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Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Our Lady of Sorrows

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- Sept. 12 Most Holy Name of Mary
- Sept. 13 St. John Chrysostom
- Sept. 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Sept. 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
- Sept. 16 Catechetical Sunday
- Sept. 17 St. Robert Bellarmine
- Sept. 19 St. Januarius
- Sept. 20 Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions
- Sept. 21 St. Matthew

Confirmations

Immaculate Conception, Clarion – Sunday, Sept. 16 at 11 a.m.

Sacred Heart, Erie – Sunday, Sept. 16 at 3 p.m. Confirmation classes include St. Andrew, Erie, and Sacred Heart, Erie.

Blessing of Reilly Center at Holy Cross, Fairview – Sept. 9

Bishop Donald Trautman will celebrate Mass and bless the renovations of the Reilly Center at Holy Cross Parish in Fairview. Mass is at 10 a.m. The rededication of the religious education wing will be followed by a parish picnic.

The center is named after Father Frederick Reilly, the founding pastor of the parish.

50th anniversary of Elk County Catholic High School – Sept. 10

This year, Elk County Catholic High School in St. Marys celebrates its 50th anniversary. Bishop Donald Trautman, along with a number of priests who have served at Elk County Catholic over the years, will celebrate Mass on Monday, Sept. 10 at the high school.



Clergy appointments

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

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

Father Monty Sayers, appointed coordinator and chaplain of campus ministry at Clarion University for a term of six years while continuing as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Clarion.

The following priests have been re-appointed to their current pastorates for terms of six years:

Father Alex Amico, pastor, St. Paul Parish, Erie

Mgr. William Biebel, rector, St. Peter Cathedral, Erie

Father Michael Ferrick, pastor, Queen of the World Parish, St. Marys

Father Thaddeus Kondzielski, pastor, St. Philip Parish, Crossville

Father John Neff, pastor, St. Luke Parish, Youngville

Father Gregory Passauer, pastor, St. Mary Parish, Crown, and St. Ann Mission Church, Marienville

Mgr. Joseph Riccardo, pastor, Ss. Cosmas and Damian Parish, Punxsutawney

Father Monty Sayers, pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Clarion

Father John Schultz, pastor, St. Boniface Parish, Erie

Faithful invited to welcome bishop-elect at evening prayer

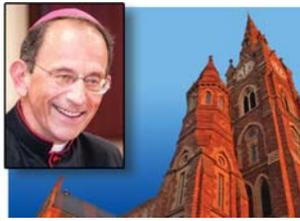
By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife editor

The Diocese of Erie is getting ready to celebrate the arrival of its new shepherd.

Bishop-elect Lawrence Persico, a priest of the Diocese of Greensburg, will be ordained and installed as the 10th bishop of the Diocese of Erie during a 2-30 p.m. Mass and ceremony Monday, Oct. 1 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie.

Because of the number of people that are being invited to the ordination and installation Mass from the Diocese of Erie and the Diocese of Greensburg, admittance to the Mass Oct. 1 will be by ticket only. Plans are being finalized to broadcast the ordination and installation Mass live locally and nationally later in October.

The public is invited to vesper (evening prayer) at St. Pe-



ter Cathedral, 230 W. 10th St., the night prior to the installation, Sunday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. No ticket will be necessary.

Evening prayer is one of the most ancient forms of communal prayer that our Catholic Christian church has, said Father Chris Singer, chancellor of the Diocese of

followed by a reading and homily. Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic nuncio to the United States, will preside with Bishop Donald Trautman giving the homily.

After the homily, Bishop-elect Persico will be asked to make a profession of faith.

"It's the same profession of faith that we all make at Mass on Sunday," Father Singer said. "Before he takes upon himself the responsibility of being a bishop, a successor to the apostles, he publicly reaffirms his own

commitment to our Catholic faith."

The bishop-elect will then

Meet-and-greet events with Bishop-elect Persico

Each of the events will follow the same schedule with a parish Mass at 7 p.m. followed by a public reception. Locations include:

- Tues., Oct. 9 at St. Tobias, **Brockway**
- Thurs., Oct. 11 at Notre Dame, **Hermitage**
- Mon., Oct. 22 at St. Callistus, **Kane**
- Tues., Oct. 23 at St. Agatha, **Meadville**
- Wed., Oct. 24 at St. Jude the Apostle, **Erie**
- Thurs., Oct. 25 at St. Joseph, **Warren**

take an oath of fidelity where he will promise to be faithful to the Holy See and to the

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TERESA HOUSE

Catholic young adults find fellowship, spiritual growth in community

By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife editor

ERIE — The three-floor brown brick rectory at St. John the Baptist Parish in Erie that once housed up to six priests is now home to a number of Catholic young adults in their 20s seeking fellowship, community and purpose.

Teresa House, located at 509 E. 26th St. in Erie, is adjacent to St. John Church. It is an intentional community rooted in the Catholic tradition. According to its mission statement, "The community strives to build an environment where young people can mature, grow, build healthy relationships and be formed into whom God is calling them to be."

The parish had explored the sale of the mostly vacant rectory, said Father John Jacquet, pastor of St. John the Baptist. He was approached by Matthew Durney with the concept of a house for Catholic young adults.

Durney's idea came from several places such as Boston, Newark, N.J. and Philadelphia that had prayer houses for young adults. The Catholic Church considers anyone age 21-39 as a young adult.

"There's a need for a place where we can learn, pray and be in a community with other young people," said Durney, 27.

Aside from being a community for the formation of young people, Teresa House is committed to supporting St. John the Baptist Parish and surrounding community as well as being a witness to downward mobility and a presence to the poor.

"I think it's a good way to utilize something that's underutilized and to infuse a little more life into the parish," Father Jacquet said. "We're looking forward to this good development."

Father Jacquet and parish secretary Jean Zemanek maintain offices at the former rectory, with Father Jacquet residing at the Holy Rosary

Parish rectory where he also serves as pastor. The young adults occupy the rest of the house, with the parish collecting rental income.

Currently there are four residents at Teresa House who moved in Aug. 1. The house has room for more occupants. With expansion, they will be able to accept nine.

Katie Chandley, 27, lived by herself in an apartment prior to coming to Teresa House.

"This seemed like it would be more purposeful," said Chandley, who writes a blog for the house at www.motherteresahouse.wordpress.com. "I need to grow more individually, and I can't do that at home."

A typical day includes the housemates praying together each morning at 6:30. Each resident will take



Teresa House, a former rectory, sits next to St. John the Baptist Parish in Erie. The house is home to Catholic young adults living in community sharing fellowship and being formed into whom God is calling them to be. At left are Teresa House residents (left to right) Matthew Wagner, Matthew Durney, Katie Chandley and Pat Extein.

turns leading a different day of prayer. They recently finished a novena to Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, the house's patron.

"She fits our mission so well," Durney said. "She's contemporary. One of her mantras was 'come and see.' You'll never know what you can do until you actually start."

After coming home from their jobs, they have prayer or a business meeting. The house will also be a home to gatherings of Erie's Catholic Young Adult Ministry which is how Teresa House members initially met.

"The majority of the time we're in fellowship—not just in fellowship but intentionally in fellowship," Durney said.

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Catechetical Sunday

SEPTEMBER 16, 2012



Each year, the third Sunday of September has been designated by the U.S. Catholic bishops as Catechetical Sunday, a national celebration which honors those involved in catechetical ministry.

This year, the church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on Sept. 16 and will focus on the theme "Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization." Those who have been designated by their parish community to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It is also an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

The U.S. bishops' Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis has prepared a variety of materials to assist catechists and Catholic school teachers to better understand and embrace Pope Benedict XVI's invitation to be evangelists. The resources will assist parishes in celebrating Catechetical Sunday not only in September but also throughout the 2012-13 year. These re-

sources can be found at www.usccb.org/catecheticalSunday by clicking on "Download Resources."

About Catechetical Sunday

The ministry of the Word is a fundamental element of evangelization through all its stages because it involves the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God.

The Word of God nourishes both evangelizers and those who are being evangelized so that each one may continue to grow in his or her Christian life.

(National Directory for Catechesis, No. 17)



Supporting lifelong learning of the faith

Catholic Education Collection Sept. 15-16

Each year, the Catholic Education Collection helps pass on the faith in the Diocese of Erie.

This special collection, which will be taken up at Masses Sept. 15-16, also gives back to local parishes.

Half of the collection stays in each parish for its own educational efforts. The remaining portion goes to the diocese to help replenish the Religious Education Endowment Fund and The Catholic Foundation's Education Fund. The endowment funds are returned to parishes in the form of grants to help develop education programs across all ages. The Catholic Education Collection is the primary source for bolstering the endowments.

"Certainly the Year of Faith that Pope Benedict XVI announced gives all of us an opportunity to recall that faith is an ongoing experience that thrives with ongoing formation



30,000 children are being educated about the faith in Catholic schools and parish religious education and faith formation programs throughout the Diocese of Erie.

and continuing education," said Father Nicholas Rouch, diocesan vicar for Education.

Contributions help parishes and schools in the diocese fund opportunities for adult catechesis, spiritual formation and professional development, Father Rouch said.

IN THE U.S.

Prayer, dialogue is sisters' 'gift' to church, says LCWR leader

The way 900 women religious "went about the decision" of re-positing the Vatican's doctrinal assessment of their organization was almost as "historic and important as the decision itself," said Dominican Sister Mary Hughes, a former president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. Sister Hughes, addressing an Aug. 16 luncheon at the National Press Club in Washington, said that although the sisters devoted a significant amount of time to the assessment during their Aug. 7-10 meeting in St. Louis, they did not have "fiery speeches" or discourse but instead primarily engaged in contemplative silence, listening and prayer. At the close of the four-day assembly, LCWR leaders, speaking on behalf of the entire group, said they would pursue "open and honest dialogue" with church officials about the assessment by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The assessment, issued April 18, said a reform of LCWR was needed to ensure its fidelity to Catholic teaching in areas including abortion, women's ordination and homosexuality.



Dominican Sister Mary Hughes

Seattle Archbishop Peter Sartain, charged with overseeing the group's reform, met with LCWR's national board Aug. 11. He said in a statement after the meeting that he is "truly hopeful that we will work together without compromising church teaching or the important role of the LCWR." The sisters' decision to seek dialogue could be their "gift to the church," said Sister Hughes, stressing the importance of listening to one another, which she said is so often missing in today's polarized society.

Milwaukee's plan for 2020 features parish clusters, collaboration

Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome Listecky is preparing the archdiocese for 2020, particularly as to how the spiritual needs of the Catholic community will best be served. "Parishes and Pastoral Leadership 2020," approved and issued by Archbishop Listecky Aug. 8, notes "three principal factors" that will have an impact on parishes during the next decade: From 2010 to 2020, the number of priest retirements will exceed ordinations, resulting in a projected 40 percent reduction in the number of priests serving in parish ministry; the costs of operating parishes and funding ministries are escalating rapidly and parishes can gain economies of scale by collaborating with other parishes; the one mission of the church, shared by all parishes, can be carried out more effectively by combining efforts and sharing resources.

There are 203 parishes in the archdiocese. By 2020, there will be 100 parishes and clusters. "Of these, 28 are free-standing parishes and the remaining parishes will create 72 clusters," the plan states. "The 72 clusters will be formed by bringing together approximately 175 parishes and establishing collaborative staffing, structures and ministries." The archbishop said the plan "depends on us embracing our Catholicity."

AROUND THE WORLD

Pope to visit Lebanon Sept. 14-16

Pope Benedict XVI will present a papal document addressing the church's concerns in the Middle East, meet with representatives of local Christian and Muslim communities, and address political and cultural leaders on a three-day visit to Lebanon Sept. 14-16.

Pope Benedict's primary task on the trip will be to present a document called an apostolic exhortation, based on the deliberations of a special Synod of Bishops held at the Vatican in 2010.

That two-week meeting, which was attended by 185 bishops, most of them from the 22 Eastern Catholic Churches in communion with the Holy See, focused on the precarious circumstances of 5.7 million Catholics in 16 Middle Eastern countries. A document released by participants at the end of the synod called for "religious freedom and freedom of conscience" in Muslim lands, a theme Pope Benedict is likely to address on his visit.

Planning for the pope's trip to Lebanon occurs against the backdrop of unrest in neighboring Syria, where soldiers have been battling forces seeking an end to the rule of President Bashar Assad, leaving thousands of civilians dead since March 2011.



Pope Benedict XVI

PEOPLE

Nellie Gray, 86, dies; was March for Life founder and emcee

Nellie Gray, who started the annual March for Life parade to protest the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion nationwide, died Aug. 13 at age 86 from natural causes. The March for Life has grown into one of the signature events of the pro-life movement. After the first march in 1974, Gray, a Texas native, established the March for Life Education & Defense Fund to sustain it. Each year in her remarks, Gray exhorted protesters to promote and adhere to a series of "life principles" that would eliminate abortion and enhance life, to which she said there should be "no exception! No compromise!"

Gray worked for the federal government for 28 years at the State Department and the Department of Labor, while attending Georgetown University Law School. Gray later practiced law before the U.S. Supreme Court.



Nellie Gray

By the Way...

The Diocese of Erie's central administrative offices at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie have been abuzz with activity since Bishop-elect Lawrence Persico's appointment July 31. Plans call for three consecutive days of events beginning with evening prayer and a public reception Sept. 30 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie. The episcopal ordination and installation Oct. 1 will be followed by the first-ever meeting of Pennsylvania's bishop's in Erie Oct. 2. As of this writing, Bishop-elect Persico's installation is just three weeks away.



Jason Koshinski

Father Guy Selvester, an expert in ecclesiastical heraldry and rector of the Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament in Raritan, N.J., has been selected by Bishop-elect Persico to design his coat of arms. While the design is in the final stages, Father Selvester tells us that it includes a peach tree. The Persico surname is derived from the Italian word "persico," which means "peach tree." As a surname, Persico may have been taken on by someone who lived near a peach tree or, as a habitational name, taken on from any of the numerous places named with this word in various parts of Italy.

In response to the call to faithful citizenship, the bishops of Pennsylvania have authorized a parish-based, nonpartisan voter registration effort to occur in parishes in September. To execute this voter registration drive, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference is partnering with the Knights of Columbus who will conduct it at the parish level.

Speaking of the Knights, approximately 200 Knights in the Diocese of Erie will make their fourth degree Oct. 14 at the Ambassador Banquet & Conference Center in Erie. The fourth degree is the highest degree of the order. The primary purpose of the fourth degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism and to encourage active Catholic citizenship.

We offer our condolences to Father Marc Solomon, pastor of St. Mary of Grace Parish in Meadville, on the passing of his father, Mason Solomon of Clearfield. Mason Solomon died Aug. 29 at Clearfield Hospital. Please remember Father Marc, his mother, Joanne, and the entire Solomon family in your prayers.

Brother Albert Gahr, OSB, who made his solemn profession of monastic vows July 11 at Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, is a native of St. Boniface Parish in Kersey, Je. He was an altar server and was educated at St. Boniface School (K-8). In our July 29 issue, we mistakenly identified him as a St. Mary's native.

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Papal honors

Bishop confers papal honors for dedication, service to church

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FaithLife editor

Two married couples, a supporter of parish young adults and a longtime pastor from the Diocese of Erie recently received papal honors from His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, recognizing their dedication and service to the Catholic Church.

Bishop Donald Trautman conferred the honors from Pope Benedict XVI to Francis and Carole Petri and George and Adrienne Ward from St. Joseph Parish in Sharon; Patricia Henninger from Our Lady, Queen of the Americas Parish in Conneaut Lake; and Msgr. Charles Kaza, pastor of St. Tobias Parish in Brockway.

The lay honorees received the Papal Cross, "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" (for the church and the pope). The medal is given in the form of a gold cross suspended from a yellow and white ribbon.

First bestowed by Pope Leo XIII in 1888, the Papal Cross is awarded to clergy, religious and laity who have given exemplary service *pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*, i.e., for the church and for the pope. Originally intended to honor those who were of direct service to the pope, today this cross is ordinarily awarded to those whose service is rendered primarily to the local church.

The recognition of papal honors is given in the name of Pope Benedict XVI on the recommendation of the diocesan bishop. A diocesan bishop may nominate candidates to the pope at any time he wishes.

Msgr. Charles Kaza, V.G.

Msgr. Kaza has been the pastor of St. Tobias Parish in Brockway since 2001. He serves the bishop as the episcopal vicar of the Diocese of Erie's Eastern Vicariate as well as its vicar general. This year, he is celebrating his 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

Pope Benedict XVI has conferred him with the title of Prelate of Honor to His Holiness, entitling him to the title of "Reverend Monsignor."

The Prelate of Honor to His Holiness is the second grade of monsignor that was historically associated with the chamberlain of the papal court and today can also be conferred to priests outside of the papal court. It is conferred to honor a monsignor for his service to the church.



Msgr. Charles Kaza

Patricia Henninger Our Lady, Queen of the Americas, Conneaut Lake

Henninger has established a scholarship in memory of her husband for two students at Our Lady, Queen of the Americas each year to attend a four-year college. Through her generosity, the parish recently chose the 10th and 11th recipients of this scholarship.

She helps the parish with numerous projects, including cemetery work days, and attends its monthly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



Patricia Henninger receives her papal honor from Bishop Donald Trautman.

Francis and Carole Petri St. Joseph, Sharon

With nine children who attended Catholic schools, the Petris have been involved with the former St. Joseph School for many years. Carole has participated as a member of the PTO and through fundraising and volunteering. Francis was one of the first eucharistic ministers in the parish. He has served as chairman of the church cemetery committee and as a member of the parish finance committee.

They have also been dedicated to the Serra Club, which fosters and promotes vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



Francis and Carole Petri

George and Adrienne Ward St. Joseph, Sharon

The Wards have served their parish by volunteering on numerous committees. As a member of the finance council, George was instrumental in the investment strategy for parish funds and endowments. Adrienne is president of the parish's Women's Guild and serves on the board of directors at the Prince of Peace Center in Farrell. The Wards also coordinate volunteers for the center.

They are also known for their cooking and baking for parish fundraisers and celebrations.



George and Adrienne Ward

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Briefly

Annulment information sessions

The Office of the Tribunal will offer information sessions for those persons who are interested in petitioning for a declaration of nullity. The full information sessions are as follows:

- Thursday, Sept. 13 at Immaculate Conception, Clarion
- Tuesday, Sept. 18 at St. Michael, Greenville
- Thursday, Sept. 20 at Blessed Sacrament, Erie
- Tuesday, Sept. 25 at St. Cosmas and Damian, Punxsutawney.

All sessions begin at 7 p.m. Pastors are encouraged to personally invite any current parishioners, as well as RCIA candidates, who have been divorced and would like to remark in the church to attend any of these meetings.

Reflection afternoon for women

PORT ALLEGANY — The sisters of Catholic Rural Ministry of the Bradford Diocese will host a reflection afternoon for women on Friday, Sept. 28 at the Catholic Rural Ministry Center in Port Allegany.

The program begins at 1:30 p.m. and closes with prayer at 5:30 p.m.

Sister Carolyn Gorny-Kopkowski, OSB, of the spirituality ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, will present a program on "Happiness—A Commitment to Choose." The afternoon's program will include input, discussion, reflection and prayer.

For more information or to register, contact Margaret French at 814.945.6245 or Sister Phyllis Schleicher, OSB, at 814.544.8017 or e-mail crm2@zotimedia.net. Registrations are due by Sept. 27.

High school youth rally

ST. MARYS — Elk County Catholic High School in St. Marys will host this year's High School Youth Rally on Sunday, Sept. 30.

The theme is "True North: Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life," from John 6:68.

Doors open at 9 a.m., with the rally running from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. National youth speaker and musician Cooper Ray (www.cooperay.com) will be the main presenter. Included in the day are workshop sessions, confession, Mass, eucharistic adoration, games, lunch and afternoon snack, a leaders' roundtable discussion and service project opportunities. Attendees will receive a wrist band and T-shirt.

Registration fee is \$15. All registrations must be received by the Youth Office by Sept. 17. Students 18 and older are considered adults, so please have them fill out the forms accordingly.

Contact Kathleen Peterson in the Youth Office at 814.824.1218 with any questions. All registration forms can be downloaded at www.onthevine.us or contact your parish youth leader or school's campus minister.

Motor for the Mission road rally

ERIE — The Motor for the Mission road rally to benefit the Diocese's Mission of Friendship with the Archdiocese of Yucatan, Mexico, will be held Saturday, Oct. 6.

This event, sponsored by the diocese's Mission Office, is similar to TV's "Amazing Race." Teams of navigators and sleuths will follow clues, collect points and vie for prizes.

The road rally will begin and end at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. in Erie. Check-in is at 9 a.m., with the rally beginning at 9:30. Lunch is at noon followed by a basket raffle at 12:30 p.m.

Cost is \$15 per person and includes lunch. Children under 8 ride free. To register a team, call 814.824.1250 or e-mail kochs@ErieRCD.org or visit www.erieRCD.org/missions.asp.

Catholic charismatic conference Oct. 12-13

ERIE — Word of Life Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center is sponsoring its annual Catholic Charismatic Conference at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. in Erie, Oct. 12-13.

The theme, "Incessary Prayer — Clothed with Power from on High," will be presented by Father Robert Franco, bishop's delegate to Catholic Renewal Ministries in the Diocese of Cleveland. In addition to the main track, a young adult track for ages 18-30 will also be presented by Father Jason Feigh.

For more information, visit www.wordoflifecrc.org. To register, call the Word of Life Center at 814.824.1286.

Catholic Education Collection

September 15-16

Please use the offertory envelope supplied by your parish.

Over \$150,000 in grants have been awarded already this year!

Over 20,000 children are being educated in the 38 Catholic schools and 98 religious education parish programs in the diocese.

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Faithful invited to welcome bishop-elect at evening prayer

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teachings of the church.

"Another particular beautiful part of evening prayer is that all the insignia that Bishop-elect Persico will use as part of his office of bishop will be blessed at that time," Father Singer said.

This includes his mitre, crozier, pectoral cross and fisherman's ring—all symbols of the office of

bishop. They will be given to him the following day during his ordination.

A wine and cheese reception, also open to the public, will be held immediately following at St. Peter Cathedral School, 160 W. 11th St.

Because of an anticipated smaller crowd Sept. 30, Father Singer said it will be a better opportunity for the general public

to meet and shake hands with the bishop-elect.

"We encourage anyone and everyone to please come and be part of evening prayer," he said.

Bishop-elect Persico has selected six days in October when he will visit locations throughout the Diocese of Erie (see sidebar), including two in each vicariate, to meet the faithful and clergy. The gatherings will include a parish

Mass followed by a public reception.

Priests of the diocese have been invited to a social hour and dinner with the bishop-elect prior to each of the gatherings. Permanent deacons and their wives will join Bishop-elect Persico for evening prayer followed by a social Oct. 10 at St. Luke in Erie and Oct. 17 at Immaculate Conception in Clarion.

Catholic young adults find fellowship, spiritual growth in community

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A month into the experience, the community has already bonded over meals, movies and activities.

During a tour of the house, Chandley mentions that the basement includes a wine cellar.

"It's empty," deadpans Pat Extejn.

Extejn, 26, started a new job in February. He said he wasn't simply looking to build himself up professionally.

"I could do that on my own," he said. "The house provides a structure of responsibility for me in a sense. I thought I could strengthen myself as an individual."

While still finding a rhythm to their lives, the group has experienced some immediate results by attending Mass together at the parish.

"A lot of the parishioners have

stopped us just to say hello," said Matthew Wagner, 23. "They seemed excited to have us here. Their school just closed, and that was tough for a lot of people and the teachers who go here. They tell us they're proud to be members of St. John. Maybe we can inject something positive here. It's nice to know that without even trying you're helping people."

Chandley and Durney are enrolled as catechists in the Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Program, which includes eight parishes. On Sept. 9, the group will help the parish celebrate Inspiration Day—the day Blessed Teresa heard her call to religious life during a train ride—by handing out cards containing some of her quotes. Chandley said she plans on baking cookies.

Another goal of the community is to help bring the

neighborhood together.

When Durney arrived, he said one of the first things he did was to go door-to-door to visit some neighbors. On the east side of Teresa House is the International Institute which assists refugees and immigrants in northwest Pennsylvania. Nearby on Parade Street is the Islamic Institute. While area residents are also parishioners, many long-time members attend Mass at St. John but live elsewhere.

The community is intended to be transitional, Durney said, where people don't stay long term. People will eventually be called to other endeavors.

Jean Vanier (founder of L'Arche) talks about young people having a great need for a sense of mission, for being formed and



The former rectory at St. John the Baptist Parish in Erie is now home to Teresa House, a community of Catholic young adults committed to their formation and support of the parish and community.

finding their own identity," he said. "In community, that whole process is expedited in a very intentional way where you can really learn how to love people when you're with a group that you share a mission with."

"We welcome and encourage people to come visit," Wagner said.

"Or as Blessed Teresa would say, 'Come and see.'"

DEATH NOTICE

Deacon James McGuinness

Deacon James McGuinness, 67, died Aug. 16, 2012 at his residence in Fairview.

He was born June 30, 1945 in Brooklyn, N.Y., to the late James F. and Madeline Link McGuinness; the family moved to Point Pleasant Beach, N.J., in 1952.

He moved to Erie in 1963 to enroll at Gannon University and remained a resident of Erie until the time of his death.

He was a graduate of St. Peter Grade School in Point Pleasant Beach, a 1963 graduate of St. Rose High School in Belmar, N.J., and a 1969 graduate of Gannon University where he earned his bachelor's degree. He was also a

recipient of a letter of equivalency for a master's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

He received the sacrament of holy orders on May 30, 2003 when he was ordained a deacon by Bishop Donald Trautman at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie.

Deacon McGuinness taught in the Erie School District for 31 years before retiring in 2002; during those years, he taught at Tech Memorial, Strong Vincent, Academy, Twin Tech and Central. He focused much of his career in the Erie schools on teaching biology and chemistry as well as custodial services. He also spent many years teaching special education. During his years as a teacher, he also owned and operated M & M Cleaning and M & M Bakery.

He was a member of St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie where he served on the liturgy committee, was a member of the parish prayer line, volunteered at St. Patrick's Haven where he ministered

to the homeless, headed an annual effort to prepare Christmas cookies for the less fortunate in Erie and served as a deacon assistant.

Prior to his membership at St. Jude, he was a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Erie where he served on parish council, was a member of the Pre-Cana team and participated in the Parish Renewal program.

As a deacon, his ministry outside of parish life centered around the Diocese of Erie's Continuing Education Committee for Deacons, the Roman Catholic Chapel at Millcreek Mall and, most recently, a chaplaincy at the Soldiers and Sailors Home in Erie.

Deacon McGuinness was also a member of Cursillo 114, a support dad for the Empty Arms group, an MYAA coach, a swim coach and JV basketball coach at Sacred Heart School, a soccer coach at Villa Maria Elementary, a member of the Pre-Cana team and participated in the Parish Renewal's Retirement System.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia (Patty) Heher McGuinness, seven children, three sisters, one brother, 12 grandchildren and one step grandson, as well as many nieces and nephews.



Deacon James McGuinness

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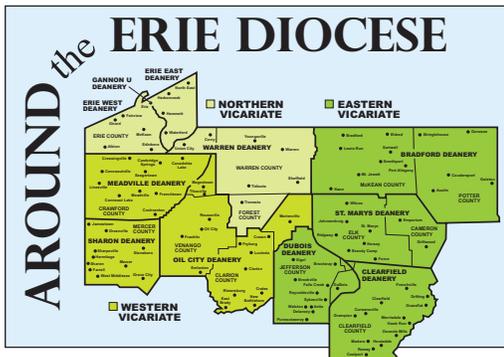
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Elk County Catholic School System raises funds as a nationally ranked recycler

ST. MARYS — This past Earth Day, FundingFactory, the nation's largest fundraising-by-recycling program for schools and nonprofits, saluted Elk County Catholic School System in St. Marys as a top recycler. Elk County Catholic School System is ranked No. 13 out of 22,000 participating schools in the United States.

Since launching the recycling fundraiser in 1999, Elk County Catholic School System has raised more than \$25,000 and kept 35,000 pounds of electronics-related waste out of landfills. By recycling printer cartridges, cell phones and small electronics, Elk County Catholic schools are keeping the Earth clean and green while raising funds to support the technology program at all three schools.

"We are proud of our students, families and business supporters for all of the support they give to us through this program that



helps us to make a positive impact on the environment," said Marlene Stubber, ECCSS technology coordinator.

Pictured are high school students Victoria Gleikner, Ben Riddle and Darby Hetrick helping to sort and package used printer cartridges for shipment to

FundingFactory.

To support the recycling fundraiser at Elk County Catholic School System, contact Marlene Stubber at stubberm@eccss.org. For-profit businesses can donate by shipping recyclable items on behalf of Elk County Catholic School System.

Franklin Steelers fans win Venango Catholic season ticket raffle

OIL CITY — Venango County Catholic schools recently conducted a Pittsburgh Steelers season ticket raffle to benefit the schools. All proceeds benefit Venango County preparatory schools—St. Patrick School in Franklin and St. Stephen School and Venango Catholic High School in Oil City.

Paul Bergin and Daryl Dziekicz of Franklin split the cost of a raffle ticket and won four 2012 Steelers season tickets (Section 509, Row R, seats 10-13).

The schools plan for this to be an annual raffle. Visit www.win-steelertickets.com for updates on the 2013 Steelers season ticket raffle.

Pictured left to right are raffle winner Paul Bergin, advance-



ment committee member Jessica Nelson, outgoing Venango Catholic headmaster Father John

Malthaner (holding the winning ticket stub) and raffle winner Daryl Dziekicz.

Missionary appeal at St. Luke, Youngsville



YOUNGVILLE — Patrick J. Black (left), president of the parish council at St. Luke in Youngsville, presents a gift Bible and a book of quotations of Blessed John Paul II to Michael Wolfe of the Community of St. Paul. Wolfe recently spoke to the parish community on his experience serving as a missionary in the Dominican Republic for the last five years.

He will begin his studies for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in the fall.

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Knights of Columbus donate funds for vocations, retired priests

ERIE — The Knights of Columbus presented Bishop Donald Trautman and the Diocese of Erie with funds Aug. 16 to benefit vocations and retired clergy.

On behalf of past state deputy George Koch and present state deputy Joseph Grecco, several members of the Knights of Columbus presented a number of checks.

The first check, for \$1,128.02, is to be used for vocations. This money came from the Knights' label program where each member receives name and address labels. A donation is collected to be used for the printing of these labels.

The second check, for \$5,507.70, is to be used to support retired clergy. The money came from the Knights' Christopher Fund which is set up throughout the state to aid in the care of retired priests.

The third check, for \$5,500, is also for vocations. The funds



came from the Knights' regional support fund that was distributed among the Pennsylvania dioceses. Pictured left to right: (seated) Secretary and State Warden George Beckes, Bishop Donald Trautman, Central West Regional Chairman Charles Mahood, (standing) Msgr. Dan Magraw, chairman of the Good Shepherd Collection for retired priests, Central West Membership Chairman Mark Urban, and Father Steve Schreiber, director of vocations.

St. Mark welcomes new seminarians

ERIE — St. Mark Seminary in Erie welcomed five new seminarians Aug. 19 for the fall semester.

Pictured left to right are Benjamin Knopf (St. Brendan and St. Jude, Alfred, N.Y.) from the Diocese of Buffalo, Kevin Holland (Our Lady of Peace, Erie), Nathan Demarest (St. Michael, Greenville) and Timothy Grunzel (Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Erie) from the Diocese of Erie and Daniel Carr (Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg) from the Diocese of Greensburg.

They were joined Aug. 20 by 13 returning seminarians.



New sign greets faithful at St. Bibiana, Galeton

GALETON — St. Bibiana Parish in Galeton is sporting a new sign in front of the church.

Built by Pennsylvania Signs and Designs of Galeton, the sign is made of high density urethane and includes gold leaf lettering. Father Joe Dougherty, pastor of St. Bibiana, and the parish covered the cost for materials. The labor and construction was donated by the LuBera family of Germania, owners of Pennsylvania Signs and Designs and parishioners of St. Bibiana.

"Outside of a small sign for Mass times, our church has never had an official sign," said Lou LuBera.

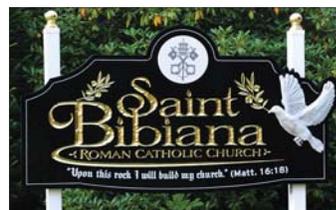


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