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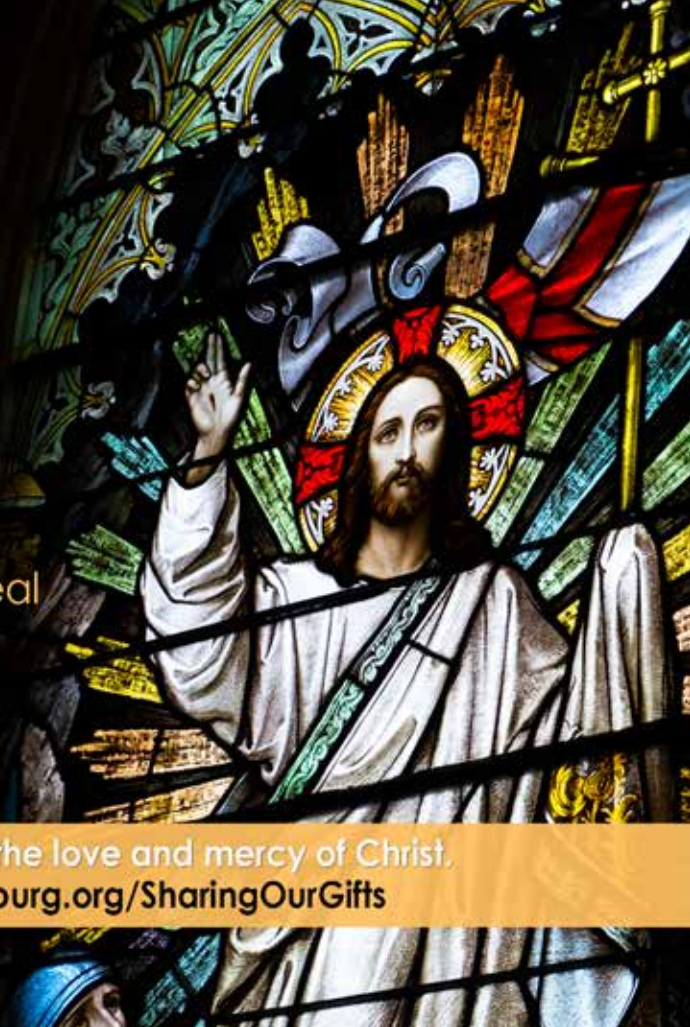


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## 2022 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Dear Friends in Christ,

The pandemic has been a difficult and trying time as we have realized our own human frailty and mortality. But I am especially proud that our parishes in the Diocese of Greensburg have truly accompanied people through these challenging times. Thousands of volunteers have continued their mission work for seniors, infants and expectant mothers, as well as the sick and homebound. Generous donations made by our faithful parishioners have supported dozens of food banks and food pantries in the four counties of our Diocese. Additionally, more than a million dollars was raised and distributed to help the poor last year alone.

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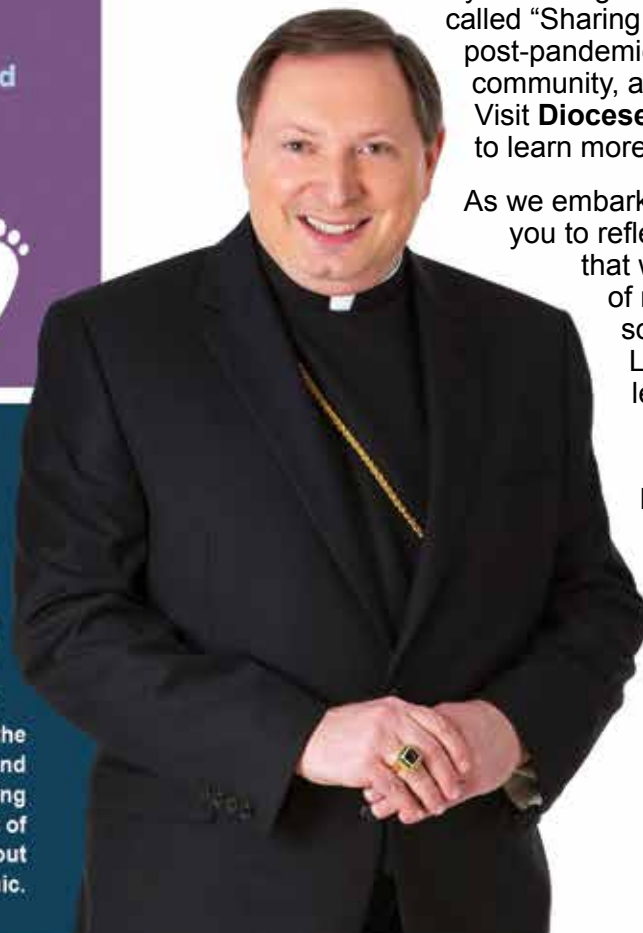
I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting us again this year during the 2022 Diocesan Lenten Appeal called "Sharing Our Gifts." The tidal wave of post-pandemic need has reached our community, and we must continue to respond. Visit [DioceseofGreensburg.org/SharingOurGifts](https://DioceseofGreensburg.org/SharingOurGifts) to learn more about making a donation.

As we embark on Lent this year, I encourage you to reflect upon how blessed we are that we will eventually move into a period of renewal, a "spiritual springtime" so to speak, that transitions us from Lent to Easter just as the death of Christ leads us to the glory of the Resurrection.

May God Bless You,

*+ Larry J. Kulick*

The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L.  
 Bishop of Greensburg



# A ministry of presence

Clergy, lay ministers comfort the hospitalized, homebound

BY CLIFF GORSKI

Benedictine Father Pio Adamonis remembers the first time he visited a patient battling COVID-19 in the hospital. The hospital chaplain recalls the protective equipment he donned to go into the room and loud noises created by the air filtration system.

The patient, an elderly woman in her mid-80s, was drifting in and out of consciousness as he began to administer the sacraments and anoint her with holy oils.

"It gave her a sense of some relief or comfort to be able to see a priest," Father Pio said. "When I came out of the room, her husband was at the nurses' station, and it gave him comfort as well."

Father Pio said it was heartbreaking because the couple, married for 65 years, were not able to be together in the final moments of her life.

In the Diocese of Greensburg, Father Pio is one of many priests, deacons and lay ministers providing comfort to those who are hospitalized and to those who are homebound. In parishes across the Diocese, more than 75 ministries help the sick, hospitalized, and homebound by providing the comfort of Christ, especially throughout the pandemic.

Father Pio calls it a ministry of presence.

"The presence of the priest, the anointing and the prayers help the sick person bear these trials and strengthens them and their soul and rouses a great



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confidence in the Lord's mercy and presence," he said.

During his visits, Father Pio gives the infirmed a rosary to hold or to keep in their room. He also had prayer cards made to provide comfort, especially for those isolated from their families and visitors.

In many cases, Father Pio is the last person able to visit a critically ill patient.

"Those who are seriously ill need the special help of God's grace in this time of anxiety and fear for them," he said. "It's part of a mission of who I am, to be there and to be part of that and in what I am called to do."





# Catholic Charities' Communities of Salt & Light Awards

Please join us for the 22nd annual Communities of Salt and Light Awards Dinner  
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**PHILANTHROPY**  
Tom and Cathy Gothie, Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg  
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## Catholic Charities has new director

Melaney Hegyes has been named Managing Director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Greensburg, the first woman to lead the charitable agency for the Diocese of Greensburg, and the first layperson to serve as Managing Director.  
Hegyes joins the Diocese after serving in several leadership positions at the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania for the past 14 years. She previously worked for Jacobs Creek Area Open Your Heart to a Senior, formerly Faith in Action.  
Bishop Larry J. Kulick said he sought an individual with Hegyes' background in community outreach and social services coordination, particularly with seniors.  
"Seniors are an important and large demographic in our Diocese that we are always very attuned to, and as they reach this point in their lives, the Church must be there to walk with them," Bishop Kulick said. "I was also very much impressed with her own personal faith and the important role faith plays in her life. I know she will bring that faith perspective to her work and in what she sees as the moral obligation of taking care of all in our Diocese, especially the least among us."  
Hegyes succeeds Dr. Paul A. Niemiec, LPC, who plans to retire this spring. He served as Interim Managing Director of Catholic Charities after longtime director, Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, was appointed by Bishop Kulick as Vicar General for the Diocese of Greensburg in 2021. Niemiec was Director of Counseling Services for Catholic Charities for nearly 20 years.  
Hegyes and her family are parishioners of the partner parishes of Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Pius X in Mount Pleasant.

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# KNEAD CAFÉ

FEEDING BODIES AND SOULS IN NEW KENSINGTON

BY MARIA GUZZO

The Knead Community Café in New Kensington is celebrating its fifth year of providing meals to people from all walks of life, regardless of their ability to pay.

“We want to acknowledge all the community support we’ve gotten. We are humbled and grateful that God has blessed us, and we’re planning to continue our mission,” said Kevin Bode, who founded the nonprofit with his wife, Mary. They are parishioners of Mount St. Peter Parish, New Kensington.

After years of mission work in other countries, the Bodes realized they also wanted to help people in their community.

“Mission trip work is great, and we still do that, but we felt we really need to help our neighbors in New Kensington,” Kevin said. “It was a calling, truly a calling.”

Local leaders, area residents and café volunteers are celebrating Knead’s positive presence amid the community’s newly surging revitalization.

Recent retiree Kim Carlisle began volunteering at Knead in October 2020.

“I just love it here,” Carlisle said. “So many people think it’s for less fortunate people, but it’s a restaurant for everyone.”

Dennis Scarpiniti, New Kensington city clerk, said Knead is part of the town’s fabric.

“The Knead Café has done a tremendous job of reaching those in our community who need a dignified hand up,” Scarpiniti said.

“Through their efforts they have made a positive impact on the city as an inviting place for all community residents to gather.”

Donna Rosen Tassos, a nurse and a Mount St. Peter parishioner, praised the café’s positive impact on the city.

“In addition to serving healthy and delicious food, it contributes to the health and well-being of the local population,” she said. “The friendly, caring atmosphere of the café generates and supports positive social connections, which are vital to mental health. Meeting basic needs results in a better quality of life in many dimensions, including work, school and family.”

Besides its regular lunch offerings, Knead serves free weekly grab-and-go meals to anyone in the community, holds winter clothing giveaways, hosts blood drives, and partners with local health care providers to offer services such as blood pressure screenings, flu shots and COVID vaccines.

The Bodes say developing relationships is key to helping those in need with issues such as lack of employment or housing, by connecting them to social service organizations.

“When (guests) volunteer for a meal, it allows us to get to know them better,” Kevin said.

The Bodes said a number of volunteers, aided by their service at Knead, have been able to move forward with their lives. They

gain both confidence and work experience, enabling them to land paying jobs elsewhere.

The Bodes said they want to continue with God’s work, but for a time during the pandemic they wondered how.

“We didn’t know how we were going to afford it, how we could keep our doors open, and we really trusted in our faith that God would provide,” Mary said. “God provides for works in his name; we are testimony to that.”

COVID precautions shuttered sit-down meals for a while and transformed their once-monthly free community sit-down meal, serving 400, into a free weekly community meal serving four times that many to-go dinners.

Through the grace of God, community supporters and sponsors, the café has served more than 23,600 grab-and-go meals since the onset of the pandemic.

Jeff Cieslewicz of Latrobe, whose father is a permanent deacon in the Diocese, said the Bodes became like family during the two years he spent as Knead’s head chef. Cieslewicz has since launched his own restaurant in New Kensington.

He said the Bodes’ following their calling from God, despite personal financial risk, has benefited the entire community.

“They stepped out of their comfort zone putting in something beautiful, and they serve the people as a bright spot the city needed.”

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From left: Fire chief Bill Watkins, Father Matro, Bishop Kulick and fire department vice president John Rock.

## CRABTREE PARISHIONERS 'CAST WIDE NET' FOR FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS

BY JENNIFER MIELE

The smell of fresh fried fish and buttery pierogies wafts through the air in the small community of Crabtree each Friday during Lent.

Inside the local fire hall, more than 30 volunteers busily prepare hundreds of takeout meals to raise money for charity.

Many people select a "combo" meal, adding fries or coleslaw to the dinner.

But this is really a "combo" fundraiser, with proceeds split between the Crabtree Volunteer Fire Department and St. Bartholomew Parish.

"Every year the Crabtree Volunteer Fire Department had a series of fish fries, and the church had a number of bingos. With COVID-19 gathering restrictions, both organizations lost substantial amounts of income. So the fire department asked us if we wanted to work with them to do a fish fry, and we did!" said Benedictine Father Justin Matro, Pastor.

"We thought if we got together and worked together as a parish and fire department, we would be able to bring in more people for a takeout fish dinner," said John Rock, vice president of the fire department.

The result, even with split proceeds, exceeded any amount of fundraising the fire department ever accomplished.

Father Justin said the money helps offset the cost of parish missions, but there are so many other benefits of the partnership.

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"It is certainly an evangelical interaction. People feel the Church's presence here," he said.

Many actually saw the Church's presence at the fish fry when Bishop Larry J. Kulick himself visited the event. He gave a blessing to all the volunteers, to make sure each of them knew how thankful he was for the work they are doing to support the faith, especially during Lent.

The Bishop enjoyed some of the fantastic menu items: fried fish sandwiches, broiled cod, coleslaw, pierogies and new this Lent, macaroni and cheese and haluski.

"We are supposed to do something to observe the day the Lord died on Friday, and abstaining from meat is a good way to do that. Throughout Lent we do that on Fridays," Father Justin said. "Fish fries and pierogi sales all became great ways to earn money because people aren't eating meat on Fridays."

"It becomes a fun event, but it is also something we do because of our faith. It's a traditional Catholic festivity mixed with devotion."





# THE OFFICIAL 2022 DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG LENTEN FISH FRY GUIDE

Parishes around the Diocese will serve fish and more during Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 2). The Fridays in Lent are March 4, 11, 18, and 25 and April 1 and 8. **See map (page 17) for numbered locations.**

**1 BROWNSVILLE**  
**St. Peter Parish** hall,  
118 Church St.  
Fish fries, Ash Wednesday  
and Fridays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Dine in or takeout  
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724-364-7070

**2 CONNELLSVILLE**  
**Immaculate**  
**Conception Parish** hall,  
148 E. Crawford Ave..  
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Ash Wednesday,  
11 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Takeout only  
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**3 CRABTREE**  
**St. Bartholomew Parish**  
Crabtree Volunteer Fire  
Department, 1610 Latrobe  
Crabtree Road  
Fish fries,  
Fridays,  
(including Good Friday)  
4-7 p.m.  
Takeout only  
Orders: 724-837-2231  
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**4 DERRY**  
**St. Joseph Parish** hall,  
125 S. Ligonier St.  
Fish fries,  
Fridays, noon-6 p.m.  
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**5 EAST VANDERGRIFT**  
**Our Lady, Queen of**  
**Peace Parish** hall,  
411 McKinley Ave.  
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Ash Wednesday,  
noon-6:30 p.m.;  
Fridays, 3:30-6:30 p.m.  
Takeout only  
Information:  
724-478-4958

**6 FAIRCHANCE**  
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**Methodius Parish** hall,  
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Fridays; 11 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Takeout only  
Information:  
724-564-7436

**7 FOOTEDALE**  
**St. Francis of**  
**Assisi Parish** hall,  
528 Footedale Road  
Fish dinners,  
Fridays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Dine in or takeout  
Information:  
724-245-2932

**8 GREENSBURG**  
**St. Bruno Parish** center,  
1729 Poplar St.  
Fish fries,  
Fridays, 4-7 p.m.  
and  
Good Friday, 2:30-7 p.m.  
Drive-thru takeout only  
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724-836-0690

**9 GREENSBURG**  
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and 4-7 p.m.  
Drive-thru only  
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sandwich with  
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coleslaw and one  
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fries, macaroni and  
cheese, 3 pierogies)  
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**10 INDIANA**  
**St. Bernard of**  
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**11 JEANNETTE**  
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scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, green beans, rolls,  
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**Information:** 724-479-3881, goodshepherdkent.org

**13 KITTANNING**  
**St. Mary,**  
**Our Lady of**  
**Guadalupe Parish** hall,  
101 W. High St.  
Fish dinners,  
Fridays, 4-7 p.m.  
Takeout only  
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**14 LATROBE**  
**St. John the**  
**Evangelist Parish** hall,  
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fried fish, macaroni  
and cheese, green  
beans, coleslaw,  
breadsticks

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Information: 724-863-2626 or [stagneschurch.info](http://stagneschurch.info)

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**Church of the Resurrection Parish**  
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March 18, Clymer site social hall (sponsored by Heilwood site), 349 Morris St.  
March 25, Clymer site social hall (sponsored by Clymer site), 349 Morris St.  
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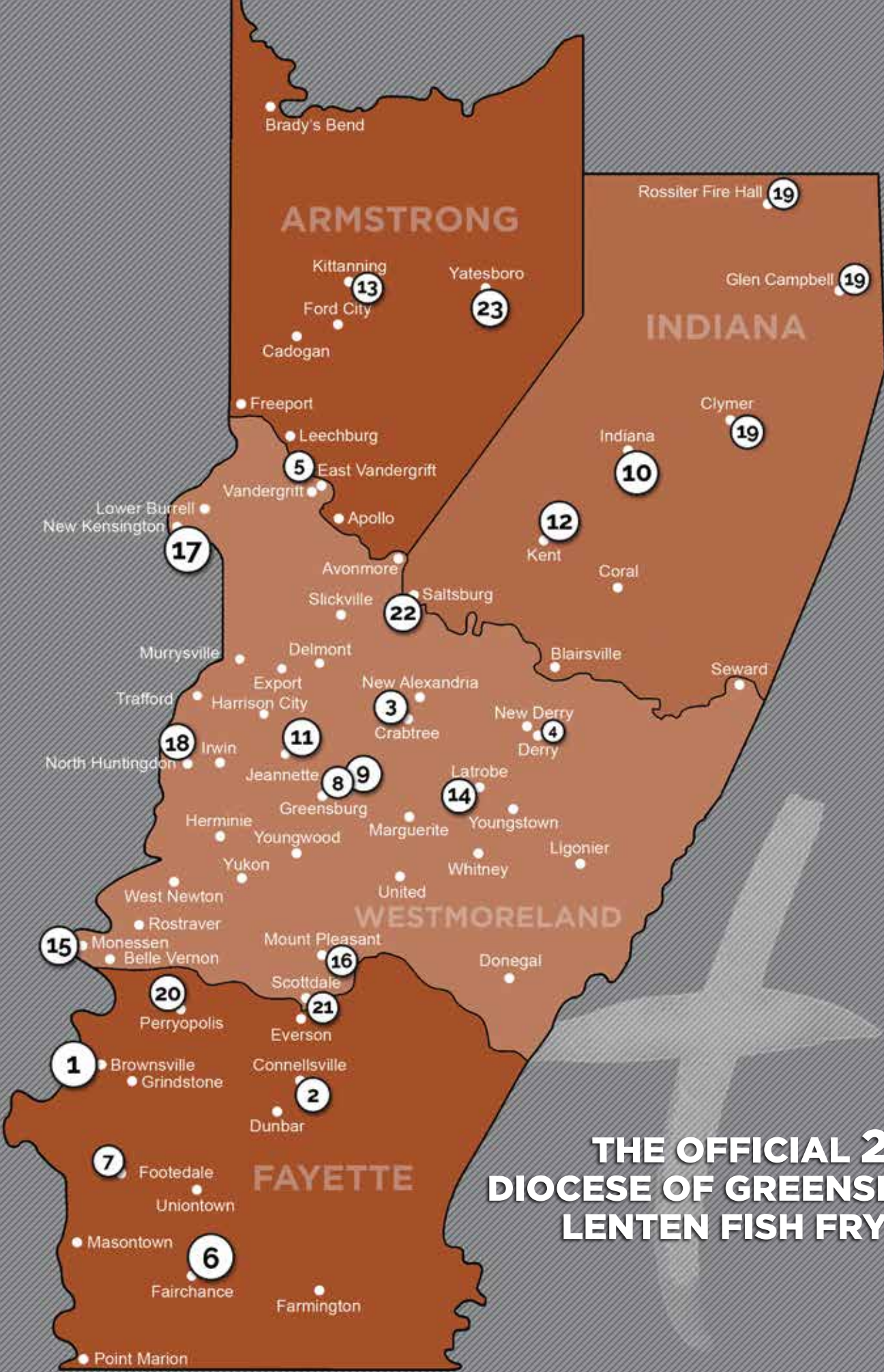
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# 50 years of marriage, a lifetime of faith

BY ELISABETH SMITH

Among the parishioners of the Diocese of Greensburg, two couples have an especially joyous reason to celebrate.

Dr. Francisco and Rosalinda Castillo and Kenneth and Kathleen Proch both celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries in 2021. With their milestones comes a wealth of wisdom about family and faith.

Both couples, who were honored at the annual Diocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass in September, recall what brought them together and reveal the shared beliefs that kept them committed for five decades.

## Francisco and Rosalinda Castillo

It was the late 1960s in Manila, Philippines when Rosalinda and Francisco (*pictured above*) were asked to be part of a cotillion, an 18th birthday celebration, for a shared friend.

"The rest was history," Rosalinda joked.

Once they became a couple, Francisco studied medicine at the University of St. Thomas, while Rosalinda was majoring in nutrition to become a dietician. They were married Dec. 26, 1971, as the sun rose at 7 a.m., which the couple says is customary in the Philippines.

"That's how you want to begin your life together, at the beginning of the day," Rosalinda explained.

The couple arrived in Pennsylvania a year later, following in the footsteps of Francisco's older brother and "idol," a radiologist. Francisco finished his studies here, and the couple started a family. They have two children, Michael and Michelle, and five granddaughters, ages 14, 11, 10 and 12-year-old twins.

They say respect, forgiveness and finding true love are important facets of a long-lasting marriage. But they agree that the Catholic faith they were raised in from childhood

is the foundation that allowed them to reach the half-century milestone.

"We are both deeply religious, and my wife's faith is especially strong," Francisco said. "Her faith has especially strengthened our marriage, and we never forgot how our parents taught us to be devout Catholics. It is still in our hearts and minds."

Rosalinda adds that the couple tried, as their parents did, to pass on that gift of faith to their own children and grandchildren.

"When Michelle went off to Loyola University Maryland and Michael to

Allegheny College, they would always make fun of me because every weekend I would ask them 'Did you go to church?' There was never a weekend I didn't ask," she said. "I want my children and grandchildren to share our faith and always tell them that no matter what happens, God is always with you, and He will be your No. 1. He is always there, loving you and guiding you."

PHOTOS:  
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Engagement,  
marriage,  
25th anniversary,  
and grandkids.

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## Kenneth and Kathleen Proch

When Kenneth was a senior at Indiana Area High School, junior Kathleen "noticed him."

"Apparently he noticed me too," Kathleen joked.

While the pair knew each other casually, they didn't fall in love until after graduation when Kenneth began serving in the military. Kathleen started writing letters to him, and their romance blossomed through the pages.

The couple became engaged before Kenneth deployed to Vietnam, where he served for a year. After he returned home, the Prochs married on June 26, 1971, in Texas, where they briefly lived before moving back to Indiana. Kathleen says they were "blessed with a beautiful family" — children Ken Jr., Kathleen, Tricia and John, along with their 11 grandchildren ages 2 to 25.

The entire family celebrated Kenneth and Kathleen's golden anniversary the night before their wedding date with a Mass that included a blessing of their rings by Capuchin Father Tage Danielson at their parish, St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana. The Mass was followed the next day by a brunch and reception.

The Prochs agree that their Catholic faith is "everything" in their marriage, with Kenneth adding that their beliefs keep them rooted. Kathleen points especially to her family's tradition of regularly praying the rosary.

"Our parents were Catholics and very strong Christians, and when I was a kid we said the rosary all the time," she said.

Kenneth adds that he often would arrive at Kathleen's house and feel compelled to join her family in this special prayer given to us by the Virgin Mary.

"When I came in, I knew I had to kneel down and say the rosary," he said with a laugh.

Today, the family continues this tradition, often meeting at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish for the weekly rosary prayers at the shrine.

"There are so many times you turn to God," Kathleen said. "There are ups and downs, like anything in life, but our faith and family are our focus."

PHOTOS: SUBMITTED  
Kenneth in Vietnam, engagement, marriage,  
blessing of their rings, 50th anniversary,  
and family.



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# WALKING with MOMS in NEED

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BY CLIFF GORSKI

It began as an invitation a few years ago from the Committee on Pro-life Activities for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Members asked bishops to use parishes across the country to fill the gaps that were keeping pregnant women and young moms from receiving the help they need in the care of their newborns or young children. Bishops asked volunteers in their parishes to “walk in the shoes of local pregnant women or moms in need.” Walking with Moms in Need began in March 2020, but the ambitious concept came to a halt when the pandemic forced the closure of churches. Volunteers, many of whom are retirees and most at risk for COVID, stayed home.

Despite the setback, parishioners at Ascension Parish and Sacred Heart Parish, both in Jeannette, moved forward with new energy due to the pandemic and the increased needs of women with unexpected and challenging pregnancies.

“On Father’s Day in 2020, we had a drive-by collection of baby clothes as part of ‘Walking with Moms in Need,’” said Deacon William M. Newhouse, Administrator of the two parishes.

Deacon Newhouse said a collection of baby clothes and other items was taken over several weekends in early 2020 at Ascension Parish and ended with a drive-by collection on Father’s Day. A second collection was taken in October for Respect Life Month at Sacred Heart Parish.

While this was their first Walking with Moms in Need collection, parishioners at Sacred Heart Parish

have been collecting items since 2015. They traditionally set up a portable playpen that is filled with gently used items. Collected items were given to the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg’s Baby Closet and other organizations to distribute to those in need.

“There is a false narrative by those who support abortion that the Church hasn’t been active providing resources in the past, for it certainly has throughout its history,” Deacon Newhouse said. “An important thing to do is identify groups or agencies who provide support for those women who are choosing life. Once we have identified them, we need to support them with our prayer, with our treasure and with our time.”

Catholic Charities has a 24-hour information and referral Helpline for women needing help, as well as for assistance with rent, heating fuel, transportation and prescriptions. Last year, Catholic Charities supported nearly 800 families with more than \$200,000 to keep lights on, water running and homes heated. These are efforts supported by the Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Each Lent, the Diocese of Greensburg asks parishioners to consider donating. You can read more about the 2022 appeal called “Sharing Our Gifts” at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/SharingOurGifts](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/SharingOurGifts). You can also make an online contribution.

If you or someone you know is facing an unexpected or challenging pregnancy, prayerfully consider calling the Catholic Charities Helpline at 866-409-6455.



## EQUALITY BEGINS IN THE WOMB

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MARY SEAMANS

Pilgrims from the Diocese gathered in frigid temperatures Jan. 21 for the 49th annual March for Life. As they boarded buses for Washington, D.C., they prayed that this is the year the U.S. Supreme Court overturns the landmark Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

Prior to marching with Diocesan participants, Bishop Larry J. Kulick celebrated Mass in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

“The March for Life is a powerful way for you to witness to the world the core belief in the dignity of human life from conception to natural death,” Bishop Kulick said during his homily.

He reiterated that Catholics must come together to support women and young mothers through programs like Walking with Moms in Need.

Prior to the start of the march, thousands rallied on the National Mall. Among the speakers was actor Kirk Cameron.

“Our hope is not in the people who govern us or the laws we make in this nation — our hope is in the power of God working in the hearts of His people,” Cameron said, adding that his wife and four of his six children were adopted.

Katie Shaw, a 37-year-old woman with Down syndrome, also spoke, noting that there are waiting lists of people who want to adopt babies with Down syndrome.

The rally keynote speaker was Father Mike Schmitz from the Diocese of Duluth, Minn., who hosts a podcast, “Bible in a Year.”

“Every life matters. Every child matters. Every woman matters. Every person matters,” he said. “Regardless of your choices and your circumstances, you are loved and you still matter.”





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# EASTER CHEESE

The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick  
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## Easter Cheese

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- 6 eggs
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1 cup cream
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- ½ cup raisins
- Whole cloves for decoration

### DIRECTIONS:

Whisk eggs, then add milk and cream and whisk again. Then add salt, sugar and vanilla extract. Whisk again.

Cook in microwave for about 9 minutes, then check consistency and stir, then add another minute or until it resembles scrambled eggs.

Poor into cheese cloth that is laid out in another bowl and begin to spin the cloth tight so the excess liquid is released. Hang the cheese cloth to allow more liquid to drip. Monitor and refrigerate appropriately.



Foodies went fanatic over Bishop Larry J. Kulick's Easter Cheese recipe. The video is posted on the Diocese of Greensburg Facebook page and on TheAccentOnline.org. It's a traditional Slovak Easter recipe for "cirak" or "hrudka" that was often used by the Bishop's family and neighbors in Leechburg during his childhood. "So many people here in Western Pennsylvania are of Eastern European descent. I think when they see a video like this, it sparks memories of their own family traditions," Bishop Kulick said.

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