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Father Anthony A. Onoko holds a statue of Christ the Good Shepherd, a gift from Bishop Larry J. Kulick, during his installation Mass July 1 at St. Raymond of the Mountains Parish, Donegal. Bishop Kulick celebrated the Mass.

## Bishop installs new pastors around Diocese

By Paul Paterra  
Editor

**GREENSBURG** — Bishop Larry J. Kulick is celebrating Masses at many Diocesan parishes this summer to install new pastors.

There are 13 installation Masses scheduled through Aug. 31.

"I wanted to install each of the pastors to show my gratitude for their generous service and their willingness to take on this responsibility," Bishop Kulick said. "I also wanted to take an opportunity to thank the parish communities for receiving their new pastors, assuring them of my support and the support of the Diocese. This is a really concrete way to show that, because the Bishop sends a pastor to lead the local community, the pastor is his

personal representative in the parish."

Bishop Kulick presented Father Onoko with a statue of Christ the Good Shepherd, which he plans to present to all of the new pastors.

"Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, talks a lot about the pastoral role of the priest and is always reminding the priests that they are to imitate Christ the Good Shepherd," he said. "I hope this small token will remind you every day to imitate Christ the Good Shepherd as the shepherd of this parish."

The first of this year's installation Masses took place July 1 as Father Anthony A. Onoko was installed as the new Pastor of St. Raymond of the Mountains Parish in Donegal.

Father Onoko had been Parochial Vicar at the parish, as well as St. Pius X and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

parishes in Mount Pleasant, since March 16, 2020. He also will serve as Chaplain at Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School, while remaining Chaplain at Excelsa Health Frick Hospital and Harmon House in Mount Pleasant.

There was a capacity crowd on hand for the Mass at St. Raymond of the Mountains Parish, which delighted Father Onoko.

"You can be anywhere you want, and you chose to be here to celebrate with us, and I appreciate that greatly," he said. "May the seeds being sown this day grow, flourish and sprout to the glory of God and the joy of His holy people."

During his homily, he told parishioners to have faith for whatever it is that they need, for God will provide for them.

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Men and women religious who have served in the Diocese of Greensburg, or with ties to the Diocese, are honored as they celebrate milestone anniversaries.

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“It is a blessing to be  
able to reunite with  
our faithful, to rejoice  
in the message of the  
Gospel and share in  
God’s grace through  
the Eucharist together.”

**Bishop Larry J. Kulick**

## Mass obligation returning Aug. 15

The following statement was issued  
in unison with Bishops across the  
Pennsylvania province:

We have all known and felt the  
impact of COVID-19 in so many ways  
as individuals and families, among  
friends and at work. It has been a time  
of hardship and struggle, of separation  
and isolation. It has also had an impact  
on our lives of faith. Jesus Christ, our  
Lord and Savior, has been with us  
throughout this very difficult period  
and is most especially near to us when  
we encounter him in the Eucharist.  
The Eucharist offers us his healing and  
peace, his mercy and reconciliation.  
It is time for everyone to return to the  
Eucharist with renewed faith and joy.

As life returns to normalcy in so  
many ways, each Catholic Bishop  
in Pennsylvania will reinstate the  
obligation to attend Mass in person on  
Sundays and Holy Days beginning on  
Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021, the Solemnity of  
the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary. The Bishops had dispensed you  
from this obligation in March of 2020 as  
the developing coronavirus pandemic  
required people not to assemble in

group settings. Now, with the impact of  
the pandemic considerably reduced,  
it is again possible for the faithful to  
assemble for the Eucharist and the  
time for us to lift the dispensation from  
the obligation.

The obligation to attend Mass  
on Sundays and Holy Days comes  
from our Baptism as Christians.  
Baptism compels Christians to unite  
themselves with Christ at the altar  
in his saving Sacrifice of the Cross.  
“Participation in the communal  
celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is  
a testimony of belonging and of being  
faithful to Christ and to his Church  
(*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no.  
2182). This is the foundation for the  
law of the Church that binds Catholics  
to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy  
Days (*Code of Canon Law*, canon  
1247) and the Christian way fully to  
observe the Third Commandment,  
to keep holy the Lord’s Day  
(Deuteronomy 5:12; Exodus 31:15;  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos.  
2180-2181).

This obligation, as is always the  
case, does not apply to those who

are seriously ill, have a serious health  
risk, as well as those who have  
serious anxiety of being a part of  
large groups at this time. Likewise,  
the obligation does not apply to  
those who care for those who cannot  
attend Mass in person (*Catechism  
of the Catholic Church*, no. 2181).  
Those who are legitimately excused  
from Mass on Sundays and Holy  
Days are encouraged to spend time  
in prayer, meditating on the Death  
and Resurrection of the Lord, reading  
the Sacred Scriptures, and uniting  
themselves to Christ in his worship  
of the Father of us all. Those who  
are legitimately excused are also  
encouraged to view a broadcast of the  
Mass which is intended for those who  
cannot participate in person.

As your Bishops, we welcome  
this moment of the reinstatement  
of the obligation for all Catholics in  
Pennsylvania. This is a moment to  
thank God anew for the great gift of the  
Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus  
to us in his Holy Body and Blood as  
well as the joy of gathering together as  
people of faith.

## ‘Christ Is the Truth,’ new approach to spiritual formation

### By Jennifer Miele

Chief Communications Officer

**GREENSBURG** — In an effort to combat  
the multi-generational drift away  
from knowing, living and proclaiming  
the faith, Bishop Larry J. Kulick has  
announced a strategic initiative called  
“Christ Is the Truth.”

This plan will develop enhanced  
holistic formation programs in  
Armstrong, Fayette, Indiana and  
Westmoreland counties for every child  
and every adult who wants to learn  
and live the Catholic faith.

To begin this endeavor, he appointed  
Dr. Maureen Marsteller as Managing  
Director of the Office of Faith, Family  
and Discipleship, in addition to her  
current role as Superintendent of  
Catholic Schools. Marsteller is tasked  
with undertaking a year of study and

consultation, after which she will  
work alongside the Bishop and all  
stakeholders to transform religious  
education and spiritual formation  
programs in our schools, parishes and  
other Diocesan ministries.

“I am proud of the great work our  
Catholic schools accomplish in the  
name of evangelization and formation.  
But they serve a limited number  
of Catholic youth in our Diocese,”  
Bishop Kulick said. “I envision greater  
collaboration, as well as integration,  
between our schools and our parishes  
with regard to religious formation,  
sacramental preparation and ongoing  
adult education.”

“During our year of study, we will  
determine what that collaboration and  
integration will look like and how it will  
be implemented,” Marsteller said. “We  
hope to develop a system of Catholic

faith formation that is woven into the  
fabric of parish life so that Catholics  
are supported in their life journey from  
baptism throughout adulthood. They  
will be knowledgeable in the faith  
and will be able to share their joy and  
discovery of the truths of the Catholic  
faith with others.”

The “Christ Is the Truth” initiative  
stems from Bishop Kulick’s own motto,  
which implies that to know the truth,  
we need to know Christ. Christus Est  
Veritas, the Latin translation of Christ  
Is the Truth, appears on the Bishop’s  
coat of arms.

“In a world sometimes lost in  
confusion, people are searching for  
the truth,” he said. “As people of faith,  
we believe Christ came to reveal,  
teach and live the truth. As disciples of  
Christ, we are called to embrace this  
reality.”

# Traveling Vatican exhibit shines light on eucharistic miracles

**By Jerry Zufelt**  
Contributing Writer

**UNIONTOWN** — Jesus' real presence — body, blood, soul and divinity — in the sacrament of the Eucharist is a core belief of the Catholic faith.

The real presence and the many miracles associated with it are at the heart of the "Vatican International Exhibition — Eucharistic Miracles of the World," which was held in June at St. Joseph Parish Hall, Uniontown, and will be held at St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont, in early August.

The exhibition features information about the 153 Vatican-approved eucharistic miracles throughout the world. The full-color panels include photographs, art and descriptions of the different miracles, which date back to the third century in Egypt. The most recent eucharistic miracle occurred in Tixtla, Mexico, in 2006.

The exhibit is a chance for parishioners to see what Catholics believe, said Father Anthony J. Klimko, Pastor of the four parishes in Uniontown: St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, St. Mary (Nativity) and St. Therese, Little Flower of Jesus.

"I want people to really know what's happening (at the prayer of consecration). That prayer is not just words,"

he said, explaining why he had the exhibit brought to Uniontown.

Catholics' belief that Jesus' body and blood is present in the Eucharist has been declining for many years.

A Pew Research Center survey of Catholics and the real presence released in August 2019 showed that 69% of all self-described Catholics (a group that includes those who do not attend Mass regularly) believe that the bread and wine are just symbols of Christ's presence.

The number of people who believe in the real presence rises dramatically among Catholics who attend Mass at least once a week: According to the Pew study, 63% of the most observant Catholics believe in transubstantiation — that the bread and wine become the real body and blood of Christ during the Mass.

Even that leaves more than one-third of observant Catholics (37%) who believe that the Communion bread and wine are just symbols of Christ's presence, not his body and blood.

Theresa Mazur, director of faith formation at the Uniontown parishes, said she hopes the exhibit, which was held at St. Joseph Parish June 9-20, helped put "a fire in the hearts" of parishioners and helps motivate them to return to Mass and the reception of



JERRY ZUFELT FOR THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

Heather, Addison and Matthew Mazur view the eucharistic miracles exhibit at St. Joseph Parish.

the sacrament of the Eucharist after the long absence during the COVID pandemic.

The exhibition is the result of the deep faith and reverence of the Eucharist by Blessed Carlo Acutis, who died of leukemia at the age of 15 in 2006 in Milan, Italy. In 2002, he decided to use his computer skills to prepare an exhibit about miracles related to the Eucharist. The exhibit, which took 2½ years to prepare, has been seen on five continents. In the United States alone, it has been hosted by thousands of parishes and more than 100

universities, according to the exhibition's website.

Acutis was beatified Oct. 10, 2020.

The Mazur family — Matthew (Theresa's brother), Heather and their 10-year-old daughter, Addison — attended the exhibition after Mass June 20.

"Jesus is reaching out to people through the Eucharist," Matthew said, but feels that something is missing in reverence for the Eucharist.

Heather, who is Presbyterian, was particularly interested in Acutis' story.

"I was impressed by his youth and interested in his faith and how he wanted to share it," said Heather.

Addison was also impressed by Acutis and what someone of his age could accomplish.

"He was pretty amazing," she said.

The exhibition will be held at St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont, July 31-Aug. 8. Times and other information will be announced later.

For exhibit information, visit [www.miracolieucaaristici.org](http://www.miracolieucaaristici.org).

## The WELL Men's Conference returns to Diocese in September

**By Paul Paterra**  
Editor

**GREENSBURG** — For men of faith, the extraordinary past year brought unique challenges in how they connect with God and each other. They could no longer celebrate Mass in person, be with clergy or gather together.

Some faced personal hardships in health, finances or other pandemic-related stress.

This September, the Diocese of Greensburg invites men from throughout the state to reconnect with each other, reinvigorate their faith and learn from Catholic leaders during The WELL, the Diocese of Greensburg's Men's Conference.

"The retreat seeks to gather all men, in person, from throughout the state regardless of where they are at their faith journey," said Jarod Trunzo, a member of the Diocesan Men's Ministry Team, which is planning the conference. "Those in attendance will experience a unique, one-of-a-kind, highly relevant and dynamic atmosphere where they will be renewed in their faith by encountering Christ through fellowship, reflection, scripture, prayer and the Holy Eucharist."

The event will include speakers,



opportunities for guided reflections after presentations, authentic fellowship, faith sharing and intentional prayer in breakout sessions. Brief, impactful witness testimonies will also be offered, and priests will also be on hand to hear confessions following Mass until the end of the day.

The Men's Ministry Team looks forward to being together again with men of common interests, becoming closer to God and encountering the Lord's spirit in worship.

"The men's ministry team is very excited to be able to gather men of the diocese with the bishop and our speakers once again," said Chuck Boyer, Co-Chairman of The WELL. "We believe the lineup and the conversations during the day will be fruitful and lead them back to leadership in their parishes."

### The WELL Men's Conference

#### "Encounter Christ!"

**An in-person day of prayer, penance, music and Mass celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick**

Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (registration 7:30-8:30 a.m.; Mass 9:15 a.m.), Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Cost is \$50.

Featured speakers:

- Dominican Father Cajetan Cuddy, "Putting on the Mind of Christ, the Virtue of Prudence" — positive motivation
- Dominican Father Austin Litke, "Teach us, Lord, to Pray" — guided, practical prayer
- Mike Aquilina of Bridgeville, award-winning author of more than 50 books on Catholic history — "St. Joseph and His Angels" — lessons on marriage, parenting and work and to recognize when we are assisted by angels, as Joseph was
- Father Boniface Hicks, OSB, director of spiritual formation at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe — Hosting holy hour, adoration and homily
- Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle, Vicar General, Diocese of Greensburg — master of ceremonies

Registration: Men who registered for the 2020 conference and wish to attend this conference do not need to take any action. Registration is limited, but openings are available. For more details, visit [DioceseofGreensburg.org/thewell](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/thewell).

# St. Sylvester Parish marks 100 years of faith in Slickville

By Paul Paterra  
Editor

**SLICKVILLE** — Thanks to the faith, prayers and perseverance of parishioners and pastors, St. Sylvester Parish celebrated its 100th anniversary June 20.

"They found peace. They found safety. They found security, because their faith was strong and their belief was resilient," said Bishop Larry J. Kulick, who celebrated the anniversary Mass. "They persevered through their journey because their faith was real."

Current Pastor Father John J. Harrold set the stage for the parish's next 100 years.

"We will continue to live the faith in Slickville as we start into the second century," Father Harrold said.

Former pastors Father Richard J. Kosisko, Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle, Father Anthony J. Carbone, Father James M. Goldberg and Father Salvatore R. Lamendola attended the Mass.

The day's Gospel (Mk 4:35-41) described a storm in the Sea of Galilee and the chaos that faced Jesus and his disciples. Jesus calmed the storm, asking his disciples to have faith and not be afraid.

During his homily, Bishop Kulick said those involved in the development of St. Sylvester parish 100 years ago faced different types of storms,

such as the challenges for immigrants establishing new lives in a foreign land.

"They navigated through these difficult waters with responsibilities that we could hardly imagine," he said. "What allowed them to cross over the sea of chaos in their life and face one challenge after another — their faith."

The original church was dedicated June 21, 1921. An addition was built in 1932. The groundbreaking for the "new" church was Dec. 31, 1961; it was dedicated Aug. 11, 1963.

Benedictines served the parish from 1920-61. Father Edwin H. Hirt was the first resident pastor from 1961-67. He was succeeded by 14 pastors and two deacons.

Bishop Kulick expressed gratitude to every member of the St. Sylvester Parish family, past and present.

"Thank you and all of those who have gone before you for the wonderful work you have done over this last century in not only proclaiming the Gospel message, but indeed being a viable and living witness to Christ and to the message of his church in this community and beyond," he said. "Not only your own personal fidelity, but your charity, your community outreach and the wonderful example you have given with your daily lives have been a tremendous sign of the Kingdom of God."



PHOTOS BY PAUL PATERRA THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

Top: Bishop Larry J. Kulick and Father John J. Harrold, pastor, ring the bell from the original St. Sylvester Parish as Ken Nath, a member of the Knights of Columbus, looks on. Above, gathering after the 100th anniversary Mass are, from left: Father Anthony J. Carbone, Knights of Columbus member Mike Mary, Father Salvatore R. Lamendola, Knights of Columbus member Butch Kane, Father Richard J. Kosisko, Deacon Craig A. Gilbert, Bishop Kulick, Deacon F. Daniel Frescura, Nath, Father Harrold and Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle. Members of the Knights of Columbus served as altar servers for the Mass.

# Sacred Heart Parish reopens for worship after nearly year's closure

By Paul Paterra  
Editor

**JEANNETTE** — Deacon William M. Newhouse told parishioners at Sacred Heart Parish during Mass June 27 that a goal he had set for that day had been reached: getting the church ready for its first Mass since August 2020.

Having the Mass celebrated before a large crowd made the morning even more special.

"I was very pleased," said Deacon Newhouse, Administrator. "It wasn't easy. It was a lot of work. I was crossing my fingers and praying and hoping everything would turn out fine. Things came together. The parishioners stepped forward last week, and (Saturday) we took care of the finishing touches."

On June 19, volunteers helped with the interior cleanup of the church, an important step in having the building ready for its first Mass.

Water damage has plagued the church since 2012. Attempts have been made over the last eight years to repair interior, exterior and underground drains. As more damage was



PHOTOS BY PAUL PATERRA THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

A large crowd attends the first Mass at the reopened Sacred Heart Parish June 27. Above are Deacon William Newhouse, left, Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, and Benedictine Father Job Foote, Parochial Vicar.

uncovered, the decision was made to close the church in August 2020.

In May, the church was deemed safe to reopen for worship.

Deacon Newhouse offered his gratitude to many people for helping get the church ready for Sunday's Mass, including Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Vicar General Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle and Benedictine Archabbot Martin Bartel of Saint Vincent Archabbey.

"Their vision made this day possible," he said.



Deacon Newhouse is the first deacon in the Diocese to be appointed as a parish administrator, a role he also is serving for Ascension Parish in Jeannette.

The Mass was celebrated by Benedictine Father Job Foote, who was appointed to provide for liturgical and other sacramental needs at both parishes.

"I was COVID unemployed for about a year and a half, so it's exciting to be back in the pulpit again," he said before

Mass. "The monks at Saint Vincent are excited that the Benedictines are back in Jeannette. When you have one Benedictine here, you have all of the Benedictines here."

Those attending Mass greeted each other warmly, since many had not seen each other as churches closed or adhered to safety protocols during the pandemic.

Masses are celebrated at Sacred Heart Parish at 8 a.m. Monday and Friday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

# Meet new pastors, parochial vicars, administrator



**Msgr. Michael J. Begolly**  
Pastor, Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville



**Father Anthony A. Onoko**  
Pastor, St. Raymond of the Mountains Parish, Donegal



**Benedictine Father Richard J. Ulam**  
Pastor, Saint Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe



**Father Kenneth G. Zaccagnini**  
Pastor, Mount St. Peter Parish and St. Joseph Parish, New Kensington



**Father William G. Berkey**  
Pastor, St. Rose Parish and St. John the Evangelist Parish, Latrobe



**Benedictine Father Job Foote**  
Parochial Vicar, Ascension Parish and Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette



**Father Tyler J. Bandura**  
Pastor, St. James Parish, New Alexandria



**Father Marlon L. Pates**  
Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Masontown



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



**Father Eric J. Dinga**  
Pastor, Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City, and St. Lawrence Parish, Cadogan



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



**Deacon William M. Newhouse**  
Administrator, Ascension Parish and Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette

## Installation Mass schedule

*All Masses are at 6 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.*

- July 20:** Father Kenneth G. Zaccagnini, Mount St. Peter Parish, New Kensington  
**July 22:** Father Kenneth G. Zaccagnini, St. Joseph Parish, New Kensington  
**July 26:** Father Marlon Libres Pates, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Masontown  
**Aug. 3:** Father Eric J. Dinga, Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City  
**Aug. 5:** Father Eric J. Dinga, St. Lawrence Parish, Cadogan  
**Aug. 11:** Father Tyler J. Bandura, St. James Parish, New Alexandria  
**Aug. 17:** Father William G. Berkey, St. Rose Parish, Latrobe  
**Aug. 19:** Father William G. Berkey, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Latrobe  
**Aug. 23:** Father Vincent A. Yee Concepcion, St. Edward Parish, Herminie  
**Aug. 26:** Father Vincent A. Yee Concepcion, Seven Dolars Parish, Yukon  
**Aug. 29:** Msgr. Michael J. Begolly, Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, 4:30 p.m.  
**Aug. 31:** Benedictine Father Richard J. Ulam, St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe

## Bishop Kulick installs new pastors

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"With Jesus in our midst, we are ready, we are able and we are willing to become what God has called us to become," he said.

Father Onoko ended his homily by singing some refrains of "Here am I, Send Me."

Later in the Mass, with tongue firmly planted in cheek, Bishop Kulick said Father Onoko "raised the bar" with his singing.

Noting that "The Bishop can't be outdone in his own Diocese," he then sang "Go Tell It On the Mountain" and was eventually joined by the congregation.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

**Mother of Sorrows School, Murrysville**, has been recognized as a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School for "providing broad access to transformative learning opportunities for students." PLTW is a nonprofit organization that serves pre-K-12 students and teachers in schools across the U.S.

**Colleen Gray**, a third-grade student at Mary Queen of Apostles School, New Kensington, was named the third-grade state-level champion in the 2021 Zaner-Bloser national handwriting contest.

Several Greensburg Central Catholic High School students won awards at the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair, which was held virtually March 24: **Annmarie George, MaryClaire Sherman, Grant Brewer, Ashley Winnor and Julia Stilley.**

Mary Queen of Apostles School, New Kensington, seventh-graders **Kayla Black and David Kleckner** were winners in the Serra Club of Greensburg's letter-writing contest.

**Trixie Lim**, a sixth-grader at Aquinas Academy, Greensburg, was a winner in the 2020-21 American History Essay Contest hosted by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Phoebe Bayard Chapter.

**Niviah Andree and Domenic Dellemonache**, seventh-graders at Mary Queen of Apostles School, New Kensington, received the school's Seven Gifts of the Spirit Award.

**Madison Zupancic and A.J. Keiper**, eighth-graders at Queen of Angels Catholic School, North Huntingdon, recently received American Legion Awards.

The Holy Name Society of the St. Anne Parish, Rostraver, awarded scholarships to Belle Vernon Area High School seniors **Avery Ochs and Emma Bellissimo.**

## PRIEST, DEACONS ORDAINED AT SAINT VINCENT ARCHABBEY:

Bishop Larry J. Kulick ordained one priest and four deacons May 22 at Saint Vincent Archabbey. Pictured from left are Benedictine Deacon Joseph Chen Guo of the Archdiocese of Beijing, China; Benedictine Deacon Barnabas O'Reilly of Saint Vincent Archabbey; Benedictine Archabbot Martin Bartel, Saint Vincent Archabbey; Bishop Kulick; Benedictine Father Cassian Edwards, Saint Vincent Archabbey; Benedictine Deacon Samuel Pinheiro, São Bento Monastery, Brazil; and Benedictine Brother Francis Jin, Saint Vincent Archabbey.

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# Native son returns home to lead flock in Ford City

By A.J. Panian

Managing Editor, Leader Times

**FORD CITY** — The influence of his hometown of Leechburg prompted Bishop Larry J. Kulick to assign another young priest to a parish in his own hometown.

Father Eric J. Dinga became Pastor of his home parish, Christ, Prince of Peace Parish in his native Ford City, and of St. Lawrence Parish in Cadogan, June 24.

A 2007 graduate of the former Ford City High School, Father Dinga, 32, celebrated his first Mass as a priest in 2015 at Christ, Prince of Peace Parish. His family still lives in the area, and his father is principal of The Divine Redeemer School, which is next to the church.

Bishop Kulick saw in Father Dinga an opportunity to have another native son of the Diocese and Armstrong County return there to guide his native flock.

“(Bishop Kulick) said he underestimated how special it was for us ... to have a bishop that is from the area, having grown up in the area, and serving his priesthood entirely within the Diocese,” Father Dinga said. “He said he hopes that I would have a similar positive experience like that.

“It’s certainly very exciting. I’m certainly looking forward to it; it will be a little bit of an adjustment in a



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Father Eric J. Dinga

new role now, coming back to so many people I know.”

Father Dinga previously served 2½ years as Pastor of St. John the Evangelist and St. Rose parishes in Latrobe.

He said he and his family — parents Thomas and Jackie Dinga and siblings Tara and Troy — knew early on that

he had a calling to serve God.

They attended the former Holy Trinity Parish in Ford City, which was merged with the former St. Francis and St. Mary parishes to become Christ, Prince of Peace Parish. As a child, Father Dinga said he would point to the parish’s tall towers and carvings and tell his family, “I want to go to church.”

He said he felt the call to serve God more in junior high school, and he became further involved in the parish in high school.

Father Dinga said he was influenced by Father Bryan F. Summers, former Pastor of the parish, and family friend Father Daniel C. Mahoney, both of whom are retired priests of the Diocese, as well as Father Tyler J. Bandura, former episcopal master of ceremonies for Bishop Edward C. Malesic, who is now Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland.

Father Bandura, now director of the Office for Priestly Vocations, is also from Ford City, and was ordained a priest two years before Father Dinga in 2013.

Father Dinga said the community and parish were very supportive of his path to the priesthood, adding that they saw the calling in him as well.

“Having several priestly vocations come from Ford City with Father Tyler Bandura and (seminarian) Andrew Hamilton, (Bishop Kulick) said, in a

sense, this is showing people that, as an answer to their prayers, here is one of (their native sons) being sent back to them to serve them,” he said.

Father Dinga attended Gannon University and St. Mark Seminary, both in Erie, from 2007-11, followed by St. Mary’s Seminary & University, Baltimore, Md., from 2011-15.

He was ordained to the priesthood June 20, 2015, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.

After his ordination, he served as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg, and St. Benedict Parish, Marguerite, as well as co-chaplain of Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children, Greensburg, until June 2016. He then served as Parochial Vicar of Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, before serving in Latrobe.

As he begins his new duties as the faithful are coming back from the COVID-19 pandemic, Father Dinga said it is important to rekindle their faith and also bring back those who have gone elsewhere to worship or who have fallen away altogether.

“To be having someone that they know already, in a sense, be leading them, it will be less time to have them get to know me. It will be less time to hit the ground running, and not as much of a learning curve,” he said. “I’m very grateful for this opportunity.”

## Annual Convocation Mass honors Scouts for emblems earned

By Paul Paterra

Editor

**GREENSBURG** — Bishop Larry J. Kulick told those honored at the Diocese of Greensburg’s annual Scout Convocation Mass that being a good Scout can be connected to being a good Catholic.

Bishop Kulick celebrated the Mass May 2 at St. Paul Parish. Nine scouts — seven Girl Scouts and two Boy Scouts — received emblems, medals created by the religious groups represented in Scouting to encourage young people and adults to grow stronger in their faith as part of their Scouting experience.

“The church represented in our Catholic tradition is present here today celebrating with you, but also encouraging you to continue on the road to being a good and faithful Scout and reminding you that being a good and faithful Scout doesn’t mean that you can’t also be a good and faithful Catholic, practicing your faith, living your faith, giving others an example of your faith,” Bishop Kulick said during his homily.

The Bishop said having that

connection to Jesus can go a long way toward shaping a person’s identity.

“When we are connected to Christ, we resemble Christ,” Bishop Kulick said. “Jesus calls us to be connected to him. He is the vine, we are the branches, and through that we not only survive, but we are called to thrive and grow.”

A smaller group than usual received emblems this year, as the COVID-19 pandemic affected Scouts’ opportunities to get together. No adults were honored this year.

“It has been a challenging year for all of us and a challenging year for the Church as we’ve dealt with all of the vagaries of the pandemic,” said Father E. George Saletrik, Diocesan Scout Chaplain. “Our Scouts always do wonderful work, and it’s wonderful to acknowledge that.”

This year’s emblem awardees are below.

### Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania

Kateri Tekakwitha Emblem: Emma Hrbek, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg, and Trixie Lim, Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville,



PAUL PATERRA THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

From left: Deacon Stephen E. Black, Trixie Lim, Zilola Giamrita, Penelope Lim, Joseph Kudla, Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Parker Lilliock, Audrienne Marie Speidel, Riley Campbell, Father E. George Saletrik, Paige Kline and Emma Hrbek.

both of Troop 21871. The emblem is for sixth-graders to help advance religious knowledge and spiritual formation.

Mary, The First Disciple (Marian) Emblem: Riley Campbell and Paige Kline, Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg, and Zilola Giamrita and Penelope Lim, Mother of Sorrows Parish, all from Troop 21871. The emblem is for seventh- and

eighth-graders to encourage the understanding of Mary as a model of openness and spirituality.

Elizabeth Ann Seton Emblem: Audrienne Marie Speidel, Holy Family Parish, Seward, Independent Girl Scout. This emblem is for 11th- and 12th-graders to encourage giving witness to the Christian life and to the love of neighbors and demonstrating knowledge

of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

### Boy Scouts of Western Pennsylvania

Pope Pius XII Emblem: Joseph Kudla, St. Anne Parish, Rostraver, Troop 1543, and Parker Lilliock, St. Anne Parish, Troop 1448. The emblem encourages high school boys to examine how being a Christian affects daily living and is an opportunity to share their faith among peers.

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# Musical success story returns to present gift to GCC

By Paul Paterra  
Editor

**GREENSBURG** — Johnathan Pushkar's face was absolutely beaming as he returned to Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School June 9.

There were many reasons for the 2014 GCC alumnus to feel that way. He was back home for a few days, and while he was home he presented his alma mater with a commemorative framed vinyl copy of his new album — "Compositions."

"It definitely is an interesting feeling," Pushkar said. "It's hard to put into words."

While he may have had problems putting his feelings into words that day, Pushkar has not had a hard time putting his musical passion into words.

He wrote or co-wrote 10 of the 11 songs on "Compositions."

Pushkar, 25, a North Huntingdon native, has lived in Nashville, Tenn. since he attended Belmont University.

"I just kind of planted my roots there and stayed," Pushkar said. "I wanted to do something in the music business, so I took the adventure. I went to Nashville and I stayed."

His passion for music began when he was a student at GCC, where he played in the jazz band. He also played drums in a local Beatles tribute band called the Abbey



PAUL PATERRA THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

Johnathan Pushkar, second from left, presents a commemorative copy of his album to, from left, Principal Ben Althof; Joette Salandro, who was Pushkar's music teacher at GCC; and Dennis Cremonese, GCC's Director of Institutional Advancement.

Roadsters — a la Ringo Starr.

"Just getting to exercise those muscles and getting to grow as a young man and as a musician, it was really here that I knew it was the path I wanted to take," Pushkar said.

That's why he felt it was so important to present the commemorative vinyl to his alma mater.

Pushkar recalled sitting in biology class during his sophomore year when an idea for a song called "Smile" popped into his head.

"It was one of those moments where I started writing down the words, and I'm humming the melody in

my iPod touch on the way home. I got home and wrote it, and the whole thing came together just like that," he said. "That was the first time that I thought maybe this could be something someday. I really learned to believe in myself and developed thick skin and was able to figure out the kind of force I want to be in the world, both academically and of course musically."

"Smile" appears on Pushkar's first album, "Straighten Up," which was released in 2019.

Joette Salandro, Pushkar's music teacher at GCC, said she saw Pushkar's creativity,

enthusiasm and passion for music.

"It's wonderful," Salandro said. "That's why you teach. To see your students move on and fulfill their dreams. He certainly is doing that."

Pushkar describes his music as "very rooted in '50s and '60s rock 'n' roll."

"I like to say if you made a perfect triangle of Buddy Holly, the Beach Boys and Beatles and Tom Petty, I'd land somewhere in the middle," he said, adding that he plays a 12-string guitar, which is his go-to instrument for the album.

The song Pushkar did

not write or co-write on "Compositions" is called "Junior's Farm," a remake of a song by Paul McCartney and Wings.

The McCartney connection does not end there. Geoff Britton, McCartney's drummer, is featured on four songs on the album, including "Junior's Farm."

"He's only recorded it twice, once with Paul McCartney and once with me," Pushkar said. "It's a very cool club to be in."

The video for "Junior's Farm" includes rare archival photos of Paul McCartney and Wings in Nashville.

Another song on the album, "Any Second Now," features drummer Sandy Gennaro, who formerly played with Cyndi Lauper, Joan Jett and the Monkees.

"Compositions" is available online anywhere music is sold and at [johnathanpushkar.com](http://johnathanpushkar.com).

While home, Pushkar played at the Hard Rock Café in Pittsburgh.

His future plans include a third album with more samplings of the music that has influenced him.

"It's just awesome to be back," Pushkar said. "I try to get back to Pennsylvania two or three times a year. It's always great to reconnect. But it's not every day you get an awesome reason like this to come back to the old stomping grounds. I hope someday there is a kid who was like me and gets to see that album, and I hope it inspires another kid just like me down the line."

## Longtime educator Swope set to retire

By Paul Paterra  
Editor

**INDIANA** — As Denise Swope closes the chapter on her many years in education, she feels mixed emotions.

Swope is retiring as principal of St. Bernard Regional Catholic School, where she worked for 25 years, the last 13 as the school's principal.

"I'm not used to being home," Swope said with a laugh. "I'm going to miss the children. I'm going to miss helping to create the curriculum."

It's also not easy to leave a place where she has spent the last quarter-century of her life. Swope served as a fifth-grade teacher before becoming principal.



Denise Swope

"It has been my passion and it has been my vocation," Swope said of the school.

During her tenure, Swope has taught generations of students; children of her adult

alumni are now streaming into the classrooms.

"It just warms my heart," she said.

Swope's longtime commitment to education spans beyond St. Bernard. In the Diocese, she launched the kindergarten program and also taught second grade at the former Sacred

Heart School in Youngstown, and taught kindergarten and first grade at the former St. Benedict Catholic School in Greensburg. She also served as a teacher at Holy Cross School

in Euclid, Ohio.

Swope will remain in her position until her replacement is named and has offered to help with the transition.

Her plans for retirement include time with her three children and her grandchildren, a number that will reach seven in September.

"My life is going to be my family," Swope said.

As Swope prepares to make her transition to focus on family, she reflects on what makes St. Bernard so special.

"I love the academics, the face we have here and the values that we have here, and mostly how the children react to all of that," she said. "The families that come here are so committed and supportive of the school. You know they want to be here. That has kept me going."

## GCC's Tiedeman wins national teaching honor

**GREENSBURG** — Erin Tiedeman, visual and performing arts chair at Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School, was one of 10 educators from across the country to receive the Teacher as Hero Award from the National Liberty Museum in Philadelphia.

Teachers are honored for making a difference in the lives of their students.

"I think it was the idea that it has been seven years of developing an art program that is not only academic and successful for our students, but also outreaches into the community and teaches students to become contributing artists to the community," Tiedeman said of her selection.

Tiedeman started a National Art Honor Society chapter several years ago that participates in a number of community art projects.

In October, she was selected as the Non-Public Art Educator for 2020 by the Pennsylvania Art Education Association.



Erin Tiedeman

# Bishop, Accent staff honored with communication accolades

**GREENSBURG** — The Diocese of Greensburg's television, magazine and social media platforms, under the direction of Bishop Larry J. Kulick, recently received Catholic Media Association (CMA), Telly and Communicator Awards for spiritual and religious writing, video production and branded content, plus a prestigious Gabriel Award.

The CMA awards acknowledge outstanding work by Catholic Communicators across North America as they strive to further the mission of the Church. The Telly Awards is the largest honor for video and television content across all screens, receiving 12,000 entries from all 50 states and five continents. The Communicator Awards are presented by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts and receive more than 5,000 entries each year from around the country.

## Bishop Larry Kulick and The Accent On-Air

Bishop Kulick, in his first television broadcast called "The Accent On-Air: Christmas Traditions," was honored with a Communicator Award of

Distinction for Religious and Spiritual Television and a silver Telly Award for Religious and Spiritual Television. "Christmas Traditions" also doubled as a special edition magazine and featured a story about Bishop Kulick's Slovak heritage detailing how his roots influenced his priestly formation. That story won a Communicator Award of Distinction for Feature Writing. Another story in the episode was an Eastern European nut roll feature, which doubled as a social media package, and won a CMA third place award for Best Use of Video on Social Media.

"The Accent On-Air" also won a second place Gabriel Award for narrative series storytelling from the Academy for Communication Arts Professionals and honors excellence in broadcasting.

## Other awards

The **Heroes of Hope Guardian Angel Appeal** to support Catholic Charities and its COVID-19 relief efforts won multiple awards: a Communicator Award of Distinction for Best Public Service Campaign, Social Media Campaign and Marketing Effectiveness;



Bishop Kulick and staff, from left: John Zylka, Mary Seamans, Jennifer Miele, Jordan Whiteko, Robin Mull and Paul Paterra. Also on the staff, but not pictured, are Beth Tallentire, Valerie Rodell and Nancy Balfe. Retired editor Jerry Zufelt also contributed to some of the award-winning projects.

a bronze Telly Award for Nonprofit Online Fundraising; and two second-place CMA awards, for Best Social Media Campaign and Best Ad Campaign. The campaign was led by **Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle**, former Managing Director of Catholic Charities, and **Heather Rady**, Director of Community Relations and Special Events.

The **Energy Smart 2020** educational initiative designed to educate the young faithful about the importance of caring for God's creations won a Communicator Award for Excellence, a silver Telly Award for Religious and Spiritual Television, and two CMA awards, Best Non-traditional Use of Video and

Video Editing, along with public service and activism, and as Best Nonprofit Campaign for use of branded content.

The **TOP Student program**, also known as the St. Pope John Paul Tuition Opportunity Partnership, provided financial assistance to more than 800 students in the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Greensburg and helped to increase enrollment by 13%. The marketing campaign to publicize the initiative won a Communicator Award of Distinction for Integrated Campaign for Marketing Effectiveness and a second place CMA award for Best Multimedia Package. The

TOP Student brochure won a Communicator Award of Distinction for Best Educational Brochure.

**Jennifer Miele**, Chief Communications Officer of the Diocese of Greensburg, was named by the CMA as Communication Professional of the Year, North America, for the second time. Miele won the honor in 2019, as well as Marketing Professional of the Year in 2020.

**Robin Mull**, Marketing Director at the Diocese of Greensburg, received an honorable mention CMA award for Social Media Professional of the Year in North America for her work on special appeals and Catholic school marketing initiatives.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BACK IN SESSION



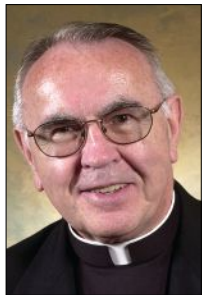
Top left: Bible Drama Camp at St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon; above: Vacation Bible School at Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysburg; and left, Camp Virtue, a program for middle school students from area parishes (shown at Statler's Fun Center, Greensburg).

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## We recognize diocesan priests and men and women religious marking milestone anniversaries who have faithfully served the Diocese of Greensburg or were born in the Diocese.

### MSGR. JOHN L. CONWAY, 65 YEARS



**Hometown:** New Kensington

**Seminary:** Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe

**Ordained:** May 26, 1956, by Bishop Hugh L. Lamb, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg

**Pastoral appointments:** Parochial Vicar, former St. Leonard Parish, Monessen

(1956-61), former St. Joseph Parish, Mount Pleasant (1961-65); Administrator pro-tem, St. James Parish, Apollo (1965), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon (1992-2005); Pastor, former St. Stanislaus Parish, Calumet (1965-72), Holy Family Parish, Latrobe (1975-83), Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville (1983-92), Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin (1992-2005)

**Diocesan appointments:** Assistant Director of Catholic Charities, Director of Catholic Charities, Diocesan Coordinator to the Committee for the Bicentennial of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop's Priests Council, Finance Council, Vicar Forane of Deanery 3, Director of Campaign for Human Development, Board of Consultors

**Other:** Merit Award Juvenile Court — Westmoreland County, regular on TV series "In Good Faith," Chaplain of the Catholic Interracial Council, Commission on Human Relations, Pennsylvania Catholic Conference Administrative Board, Domestic Prelate (Monsignor), Co-chair of Religious Leaders Forum of Western Pennsylvania

**Retired:** Aug. 23, 2005

### MSGR. JOHN A. REGOLI, 60 YEARS



**Hometown:** New Kensington

**Seminary:** Pontifical Josephinum College and Seminary, Columbus, Ohio

**Ordained:** May 21, 1961, by Most Rev. Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate, Josephinum Chapel

**Pastoral appointments:** Parochial Vicar, St. John the

Baptist Parish, Scottsdale (1961-65), Holy Family Parish, Latrobe (1969-70); Pastor, St. Matthew Parish, former Saltsburg, Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Yatesboro, and Mission of St. Gabriel Parish, Nu Mine (1975-81), St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City (1981-86), St. Therese, Little Flower of Jesus Parish, Uniontown (1986-98), Holy Family Parish, West Newton (1998-06); Administrator, former St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sutersville, (2000-06)

**Diocesan appointments:** Vicar Forane of Deanery 5, College of Consultors, chaplain, Seton Hill College, Greensburg (1965-69)

**Other:** summer school at The Catholic University of America, Chairman of Commission for Ecumenism, Domestic Prelate (Monsignor)

**Retired:** Jan. 31, 2006

### FATHER ELMER A. KACINKO, 60 YEARS



**Hometown:** Duquesne

**Seminary:** St. Maur's Seminary, South Union, Ky.

**Incardinated:** Incardinated into the Diocese of Greensburg, Jan. 31, 1958

**Ordained:** May 27, 1961, by Bishop William G. Connare, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg

#### Pastoral appointments:

Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin (1961-63), St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon (1963-68), Holy Family Parish, Latrobe (1968-70); Pastor, former St. Mary, Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Parker (1970-72), former St. Gertrude Parish, McIntyre, and former Mission in Aultman (1972-75), former St. Mary Parish, Brownsville, and former Mission in Allison (1975-79), St. Cecilia Parish, Grindstone (1979-85), St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont (1985), former St. Francis Parish, Graceton, and former Mission of St. Bonaventure Parish, Blacklick, former St. Francis Parish, Coral

**Retired:** June 27, 2000

### MSGR. JAMES T. GASTON, 50 YEARS



**Hometown:** Clymer

**Seminary:** St. Pius X Seminary, Erlanger, Ky.

**Ordained:** Dec. 18, 1970, at St. Peter Basilica, Rome (Vatican City) by Bishop James A. Hickey

#### Pastoral appointments:

Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin (1971-75); Pastor, St. Matthew Parish,

Saltsburg (1985-87), Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin (1987-92), St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell (1998-13), Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville (2014-21); Administrator pro tem, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon (1993-94), St. Joseph Parish, Derry (1994), St. James Parish, New Alexandria (1994-98); Administrator, Christ the King Parish, Leechburg (2013-14)

**Diocesan appointments:** Vicar Forane of Deanery 3, Director of Diocesan Campus Ministry, Bishop's Priests Council, College of Consultors, Director of Clergy Formation, Executive Director of Department of Education and Spiritual Formation

**Other:** Chaplain/teacher, Seton Hill College, Greensburg (1975-78), Director of the Diocesan Office of Education (1978-87), Chaplain at Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children, Greensburg (1982-85), Domestic Prelate (Monsignor)

**Retired:** June 24, 2021

### FATHER THADDEUS J. KACZMAREK, 50 YEARS



**Hometown:** Uniontown

**Seminary:** SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Mich.

**Ordained:** May 8, 1971, by Bishop William G. Connare, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg

**Pastoral appointments:** Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of

Grace Parish, Greensburg (1971-75), St. John the Evangelist Parish, Latrobe (1975-76), St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana (1976-81), St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon (1981-83); Pastor, former St. John the Baptist Parish, Heilwood, and former Missions of Sacred Heart Parish, Alverda, and St. Patrick Parish, Cameron's Bottom (1983-86), St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish, New Kensington (1986-97), St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon (1997-08), Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville (2008-12), St. Raymond of the Mountains Parish, Donegal; Administrator, former St. Boniface Parish, Chestnut Ridge (2012-16); Administrator pro-tem, St. John the Baptist Parish, Scottsdale, and St. Joseph Parish, Everson (2019-current)

**Diocesan appointments:** Vicar Forane of Deanery 1, Board of Consultors, Clergy Personnel Board, Episcopal Vicar for Region VII

**Retired:** Jan. 25, 2016

### MSGR. JAMES M. GOLDBERG, 45 YEARS



**Hometown:** Blairsville

**Seminary:** Mount St. Mary Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md.

**Ordained:** May 1, 1976, by Bishop William G. Connare, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg

**Pastoral appointments:** Parochial Vicar, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish,

Greensburg (1976-81), St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana (1981-85), Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin (1985-87); Pastor, former St. Michael Parish, Glen Campbell, and former Mission of St. Francis de Sales, McClellandtown (1992-94), former St. Louis Parish, Lucernemines (1994-02), St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont, (2002-08); Administrator, St. Mary Parish, Export (2002-08); Senior Priest active with pastoral responsibilities, St. Ambrose Parish, Avonmore, St. Matthew Parish, Saltsburg, and St. Sylvester Parish, Slickville (2008-12)

**Retired:** March 8, 2012

### MSGR. MICHAEL J. BEGOLLY, 40 YEARS



**Hometown:** Vandergrift

**Seminary:** Mary Immaculate Seminary, Northampton

**Ordained:** May, 2, 1981, by Bishop William G. Connare, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg

**Pastoral appointments:** Parochial Vicar, St. Paul Parish, Greensburg (1981-88), St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana (1988-89), SS. Simon & Jude Parish, Blairsville

(1989-90), Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville (1990-92); Pastor, St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana (1996-1998), Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg (1998-05), Mount St. Peter Parish, New Kensington (2005-21), St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish and Mount St. Peter Parish, New Kensington (2019-21), Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville (current)

**Diocesan appointments:** Priests Council, Peace and Justice Commission, Board of Consultors, Director of Office of Worship

**Other:** Chaplain, Seton Hill College, Greensburg (1994-96), Domestic Prelate (Monsignor)

### FATHER PAUL A. LISIK, 40 YEARS



**Hometown:** Youngwood

**Seminary:** Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe

**Ordained:** May 2, 1981, by Bishop William G. Connare, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg

**Pastoral appointments:** Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin (1981-85), Holy Family Parish, Latrobe (1985-87), Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Parish, Greensburg (1987-92); Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Connellsville (1992-95), The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish, Monessen (1995-04), Church of the Resurrection Parish, Clymer (2004-10), Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg (2010-13), Sacred Heart Parish and Ascension Parish, Jeannette (2013-19), Immaculate Conception Parish, St. John the Evangelist Parish and St. Rita Parish, Connellsville, and St. Aloysius Parish, Dunbar (2019-present); Administrator, Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City (2008-10)

**Diocesan appointments:** Vicar Forane of Deanery 2, Clergy Personnel Board

### FATHER E. GEORGE SALETRIK, 25 YEARS



**Hometown:** Uniontown

**Seminary:** Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe

**Ordained:** May 18, 1996, by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg

**Pastoral appointments:** Parochial Vicar, St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon (1996-98 and 2001-02), St. John the Evangelist Parish, Uniontown (1998-99), The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish, Monessen (1999-02); Pastor, Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent (2002-08), St. John the Baptist Parish, Scottsdale (2008-13), Church of the Resurrection Parish, Clymer (2013-19), St. Regis Parish, Trafford (2019-present)

**Diocesan appointments:** Youth Moderator for Deanery 6, Diocesan Chaplain for Catholic Boy and Girl Scouts, Regional Moderator of Region V

**Other:** Chaplain, SCI Pine Grove

### FATHER MICHAEL P. SIKON, 25 YEARS



**Hometown:** Everson

**Seminary:** Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe

**Ordained:** May 18, 1996, by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg

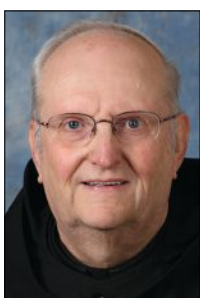
**Pastoral appointments:** Parochial Vicar, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg (1996-99), St.

Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana (1999-02); Pastor, St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro (2002-08), St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont (2008-12), St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana (2012-14), Sacred Heart Parish and Ascension Parish, Jeannette (2019-21), St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City (2014-present); Administrator, former Sacred Heart Parish, Sagamore (2002-08), St. Mary Parish, Export (2009-12)

**Diocesan appointments:** Consultant for the Office of Worship; Director of the Office for Clergy Formation; Regional Moderator for Region V

## BENEDICTINES

### BENEDICTINE FATHER CHRYSOSTOM V. SCHLIMM, 60 YEARS



**Hometown:** St. Marys

**Seminary:** Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe

**Monastic vows:** simple profession, July 2, 1955; solemn profession, July 11, 1958

**Ordained:** June 3, 1961, by Bishop William G. Connare at Saint Vincent Basilica

**Service at Saint Vincent:** faculty at Saint Vincent Preparatory School and Saint Vincent College Department of Foreign Languages, dormitory counselor, assistant cataloger at Saint Vincent Library, director of libraries of Saint Vincent Archabbey, Seminary and College, special collections librarian, self-study for the American Theological Society and Middle States evaluation for the College and Saint Vincent Seminary, seminary faculty, faculty member emeritus, consultant for alumni affairs, guest master for Archabbey funerals

**Pastoral appointments:** weekend assistant in the Dioceses of Greensburg, Pittsburgh, Erie and Altoona-Johnstown and Youngstown, Ohio, and Archdioceses of Washington and Baltimore, Md.; Parochial Vicar, St. Bruno Parish, South Greensburg (1969-70); chaplain for pilgrimages sponsored by St. Gertrude Parish, Vandergrift (1972-89) chaplain, Penn State Catholic Center; Administrator, St. Mary's Parish, St. Marys (2005-06)

**Other:** Catholic Library Association, Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the Catholic Library Association, Classical Association of Pittsburgh and Vicinity, Pennsylvania Classical Association, Classical Association of the Atlantic States, Vergilian Society, American Library Association, Pittsburgh Regional Library Center

### BENEDICTINE BROTHER ELLIOTT C. MALONEY, 55 YEARS



**Hometown:** Pittsburgh

**Seminary:** Diocesan Preparatory Seminary, Buffalo, New York

**Monastic vows:** simple profession, July 11, 1966; solemn profession, July 11, 1969

**Service at Saint Vincent:** instructor, assistant professor, associate professor and

professor of New Testament and Biblical Languages and director of alumni affairs at Saint Vincent Seminary; teacher and past chair, Department of Theology at Saint Vincent College

**Other:** Catholic Biblical Association, Society of Biblical Literature

### BENEDICTINE FATHER PASCHAL A. MORLINO, 55 YEARS



**Hometown:** Portsmouth, Va.

**Seminary:** St. Maur's Seminary, South Union, Ky.

**Monastic vows:** solemn vows, May 24, 1964

**Ordained:** May 21, 1966, at Church of the Sacred Heart in Savannah, Ga., by Bishop Thomas J. McDonough

**Service at Saint Vincent:**

prep librarian and director of student assistants, reference librarian for the seminary and college, instructor in library usage at Saint Vincent College

**Pastoral appointments:** Parochial Vicar, St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe; president, Latrobe Ministerium; director, Adelphoi Village; campus minister, Saint Vincent College; pastor, St. James Parish, Waynesburg, Ohio, St. Benedictine Parish, Baltimore, Md.

**Other:** Oblates of St. Benedictine, associate director of Oblate program at Archabbey; vice president, North American Association of Benedictine Oblates

### BENEDICTINE FATHER WULFSTAN F. CLOUGH, 25 YEARS



**Hometown:** Wilmington, Del.

**Seminary:** Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe

**Monastic vows:** simple profession of vows, July 10, 1991; solemn profession, July 11, 1994

**Ordained:** June 8, 1996, by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco at Saint Vincent Basilica

**Service at Saint Vincent:** monastery guest master, obituarian, research assistant, Human Resources Council, Faculty Council, Opportunity Program and English instructor, assistant professor and chair of English department

**Pastoral appointments:** Parochial Vicar, Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette, assistant chaplain, SCI Greensburg, curator, Archabbey coin collection

**Other:** Modern Language Association, Conference of Christianity and Literature, National Council of Teachers of English, Mythopoeic Society, Notre Dame Alumni Association, Salesianum Alumni Association and Alpha Phi Omega

## APOSTLES OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

### 65 YEARS



**SISTER JOHN CATHERINE COLEMAN**  
Born: Bronx, N.Y.  
Entered: Aug. 30, 1953, from Archdiocese of New York

### 60 YEARS



**SISTER ERNESTINE BONGIOVANNI**  
Born: New Kensington  
Entered: Sept. 1, 1958, from Mount St. Peter Parish, New Kensington



**SISTER MARGARET ANN CALCUTTA**  
Born: Pittsburgh  
Entered: Feb. 11, 1959, from Diocese of Pittsburgh

### 50 YEARS



**SISTER BARBARA MATAZZARO**  
Born: New Haven, Conn.  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1968, from Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn.

## BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF PITTSBURGH

### 65 YEARS



**SISTER JUDITH NERO**  
Born: Canton, Ohio  
Entered: Aug. 16, 1954, from St. Benedict Parish, Canton, Ohio

### 60 YEARS



**SISTER ROBERTA CAMPBELL**  
Born: Carrolltown  
Entered: Aug. 29, 1959, from St. Benedict Parish, Carrolltown



**SISTER AUDREY QUINN**  
Born: North Side, Pittsburgh  
Entered: Aug. 29, 1959, from St. Boniface Parish, North Side, Pittsburgh

## SCHOOL SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

### 75 YEARS



**SISTER M. MARIETTA BANKOS**  
Born: Northampton  
Entered: 1946, from Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Northampton

### 70 YEARS



**SISTER M. ROSARIA SHINA**  
Born: Northampton  
Entered: 1951, from Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Northampton

### 65 YEARS



**SISTER JOYCE BURKHART**  
Born: Pittsburgh  
Entered: 1956, from St. Gabriel Parish, Pittsburgh



**SISTER LOIS JEAN DIFALCO**  
Born: Canonsburg  
Entered: 1956, from St. Patrick Parish, Canonsburg

### 60 YEARS



**SISTER LORITA KRISTUFEK**  
Born: Ambridge  
Entered: 1961, from Divine Redeemer Parish, Ambridge

### 55 YEARS



**SISTER VIRGINIA ROSE CARROLL**  
Born: San Antonio, Texas  
Entered: 1966, from St. James the Apostle Parish, San Antonio

## SISTERS OF CHARITY OF SETON HILL

### 80 YEARS



**SISTER MARY CLARE FARABAUGH**  
Born: Altoona  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1941, from St. Leo Parish, Altoona

### 70 YEARS



**SISTER KATHLEEN (MARY AMBROSE) DELANEY**  
Born: Pittsburgh  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1951, from St. John the Baptist Parish, Pittsburgh



**SISTER LOUISE (MARY XAVIER) GRUNDISH**  
Born: Pittsburgh  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1951, from St. Paul Cathedral Parish, Pittsburgh



**SISTER MARY JEAN PETRARCA**  
Born: Torrance  
Entered: Jan. 1, 1952, from SS. Simon and Jude Parish, Blairsville



**SISTER PATRICIA MARY WILSON**  
Born: Pittsburgh  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1951, from Holy Innocents Parish, Pittsburgh

### 65 YEARS



**SISTER ANN PATRICK ADAMS**  
Born: Altoona  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1956, from St. Patrick Parish, Cleveland, Ohio



**SISTER CORY (M. GRACIA) CANON**  
Born: Washington, D.C.  
Entered: June 28, 1957, from Holy Innocents Parish, Pittsburgh



**SISTER ROSEMARY (MARIANA) DONLEY**  
Born: Pittsburgh  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1956, from St. Philomena Parish, Pittsburgh



**SISTER ANDREW MARY HORVATH**  
Born: Pittsburgh  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1956, from Sacred Heart Parish, Pittsburgh



**SISTER ANN INFANGER**  
Born: East Orange, N.J.  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1956, from Our Lady of Sorrows, South Orange, N.J.



**SISTER JANE MARY KELLY**  
Born: Carrolltown  
Entered: June 28, 1957, from St. Benedict Parish, Carrolltown



**SISTER MARY NORBERT LONG**  
Born: New Baltimore  
Entered: June 28, 1957, from St. Patrick Parish, Johnstown



**SISTER MARY HELEN (MARY TERENCE) O'DONNELL**  
Born: Pittsburgh  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1956, from Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, N.J.

### 60 YEARS



**SISTER PATRICIA (MARY ANNELLE) LAFFEY**  
Born: Pittsburgh  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1961, from Resurrection Parish, Pittsburgh



**SISTER DONNA MARIE LEIDEN**  
Born: Altoona  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1961, from St. Mark Parish, Altoona



**SISTER BERNADETTE (MARIE DORCAS) MANNING**  
Born: Homestead  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1961, from St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Pittsburgh



**SISTER KATHLEEN (MARIAN SETON) MCCAULEY**  
Born: Greensburg  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1961, from Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin



**SISTER MARY ELIZABETH (MARY EUGENE) MCCAULEY**  
Born: Altoona  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1961, from Cathedral Parish, Altoona



**SISTER JUDITH MARIE MCKENNA**  
Born: Pittsburgh  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1961, from Sacred Heart Parish, Pittsburgh



**SISTER CATHERINE (MARIE MICHAEL) MEINERT**  
Born: Pittsburgh  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1961, from St. Joseph Parish, Bloomfield



**SISTER MARY JO (MARY HERMAN) MUTSCHLER**  
Born: Pittsburgh  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1961, from St. Joseph Parish, Pittsburgh

### SISTERS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

#### 65 YEARS



**SISTER MARTHA THOMAS BAIER**  
Born: Pittsburgh  
Entered: Jan. 6, 1957, from St. Basil Parish, Carrick



**SISTER MARY TRAUPMAN**  
Born: Pittsburgh  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1956, from St. Mary Help of Christians Parish, McKees Rocks

#### 60 YEARS



**SISTER HILARY HOOKS**  
Born: St. Louis, Mo.  
Entered: June 6, 1961, from Ascension Parish, St. Louis, Mo.

### SISTERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### 65 YEARS



**SISTER MARITA JURAS**  
Born: Uniontown  
Entered: August 1951, from St. Joseph Parish, Uniontown

### DISCALCED CARMELITES

#### 60 YEARS



**SISTER MARIE ELIZABETH KRUG**  
Born: Carrolltown  
Entered: Oct. 3, 1959, from St. Monica Parish, Chest Springs

### SISTERS OF MERCY OF THE AMERICAS

#### 75 YEARS



**SISTER MARIE CELINE COAN**  
Born: Ellwood, Ind.  
Entered: 1946, from St. Xavier's Academy, Latrobe



**SISTER ANN DRISCOLL**  
Born: Stoneboro  
Entered: 1945, from St. Columbkille Parish, Stoneboro



**SISTER ANN HOSTOVICH**  
Born: Latrobe  
Entered: 1945, from St. Vincent Parish, Latrobe



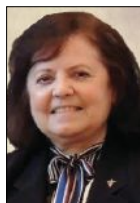
**SISTER MARY ANN KARAS**  
Born: Delmont  
Entered: 1946, from St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont

#### 70 YEARS



**SISTER PATRICIA FREIMAN**  
Born: Pittsburgh  
Entered: 1951, from St. Agnes Parish, Pittsburgh

#### 65 YEARS



**SISTER LUCILLE CIAFRE**  
Born: Latrobe  
Entered: 1956, from Holy Family Parish, Latrobe



**SISTER JEAN MURIN**  
Born: Atlasburg  
Entered: 1956, from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Burgettstown

#### 60 YEARS



**SISTER CECILIA MURPHY**  
Born: Latrobe  
Entered: 1956, from Holy Family Parish, Latrobe



**SISTER MARIELLA BRADLEY**  
Born: Clairton  
Entered: 1961, from St. Cecilia Parish, Glassport



**SISTER MARGARET HANNAN**  
Born: Pittsburgh  
Entered: 1961, from St. Francis Xavier Parish, Pittsburgh

### SISTERS OF ST. BENEDICT

#### 60 YEARS



**SISTER MARGORETTA JUDY**  
Born: Lucinda  
Entered: 2014, from St. Joseph Monastery, St. Mary's, and transferred to St. Emma Monastery, Greensburg

### SISTERS OF ST. FELIX (FELICIAN SISTERS)

#### 50 YEARS



**SISTER MARY DENISE BERNAS**  
Entered: 1971, from St. Joseph Parish, Mount Carmel

### SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF BADEN

#### 80 YEARS



**SISTER ELEANOR (KENNETH) MCCOY**  
Born: Bertha  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1941, from St. Bonaventure Parish, Josephine

#### 75 YEARS



**SISTER MONICA (JOHN BAPTIST) SUHAYDA**  
Born: Linton Township, Ohio  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1946, from St. Joseph Parish, West Aliquippa

#### 60 YEARS



**SISTER FAITH HEPP**  
Born: Pittsburgh  
Entered: Sept. 8, 1961, from St. Philip Parish, Pittsburgh

The Catholic Accent thanks all the priests and women religious for their faithful service to the Diocese of Greensburg.

God be with you as you mark these milestone anniversaries.

### BISHOP MALESIC HONORED:

Bishop Edward C. Malesic of the Diocese of Cleveland, former Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, received an honorary doctor of divinity degree at the 175th annual Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, commencement May 21. He also addressed the graduates. Pictured after the ceremony are, from left, Benedictine Archabbot Martin Bartel, Chancellor; Bishop Malesic, Benedictine Father Patrick Cronauer, Academic Dean, and Benedictine Father Edward Mazich, rector.

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## Pathways sessions set for 2021-22

Registration is open for Pathways, the Diocese's commitment to adult faith formation and nurturing mature discipleship. There are 15 evening sessions and two Saturday workshops in September, October, March, April and May, scheduled for Thursdays from 6:30-9 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Seward.

To register or for information, go to [DioceseofGreensburg.org/pathways](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/pathways). Financial assistance is available from the Francis Fund. To apply, visit [DioceseofGreensburg.org/franciscfund](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/franciscfund).

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**celebrating milestone**  
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# CONGRATULATIONS

ON YOUR

# 25<sup>th</sup>

## ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD.



*God's richest  
blessings be yours  
today and always!*

THE PARISH FAMILY  
OF ST. BARBARA



**The Reverend Daniel J. Ulishney, J.C.L.**

extends his heartfelt gratitude, best wishes and prayers to **all of our Jubilarians**, and in particular those who have played a role in mentoring and forming him in his priesthood:

**Monsignor John L. Conway (65)**

Friend and shared residence at St. Margaret Mary

**Monsignor James T. Gaston (50)**

Friend and first pastor/mentor pastor as a newly ordained priest and shared residence at St. Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell and Dean in his first pastorate in Delmont and Export

**Monsignor Michael J. Begolly (40)**

Friend and Seminarian pastor, First pastor/mentor pastor as a newly ordained at Mount Saint Peter Parish, New Kensington, and new neighboring pastor at Mother of Sorrows, Murrys ville

**Father Paul Lisik (40)**

Friend and pastor of his home parish of Our Lady of Grace, Greensburg, at the time of priestly ordination

**The Class of '96 (25) including Fathers Michael Sikon & George Saletrik**

Friends, mentors as a parochial vicar, neighboring pastors, collaborators on various diocesan committees and parish initiatives, committees and neighboring pastors



*With deep gratitude for your friendship and priestly examples  
and to remain in the Priestly Heart of Christ*



*Congratulations to the 2021 Jubilarians  
who faithfully served the  
Parish Community of  
Our Lady of Grace*

**Father Paul Lisik**

**PASTOR**  
2010-2013

**Monsignor James T. Gaston**

**IN RESIDENCE**  
1992-1997

**Father Thaddeus J. Kaczmarek**

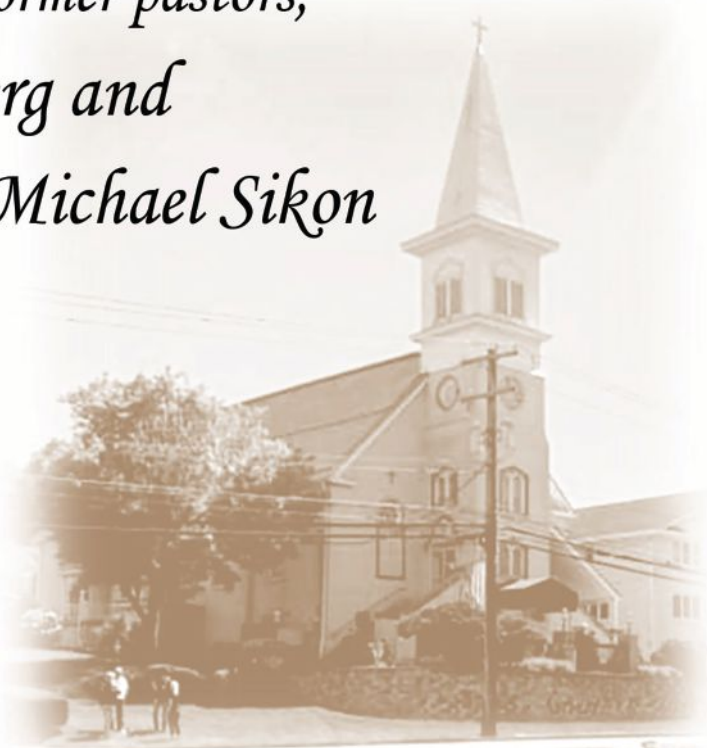
**PAROCHIAL VICAR**  
1971-1975

*May God continue to bless you in your  
priestly ministry!*

*With joyful hearts, we praise God for and congratulate all the  
jubilarians, especially our neighbors and our former pastors,*

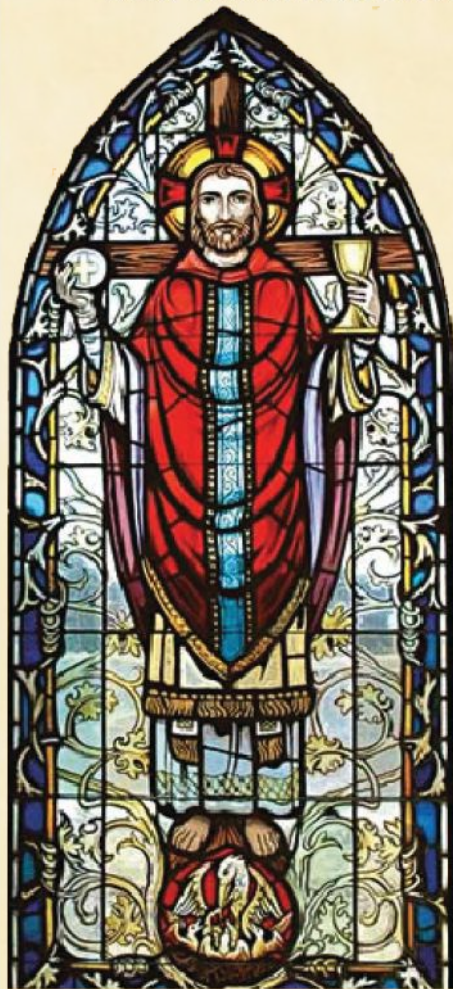
*Fr. James Goldberg and*

*Fr. Michael Sikon*



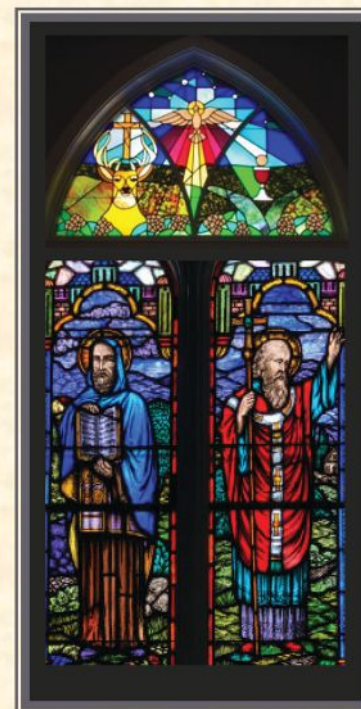
*Fr. Dan Ulishney, Deacon Dan Frescura,  
the Staff and the faithful of our partner parishes  
St John Baptist de La Salle, Delmont  
St Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Export*

The Partner Parishes of  
Christ, Prince of Peace, Ford City  
& St. Lawrence, Cadogan,  
together with  
The Reverend Eric J. Dinga, Pastor,



offer heartfelt  
congratulations to  
all of the Jubilarians  
who are celebrating a  
milestone year of  
Priestly ministry in  
the Diocese of  
Greensburg.  
May Christ, the  
Good Shepherd  
continue to  
strengthen their call  
to faithfully serve  
the Church and  
God's people.  
Ad multos annos!

GOD BLESS OUR JUBILARIANS



FROM

The Partner Parishes  
OF  
SS. Cyril & Methodius, Fairchance  
AND  
St. Hubert, Point Marion



*God's Blessings to  
Monsignor John A. Regoli  
on the Joyous Occasion  
of Your 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee*

From the Parish Family of  
**St. Therese de Lisieux Parish**  
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

# CONGRATULATIONS AND HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR JUBILARIANS

65 YEARS ~ MONSIGNOR JOHN L. CONWAY

Pastor ~ 1983 to 1992

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50 YEARS ~ MONSIGNOR JAMES T. GASTON

Pastor ~ 2014 to 2021

\*\*\*

50 YEARS ~ FATHER THADDEUS J. KACZMAREK

Pastor ~ 2008 to 2012

\*\*\*

40 YEARS ~ MONSIGNOR MICHAEL J. BEGOLLY

Parochial Vicar ~ 1990 to 1992 & Current Pastor

\*\*\*

*From the Parishioners of  
Mother of Sorrows Church  
Murrysville, PA*



## CONGRATULATIONS

*The parish staff and parishioners of  
Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish  
offer heartfelt congratulations to our former priests:*

*Fr. Thaddeus Kaczmarek (50),*

*Fr. James Goldberg (45),*

*Fr. Michael P. Sikon (25)*

*and all other priests*

*celebrating their special anniversaries.*

*May God bless you in your service!*

## Congratulations

to all who are celebrating special  
jubilees this year!

May God always bless you and your  
works for many years to come

*Father Dave Nazimek, Administrator  
Father Rody Mejia, Priest in Residence  
& the Parish Family of  
Saint John the Baptist, Perryopolis*



*May God Bless  
Father Thaddeus Kaczmarek  
on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of Your Ordination*



**From the Parish Family of  
St. Joseph Church  
Uniontown, Pennsylvania**

# CONGRATULATIONS

## ST. VINCENT JUBILARIANS

60 YEARS

FATHER CHRYSOSTOM  
V. SCHLAMM, O.S.B.

55 YEARS

BROTHER ELLIOTT  
C. MALONEY, O.S.B.

55 YEARS

FATHER PASCHAL  
A. MORLINO, O.S.B.

25 YEARS

FATHER WULFSTAN  
F. CLOUGH, O.S.B.

# CONGRATULATIONS DIOCESAN JUBILARIANS!

**65 YEARS ORDINATION**  
Monsignor John L. Conway, C'53, S'56

**60 YEARS ORDINATION**  
Monsignor John A. Regoli  
Father Elmer A. Kacinko

**50 YEARS ORDINATION**  
Monsignor James T. Gaston, C'67  
Father Thaddeus Kaczmarek

**45 YEARS ORDINATION**  
Father James Goldberg

**40 YEARS ORDINATION**  
Monsignor Michael J. Begolly, P'71, C'77  
Father Paul A. Lisik, S'81

**25 YEARS ORDINATION**  
Father George E. Saletrik, S'95  
Father Michael P. Sikon, S'95

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# Congratulations

## Fr. George Saletrik

### on your 25th Anniversary

Thank you for your service to us and all of the People of God. May God continue to bless you in your ministry today and always.

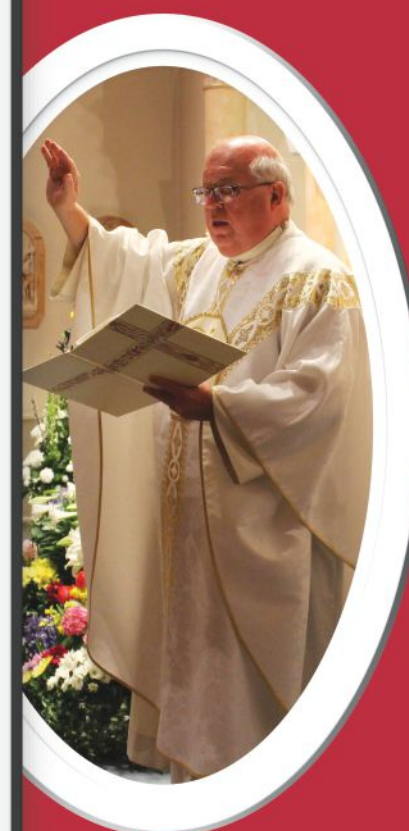
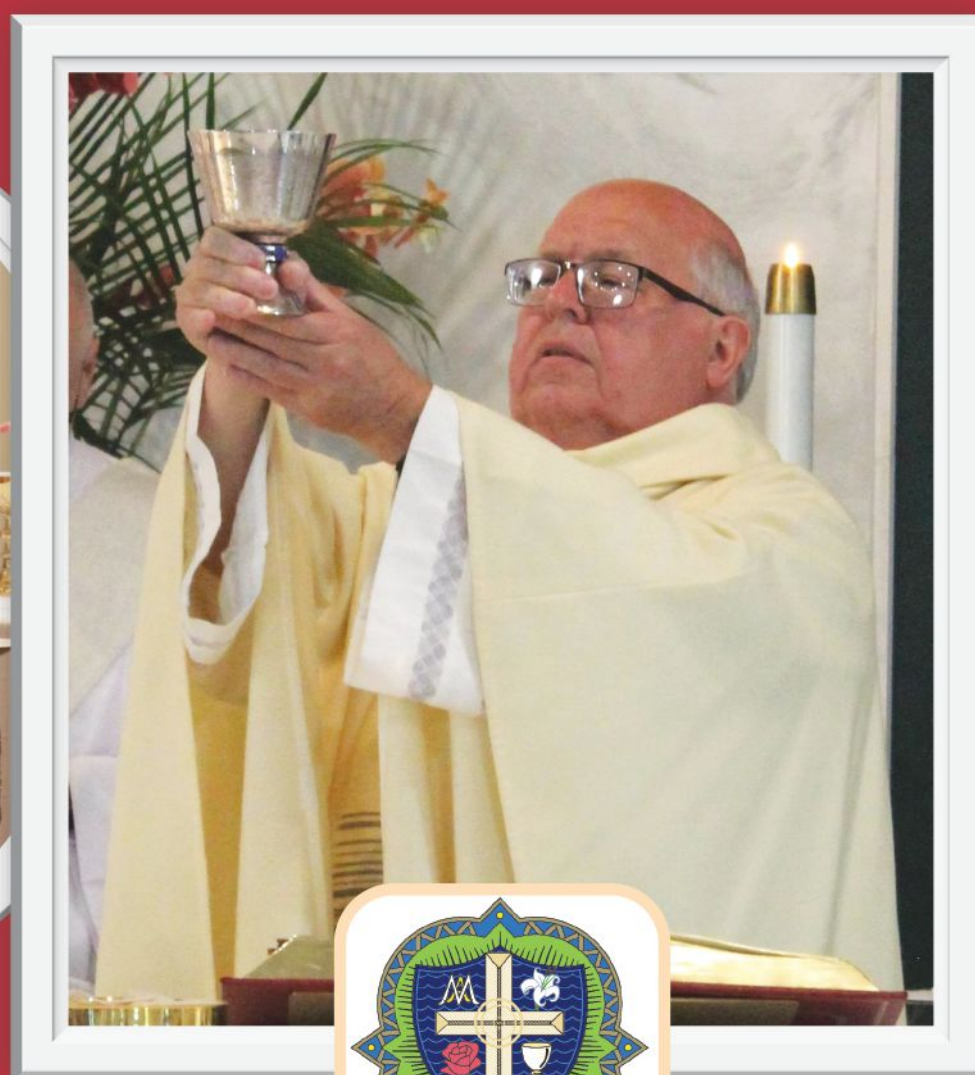
From your friends  
at Church  
of the  
Good Shepherd,  
Kent

Congratulations  
Fr. George on the  
25th Anniversary  
of your  
Ordination to the  
Priesthood. Here's  
wishing you  
many, many more! Thank you  
for shepherding our Parish.

Sincerely,  
Your St. Regis  
Parish Family



*Congratulations to  
The Very Reverend  
Paul A. Lisik, V.F.*



*On behalf of the parishes of Immaculate Conception, St. John the Evangelist, St. Rita of Cascia, and St. Aloysius Gonzaga; the Christian Mothers and Holy Name Societies of Immaculate Conception & St. Rita; and the Altar Rosary Society of St. Aloysius: We congratulate you, Fr. Paul, on your fortieth anniversary of ordination. We extend our best wishes and most heartfelt prayers to you on this grand occasion, and we humbly ask Our Heavenly Father to continue to bless you.  
Thank you, Na zdrowie, and Boh ta zelnaj!*

## Celebrating Your Golden Jubilee

God Bless Your Service  
to God and His People

**Father Thaddeus J. Kaczmarek**  
**Monsignor James T. Gaston**

We have been blessed!

St. Raymond of the Mountains Parish  
Donegal, Pennsylvania

*Father Willie Lechnar, the Parish Staff,  
the Parishioners and the Friends  
of Holy Family Parish, Seward,  
send **CONGRATULATIONS &  
HEARTFELT GRATITUDE** to our  
"2021" Jubilarian Priests  
in the Diocese of Greensburg.*



**We thank you for your many years of  
dedication in serving as shepherds  
in our four counties.**

*Thanks for passing on your faithful  
witness to those who follow  
in your footsteps.*



**May God bless you  
ABUNDANTLY!**

## Father E. George Saletrik



*May our Lord's richest blessings,  
His joys and His grace fill this 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee  
with every happiness for you.*

**From the Parish Family of  
St. John the Evangelist Church  
Uniontown, Pennsylvania**

## Octave honored with Saint Vincent College faculty award

**LATROBE** — Thomas Octave, Diocesan Director of Sacred Music and associate professor of music at Saint Vincent College, was awarded the 2021 Boniface Wimmer Faculty Award at Saint Vincent College's virtual spring Honors Convocation in May. The award recognizes a senior faculty member who has demonstrated sustained excellence.

Octave has been a member of the Saint Vincent College faculty since 2006 and is currently chair of the College's Department of Fine Arts in the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.



Thomas Octave

Responsible for overseeing all opera productions and musical events on campus, he is adviser to and conductor of the Saint Vincent College Singers; has served as orchestra conductor at Saint Vincent College Summer Theatre productions; and is director of the Saint Vincent College Concert Series.

He serves as musical director and conductor of the Westmoreland Choral Society and the Bodiography Contemporary Ballet. He is associate spiritual director with the West Virginia Institute for Spirituality.

## OBITUARY

### Sister Maria Estelle Chopnak, SCN

**PITTSBURGH** — Sister of Charity of Nazareth Maria Estelle Chopnak, 83, died June 21, 2021. She was in her 67th year of religious life.

She entered the Congregation of the Vincentian Sisters of Charity from St. Michael Parish, Munhall.

She served as a teacher in Catholic schools in the dioceses of Pittsburgh, Greensburg and Youngstown, Ohio for 27 years, and was principal in Catholic schools in Mount Pleasant, North Huntingdon and Masontown.

A funeral Mass was held June 26, followed by burial in the sisters' cemetery.

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADDICTION 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.
  - GRASP grief group, second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, 6:30-8 p.m., Irwin headquarters
  - Coffee Break for Women, first Friday of every month, 4-6 p.m., Irwin headquarters (on hold; check website for updates).
  - Veteran "X," Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.
  - Recovery Life Group, Mondays, 5:30-7 p.m.
  - Gamblers Anonymous, Mondays, 7:30-9 p.m.
  - Changed Forever prayer gathering, second Tuesday of every month, 6 p.m.
  - Dual Recovery Anonymous, Mondays, 2 p.m.
  - All Recovery, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 2 p.m.
  - SMART Recovery, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
  - Assiduous Ruminant and Renewal Round Table, first and last Saturday morning of every month.
  - Recovery Chess Club, first and third Friday of every month, 5 p.m.
- Information: sagesarmy.com or 724-863-5433.

## ART EXHIBIT

**Latrobe** — "A Brush with God" icon exhibit continues through July 25 at the Saint Vincent Gristmill. Hours are 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

## BIBLE STUDY

**Dunbar** — St. Aloysius Parish is hosting a virtual Bible study Fridays from 9:30-10:45 a.m. To register, contact facilitator Molli Vassar at molli.vassar@gmail.com or 724-366-9552.

## BLUE MASS

**Seward** — Holy Family Parish will host a Blue Mass and blessing July 20 at 7 p.m. to honor first responders and commemorate the 44th anniversary of the 1977 Johnstown Flood. First response vehicles and emergency equipment will be blessed after Mass. Information: 814-446-5759 or www.HolyFamilySeward.org.

## BOOK SALE

**Indiana** — The 53rd annual Newman used book sale is set for Sept. 17 from 4-9 p.m., Sept. 18 from 9 a.m.-5:45 p.m. (everything half price) and Sept. 19 from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (bag day) at St. Thomas More University Parish. The sale features over 100,000 books, plus CDs, DVDs, vinyl albums, games and puzzles.

## BURGER BASHES

**Irwin** — Burger bashes are planned Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9 and Nov. 13 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish.

**Whitney** — St. Cecilia Parish will hold a burger bash Aug. 14 from

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Takeout will be available. Information: 724-423-3777.

## CAR SHOWS/CRUISES

**Farmington** — St. Joan of Arc Parish will host a car show 11 a.m.-4 p.m. July 25. Information: 724-329-4522.

**Greensburg** — St. Paul Parish will hold a car cruise Aug. 1 from 1-6 p.m. Registration: pbcatholic.org.

**New Alexandria** — St. James Parish will hold a car cruise Sept. 12 from noon-5 p.m. (registration at 11 a.m.). Information: 724-668-2829.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING

**Greensburg** — Catholic Charities is now offering face-to-face, in-person counseling services. Those who have not received the COVID-19 vaccine are asked to wear masks. Virtual counseling is still available. Information: 724-837-1840 or counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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## CHILD LOSS MEMORIAL MASS

**Latrobe** — A miscarriage, stillbirth, infant or child loss memorial Mass is

set for Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. at Holy Family Parish. All families will receive a keepsake rosebud, and refreshments will be served after the Mass. Registration: Debbie Vanden Berk, 878-295-7665 or debdvb@yahoo.com.

## COUNTRY MUSIC NIGHT

**New Alexandria** — St. James Parish will host a country music night featuring dinner and a DJ Aug. 7 from 6-10 p.m. on the church grounds. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. Registration: 724-668-2829 or www.stjamesnewalexandria.org.

## CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW

**North Huntingdon** — Tables are available for a craft/vendor show Oct. 2 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Cost is \$30 for an 8-foot table/space, \$35 with electricity. Registration: 724-864-6364 or www.seasnh.org.

## FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING COURSE

**Pittsburgh** — The Pittsburgh Mercy Parish Nurse and Health Ministry Program will offer a five-day, virtual Foundations of Faith Community nursing course for nurses, health care professionals and interested lay people Oct. 1, 2, 16, 22 and 23 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Registration: www.pittsburghmercy.org (click on "Faith Communities"). Deadline is Sept. 17 (Sept. 4 for early registration discount).

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FESTIVALS

**Cadogan** — St. Lawrence Parish will hold its festival Sept. 18 from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. at the church.

**Connellsville** — St. Rita Parish will host its festival July 15-17 from 5:30-10 p.m. on the parish grounds. The fair will feature food, games, a Chinese auction, a 50/50 raffle, entertainment and fireworks Saturday.

**Crabtree** — St. Bartholomew Parish will hold its Our Lady of Mount Carmel Celebration July 16-18. Events include a candlelight procession to the church Friday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick, followed by a procession and battery tribune. Information: 724-834-0709 or [www.stbartholomewcrabtree.org](http://www.stbartholomewcrabtree.org).

**Herminie** — St. Edward Parish will hold a food truck rally and festival July 25 from noon until sold out.

**Latrobe** — St. Vincent Basilica Parish will hold its festival July 24 from 5-9 p.m. and July 25 from noon-8 p.m. featuring food, games, auction baskets, a flea market, craft vendors, music and a car show. Information: 724-539-8629.

**Lower Burrell** — St. Margaret Mary Parish will hold a virtual "Festival of Friendship" Aug. 16-21. Online raffles, events, games and children's activities are planned. Information: 724-335-2366 or [www.smmllb.org](http://www.smmllb.org).

**Monessen** — The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish will hold its festival July 31 from 5-10 p.m. and Aug. 1 from noon-8 p.m. The festival will feature bands and ethnic food, plus on Saturday, a lantern release at 9:30 p.m. and an outdoor Mass at 10 p.m.

**New Kensington** — Mount St. Peter Parish will host its Festa Italiana July 31 from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the parish parking lot. A drive-thru dinner will feature lasagna, two meatballs and one sausage for \$15.

**Perryopolis** — St. John the Baptist Parish will hold a luau bash Aug. 1 from 1-4 p.m. Information: 412-691-1071.

## FLEA MARKETS

**Belle Vernon** — St. Sebastian Parish will hold its annual "Junque Sale" July 29 from 6-8 p.m. (\$5 entry fee), July 30 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and July 31 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. (\$2/bag). Lunch will be available. Information: Bonnie Halinka, 724-322-0355.

**East Vandergrift** — Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish will hold a rummage sale in the church basement Aug. 7 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Aug. 8 from noon-1 p.m.

**Greensburg** — St. Paul Parish's trash and treasure sale will continue July 15 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., July 16 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. (half-price sale at 1 p.m.) and July 17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (\$5 bag sale). Information: [pbcatholic.org](http://pbcatholic.org).

**Perryopolis** — St. John the Baptist Parish will hold a flea market Sept. 11 and 12 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the church. Information: 724-970-1459.

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

**Greensburg** — Registration is open for the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, set for Sept. 19 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Couples celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2021, or their friends or family, can contact parish offices to register. All registered couples will receive a scroll signed by the bishop commemorating their anniversary, whether or not they are able to attend the Mass.

## GOLF OUTING

**Ligonier** — The 19th annual Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing is set for Aug. 6 at Ligonier Country Club, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Registration: [ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://ccharitiesgreensburg.org) or 724-837-1840, ext. 1504.

## LEGION OF MARY ANNIVERSARY MASS

**Greensburg** — Bishop Larry J. Kulick will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Legion of Mary Sept. 5 at 8:30 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Past and present members of the Greensburg Comitium Legion of Mary are invited.



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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LGBTQ MINISTRY

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

## MAGNIFICAT

**Greensburg** — The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat: A Ministry to Catholic Women will host a gathering July 31 at 9 a.m. at St. Paul Parish. Speaker will be Father Daniel C. Mahoney. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and refreshments are planned. Registration forms (available at [www.magnificatgreensburg.com](http://www.magnificatgreensburg.com)) must be printed and mailed to address on form. Information: Brenda Concannon, mandbc14@gmail.com.

## MEN'S GATHERINGS

**Pittsburgh** — The Pittsburgh Catholic Men's Fellowship is offering summer

virtual gatherings Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Information: [cmfpitt.org](mailto:cmfpitt.org).

## RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

**Latrobe** — The Oblates of St. Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet July 18 (speaker Benedictine Father Thomas Hart, "Fruit of the Spirit"), Aug. 15 (speaker Benedictine Father Wulfstan Clough, "Liturgy of the Hours"), Sept. 19 (Benedictine Father Brian Boesel, "Loving One Another in Benedictine Culture") and Oct. 17 (Benedictine Father Philip Kanfush, "Humility and Poverty in Benedictine Spirituality") from 3-4:15 p.m. in the Archabbey Basilica Crypt. Reservations: Benedictine Father Donald Raila, 724-805-2291. Supper at 5:35 p.m. and additional sessions at 6:30 p.m. (location to be determined) may be added; call Father Donald two weeks in advance to register for evening events.

## ROSARY PRESENTATION

**Rostraver** — St. Anne Parish will hold a "Rosary Alive" event to mark the

patronal feast of St. Anne July 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall. Diocesan seminarian Craig Alexander will be the presenter. Registration: 724-872-3555 or [calexander@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:calexander@DioceseofGreensburg.org).

## SPEAKER SERIES

**Delmont** — The Re-engagement Team at St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont, and St. Mary Parish, Export, is offering a summer speaker series Tuesdays at 7 p.m. through Aug. 17 in the St. John parish hall. Information: [erinireneomalley@gmail.com](mailto:erinireneomalley@gmail.com).

**Greensburg** — The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill provide offer speaker programs. Information: 724-836-0406, ext. 6616, or [chanlon@scsh.org](mailto:chanlon@scsh.org).

## VENDOR FAIR

**Apollo** — A vendor fair will be held in the St. James Parish Center Aug. 14 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost for a table is \$15 (\$20 with electric). Registration: 724-882-8776.



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