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Father Daniel E. Carr, Director for Pro-Life Activities for the Diocese of Greensburg, left, and Bishop Larry J. Kulick lead the Diocesan group at the first Pennsylvania March for Life Sept. 27 in Harrisburg.

## First Pennsylvania March for Life draws thousands

By Mary Seamans  
Multimedia Coordinator

**HARRISBURG** — "We Are — PRO LIFE!" Modifying the well-known Penn State football cheer, Senate Majority Leader Kim Ward, R-Westmoreland County, revved up the crowd of over 3,000 people gathered on the steps of the

Capitol at the first Pennsylvania March for Life Sept. 27.

Four buses of pro-life supporters from the Diocese of Greensburg, some carrying homemade signs that read "Babies' Lives Matter" and "Let God Plan Parenthood," converged with thousands from across the state to urge state legislators to pass laws

to further restrict abortion.

The rally and march were organized by the Harrisburg-based Pennsylvania Family Institute.

Among those who turned out for the event were Ken and Audrey Glick, bus captains for Westmoreland County.

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The first-ever Diocese of Greensburg clergy cookbook will be out in time for Christmas. Turn to **page 36** for order information.



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## OBITUARIES

# Father Anthony A. Wozniak, retired priest of the Diocese of Greensburg, dies at age 87

**GREENSBURG** — Father Anthony A. Wozniak, a retired priest of the Diocese of Greensburg, died Oct. 2, 2021 at St. Anne Home, Greensburg. He was 87 and had been a priest for 60 years.

A native of Posen, Mich., Father Wozniak was born Nov. 14, 1933, to the late Anthony and Theresa (Purol) Wozniak.

He attended primary and secondary schools in Posen, then earned a bachelor's degree from St. Mary College, Orchard Lake, Mich., and completed theological studies at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake.

He was ordained a priest May 23, 1959, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, by Bishop Hugh L. Lamb.

Father Wozniak served as assistant pastor (parochial vicar) of SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Fairchance (1959-61); St. Joseph Parish, Uniontown (1961-62); and St. Regis Parish, Trafford (1962-68), before being appointed pastor of St. Hubert Parish, Point Marion, where he served from 1968-71.

He also served as pastor of Holy Family Parish, Seward, and its former chapels in Bolivar and New Florence (1971-72); St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish, New Kensington (1972-86); and SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Fairchance, and its former chapel in Shoaf (1986-99).

In 1999, he was granted permission to serve in pastoral ministry in the

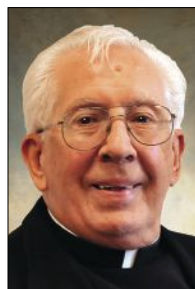
Diocese of Saginaw, Mich.

After returning to the Diocese of Greensburg, he was appointed chaplain of St. Anne Home in 2002. He provided pastoral care at other nursing homes in Greensburg.

Father Wozniak retired to Neumann House, Greensburg, in 2008.

He is survived by his siblings, Anita (Wozniak) Tucholski of Cleveland, Ohio; Sister Lois Wozniak of the Sisters of Mercy in Livonia, Mich.; Sally (Wozniak) Mulka of Midland, Mich.; Sister Tereska Wozniak of the Dominican Sisters in Grand Rapids, Mich.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 5 at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church. Additional services and burial will be at a later date in Posen.



Father Wozniak



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CHRIS HEISEY THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

**RED MASSES AT SAINT VINCENT, IN HARRISBURG:** Bishop Larry J. Kulick attended Red Masses, honoring members of the legal profession, in the Dioceses of Greensburg and Harrisburg this month. Above, he gathers with priests after the Red Mass in the Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica Oct. 8. From left are Deacon Joseph Chen Guo, a seminarian; Benedictine Father Paul R. Taylor, college president; retired Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki; Father Raymond C. O'Brien of Catholic University of America, homilist; Bishop Kulick; Archabbot Martin Bartel; Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle; and Msgr. William R. Rathgeb. At left, he delivers the homily Oct. 11 in the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick, Harrisburg.

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# Men encouraged to seek living water of Christ at THE WELL

**By Jerry Zufelt**  
Contributing Writer

**GREENSBURG** — Nearly 300 men gathered at Christ Our Shepherd Center Sept. 25 to encounter Jesus at THE WELL, sponsored by the Diocese of Greensburg's Men's Ministry Team.

Gathered under a large tent, the men were encouraged to seek the living waters of Christ through prayer and his presence in the Eucharist.

In his homily at the opening Mass, Bishop Larry J. Kulick recounted the first time he saw a well as a child at his grandfather's farm.

"I thought it would be overflowing with water, but it was deep and dark, and I could not see the water," he said. Only after dropping a stone into the well and finally hearing the splash did he know for certain that there was water in the well.

"The water we need to refresh and reinvigorate ourselves is not always seen, but Christ provides it," Bishop Kulick said. "The Eucharist is the font of God's grace, the refreshment God offers us. Don't lose faith; the refreshing water of Christ is always there."

The guest speakers continued the theme of God's presence and discussed how to pray to him.

Dominican Father Cajetan Cuddy said men's emotions — frustration, anger and the desire for things — are often impediments to prayer.

"We were taught to 'throttle' our emotions," he said, adding that emotions are normal, and attractions and desires are not sinful in and of themselves.

"But the higher power is our intellect; it allows us to order with our will and emotions," he said.

"The happy person has learned to train will and emotions to follow right reason," Father Cuddy said, and noted that Christ has to be at the center of that reasoning.

Dominican Father Austin Litke continued the

discussion about prayer, describing it as the lifting up of our minds and hearts to God.

He said the obstacles to prayer are the distractions of modern lives.

"We're not good at living with silence and solitude," he said.

Men should pray using ACTS — adoration, contrition, thanksgiving and supplication — as a guide, he said.

Adoration is praise of God for who he is; contrition is asking God for forgiveness of our sins; thanksgiving is praise and thanks to God for what he has done for us and in us; and supplication is asking something of God, he explained.

"God wants to give us things and responds to our needs," he said.

Noting that the day's program would end with eucharistic adoration, Father Litke said, "That is a great way to pray because you are before God."

In his discussion about St. Joseph and his angels, Catholic author Mike Aquilina said angels served St. Joseph as guides, protectors and guardians.

"Through baptism, we are called to share a table with Jesus, Mary and Joseph and to carry Jesus out to the world," he said.

And just as God does not force us to do anything and leaves us free, "Angels will guard and guide us but not compel us," Aquilina said.

The day concluded with eucharistic adoration, led by Benedictine Father Boniface Hicks.

"Jesus will speak to you directly," Father Boniface said in his homily. "He has been stirring up our hearts all day, so we lift our minds and hearts in prayer. Out of his heart will flow living water."

He said the well is our interior, so deep we can't see the bottom, and that it gets dark in there.

"If we have the courage to go into that deep well,



we'll reach fresh water, living water," he said.

"The same God who dwells on the altar dwells in the depths of our wells," he said.

Personal testimonies were given throughout the day by men who talked about the power of prayer and eucharistic adoration in their faith journeys.

Mark Bartels, a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, said he converted from Lutheran to Catholic because of the Eucharist.

At exposition after a daily Mass, he said, "Jesus imprinted on my heart, 'I am right here.' Jesus spoke to me because I was open to him."

Bartels said conversion is not a single day.

"It is every single day; I have to convert myself back to Christ every single day," he said.

Capuchin Franciscan Father Richard N. Owens, pastor of St. Bernard of Clairvaux



PHOTOS BY JERRY ZUFELT FOR THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

At top, participants and clergy gather at THE WELL men's conference Sept. 25 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Above are speakers Mark Bartels, left, and Mike Aquilina.

Parish and St. Thomas More University Parish in Indiana, said good priests are men rooted in prayer.

"If I am a man of prayer, I allow Jesus Christ to transform my life," he said.

And, like St. Francis, "God wants us to build his Church and be men of prayer," Father Owens said.

Dan Lieberum, a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, said he hit rock bottom in 2000 before finding the healing power of confession and eucharistic adoration.

"I knew God was there," he said, encouraging the men to surrender their hearts to the Lord in adoration.

## The Catholic Accent names new executive editor



Cliff Gorski

**GREENSBURG** — Cliff Gorski, a well-known Pittsburgh-area communications and marketing professional, has been named executive editor of *The Catholic Accent*. He will join the staff in November.

Gorski is a parishioner at St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon, where he serves as a lector, member of pastoral council and volunteer festival chairman.

Gorski has been director of communications for the United Mitochondrial Disease

Foundation since 2007. Prior to working with UMDF, he was vice president of media relations for Alliance Soccer Resources, the parent company of the Pittsburgh River Hounds.

After earning a journalism degree at Duquesne University, he started his career as a radio news reporter and anchor for WESA AM/FM in Charleroi and then transitioned to a number of other radio stations, including KQV-AM in Pittsburgh.

Gorski and his wife, Kim, live in Belle

Vernon. They have two grown children, Marysa Hazlett of Greensburg and Brandon Gorski of Belle Vernon, and a grandson, Graham Hazlett.

"At the heart of the Office of Communications and Evangelization is the goal to articulate the ministry of the Bishop to the faithful and the public. Cliff's experience, faith and willingness to serve the Church make him a perfect fit for this position," said Chief Communications Officer Jennifer Miele.



# Respect Life Month: Working to safeguard all human life

Our creed reminds us that we believe in “the life of the world to come.” This means that, because human life on this earth is just the beginning of what will be eternal, it carries with it an essential and enduring dignity. But even though we move through death to eternal life, our life here on earth is still both brief and fragile. Our experience of COVID has given us a greater understanding of the frailty of human life. So many people have been sick; so many have passed away. Even with modern technology and medicine, it takes a



*A message from Bishop Larry J. Kulick*

great deal of effort to care for, nurture and protect human life.

The Catholic Church has a wonderful tradition of guarding and protecting human life and proclaims the divine law that requires that we protect the sacredness of every human life from the moment of conception until natural death. This is not only for its own sake and dignity, but for the salvation of souls, so that we can experience the fullness of human life in eternity. Therefore, our

Church invites us daily into a greater appreciation and understanding of

our life and a greater responsibility of being stewards and advocates for all human life.

It was both deliberate and strategic that this summer I appointed a priest, Father Dan Carr, as the spokesperson and Director for Pro-Life Activities for the Diocese of Greensburg. I feel, more than ever, that we must be actively engaged in advocating respect for all human life. In placing a priest in this position, I hope to convey the seriousness and priority that must be placed on this activity in our Diocese.

On Sept. 27, I joined many others in Harrisburg at the first-ever Pennsylvania March for Life in order to make a public statement that we as Catholics support life at all

stages. Additionally, the Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women held a pro-life breakfast Oct. 2 as a part of their charism to advocate for the needs of the Church. The importance of events such as these cannot be overstated.

There are so many ways for us to express our pro-life beliefs. My hope is that this issue of *The Catholic Accent* during this pro-life month of October will inspire you to prayer, to advocacy and to respond to the needs of the Church and the whole world in safeguarding this most fundamental and preeminent social justice issue — the respect of all human life from the first moment of conception.

## Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast a hallmark of DCCW work

**By Jennifer Miele**  
Chief Communications Officer

**GREENSBURG** — The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women is celebrating 60 years of conveying the Gospel message and working together to advocate for the poorest of the poor and the most vulnerable.

The keynote speaker at the council's annual Interfaith Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast, held Oct. 2 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, was Bishop Larry J. Kulick. It was the first time he addressed the group as Bishop.

“We recognize that this breakfast is one of the hallmarks of the work being done by the DCCW. The pro-life movement is such a priority to me, to all of you and all who have gone before you,” Bishop Kulick said. “I always leave this breakfast feeling renewed and reengaged, and I have always found the breakfasts to be an opportunity for education. They help us to understand another facet in the pro-life movement.”

After a welcome from Raissa Federline, Greensburg DCCW president, and introduction from Denise Pencola, immediate past president, Bishop Kulick spent time reflecting on a lesson he received as a young child: that the first beings created by God were angels.

“Angels weren’t given the ability to create other angels. God created all the angels. But in His divine plan, He created humankind in his own likeness,” he said. “But here is one of the most important dimensions for

“We’ve got to convert the hearts and minds of people along with doing our advocacy.”

**BISHOP KULICK**

our reflection today: God gave us the ability to be co-creators with Him. We are given the power to create human life.”

Bishop Kulick received a roaring round of applause from the crowd of nearly 200 people with his reaffirmation.

“There is no position in the Catholic Church or for someone who is Catholic other than to take a pro-life position. That is not human law, it is divine law. No priest, bishop or person can change that,” he said.

The Bishop emphasized the impact of the 60 million lives that have been extinguished domestically by abortion. He described his role as Bishop to be the primary catechist of the Diocese and to be the instrument who unites the flock with the greater Church.

“We hear many say: I’m pro-life but I don’t want to impose my life on others. I can’t take away someone else’s choice. If we acknowledge that abortion takes the life of a human being — understand that we must be opposed to all abortion. Every innocent human life has a right to be born. There is no right to murder. We cannot say we are personally pro-life in order to be fair to other persons,” Bishop Kulick said.

He encouraged all the attendees to continue be activists for the pro-life



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER MIELE THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

At top, participants listen during the annual Interfaith Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast Oct. 2 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Above, DCCW President Raissa Federline speaks at the breakfast, and Bishop Larry J. Kulick gathers with Federline, Co-Treasurer and Past President Millie Krinock, second from right, and Denise Pencola, Immediate Past President.

movement for the sake of every human life.

“We’ve got to convert the hearts and minds of people along with doing our advocacy. Nothing is going to make someone stronger in their own convictions than their own conversions,” he

said. “The conversion of the human heart can save the human soul.”

Father Salvatore R. Lamendola, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Derry, and St. Martin Parish, New Derry, and Father Eric J. Dinga, Pastor of Christ, Prince of

Peace Parish, Ford City, and St. Lawrence Parish, Cadogan, led prayers at the breakfast organized by committee members Millie Krinock, Betty Nemchik and Pencola. Music was led by Christine and Dorelia Hankins.





PHOTOS BY MARY SEAMANS THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

Bishop Larry J. Kulick and the Diocesan contingent join the more than 3,000 pro-life supporters who traveled to Harrisburg for the first Pennsylvania March for Life Sept. 27.

## First Pennsylvania March for Life surpasses all expectations

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"I have such a passion for the pro-life movement and the fight for the unborn," said Audrey. "We started the Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-life Group at our parish, St. Agnes (North Huntingdon), which meets monthly. We participate in the 40 Days for Life, where they pray in front of Planned Parenthood, and various projects to help new mothers with diapers and clothes; and we are open to anyone in the community and neighboring parishes who would like to help save the lives of the unborn."

"We have to be the voice of the unborn," said Ken Glick. "So we are here for them — to let our legislators and everyone else know that every life is important. The Holy Spirit and the Blessed Mother lead us to speak for them."

The March for Life's keynote speaker, former Planned Parenthood



clinic director turned anti-abortion activist Abby Johnson, shared the story of her conversion to what she called the right side of history. She accused her former employer of promoting "the lie" that an unwanted pregnancy is "just tissue. It's just waste. But if the pregnancy is wanted, it turns into a baby."

Thirteen years ago she walked away from her job after watching an ultrasound-guided abortion take place on a 13-week-old fetus.

"If we keep working, if we keep making sacrifices, not only will we see a time where abortion is illegal in this country, but friends, we will see a time where abortion is unthinkable," Johnson said

"We have to be the voice of the unborn. So we are here for them — to let our legislators and everyone else know that every life is important. The Holy Spirit and the Blessed Mother lead us to speak for them."

**KEN GLICK, WESTMORELAND COUNTY BUS CAPTAIN**

to rousing applause from the crowd.

Ward and House Speaker Bryan Cutler, R-Lancaster County, were joined on stage by legislative colleagues who support reforms to the state's abortion law.

Pennsylvania allows abortions up to 24 weeks of pregnancy for any reason except to select a gender. Anyone under the age of 18 is required to have permission of a parent or guardian.

"When you consider all

the medical innovations we have today, we have 3D ultrasounds, and we can monitor the heartbeat of our baby on our smart watches. These are all medical advancements that demonstrate that life begins at conception," Ward said.

Cutler told the crowd the state House is working on additional anti-abortion bills beyond two it has already passed this legislative session. One would ban abortions prompted by a prenatal Down syndrome diagnosis. The other would require abortion providers and other health care facilities that handle fetal remains to arrange for either their burial or cremation or give the parents the option of doing it at their own cost.

Following the March for Life, the contingent from the Diocese of Greensburg was invited into the Capitol to meet some of their local pro-life legislators. The gathering was hosted by Rep. Matthew Dowling, R-Fayette County.





## A PERFECTLY PAIRED EVENING

### First Prayer and Perfect Pairings raises funds for Diocesan Mission Office

Nearly 300 guests attended Prayer and Perfect Pairings, a five-course charity dinner to support the Diocese of Greensburg Mission Office, Oct. 8. The evening began with a prayer service and transitioned to dinner.

Each course was prepared from recipes selected by priests of the Diocese, including Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, Monsignor Michael J. Begolly, Father Ronald L. Maquiriana and Father Tyler J. Bandura.

The "priest/chefs" prepared their recipes on camera for everyone to see, then hosted a room full of guests inside Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. They introduced five



different wines that were paired with each course.

Greensburg County Club General Manager and Sommelier Bradley Ladik selected the wines for guests who sponsored Bishop Kulick's room, and Rizzo's Malabar Inn prepared the food.

The event was planned by the Mission Office and the Office of Communications and Evangelization at the Diocese of Greensburg.







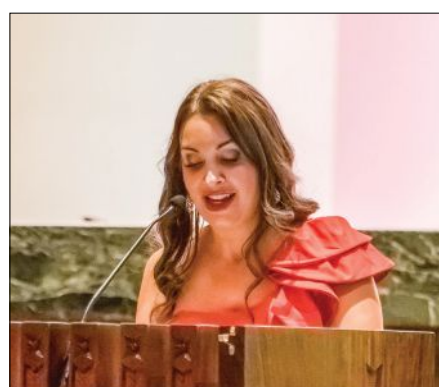
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# Bishop's message for celebration of World Mission Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We will soon have the annual celebration of World Mission Sunday, the day set aside every year to celebrate Mass for the Missions of the Church. This important day in the life of the Church, celebrated this year on Oct. 24, strengthens our understanding of our shared call to mission, given to us at baptism.

Pope Francis reflects on the theme for this year's World Mission Sunday, "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). The Holy Father reminds us in his message for World Mission Sunday that "as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves," as we "recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our

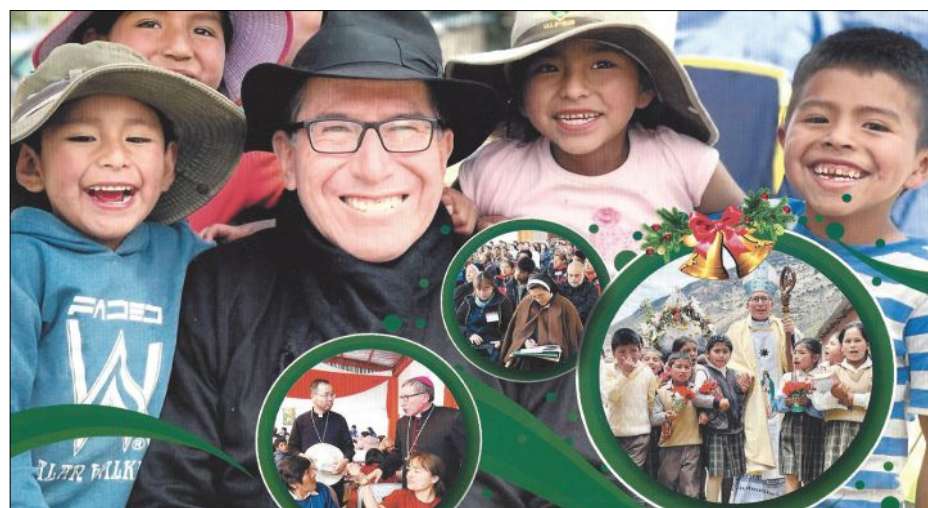


baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel." He invites us to speak of our faith.

World Mission Sunday provides us with that very opportunity. We can speak about our faith and respond to our missionary call — through prayer, participation in the Eucharist and giving

generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on that special day. Your gifts support and sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel build the Church, serve the poor — and speak of our shared faith in all corners of the world.

You might be aware that our Diocese conducted a special campaign for the



Missions earlier this year — Missions of Faith. So many parishioners throughout the Diocese generously supported this extraordinary appeal. Now I ask that you help us to reach out in solidarity and support for the Mission Church, and the work and witness of missionaries in the Pope's mission.

In this spirit, I offer my sincere personal gratitude for your kind

missionary heart, reaching out in love throughout Mission Month.

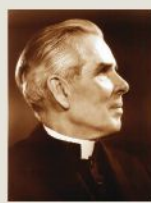
Gratefully in the Lord,

*Larry J. Kulick*

The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, JCL  
Bishop of Greensburg



When the World Mission Rosary is completed, one has embraced all continents, all people in prayer.  
— ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN



In February of 1951, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1950 to 1966), in a radio address (*The Catholic Hour*), inaugurated a World Mission Rosary. "We must pray, and not for ourselves, but for the world. To this end, I have designed the World Mission Rosary. Each of the five decades is of a different color to represent each of the five continents." Praying this Rosary, Archbishop Sheen said, would "aid the Holy Father and his Society for the Propagation of the Faith by supplying him with practical support, as well as prayers, for the poor mission territories of the world."

Each decade of that World Mission Rosary calls to mind an area where the Church continues her evangelizing mission: GREEN for the forests and grasslands of AFRICA; BLUE for the ocean surrounding the ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC; WHITE symbolizing EUROPE, the seat of the Holy Father, shepherd of the world; RED calling to mind the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the AMERICAS, and YELLOW, the morning light of the East, for ASIA.

Visit [www.missio.org](http://www.missio.org) to learn more about the mission work of the universal church.

## DAILY PRAYERS FOR THE MISSIONS

Father, You will Your Church to be the sacrament of salvation to all peoples. Make us feel more urgently the call to work for the salvation of our human family until You have made us one people. Inspire us to continue the saving work of Christ everywhere until the end of the world.

- + Our Father
- + Hail Mary
- + Glory be
- + St. Francis Xavier, pray for us
- + St. Therese of the Child Jesus, pray for us

"Peace will come only when the hearts of the world have changed. To do this we must pray, and not for ourselves, but for the world. The world means *everyone*.... But we cannot change without prayer, and the power of the Rosary as a prayer is beyond description. For the love of Our Lord and His Blessed Mother, won't you please make a tour of the world on your World Mission Rosary? I know you will."

ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN  
*The Catholic Hour* radio broadcast, February 11, 1951  
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes



The Society for the Propagation of the Faith  
A Pontifical Mission Society  
[www.WorldMissionRosary.org](http://www.WorldMissionRosary.org)



**PAULINE JARICOT BEATIFICATION:** Pauline Jaricot, foundress of the Association of the Propagation of the Faith and of the Living Rosary Movement, will be declared blessed May 22, 2022. Jaricot devoted herself to serving God in the poor and the sick, visiting hospitals and incurable people daily. She promoted initiatives to raise funds, which led to the Society of the Propagation of the Faith in 1822.

## Student from Diocese winner in national contest

**GREENSBURG** — A student from the Diocese of Greensburg has again been named a winner in the national Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Christmas Artwork contest.

Luke Nuzzo, who was a student at Mother of Sorrows School, Murrysburg, when he submitted his entry, was among the winners chosen from thousands of entries for the 2020-21 contest. He is now a ninth-grader at Central Catholic High

School in Pittsburgh.

Since the Diocese began participating in the contest, 10 students have been national winners.

All winning entries are scheduled to be displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., during the Advent and Christmas season. The winning artwork will be available to share digitally at [www.mcakids.org](http://www.mcakids.org).

Winners will be honored at a December celebration.

— *The Catholic Accent*



Luke Nuzzo shows off his winning entry in the national Missionary Childhood Association Christmas Artwork contest.

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John and Mary Lou Waynar



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Debbie and Ron Meledandri

## Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass fills cathedral

**By Jennifer Miele**

*Chief Communications Officer*

**GREENSBURG** — God has poured forth His grace through the seasons of your lives, Bishop Larry J. Kulick told the couples honored Sept. 19 at the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

Friends and family surrounded nearly 90 couples to help them celebrate 50 years of the sacrament of holy matrimony.

During his homily, Bishop Kulick asked the couples to reflect on the day they entered into that sacrament 50 years ago and how much has changed since then.

"I think so often in our society today, when we look at our world, when we even dare to look at the union of man and wife, we want to turn away — even run away from sacrifice," he said. "We have made marriage such a romantic image that it has become, dare I say, something unrealistic. We want to make it a fantasy world that you can only enter into if you are completely, truly, unconditionally in love with another person, as if that is all that matters. And you can only stay in that marriage if everything is perfect."

"If you think about it, your marriages of 50 years are strong even though they are not perfect. You have allowed God's grace to support and transform you. And you, in the best sense of the word, have allowed your love for each

“You have allowed God's grace to support and transform you.”

**BISHOP KULICK**

other to be realistic and deep.

"From the Church's perspective, we believe that what makes holy matrimony a sacrament is that it relates your passion for each other to the passion of Christ — to his death and resurrection. The sacrament allows you to endure the passions and the crosses of this world. Our faith teaches us that we never face a cross alone. The beauty of your marriage is that you have faced those crosses with Christ and with each other."

Couples representing Armstrong, Fayette, Indiana and Westmoreland counties were in attendance, happy to



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be celebrating Mass in person. Last year, COVID-19 gathering restrictions prevented an in-person Mass. Then-Msg. Kulick celebrated a streaming Mass for those marking their

50th anniversaries. Dozens of couples submitted their photos, which were streamed during the Mass.

"I know nearly a thousand people tuned into last

year's Mass, which was fantastic considering the circumstances," Bishop Kulick said. "I was thrilled to see a full church this year to celebrate the Eucharist in person."



Ronald and Patricia Knupp



Joann and Nick Young



John and Patricia Eaglehouse



Henry and Joyce Acker





Bishop Kulick gathers with the many priests in attendance to wave "Gifted to Give" flags in honor of the 500th anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines.

## 'Gifted to Give': Celebrating Christianity in the Philippines

To view the Mass and celebration of the 500th Anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines, visit [DioceseofGreensburg.org/giftedtogive](https://DioceseofGreensburg.org/giftedtogive)

**By Robin Mull**  
Director of Marketing

**GREENSBURG** — On the feast day of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino saint, the long-awaited celebration of "Gifted to Give" joyously became a memorable moment in the history of the Diocese of Greensburg and the Filipino community, uniting them as one.

"We have been gifted so that we may give," said Bishop Larry J. Kulick.

On Sept. 28, Bishop Kulick and Bishop Emeritus Lawrence E. Brandt, and 40 diocesan priests, along with over 250 laity from the Diocese of Greensburg and afar, celebrated the 500th anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines.

"The celebration allowed the Diocese to join with the Filipino priests and the laity to be united as one through our faith in giving thanks to God for this tremendous moment in the life of the Church and the history of God's people," said Bishop Kulick.

Pope Francis proclaimed this year the jubilee celebration of 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines. The theme "Gifted to Give" comes from "without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." (Mt 10:8) Pope Francis called upon the Church in the Philippines to thank God for all those who handed on the faith and continue to evangelize, bringing the hope and joy of the Gospel to all.

During his homily, Bishop Kulick reminded the congregation, "We are all gifted through the grace of God; we are then, each one of us in every time and generation, called to give. It's really the heart of what evangelization is all about."

Since 2010, the Diocese of Greensburg, through the support of Bishop Brandt and Bishop Edward C. Malesic, fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, has been blessed with more than 30 missionaries through the International Priest Program. The program enables an international priest to preside in our Diocese for five years and experience life abroad while serving the Church.

"We have been gifted by the wonderful priestly ministry of our international priests. They have given themselves, not only in their promises of ordination but in their obedience, in their desire and their generosity to be missionaries," said Bishop Kulick.

"These wonderful priests have truly captured the hearts of all of us, through, first of all, their beautiful faith. Secondly, through their sincere commitment to priestly service," Bishop Brandt said. "Goodness by nature shares itself. These priests have shared their goodness of 500 years of faith and the goodness of their priestly ministry with us."



Above, dancers from the Filipino American Association of Pittsburgh perform the Salakot (hat) dance. At left, Henna Bautista, one of the organizers of the event, celebrates with her daughter, Theresa Bautista-Stall, and granddaughter, Macaria Stall. Below, international priests attend the Mass.

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Priests of the International Priests Program include, from left: Father Anthony A. Onoko, Father Julius U. Capongpangan, Father Elmer Q. Alforque, Msgr. Gilbert C. Gente and Father Ronald L. Maquiñana.



## Celebration a labor of love

Through months of planning in preparation to celebrate the 500-year milestone, the current Filipino priests of the Diocese, with the help of Dr. Primo and Henna Bautista, parishioners of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg, began contemplating how they could share the gifts of their culture.

In Filipino tradition, nine days before the celebration a novena Mass was offered at parishes around the Diocese that are home to the Filipino priests, who serve as parochial vicars or pastors or are in residence.

The community of love is wider than just the Greensburg Diocese. Many Filipinos from western Pennsylvania shared their gifts and talents, participating in folk dancing, offertory donations, table centerpieces and food preparation, including over 1,000 mini egg rolls.

A special thanks to representatives from the Filipino American Association of Pittsburgh, the Philippine-American Medical Society and all who provided their time and talents to this special event.



Above left: Dancers Annie Spanos and Junriz de los Santos perform the Tinikling (Bamboo Dance) with the help of clickers Dr. Primo Bautista, left, and Jun Calejesan; above right, Bishop Emeritus Lawrence E. Brandt; above: a plate full Filipino deliciousness includes empanada, mini lumpias, spring rolls, Lechón and Pancit (noodles). All food items, including dessert, were donated. Below, people participate in the Mass.

## FILIPINO PRIESTS SERVING IN DIOCESE

**Father Alvin B. Alberion:** Parochial Vicar, St. John the Evangelist, St. Joseph, St. Mary (Nativity) and St. Therese, Little Flower of Jesus Parishes, Uniontown

**Father Elmer Q. Alforque:** Administrator, St. John the Baptist Parish, Scottsdale, and St. Joseph Parish, Everson

**Father Victor S. Baguna:** Pastor, St. Patrick Parish, Brady's Bend

**Father Julius U. Capongpangan:** Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception, St. Rita and St. John the Evangelist parishes, Connellsville, and St. Aloysius Parish, Dunbar

**Father Vincent A. Yee Concepcion:** Pastor, St. Edward Parish, Herminie, and Seven Dolors Parish, Yukon

**Father Dick Anthony F. Cortado:** Parochial Vicar, St. John the Evangelist, St. Joseph, St. Mary (Nativity) and St. Therese, Little Flower of Jesus parishes, Uniontown

**Father Roniel Dueñas:** Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon

**Msgr. Gilbert C. Gente:** Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Freeport

**Benedictine Father Ignatius Camello:** Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg, and St. Benedict Parish, Marguerite

**Father Segundino R. Laude:** Parochial Vicar, Mount St. Peter, St. Joseph and St. Mary of Czestochowa, New Kensington, and St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell

**Father Rodolfo P. Mejia Jr.:** Priest in residence with pastoral and liturgical responsibilities, St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis

**Father Rodel D. Molina:** Parochial Vicar, Mount St. Peter, St. Joseph and St. Mary of Czestochowa Parishes, New Kensington, and St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell

**Father Liberto O. Ortega:** Chaplain, St. Anne Home, Greensburg

**Father Marlon Libres Pates:** Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Footedale

**Father Ronald L. Maquiñana:** Pastor, St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning, and St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro (incardinated in Diocese of Greensburg)





# Young people to come 'Ablaze' at NCYC in November

# NCYC

*Ablaze • Enciende el Fuego*

A contingent of young people from all four counties of the Diocese of Greensburg will be praying, learning and laughing together at this year's National Catholic Youth Conference, "Ablaze," set for Nov. 18-20 in Indianapolis, Ind.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, only 12,000 people will be attending this year's event, which normally draws up to 20,000. That will include 208 young people and chaperones from the Diocese.

Among those planning to attend are Olivia Martin, a senior at Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School, Connellsville, and Noah Kelly, a junior at Greensburg Central Catholic High School. Below are their thoughts on their experiences.

State Rep. Matt Dowling of Uniontown was scheduled to attend before being injured in a traffic accident earlier this month.



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Noah Kelly, kneeling second from left, with a group from Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon, depart for NCYC in 2019.

## NOAH KELLY

"Around two years ago, I attended my first NCYC with my youth group and initially did not know what to expect. However, what I got out of this conference was far more than I would ever anticipate.

"It was inspirational to see 25,000 other individuals across the country that were my age openly expressing their faith. It gave me chills at adoration that there was complete silence in the stadium and that everyone was kneeling on the concrete floors of the Lucas Oil Stadium as an act of dignity towards Christ.

"Apart from maturing in faith, I formed many friendships with the other attendees, many of which I still talk to today. Everyone I met at this conference was hospitable and clearly practiced the Catholic faith and morals.

"NCYC provided me and other young adults an excellent opportunity to cultivate our faith while forming life-lasting bonds. This event truly illustrates that the young Church is flourishing and that there is hope for a better tomorrow."

## OLIVIA MARTIN

"I will be attending NCYC for the second time. I am so excited to get to experience NCYC again, especially after COVID prevented us from gathering.

"I went for the first time in November 2019, and it was amazing to get to share my faith with so many other young people. We had the opportunity to do Mass together in the stadium and talk to hundreds of other Catholic youth in the convention center.

It was amazing to hear the different speakers and their stories, while also sharing that experience with people we otherwise would have never met.

"This year my younger brother will be attending for the first time, and I am so excited for him to experience NCYC. My older brother

attended when I was younger, and I was always so excited to be able to go. I can't wait for all three of us to have gone and had that experience.

"It's so important for youth to see that there are other people participating in their faith across the country in a way that may be new and exciting to them.

"I am so excited to meet with other kids, not only across the country, but even across our Diocese, to share and discuss our faith. The music, discussions and prayer are amazing and moving when shared by thousands of Catholic teenagers from so many different backgrounds.

"I have been excited for my next NCYC since the last one, and I am so glad it's almost time."



## REP. MATT DOWLING

State Rep. Matthew Dowling of Fayette County was scheduled to attend his 10th National Catholic Youth Conference as a chaperone this year. He began attending during his freshman year of high school in 1999. Unfortunately, he will be unable to participate this year because he was seriously injured in a traffic accident Oct. 6, and remains hospitalized in stable condition.

On social media, his family, friends and faithful from across the state have committed to 30 minutes of prayer per week for Dowling and his family from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day, offering rosaries or Divine Mercy Chaplets.

He told *The Catholic Accent* prior to his accident, "My zeal for the Church and spirituality, while nurtured through parish life as well, has been greatly affected by my NCYC trips."

*At left, Dowling is pictured far right in 1999.*







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**CLERGY CONVOCATION:** Priests gather for the annual Diocesan Clergy Convocation Oct. 19 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Bishop Larry J. Kulick, priests and deacons met Oct. 19-21 to discuss matters such as the Bishop's vision and priorities for the Diocese. Pictured at left are priests celebrating jubilee years; above are Bishop Alfred A. Schlert of the Diocese of Allentown, who provided a reflection, Bishop Kulick and Bishop Emeritus Lawrence E. Brandt.

## 'Encounter Him' brings Greensburg area parishioners together

**By Melissa Williams Brown**  
Contributing Writer

**GREENSBURG** — A prayerful and powerful mix of traditional lyrics with contemporary piano accompaniment during adoration and exposition of the holy Eucharist drew Diocesan youth groups and faithful of all ages to the first of six "Encounter Him" celebrations Sept. 26 at Our Lady of Grace Parish.

The praise and worship series is an inspiring and collaborative effort among the Greensburg parishes of Our Lady of Grace, St. Benedict, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral and St. Paul, St. Bruno in South Greensburg, and Holy Cross in Youngwood.

Father Daniel L. Blout, Pastor of the partner parishes of Our Lady of Grace and St. Benedict, along with Katrina Coleman, director of discipleship and evangelization at the partner parishes, brainstormed over the summer with Diocesan youth ministry directors to provide a time for prayer and meditation locally to connect members of the church.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Father Blout sought ways to connect to

### "Encounter Him"

continues 7-8 p.m.  
Oct. 24, Nov 28,  
Jan. 30, Feb. 27 and  
March 27 at Our Lady  
of Grace Parish.

parishioners close to home in a safe manner, with a focus on youth.

Coleman said many dioceses across the country schedule similar prayerful series on Friday evenings. But since southwestern Pennsylvania is known for Friday night football, she thought Sundays would be a better fit in the Diocese of Greensburg.

Will Smith, a dynamic vocalist and musician, led the group in praise and worship. Smith has been in music ministry for nearly 20 years, working as a director of music and liturgy in the dioceses of Greensburg and Pittsburgh.

During eucharistic exposition and Benediction, participants knelt while singing the deeply moving "Benediction Song."

Coleman said she wanted Diocesan youth to experience adoration but with a blend of music familiar to them. Young people found adoration to



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Father Daniel L. Blout, Pastor, leads adoration and exposition of the holy Eucharist during the "Encounter Him" celebration Sept. 26 at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg.

be very powerful during youth ministry retreats, she said, so she wanted to offer something closer to home and more readily available.

Coleman said older people have grown up with adoration, and she hopes the tradition continues.

Father Blout said that in a

world that is interrupted with noise, the series is a time for prayerful meditation that connects us as members of the Church.



# St. Bartholomew parishioner celebrates her 'firsts' at 93

By Renatta Signorini  
For The Catholic Accent

**CRABTREE** — Natalie Carbone Mangini has never been one to shy away from being the first at something.

She became the first female scientist at Westinghouse's Bettis Atomic Power Division in the 1950s.

Later on, she was one of the first lectors at St. Bartholomew Parish.

Mangini, now 93, recalled the priest asking after Mass for volunteers to handle readings. Mangini, who was pregnant at the time, said she waited for male parishioners to raise their hands, but none did.

"Finally, I put up my hand," she said. "Nobody else volunteered, so I got the job."

It's one she kept for decades, only stepping down in recent years.

Her faith has played a huge role in Mangini's life, even early on. When her parents married, her mother, who was raised Lutheran, promised her father that their children would be raised Catholic. She was baptized, received her first holy Communion and confirmed at St. Bartholomew Parish.

Her family is known for

landmark Italian restaurant Carbone's in Crabtree, not far from the church. Mangini started working there when it opened in 1938 at age 10 and didn't stop until the restaurant closed in 2018.

She graduated from Seton Hill College in 1949 with a degree in chemistry, and married Vince Mangini at St. Bartholomew Parish eight years later.

In the years after college while working at Westinghouse, Mangini had a hand in developing nuclear procedures for the USS Nautilus, the first nuclear-powered submarine, and creating safety protocols for the nuclear reactor at the Shippingport Atomic Power Station, the first peacetime use of atomic power.

Mangini was employed only about 10 years at Westinghouse — she left after starting her family — but made a massive impact in the nuclear field and on generations of budding female scientists.

During her busy life with four children and six grandchildren, she made her faith a priority.

Mangini served on the parish's finance committee and took Communion



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Natalie Carbone Mangini at her Crabtree home this summer.

to shut-ins for years.

"I didn't just go in and give them Communion; I would sit there and talk to them awhile," she said. "I got to know a lot of people that way."

Father Justin Matro, OSB, Pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish, said Mangini's family has been heavily involved

in the parish for decades.

He described her as a cheerful, beloved woman who is the "backbone of the community."

"She is as natural of a human being that you would ever meet," he said.

Mangini's careers never conflicted with her faith. She would work during the day

at Westinghouse and in the evenings at Carbone's, and any spare time would be dedicated to the church.

"I thought being a scientist was important and you had to show people that you could be a scientist and believe in God also," she said. "It was part of your life to know that there was a God."



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## GEIBEL, GCC CELEBRATE HOMECOMING

Above, McKinley Klotz of Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School, Connellsville, is crowned homecoming queen Oct. 2. At top left, she is pictured with the homecoming court, from left: Victoria Brown, Paige Karpiak, Tatum Lucero, Makenzie Garred, Katie Shinkle, Jillian Balena and Ainsley Popson.

Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School celebrated homecoming Oct. 8. The homecoming court, pictured at bottom left, included, from left: queen Julia Kratzenberg, Madison Pisula, Emma Riley, Meghan Zambruno, Ella Zambruno and Bailey Kuhns.



IMPRESSIONS FOR THE CATHOLIC ACCENT



# Bishop, Provincial rally support for campus ministry in Indiana

By Jennifer Miele

Chief Communications Officer

**INDIANA** — At a town hall meeting Sept. 20 in the parish hall, Bishop Larry J. Kulick presented parishioners with a vision for the future of St. Thomas More University Parish, which includes a robust and engaging campus ministry to serve Catholic students at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

"We need to actively make a change in direction. This is our faith! We believe it. Now we have to proclaim it and witness it," Bishop Kulick said. "I'm inviting you to join me in being a catalyst for what I believe is one of the most critical missions of the Church at this moment: proclaiming that Christ is the Truth."

His co-host for the event, Capuchin Father Tom Betz, explained that leading a vibrant campus ministry was exactly why the community of Franciscan Friars came to town.

"I have seen what a dynamic, first-class university ministry can look like. I have seen hundreds of college students come to Mass when it is done right," said Father Tom, Provincial Minister for the Capuchin Friars' Province of St. Augustine based in Pittsburgh.

Bishop Kulick and Father Tom asked parishioners to support a major initiative being led by Capuchin Father Richard N. Owens, Pastor of St. Thomas More University Parish.

"I need your help to realize the dream we have," said Father Richard. "Our dream is to evangelize the



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER MIELE THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

Bishop Kulick speaks to the crowd gathered for a town hall meeting at St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana. Behind him, from left, are Sheila Murray, Chief Financial Officer for the Diocese; Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, Vicar General; Capuchin Father Tom Betz, Provincial Minister for the Capuchin Friars' Province of St. Augustine; and Capuchin Father Richard N. Owens, Pastor.

entire IUP campus."

Father Richard explained some immediate actions that he plans to take, including the creation of a task force that will be responsible for

creating and recommending a staffing model that prioritizes campus ministry. He also explained his one- to two-year plan for bringing Focus Missionaries to the

campus. The individuals commit several years of their lives journeying to college campuses, eager to reach students wherever they are with the Gospel message.

"They can help us win the hearts of our young people as they walk with each student during their own journey, and bring them here to the Church," Father Richard said.

The parish mission has transitioned since its original meeting place was built in 1958, when a group of faithful supporters renovated the former Perfetti Noodle Co. site to serve the Catholic community at IUP. Membership continued to grow through the '60s and '70s, which spawned construction of the Newman Center in 1968. But in the mid-1980s, the focus shifted to serving all Catholics in the Indiana community.

Discussions between the Diocese and the Capuchins began in 2018, when it became clear that young Capuchin vocations could reinvigorate campus ministry at IUP. In May 2020, an official partnership was announced, and shortly after, a friary was established at the rectory at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish. They now also serve St. Thomas More University Parish and Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Coral.

Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, Diocesan Vicar General, provided some context for the group of more than 75 parishioners who attended the meeting.

"There is a lot of competition for the ears of our young people, and a lot of it is not healthy. We have to be a voice of truth," Monsignor Riffle said.

Bimonthly updates on the initiative will be available on the St. Thomas More University Parish website.



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## SEMINARIAN ADMITTED TO CANDIDACY:

Bishop Larry J. Kulick admitted to candidacy seminarian Andrew Hamilton, a native son of Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City, at a Mass Aug. 21. He is shown at left with the bishop, his family, Father Tyler J. Bandura, Director of the Office of Priestly Vocations, and Father Eric J. Dinga, Pastor of Christ, Prince of Peace, Ford City, and St. Lawrence Parish, Cadogan. Hamilton is in his third year at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe.



# 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. Photos and text are provided by Catholic Charities staff.

## A MESSAGE FROM DR. PAUL NIEMIEC, INTERIM MANAGING DIRECTOR

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg began the development of a new, comprehensive strategic plan at the end of August 2021. More than 3,000 respondents to a needs survey distributed earlier in the summer provided the data for the planning effort. Bishop Larry J. Kulick invited several people with expertise in planning, community assessment, administration and human services work to assist us with the articulation of a new vision and plan for Catholic Charities, one that is more responsive to the needs of our parishes and larger communities.

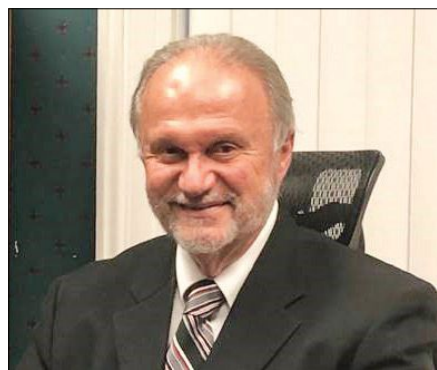
The group that met at Bishop Kulick's invitation included participants both internal and external to the Diocese. Those community leaders from outside the Diocese included administrators, community organizers, elected officials, social service practitioners, a Protestant minister, members of the Catholic Charities Board of Trustees and individuals in recovery, among others. Notably, the strategic planning group was supportive of Catholic Charities' services in the community and committed to the future of the ministry.

Three important outcomes from the initial planning retreat in August included:

- The identification of five strategic priorities for Catholic Charities.
- The articulation of a new mission, vision and values statement for the agency.
- The identification of core competencies and the framework of a position description for a new Managing Director of Catholic Charities.

The group identified several strategic priorities to guide the development of Catholic Charities' ministries and services into the future. (More about these priorities in upcoming months.) Catholic Charities will follow a revised mission statement based on values from the Gospels.

A search is underway for a new Managing Director whose position description evolved from the strategic planning discussions. The Managing Director will lead Catholic Charities forward as a member of the Bishop's Cabinet and the leader of the "charitable arm of the Diocese of Greensburg" (to use Bishop Kulick's phrase).



Finally, a word about the current services, staff and volunteers at Catholic Charities.

Both mental health counseling and material assistance and referral services continue as they have for some years. The needs in communities throughout the Diocese remain great. However, the resources, both human and financial, have shrunk, and the staff and volunteers dwindled. Adoption services ended a few years ago. Counseling intakes, until recently, have been slow in coming, perhaps because fewer people than ever know of our work. Return calls for material assistance as of this writing are three to five business days behind. Adoption staff were laid off, and staff who left through attrition have not been replaced. Like everyone else, the staff kept it all going through the COVID-19 pandemic with hardly a missed beat. Yet the faithful and dedicated staff who remain somehow make it all work. They are all owed a debt of gratitude.

Gratitude goes, too, to the volunteers who work with us. Although many volunteers chose to no longer help in the office due to understandable COVID concerns, many volunteers operate the Helpline after hours and on weekends from home. Without their assistance, the Helpline would simply not exist.

Left alone, Catholic Charities seems to be on an untenable trajectory. The tagline on the Catholic Charities website reads "Providing Help. Creating Hope." The results of the strategic plan and Bishop Kulick's commitment to the "charitable arm of the Diocese of Greensburg" provide both hope and help that this important social ministry and mission of the Church will not only continue but will adapt and thrive to meet the needs of all the people of God who come here.

## Poverty Relief Fund distributes \$38,000 to nonprofits

Catholic Charities' Poverty Relief Fund has distributed \$522,031 in grants since its inception in 2009.

A total of \$38,045 was distributed to the following nonprofit organizations for the March 2021 grant cycle:

- Christian Layman Corps — A Bed for Every Child, \$5,000
- St. Vincent DePaul Society Conference, St. Paul Parish, Greensburg — Utility Super Fund, \$5,000
- Chevy Chase Community Center — Soup Kitchen, \$5,000
- New Century Careers — Machinist Training Tuition Assistance Program, \$4,845
- Seton Hill University — Griff's Food Locker/Griff's On the Go, \$3,200
- TryLife Center — Families Coping with COVID-19 through the Parent & Baby Program, \$5,000

- Mount St. Peter Outreach Ministry — Poverty Relief Project, \$5,000
- Westmoreland County Food Bank — Pantry Distribution Program, \$5,000

These organizations are working passionately to assist families and individuals with programs and services designed to ease the burden of poverty. We applaud their efforts within the community.

Requests for funding are accepted throughout the year. Applications for the March 2022 grant cycle must be received or postmarked by the close of business (5 p.m.) Nov. 2, 2021. Applications received after the deadline will be considered for funding during the next cycle.

Please click on "Services" at [www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org) to review guidelines or to apply online.

For information, contact Heather Rady at 724-837-1840.

**WATCH FOR CHANGES TO GRANT CYCLES  
AND CRITERIA COMING IN THE FALL OF 2022.**



Linda Rennie, left, and Marilyn Manion, volunteers with Catholic Charities, work at the Wesley Family Services Sunday Fundae at Lynch Field, Greensburg, July 18.

## VOLUNTEERS ARE ESSENTIAL TO OUR MISSION!

Catholic Charities needs volunteers to answer helpline calls, assist in preparation for fundraisers and represent Catholic Charities at events. Interested in volunteering? Contact Donna Hagan, 724-837-1840, ext. 1661.



# MESSAGES OF CHARITY: OUR FUNDRAISERS

## PAUL R. SMIY MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Catholic Charities returned to Ligonier Country Club Aug. 6 for the 19th annual Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing. After being canceled last year due to COVID-19, this year's event was a sellout! 144 golfers spent the day competing for skill prizes, enjoying the theme holes on the course and, most importantly, raising just over \$27,000 for the less fortunate within our four-county Diocese. Thanks to our sponsors, volunteers and all who participated. You make a difference in the lives of many who turn to us for assistance with food, rent, utilities, heating fuel and baby items.

*Mark your calendar now for Aug. 12, 2022, for the 20th annual event.*



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## FARM TO TABLE DINNER

On Sept. 16, Catholic Charities hosted its first Farm to Table Dinner at Sanaview Farms in Champion. Bishop Larry J. Kulick dined with a sell-out crowd during this intimate 50-person gathering that took place in the property's original rustic open-air barn. The menu featured locally sourced beef brisket and trout along with organic selections grown on the farm. Guests mingled while enjoying music and conversation as well as wine and charcuterie prior to dinner. The event was aimed at building strong community relationships and stewardship among individuals in order to promote the mission of Catholic Charities. A magnificent evening was had by all. We hope you will join us again in 2022. Watch for details.

## SAVE THE DATE: 22ND ANNUAL COMMUNITIES OF SALT & LIGHT AWARD DINNER

After being postponed in both 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19, Catholic Charities is thrilled to return to Stratigos Banquet Centre on April 21, 2022, for the 22nd annual event.

Our awardees will have patiently waited two years to receive this very special honor:

- **Lawrence Kupec**, a parishioner of St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell, the Humanitarian award;
- **Tom and Cathy Gothie**, parishioners of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg, the Philanthropy award; and
- **Central Westmoreland Habitat for Humanity**, the Outstanding Human Service Organization award.

If you paid for a ticket, table, sponsorship, basket or mystery box for the 2020 event, you need not do anything at this time. Your reservation, sponsorship or donation will be honored for the 2022 event. Additional details and promotional information will become available in early 2022.

In the fall of 2022, nominations will resume for the 23rd annual event. Watch for the form to go live on our website, [www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org), under "Fundraisers."



## WOODEN LOFT 'FUN-RAISERS'

This year, Catholic Charities partnered with The Wooden Loft, Greensburg, for a series of "fun-raisers." In a June wood workshop, guests picked from a variety of crafts for the home. An October event featured "chunky knit" blankets and scarves perfect for the fall season. Both workshops brought staff, family and friends together for an opportunity to meet new friends from around the Diocese. We hope to see everyone again in 2022 for more great projects!



## COMING UP: PURSE BASH/CRYSTAL BAKE SALE NOV. 7

A limited number of tickets remain for Catholic Charities' fifth annual Designer Purse Bash and Crystal Bake Sale.

This year's event will be held Nov. 7 at The Barn at Ligonier Valley. Doors open at noon. Tickets are \$35 and include a catered lunch by Carson's Catering and wine, coffee or tea.

In addition to the ever popular Crystal Bake Sale, there will be designer handbags, jewelry raffles, 50/50 and much more.

Join us for an afternoon of fun! This is an event you do not want to miss!

For information or to register, call 724-837-1840 or visit [www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org) and click on "Fundraisers."



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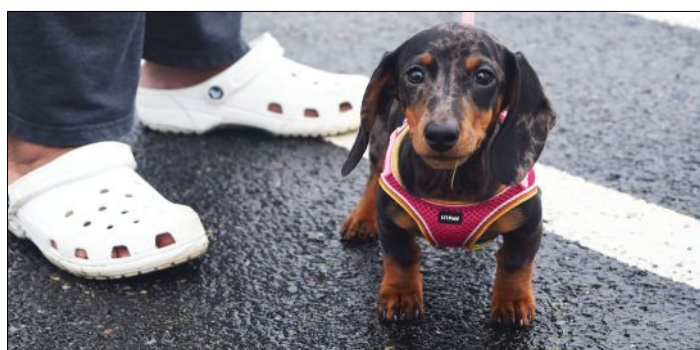
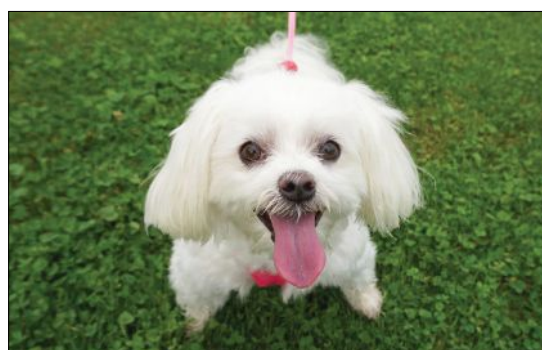
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**BLESSING OF PETS:** Several parishes held pet blessings in October, in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals (Oct. 4). Pictured are pet blessings at The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish, Monessen (top and middle left and bottom right); St. James Parish, New Alexandria (middle right and bottom left); and St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City (top right).

PHOTOS SUBMITTED



## Bishop appears in YouTube pet blessing

**GREENSBURG** — Bishop Larry J. Kulick hosted a unique pet blessing to celebrate the Oct. 4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and nature.

Fans who follow Bishop Kulick on Facebook can still watch him bless the stars of the YouTube show “Raccoon Whisperer,” which has nearly a half-million subscribers. The Facebook video premiered Oct. 4 on the @BishopLarryJkulick page.

Bishop Kulick struck up a friendship with host James Blackwood, who lives in rural Nova Scotia, Canada. Blackwood was raised Catholic, as were many of his fans.

“Here’s a man in a rural part of Canada

who has found a way to reach millions of people in almost every country in the world, sharing his message of kindness and love toward God’s creations,” Bishop Kulick said. “As a younger Bishop, I thought this would be an excellent way to evangelize and to reach new members of our faith community who are also grateful for God’s creations — the pets that have become like a member of the family to many people.”

The blessing of animals is a tradition that originated in the 13th century in remembrance of St. Francis, who believed all animals should be treated with dignity and respect.



New pastors were installed throughout the Diocese of Greensburg this summer. All photos were submitted.



BENEDICTINE FATHER RICHARD ULAM, ST. VINCENT BASILICA PARISH, AUG. 31



FATHER WILLIAM G. BERKEY, ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH, LATROBE, AUG. 19



MONSIGNOR MICHAEL J. BEGOLLY, MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH, MURRYSVILLE, AUG. 28



FATHER MARLON L. PATES, ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, WESTERN FAYETTE COUNTY, JULY 26



FATHER TYLER J. BANDURA, ST. JAMES PARISH, NEW ALEXANDRIA, AUG. 11



FATHER VINCENT YEE CONCEPCION, ST. EDWARD PARISH, HERMINIE, AUG. 23



FATHER ERIC J. DINGA, ST. LAWRENCE PARISH, CADOGAN, AUG. 5



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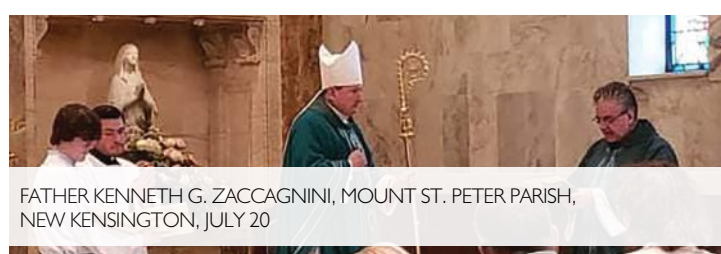
FATHER ERIC J. DINGA, CHRIST PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH, FORD CITY, AUG. 3



FATHER KENNETH G. ZACCAGNINI, ST. JOSEPH PARISH AND ST. MARY OF CZESTOWA PARISH, NEW KENSINGTON, JULY 22



FATHER VINCENT YEE CONCEPCION, SEVEN DOLORS PARISH, YUKON, AUG. 26



FATHER KENNETH G. ZACCAGNINI, MOUNT ST. PETER PARISH, NEW KENSINGTON, JULY 20





**BIKES BLESSED:** Capuchin Father John Pavlik, pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption parish, Coral, blesses a motorcycle Oct. 10 at the Parish. Drivers brought both vehicles and motorcycles to the blessing.

PHOTOS BY KEVIN STIFFLER FOR THE CATHOLIC ACCENT



MARY SEAMANS THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

**EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS:** David Patosky venerates the relic of the Holy Cross, held by Bishop Larry J. Kulick, during a Mass celebrating the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sept. 14 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.

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### 2021 PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

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<b>*Feb. 17 (Faith and Food)</b>	<b>Jan. 21</b>
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<b>*May 19 (Summer Events Guide)</b>	<b>April 14</b>
July 21	July 7
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Information: [news@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:news@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or 724-834-4010.

## Mother of Sorrows School receives national recognition

**MURRYSVILLE** — Mother of Sorrows School has been recognized as a 2020-21 Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School, one of 158 middle schools across the U.S. to receive the honor for providing broad access to transformative learning opportunities for students.

"We are honored to be recognized as a distinguished school again this

school year," said Principal Theresa Szmed. "Ms. Anne-Marie Battaglia, our PLTW teacher, and the entire staff at Mother of Sorrows School are dedicated to inspiring students to be global leaders."

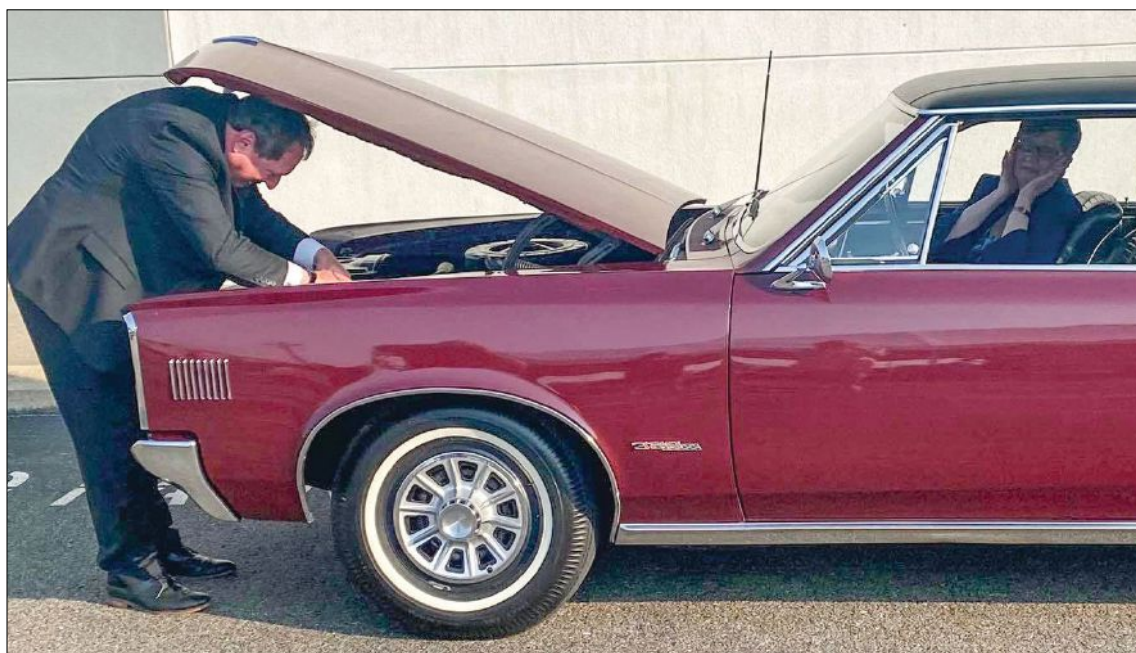
PLTW is a nonprofit organization that serves preK-12 students and teachers across the country. The Distinguished School recognition

honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement and achievement.

"It is a great honor to recognize Mother of Sorrows School for their unwavering commitment to provide students with an excellent educational experience despite the unusual circumstances and unique challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic

presented to the educational landscape this past year," said Vince Bertram, president and CEO of PLTW. "They should be very proud of their achievements in unlocking their students' potential and equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in life beyond the classroom no matter what career path they choose."





#### BISHOP CELEBRATES YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH AT ALMA MATER:

Bishop Larry J. Kulick celebrated the Year of St. Joseph at St. Joseph High School, Natrona Heights, Sept. 12. The day included Mass and an outdoor social. Cathy Collett, principal of Mary Queen of Apostles School, New Kensington, won a drawing for a ride with Bishop Kulick, a 1984 graduate, in his classic 1966 Pontiac Le Mans.

PHOTOS SUBMITTED

## Christ the Divine Teacher School honors longtime volunteer

**LATROBE** — Christ the Divine Teacher School held a prayer service Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis, in honor of longtime volunteer Bennett Francis Baldonieri, on his 98th birthday.

Baldonieri has strong ties to Holy Family Parish and the former Holy Family School (now CDT). His father was a janitor for the church and school from the 1940s through '60s. Baldonieri and his four sons often helped him shovel snow, ring bells and perform janitorial duties. Baldonieri was one of the original participants in the weekly adoration at the church and chapel, maintaining the Friday 6 p.m slot for 10 years. He has been the official CDT grass cutter for 10 years.

Third-grade students, along with middle school instrumentalists, led the prayer service, and all students recognized Baldonieri with homemade birthday cards. A sundial was dedicated in his honor.

Head of School J. Kevin Frye noted in his remarks, "Clocks must be wound, but the sun forever rises, it endures, can be counted upon, much as you have been for so very long."

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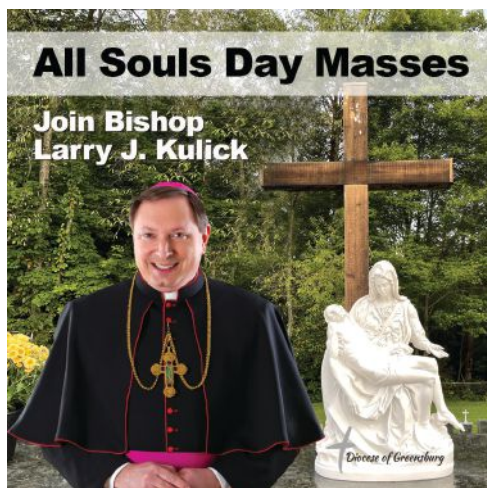
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Christ the Divine Teacher School students honor Bennett Baldonieri Oct. 4 at the school.



## All Souls Day Masses

Join Bishop  
Larry J. Kulick



## JOIN BISHOP LARRY J. KULICK AS HE CELEBRATES MASSES ON ALL SOULS DAY, NOV. 2.

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**NOON:** GUARDIAN ANGELS CHAPEL, KITTANNING

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# Churches asked to ring bells to bring us together

By Chris Rodell  
Contributing Writer

**SCOTSDALE** — Edwin Zylka dreams of a day when communities are no longer dominated by the sounds of discordant voices and hurtful insults, a day when one of our most resonant sounds harkens back to heirloom memories of sacred times.

Close your eyes and he'll take you there with him.

"It was back when I was a boy," he said. "It was the holiday season and the snows would be falling. You'd see the smoke curling from the chimneys and everywhere you'd hear this magnificent sound that stirred every soul."

Does that ring a bell?

Zylka hopes it rings belfries full of them.

The parishioner of St. John the Baptist Parish is on a mission to encourage churches to resume a tradition of coordinating the ringing of bells in the hopes the sound

will ignite in listeners an open-hearted passion for the Lord.

"Ringing all the church bells is a way of evangelizing without being confrontational," he said. "It's a way of letting people know the church is always there ready for them and for them to know it's OK for them to come at their own pace."

"It's not in your face, but it is in your ear."

Zylka is a 74-year-old retired teacher who spent nearly 40 years with the Connellsville School District teaching history, geography, civics and other topics.

He's so far earned enthusiastic reactions from his parish and other houses of worship connected with the Scottdale Area Association of Churches. While grand in ambition, his initial steps are humble, befitting a man who exudes humility before God.

"We're asking churches to ring the bells all together at 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving Eve, the Sunday after Christmas and on



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New Year's Day," he said.

The idea grew from an urge to remind people during pandemic quarantine that worship was still encouraged and serenity within reach.

The ringing of the bells gave parishioners a chance to remain connected and remember the importance of faith. It's a reminder this

retired teacher says could be beneficial year-round.

Zylka is encouraged by the enthusiasm the idea got when he presented it to mayors in Connellsville, Scottdale and Mount Pleasant.

He shares an apt parable when he talks about how far the idea might reach.

"There once as a man who

was told to climb to the church belfry and to then shake all the feathers out of a pillow," he said. "And when the feathers were spread far and wide, he was told to then go forth and collect every feather."

The task was impossible, because the feathers had spread far and wide.

"It's like that when people hear a bell ring," he said.

"Sometimes the most simple act can change a life. And reaching out to God personally, but especially as a church, will always yield great rewards."

Anyone interested in helping spread the message is welcome to chime in. Zylka can be reached at 724-887-4427.

"I truly believe in miracles," he said. "The miracle I hope would come from this is that people hear the bells and it reminds them to treat each other better. Smile. Say thank you. Think about what you can do to be a better person for the next person."



PHOTOS BY MARY SEAMANS THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

**PIETA STATUE BLESSED, REDEDICATED:** Bishop Larry J. Kulick blesses and rededicates the statue of the Pieta Sept. 15, on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, following a Mass at St. Francis Cemetery at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Coral. Many parishioners and those buried in the cemetery are of Slovak ancestry. Monica Rura, left, and Peg McHenry, members of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association shown with the Bishop, attended the Mass and blessing.





## BISHOP CELEBRATES CONFIRMATIONS ACROSS DIOCESE

Bishop Larry J. Kulick traveled across the Diocese of Greensburg in September and October to confirm young people. A sampling of photos (all submitted) is below. Congratulations to all confirmandi!



St. Lawrence Parish, Cadogan, and Christ Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City



Yough Catholic Community: St. Aloysius Parish, Dunbar, and Immaculate Conception, St. Rita and St. John the Evangelist Parishes, Connellsville



St. Patrick Parish, Brady's Bend



St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Western Fayette County



St. Therese, Little Flower of Jesus, St. Joseph, St. Mary (Nativity) and St. John the Evangelist Parishes, Uniontown



Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon





## New Kensington parishioners celebrate their patron saint

**NEW KENSINGTON** — Despite their church still being closed for repairs, St. Mary of Czestochowa parishioners made sure that this year, the New Kensington Catholic Community's annual celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa returned.

The feast day has been celebrated Aug. 26 every year since the parish's founding in 1893.

Last year, however, due to COVID-19 restrictions — and the church still being closed after being damaged by an April 2020 tornado — the feast day “came and went,” according to parishioner Lorraine Menk.

This year, a group of parishioners and friends met virtually to plan and make sure the celebration returned, beginning with a nine-day novena and culminating in a Mass at Mount St. Peter Church, New Kensington, celebrated by Father Kenneth G. Zaccagnini, Pastor of St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish.

Shortly after Father Zaccagnini arrived as Pastor of the parish in June 2021, several parishioners asked him about bringing back the Our Lady of Czestochowa celebration. He quickly answered “yes,” and parishioners planned the event, including a social afterward.

“Watching the excitement of the parishioners that organized our celebration, and seeing the excitement of joy and faith from the parishioners that attended the event — and there were many — I could not help but think, if this is how glorious they are expressing their joy over this beautiful celebration, how incredibly joyous are they going to be when we rebuild and reopen the beautiful church of St. Mary of Czestochowa?” he said.

“I can’t wait. I am getting excited just thinking about the excitement of the parishioners when that day happens. It will be a day full of memories, and I am most grateful that God is allowing me to be a part of it.”

The novena was recorded by Dennis Woytek, a retired Duquesne University journalism/multimedia professor, and parishioners, and garnered more than 600 views.

For the Aug. 26 Mass, the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa was front and center in the church.

“This was very special for the people of St. Mary Parish under the circumstances, and it brought the parishioners of St. Mary for the first time together, recognized as St. Mary’s, at Mass,” Menk said.

— *The Catholic Accent*



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Father Kenneth J. Zaccagnini, Pastor of St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish, celebrates Mass on the feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Parishioners enjoy a social afterwards.



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**DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN FEATURED ON EWTN:** Diocesan seminarian Craig Alexander will appear on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) program “The Journey Home” Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. Alexander, 60, converted to Catholicism later in life and is in the process of discerning a vocation, studying at a Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe. He served at Holy Family Parish, West Newton, St. Anne Parish, Rostraver, and St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, this summer before returning to his home in Elizabethtown. He is pictured with Father Tyler J. Bandura, Director of the Office of Priestly Vocations.

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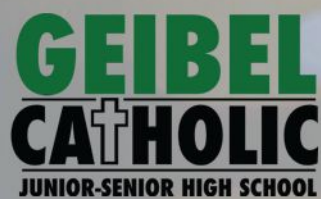
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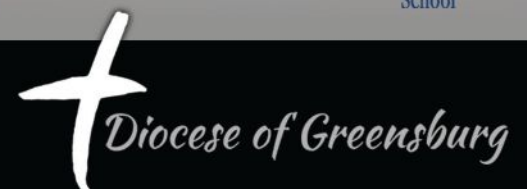
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## OBITUARIES

## Sister Joan Murray, SC

**GREENSBURG** — Sister of Charity Joan Murray, 65, died Aug. 1, 2021, at Allegheny Health Network Hempfield Neighborhood Hospital. She entered the congregation from St. Anselm Parish, Pittsburgh, June 10, 1978.



Sister Joan was a clinical social worker, beginning her active ministry in 1980 as a case worker/group facilitator for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg. In 1986 she served in the Pittsburgh area for the remainder of her career.

A funeral Mass was held Aug. 5.

## Sister Tracy Vattakuzhiyil, SMI

**LEECHBURG** — Sister of Mary Immaculate Tracy Vattakuzhiyil, 65, died Aug. 5, 2021, in Tanzania, East



Africa. She entered the congregation of Sisters of Mary Immaculate Jan. 8, 1973, in Krishnagar, India.

Sister Tracy served in the Diocese of Greensburg as a nurse at Neumann

House, St. Anne Home and the Sisters of Charity's Assumption Hall, all in Greensburg, and the Bishop Morrow Personal Care Home, Leechburg, from 1986-2002. She also served as the local Superior of the community.

## Sister Silveria Mannion, CSJ

**BADEN** — Sister of St. Joseph Silveria Mannion, 93, died Sept. 12, 2021, in her 76th year of religious life. She



entered the congregation from St. Veronica Parish, Ambridge.

Sister Silveria ministered in education for 50 years in the dioceses of Pittsburgh, Greensburg and

Altoona-Johnstown, including St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Uniontown and St. Bernard Catholic School in Indiana.

A funeral Mass was held Sept. 15, followed by burial in the sisters' cemetery.

## Sister Marie Clare Farabaugh, SC

**GREENSBURG** — Sister of Charity Marie Clare Farabaugh, 97, died Sept. 15, 2021, at Caritas Christi, the sisters' motherhouse. She entered the congregation from St. Leo Parish, Altoona, Sept. 8, 1941.



Sister Marie Clare taught students in the Greensburg, Pittsburgh and

Altoona-Johnstown dioceses. She also served 22 years as the director of therapeutic and recreational activities at Kane Regional Hospital and Glen Hazel Regional Center, Pittsburgh.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 20.

## Sister Caritas Marshall, CSJ

**BADEN** — Sister of St. Joseph Caritas Marshall, 79, died Sept. 22, 2021, in her 63rd year of religious life. She entered



the congregation from Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, Johnstown.

During her 27-year education ministry, Sister Caritas served as religious education coordinator for the Diocese

of Greensburg (1980-81) and as principal of the former St. Mary School, Kittanning (1982-87).

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 27, followed by burial in the sisters' cemetery.

## Sister Ruth Colaianne, CSJ

**BADEN** — Sister Ruth (Vincent) Colaianne, 96, died Sept. 24, 2021, in her 78th year of religious life.



She entered the congregation from Holy Rosary Parish, Pittsburgh.

She served in education for more than 30 years in the dioceses of Greensburg, Pittsburgh, Altoona-Johnstown, Atlanta,

Ga., and St. Petersburg, Fla. She taught at Greensburg Central Catholic High School from 1971-76. She later served in diocesan leadership positions in Pittsburgh and Wheeling-Charleston.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 30, followed by burial in the sisters' cemetery.

## In memoriam

- Pauline Pardy, 94, Sept. 15, 2021; sister of Father Michael J. Sciberras, a retired priest of the Diocese of Greensburg.

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADDITION SUPPORT

**Irwin** — Sage's Army offers the following groups/meetings at its Greensburg Recovery Center unless otherwise noted:

- Family reinforcement/recovery, Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m. (ongoing group meetings dealing with immediate addiction crisis)
- GRASP grief group, second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, 6:30-8 p.m., Irwin headquarters (understanding/compassion for someone who has died as a result of addiction)
- Recovery Life Group, Mondays, 5:30 p.m. (the Word of God truths)
- Gamblers Anonymous, Mondays, 7:30 p.m. (fellowship sharing hope to recover from addiction)
- Dual Recovery Anonymous, Mondays, 2 p.m. (dual illness, emotional and chemical dependency)
- All Recovery, every weekday, noon (recovery for mental, physical and all disorders)
- SMART Recovery, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. (abstinence toward long-term quality of life)
- SMART Teen & Young Adult, Fridays, 3:30 p.m. (self-help group discussions)
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Friday Night Gratitude, Fridays, 7:30 p.m. (celebration of sobriety)
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Saturday Night Sober, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. (embracing sobriety)

- Alcoholics Anonymous, Sunday Serenity, Sundays, 10:30 a.m. (fellowship of spirit)
- Narcotics Anonymous, Sundays, 7 p.m. (fellowship for all to overcome gambling addiction)
- Narcotics Anonymous, Spiritually Lit, Sundays, 10 a.m., Irwin headquarters (focusing on spiritual principles) Information: sagesarmy.com or 724-863-5433.

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVENTS

**Everson** — St. Joseph Parish will hold a Christmas flea market Nov. 11-12 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Polish food and hardtack candy will also be for sale.

**Greensburg** — St. Paul Parish will hold a "Christmas Re-sale Event" Nov. 10-12 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Nov. 13 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. A basket raffle and bake sale are also planned (while supplies last).

**Kittanning** — A Holly Berry Fair will be held Dec. 3 and 4 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. The fair will feature a theme basket raffle, greens and other Christmas items for sale, takeout vegetable beef soup and bread, raffles and surprise packages for children. Saturday will feature visits with Santa from 10 a.m.-noon, bingo from noon-2 p.m. and preordered stuffed chicken breast takeout dinners from 3-6 p.m.

**South Greensburg** — Alabaster Performing Arts will present "Gabriel's Christmas Show," described as a "dynamic fusion of live performance, film, dance, singing and acting," Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. in St. Bruno Parish Hall. The show will feature St. Bruno parishioners along with professional performers. Admission is \$12 (free for 12 and younger).

**Uniontown** — Mount St. Macrina House of Prayer is hosting a virtual Advent Bible Study, "An Introductory Study of the Prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah," Thursdays, Nov. 11 and 18 and Dec. 2 and 9, at 10 a.m. (offering \$25; registration due Nov. 8), and a Christmas Afternoon of Reflection Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. (offering \$20; registration due Dec. 7). Registration: 724-438-7149 or hpmsm@verizon.net.

## ART EXHIBITS

**Latrobe** — The eighth Catholic Arts Biennial will be on display through Oct. 29 in the Verostko Center for the Arts at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe. Appointments and masks are required to view the exhibition. Information: verostkocenter@stvincent.edu.

**Greensburg** — The Seton Hill University Art Center is hosting two exhibits through Oct. 29. "Public Relations," featuring works from Ian

De Beer, Conor Clarke and Craig Sheperd, is in the Harlan Gallery, and Jameelah Platt's "Resilient Life: Documents of Love and War" is in the Jodee Harris Gallery.

## BAKE SALES

**Leechburg** — Christ the King Parish is taking orders for its Thanksgiving/Christmas bake sale. Nut, poppyseed, and apricot rolls, \$12.50 each, must be ordered by Nov. 1 and can be picked up Nov. 10 or 11 from 1-5:30 p.m. Crescent rolls, \$6.50/dozen, must be ordered by Nov. 8 and can be picked up Nov. 16 from 1-5 p.m. Orders: 724-309-1976 or 412-549-1583.

**United** — St. Florian Parish will hold a kolache sale (advance orders only) in November. Nut, apricot, poppyseed and prune (14-15 inches) are available. Cost is \$13. Orders are due Nov. 1, and pickup is Nov. 13 from 4-6:30 p.m. and Nov. 14 from 10 a.m.-noon. Orders: 724-423-5233, 724-423-2455 or 724-420-1648.

## BIBLE STUDY

**Dunbar** — St. Aloysius Parish is hosting a Journeys Online Spiritual Ministry virtual Bible study Fridays through Dec. 17 from 9:30-10:45 a.m. For information or to register, contact Molli Vassar at molli.vassar@gmail.com.

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BINGO

**Whitney —** St. Cecelia Parish holds bingo the first Sunday of each month (with the exception of January, which is Jan. 9). The next dates are Nov. 7 and Dec. 5. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., and bingo starts at 2. Refreshments are available. Information: 724-423-3777.

**Yukon —** The Christian Mothers & Ladies of Seven Dolores Parish will host a poultry bingo and pie social Nov. 21 in the parish hall. Doors open at noon with bingo beginning at 1 p.m. Admission is \$7 and includes one board, pie and coffee (extra boards \$1). Highlights include a basket raffle and 50/50. Additional food will be available for purchase.

## BOOK SIGNING

**Farmington —** St. Joan of Arc Parish will host a book signing by Christian author and parishioner Mariliz Ischi Nov. 6 after the 5 p.m. Mass and Nov. 7 after the 8 and 11 a.m. Masses. Her books, "Carol's Christmas Request" and "Luke Faces the Truth," will be for sale. Information: 724-329-4522.

## BREAKFAST

**New Alexandria —** The Holy Name and Rosary Altar societies at St. James Parish will hold a fall breakfast Oct. 24 from 8 a.m.-noon. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for ages 6-12 and free for those under 6. There will also be a basket raffle.

## BURGER BASH

**Irwin —** Immaculate Conception Parish will hold a drive-thru Burger Bash Nov. 13 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

## CARD PARTIES

**Freeport —** St. Mary, Mother of God Parish will hold its fall board games/card party Oct. 25 from 6:30-10 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The party will feature salads, refreshments, prizes and raffles. Cost is \$10 per person. Information/reservations: 724-316-1204 or 724-295-2281.

**Indiana —** The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Bernard 339, will hold a card party and salad bar luncheon Oct. 20 at noon in the St. Bernard Parish hall. The day will also include raffles and table and door prizes. Tickets are \$9 at the door.

**North Huntingdon —** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Christian Mothers will hold their annual card party and salad bar Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. in Mack Hall. Those attending should take games and/or plan to play silent bingo. Door prizes, a share the wealth raffle and Chinese auction are also planned. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased by Oct. 25. Information: Mary Ann Stack, 412-751-6053.

## CARPATHO-RUSYN CELEBRATION

**Uniontown —** St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church will host its 39th annual Carpatho-Rusyn celebration Oct. 31 from noon-4 p.m. (or until sold out) in the social hall and parking lot (Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.).

Takeout food options will include pierogies, holubki, halushki, kolbasi and baked goods. Raffle items will be available. Information: 724-438-6027, stjohnthebaptistuniontown@gmail.com or www.stjohnbaptist-byzath-uniontown.org/.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**Greensburg —** Catholic Charities offers face-to-face, in-person counseling services. Clients must adhere to CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health guidance. Those who are not vaccinated are asked to wear masks. Clients who are sick are asked to avoid coming to the office. Virtual counseling is available for those who prefer that option. Appointments: counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-837-1840.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**Greensburg —** Virtual open houses and private tours are available at each of the 12 schools of the Diocese of Greensburg. More than \$4 million is available in tuition assistance. Registration: CatholicSchoolsGuide.org.

**Natrona Heights —** Saint Joseph High School will host an open house Oct. 23 from 10 a.m.-noon. Student ambassadors will give private tours, and faculty, coaches, staff members and parents will be on hand. To register, visit saintjosephhs.com.

## CRAFT SHOW/SOUP SALE

**New Alexandria —** St. James Parish will host a craft show and soup sale (preorders only) Nov. 6 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wedding and chicken noodle soup can be ordered for \$10/quart; deadline to order is Nov. 3. Additional food will be available. Information: www.stjamesnewalexandria.org or 724-668-2829.

## DINNERS

**Jeannette —** Sacred Heart Parish, will hold a takeout non-Lenten fish fry Oct. 25 from 4-7 p.m. Orders will be taken starting at 2 p.m. for pickup after 4 p.m. Orders: 724-527-9940.

**Jeannette —** Ascension Parish will hold a spaghetti dinner Oct. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Mersinger Hall. The dinner is takeout only. Orders can be placed the day of the event by calling 724-522-5558. The event will include 50/50 and basket raffles.

**Kent —** Church of the Good Shepherd Parish will hold a drive-thru, takeout-only turkey dinner Nov. 7 from noon-2:30 p.m. or until sold out. Cost is \$13 for a full-size dinner, \$7 for half-size. Frozen pierogies will also be available for purchase (\$13 for two dozen).

**Mount Pleasant —** Verna Montessori School will hold an Italian dinner Nov. 7 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Pius X Parish hall. Cost is \$12 (\$6 for 8 and under). The dinner will also feature a 50/50 and basket raffle. Takeout will be available.

**Scottdale —** The partner parishes of St. John the Baptist, Scottdale, and St. Joseph, Everson, will host a free Thanksgiving meal Nov. 25 at St. John the Baptist Church. Seatings will be at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., with takeout also available. Meals, including takeout, must be reserved (400 available) by calling 724-887-7013.

**Scottdale —** St. John the Baptist Parish will host its quarterly dinner Dec. 12 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The dinner, available for dine-in and takeout, will feature roast beef; cost is \$12. Orders: 724-887-7013.

## ESSAY CONTEST

**Connellsville —** AlternativesYes pregnancy support center's 2022 essay contest is open to students in grades 6-8 in Westmoreland and Fayette counties. Theme is "Empowering Women to Choose Life." Essays must be 300-500 words, typed double-space, with name, grade, phone number, address and school on the back or on a separate page. Submissions will be judged on originality, creativity, grammar and neatness. Cash prizes are offered for first, second and third place and honorable mention. Submissions can be emailed to pregnancysupport@zoominternet.net, or mailed to or dropped off at AlternativesYes, 6 Frank Gallo Lane, Connellsville, PA 15425. Deadline for submissions is Jan. 22, 2022.

## EUCCHARISTIC DAY

**New Alexandria —** St. James Parish will hold a Eucharistic Day, all-day adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction and evening prayer, at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 1 (All Saints). All are welcome.

## FALL/CHRISTMAS SALE

**Greensburg —** St. Emma Monastery will hold a fall and Christmas sale Oct. 21 from 3-6 p.m. (early-bird sale; \$5 admission) and Oct. 22-23 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (50% off most items Saturday). The sale will feature seasonal items, home décor, books, furniture, small appliances, dishware, toys, jewelry and more, plus baskets, mystery boxes and bags, and baked goods and frozen food for sale. Hot food will be available Friday and Saturday. Information: 724-834-3030 or www.stemma.org.

## LGBTQ MINISTRY

**Latrobe —** St. Vincent Basilica Parish hosts meetings for Always God's Children, a ministry for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning people and their families, virtually and in person the second Thursday of every month from 7-8:30 p.m. Information: Kristina Davies, Kristina.davies@stvincent.edu or 724-539-8629, ext. 19.



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## MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

**Crabtree** — The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat — A Ministry to Catholic Women will hold a breakfast Oct. 30 from 9 a.m.-noon at Rizzo's Malabar Inn banquet hall. Kathleen Stiffey will speak on keeping her faith through great loss. Cost is \$23. Deadline to register is Oct. 25. Registration: Brenda Concannon, 724-836-2094, or [www.magnificatgreensburg.com](http://www.magnificatgreensburg.com).

## MEDICARE INFORMATION SESSION

**Freeport** — A health benefits professional will lead an information session on Medicare Oct. 25 at 1 p.m. at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish.

## OPEN HOUSE

**New Kensington** — Mount St. Peter Parish's Community Clothes Closet will celebrate its 10th anniversary with an open house Dec. 11 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The closet, located in the St. Joseph Parish school building, provides new and gently used clothing to people in need. The open house will include free dinners for customers.

## RAFFLE TICKET

**East Vandergrift** — Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish is sponsoring a St. Nicholas Day (Dec. 6) lottery ticket. Tickets are \$10 and have two numbers. Prizes are \$1,300, \$1,000 and \$100 gift certificates to Pounds Turkey Farm. Tickets are available in the church after Sunday Mass, at the parish office and by calling 724-859-3186.

## RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

**Latrobe** — The Oblates of St. Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet Nov. 21 (topic: "The Eucharist in Benedictine Spirituality"), Dec. 19 (topic: "Holiness of Life in Benedictine Spirituality") and Jan. 16 (topic TBD) from 3-4:15 p.m. in Brownfield 202 at Saint Vincent Seminary. Reservations: Benedictine Father Donald Raila, 724-805-2291. Attendees may also attend vespers at 5 p.m. Supper at 5:35 p.m. and additional sessions at 6:30 p.m. in Brownfield 202 are also available (call to register).

**Latrobe** — The Secular Discalced Carmelites of Latrobe (Community of Jesus, Mary and Joseph) are lay men and women and diocesan priests who live out a vocation of prayer and apostolic activity in the spirit of St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Practicing Catholics age 18-65 who want more information can email [ocdlatrobepa@gmail.com](mailto:ocdlatrobepa@gmail.com).

## ROSARY

**Whitney** — St. Cecilia Parish invites all to pray the rosary on behalf of the nation Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

## RUMMAGE SALE

**East Vandergrift** — A rummage sale will be held at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church Nov. 6 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Nov. 7 from noon-1 p.m. New items will be available.

## SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

**Greensburg** — The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill offer speakers to parishes and organizations. Information: Sister of Charity Colette Hanlon, 724-836-0406, ext. 6616, or [chanlon@scsh.org](mailto:chanlon@scsh.org).

## VENDOR/CRAFT SHOWS

**Apollo** — A vendor fair will be held in the St. James the Greater Parish center Nov. 13 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. All vendors are needed. Cost is \$15 per table (\$20 with electric). Information: 724-882-8776.

**Rostraver** — The Christian Mothers of St. Anne Parish will hold a vendor/craft show Dec. 4 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Holy Name Society will sell frozen homemade raviolis. Food will be available. Information: Mary Kovscek, [mkovscek@comcast.net](mailto:mkovscek@comcast.net).

## WALKING TOUR

**Greensburg** — Greensburg-Catholic Schoolhouse and St. Emma Monastery, Greensburg, will sponsor a "lantern-lit" walking tour on the monastery grounds Oct. 29 from 4-8 p.m. (rain date Oct. 30). The tour will honor the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. Guests can bring flashlights for additional lighting. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and free for children 12 and under. Proceeds benefit the monastery. For information, contact Donna Sunseri at [GbgAdoresHim@gmail.com](mailto:GbgAdoresHim@gmail.com) or 724-961-0224.

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**Oct. 21:** St. Peter Parish Center, Brownsville, noon-5:30 p.m.  
**Oct. 23:** Pleasant Valley Masonic Lodge, Bullskin, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**Indiana County**  
**Oct. 25:** Trinity United Methodist Church, Indiana, 1-6:30 p.m.


**Oct. 27:** United High School, Armagh, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
**Oct. 28:** Hampton Inn & Suites, Blairsville, 1-6 p.m.  
**Oct. 28:** Indiana Mall, 1-6:30 p.m.

### Westmoreland County

**Oct. 21:** Hempfield Township Athletic Complex, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
**Oct. 22:** Heritage United Methodist Church, Ligonier, 2-7 p.m.  
**Oct. 25:** East Kensington Community Circle, New Kensington, noon-5:30 p.m.  
**Oct. 27:** Greensburg Blood Donation Center, noon-6 p.m.  
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