James Campbell, Father Joseph Campbell and Father Marc Solomon smile while receiving a round of applause from the St. Peter Cathedral congregation following their ordination to the priesthood.

celebrated his first Mass June 24 at St. Mark Seminary before

returning to offer Mass at St. Francis June 25.

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