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## Church Calendar

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### Feast days



St. Vincent de Paul



St. Francis of Assisi

Sept. 26	Ss. Cosmas and Damian
Sept. 27	St. Vincent de Paul
Sept. 28	St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz and companions
Sept. 29	St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael
Sept. 30	St. Jerome
Oct. 1	St. Therese of the Child Jesus
Oct. 2	Respect Life Sunday
Oct. 4	St. Francis of Assisi
Oct. 6	St. Bruno, Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
Oct. 7	Our Lady of the Rosary

### Rededication Mass at St. Callistus, Kane – Oct. 9

Bishop Donald Trautman will celebrate a rededication Mass at St. Callistus Parish in Kane at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9.

The parish is completing interior church renovations including the refinishing of pews and new flooring and lighting, among other projects.

### Parish missions

#### St. John the Evangelist, Girard

GIRARD – St. John the Evangelist Parish, 101 Olin Ave. in Girard, is sponsoring a parish mission Oct. 2-6.

Father Bill Casey, a nationally renowned speaker and frequent guest on EWTN, will be the presenter.

The mission will begin at 7 p.m. each evening and include Scripture readings, benediction, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunities for confession.

Topics will include the reality of personal sin and the need for sincere conversion and repentance; the biblical and historical foundations of the Mass and Eucharist; the Blessed Virgin Mary; the power of prayer; the Ten Commandments and the theology of Christian love and morality.

#### Sacred Heart, Erie

ERIE – Sacred Heart Parish, 816 W. 26th St. in Erie, is sponsoring a parish mission Oct. 9-11.

Father Frank de Siano, CSP, will present on "Being a Disciple Today."

The mission will begin at 7 p.m. each evening.

Explore how Jesus calls us to live out our Catholic faith today. Topics include a renewed view of the Mass, daily prayer, God's Word and a call to service and community.

#### St. Brigid, Meadville

MEADVILLE – St. Brigid Parish in Meadville is sponsoring a tri-parish mission Oct. 9-13 presented by the Redemptorists.

The mission will be held at St. Agatha, 353 Pine St. in Meadville, with events beginning at 7 p.m. each evening.

For details, call St. Brigid Parish at 814.336.4459.

### CORRECTION:

The cover story in the Sept. 11 edition of *FaithLife* (9/11 — 10 years later: Anniversary prompts reflection on tragedy's spiritual dimension) features comments from Dr. Frank Foti, a parishioner from Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie, on the loss of his brother, New York firefighter Robert Foti, in the 9/11 attacks. However the family's name is misspelled as "Vogt" throughout the story. *FaithLife* regrets the error.

## Roman Missal binds Catholics across a 2,000-year history

By Dennis Sadowski  
*Catholic News Service*

WASHINGTON — When the third edition of the English-language version of the Roman Missal is implemented at Advent, it will mark the continuing evolution of the eucharistic liturgy that began in the earliest days of the church.

The most recent changes — which more closely reflect "Liturgiam Authenticam" ("The Authentic Liturgy"), the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments' 2001 document on liturgical translations — are unlikely to be the last, liturgists agree.

From Aramaic to Greek to Latin to vernacular language after the Second Vatican Council, the words of the Mass have evolved over 2,000 years in an effort to help worshippers appreciate the mystery that is God.

"It's not the changing that's abnormal. It's not changing that's abnormal," said Jesuit Father John Baldwin, professor of historical and liturgical theology at Boston College, who explores the history of the missal and the new English translation in a video series on the National Jesuit News website, [www.jesuit.org](http://www.jesuit.org).

The translation that began being implemented in English-speaking countries in 2010 has been openly criticized by some clergy and liturgy experts for its structurally complicated language that they believe strays from the intent of Vatican II's liturgical reforms. But other liturgists responsible for catechesis on the missal are reminding

the faithful that the translation helps bind modern-day Catholics with early Christians through its more authentic language.

"People may find it interesting that this has developed over centuries. It isn't something dropped out of the sky at Vatican II, but it has a history," said Christina Ronzio, director of the Office for Worship in the Cleveland Diocese. "What it does is it establishes continuity of that tradition of the church."

The Missal of Pius V appeared seven years after the Council of Trent concluded its work in 1563, implementing the council's call for uniformity in liturgical books. Convened in response to Protestant disputes with the church, the council met in 25 sessions in three periods beginning in 1545. By its conclusion the council codified the celebration of Mass and defined church teaching on Scripture and tradition, original sin, justification, the sacraments and the veneration of saints.

The council allowed religious orders that had their own liturgical rites in place for more than 200 years — among them the Dominicans and the Franciscans — to continue using their own missal. Those missals continue in use today with updated translations approved by the Vatican.

In part, credit the development of the printing press for the missal's introduction in the 16th century, said Father Richard Hilgartner, executive director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat on Divine Wor-

### HISTORY OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

<b>3RD CENTURY</b> Latin emerges in worship; widely used by the 10th century	<b>1963</b> Second Vatican Council issues Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy calling for "full, conscious and active participation" of all people in the liturgy
<b>4TH CENTURY</b> Concern for orthodoxy leads worship to become more standardized	<b>1969</b> First edition of the Roman Missal reflecting Vatican II reforms approved; translated into English in 1973
<b>7TH-8TH CENTURIES</b> Sacramentaries emerge; prayer texts shared	<b>1975</b> Second edition of the Roman Missal with minor changes promulgated; translated into English in 1985
<b>1545-1563</b> Council of Trent convenes; codifies celebration of Mass and defines various church teachings	<b>2001</b> Third edition of the Roman Missal promulgated by Pope John Paul II; English translation approved in 2009
<b>1570</b> Missal of Pius V, the first Roman Missal, implements the Council of Trent's call for uniformity in liturgy	<b>2011</b> Implementation of the third edition of the Roman Missal in English-speaking countries
<b>1604</b> Pope Clement VIII replaces missal with corrected version	
<b>1634</b> Pope Urban VIII promulgates revised missal	
<b>1884</b> Pope Leo XIII introduces new missal with changes made since 1634	
<b>1951-1955</b> Pope Pius XII introduces changes in Holy Week liturgies	

Sources: USCCB, Secretariat for Divine Worship; Vatican documents; ©2011 CNS



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## Longtime Word of Life director Sister Geraldine Olon, SSJ, retires

By Jason Koshinski  
*FaithLife editor*

After Sister Geraldine Olon, SSJ, attended her first Life in the Spirit seminar in St. Marys, she noticed a profound change in her life.

"It opened up a whole new world for me," Sister Gerry said. "The Mass just became alive and I saw it in a whole different light. The Scriptures became alive, and I couldn't get enough of reading the Bible. And this was after I had been in the convent for 20 years."

It's that spiritual awakening that Sister Gerry has helped others throughout the Diocese of Erie experience through the Word of Life Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center for 25 years.

Sister Gerry is retiring as executive director of Word of Life, which she co-founded in 1986. Her final day as director was Sept. 6. Liz Geary, who has been a part of one of Sister Gerry's prayer groups and has participated in a number of Word of Life retreats, is the new executive director.

At the heart of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal movement, Sister Gerry said, is bringing people into a deeper experience of the work of the



Sister Geraldine Olon, SSJ

Holy Spirit. For those who have questions about the movement, she is quick to share her own experiences with them.

"Charismatic renewal is a grace for the whole church," she said. "It's not for a particular group. It's the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, and we all need that empowerment."

In 1974, she helped start the House of Praise in Erie, which was a group of women religious who wanted to live in a charismatic community. The House of Praise sponsored charismatic retreats and prayer groups designed to offer a basic presentation of the Gospel and calling for a fullness of the Holy Spirit.

"People were spiritually hungry

ship. Until the late 16th century, holy books were reproduced by hand by monks, making widespread distribution difficult.

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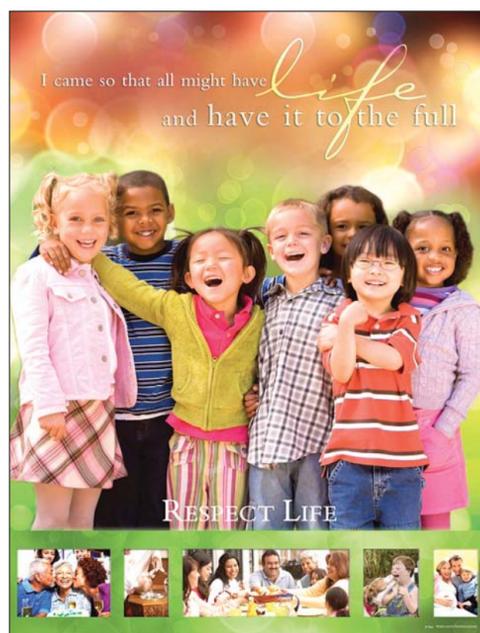
## Respecting life

### Church marks October as Respect Life Month

"Every human being, at every stage and condition, is willed and loved by God. For this reason, every human life is sacred. To deprive someone of life is a grave wrong and a grave dishonor to God. Because we are created in the image of God, who is love, our identity and our vocation is to love. Pope Benedict has called this "the key to [our] entire existence." — U.S. bishops' *Respect Life Program*

October has been traditionally designated as Respect Life Month in the church, an annual observance that focuses attention on the sanctity of human life at every stage and the responsibility that Catholics share to protect and defend it.

Respect Life Sunday, celebrated on the first Sunday in October, annually kicks off the year-long Respect Life Program sponsored by the U.S. bishops.



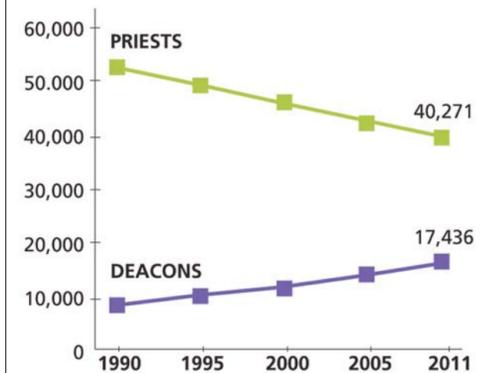
Since its inception in 1972, the country's Catholic bishops have focused on many critical concerns of the day—abortion, euthanasia, marriage and family life, capital punishment, poverty, immigration issues, chastity, natural family planning, post-abortion healing and reconciliation, the culture of life, biotechnology,

children, teens, persons with disabilities, the elderly, those who are dying and more. They have concentrated on all aspects of respecting life.

For more information, articles and resources, visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). The Respect Life program can be found in Pro Life Activities under USCCB Offices.

## Clergy Trends

The number of priests in the U.S. has been on the decline in the past 20 years as deacon numbers increased.



Source: Official Catholic Directory

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### Visit OnTheVine.us to win an iPod Touch

For a chance to win, youth in the Diocese of Erie are invited to visit [www.OnTheVine.us](http://www.OnTheVine.us), the website of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. There, they can take a short, online quiz featuring a few site-related questions to enter the contest.

First place is an iPod Touch and accessory kit, second place in an iTunes gift card and third place is a Wal-Mart gift card.

The online quiz must be completed by Oct. 15. Winners will be selected in a random drawing Oct. 28. The winners' names will be posted on the website. One entry per person. No purchase necessary.



## IN THE U.S.

### ■ Mobilizing Catholics on contraception

The U.S. bishops are working to mobilize Catholics across the country to tell the Obama administration that contraception and sterilization do not constitute preventive care for women and must not be included in mandated coverage as part of healthcare reform. Through a new website at [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience), the bishops hope to generate comments to the Department of Health and Human Services about its Aug. 1 proposal that would require nearly all employers to provide sterilization and all FDA-approved contraceptives, including some that can cause an abortion, at no cost to women covered by their health insurance plans. But time is of the essence, because the 60-day comment period on the HHS proposal closes Sept. 30. The site also includes a second "action alert" asking Catholics to tell their members of Congress to co-sponsor and pass the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, which would guarantee the protection of conscience rights in all aspects of implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

### ■ Linking beliefs with political action

Politics is a good thing, participation in public life is a moral obligation and Catholics need to do a better job of linking their beliefs to their actions, according to speakers at a Sept. 6 conference on "Faithful Citizenship: Voters, Bishops and Presidential Elections." The program at Jesuit-run Fordham University featured a lively exploration of a document on political responsibility issued every four years by the Catholic bishops of the United States. "All of us — bishops, professors, staffers, ordinary laypeople, academics, students — need to do a better job of linking what we believe to how we act in public life," said John Carr, executive director of the U.S. bishops' Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development. The U.S. bishops' most recent iteration, in 2007, is called "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship."

### ■ Archbishop Chaput installed in Philadelphia

Archbishop Charles Chaput, installed Sept. 8 as the new archbishop of Philadelphia, offered encouragement that members of his new archdiocese will get through the "difficult moment" the local church has endured. Although rain prevented an outdoor procession at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, it did not dampen the spirits of about 1,700 people, including 400 priests and 100 bishops, who attended the installation Mass. The archbishop expressed his admiration for those in the Philadelphia



Archbishop Charles Chaput

Archdiocese, thanking them for embracing him with "such extraordinary kindness." He also repeatedly acknowledged the difficulties they currently face and must continue to cope with, without going into any details. "The church in Philadelphia faces very serious challenges these days," he said during his homily.

## AROUND THE WORLD

### ■ Vatican responds to Irish report on abuse

The Vatican forcefully denied it undermined the Irish bishops' efforts to protect children from sexual abuse and characterized as "unfounded" claims the Vatican tried to interfere in government investigations regarding church handling of sex abuse cases. The Vatican recognizes "the seriousness of the crimes" detailed in a government report about cases in the Diocese of Cloyne, Ireland, and "has sought to respond comprehensively," said a communique released by the Vatican Sept. 3. The communique accompanied a 19-page formal response to the Irish government's Cloyne Report on the diocese and to statements made by the Irish prime minister and motions passed by both houses of the Irish parliament concerning the report and the Vatican's involvement in how cases were handled.

## PEOPLE OF FAITH

### ■ Japanese gather in prayer to mark disasters



Schoolgirls observe a moment of silence for victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

The church bell tolled at 2:46 p.m., marking six months since the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in eastern Japan. Throughout Japan Sept. 11, people gathered for memorial services and to offer prayers for the more than 20,000 people who died and the hundreds of thousands made homeless in the disaster, which also triggered a near nuclear meltdown. The Japanese bishops' conference and the National Christian Council in Japan conducted a joint memorial service at the United Church of Christ's Shitaya Church. The congregation offered prayers in memory of the victims, for the recovery of the worst-affected regions and for a swift resolution to the nuclear crisis that arose in the wake of the tragedy.

## By the Way...

Bishop Donald Trautman was one of about 100 bishops who attended the Sept. 8 installation of Archbishop Charles Chaput as the new archbishop of Philadelphia.



Jason Koshinskie

As the archbishop of Philadelphia, Archbishop Chaput is the metropolitan of the ecclesiastical province of Philadelphia, which includes all the Catholic diocese of Pennsylvania. As metropolitan, it is likely that Archbishop Chaput may have some input into Bishop Trautman's successor.

For anyone who has called Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, chances are that you've spoken to or been assisted by Paulette Patora, who has served for many years as the assistant to the executive director. Patora recently retired after 25 years of service to the diocese. Catholic Charities honored her with a retirement luncheon Sept. 16 at St. Mark Catholic Center.

When Patora first arrived, she worked for several years with Social Concerns which was the precursor to Catholic Charities. When Bishop Trautman arrived 21 years ago and formed Catholic Charities, Patora was tabbed for the executive assistant position.

All of Catholic Charities' affiliate agencies were formed under separate incorporations. Patora was involved with the initial formation of the agency's governance model.

"She is a wonderful communicator who helped bring Catholic Charities together," said Mary Maxwell, executive director of Catholic Charities. "There isn't anything that the job required that she wasn't capable of mastering. She has a great way with people."

Becky and Bill Hilbert Jr. hosted the Erie Serra Club's picnic for religious Sept. 10 at Camp Notre Dame. The event was a wonderful way to show appreciation for the sisters who have dedicated their lives to helping others and living out the Gospel.

Online entries for the contest the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is holding to win an iPod, iTunes gift card or Wal-Mart gift card are rolling in.

One astute teacher at Elk County Catholic High School had the whole class enter as a school assignment. Designed to encourage young people to explore the office's On the Vine website, the quiz can be accessed at [www.onthevine.us](http://www.onthevine.us). Deadline for entry is Oct. 15.

Gleaning season is upon us. Second Harvest Food Bank, which provides food to more than 50 Catholic-related agencies ranging from the Mercy Center for Women in Erie to the St. Patrick Community Food Pantry in Franklin, welcomes individuals, schools or groups who want to work with area farmers to glean their fields and orchards after the harvest for food that would otherwise be wasted. Call Second Harvest at 814.459.3663 or 800.604.9186 for details.

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## Revised Roman Missal binds Catholics across a 2,000-year history

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tion of sacred texts impractical.

But long before the first missal was promulgated, a desire for consistency in worship began to emerge. Some Mass prayers can be traced to the third century, said Rita Thiron, director of the Office of Worship in the Diocese of Lansing, Mich., citing the second eucharistic prayer, which dates to about 215.

In a series called "Welcoming the New Roman Missal" on the Lansing diocesan website, Thiron wrote that by the fourth century worship became more formalized because of a growing concern for orthodoxy. That concern led to standardization of prayers and readings in various rituals.

Thiron's series has been featured in recent issues of *Faith* magazine.

By the seventh and eighth centuries the sharing of prayer texts became more common, Father Hilgartner said. Sacramentaries also were assembled, the most notable being the Old Gelasian Sacramentary in the seventh and eighth centuries and the Gregorian Sacramentary in the late eighth

century.

In 785, Pope Hadrian I gave a copy of the Gregorian Sacramentary to Charlemagne, king of the Franks, who unified liturgical practice in Western Europe by expanding the Sacramentary's use among faith communities across the continent.

At the same time, Latin was becoming the language of the church. Father Daniel Merz, associate director of the USCCB's Secretariat of Divine Worship, explained that the use of Latin took several hundred years to emerge, beginning in the third century; by the 10th century it was widespread.

"But even in Rome it's interesting that the first several hundred years you can see there was this concern to have the language be in the language of the people," he said.

After the Council of Trent it would be more than four centuries before the Roman Mass saw significant changes. Even though several popes granted concessions



to missionaries to allow Mass to be celebrated in local languages to aid in evangelization — including Mandarin in China in the early 14th century, Arabic for the Carmelites in Persia in 1624 and Iroquoian for the Jesuits in 1773 near modern-day Montreal — Mass changed little until Vatican II.

The first document to emerge from Vatican II in 1963 was the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy ("Sacrosanctum Concilium"), which called for "full, conscious, and active participation" of all people in the liturgy. The missal reflecting those principles, known as the Missal of Paul VI, was approved in 1969.

That missal was translated into English by 1973 by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, known as ICEL. It

was slightly revised in 1975 with the addition of new eucharistic prayers for reconciliation. That English translation appeared in 1985 and remains the missal in use until Advent 2011.

But some Vatican officials felt that version of the missal could be improved and set about working on still another translation.

In 2001, the third translation was issued. It incorporates the changes that will take effect at Advent. It took ICEL nearly a decade to translate the changes into English and gain Vatican approval, but not without tension.

Diocesan-based liturgists Ronzio and Thiron both have included a discussion of liturgical history in their workshops on implementing the translation after initially hearing from people who perceived the translation as betraying Vatican II's promise. With knowledge of history, the anger has largely disappeared, they said.

"One of the things (people) appreciate most about the Catholic faith is tradition," Thiron said. "When they see tradition is being preserved, they're comfortable with that."

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and thanksgiving became a big part of their lives."

At one time, 23 parishes had charismatic prayer groups.

"That has dwindled down, but nationally we see that there is a comeback that's growing," Sister Gerry said. "I believe that there will be another move of the Holy Spirit. We need one."

After reaching her 80th birthday in July, Sister Gerry said she realized it was time to slow down a bit. But she'll continue to help out wherever and whenever she can. She expects to be busy with Word of Life's annual Catholic charismatic conference Oct. 7-8, a

prayer brunch in late October and planning for its 25th anniversary celebration Nov. 13. She will still attend its monthly prayer group.

"I'm not done yet," she said. "I know the Lord has something more for me yet and I don't know what it is. But whatever it is, I'll take it."

She does have at least one hope for the future.

"I want to see the gifts of the Spirit in operation again like they were before," she said.

For more information on the Word of Life Charismatic Renewal Center, call 814.824.1286.

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## 17th Annual Rosary March

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# Briefly

## Spiritual teachings of St. John of the Cross

ERIE — Father David Poulson will present a talk about the spiritual teachings of St. John of the Cross on Wednesday, Sept. 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the St. Joseph/Bread of Life Community Center, 147 W. 24th St. in Erie.

The series is scheduled for six sessions with each session held on successive Wednesdays.

## Reflection afternoon for women

PORT ALLEGANY — The sisters of Catholic Rural Ministry of the Bradford Deanery will host a reflection afternoon for women on Tues., Oct. 4 from 1-5 p.m. at the Catholic Rural Center, 472 Sartwell Creek Road, Port Allegany.

The theme is "In Pursuit of Peace: Praying the Rosary through the Psalms." There will be time for input, discussion, reflection and prayer.

Contact Margaret French at 814.945.6245 or Sister Phyllis Schleicher, OSB, at 814.544.8017 or [crm@zitomedia.net](mailto:crm@zitomedia.net) to register by Oct. 1. A donation of \$5 includes refreshments and booklet.

## Vatican journalist John Allen Jr. to speak at Mercyhurst

ERIE — Vatican journalist John L. Allen Jr. will describe "The Future Church: 10 Trends Revolutionizing the Catholic Church" on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Mercyhurst College's Walker Recital Hall.

The event is free and open to the public and sponsored by the Center for Mercy and Catholic Studies.

Allen is an American journalist based in Rome. He is a senior correspondent for the *National Catholic Reporter* and a Vatican analyst for CNN and NPR. He is the author of several books about the Catholic Church.



John L. Allen Jr.

## 17th annual rosary march

ERIE — The 17th annual rosary march, sponsored by the Erie Diocese's World Apostolate of Fatima, will take place on Sunday, Oct. 9. All are invited to gather at St. Peter Cathedral, West Tenth and Sassafras streets in Erie, at 2 p.m. to begin a walk through downtown.

The rosary procession will extend through the downtown area before returning to the cathedral. For those unable to participate in the march, the rosary will also be recited in the cathedral.

The devotion will also include the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a homily and benediction.

The guest homilist is Father Robert Karl, a priest of the Byzantine Rite Catholic Church pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Erie and administrator of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church in Girard.

## One-day retreat for pastoral musicians

COUDERSPORT — The Erie Chapter of the National Pastoral Musicians (NPM) will sponsor a one-day retreat for pastoral musicians on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Eulalia Parish in Coudersport.

Father Charles Amershek, pastor of Good Shepherd Parish in State College, will be the keynote speaker. The theme is "God to Moses: 'It ain't about you'" with music by the NPM board, St. Eulalia and attendees.

The cost is \$10 for NPM Erie Chapter members and \$15 for non-members. RSVP by Oct. 12. Contact Bernie at 814.734.5446.

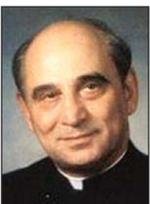
## Healing service in DuBois

DUBOIS — Father Ralph DiOrto, a priest of Worcester, Mass., returns to DuBois for a special healing service on Sunday, Oct. 23 from 1-5 p.m. at DuBois Area Middle School.

The seminar/service, dedicated to Pope John Paul II and youth, will offer an opportunity for people of all faiths to seek physical, emotional and spiritual healing. Individuals may attend as a representative and stand in proxy of someone who is physically unable to do so.

For tickets or information, call Tillie at 814.371.4116, Marie at 814.375.4667, Bill at 814.371.1765 or Jeff at 814.541.4913.

To learn more about Father Ralph DiOrto, visit his website at [www.fatherdiorio.org](http://www.fatherdiorio.org).



Father Ralph DiOrto

## Annulment workshops

The Diocese of Erie's Office of Matrimonial Concerns will conduct workshops around the diocese for people who are divorced but want to be free to enter a new marriage in the Catholic Church or to have an existing civil marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

Tribunal personnel will offer a brief overview of the annulment process and then be available for individual consultations at the following sites:

- Oct. 6 — St. Joseph, Force
- Oct. 20 — Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mercer
- Oct. 24 — St. Francis Xavier, McKean
- Oct. 26 — St. Titus, Titusville

All four sessions will begin at 7 p.m. and last approximately 60 to 90 minutes.

These seminars will be an opportunity especially for those who have recently begun the process of seeking baptism or admission to full communion in the Catholic Church and address marital issues that might be obstacles to that effort for either themselves or their spouses.

## Speaker to present on connection between contraception and abortion in Clarion

CLARION — Janet E. Smith, a national and international speaker on the Catholic teachings on sexuality and bioethics, will present a talk, "The Connection Between Contraception and Abortion," Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gemmill Multi-Purpose Room on the campus of Clarion University.

Smith holds the Father Michael J. McGivney Chair of Life Ethics at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. She is the author of "Humanae Vitae: A Generation Later." For more information on Smith and her talks, visit [www.mycatholicfaith.org](http://www.mycatholicfaith.org) and [www.janetesmith.com](http://www.janetesmith.com).

This event is sponsored by Clarion Students for Life, Clarion Catholic Campus Ministry and the Clarion University Newman Club.

For more information on the event, contact Dr. Thomas Rourke at [TRourke@Clarion.edu](mailto:TRourke@Clarion.edu).



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# Bishop's Commendation for Service Award

## Western Vicariate honorees

By Jason Koshinski  
*FaithLife* editor

Editor's note: The following are short biographies of those who received the Bishop's Commendation for Service Award in the Western Vicariate of the Diocese of Erie, which includes the Meadville, Oil City and Sharon deaneries. Bishop Donald Trautman conferred the honors Aug. 24 at Good Shepherd Parish in West Middlesex. This concludes our three-part report.

**Lisa D'Amore**  
St. Joseph, Sharon

D'Amore is a member of her parish's pastoral council who lends her talents to numerous efforts of Catholic schools and the parish. She has initiated and organized ongoing blood drives for the Red Cross and helps obtain scholarship aid for students of the parish. D'Amore is involved with St. Joseph's Mother-Son Dance and is a volunteer for parish and school projects.



**Frances Fill**  
St. Adalbert, Farrell

Fill is a choir member who helps provide Polish hymns and worship music. She is a vital part of the Family Club. She takes the lead in the parish kitchen and organizes spaghetti dinners and the annual festival, which is one of the parish's top fundraisers. She is a member of the pastoral council and president of the Altar Rosary Society, which prays the rosary at funeral home visitations for many parishioners. During the Divine Mercy novena, Fill leads the rosary for the assembly.



**Dr. Tom Jones**  
St. Michael, Greenville

Dr. Jones and his late wife, Mary, raised 11 children in the Catholic faith. For many years, he served on various church groups including parish council and the building committee. His influence can be seen in the parish church, which was renovated in 2006. He has supported the Good Shepherd Center, a major work of mercy to feed the hungry in the community.



**Maurice Keaveny**  
St. Joseph, Sharon

Keaveny, his late wife, Pat, and their children have been at the heart of St. Joseph Parish and School for generations. He was one of the first lecturers at the parish, as well as an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist for more than 35 years. He has kept his hand in parish life as well as local politics and embodies the beliefs of the term, Catholic Action.



**Frank Luciani**  
St. Michael, Greenville

Luciani helped establish the Good Shepherd Center, an ecumenical ministry that serves the economically challenged in the greater Greenville community. He is a leader in adult education for the parish and, together with others, provides fall and spring programs for speakers and Bible discussion groups. He is involved in the parish RCIA program.



**Judith Miller**  
Good Shepherd, West Middlesex

For more than 30 years, Miller has reached out to the children and families of her parish. She has served as a catechist for 17 years and coordinator of the parish's religious education program for 16 years until her retirement last year. She was a teen adviser for the parish youth group, the Teen Shepherds. She continues to serve Good Shepherd as a Eucharistic minister, lector and RCIA team leader.



**Ken and Theresa Novosel and family**  
Our Lady Queen of the Americas, Conneaut Lake



The Novosels have been members of the parish for more than 20 years and are the parents of five children: Rebecca, Amanda, Nicholas, Adam and Jacob. The family attends Mass together during the week. Ken is involved with the local Knights of Columbus. The entire family volunteers to assist with the ministry of the Samaritans of the parish and community. They regularly attend the national March for Life in Washington and spearhead pro-life issues in the parish throughout the year. The three oldest children are altar servers. The Novosels assist those in need in many ways including providing transportation to church for Mass and taking the homebound to medical appointments.

**Diane Schleigh**  
Beloved Disciple, Grove City

Schleigh and her husband, Michael, along with their two children have been members of Beloved Disciple for more than 25 years. Schleigh became involved with religious education upon joining the parish and served as Beloved Disciple's director of religious education for many years. An artist who works in different mediums, she spearheads the parish's liturgical environment committee and organizes the decoration of the church. She also sings in the parish funeral choir. She currently passes on her knowledge and love of the faith as director of the RCIA program.



**St. Joseph Food Pantry**  
St. Joseph, Sharon

The St. Joseph Food Pantry committee is almost 30 years old and began its ministry when the Food Warehouse (Second Harvest Food Bank) opened locally. The group of 20-plus parishioners uses every bit of leverage it can muster to collect food donations from grocery stores and bakeries and to select a variety of food at the warehouse for clients. The staff is knowledgeable regarding the pantry's inventory and matches that information with the weekly specials at the Food Warehouse to complement it in various menus. (Look for a group photo in the next *FaithLife*.)

**Anne Weiss**  
St. Michael, Emlenton

As parish bookkeeper, Weiss has competently guided St. Michael's finances for decades. She and her husband, Adam, have served the parish for more than 30 years. As a member of the Rosary Society, she helps bring together a group that cleans the church each week. She is also a lector, volunteers at parish functions and has coordinated the parish prayer line. She is a special support for the elderly of the parish.



**George Zacherl**  
St. Michael, Emlenton

Zacherl and his wife, Eileen, have been parishioners at St. Michael for more than 30 years. He tends the sacristy and brings a competency in maintenance which has been a savings to the parish. He serves as a Eucharistic minister and is a member of the Knights of Columbus and parish council. Each week, he takes the donated food that comes into the parish to the local food bank. A man behind the scenes, he helps at each parish function.



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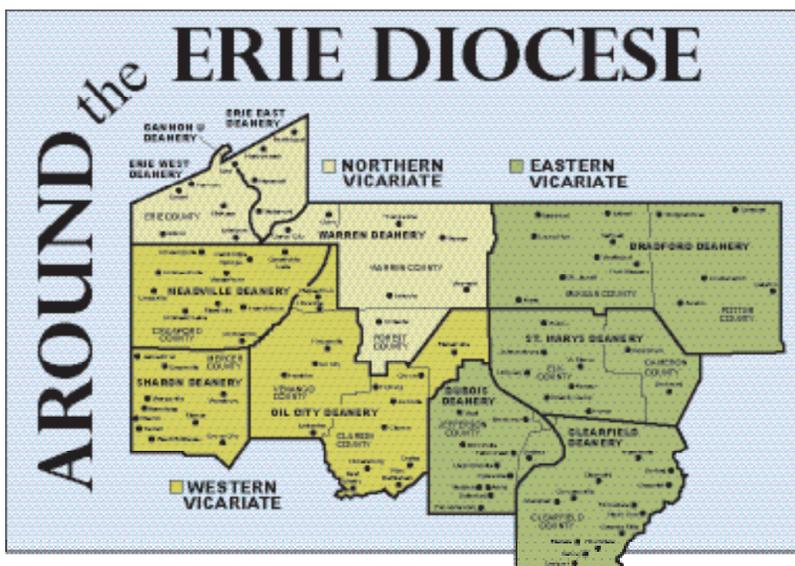
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### Rural ministry sisters get together

REYNOLDSVILLE — The Rural House of Mercy sisters in Reynoldsville recently hosted a luncheon for the sisters who minister in the rural areas of the Diocese of Erie. These sisters minister in eight counties within the diocese and two within the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

The Community of Anawim in Frenchville was established in 1976, while the first diocesan sponsored Catholic Rural Ministry team began in 1999 in Potter and McKean counties followed by a second Catholic Rural Ministry team in 2007 in the Oil City Deanery which is comprised of Clarion and Venango counties and parts of Crawford and Forest counties.

The Sisters of Mercy sponsor the Rural House of Mercy which was formed in 2010. The Sisters of Mercy also continue to be present to the DuBois Deanery as trustees at DuBois Regional Medical Center.



The Benedictine Sisters of Elk County in St. Marys also serve the rural areas of the diocese. Pictured beginning left and ascending the steps are: Sister Trish Tyler, RSM, Sister Tina Geiger, RSM, Sister Therese Dush, CA, Sister Marian Wehler, OSB (front), Sister Suzanne Thibault, CA, Sister Karen Willenbring, CA, Sister Phyllis Schleicher, OSB, Sister Margaret Park, RSM (left), Sister Ruth Ann Madera, CA, Sister Clare Marie Beichner, SSJ (left) and Sister Mary William Hoffman, OSB. Missing from photo is Sister Rita Kartavich, RSM.

### SSCD School remembers 9/11

PUNXSUTAWNEY — While the students at St. Cosmas and Damian School in Punxsutawney may be too young to remember the events of 9/11 — some had not yet been born — the importance of remembering and honoring the heroes was an opportunity to teach the children about how heroes are made.

Each classroom took a different approach to remembering the day, giving each teacher the ability to talk to their class on an age-appropriate level.

Kindergarten through second grade read "Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey" by Maira Kalman which talks about the heroic efforts of a tugboat. After the story the kindergarten class discussed what being a hero is.

Third grade students took that thought one step further by creating a portrait of who their hero is in their own lives.

People were not the only heroes on that fateful day as the second graders found out. They discussed how dogs were brought to the sites to help with the search and rescue mission.

First graders were given the homework assignment of finding out where their parents were when it happened.



Pictured left to right are: (first row, kneeling) Walter Mock, Robert Welsh, Kaitlin Doverspike, (second row) Emily Griebel, Mia Lingenfelter, Nina Test, Kylee Lingenfelter, (third row) Leah Miller, Maggie Prutzal and Principal Jessica Newcome.

As a visual reminder, the entire school created a red, white and blue chain to drape across the lunchroom.

Students in grades 5 through 8 commemorated the anniversary with a prayer service in their religion class. They began with Scripture readings from Sirach and the Gospel of Matthew about forgiveness, as well as petitions about hatred and violence, providing comfort and healing, respecting all life without discrimination and working for peace among all nations.

Principal Jessica Newcome spoke with the students about different aspects of Sept. 11 and how the nation came together to help those in need. A "Time of Remembrance" recalled the events of 9/11 as students presented candles to represent Christ's unending love and care for us.

The prayer service ended with the song, "Let there be Peace on Earth."

### Clarion campus ministry presents awards

CLARION — The board of directors of Clarion Campus Ministry recently presented awards for distinguished service in its ministry to the students, faculty and staff of Clarion University.

Receiving the 2011 Catholic Campus Ministry award was Dr. Deb Sarbin. Awards were also presented to Richard Schmader, John Kerle and Bea Ausel for their generous support of Campus Ministry.

Pictured (left to right) are Dr.



William Sharpe, board president; Richard Schmader, Dr. Deb Sarbin and Msgr. Jan Olowin, Clarion campus minister.

### Mercy Terrace awarded grant

ERIE — The Erie Community Foundation presented Mercy Terrace Apartments in Erie with an \$8,000 urgent-needs grant toward the purchase of a trash compactor. The grant paid for about half the cost of the compactor.

Pictured with the new compactor, from left, are David Gonzales, foundation program director; Sister Mary Felice Duska, RSM,



Mercy Terrace director; and Jessica Horan-Kunco, Mercy Terrace bookkeeper. Mercy Terrace provides independent living for middle income senior citizens.

### DEATH NOTICE

#### Sister Jean Marie Langevin, OSB

ST. MARYS — Sister Jean Marie Langevin, OSB, 93, of the Benedictine Sisters of Elk County, died Sept. 1, 2011 at Pinecrest Manor.

She was born Oct. 10, 1917 in Ellenburg, N.Y., daughter of the late Paul and Augusta Patenaude Langevin.

She attended Ellenburg Public Schools in Euenburg, N.Y., and St. Benedict Academy in St. Marys. She entered the novitiate in 1938; took her first vows in 1939; and her perpetual vows on July 11, 1942. She celebrated her diamond jubilee in 1999.

She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Villanova University and

was a graduate of the Plattsburg Business School. She also attended the Famous Writers School in Westport, Conn.; Newspaper Institute of America in New York, N.Y.; and Saint Francis University in Loretto.

Sister Jean Marie also taught at Sacred Heart School, St. Mary's Parochial School, where she also served as the librarian, and Queen of the World School, also serving as librarian, all in St. Marys.

She taught and served as the principal at St. Joseph School in Lucinda and St. Boniface School in Kersey. She was a religious education instructor in Couderport.

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