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OBITUARIES

Father Bede Mulligan, O.Carm., dies at 86

Co-founded Mount Carmel Hermitage in Diocese of Greensburg in 1970

GREENSBURG — Carmelite Father Bede Mulligan, one of the founders of the Mount Carmel Hermitage in the Diocese of Greensburg, died on Aug. 31, 2020, after a brief illness. The member of the Order of Carmelites of the North American Province of St. Elias was 86.

John Kevin Mulligan was born in the Bronx, N.Y., on June 14, 1934, and raised in Woodhaven, Queens, N.Y.

As Brother Bede, he was simply professed on Sept. 8, 1954, at Mount Carmel in Williamstown, Mass., and professed solemn vows in the Carmelite Hermitage in Wolfnitz, Austria,



Carmelite Father Bede Mulligan

on Sept. 8, 1957. He was ordained to the priesthood on July 6, 1958, in Rome, Italy.

Father Bede attended St. Bonaventure University in Olean, N.Y., following his first profession. He transferred to Collegio San Alberto in Rome, Italy, in 1955 and graduated in 1959.

In 1970, Father Bede and the late Carmelite Father Simeon Marro founded Mount Carmel Hermitage in New Florence. In December, 1999,

the Mount Carmel Hermitage moved to a new site in nearby Bolivar.

Father Bede served on the Provincial Ad Hoc Committee on Charism and

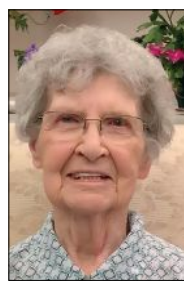
Spirituality, as well as the Fraternal Life Commission during the 1997-2000 Triennium. His ministerial involvements included retreats and conferences for monks, nuns, sisters and lay Carmelites.

He was a professed Carmelite for 66 years and a priest for 62 years.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 2 at the Mount Carmel Hermitage in Bolivar. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 4 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown, N.Y., followed by interment in the Carmelite Cemetery in Middletown.

For a full obituary, visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Sister Anne Flynn, SC



GREENSBURG — Sister of Charity Anne Flynn (formerly Sister Mary de Sales), 90, died Aug. 28, 2020, at Caritas Christi, the motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity. She was in her 72nd year of religious life.

Sister Anne was the director of parish social service ministry and Catholic Charities human development for the Diocese of Greensburg from 2000-06. She served as director of the Doran Hall Retreat and Renewal Center in Greensburg in 1977. She was the author of "Dare to Believe, Dare to

Act," about the ministry of social service within a parish.

Sister Anne earned a bachelor's degree in history and psychology from Seton Hill University, a master's degree in business administration-health care administration from George Washington University, and a master's degree in religious studies from Mundelein College, Chicago, Ill.

She taught secondary school students in the Altoona-Johnstown and Pittsburgh dioceses.

Funeral arrangements were private.

Sister Mary Catherine (Simeon) Cudnik, CSJ



BADEN — Sister of St. Joseph Mary Catherine (Simeon) Cudnik, 75, died Aug. 26, 2020. She was in her 44th year of religious life.

Sister Mary Catherine taught religious education at the former St. Aloysius School, Dunbar.

She served as director of religious education at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Uniontown; a pastoral minister at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Latrobe; and chaplain at Westmoreland Regional Hospital

(now Excelsa Health Westmoreland), Greensburg.

A memorial Mass will be scheduled at a later date.

Sister M. Beatrice McQuade, SC



GREENSBURG — Sister of Charity M. Beatrice McQuade, 93, died Aug. 3, 2020, at Caritas Christi, the motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. She was in her 75th year of religious life.

Sister M. Beatrice was a teacher and administrator in schools in the Greensburg, Phoenix and Pittsburgh dioceses. She taught at the former St. Simon and Jude School, Blairsville, and the former Holy Cross School, Youngwood, and was principal at the former St. James School, Apollo. She was a supervisor at Elizabeth Seton Hall at Caritas Christi.

Funeral arrangements were private.

Sister M. Adele Rogers, SC



GREENSBURG — Sister M. Adele Rogers, 90, died Aug. 7, 2020, at Caritas Christi, the motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. She was in her 73rd year of religious life.

Sister Adele taught in the Greensburg, Pittsburgh and Tucson dioceses, including the former St. Regis School, Trafford.

Funeral arrangements were private.

Sister Genevieve Martineck, CSJ



BADEN — Sister of St. Joseph Genevieve Martineck, 83, died Aug. 20, 2020. She was in her 58th year of her religious life.

From 1986 to 1988, Sister Genevieve was campus minister at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

A memorial Mass will be scheduled at a later date.

For full obituaries on the sisters above, visit scsh.org/ and www.stjoseph-baden.org/.

In memoriam

- Ronald E. Peretti, 66, July 17, 2020. Brother of Father Peter L. Peretti, a retired priest of the diocese.
- Emanuel Frescura, 91, Sept. 11, 2020. Father of Deacon F. Daniel Frescura.

Bishop Malesic leaving with 'great joy' but 'heavy heart'

By Jerry Zufelt
Editor

GREENSBURG — Bishop Edward C. Malesic said farewell to the Diocese of Greensburg in an Aug. 30 Mass from Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, noting that he goes to Cleveland with great joy but a heavy heart at leaving what has been his home for five years.

The farewell Mass showed all the signs of the current restrictions to combat the spread of COVID-19. Instead of a cathedral overflowing with well-wishers, a limited number of people were in attendance, all wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing.

The guests included people who were selected to represent their respective parishes, approximately 20 clergy and leaders from local religious communities, including the recently elected Benedictine Archabbot Martin Bartel from Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe.

"I hate to say it, but the time has come to say goodbye," Bishop Malesic said to open his homily. "Following the Lord sometimes takes us to places that were not part of our original travel plans."

He could only say "yes" when he heard Pope Francis had appointed him the next bishop of Cleveland, Bishop Malesic said, but did so with a "heavy heart."

He said he is excited about going to Cleveland and goes to them with great joy.

"The heavy heart comes from having to say goodbye to a diocese that I have called home and made my home for these past five years, and to bid farewell to people I have come to know as my friends," he said.

Bishop Malesic noted the challenges he and the diocese have faced together over the past five years — the opioid crisis, the clergy abuse crisis and the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

"It has been a tough five years, for sure," he said. "But I think we can all hold our heads up high as members of the Diocese of Greensburg, because we have kept the faith."

He expressed his gratitude for the support and prayers of the people of the diocese and the chances to worship with people, administer the sacrament of confirmation and celebrate anniversaries.

He especially enjoyed the fish fries and summer festivals, Bishop Malesic said.



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BISHOP MALESIC

He encouraged people to continue communicating the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, promoting vocations and solidarity.

Solidarity means, he said, "Loving each other, appreciating each other, building each other up, and understanding that when one part of the body is hurting all of us are hurting."

"We need to understand our connectedness to each other as brothers and sisters in the Lord. If we understood this as a community, all barriers would be torn down, racism would end, strangers would be welcomed to our country, the unborn would be protected and justice would lead to peace."

He ended with the closing from the "The Carol Burnett Show," singing, "I'm so glad we had this time together."

"It includes the line," he said, "Seems we just get started and before you know it, comes the time have to say, 'So long.'"

"Today, that is my sentiment, too."



PHOTOS BY MARY SEAMANS THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

From top: Bishop Malesic greets Sisters of Mary Immaculate after his farewell Mass Aug. 30 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg; he prepares for the opening procession with seminarians and permanent deacons; he presents his homily. See more photos on page 4.



PHOTOS BY MARY SEAMANS THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

Top: Bishop Malesic consecrates the host during the farewell Mass, with Msgr. Larry J. Kulick at left and Benedictine Archabbot Martin Bartel of Saint Vincent Archabbey. At right, he celebrates Mass; above, parish representatives participate in the Mass.



Msgr. Kulick elected administrator

By Jerry Zufelt
Editor

GREENSBURG — Msgr. Larry J. Kulick, moderator of the curia and a priest of the diocese for 28 years, was elected administrator of the Diocese of Greensburg by the College of Consultors Sept. 15.

The election was held one day after Bishop Edward C. Malesic was installed as the 12th bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland.

Msgr. Kulick, who is also pastor of St. James Parish, New Alexandria, will oversee the governance of the Diocese of Greensburg until a new bishop is appointed by Pope Francis.

Msgr. Kulick, who served as vicar general of the diocese for Bishop Malesic, will be responsible for the governance of the day-to-day activities of the diocese to ensure that the work, ministry and mission of the diocese continue. He will act as a steward of the diocese and its patrimony until a new bishop assumes these responsibilities.

One of the important obligations of the administrator, Msgr. Kulick said, will be to prepare the



Msgr. Kulick

diocese to receive its new bishop.

The authority of the diocesan administrator is limited and does not equal that of the diocesan bishop, he said. The administrator cannot, for example, institute nor promulgate any new diocesan policies.

Msgr. Kulick is a native of Leechburg, where he was a parishioner of the former St. Martha Parish. He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Saint Vincent College, and a master's degree in systematic theology and a master of divinity degree from Saint Vincent Seminary, both in Latrobe. He was ordained to the priesthood May 16, 1992, by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.

He earned a licentiate in canon law from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., in 2012.

Msgr. Kulick was appointed vicar general and moderator of the curia in 2012 by Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt and reappointed vicar general in 2015 by Bishop Malesic.

He received the title of monsignor by virtue of his office as vicar general of the diocese May 21, 2014.



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SEMINARIAN INSTALLED: Diocese of Greensburg seminarian Christopher J. Pujol is installed to the Ministry of Acolyte by Philadelphia Auxiliary Bishop Michael J. Fitzgerald Sept. 12 at St. Martin Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary near Philadelphia. Pujol is a third-year theology student there.



Bishop Malesic welcomed to Diocese of Cleveland

By Jennifer Miele
Chief Communications Officer

CLEVELAND — Guests attending the installation of Bishop Edward C. Malesic as the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland Sept. 14 were given red masks as they entered the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Red is the liturgical color of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated that day.

The masks were also an illustration of how the Catholic Church perseveres during COVID-19. Despite the limited number of guests who were seated three rows apart, Bishop Malesic said his heart was joyful.

"I woke up as Bishop of Greensburg and will go to sleep the Bishop of Cleveland," Bishop Malesic said.

He was formally welcomed to his cathedral church by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the U.S. Also in attendance were retired Benedictine Archabbot Douglas Nowicki of Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe; Bishop Lawrence T. Persico of the Diocese of Erie; Bishop Ronald W. Gainer of the Diocese of Harrisburg; and Archbishop Nelson J. Perez of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, who preceded Bishop Malesic as head of Cleveland diocese.

Representing the Diocese of Greensburg were Moderator of the Curia Msgr. Larry J. Kulick, pastor of St. James Parish, New Alexandria; Managing Director of Catholic Charities Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle, rector of Blessed Sacrament

Cathedral Parish, Greensburg; Judicial Vicar Msgr. William R. Rathgeb; Director of Worship Father Michael J. Sikon, pastor of St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City, and Ascension and Sacred Heart parishes, Jeannette; Chancellor Margaret DiVirgilio; Chief Financial Officer Sheila Murray; Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dr. Maureen Marsteller; Chief Communications Officer Jennifer Miele; Director of Development Michael Lucotch; Bishop Malesic's assistant, Lisa Ross; Father Tyler J. Bandura, who served as Bishop Malesic's master of ceremonies and is diocesan vocations director and chaplain of Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School; and Tribunal members Father Anthony J. Carbone, pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Ligonier, Father Richard J. Kosisko, pastor of Holy Family Parish, Latrobe, and Father Daniel J. Ulishney, pastor of St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont, and St. Mary Parish, Export.

During the Mass, representatives of the Diocese of Cleveland's College of Consultors, the Presbyteral Council, deacons, religious men and women, and staff were presented to Bishop Malesic.

They were part of a small crowd who filled the cathedral with roaring applause when Bishop Malesic was officially installed.

During his homily, he told the crowd he remembers when he was informed by the apostolic nuncio that Pope Francis appointed him Bishop of Cleveland.



PHOTOS BY MARY SEAMANS AND JENNIFER MIELE THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

In top photos, Bishop Malesic is seated in the cathedra at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, where he formally assumes pastoral ministry for the Diocese of Cleveland, and is presented with the pontifical letter of appointment by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio, which the bishop shares with those in attendance. Above: After the Mass, Bishop Malesic gathers with priests from the Diocese of Greensburg, from left: Father Richard J. Kosisko, Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle, Msgr. Larry J. Kulick, Msgr. William R. Rathgeb and Father Michael P. Sikon; at left, he elevates the body and blood of Christ. Inset at far left is his new coat of arms.

"I remember saying, 'It's cold there!'" Bishop Malesic said. "Anyone who knows me knows I prefer palm trees over pine trees," he said. "But as a missionary disciple of Jesus Christ, I said yes, and I'm glad I did. I am happy to be here with all of you today."

He addressed the resolve of the Church during the pandemic.

"I look at this socially distant congregation and I know the Holy Spirit is still

filling every nook and cranny of this beautiful cathedral and filling the hearts of every person watching this from their homes or offices," Bishop Malesic said.

He thanked everyone who has welcomed him as a stranger.

"I hope to become your brother," Bishop Malesic said.

"We will carry the cross of COVID-19 together. After this pandemic, our church needs to rise again."

Seminarian, Clergy Formation Collection to be taken in parishes Sept. 26-27

By Jerry Zufelt
Editor

GREENSBURG — The annual Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection to support seminarians, priests, permanent deacons and international priests in the diocese will be held the weekend of Sept. 26-27 under the intercession of Mary, Queen of Clergy.

In a letter to parishioners of the diocese, Father Tyler J. Bandura, director of the Office for Priestly Vocations, asked them to help continue the momentum started by Bishop Edward C. Malesic, who made vocations a priority during the five years he led the diocese.

Father Bandura said part of that effort has included working with clergy and laity to create a "Culture of Vocations" in the parishes. The priests attended a two-day workshop on promoting vocations in the parish community, then were asked to identify a core team in the parish to attend similar training.

"Over 115 participants, representing 68% of our parishes, participated," Father Bandura said. "These core teams are now working in the parishes to foster vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, marriage and single life. This is one example of how we are working together to create a 'Culture of Vocations' within our diocese."

He noted that the Feast of the Nativity of Mary is celebrated Sept. 8 and requested prayers for the intercession of Mary for those discerning God's call in their lives.

"I genuinely believe that our prayers to Mary asking for her intercession will assist those struggling to hear God's call," he said. "Mary knows how to listen, and she will help others do the same."



Prayer for Vocations

Lord, you call each of us to service in your Kingdom. Through the intercession of Mary, we place before you all who are discerning your call. In a particular way, we pray for all men who are seeking to answer your invitation, "Come follow me."

Please help them discover your plan for their lives. May they be open to priesthood, marriage, religious or single life, and respond generously to your call.

Help them to know themselves.
Help them to overcome their fears.
Help them to want what you want.
Help them to trust you completely.

Send your Holy Spirit in their minds and hearts so they can see the gifts you have given them and hear your call to serve the Church. Increase their desire to bring others to you and help them reach heaven.

Mary Most Holy, Queen of Clergy, pray for them, that they can discover their vocation and have the courage to respond in faith.

Amen.

Prayer adapted from Vianney Vocations

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Please support our seminarians, deacons and priests by supporting the Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection in one of these ways:

- Complete and return the commitment card that was mailed to you.
- Make a gift at your parish on Sept. 26-27 using the parish envelope.
- Give online at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org.

The annual Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection supports the training of seminarians and candidates for the permanent diaconate, provides for the ongoing education of priests and permanent deacons, and supports the International Priests' Program.

"These are difficult times as we face the many challenges presented by the coronavirus," Father Bandura said. "I realize some of your circumstances have been radically affected by COVID-19. Prayerfully consid-

er a gift, if your circumstances allow. And remember that your prayers for our seminarians, priests and permanent deacons are important.

"Mary is often referred to as Mary, Queen of Clergy," he said. "We turn to Mary, asking for her intercession for all those discerning her Son's call in their lives. May the words of Mary also be the words spoken by each of us, 'I am the hand-maid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy will (Lk 1:38).'"

Mount St. Macrina House of Prayer offers virtual reflection, grief, reading programs

UNIONTOWN — Mount St. Macrina House of Prayer is offering the following virtual programs:

Oct. 10: Saturday Morning of Reflection, "Prophetesses of the Old Testament," 10-11:30 a.m. Offering \$10; registration due Oct. 3.

Oct. 17: Saturday Morning Grief Support, "To Grieve is to Have Loved," 10-11 a.m. Offering \$10, registration due Oct. 10.

Oct. 28: Wednesday Morning Self-Help Program, "Coping with COVID," 11 a.m.-noon. Offering \$10; registration due Oct. 21.

Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24: Tuesday Morning Reading Series, "Fly While You Still Have Wings: And

Other Lessons My Resilient Mother Taught Me," 10-11:30 a.m. Offering \$5 per session or \$15 for all four; registration due Oct. 27.

Nov. 7: Saturday Morning of Reflection, "Parables in the Gospel of Matthew," 10-11:30 a.m. Offering \$10; registration due Oct. 31.

Dec. 13: Sunday Christmas Preparation Afternoon of Reflection, conference, question-and-answer session, reflection. Offering: \$10; registration due Dec. 6.

All programs will be held via Zoom; email addresses must be provided. To register, call 724-438-7149.



JEREMIAH DAYS

Discernment Events for Grades 6-8
Parents and/or guardians are invited

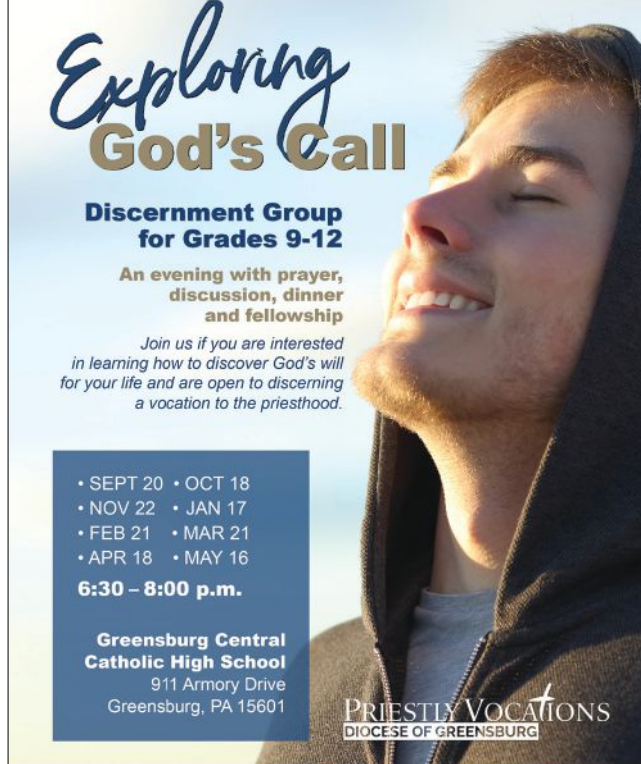
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• NOV 29 • DEC 13
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SCHOOLS OPEN FOR 2020-21

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Greensburg are open for the 2020-21 academic year for classroom instruction with options for distance learning. Students are sporting masks or other face coverings. Classrooms are configured to adhere to social distancing requirements.



St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School, Uniontown



Conn-Area Catholic School, Connellsville



St. Bernard Regional Catholic School, Indiana



Greensburg Central Catholic Junior High School



Mary Queen of Apostles School, New Kensington



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Rendering of planned media center at Queen of Angels Catholic School

Queen of Angels Catholic School virtual auction supports innovative learning space

By Jennifer Miele
Chief Communications Officer

NORTH HUNTINGDON — Queen of Angels Catholic School is holding a weeklong virtual auction that mirrors many aspects of its annual gala.

But instead of attending a dinner and live auction, supporters can log on to the school's website and click on the Virtual Auction link under the donate tab at the top of the screen. There, they can buy 50/50 raffle tickets and bid on unique items like a weekend getaway to Deep Creek, a Jake Guentzel Pittsburgh Penguins jersey, American Girl and Lego

packages, and a reserved Christmas pew for each of the North Huntingdon parishes.

The auction will be held Oct. 9-15.

Principal Jennifer Filak said a portion of the proceeds from the virtual auction will support the design of a new media center in the existing library.

"We want to create an innovative learning space where children can collaborate with their peers and their teachers," Filak said. "It's a beautiful giant space where wonderful learning has already taken place. But we are looking to modernize it to represent 21st-century learning."

Father John A. Moineau,

president of the school's Board of Trust Administrators and pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin, and St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Parish, North Huntingdon, said he hopes this year's 25% increase in enrollment at Queen of Angels will mean a strong showing of support by a larger faith community.

"COVID-19 has been blamed for many things, but I wonder if it is also responsible for an increase in faith. People are starting to realize that their kids may need a different perspective — an environment where they will feel God's love," Father Moineau said.

Find a link to the auction at queenofangelssch.org.

GCC to mark 60 years with livestreamed Mass

By Paul Pattera
Multiplatform News Editor

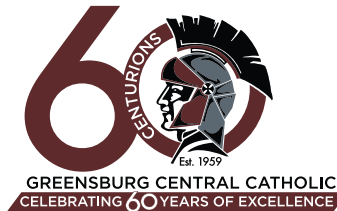
GREENSBURG — Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School is celebrating its 60th anniversary. The Diocese of Greensburg is marking that special occasion with a livestreamed Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg that will premiere Sept. 27 at 9:30 a.m. Father Tyler J. Bandura, school chaplain, will be the celebrant.

GCC has had a Mass for its alumni for the last five years. Typically, it takes place in the spring. This year's Mass was scheduled for May to be held in conjunction with the school's 60th anniversary. A decision was made to postpone due to restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In an effort to prioritize the health and safety of those who would be celebrating 60 years of Greensburg Central Catholic education, in-person attendance is not possible. However, there still will be a celebration.

The 60th Anniversary Celebration Mass will be streamed live on Greensburg Central Catholic's website at gccchs.org, the GCC Alumni Facebook page, and the school's Facebook Page and YouTube channel.

Greensburg Central Catholic opened its doors Sept. 8, 1959, graduating its first senior class in 1963. Since then, more than 10,000 Centurions have graduated from the region's



premier Catholic high school.

"We're looking to celebrate 60 years of Central's history and excellence in education," said Dennis Cremonese, director of institutional advancement.

"The Mass is an opportunity to celebrate 60 years of Greensburg Central Catholic education within a community of faith," added Dr. Greg Bisignani, alumni association president and president of the GCC Advisory Council. "It is a chance to shine a light on a strong foundation of alumni, which are a credit to our school's success."

Throughout its history, the school has stayed true to its founding mission as a college preparatory school that promotes the formation of students within a community of faith.

"We continue to build bridges with our alumni, and our current families realize we're one large Greensburg Central Catholic family that's there for one another," Cremonese said.

Principal Ben Althof will offer remarks to the GCC community before the closing hymn.

Immediately following the Mass, the "Greensburg Central Catholic 60 Years" history video will be played.

Paterra named to communications/evangelization post

GREENSBURG — Paul Paterra, a veteran reporter, editor and broadcaster, has been named multiplatform news editor of *The Catholic Accent*. He will oversee the multimedia news site, magazine and newspaper and report for The Accent On-Air. He will also serve as the media contact and spokesman for the Diocese of Greensburg.

Paterra has more than two decades of experience with daily and weekly newspapers in southwestern Pennsylvania, including the *McKeesport Daily News* and the *Tribune-Review* in Greensburg. For the past nine years he has served as editor of the *Scottsdale Independent-Observer*, and for the past three years has also served as the editor of the *Mount Pleasant Journal*. He has been a high school sports broadcaster for 35 years.

"Paul has a wealth of journalistic

experience and an enthusiasm for the highest quality storytelling," said Jennifer Miele, chief communications officer for the diocese. "We are blessed that Paul brings with him an abundance of leadership skills, multimedia expertise, relationships with local media and a devotion to his Catholic faith."



Paul Paterra

Paterra was raised in St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, where he was an altar server, and attended the former St. Agnes School.

"As a lifelong Catholic, I look forward to serving the church

in a new way. I am excited to have the opportunity to use my skills to help spread the good news of our faith to the people in the diocese's four counties," he said.

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PAUL PATERA

University and is a member of the university's Media Hall of Fame. He and his wife, Alberta, live in McKeesport and are parishioners of Queen of the Rosary Parish, Glassport. They have an adult son.

Paterra replaces Jerry Zufelt, who is retiring in October after 20 years with the Diocese of Greensburg and *The Catholic Accent*.

"In all my years of working I have never met a more dedicated, profes-

sional, faithful and trustworthy man. Jerry will be greatly missed by our team and the entire diocese," Miele said.

Zufelt has been with the diocesan communications team and *The Catholic Accent* since 2000. He started as the managing editor of the paper, became interim editor and interim director of communications in 2005, and assumed both roles on a permanent basis in 2007. The paper has received several national Catholic press awards during his tenure, including first-place honors for the issue marking the one-year anniversary of 9/11, the Bishop Malesic ordination issue and the coverage of the diocese's response to the opioid crisis. The paper also received a second-place honor for its coverage of the aftermath of the 2018 Tree of Life Synagogue shooting.

Zufelt and his wife, Edie, have three adult children and two grandsons.

— *The Catholic Accent staff*

Couples in diocese celebrate 50 golden years

By Paul Paterra
Multiplatform News Editor

GREENSBURG — Vicki Plues doesn't think she and her husband Bill have ever gone to bed angry with each other in 50 years of marriage.

In Vicki's mind, it's been a key to their matrimonial longevity.

"We work at it," she said. "We talk to each other. We communicate with each other."

The Rillton couple, parishioners of St. Edward Parish in Herminie, is one of nearly 300 couples who registered for this year's Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, celebrated Sept. 20 in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg.

In an effort to prioritize the health and safety of the couples celebrating their golden wedding anniversaries, in-person attendance was not possible due to restrictions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event was livestreamed and can be viewed at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org and on the diocesan Facebook page.

"The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is special as it honors couples who have lived their vows and have stayed together through sickness and in health, for richer or poorer and in good times and bad," said Father Michael P. Sikon, director of the Office for Worship. "It is a great tribute to those couples who have maintained a long relationship as partners in faith."

"Long relationship" describes Don and Patti Marco of Leechburg, parishioners of Christ the King Parish. They met when they were just 10 years old.

"We had little crushes on each other," Patti recalled. "We went to the junior prom together and started dating when we were 19."

The couple, who have one son, hit the 50-year mark Aug. 1.

Patti's keys to 50 years of marriage: "love and patience."

That is a message shared by most, if not all, of the diocese's couples celebrating 50 years of marriage.

"Through the ups and downs, we stuck with each other," said Kathleen McCombie, who reached the 50-year milestone with her husband, Bill, June 6. "We still love each other. I know we do."

The McCombies, parishioners of Church of the Resurrection Parish in northern Indiana County, say their family is very close. They have four children, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Patty and Dennis Gaal of Mount Pleasant have two children and four grandchildren. The parishioners of St. Pius X Parish reached the 50-year mark Aug. 8.

"We overlook each other's faults, to a degree," Patty said. "We're friends."

The couple met at a polka dance.

Communication and patience also were stressed by Linda Antal. She and her husband, Tom, also celebrated their 50th anniversary Aug. 8. The parishioners of St. Sebastian Parish in North Belle Vernon met as students at Fairmont State Universi-

ty in West Virginia.

"It's not easy making it 50 years," Linda said. "We just had a lot of trust and faith in one another. We communicated and worked together with our family."

The Antals have two children and two grandchildren.

Paul and Bonnie Cassidy of Mason-town credit their easygoing nature as a key to five decades as a married couple.

"When times get tough, we take them as they go," Bonnie said.

The couple are parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, western Fayette County, and have two daughters. They met at a local hangout in Masontown.

"He said he used to see me every time we went to lunch. I never noticed him," Bonnie admitted, adding that Paul eventually came to the jukebox where she was standing and asked her to play a song. "I said 'If you want to play that song, put your own quarter in.'"

Richard and Joanna Stillwagon of Unity Township met at a mixer with students of Saint Vincent and Seton Hill colleges. However, Richard remembered Joanna being in the homecoming court in high school.

"In physics class, an individual sitting beside me was her partner at homecoming," he said. "I asked what happened to that gal. He said, she's at Seton Hill, so I waited for her to get off the bus."

The rest, as they say, is history.

The couple are parishioners of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg, and has two adopted children and 10 grandchildren.

Joanna said she and Richard remain "best friends."

"We laugh a lot," she said. "We like each other. After being locked up for six months (due to the COVID-19 pandemic), that still is true."

The pandemic had a profound effect on celebrations planned by the couples.

The Stillwagons had 150 invitations set to go out for a party planned for May 9, the day of their 50th anniversary.

Instead, family and friends surprised them with a drive-by celebration on that day, which happened to be unseasonably cold. That was in stark contrast to their wedding day, which was so hot that some members of the bridal party fainted at Saint Vincent Basilica in Latrobe.

Bill and Vicki Plues had their rings blessed at a Mass at St. Edward Parish Aug. 1 and renewed their vows. The couple's maid of honor (Vicki's cousin) was in attendance, as were their daughter and her husband and Bill's sister, who also was a member of the bridal party.

Mass also was celebrated for Paul and Bonnie Cassidy on the day of their anniversary.

If there was another factor couples revealed as a key for a long and successful marriage, it's their faith.

"We couldn't have gotten through 50 years without our faith," Joanna Stillwagon stressed. "We had a lot of trials and tribulations, but it was our faith that got us through everything."

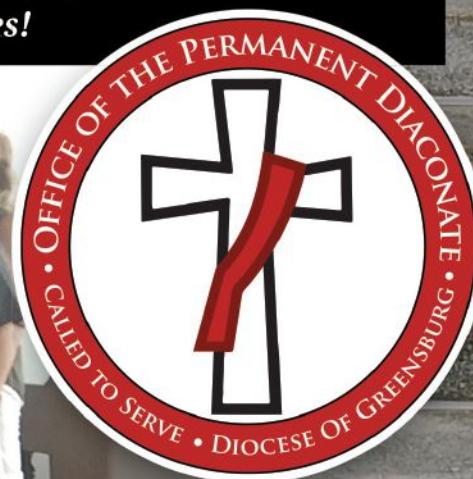


From top: Tom and Linda Antal, Richard and Joanna Stillwagon (with their wedding photo), Bill and Vicki Plues, and Don and Patti Marco (with their wedding photo) are among the diocesan couples celebrating their 50th anniversaries.

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*We also want to thank him for his service as the Fifth Bishop of the
Diocese of Greensburg...and the wonderful memories!*




**The Very Reverend Kenneth G. Zaccagnini, V.F.
and the beautiful people of
St. Margaret Mary Parish
in Lower Burrell
extend to Bishop Malesic
our deep gratitude for the kindness and
generosity of time he extended to our parish
over the course of the last five years.**

**Bishop Malesic,
we are sad to see you leave, but we are excited
for the people of the Cleveland Diocese
since we know first hand
the gift they are receiving in you.**

**May our good God's loving embrace
keep you safe and healthy.**

**Love,
Father Ken and the parish family of
St. Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell**






The Seminarians of the Diocese of Greensburg
and the Office for Priestly Vocations thank


His Excellency
Bishop Edward C. Malesic, J.C.L.

for his fatherly witness and humble example!
Be assured of our continued prayers
for you in Cleveland as you
“Serve the Lord With Gladness!”
Ad Multos Annos!


PRIESTLY VOCATIONS
DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG



MABUHAY (Long Live)
Bishop Edward Malesic



The Filipino Community and
our Filipino priests in the
Diocese of Greensburg would
like to thank you for your faithful
service, particularly for your
leadership, love and support.
We cherish all the memories
and wish you the very best.
We pray for happy new beginnings
in the Diocese of Cleveland.
We will miss you.
God Bless you always.
SALAMAT PO (Thank you)



The logo for Seton Hill University, featuring the name "Seton Hill" in a large, white, serif font, with "UNIVERSITY" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. The text is set against a dark red rectangular background. To the right of the rectangle is a small registered trademark symbol (®). The entire graphic is centered on a larger red background that features a faint, repeating pattern of the university's seal.

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The Seton Hill University community
congratulates

Bishop Edward C. Malesic
on your appointment as the
12th Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

We thank you for your
extraordinary leadership of the
Diocese of Greensburg
and we appreciate deeply your
pastoral presence and engagement
in the life of Seton Hill University.

May you continue to be
graced by God's guiding hands
and blessed by His light and love.

Congratulations & Prayerful Best Wishes

to

MOST REVEREND EDWARD C. MALESIC

12th Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland

Mother of Sorrows Church

Mother of Sorrows Regional School

Murrysville, PA



The Partner Parishes of Immaculate Conception, St. Aloysius Gonzaga, St. Rita of Cascia, and St. John the Evangelist extend our sincerest prayers and wishes to Bishop Edward C. Malesic, JCL, on his appointment as the Twelfth Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland.

According to God's will, you have been called to lead the Cleveland Diocese. May the Lord bless and keep you. May He continue to bless you with peace and joy in the present life, and grant you an abundant share in the happiness that is eternal. We thank you, Bishop Malesic, for your steadfast guidance and help in leading us in our faith. Your presence will be dearly missed in the Connellsville and Dunbar area.

Z'Bohom!



Geibel Catholic and Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High Schools thank you for your support of Catholic education! You will always be in our prayers.



The Partner Parishes of Christ the King and St. Gertrude



St. Gertrude Church, Vandergrift, PA



Christ the King Church, Leechburg, PA

**"For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go.
They will hold you up with their hands."**

*Congratulations, Bishop Malesic!
May God go with you, give you strength equal to your task
and bless you with success.*

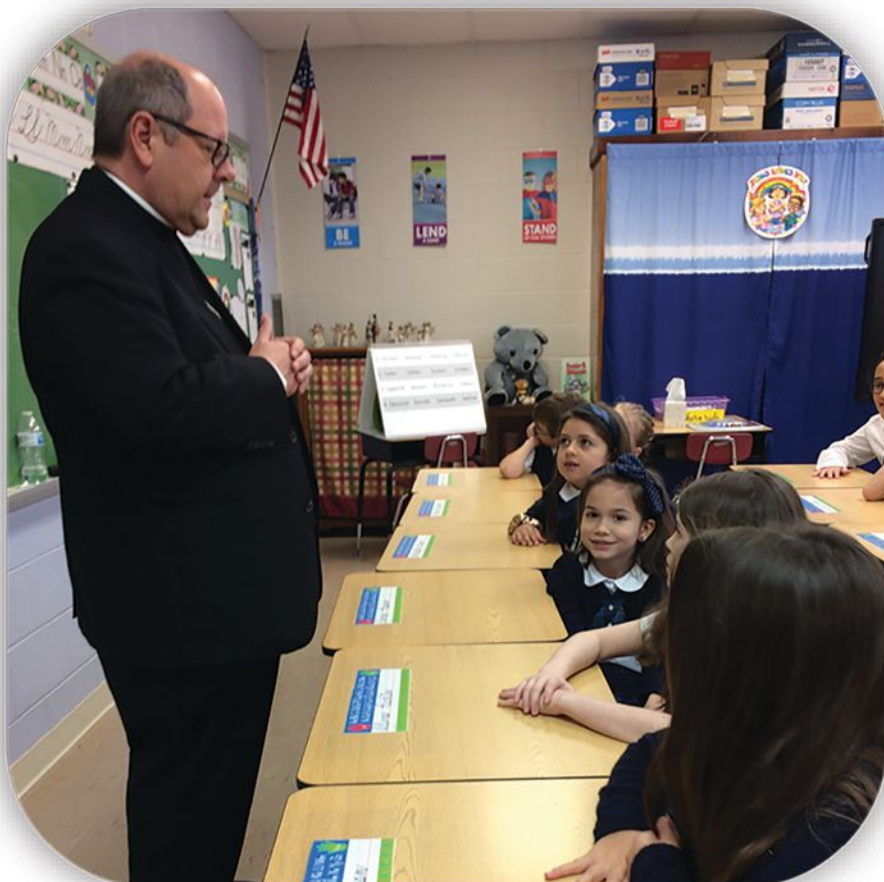


*Bishop Malesic, may God continue
to bless you and St. Joseph intercede
for you always!*



CONN-AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Centered In Christ



*“Like a shepherd He feeds
His flock and gathers
the lambs in His arms,
holding them carefully
close to His heart
leading them home.”*

-Isaiah 40:11



Bishop Malesic, you have been our shepherd, strengthening our faith and love in Jesus Christ, always caring for your flock. We will remember you always. Thank you for being our Shepherd!

GOD bless you and those you LOVE,
Your Conn-Area Catholic School Flock



*In **Thanksgiving**
to the Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL,
for the five years of service to the Diocese of Greensburg
and
Congratulations
on being chosen by our Holy Father
as the Twelfth Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland.
God bless you on this journey as you lead a new flock
to live the faith.*

*Pastor, Father David J. Nazimek, and
Parishioners of the Church of St. Anne,
Rostraver Township*



*Fr. Daniel Ulishney, Deacon Dan Frescura,
And the Partner Parishes of
St. John Baptist de La Salle, Delmont
and
St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Export*

*Extend our heartfelt and sincere
congratulations and prayers to the
Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic
as he again answers the call to
'Serve the Lord with Gladness'
in the Diocese of Cleveland.*



Thank you, Bishop, for your leadership and pastoral care in Greensburg!

*Dear
Bishop Malesic,*

We thank you for sharing your vision of Jesus with us through your

- genuine, warm friendship;
- energetic and positive guidance;
- thoughtful, relevant preaching;
- and sensitivity to those in despair, those who are ill, and those who have been violated.

Your efforts to build up the Church in the Diocese of Greensburg have made us feel safe in troubled times. You served us with gladness and you have made us glad.

As we send you forth to the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, may the love of Christ impel you to

- shepherd your new flock as brother, neighbor, and friend;
- shape a vibrant, inclusive faith community;
- call the people of God to effective witness to Gospel values;
- and exhibit special care for the poor and victimized, the oppressed and forgotten.

God bless you as you go on to share your vision of Jesus with your new sheep. We know you will make them glad.

In the love of Christ,
The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill

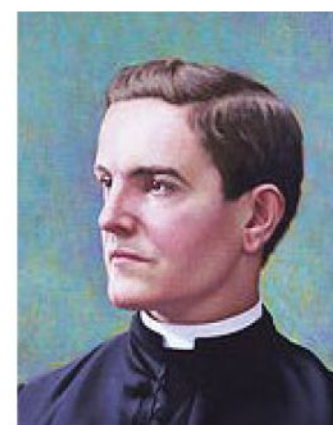


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The Brother Knights of the Greensburg Diocesan Chapter wish to congratulate Bishop Malesic on his appointment as the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland and thank him for all of his support of the Knights of Columbus during his time as the Bishop of the Greensburg Diocese!

Our Prayers go with you! God Bless!

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Farewell

to our member

Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic
and
Best Wishes
as the 12th Bishop of the
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**CONGRATULATES BISHOP EDWARD C. MALESIC
ON HIS APPOINTMENT
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*May the Lord bless you and keep you;
and as he has willed to set you as High Priest over his people,
so may he make you happy in this present life
and grant you a share in the happiness that is eternal.
Amen.*

MESSAGES OF CHARITY

Messages of Charity is a regular report on the outreach and fundraising efforts of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, which is provided courtesy of The Catholic Accent. The information and articles are produced by Catholic Charities staff.

ADDRESSING ANXIETIES ABOUT CORONAVIRUS



By Paul Niemiec,
Director of Counseling

The past six months has been a time of anxiety for families.

Here is a summary of a presentation I made to help parents guide themselves and their children through the coronavirus crisis. The full presentation is at www.CCharitiesGreensburg.org. Much of the information is from the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/talking-with-children.html.

How to talk with your children depends on their ages and development and your ability to talk comfortably with them.

The following general guidance from the Centers for Disease Control offers helpful information and support.

Remain calm and reassuring. Children will react to both what you say and how you say it. They will pick up cues from the conversations you have with them and with others.

Make yourself available to listen and to talk. Make time to talk. Be sure children know they can come to you when they have questions.

Avoid language that might blame others and lead to stigma. Remember that viruses can make anyone sick, regardless of a person's race or ethnicity. Avoid making assumptions about who might have COVID-19.

Pay attention to what children see or hear on television, radio, or online. Consider reducing the amount

of screen time focused on COVID-19. Too much information on one topic can lead to anxiety.

Provide information that is honest and accurate. Give children information that is truthful and appropriate for the age and developmental level of the child. Talk to children about how some stories on COVID-19 on the Internet and social media may be based on rumors and inaccurate information.

Teach children everyday actions to reduce the spread of germs. Remind children to stay away from people who are coughing or sneezing or sick. Remind them to cough or sneeze into a tissue or their elbow, then throw the tissue into the trash. Discuss any new actions that may be taken at school to help protect children and school staff (e.g., increased handwashing, cancellation of events or activities).

Get children into a handwashing habit. Teach them to wash their hands with soap and water for at least

20 seconds, especially after blowing their nose, coughing or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food. If soap and water are not available, teach them to use hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer should contain at least 60% alcohol. Supervise young children when they use hand sanitizer to prevent swallowing alcohol, especially in schools and child care facilities.

If distress impacts activities of your daily life for several days or weeks, talk to a clergy member, counselor, or doctor, or contact the SAMHSA helpline at 800-985-5990.

More information and additional resources are available at:

- *Mental Health America: mhanational.org*
- *The National Association of School Psychologists: www.nasponline.org*
- *The Fred Rogers Company: www.fredrogers.org*
- *The Child Mind Institute: childmind.org*

COMMON SIGNS OF DISTRESS FOR ADULTS

- Feelings of numbness, disbelief, anxiety or fear.
- Changes in appetite, energy, and activity levels.
- Difficulty concentrating.
- Difficulty sleeping or nightmares and upsetting thoughts and images.
- Physical reactions, such as headaches, body pains, stomach problems and skin rashes.
- Worsening of chronic health problems.
- Anger or short temper.
- Increased use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.

This list is not all-inclusive. If you experience these or similar feelings or behaviors for several days and are unable to carry out normal family or work responsibilities because of them, please seek professional help. Reach out to Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840, www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org or counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

MEET AMY JONES

INFORMATION
AND REFERRAL
CASEWORKER
FOR 14 YEARS



Amy is one of our three caring and compassionate caseworkers under the supervision of the department's director, Donna Hagan. The department answers more than 100 calls each day to help people in need with emergency food boxes, emergency shelter, baby needs, utility assistance and connections to resources with partnership agencies.

Perhaps you have spoken to Amy during a time of need. Amy noted that it can be tough to ask for help, but she wants everyone to know Catholic Charities is here for them.

"I often hear people say, 'I feel so embarrassed having to call Catholic Charities for help,' or 'I put off calling you because I didn't want to have to go to a charity.' I tell them that it is a blessing for us to be able to help, so don't deprive us of that blessing! Call us and we will always do our best to help you," she said.

If you need assistance, please call 724-837-1840.

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO FAMILIES, INDIVIDUALS

By Donna Hagan,
Information and Referral
Department

This year has presented new challenges for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg as it helps individuals and families especially hard hit by the impact of COVID-19.

The Information and Referral Department received two grants from Catholic Charities USA: \$10,000 to use toward families in need of assistance with bills and or counseling services; and \$1,387 via the Robert Wood Foundation, which was used for counseling services. Those funds are depleted.

Southwestern Pennsylvania United Way provided a \$20,000 grant to assist clients in need with rent and utilities. Those funds are depleted.

Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle, managing director, made a request for assistance for families in need before the virtual Divine Mercy Sunday service on April 19. That generated \$22,000 in immediate contributions and eventually resulted in nearly \$67,000 in total donations. Those contributions were used to assist individuals and families affected by the pandemic. Those funds are now depleted.

Because so many families and individuals were adversely impacted by loss of jobs or fewer work hours, greater food expenses because their children were home from school and other factors, Catholic Charities increased the amount of utility assistance provided per family from \$250 to \$700 and increased rental assistance from \$500 to



\$700 per household.

Between March 15 and May 31, Catholic Charities distributed 132 food boxes and \$1,430 in Shop 'n Save gift cards for families in need. During the same time frame in 2019, Catholic Charities distributed 37 food boxes and \$350 in Shop 'n Save gift cards.

Families continue to struggle with keeping up with rent and utility bills during this extended pandemic. Catholic Charities will continue to assist as many families as possible during this difficult time.



Dr. Heather Walker



Cathy Duez



Jeff Peterinelli

THE HEROES OF HOPE GUARDIAN ANGEL APPEAL

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg is undertaking a six-week virtual fundraising campaign that begins Oct. 2 with the Guardian Angel Appeal.

Photos by
Mary Seamans
and Jordan Whiteko



Joe Rice



Ashley Chappell



Anne Kovalcik, left, and Debbie Sorce

Honor **Heroes of Hope** during Catholic Charities' **Guardian Angel Appeal**.

Visit the Guardian Angel Appeal page at www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org. Sponsorship levels are detailed on next page.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg is undertaking a six-week virtual fundraising campaign that begins Oct. 2 with the Guardian Angel Appeal.

Restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic have resulted in the cancellation of the diocese's three major in-person fundraisers, in an effort to prioritize the health and safety of attendees: the annual Communities of Salt and Light Awards Dinner, which raises nearly \$100,000 each year, the Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing and the Designer Purse Bash and Crystal Bake Sale.

"As Catholic Charities continues its work to meet the needs of the people in the four counties of the Diocese of Greensburg, your support of our charitable efforts is more important than ever," Managing Director of Catholic Charities Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle said.

The mission of Catholic Charities continues with the first-ever Guardian Angel Appeal, which allows anyone to become a Guardian Angel for those who may be struggling to afford necessities such as food, utilities, water or medical supplies.

Already, an anonymous donor has issued a challenge to match \$25,000 in donations.

People can support Heroes of Hope during this Guardian Angel Appeal by

visiting the Guardian Angel Appeal page at www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org. Then they are able to select a sponsorship level that provides directly to people in Armstrong, Fayette, Indiana and Westmoreland counties regardless of their faith.

The Heroes of Hope being honored are folks who continued donating their time and talents to support people in need during COVID-19.

Dr. Heather Walker, assistant director of emergency medicine, Excelsa Health Westmoreland, parishioner of Saint Vincent Basilica, Latrobe. Health care workers faced tremendous challenges through the pandemic, learning about the disease while simultaneously trying to fight it. At Catholic Charities, the priority has been caring for the hearts and minds of thousands of individuals, where faith-based counseling has been a mainstay. Counselors quickly converted in-person services to virtual and tele-counseling.

Cathy Duez, treasurer, Tri-City Meals on Wheels, parishioner of Ascension Parish, Jeannette. Meals on Wheels continued during the pandemic and so did the Catholic Charities mission of providing emergency food boxes.

Jeff Peterinelli, firefighter, Greensburg VFD, parishioner of St. Bruno Parish,

Greensburg, and a Grand Knight for Knights of Columbus Council 1480. Firefighters provide an immediate response to all sorts of emergencies and through God's grace are truly life savers. Catholic Charities responds to longer-range realities of disasters such as providing assistance in instances such as tornadoes and floods.

Joe Rice, principal, Aquinas Academy, parishioner of Christ the King Parish, Leechburg. Within days of the Governor's mandatory stay-at-home order, the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Greensburg were able to move to distance learning. At Catholic Charities, remote connectivity helped thousands of individuals in the Diocese of Greensburg through an information and referral line, as well as a nighttime help line.

Ashley Chappell, **Mutual Aid**, parishioner of St. Paul Parish, Greensburg. Ashley became a Guardian Angel at a young age, saving her father's life in a swimming pool accident when she was just 7. That continues with her work as an EMT, taking charge recently when a man was hurt playing softball, stopping the bleeding, until he could be taken to a hospital. Like Ashley, Catholic Charities works hard to respond to emergencies like COVID-19. Free webinars were

offered to assist parents and children who were struggling with fear and anxiety during the pandemic.

Anne Kovalcik and Debbie Sorce, parishioners of Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent, for Pain into Purpose, a project through the church in which wedding gowns are repurposed for infants who are seriously ill to be baptized at the hospital. For many years, Catholic Charities has assisted organizations in repurposing clothing for infants, children and adults. But it's about more than clothes. It's about providing an uplifting experience and treating every person with dignity.

"Like everyone else, we have been hindered by the restrictions put in place to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. We have had to cancel three major in-person fundraisers, but we are not letting that stop our work," Riffle said. "I am confident that the people of the diocese will respond to this request for assistance with heartfelt generosity so that, working together, individuals and families who are in need will experience the love of Christ. So even if your personal circumstances prevent you from contributing now, please pray for the success of our work."



Event Kicks off Friday, October 2, 2020
Sponsorship Opportunities

\$5,000	HERO OF HOPE -200,000 impressions Your name or company logo featured on WTAE-TV advertising, The Catholic Accent newspaper, magazine and digital news site, e-mail communication to more than 20,000 supporters, HEROES OF HOPE website recognition, social media posts reaching 60,000 people, and a full-page ad in our agency newsletter.
\$2,500	GUARDIAN ANGEL -150,000 impressions Your name or company logo featured in The Catholic Accent newspaper, magazine and digital news site, e-mail communication to more than 20,000 supporters, HEROES OF HOPE website recognition, social media posts reaching 60,000 people, and a half-page ad in our agency newsletter.
\$1,000	COMMUNITY CHAMPION -100,000 impressions Your name or company logo featured in The Catholic Accent newspaper, magazine and digital news site, HEROES OF HOPE website recognition, social media posts reaching 60,000 people, and a quarter-page ad in our agency newsletter.
\$500	CHARITIES SUPPORTER -50,000 impressions Your name or company logo featured in The Catholic Accent newspaper, magazine and digital news site, and listed in our agency newsletter.
\$250	CHARITIES PROTECTOR Your name or company logo featured in The Catholic Accent newspaper, magazine and digital news site, and listed in our agency newsletter.



LIVE UNITED

Keeping your support local is vital to the integrity of your community.

For over 60 years, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg has been able to provide critical support and assistance to individuals, families and children, and because of YOU, we are making an impact. From preventing eviction to avoiding utility termination to providing individuals and families with the tools to move forward through their difficulties, Catholic Charities cares.

We can continue to provide that care and service with the generous support of United Way and your designations. Whether you choose the Community Impact Fund or a designation to Catholic Charities, your support of the United Way can help many.

Please consider your workplace gift to Catholic Charities/Greensburg.

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Applications for the March 2021 cycle of the Diocesan Poverty Relief Grants are now being accepted. All eligible nonprofit organizations are reminded that the Poverty Relief Grant Fund deadline is quickly approaching. Grant proposals received by the Nov. 2 deadline will be reviewed by the committee in January 2021. Requests for funding (minimum \$750 and maximum \$5,000) are accepted throughout the year, but must be received or postmarked by the close of business (5 p.m. Nov. 2) to be considered in January. Applications received after the deadline will be considered for funding during the next year's cycle.

Visit www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org for information and the grant timetable.

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Please note that some United Way workplace campaign designations are collected by third-party processing agencies, which may not provide Catholic Charities with a detailed list of donors. Please contact your workplace administrator to make sure your gift has been processed. Any monetary donation made to our 2020 fundraisers will appear in a future publication, as these events have been postponed. If your name is not listed, misspelled or in error, please contact our office at 724-837-1840 and it will be corrected in the next publication of donors. We apologize for any errors.

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In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Catholic Charities was faced with the difficult decision to cancel our three major fundraisers in 2020: the Communities of Salt and Light Awards Dinner, the Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing and the Designer Purse Bash and Crystal Bake Sale. These events combined raise more than \$125,000 annually to provide assistance to



individuals and families in need within our four-county diocese (Armstrong, Fayette, Indiana and Westmoreland).

While it was a difficult decision, we care deeply about the safety and well-being of our supporters.

Although we won't be gathering in person this year, Catholic Charities offers a number of ways you can support our mission, including online

donations, checks accompanying our "Guardians of Assistance" coupon, or assistance of our "Heroes of Hope" virtual event. With your help, we can lessen the impact of the pandemic and poverty within our community.

We thank you for your support during this challenging time and ask you to save the date for the 2021 fundraisers:

- 22nd annual Communities of Salt

and Light Awards Dinner — Thursday, April 8, 2021, Stratigos Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon

• 20th annual Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing — Friday, Aug. 6, 2021, Ligonier Country Club

• Fifth annual Designer Purse Bash and Crystal Bake Sale — Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021, The Barn at Ligonier Valley, Ligonier



**Thank You, Bishop Malesic,
for leading the Diocese of Greensburg
with Diligence, Humility, Wisdom and Humor.**



**We will miss
you,
and we pray
that you will
continue to
use your
gifts in your
new journey.**



Congratulations!!
**Father Rick Kosisko, Father Dan Mahoney
& Staff/Parishioners of Holy Family Church, Latrobe**



July 23, 2016 ~ Our Lady of Grace

Bishop Malesic
Thank You
for your 5 years
of shepherding
the Diocese of Greensburg

Congratulations
on your appointment
as the
12th Bishop
of the
Diocese of Cleveland



June 30, 2019 ~ Saint Benedict

Best Wishes from Our Lady of Grace & Saint Benedict

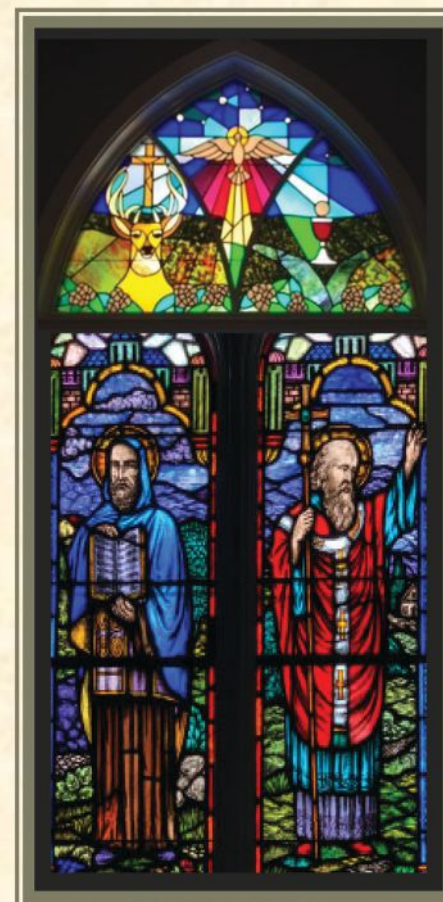
Farewell and Congratulations

The pastoral staff and parishioners of Saint Thomas More University Parish, Indiana, offer a heartfelt farewell and deepest congratulations to Bishop Edward C. Malesic on his appointment by the Holy Father as the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland.

During your ministry as the 5th Bishop of Greensburg, you have touched the lives of the faithful. We have been so blessed!



**MANY BLESSINGS AS YOU BEGIN
SHEPHERDING
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**FROM THE PARTNER PARISHES
OF SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS AND ST. HUBERT**

The Parish Family of St. Edward in Herminie congratulates Bishop Edward Malesic, and we pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and strengthen you as you become the 12th Bishop of Cleveland.



*Congratulations
Bishop Malesic!*



Saint Bartholomew Parish wishes you the best of luck as you move forward through your episcopal journey to Cleveland!

Bishop Malesic, your ecumenical partners give thanks for your leadership and send many blessings with you as you move on to Cleveland. Thank you for pursuing unity in Christ and continuing the Diocese of Greensburg's 50-year legacy of engagement in the ministries of Christian Associates.

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Bishop Malesic,

You showed us how to live our lives as true Catholics. You will be sorely missed.

Congratulations on your new position.

Respectfully,
Lois and Tom
McMuldren



Bishop Malesic,

Thank you for your spiritual guidance of our diocese for the past five years.

Wishing God's blessing upon you as you begin your service as the twelfth bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland.

The Parish Family of SS. Simon & Jude, Blairsville

May the Heart of the Good Shepherd
always be your home
wherever His Will takes you.



We accompany you with our grateful prayers
and will never forget your fatherly kindness

Carmel of the Assumption
Latrobe, PA

*Congratulations to
Bishop Edward Malesic on
your new assignment!*

*We will miss you here in
Greensburg, but we send our
prayers with you as your
journey continues.*

*Best wishes from the
Partner Parishes of
Saint Bruno & Saint Paul*



**Congratulations to
Bishop
Edward C.
Malesic, JCL
as the new Bishop
of the Catholic
Diocese of Cleveland.**



We, the staff and parishioners of Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City, and St. Lawrence Parish, Cadogan, extend our heartfelt congratulations to Bishop Edward C. Malesic, JCL as you are chosen as the 12th Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Our sincerest gratitude and prayers to you as you go forward as their new shepherd.

St. Florian Parish Faith Community United, PA

extends

Farewell, Thanks, Congratulations,

and

Best Wishes

to

Bishop Edward Malesic

along with

Our Prayers:

*May you continue to serve Our Lord
with gladness
and shepherd God's People
according to the mind and heart
of the Good Shepherd.*

**Farewell
Bishop Malesic!
Thank you
for your
support!**

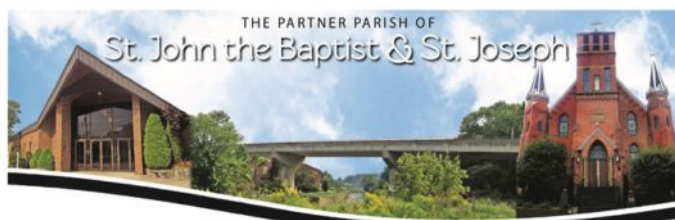


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Bishop Malesic

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"Good Luck and God Bless"

Rev. Elmer Alforque

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Of

*St. John the Baptist,
Scottsdale & St. Joseph,
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BISHOP EDWARD C. MALESIC

It has been a pleasure working with you.
We wish you all the best in Cleveland.

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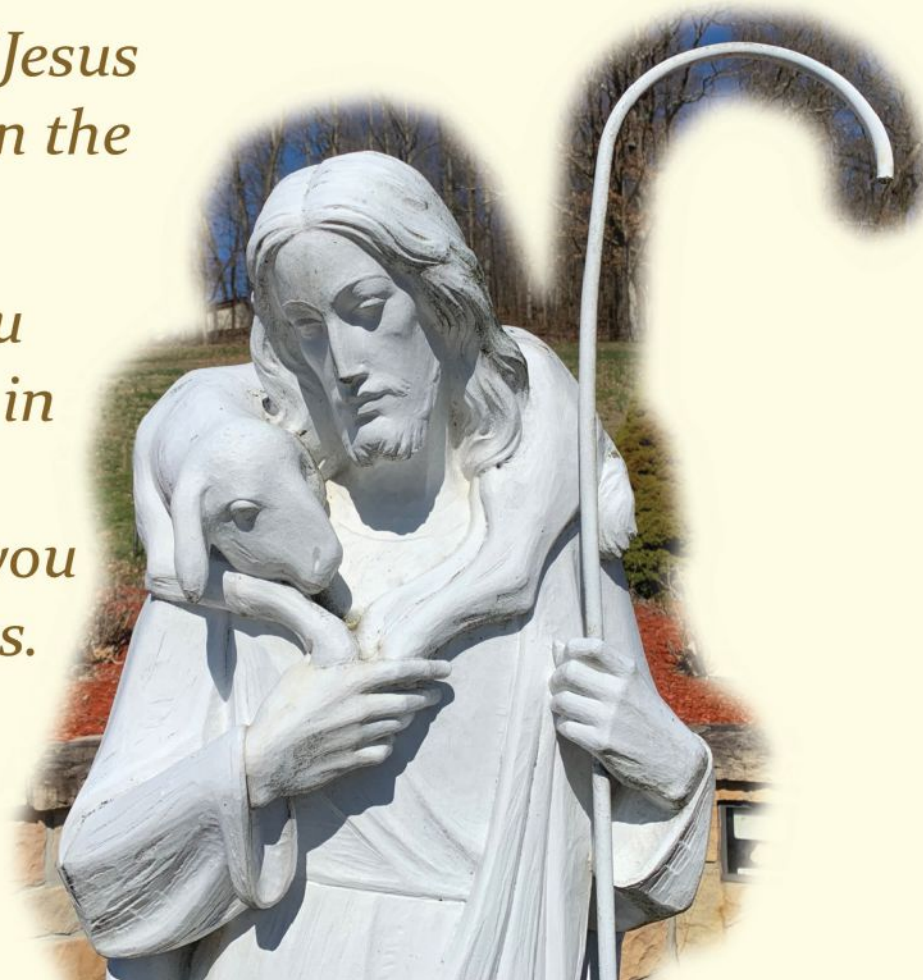


Congratulations Bishop Malesic!

*Thank you for being a model of Jesus
the Good Shepherd to all of us in the
Diocese of Greensburg.*

*Our prayers go with you as you
prepare to serve your new flock in
the Diocese of Cleveland.
May the Lord continue to bless you
as you Serve Him with Gladness.*

*Fr. Matthew J. Morelli
and the Parishioners of
Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent*





Congratulations,
Bishop Malesic, on your
appointment to Bishop of Cleveland!

The Ivrea Sisters, the staff and the
children at Verna Montessori School
will miss you.

Be assured of our prayers.



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for shepherding the
people of the Diocese of
Greensburg and wish him
many blessings in Cleveland.

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AQUINAS ACADEMY



would like to thank Bishop Malesic for his spirit-filled guidance as our Bishop. We wish him nothing but God's grace as he moves on to a new diocese. May we always remember that he taught us to be "Saints-in-Training."

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. Isaiah 49:6



Congratulations Bishop Malesic

May all those you go on to
serve be as blessed by your
leadership as we have been.

With great admiration
and thanks,

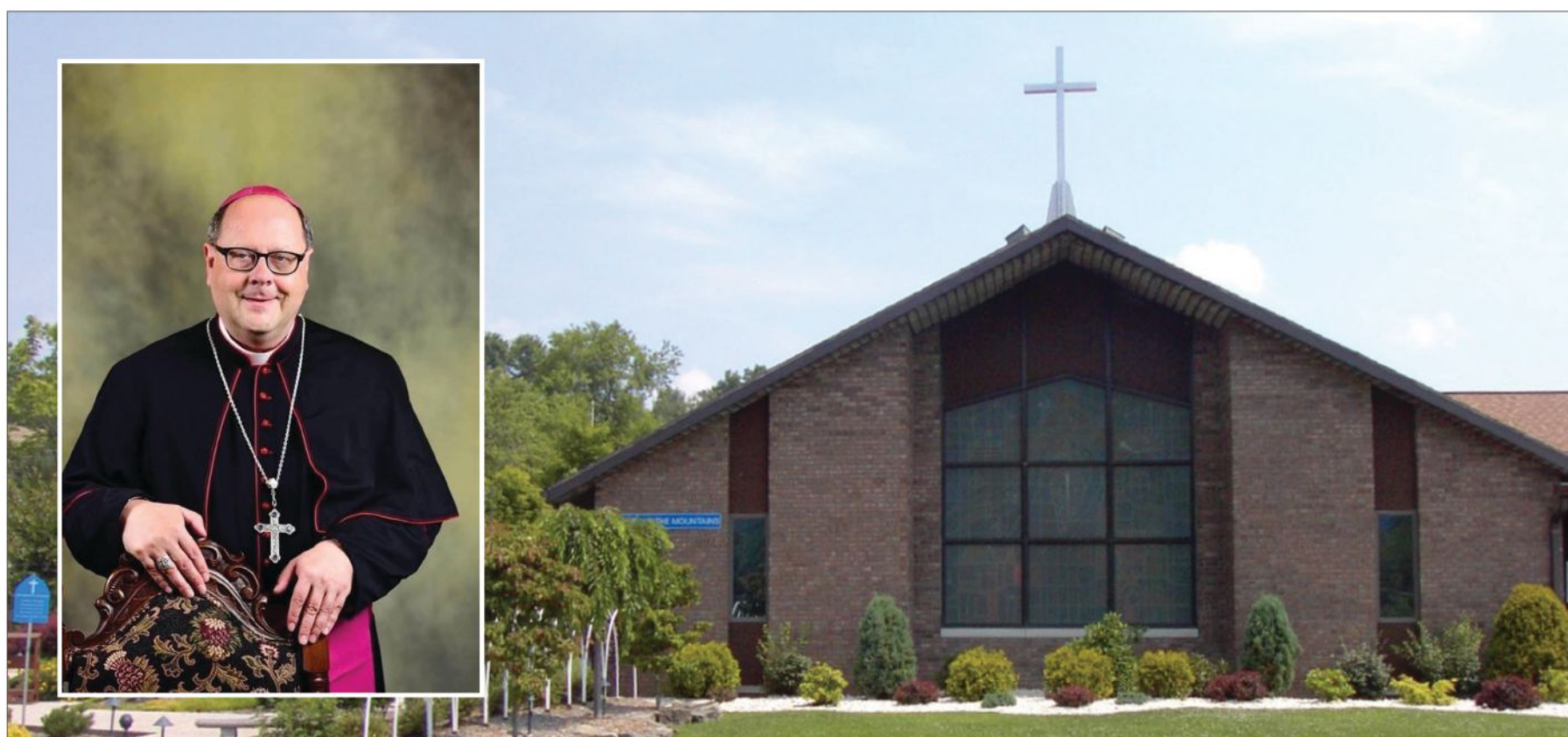
The DeFabo Family

**Thank you,
Bishop Malesic,
for your years with
us in the Diocese
of Greensburg!**

**The Queen of
Angels Catholic
School family
will miss you!**



**St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
and Father James Petrovsky
wish Bishop Malesic Godspeed and Many Blessings!**



Best Wishes from the Clergy, Staff and People of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish!



Dear Bishop Malesic,

The Parish Family of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral offers you our sincerest gratitude for your ministry in our Diocese and particularly here at the Cathedral Parish.

You have shown yourself to be a true Shepherd, and we have deeply appreciated your presence these past five years. May your ministry in Cleveland be as fruitful as it has been here.

May God bless you and keep you, and grant you many blessings in the years to come.





Dear Bishop Malesic,
We will pray for you in your new assignment. We will miss you.

St. Paul told Timothy what a good bishop should be. You hit the mark, especially in being "gentle" and not at all "greedy."

Thank you and God bless you.

Father McGuirk and the People of
Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood



Thank you, Bishop Malesic, for all that you have done for us.

The Diocese of Greensburg could not have had a better steward than you.

May God bless you, may Jesus guide you and may the Holy Spirit be with you always.

*The St. Regis Parish
family, Trafford*



*Our Sincere
Congratulations
and Best Wishes*



Bishop Edward C. Malesic

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**CONGRATULATIONS
BISHOP EDWARD C. MALESIC, JCL**

Wishing you much joy and happiness as you
begin a new chapter in your life!

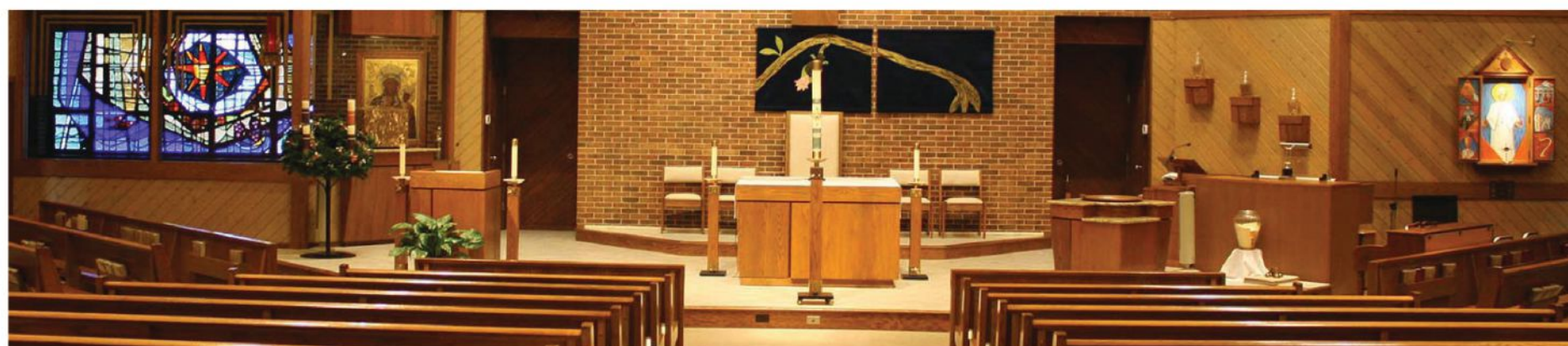
Best wishes from Mother of Sorrows School



Congratulations Bishop Edward C. Malesic

Thank you for your service
to the Diocese of Greensburg

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Thank You, Bishop Malesic



Our prayers and best wishes as you begin your next journey to the Diocese of Cleveland. May you continue to be blessed with God's grace and wisdom as you shepherd along His path.

We have been blessed through your humble and joyful guidance and friendship.

We will miss you!
 Father Dave, Father Rody
 and the Parish Family of
 Saint John the Baptist, Perryopolis



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Extend sincere prayers and best wishes to
 His Excellency,
 The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, J.C.L.,
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It was a blessing to have
Bishop Malesic in the
Diocese of Greensburg and
we wish him and the
Diocese of Cleveland the best!



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God bless you, Bishop Malesic!

*May you shepherd those in Cleveland
as humbly as you fulfilled your calling in Greensburg!*

Prayers and Best Wishes

Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, J.C.L.

as the 12th Bishop of the
Catholic Diocese of Cleveland!



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From the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and Clelian Heights

The Most Rev. Edward C. Malesic, J.C.L.

Congratulations on being chosen by the Holy Father as the
Twelfth Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland and Thank You for the
5 years of service to the Diocese of Greensburg.

God bless you on this journey,
Pastor, Father David J. Nazimek, and
Parishioners of Holy Family Church, West Newton





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Congratulations,

BISHOP EDWARD C. MALESIC

Our prayers go with you

From the Partner Parishes of
St. Martin (New Derry)
and St. Joseph (Derry)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY



***Congratulations
and Best Wishes!***

Our thoughts, prayers,
and heartfelt gratitude
are with you, Bishop Malesic, as you
begin your new role as
Shepherd of the Diocese of Cleveland!

Father Willie Lechnar, the Parish Staff, and everyone at

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+ Your faith is inspiring.

*May God bless you abundantly for all
that you have done, and in all that you will do!*



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With sincere appreciation we wish Bishop Malesic the best of luck
as he becomes the Shepherd of the Diocese of Cleveland.

Bishop Malesic:

Thanks for all
you have done here
in Greensburg.
Keep up the
good work.

Please continue
to be yourself
and continue to do
what is right.

Chuck & Karen Galvin



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*Bishop Malesic, we can't thank you enough for what
an inspiration you have been to us here at SSRCS.
You will always have a special place in our hearts.
Continue to do great things and God Bless!!*



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Bishop Malesic,
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wise and steady
guidance during these
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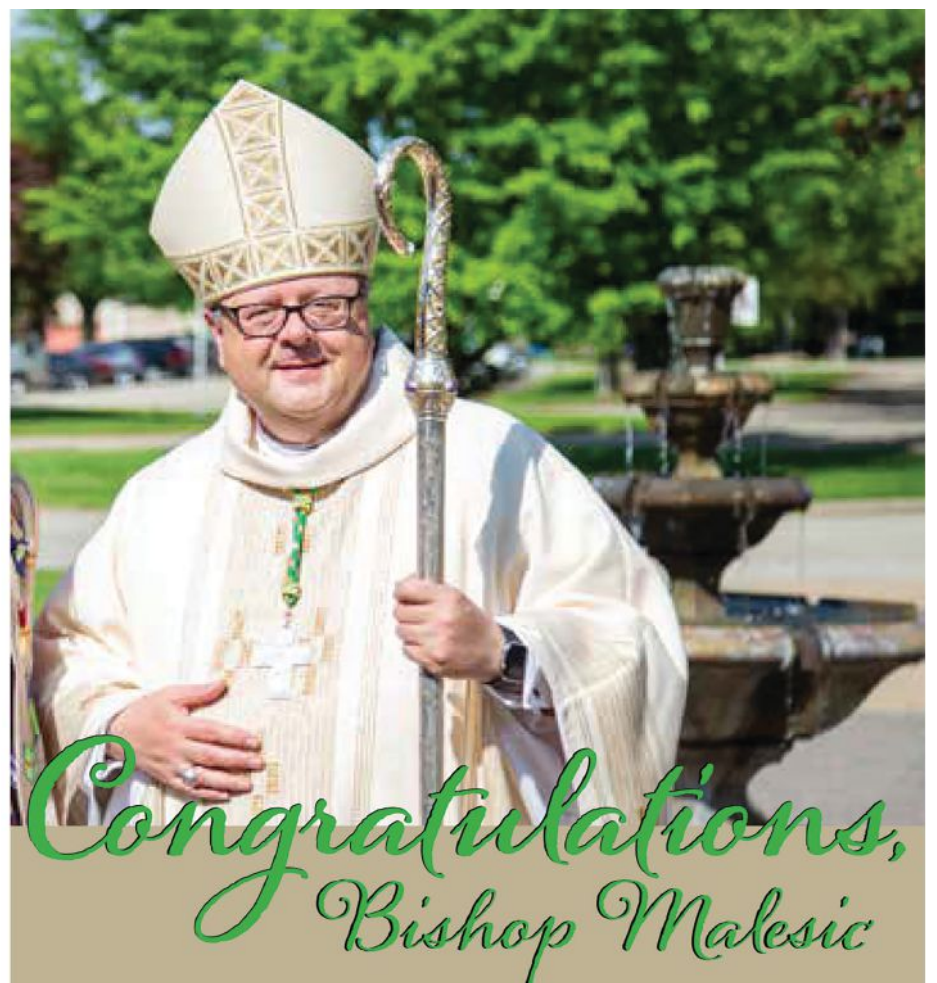
Our prayers
will follow you
to Cleveland.

Well done,
good and faithful servant.

Thank you for your service to our
Diocese and our partner parishes.

May the Lord continue to guide
and bless you as you shepherd
His people in the
Diocese of Cleveland.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish,
East Vandergrift
&
Saint James the Greater Parish,
Apollo



*Congratulations,
Bishop Malesic*

Thank you for answering the call to shepherd us
so joyfully, and for being the gentle voice we followed.

God bless you as you care for your new flock in Cleveland.

David Patosky and Lisa Martinelli



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2020-21 PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

Publication Date	Deadline to Submit Material
2020	
Oct. 15	Oct. 1
*Nov. 19 (magazine)	Oct. 15 (Christmas Traditions)
Dec. 17 (Christmas)	Dec. 3
2021	
Jan. 21	Dec. 21, 2020
*Feb. 18 (magazine)	Jan. 22 (Faith and Food)
March 18 (Easter, April 4)	March 4
April 15	April 1
*May 20 (magazine)	April 15 (Summer events)
June 17	June 3
July 15	July 1
*Aug. 19 (magazine)	July 15
Sept. 16	Sept. 2
Oct. 21	Oct. 7
*Nov. 18 (magazine)	Oct. 14
Dec. 16 (Christmas)	Dec. 2

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*The Around the Diocese events and announcements are NOT included in the magazine issues (in bold). Please plan accordingly to have events submitted in time to be included in the newspaper issues.

Information: news@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-834-4010.



THE PARISHIONERS OF SAINT JAMES PARISH,
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EXTEND OUR MOST SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO



*His Excellency, The Most Reverend
Edward C. Malesic, J.C.L.
Bishop of Cleveland*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND
SERVICE TO OUR PARISHES AND TO THE
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THESE PAST FIVE YEARS.

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UPDATE: On Aug. 26, 2020, the Diocese of Greensburg released a message from the office of The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL, Bishop of Greensburg, regarding the Higher Standards of the Diocese of Greensburg prior to his departure for the Diocese of Cleveland. The information includes the addition of one priest, Father Emil Payer, to the diocese's List of Clergy With Credible and Substantiated Allegations Against Them. The message includes an update on the diocese's Survivors' Compensation Program, which has reached settlements with 72 survivors totaling \$5,908,293. **The full message is on the diocesan website, www.dioceseofgreensburg.org.**

Statement about Father Andrew M. Kawecki

GREENSBURG — *The Diocese of Greensburg released the following statement following the arrest of Father Andrew M. Kawecki Aug. 26 on charges of sexually assaulting an altar boy in the early 2000s.*

The Diocese of Greensburg has and will continue to fully cooperate with authorities regarding the investigation involving Father Kawecki. In May

of 2019, the Diocese of Greensburg received its first and only allegation against Father Kawecki when the alleged victim applied to the Survivor's Compensation Fund. After receiving the information on the application, the Diocese notified PA ChildLine and local law enforcement. Father Kawecki was immediately removed from ministry, and his parishioners were notified about the allegation.

Father Kawecki denies the allegation.

If the allegation is found to be credible and substantiated, his name will be added to the Diocese of Greensburg's List of Clergy with Credible and Substantiated Allegations Against Them. "Credible and substantiated" means that the allegation was proven to be supported by either an admission by the individual to the abuse, a prepon-

derance of the evidence, or through a comprehensive canonical, civil or criminal investigation.

As always, we remind you that if you, or someone you know, has suffered abuse at the hands of anyone related to the Church, please report the abuse to PA ChildLine immediately. The Diocese is here for you to offer support, counseling, spiritual guidance and pastoral care.

Pope Francis: Put forgiveness and mercy at the heart of your life

VATICAN CITY (CNA) — We cannot demand God's forgiveness for ourselves unless we are prepared to forgive our neighbors, Pope Francis said in his Angelus address Sept. 13.

Speaking from a window overlooking St. Peter's Square, the pope said: "If we do not strive to forgive and to love, we will not be forgiven and loved either."

In his address, the pope reflected on the day's Gospel reading (Matthew 18:21-35), in which the apostle Peter asked Jesus how many times he was required to forgive his brother. Jesus replied that it was necessary to forgive "not seven times but seventy-seven times," before telling a story known as the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant.

Pope Francis noted that in the parable the servant owed a vast sum to his master. The master forgave the servant's debt, but the man did not, in turn, forgive the debt of another servant who owed him only a small amount.

"In the parable, we find two different attitudes: that of God — represented by the king — who forgives so



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much, because God always forgives, and that of man. In the divine attitude, justice is pervaded by mercy, whereas the human attitude is limited to justice," he said.

He explained that when Jesus said we must forgive "seventy-seven times" he meant, in biblical language, to forgive always.

"How much suffering, how many lacerations, how many wars could be avoided, if forgiveness and mercy were the style of our life," the pope said.

"It is necessary to apply merciful love to all human relationships: between spouses,

between parents and children, within our communities, in the Church, and also in society and politics."

Pope Francis added that he had been struck by a phrase from the day's first reading (Sirach 27:33-28:9), "Remember your last days and set enmity aside."

"Think of the end! Think that you will be in a casket... and will you take the hate there? Think about the end, stop hating! Stop the resentment," he said.

He compared resentment to an annoying fly that keeps buzzing around a person.

"To forgive is not only

a momentary thing, it is a continuous thing against this resentment, this hatred that returns. Let's think about the end, let's stop hating," the pope said.

He suggested that the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant could shed light on the phrase in the Lord's Prayer, "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

"These words contain a decisive truth. We cannot demand God's forgiveness for ourselves if we in turn do not grant forgiveness to our neighbor," he said.

After reciting the Angelus, the pope expressed his sorrow at a fire that broke out Sept. 8 at Europe's largest refugee camp, leaving 13,000 people without shelter.

He recalled a visit that he made to the camp on the Greek island of Lesbos in 2016, with Bartholomew I, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, and Ieronymos II, Archbishop of Athens and all Greece. In a joint declaration, they had committed themselves to ensuring that migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers receive "a humane reception in Europe."

"I express solidarity and closeness to all the victims of these dramatic events," he said.

The pope noted that protests had broken out in various countries in recent months amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Without mentioning any nations by name, he said: "While I urge the demonstrators to present their demands peacefully, without giving in to the temptation of aggression and violence, I appeal to all those who have public and governmental responsibilities to listen to the voice of their fellow citizens and to meet their just aspirations, ensuring full respect for human rights and civil liberties."

"Finally, I invite the ecclesial communities living in such contexts, under the guidance of their pastors, to work in favor of dialogue, always in favor of dialogue, and in favor of reconciliation."

He said: "In the current context, this collection is even more a sign of hope and solidarity with the Christians living in the land where God became flesh and died and rose again for us."



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People participate in a Life Chain event in Irwin in October 2018. Irwin will again be the site of many Life Chain events in the diocese.

Life Chain events scheduled around diocese Oct. 4

The following are the locations of and contacts for Life Chain events in the Diocese of Greensburg Oct. 4.

- **Delmont** — Route 22 /William Penn Highway in front of Salem Plaza, 1-2 p.m.; Bob and AnnaMarie Stackiewicz, 724-689-5292
- **Everson/Scottdale** — Everson-Scottdale Bridge at Brown Street, 2-3 p.m.; St. John the Baptist-St. Joseph Church; Joe Flora, 724-887-6321
- **Greensburg** — Route 30 at Eastgate Shopping Plaza, 3-4 p.m.; Shari Lewis, 724-689-8967
- **Indiana** — Philadelphia Street between Ninth and Sixth, 2-3 p.m. (signs available at Eighth Street); Irene Kopczyk, 724-463-6306
- **Irwin** — Pennsylvania Avenue at Main Street, 2-3 p.m.; Ray Takacs, 724-864-3554
- **Latrobe** — Route 30 at Route 981, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Pastor Kevin McFeaters, 724-289-0349
- **Ligonier** — Route 711 at Main Street

on the Diamond, 2-3 p.m.; Terry Kelly, 724-493-4349

• **Lower Burrell** — Leechburg Road near Wildlife Lodge Road, 2-3 p.m.; Jerry and Jennie Lou Mazur, 724-339-2976, or Trudy Polsinelli, 724-339-1384

• **Murrysville** — Old William Penn Highway (Old Route 2) at Sardis Road, 1-2:30 p.m.; Peggy Miller, 724-327-3903

• **Uniontown** — Route 40 (Five Corners) at Mount Vernon Avenue, 2-3 p.m.; Chuck Kosco, 724-437-3943

The National Life Chain always stresses safety. Since Gov. Tom Wolf has mandated everyone wear a face mask when outside, Life Chain expects all participants to wear masks. Life Chain places people participating 6 or more feet apart, so social distancing has always been part the chain.

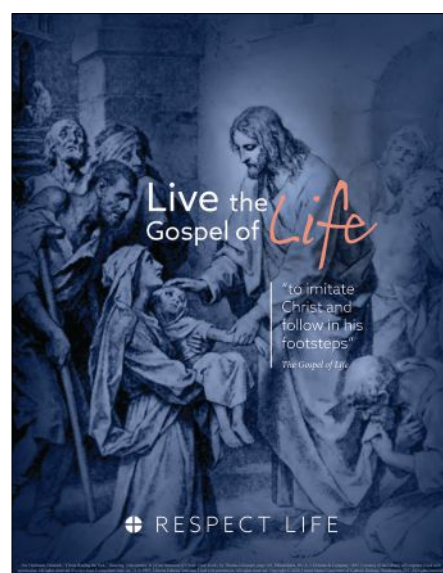
For information about Life Chains in Pennsylvania, contact state directors Helen Cindrich, 412-823-8150, or Mary Catherine Scanlon, 412-781-6550.

Respect Life Month focuses on 25th anniversary of 'Gospel of Life'

EDITOR'S NOTE: The prophetic papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (The Gospel of Life) was written by Saint Pope St. John Paul II in 1995 to reaffirm the value and inviolability of every human life and to appeal to all people to respect, protect, love, and serve every human life. The following is a brief overview of this important document from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. On the 25th anniversary of the release of the encyclical, it is the theme of this year's Respect Life Month.

The Gospel of Life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him. For this reason, direct attacks on human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, are always unacceptable. Yet, sadly we see new and expanding threats to human life emerging on an alarming scale. These new threats to life are often justified, protected, and even promoted by our laws and culture.

Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world. God made the human person with the capacity to love and reason and share in a relationship with the Creator. The human person bears an indelible imprint of God and is the pinnacle of all creation. The source of our dignity is not only linked to our creation by God, but to our final end and destiny to spend eternity with the Father. By



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accepting Christ as our Savior, despite our sinfulness, we can begin to share in eternal life even now.

Despite the grave threats to human life in the modern world, we, as the People of God, are called to place our faith in Jesus, the "Word of life" (1 Jn 1:1). As Christians, we have received the full truth about human life as proclaimed by the very person of Jesus. In sharing in the lowliest and most vulnerable conditions of human life — even death on a cross — Jesus shows us that life is *always good*. The true meaning of our lives is found in giving and receiving love. It is only

through this understanding of a sincere gift of self that human sexuality and procreation reach their true and full significance.

God holds the lives of all people in his gentle and loving care, giving meaning and value to any sufferings that we may bear. Despite the mystery which surrounds suffering and death, they can become saving events as we unite them with Christ's sacrifice. Truly great must be the value of human life if the Son of God has made it the instrument of our salvation.

While the roots of violence against life go all the way back to Genesis, when Cain took the life of his brother Abel, our modern world is suffering under a culture of death. Scientific and technological advances and an increasingly secularized world have led to an eclipse of the value of human life. However, respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of the human person and his integral development. We must reject systems of structuralized sin which value efficiency and productivity over human persons.

Governments and international institutions promote abortion and euthanasia as marks of progress and freedom. But this is a false and perverse understanding in which freedom is equated with absolute individualism. True freedom is inherently relational, recognizing that God has entrusted us to one another. As cultures and societies fail to recognize these objective truths, everything becomes relative and all principles are called into question—even the fundamental right to life. However, the blood of Christ's sacrifice remains our constant hope. Christ's gift of himself

on the cross reveals how precious life truly is and gives us the strength to commit ourselves to building a *culture of life*. Christ's blood, shed for us, promises that in God's plan death will be no more, and life will be victorious.

Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life. Our lives are a gift from God and ultimately belong to him. He has sole authority over life and death. We are therefore called to reverence and love every human person, loving our neighbors as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. *To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself*. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society. In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ.

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADDICTION SUPPORT

Irwin — Sage's Army will host the following meetings/classes at its headquarters (unless otherwise noted):

- Veterans X group, Sept. 23, 30, 6 p.m., Sage's Army Recovery Center, Greensburg
 - GRASP Grief Group, Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m.
 - Family/Reinforcement /Recovery, Sept. 17, 24, 6:30 p.m.
 - Recovery Life Group, Sept. 21, 28, 5:30 p.m. (Recovery Center)
 - Assiduous Ruminations and Renewal Round Table Book Club, Sept. 26, 8 a.m. (Recovery Center)
 - CPSs in Crisis training, Sept. 21-23, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Recovery Center)
- Sage's Army will host a "Ride4Life" stunt show at Z&M Harley-Davidson, Greensburg, Sept. 26 from 1-4 p.m., followed by a "Hope Ride" around Greensburg. Information: www.sagesarmy.com.

AUCTIONS

Monessen — The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish is holding an autumn Chinese auction. Baskets are on display in the parish office and will be on display after weekend Masses. They can also be viewed on the parish Facebook page and website, www.eolparish.com. Tickets are 25 for \$10 and can be purchased online or in the parish office or garage. Winners will be drawn Sept. 28.

CAR SHOW

New Alexandria — St. James Parish will host a car show Sept. 27 from noon-4 p.m. Registration begins at 11 a.m. There is no fee, but donations will be accepted. The first 100 cars receive T-shirts and dash plaques. Food and drinks will be available, and a DJ, Chinese auction, instant bingo and 50/50 drawing are planned. Trophies will be awarded. Masks are required and safety protocols will be followed. Information: 724-668-2829.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING

Greensburg — Catholic Charities is offering virtual counseling to help people address anxiety, depression, interpersonal conflict, grief and more. Information: 724-837-1840 or counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

DRIVE-THRU/TAKEOUT MEALS

Connellsville — The Christian Mothers of St. Rita Parish will hold a drive-thru Italian Day sale Sept. 25 from 3-7 p.m. at the church. Cost is \$10 for choice of three dinners.

Farmington — St. Joan of Arc Parish will hold a "Fish Fry on the Fly" Sept. 25 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at the church. Cost is \$8. Customers will pull up to a tent to order and drive to the social hall for pickup. Information: 724-329-4522.

Irwin — Immaculate Conception Parish will hold drive-thru Burger Bashes Sept. 19, Oct. 17 and Nov. 21. Information: 724-863-9550.

Mount Pleasant — St. Pius X Parish will hold a drive-thru fish dinner Sept. 25 from 4 p.m. until sold out in the social hall. Cost is \$10. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed; masks and social distancing required. Information: 724-547-1911.

North Huntingdon — St. Agnes Parish will hold a drive-thru fall food festival Oct. 10 from 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m. at the church. Cost is \$10. Information: martina3581504@aol.com.

New Alexandria — The Rosary Altar Society of St. James Parish will hold a drive-thru spaghetti dinner Oct. 11 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, with a \$1 discount for adult meal orders placed prior to Oct. 11. Orders can be placed at the dinner. Orders/information: 724-668-2829 or stjamesnewalexandria.org.

GCC VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Greensburg — Prospective students and families can learn more about Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School in a virtual open house and tour. Students can meet administrators, faculty and staff; learn about the school's college-prep curriculum; see how Catholic identity is at the center of the school's mission; and get a taste of the school's many extracurricular and athletic offerings. Registration: www.gcchs.org (a link will be sent immediately).

OUTDOOR ROSARY

Harrison City — The Ladies Guild of St. Barbara Parish holds an outdoor Rosary every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the church. The next dates are Sept. 23 and Oct. 7 and 21, weather permitting. Information: Dee Davis, 724-244-6812.

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

Latrobe — The Oblates of St. Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet Sept. 20 from 3-4:15 p.m. in the Archabbey Basilica Crypt (maximum 25 people) and 6:45 p.m. in Brownfield 202 (maximum 12 people). Benedictine Father Vincent de Paul Crosby, an artist and director of the archabbey studios, will speak on "Work in Benedictine Spirituality." Attendees must wear masks. Attendees may attend vespers in the basilica and stay for dinner in the Assembly Room (reservations required two weeks in advance). Oblates and guests are also invited to a day of recollection Oct. 17 beginning at 9 a.m. and ending with dinner at 5:40 p.m. in the Fred Rogers Center at Saint Vincent College. The next regular meeting will be at 3 p.m. Oct. 18 with Benedictine Father Anthony Grossi speaking on "Obedience in Benedictine Spirituality." Reservations: Benedictine Father Donald Raila, 724-805-2291.

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Virtual Pro-life Prayer Breakfast planned Oct. 3

Greensburg — The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women will hold its annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast virtually via Zoom Oct. 3 from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Speaker will be Judy Townsend, parent care coordinator with Be Not Afraid.

Cost is \$10. Checks payable to Greensburg DCCW can be sent to Millie Krinock, 11 Meadow Drive, Latrobe, PA 15650. Registrations: 724-537-2064 or rsvpf@hotmail.com.



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