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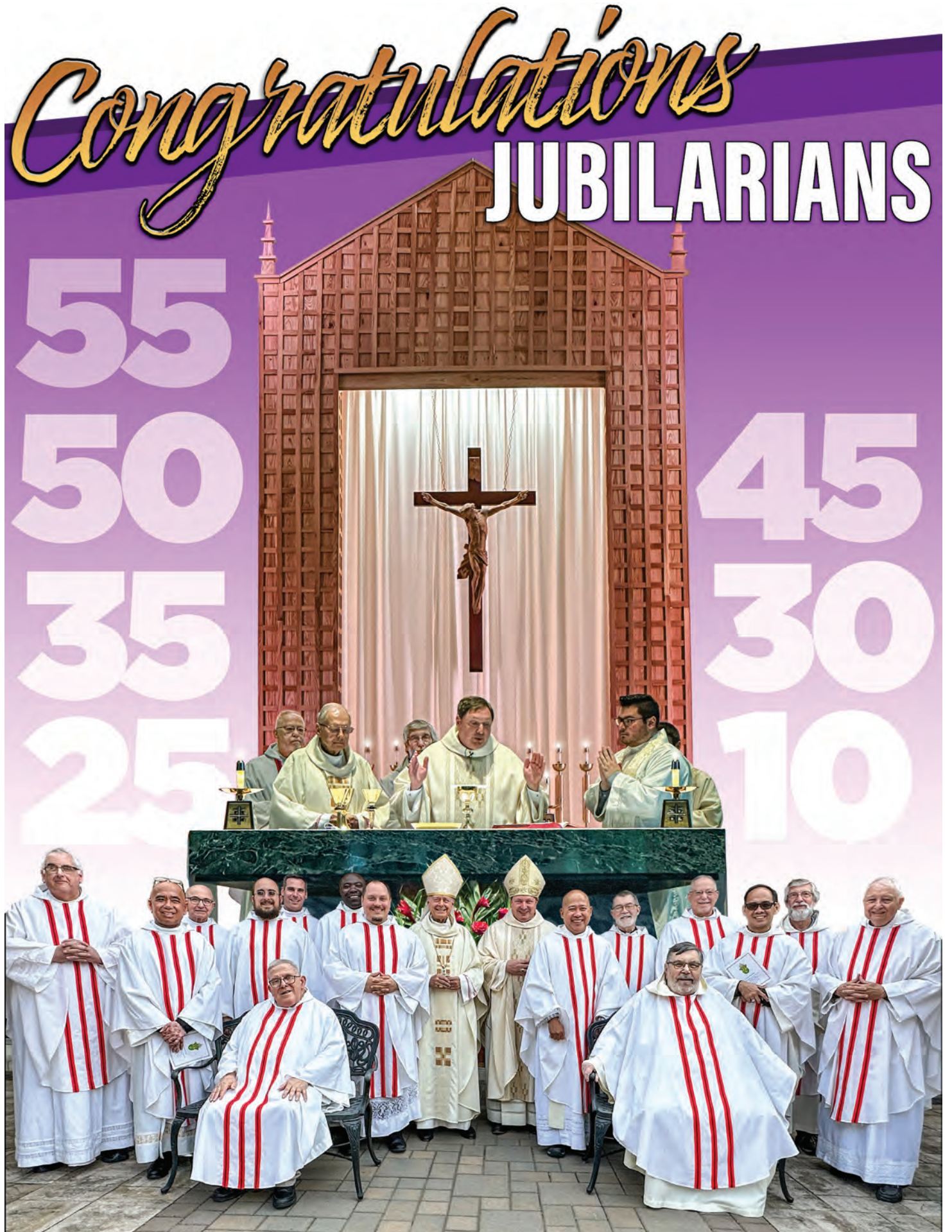
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His Excellency, The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, JCL, Bishop of Greensburg, has made the following appointments:

*At the request of The Right Reverend
Martin R. Bartel, OSB, His Excellency,
The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, JCL,
Bishop of Greensburg, has made the
following announcement:*

Effective April 1, 2023:

Resignation

The Reverend Samuel Pinheiro, OSB,
at his own request, has resigned as
Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Grace
Parish, Greensburg, and St. Benedict
Parish, Marguerite.

*At the recommendation of The Very
Reverend Robert Marva, OFM Cap., His
Excellency, The Most Reverend Larry J.
Kulick, JCL, Bishop of Greensburg, has
made the following announcement and
appointments:*

Effective Monday, May 15, 2023:

Resignation

**The Reverend Andrew Corriente,
OFM Cap.**, at the request of his Order,
has resigned as Parochial Vicar of

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish and
St. Thomas More University Parish,
Indiana, and Catholic Chaplain for
Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Parochial Vicar

**The Reverend Paul Dressler, OFM
Cap.**, as Parochial Vicar of St. Bernard
of Clairvaux Parish and St. Thomas
More University Parish, Indiana.

Special

Brother Joseph Pham, OFM Cap.,
to Pastoral Ministry at St. Bernard
of Clairvaux Parish and St. Thomas
More University Parish, Indiana,
and Catholic Chaplain for Indiana
University of Pennsylvania.

*His Excellency, The Most Reverend Larry
J. Kulick, JCL, Bishop of Greensburg, has
made the following announcement and
appointments:*

Effective Monday, May 29, 2023

Completion of Term

The Reverend Rodel Molina is

returning to the Diocese of Banguog
in the Philippines with the completion
of his five-year term of ministry in the
United States. He is relieved of his
duties as Administrator of St. Rose
Parish, Latrobe.

Administrator

**The Very Reverend Tyler J. Bandura,
VF**, as Administrator Pro-Tem of St.
Rose Parish, Latrobe, while remaining
Pastor of St. James Parish, New
Alexandria, Director of Vocations
for the Diocese of Greensburg, Vicar
Forane of Deanery V and in all other
Diocesan appointments.

Effective Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Parochial Vicar

The Reverend Andrew J. Hamilton to
Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, St.
John the Evangelist Parish, St. Therese,
Little Flower of Jesus Parish and St.
Mary (Nativity) Parish, Uniontown,
with residence in St. Mary (Nativity)
Parish.

OBITUARIES (additional obituaries on page 35)

Monsignor John A. Regoli

GREENSBURG —

Monsignor John A. Regoli, a
retired priest of the Diocese
of Greensburg, died April 28,
2023, at St. Anne Home. He
was 87.

Born in New Kensington,
Oct. 22, 1935, he was a son
of the late Bruno and Louise
(Rivi) Regoli. He was ordained
a priest May 21, 1961, at
Josephinum Chapel, Columbus, Ohio.

Monsignor Regoli served at St. John
the Baptist Parish, Scottdale; Seton Hill
University, Greensburg; Holy Family
Parish, Latrobe; St. Matthew Parish,
Saltsburg; St. Mary Parish, Yatesboro,
and its former mission, St. Gabriel, Nu
Mine; St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City;
St. Therese, Little Flower of Jesus Parish,
Uniontown; Holy Family Parish, West



Newton; and the former St.
Charles Borromeo Parish,
Sutersville.

In 2005, he was named
Prelate of Honor to His
Holiness, the second highest
rank of Monsignor.

He retired in 2006 but
continued to visit parishes
around the Diocese,
celebrating Mass wherever

needed.

His Diocesan appointments included
Chairman of the Commission of
Ecumenism, Dean of the Fayette
Deanery, College of Consultors and
Priests' Council.

A funeral Mass was celebrated
May 2 at Christ Our Shepherd Center.
Burial followed in Greensburg Catholic
Cemetery.

Father Robert M. Washko

GREENSBURG — Father
Robert M. Washko, a retired
priest of the Diocese of
Greensburg, died June 17,
2023, at St. Anne Home. He
was 73.

Born in Uniontown May 13,
1950, he was a son of Robert
and Theresa Bosley. He was
ordained a priest June 11,
1977, at St. John Cathedral
in the Diocese of Cleveland and
was incardinated in the Diocese of
Greensburg in June 1988.

In the Diocese of Greensburg he



served as Parochial Vicar of
Holy Family Parish, Latrobe
(1998-91), and The Epiphany
of our Lord Parish, Monessen
(1991-94). He served as Pastor
of the former Transfiguration
Parish, Mount Pleasant
(1994-2000), St. Joseph Parish,
Everson (2000-08) and Holy
Family Parish in Seward
(2008-20).

A funeral Mass was celebrated June
23 at Holy Family Parish, Seward,
followed by interment in Mount St.
Macrina Cemetery, Uniontown.

Father Eric T. Vogt, OSB

LATROBE — Benedictine Father
Eric T. Vogt, a monk of Saint Vincent
Archabbey for more than 50 years,
died April 8, 2023.

He was ordained a priest in Saint
Vincent Archabbey Basilica by the late
Bishop William G. Connare May 19,
1979.



At Saint Vincent
College, Father Eric
served as Assistant
Director of Project
Headway (1972-
77); prefect (1975-
76); admissions
counselor (1977-
78); dormitory
moderator,
campus minister,

Assistant Athletic Director in charge
of intramural athletics, Director of
the swimming pool and Assistant
Producer of the Saint Vincent Summer
Theatre. He was head baseball coach
from 1988-97. At the Archabbey, he
served as Assistant Director of Lay
Retreats (1972-77).

In the Diocese of Greensburg, he
served as Associate Pastor of Sacred
Heart Parish, Jeannette (1979-82).

He was an official for the
Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic
Association (PIAA) and a PIAA and
Pennsylvania American Legion
baseball umpire.

Funeral Masses were held April 12 in
St. Marys and April 13 at Saint Vincent
Archabbey Basilica.

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress designed to inspire

By Cliff Gorski
Executive Editor

GREENSBURG — More than 400 Diocesan employees, clergy and religious attended the Diocese of Greensburg's first Eucharistic Congress at Christ Our Shepherd Center, a four-day event designed to provide parish leaders, educators and evangelization professionals with inspiration, ideas and tools to bring Eucharistic Revival to their parish communities. The event was held May 8-11 at Christ Our Shepherd Center.

The Diocese is in year one of a three-year process initiated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). During this first year, the faithful have been invited to reflect upon the mystery and meaning of the sacrament of the Eucharist in our lives through various Diocesan initiatives.

The Congress was one of numerous informational and devotional opportunities offered by the Diocese, such as the "Know Him" series. The main event of the three-year process will be the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Ind., in July 2024.

Vincent Reilly, Managing Director of Faith, Family and Discipleship for the Diocese of Greensburg, said he believes the first-ever Congress in the Diocese gave attendees the resources to strengthen parish liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic adoration, missions, resources, preaching and the organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

"We really had a top-notch caliber of speakers coming in from around the country," Reilly said about Bishop Michael G. Woost, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, and Dr. Tim O'Malley, from Notre Dame's McGrath Institute for Church Life. Bishop Woost's topic was "Revealing the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist to All People." O'Malley spoke about "Becoming Eucharistic People."

Workshop sessions included attracting young people back to Mass and showing a Eucharistic spirit for front-line Church workers.

Reilly said it was important during the Congress to provide examples of good Eucharistic celebrations that parishes could emulate.

In addition to Eucharistic adoration and Mass, Bishop Larry J. Kulick led a Eucharistic procession on the center's grounds.

"People were able to experience the procession, the Eucharistic adoration and various Masses as examples of good liturgy that could be done in any parish," Reilly said.

"I would like to see every parish in our Diocese implement one or two of the ideas that came out of the Congress. If each parish does one or two things that was suggested at the Congress, we will create a beautiful mosaic of witnessing our commitment to the presence of the Lord in the Eucharist through our service to the wider community."



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Diocesan employees, clergy and religious participate in the Diocese of Greensburg's first Eucharistic Congress at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, which included a procession led by Bishop Larry J. Kulick,



Diocese to participate in 2024 National Eucharistic Congress

In July 2024, 80,000 Catholics from around the country will gather in Indianapolis, Ind., for the National Eucharistic Congress, including faithful from the Diocese of Greensburg. One hundred spots have been reserved for those who would like to participate.

Vincent Reilly, Managing Director of Faith, Family and Discipleship, said the focus of the national Congress is to form missionary disciples who will bring back their experiences to their parishes and communities.

"For our Diocese, the hope is for this Congress to coincide with our pastoral plan of forming Eucharistic people," Reilly said. "People who are living life joyfully, regular Catholics who are able to celebrate and live their faith not just at Mass on Sunday, but in their acts of service in their communities, in the way that they raise their families, and care for the church going forward."

For information about the National Eucharistic Congress, contact the Faith, Family and Discipleship office at 724-837-0901.

Rome gathering fosters education and growth for Eucharistic Revival

The Diocese of Greensburg is blessed to have two members of the Mathis Liturgical Leadership program at Notre Dame University within the Diocese: Vincent Reilly, Managing Director of Faith, Family and Discipleship, and Dr. Thomas Octave, Diocesan Director of Sacred Music, are among the 20 members of the two-year program that focuses on the opportunity for education and growth in areas around major pastoral issues fronting the Church.



Vincent Reilly

Reilly attended a meeting of the group in Rome, Italy, in May and June, where they discussed resources and materials that can be used throughout the country to promote the Eucharistic Revival and the revival of the Church while immersed in the city's history and theology. Reilly and his counterparts from around the United States worked to develop ways to bring Eucharistic Revival back to parishes here in the Diocese and across the

country.

"Each person has a unique view of the ways of the Church and how we can bring the Eucharistic Revival to life," Reilly said. "All of the information gleaned from this trip will be built out over the next year and a half with methods of forming people in the Eucharistic life in the church."

Reilly kept a daily blog to keep the faithful of the Diocese of Greensburg up to date on the significance of the various places the group visited and how those sites translate to the Eucharistic Revival. See his blog, Eucharistic Revival: Destination Rome, at theaccentonline.org.

— The Catholic Accent

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

I am pleased to present to you the Diocese of Greensburg Strategic Plan, which is a result of a year-long effort of prayer, study, and consultation that I pray will put us on the path to a blessed future!

Since becoming your Bishop, I have been humbled by the willingness of so many of the faithful to serve the Church, especially during a time of great hardship. I was ordained and installed as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, a time like no other in history. Still, the dedication to so many mission-critical ministries and unselfish service in caring for people in need continued. You have my enduring gratitude.

As we emerge from the pandemic, it has become increasingly clear that the Diocese of Greensburg has experienced a tremendous amount of change. While the pandemic provided us the opportunity to invest in many technological advances to stream liturgies and stay connected on social media with the faithful, we have become accustomed to a new, virtual reality in which technology oftentimes replaces in-person interactions. But nothing will ever replace the experience of worship at which bread and wine are consecrated and shared in the gift of the Eucharist. Unfortunately, many have not returned to the pews or maintained personal connections to their parish.

A nationwide decline in post-pandemic Mass attendance is just one of the so-called “math problems” we face. The number of active native-born clergy is expected to decline significantly in the next eight years, going from 37 to just 15. The shrinking population of Western Pennsylvania is staggering. Westmoreland County has the highest number of natural deaths in the state. The county is losing 2,000 people per year. Our other counties have had significant population loss as recorded in the last census (2010-2020): Armstrong -6% (4,000 people), Fayette -7.6% (9,675 people), and Indiana County -7.2% (6,000 people). The number of Catholic funerals in the four counties of the Diocese last year was 2,100 while the number of baptisms was only 760. Our overall number of parishioners decreased in 2021 by 4% or 4,720 people.

Yet, I still have great hope for our Diocese. Together we have the opportunity to create a more Eucharistic community devoted to loving and serving one another and forming Disciples of Christ. Never in the history of humankind have we been blessed with the current resources and technologies to strengthen enduring and viable faith communities that are filled with the Holy Spirit. The statistics I give above paint only part of the picture. I am confident that, together with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we can create a masterpiece for God and our local Church. We must believe in the power of prayer and hard work. What this strategic plan proposes will help us to accomplish great things for the glory of God.

This is a critical moment in the history of our diocese. Let us open our hearts and hands to the Holy Spirit, and work to create an enduring, viable faith community filled with vitality. I am excited to present this plan to you, which will serve as a means of achieving the important goals we set forth to accomplish together.

I hope you will join me in prayer and support of these initiatives. Please be assured you are in my prayers!

SINCERELY YOURS IN CHRIST,

+ Larry J. Kulick

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



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STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2027



Bishop Larry J. Kulick, alongside the Diocese of Greensburg Strategic Planning Committee, developed five major strategic priorities, set forth goals and objectives for each of those priorities and defined the mission, vision and values of the Diocese of Greensburg. Over the next five years, this Strategic Plan should provide the operational framework for creation of an enduring, viable faith community filled with vitality.



The process began in the January of 2022, with the preparation of a situation analysis, details of which are included in Bishop Kulick’s introductory letter. They concern the current state of the Diocese, including Mass attendance, priestly vocations, population and parish statistics including baptisms and funerals. The purpose of the situation analysis, which was presented to the Bishop’s Curia, was to quantify the internal and external challenges facing our faith community.

In February of 2022, Bishop Kulick launched a massive effort to gather quantitative and qualitative data from across the Diocese. The “Synodal Process” as directed by our Holy Father Pope Francis gave the Diocese an opportunity to hold 18 town hall listening sessions involving more than 1,000 people, administer two major surveys which gathered input from more than 13,000 people, and conduct a one year study with surveys and listening sessions regarding faith formation in the Diocese.



DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS BY THE NUMBERS:

18

Town Hall listening sessions

1,000

People in attendance

2

major surveys

13,000

people provided input



On June 22 and 23, 2022, Bishop Kulick assembled the Strategic Planning Committee of the Diocese of Greensburg. The group utilized the situation analysis and the synodal input to develop mission-driven goals, key performance indicators, stakeholder visions, internal process changes and intellectual capital needs for the following areas:

- Evangelization and Catechesis
- Catholic Charities Operations Plan
- Clergy Formation
- Development and Fundraising
- Priestly Vocations
- Pro-Life Advocacy

FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

MISSION

To create a more Eucharistic Community devoted to loving and serving Christ and one another, and forming Missionary Disciples of Christ.

VISION

The Diocese of Greensburg is a communion of believers. We exist to serve our parishes and our priority is to help each one of them to be viable and filled with vitality for spreading the Gospel and praying for the Salvation of Souls.

CORE VALUES: SOULS

- SALVATION
- OUTREACH
- UNDERSTANDING
- LIFE AND DIGNITY
- STEWARDSHIP

STRATEGIC PILLARS
AS GOALS FOR THE DIOCESE

- 1 Transmitting the Faith
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- 5 Building Connectivity



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80% of respondents feel very connected to their faith because of the communication they receive from their parishes about opportunities to engage in parish life.



STRATEGIC PILLARS

1 TRANSMITTING THE FAITH

GOAL

Be a more welcoming, engaging Church.

OBJECTIVE 1

Evaluate the new-parishioner experience, from the first phone call to the first person they see as they enter the church to the first time they sit in the pew.

OBJECTIVE 2

Connect to more people through the use of technology (websites, social media and CCTV).

OBJECTIVE 3

Use multi-platform communication and enhanced catechesis to reach and resonate with all parishioners.

The continuity and consistency of the responses during the synodal process should be noted; from nearly 1,000 individuals who attended the in-person and virtual listening sessions, many expressed a need to focus on transmitting the faith through enhanced catechesis and evangelization. Almost all participants have a great desire to pass on the faith and a sincere interest to help but are not sure how they can be of assistance. Many also expressed concern about fulfilling the legacy of our faith, fearful about how we will fill our pews with the next generation of disciples. Another point conveyed by many participants was the need for pastoral care of parents and grandparents whose children have already left the Church.

Nearly 10,000 paper and electronic surveys were aggregated from across the Diocese

of Greensburg, from parishioners, clergy, religious orders and young people. The surveys revealed that more than 80% of respondents feel very connected to their faith because of the communication they receive from their parishes about opportunities to engage in parish life. This is likely a positive result of COVID-19, when the shutdown necessitated a new model of communication. Many parishes began social media pages, created e-mail databases, and used video to share Mass and spiritual messages with their congregations.

More listening sessions, consistent pulse surveying, listening to the voice of parishioners and communicating to them with new and innovative evangelization and catechesis will become important tactics for transmitting the faith.

2 CREATING PARISH VITALITY

GOAL

Regionalize outreach efforts to create viable parishes filled with vitality.

OBJECTIVE 1

Prioritize efforts that promote vocations.

OBJECTIVE 2

Offer ongoing and inspiring clergy formation opportunities for all priests and deacons, especially international clergy.

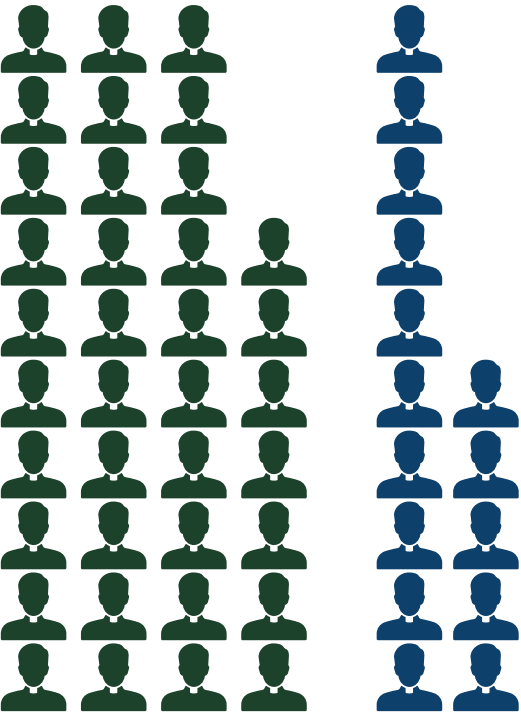
OBJECTIVE 3

Create strong pastoral and finance councils, develop strong lay leaders, and attract new volunteers to serve parishes.



Much of the discussion during the synodal listening sessions focused on the “math problem” in the Diocese of Greensburg – mainly that the number of native-born priests in the Diocese of Greensburg is expected to shrink from about 37 to 15 in the next 8 years.

There is great concern about vocations and the engagement of young people. Most participants believe youth and young adults will respond to mission-oriented parish work, as well as creative and new evangelization and faith formation. There was a call from many for family-oriented catechesis, youth-focused Masses, retreats and social activities to make the parish the center of spiritual life for families so that parents will prioritize involvement. The assistance of well-trained lay leaders was viewed as a necessity so that priests can focus on the sacramental needs of the parish. Regionalization of resources could be an effective tool in assisting smaller parishes to deliver the catechesis and ministries if they are willing to enter into collaborative agreements.



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**ACTIVE NATIVE-BORN PRIESTS
IN PARISH ASSIGNMENTS**

The need for ongoing clergy formation opportunities was clear during the clergy listening sessions, which called for additional assimilation assistance specifically for international clergy. Specific needs were also revealed in a pastoral connectivity survey taken by more than 10,000 individuals throughout the Diocese of Greensburg:

1. I can explain the mission of the Church to others.
43% said yes, definitely.
2. I leave Mass feeling spiritually fed.
68% said yes, definitely.
3. My parish is sensitive to the major needs of parishioners.
58% said yes, definitely.
4. The music at Mass helps me enter into a prayerful attitude.
65% said yes, definitely.
5. The homilies at Mass are relevant and meaningful.
67% said yes, definitely.
6. The money spent by my parish reflects its commitment to the mission of the Church.
57% said yes, definitely.
7. The religious education at my parish is forming well-rounded disciples.
45% said yes, definitely.
8. My parish communicates with me about opportunities for worship and service.
81% said yes, definitely.
9. I feel that my parish welcomes my ideas and participation.
52% said yes, definitely.
10. I feel that I am an integral part of the parish community.
50% said yes, definitely.
11. I participate in activities of my parish beyond Mass attendance.
43% said yes, definitely.
12. The Church is a visible, integral part of my neighborhood and the larger community.
59% said yes, definitely.
13. The Church reaches out to those who feel disenfranchised.
37% said yes, definitely.

The Synod Committee of the Diocese of Greensburg organized an event to engage active pastoral and finance councils throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. On Feb. 6, 2022, pastoral and finance council members from 10 parishes were invited to Mass and brunch with Bishop Kulick, and 92 attended.

Most councils believe they are successful because of the diversity of talents around the table. They value transparency, parishioner and pastor input, and the ability to listen to one another. Many of the councils thought it was important to clearly communicate the “state” of the parish yearly, by providing a written or electronic report to ensure parishioners are aware of the opportunities and challenges facing each parish. All stressed the need for new, younger members who can bring valuable insight to the parish mission and activities.

3 HEARING HIS CALL

GOAL

Call people to action.

OBJECTIVE 1

Prioritize Eucharistic Revival efforts from the inside out, providing the best experiences the Church has to offer.

OBJECTIVE 2

Empower the next generation of Christ’s disciples to lead.

OBJECTIVE 3

Encourage stewardship by connecting to parishioners in new ways.

Eucharistic Revival is a three-year process initiated by the USCCB to invite the faithful to reflect upon the mystery and meaning of the sacrament of the Eucharist in our lives. The goal is to create a more Eucharistic Community devoted to loving and serving one another, and forming Disciples of Christ. As Catholics, we are both blessed and broken. His Real Presence in the Eucharistic can transform our hearts. Jesus left us this gift! In a world that is so hurried, we must all slow down, do a deep dive and reflect upon it.

The Diocese is also working on a plan for a series of “Know Him” Gatherings. These experiential evangelization events will help us all grow closer to Christ by learning about his life and the lessons He taught the world. We are working to create short but engaging events that include speakers, multimedia content, witness testimony and interactive activities for the “Know Him” series to be held at Christ Our Shepherd Center. The events are specifically designed for Diocesan and parish staff members, but will be open to public registration as well.

Our efforts will begin from the inside out, first offering formational and devotional opportunities for staff throughout 2023 culminating with a Eucharistic Congress in 2023. After that, we hope they are better prepared to help create a more Eucharistic Community; founding new and innovative ministries focused on re-connecting to the disenfranchised and creating experiential evangelization opportunities that interest and engage our young people. One-to-one personal invitations will be an important part of the process.

One-to-one personal invitations are also an important part of encouraging stewardship. Strategic hires including a Managing Director of Development and a Director of the Catholic Foundation will reinvigorate efforts surrounding planned giving, seminarian and clergy formation support, EITC funding and Bishop’s Circle participation.

It is also important to note the many opportunities Bishop Kulick has pursued to re-engage sectors of the faithful throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. Through pastoral visits and personal outreach.

- **YOUTH:** Only about half of respondents under the age of 18 believe that music during Mass and homilies is engaging. And only 43% feel they are an integral part of the Church.
- **FALLEN AWAY CATHOLICS:** Of the respondents who no longer feel connected to the Church, most cannot explain the mission and do not feel they are an integral part of the Church.
- **PRACTICING CATHOLICS:** Those who attend Mass regularly feel we are caring for their needs but do not feel the Church is doing enough for the disenfranchised.
- **THOSE WHO WANT TO HELP:** Many expressed a willingness to help but are not sure what they can do and disagree about parish consolidation and opportunities to share resources.
- **OTHER ISSUES:** There were pockets of discourse surrounding the Celebration of The Extraordinary Form of the Mass, the environment and the church’s stance on same sex marriage.

4 WALKING IN FAITH

GOAL

Walk with parishioners.

OBJECTIVE 1

Continuously evaluate the needs of the faithful and respond to them.

OBJECTIVE 2

Develop more engaging faith formation.

OBJECTIVE 3

Better communicate the resources provided by the Church.

Most of the attendees of the listening sessions belonged to a parish and could identify the mission of the Church. However, almost all were concerned about the next generation of Catholics feeling disconnected from the mission or not even really understanding it. In most cases, participants emphasized the need for more creative, engaging faith formation and opportunities for adult formation, devotion and well-celebrated liturgies that touch the hearts and minds of parishioners. Often, it was said, parishioners need to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit. There was also a call for a clear, united voice from the Church on its teachings.

Parishioners listed many impactful ministries at their parishes like bereavement, poverty relief, homebound and senior care ministries, and pro-life advocacy. Some recognized the need for more service opportunities to better engage younger Catholics. Many expressed a need for an evangelization ministry to reach the unaffiliated or outreach missions to those who have left the Church. There were countless parents and grandparents who expressed a deep hurt over their children leaving the Church and asked for spiritual guidance. Almost all who participated were willing to help with new evangelization and spiritual outreach but are asking for guidance on what exactly they should be doing.

The Diocese of Greensburg will continue to use an integrated approach to gather input from across the region from as many individuals as possible over the next five years. The Diocese has taken seriously the call from our Holy Father to create a more Synodal Church. We will continue to implement listening sessions, continue to gather input, and continue looking for opportunities to evangelize.

An example of that process was a year-long faith formation study in the Diocese of Greensburg called “Christ Is the Truth,” in which listening sessions were conducted and surveys distributed in order to discover the thoughts and needs of those most directly involved with providing faith formation throughout the Diocese. Input regarding the whole area of Faith Formation was gleaned from the Synodal listening sessions as well.

Much of the feedback we received centered on the need for creative catechesis programming, collaboration among parishes, schools and facilitating dynamic encounters with Christ. A strategic hire of an individual is needed who has demonstrated success in creating and executing pastoral plans that engage entire families using various forms of faith formation.

The listening sessions and the surveys supported the need for enhanced catechetical offerings, communication, collaboration and outreach in and among the parishes in the Diocese of Greensburg. The fulfillment of many of these needs will help the leaders of our parishes to bring Christ to the people.

5 BUILDING CONNECTIVITY

GOAL

Focus on the less connected.

OBJECTIVE 1

Empower Catholic Charities to assist the poor and energize Catholic schools to create new disciples.

OBJECTIVE 2

Adopt technology tools to help us better know our parishioners and who we have lost and how we can better connect with them.

OBJECTIVE 3

Implement new communication mediums realizing the internet is now the front door to our Church.

OBJECTIVE 4

Continue to prioritize the safety of youth and volunteer adults.

Data plays an important role in this strategic pillar. The Diocese must optimize parishioner relationship management tools and encourage parishes to invest time and resources into their databases. These technology tools will help us know better who we are serving and who we are not. By aggregating that data, major outreach ministries can begin, bridges can be built and those who have left can once again be invited to rejoin our faith community.

Yearly data about website and social media traffic will help us to determine who is searching for us and why. Our front door to the faith community is both relational and virtual, so we must make sure we are on the cutting edge of connectivity.

In the fall of 2021, and as part of both the Synodal and strategic planning processes for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, a survey of stakeholders regarding the pressing needs of our community was sent to staff, volunteers, clergy and parishioners. Catholic Charities received 3,000 responses from across the four counties of the Diocese. The results are as follows:

According to the youth and young adult survey, Catholic Schools are critical to the formation of disciples:

Youth & Young Adult Report

Respondents under age 30

Nearly 1200 Surveys Collected from all parishes



Nearly 1,200 parishioners under the age of 30 participated (about 12% of total respondents) in the pastoral connectivity survey as part of the Synodal process. The sample size by parish was not statistically relevant, and would have a large margin of error if broken down by parish. In aggregate, you can see the percentages of participants who answered "yes" as compared to the larger sample size of parishioners to each question.

Survey Question Results

	Yes	Diocesan Average (Yes)
I understand the mission of the Church.	57.00%	43.00%
I leave Mass feeling closer to my faith.	61.50%	68.00%
I feel like I have a voice in my parish.	67.00%	58.00%
The music at Mass puts me in a spiritual mood.	57.00%	65.00%
The homilies at Mass are relevant and meaningful to me.	59.00%	67.00%
My parish has fundraisers that engage all ages.	51.00%	57.00%
The religious education at my parish is forming me to be a well-rounded disciple.	60.00%	45.00%
My parish informs me of opportunities for prayer and service.	76.50%	81.00%
I feel welcomed in my parish community.	47.00%	52.00%
My parish welcomes ideas and suggestions from its youth community.	67.00%	50.00%
I participate in parish activities other than attending Mass.	49.00%	43.00%
I see my Church helping in the community.	63.00%	59.00%
My parish connects with people in need.	43.00%	37.00%

Here are some responses of note:

- Only about half of respondents under the age of 18 believe the music at Mass is engaging.
- Only about half of respondents under the age of 18 believe homilies are engaging and meaningful.
- About 83% of respondents under the age of 18 feel their ideas and input are welcome at their parish, but only 43% feel they are an integral part of their faith community.
- Overall, 80% of total survey respondents believe their parish communicates with them about opportunities for worship.
- Parishioner's survey responses indicate, for the most part, they feel cared for by their parish, but believe the Church as a whole is not doing enough for the disenfranchised.
- We received about 1,500 responses from a survey alert postcard mailed to individuals who have not donated to their parish in the last five years. Most could not explain the mission of the Church and do not feel they are integral part of their faith community.

Regarding the protection of children and vulnerable adults, Bishop Kulick has said publically that he will work tirelessly with all key collaborators and advisory bodies to continue to follow the Diocesan Policies put in place by his predecessors as well as monitor the best ways possible to bring reconciliation and healing to those effected by these actions. This includes monitoring and updating as necessary our safe environment policies and regulations to continue to ensure that our parishes, schools, and organizations are the safest places for our children, youth and vulnerable adults.

believe the decline in Catholic and overall population in Western Pennsylvania is the most pressing issue facing our community.

80%

believe that drug and alcohol abuse is a pressing issue.

65%

believe that the lack of mental health services in Western Pennsylvania is a pressing issue.

57%

believe lack of assistance for seniors to remain independent is a pressing issue.

56%

believe poverty is a pressing issue for our community.

45%



Planned giving aids Diocese in doing God's work

By Michael Lucotch
Director of Development

GREENSBURG — The 2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, One Body in Christ, has raised a record \$5.7 million, which is \$350,000 more than last year.

Participation from the faithful in the Diocese of Greensburg is higher, and the average amount of individual gifts is nearly 8% higher than in 2022.

"The results are remarkable," said Paul Puleo, Managing Director of Development for the Diocese. "Almost all of our parishes across the four counties reached their Diocesan targets to support our ministries, such as our International Priest Program, faith formation and to support the economically disadvantaged and those in need who are supported through Catholic Charities."

Parishioners are able to continue to donate to the DLA through the end of the year through the envelopes that were mailed to homes, through their parish, or securely online at DioceseofGreensburg.org/OneBody. Puleo said nearly 35 parishes have exceeded their individual goals. Currently, more than \$2 million of the pledged funds will be returned to those parishes for a number of projects to upgrade parish grounds or make repairs and increase ministry outreach programs.

St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport, had a multiple-year goal to renovate its 150-year-old stained glass windows. The project cost is \$500,000; this year, parishioners have raised over \$200,000.

"Under the leadership of Jeff Polana, this project has been made possible because of the beautiful generosity of the people of St. Mary's,"

said Monsignor Gilbert C. Gente, Pastor. Polana is the parish's DLA chairperson.

The window restoration is scheduled to be completed by 2026 when the parish will celebrate 200 years of its founding.

Monsignor Gente said the parish also is using \$30,000 for new ministry programs.

St. Martin Parish, New Derry, is also planning a stained glass window renovation, along with other exterior windows.

Father Anthony Onoko, Pastor of St. Raymond of the Mountains Parish, Donegal, said the parish is using DLA funding to eliminate the parish debt, which reached a high of over \$200,000 in January 2021, and for new carpeting and other renovations.

Many parishes are able to make critical infrastructure upgrades. Holy Trinity Parish, Ligonier, is working on a plan to replace its boiler with funds raised this year and last year.

Father Elmer Alforque, Administrator of the partner parishes of St. John the Baptist Parish, Scottdale, and St. Joseph Parish, Everson, said the parish share of the DLA campaign will be used to complete a two-year project to bring air conditioning to St. John the Baptist Parish and complete sidewalk repairs and exterior upgrades at St. Joseph Parish, which will include new lighting.

"There is a generous spirit at work here at the partner parishes of St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph," Father Alforque said. "We are truly blessed by our parishioners' continued generosity."

With the additional funding, many parishes are adding security



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Father Anthony Onoko, Pastor of St. Raymond of the Mountains Parish, Donegal, shows the need for new carpeting at the parish.

enhancements, landscaping or upgrading technology. At St. James Parish, New Alexandria, Father Tyler J. Bandura, Pastor, is planning flooring work, pew restoration and cushions, new kneelers, altar furniture refinishing, lighting upgrades and a new social hall entrance.

"We are incredibly grateful to

the nearly 16,000 parishioners across the Diocese who have supported the 2023 DLA campaign," Puleo said. "Their generosity assists the mission of strengthening the Body of Christ in our Diocesan church and in our parishes, enabling us to continue to carry the message of Christ into the world."

Career Opportunities for Ukrainian Newcomers:

REGISTER NOW

Sunday and Monday, July 30 and 31, 2023

Catholic Charities welcoming Ukrainians

By Jennifer Miele
Chief Communications Officer

GREENSBURG — Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg is working to welcome Ukrainian families displaced by the war to live, work and worship in Westmoreland County.

Individuals can register for a visit and tour to learn more about opportunities available in Westmoreland County. Catholic Charities is providing free travel, meals and hotel accommodations to those who qualify. The Westmoreland County Economic Growth Connection (EGC), alongside General Carbide, is assisting with these efforts.

Bishop Larry J. Kulick said the Diocese worked with the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia as part of a Catholic mission to provide for the spiritual

and physical needs of those impacted by the war in Ukraine.

"Simultaneously, we were approached by community and business leaders who told us they would help sustain our mission by providing employment opportunities and even on-site job interviews when individuals come to visit," the Bishop said.

Business leaders like Mona Pappafava, CEO of General Carbide, are eager for a chance to help with the visit.

"Not only is this a charitable outreach, but it is also a way to connect individuals who want to work with the many opportunities available in Westmoreland County. The labor shortage in this area is no secret. We are excited about the opportunity, even on a small scale, to have an influx of potential candidates," Pappafava said.

The Diocese has created

a bilingual website with visit and registration information at DioceseofGreensburg.org/WelcometoWestmoreland that includes photos, videos and links for Ukrainians to learn more about Westmoreland County. On it, Father Oleh Seremchuk, a native of Ukraine and Pastor of St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Scottdale and St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Perryopolis, speaks directly to Ukrainians about the potential of a life in Western Pennsylvania.

The EGC recognized immediately that the existing Ukrainian population in Western Pennsylvania could be a gateway to the next wave of Ukrainian immigration.

"There's no doubt this could help us to build a connection for many of the businesses in our community," said Jim Smith, President and CEO of the EGC, a

private, nonprofit economic development corporation. "I've had employers tell me that they are ready and willing to hire individuals who may not necessarily have all the requisite skills but are willing to be trained. Having more diverse channels and a wider reach for recruiting talent is a responsive strategy and one we will hope will work."

Mark Smail of Smail Automotive agrees.

"Many talented individuals have had to flee Ukraine and are pursuing opportunities elsewhere around the country, and there are no shortages of opportunities in Westmoreland County. Hopefully the business community can take an active role in the multitude of opportunities here," he said.

Individuals or organizations that would like to support the initiative can make donations at ccharitiesgreensburg.org.

Father Hamilton ordained to priesthood, celebrates first Mass at his home parish in Ford City

GREENSBURG — Father Andrew J. Hamilton was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Larry J. Kulick June 3 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Father Hamilton, a native of Ford City, celebrated his First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in his home parish, Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City, June 4.

Father Hamilton joins Father Eric J. Dinga, Pastor of Christ, Prince of Peace Parish and St. Lawrence Parish, Cadogan, and Father Tyler J. Bandura, Pastor of St. James Parish, New Alexandria, as the third man to be ordained to the priesthood from the parish.

During the ordination Mass for Father Hamilton, Bishop Kulick said the joyous day was a response to the prayers that have been offered by the faithful in the Diocese for vocations.

"Today is yet another testimony for how good God is and how he does answer our prayers," Bishop Kulick said. Bishop Kulick invited all in attendance to think about the heart of the priesthood, which is symbolized in the sanctuary of every church. "This sanctuary will not only be pragmatically your home, but it will be the center of your life," he told Father Hamilton.

Bishop Kulick outlined four primary things the new priest would experience during Mass.

All sanctuaries have a crucifix that should remind him that he must give his life in every moment in imitation of Christ in his eternal love for each and every person.



Every day during his priesthood, he will go up to the altar of God and offer the sacrifice for the people of God. "Even as I tell retired priests, you never stop being a priest advocating for the people of God in prayer, sacrifice and in action," Bishop Kulick said.

When raising the chalice during Mass, Bishop Kulick called on Father Hamilton to allow Christ to transform him to become the chalice of His love, mercy and truth.

Finally, "We can never forget that around the sanctuary are the people of God," Bishop Kulick said. "They are the people on whose behalf through your prayer, your personal sacrifice and your example of living you will not only advocate for, but you will intercede for, and you will witness on behalf of them all, offering them their natural and spiritual rights."

Father Hamilton is the son of



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Father Andrew J. Hamilton, seen with his family and Bishop Kulick above, is ordained to the priesthood June 3.

William and Donna Hamilton, who were joined at the Mass by family, friends, clergy and religious.

Bishop Larry J. Kulick assigned Father Hamilton to be the Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, St. John the

Evangelist Parish, St. Therese, Little Flower of Jesus Parish and St. Mary (Nativity) Parish, all in Uniontown, with residence at St. Mary Parish. The assignment became effective July 5.

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Three men ordained to the transitional diaconate for Diocese

GREENSBURG — A heavy rainstorm outside Blessed Sacrament Cathedral May 20 didn't dampen the spirit of three seminarians who took another step toward their ordination to the priesthood.

Bishop Larry J. Kulick presided over the Mass to celebrate the ordination to the diaconate for Craig Alexander, David Slusarick and John Torres. The three new deacons will use the year ahead to prepare pastorally, liturgically and educationally for the priesthood.

"We are reminded that what we are doing here today is by no means a simple recognition of something they themselves have achieved," Bishop Kulick said during his homily. "It is an act of unselfishness; it is an act of sacrifice. It is an act of unity, and it is an act in the way the Gospel is proclaimed."

Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served." By virtue of their sacramental



MARY SEAMANS THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

From left, Father Tyler J. Bandura, Director of Priestly Vocations, Deacon John Torres, Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Deacon David Slusarick and Deacon Craig Alexander.

ordination, the new deacons will be able to preach at weekend Masses and participate in or lead baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Bishop Kulick advised the newly ordained deacons to live a life of love and to open life in the spiritual realm. He urged them to serve the faithful in the image of Christ and to make the Word of God a dynamic presence in the life of the community.

"From the Gospels, draw that inspiration to pray, to study and to preach," Bishop Kulick said. "Preach the truth. People want the truth. The truth of God, the truth of the Church's teachings in its tradition, its Scripture and its magisterium. They're longing for it. They're thirsting for it. People are looking for direction, and they are looking for leadership in our culture and in our time today. Be

those leaders modeled after Christ."

Deacon Alexander's home parish is St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon. He is assigned to St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City, for the summer.

Deacon Slusarick's home parish is St. Therese, Little Flower of Jesus Parish, Uniontown. He is assigned to Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysburg, for the summer.

Deacon Torres, who is

from Brazil, has named his home parish as St. Rita Parish, Connellsville. He is assigned to the Catholic Community of Connellsville and Dunbar for the summer.

Other assignments

Seminarians Mario Porreca and Tyler Randolph are assigned to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Coral and Lucernemines.

Seminarian Kevin Richardson is assigned to Church of the Resurrection Parish, Northern Indiana County.

At propaedeutic stage

Bishop Kulick has accepted into the Priestly Formation Program at the propaedeutic stage Matteo Arcara, St. Paul Parish, Greensburg; Thomas Oldenburg, Holy Family Parish, Latrobe; and Ryan Scavnicky, Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin. All are studying at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood.

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 2023



Geibel Catholic Class of '23

- Nicholas Antol

Evan Bower

Grace Cline

Braydon Curry

Aaron Garsteck

Jillian Goldsmith-Balena

Kaiden Grady
- Angela Henry

Amanda Hoffer

Jeffrey Johnson

Abigail Karas

Jaydis Kennedy

Sabrina Kolencik

Claire Konieczny
- Chloe Pletcher

Jesse Pokol

Gracie Rodriguez

Christian Stockey

Benamine Tinkey

Trevon White

Geibel Catholic's top students



Valedictorian: Emily Manack

Emily Manack was valedictorian for the class of 2023 at Geibel Catholic High School, Connellsville. She also received the Social Studies Award and the French Award. During high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society, French Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society and was student council president. She plans to major in global studies at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh. Through the College in High School Program, she earned 35 college credits, and she also received highest academic honors all four years at Geibel Catholic. She is the daughter of Jack and Lisa Manack.



Salutatorian: Maia Stevenson

Maia Stevenson of Uniontown was salutatorian and received the Geibel Catholic Alumni Award and the St. Albert the Great Science Award. During high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society and French Honor Society. She plans to major in forensic science and law at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh. Through the College in High School Program, she earned 37 college credits and also received highest academic honors all four years at Geibel Catholic. She is the daughter of Dr. Justin and Melissa Stevenson.



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Twenty students were awarded diplomas during Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School commencement ceremonies May 22 in Connellsville.



Greensburg Central Catholic Class of '23

- Elliott Althof

Emma Kate Angelo

Lydia Bailey

Sara Blahovec

Angelo Bonesio

John Wade Boyle

Bailey Brown

Jaydin Canady

Kylei Cararini

Dean Crissman

Carlo Denis

Kayla Desak

Anthony Dietrich, Jr.

Elizabeth Dlugos

Nathan Dlugos

Kha Benjamin Duong

William Erdely

Sara Felder

Haley Gill

Jacob Gretz

Skye Guzik

Nickolas Hauser
- Jacob Havrilesko

Emma Henry

Brayen Hill

Maxwell Kallock

Noah Kelly

Mackenzie Kemp

Ryan Kimmel

Emery Kindel

Michael Lucotch

Lillian Machusko

Amari Mack

Isabela Marquez

Alexandra Matty

Michael McCready

Lauren Metz

Kyler Miller

Hannah Moore

Elijah Morgan-Washington

Almetta Mull

Gabriel Myers

Olivia Nanney
- Tyler Neffield

Thomas Oldenburg

Gabriella Pediconi

Cadence Peters

Kaylin Reusser

Brian Rodgers

Jorge Rodriguez

Angelina Roy

Tyler Sebek

Gage Sheffler

Samuel Shoplik

Travis Skovira

Nicholas Sturnick

Maxwell Szekely

John Tropeano

Jacob Umbel

Dominic Vitula

Patterson Ware

Ja'Ron Williams

Ashley Winnor

Jason Wyatt

Sarah Zaziski



Soli Deo Gloria Award: John Tropeano and Elizabeth Dlugos

John Tropeano was a member of the National Honor Society, German Honor Society-Delta Epsilon Phi, National Art Honor Society and Academic Quiz Team; vice president of the Science National Honor Society; chief squire with the Columbian Squires; and student council president. He played on the baseball and golf teams. A parishioner of Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood, he is the son of David and Gretchen Tropeano. He will attend Villanova University, Villanova, Pa.



Elizabeth Dlugos was a member of the National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society and the Tri-M Music Honor Society. She was a Columbian Squire Rose, Student Council secretary and Westinghouse science honors participant. She was on the track and field team. A parishioner of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg, she is the daughter of Joseph and Jody Dlugos. She will attend Bucknell University, Lewisburg.

2023 GCC Principal Awardees

The following GCC students earned a minimum 4.2 GPA:

- Emma Kate Angelo

Carlo Denis

Elizabeth Dlugos

William Erdely

Sara Felder
- Noah Kelly

Olivia Nanney

Tyler Neffield

Thomas Oldenburg
- Gage Sheffler

Travis Skovira

John Tropeano

Ashley Winnor



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Sixty-five students were awarded diplomas during Greensburg Central Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School commencement ceremonies May 25.

Power of prayer, Father Moineau's clean bill of health celebrated at 'Taste of Louisiana' dinner

By Jennifer Miele
Chief Communications Officer

EXPORT — Father John A. Moineau beat stage 4 pancreatic cancer. After being diagnosed in July 2021, he received aggressive cancer treatments directed by physicians at Hillman Cancer Center at UPMC East for more than a year.

For his oncologist, Dr. Nishant Tageja, the unlikely outcome of those treatments has reinforced his belief in the power of prayer.

"There was a large pancreatic mass in the head of the pancreas, which is considered to be incurable. Not only did he do very well on treatment, none of our staff can remember him ever complaining of any side effects, which in itself is a miracle," Dr. Tageja said. "At every subsequent scan, the cancer continued to shrink, until a PET scan was performed a year into his treatment which showed absolutely no cancer activity."

Tageja was invited to speak about the success of Father Moineau's treatment at "A Taste of Louisiana," a dinner celebration June 28.

The dinner was prepared by Chef John Folse, known as "Louisiana's Culinary Ambassador to the World," after appearing on international television and radio, writing 10 books and helping to found a culinary institute. In fact, he was the first non-Italian chef to create a Vatican State Dinner in Rome and opened a Cajun-style restaurant in Moscow's World Trade Center during the Presidential Summit between Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev.

Folse came to Westmoreland Country Club, Export, to celebrate Father Moineau's recovery and to cook up a fundraiser with club chef Mark Henry for Queen of Angels Catholic School, North Huntingdon.

The five-course dinner included andouille sausage gumbo and trout with lobster sauce flown in from



Louisiana the morning of the event. The event raised a staggering \$215,000.

Folse has been following Father Moineau's cancer journey on social media from the very beginning.

Father Moineau is pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon, and serves on the board of pastors for Queen of Angels Catholic School. He stayed connected with parishioners during the COVID-19 lockdown with weekly YouTube videos and inspired many to return to Mass as the pandemic subsided. He used social media to announce his diagnosis, provide health updates and share the news about his miraculous recovery.

Many of his YouTube viewers decided to attend the dinner.

"I was overwhelmed by the diagnosis. And then I was overwhelmed by the support of my family and friends and the immediate response of prayer by my parishioners and the children at Queen of Angels," Father Moineau told the crowd. "And then I was overwhelmed with divine favor in the miraculous healing of this terminal stage four pancreatic cancer."

When Folse heard the good news, he was elated. He connected with fellow restaurateur Barbara Braun, who co-owned Chesterfield's in North Huntingdon with her late husband, chef Jack Braun. She arranged for the two to meet and develop a concept for a celebration fundraiser.

More than 200 people attended the sold-out event, which Folse promises to repeat again next year.



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'Taste of Louisiana' dinner attendees toast Father John A. Moineau's recovery from pancreatic cancer; Father Moineau is seen above with Chef John Folse from Louisiana; at top left, Folse is with Ron and Jaime Englehart.

Diocesan security director will aid parishes, schools

GREENSBURG — Bishop Larry J. Kulick has announced that Ryan Maher has been hired as Director of Security for the Diocese of Greensburg. Maher is retiring from the Pennsylvania State Police in Greensburg, where he was most recently Patrol Section Commander, and will begin his new position in the Diocese on July 24.

In making the announcement, Bishop Kulick said Maher will oversee individualized emergency management plans at all 12 Catholic schools and will assist parishes with their safety and security needs.

"In these uncertain times, the safety and security of our students and our parishioners is always a priority," Bishop Kulick said. "Mr. Maher has served with the State Police in all four counties of our Diocese, and I know he will bring his vast experience of more than 25 years in law enforcement to the Diocese of Greensburg."

The hiring of Maher is part of a safety initiative undertaken by Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dr. Nancy Rottler. Dr. Rottler will implement the

initiative this fall in Catholic schools across the Diocese of Greensburg.

"Mr. Maher will be working with our office to hire more than two dozen school officers who will work alongside each school's administrative team to provide a highly visible presence on every campus throughout the course of each school day and during designated after-school events and activities," Dr. Rottler said.

"These officers, who will be

a mix of full- and part-time, must be a former employee of an accredited municipal or state law enforcement agency and will report to Mr. Maher," Dr. Rottler added.

Because they will be armed, school officers will be required to maintain their firearms proficiency certification.

Maher, who holds a degree in criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, began his career with the Pennsylvania State Police in 1998. He has attended over 75 classes on such topics as school safety, anti-terrorism measures, opioid investigations, active shooter

analysis and response, and sports and special events incident management.

"I believe that a safe and secure environment, provided by professionals, is essential as we build a just and compassionate society," Maher said. "The values that I learned in my time with the State Police — honor, service, integrity, respect, trust, courage and duty — will serve as the foundation of the department I will be building within the Diocese of Greensburg."

Maher is the father of three children and lives in Blairsville.

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Ryan Maher

FATHER JAMES F. PETROVSKY,
55 YEARS**Born:** Kittanning**Seminary:** Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe**Ordained:** May 18, 1968, by Bishop William G. Connare at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg**Pastoral appointments:**

Parochial Vicar, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Latrobe

(1968-72) and Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg (1972-76); Pastor, former Holy Name Parish, Monessen, and its former chapel in Webster (1976-85), St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis (1985-91), Holy Trinity Parish, Ligonier, and its former chapel in Wilpen (1991-97), former St. James Parish, Maxwell, and its former chapel in Isabella (1997-2008), St. Joan of Arc Parish, Farmington (2016-present); Senior Priest Active with pastoral responsibilities at several parishes in Western Fayette County (2008-16)

Other: Chaplain, SCI-Fayette, LaBelle (2008-present)MONSIGNOR V. PAUL
FITZMAURICE, 50 YEARS**Born:** Leeds, England**Seminary:** Gregorian University, Rome**Ordained:** May 5, 1973, by Bishop William G. Connare, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg**Pastoral appointments:**

Parochial Vicar, St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana (1973-

76), Holy Family Parish, Latrobe (1976-79), Ascension Parish, Jeannette (1979-83), Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg (1983-84); Pastor, former St. Michael Parish, Glen Campbell, and its former mission of SS. Peter & Paul, Arcadia (1984-86), former St. Anthony Parish, Clymer (1986), former St. Mary Parish, Ford City (1989-94), St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City (1994-2008), St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon (2008-2022)

Other: Director of Diocesan Committee on Scouting; Dean of Deanery II, IV and V**Retired:** 2022BROTHER DAVID KELLY, OSB,
50 YEARS**Born:** Pittsburgh**Seminary:** Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe**Solemn vows:** July 11, 1976**Service at Saint Vincent****College:** religious studies instructor (1974-78), Director of Religious Education (1975), political science instructor (1984-92), assistant director (1984-

88) and then director (1988-92) of the Opportunity Program, president of the Faculty Council (1990-92)

Service at Saint Vincent Seminary: Associate Professor of Canon Law (1994-present), Associate Director then Director of Saint Vincent Libraries (2001-present)**Service at Saint Vincent Archabbey:** Member, Archabbey Council of Seniors; Abbot President's Council of the American-Cassinian Congregation; Archabbey Board of Incorporators (1998-present); Subprior (1994-98); Administrative Assistant to the Archabbot (1998-2003); Canonical Adviser to the Archabbot**Diocesan appointments:** Matrimonial Tribunal Defender of the Bond**Other:** Archivist, Fred Rogers Institute (2005-10)FATHER PETER L. PERETTI,
50 YEARS**Born:** Brownsville**Seminary:** Former St. Francis Seminary, Loretto**Ordained:** May 5, 1973, by Bishop William G. Connare, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg**Pastoral appointments:**

Parochial Vicar, Mount St. Peter Parish, New Kensington (1973-75), Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg (1975-81), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon (1981), Holy Family Parish, Latrobe (1981-82), St. Therese Parish, Uniontown (1982-84); Pastor, former St. Gertrude Parish, McIntyre, and its former mission, St. Anthony, Aultman (1984-86), former Assumption Parish, Ernest (1986-87), former St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Leisenring, and its former mission, St. Polycarp, West Leisenring (1987-2003), St. Ambrose Parish, Avonmore; Administrator pro-tem, St. Matthew Parish, Saltsburg (2003-07), former St. Procopius Parish, New Salem; Administrator, former St. Thomas Parish, Footedale (2007-13), St. Mary (Nativity) Parish, Uniontown (2013-18)

Retired: 2018MONSIGNOR ROGER A.
STATNICK, 50 YEARS**Born:** Johnstown**Seminary:** Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe**Ordained:** May 5, 1973, by Bishop William G. Connare at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg**Pastoral appointments:**

Pastor, St. Sylvester Parish, Slickville (1989-95), Blessed

Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg (2005-10), St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon (2010-17)

Diocesan appointments: Vocations Director and Director of Spiritual Life (1986-89), Priests Council (1989), Personnel Board for Priests (1989), Consultors (1989-99), Vicar General (1989-2005), Priests Benefit Board (1992), Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate (2005-17)**Other:** Named Prelate of Honor to his Holiness, second highest rank of Monsignor (2005); member, Board of Delegates of Christian Associates (1992-95)**Retired:** 2017FATHER LEONARD W. STOVIK,
50 YEARS**Born:** Uniontown**Seminary:** Former St. Pius X Seminary, Erlanger, Ky., former St. Francis Seminary, Loretto**Ordained:** May 5, 1973, by Bishop William G. Connare at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg**Pastoral appointments:**

Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin (1973-75), St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon (1975-78), St. John the Baptist Parish, Scottdale (1978-84); Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Connellsville (1984-86), former All Saints Parish, Masontown, and its former mission, St. Francis de Sales, McClellandtown (1986-92), St. Paul Parish, Greensburg (1992-2000), St. John the Baptist Parish, Scottdale (2000-08), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon (2008-17)

Diocesan appointments: Moderator of Charismatic Prayer Groups of Diocese of Greensburg (1976), Priests Council (1984-87, 2004-07), Priests Personnel Committee (1984-85), Priestly Life and Ministry Committee (1992-95), Board of Consultors (2002-07), Regional Moderator, Region 13 (2005-08)**Retired:** 2017

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JUBILEE MASS: Priests of the Diocese of Greensburg were honored at the annual jubilee Mass for priests June 7 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. At left, Father Leonard W. Stovik, retired priest of the Diocese, gives the homily during the Mass.

FATHER JAMES F. BUMP,
45 YEARS**Born:** Bridgeton, N.J.**Seminary:** Former Saint Francis Seminary, Loretto, Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe**Ordained:** May 5, 1978, by Bishop William G. Connare, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg**Pastoral appointments:**

Parochial Vicar, St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning (1978-80); Administrator pro-tem, former St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sutersville (1984-85) and former All Saints Parish, East Vandergrift (1985-88); Pastor, former St. Charles Borromeo Parish (1988-97), former All Saints Parish, Masontown (1997-2006), Holy Family Parish, West Newton (2006-08); Administrator, former St. Charles Borromeo Parish (2006-08)

Diocesan appointments: Assistant Chancellor for Finances, then Director, Diocesan Business Office; Business Manager, *The Catholic Accent*; member, Priests Council and Board of Consultors**Other:** Chaplain in residence, St. Emma Monastery, Greensburg (1984); four years in the U.S. Air Force**Retired:** 2008FATHER LAWRENCE L.
MANCHAS, 45 YEARS**Born:** Sewickley**Seminary:** former St. Pius X Seminary, Erlanger, Ky.; Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md.**Ordained:** May 6, 1978, by Bishop William G. Connare at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg**Pastoral appointments:** Parochial Vicar, St. Mary (Nativity) Parish,

Uniontown and its former chapel in Lemont Furnace (1978-84), St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon (1984-88); Pastor, former Holy Cross Parish, Iselin (1988-89), former St. John the Baptist Parish, Heilwood, and its former chapels in Cameron's Bottom and Alverda (1990-94), St. Edward Parish, Herminie (1994-2004), St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon (2004-2010), Church of the Resurrection Parish, Northern Indiana County (2010-13), St. Paul Parish, Greensburg, St. Bruno Parish, South Greensburg (2013- present); Administrator pro tem, St. Joseph Parish, Everson (1989-90), St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon (2023); Administrator in residence, St. Sebastian Parish (2003-04)

Other: director of Diocesan Committee on Scouting; Dean of Deanery II, IV (present) and VFATHER JOHN PAVLICK, OFM
CAP., 45 YEARS**Born:** New Kensington**Seminary:** Former St. Fidelis College Seminary, Herman**Ordained:** January 1978**Pastoral appointments:**

Weekend sacramental ministry at partner parishes of St. Joseph Parish, Everson, and St. John the Baptist Parish, Scottsdale, and at the Catholic parishes in New Kensington; part of friary at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana; Pastor, Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Lucernemines and Coral (current)

Other: On faculty of St. Fidelis High School (1978-81); vicar of Our Lady of Peace Parish, Conway; teacher at Borromeo College Seminary of Ohio; formation staff at Capuchin College, Washington, D.C.; Director of Formation for the Province; on Inter-Provincial Formation Council; Vicar Provincial; Provincial Minister; Executive Director, Conference of Major Superiors of Men; Liaison with USCCB in committees on priestly formation and in Secretariat for Protection of Children and MinorsFATHER EDWARD VOLZ
(ORDER OF ST. PAUL THE FIRST
HERMIT, OSPPE), 35 YEARS**Born:** Newark, N.J.**Seminary:** Holy Apostles Seminary, Cromwell, Conn.**Ordained:** June 18, 1988, at Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown**Pastoral appointments:** Pastor, St. Lawrence Parish, Cadogan (1990-2008), St. Mary Parish, Freeport (2008-23)**Other:** established St. Paul's Monastery, Pauline Fathers, Kittanning (1964-66); Director of Retreats at monastery; assistant chaplain, Armstrong County Memorial Hospital, Kittanning (1972-84); Administrator, St. Paul's Monastery, Pauline Fathers (1990-2008); financial administrator of American province for the Order of St. Paul the First HermitFATHER ANTHONY J. CARBONE,
30 YEARS**Born:** Beaver Falls**Seminary:** Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio**Ordained:** May 22, 1993, by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg**Pastoral appointments:**

Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish, New Kensington (1993-97), St. Edward Parish, Herminie (1998-99), Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin (1999-2000); Pastor, St. Sylvester Parish, Slickville (2002-08), St. John the Evangelist Parish, Latrobe (2009-19), Holy Trinity Parish, Ligonier (2019-present); Administrator, St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Export (2008-09), St. Rose Parish, Latrobe (2009-19)

Diocesan appointments: Chaplain, Seton Hill University (1998); Diocesan Tribunal Office (1997-present); Regional Moderator, Region III, Region IV; Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith (2012-present); Interim Chancellor (2018); Bishop's Liaison for Consecrated Life (2018-present)MONSIGNOR GILBERT C. GENTE,
30 YEARS**Seminary:** St. John Vianney Theological Seminary, Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines**Ordained:** May 21, 1993, Diocese of Ipil, Mindanao, Philippines**Pastoral appointments** (part of International Priests Program): Administrator pro-tem, SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Fairchance,

St. Hubert Parish, Point Marion (2019), St. Paul Parish and St. Bruno Parish, Greensburg (2019-20); Pastor, St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport (2020-present)

Other: parish priest, seminary rector, Catholic school superintendent and administrator in Diocese of Ipil, PhilippinesFATHER JUANITO LOZANO,
30 YEARS

Father Lozano came to the Diocese of Greensburg in May 2023 and is part of the International Priests Program. He is from the Diocese of Tagum in the Philippines and has not yet been assigned to a parish.

FATHER DAVID J. NAZIMEK,
30 YEARS**Born:** Brownsville**Seminary:** Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe**Ordained:** May 22, 1993, by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg**Pastoral appointments:**

Parochial Vicar, St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon (1993-97), The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish, Monessen (1997-99); Pastor, SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Fairchance (1999-2004), The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish (2004-12), St. Regis Parish, Trafford (2012-19), St. Anne Parish, Rostraver, and Holy Family Parish, West Newton (2019-present)

Diocesan appointments: Deanery V Youth ModeratorFATHER LEVI MANTICA
25 YEARS

Father Mantica came to the Diocese of Greensburg in May 2023 and is part of the International Priests Program. He is from the Diocese of Tagum in the Philippines and has not yet been assigned to a parish.

FATHER TYLER J. BANDURA,
10 YEARS**Born:** Kittanning**Seminary:** St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, Md.**Ordained:** June 1, 2013, by Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg**Pastoral appointments:**

Parochial Vicar, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg (2013-15), Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville (2015-16); Administrator, St. James Parish, New Alexandria (2021); Pastor, St. James Parish, New Alexandria (2021-present); Administrator pro-tem, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Latrobe (2022), St. Rose Parish, Latrobe (2022-present)

Diocesan appointments: Assistant Episcopal Master of Ceremonies (2013-16), Episcopal Master of Ceremonies (2016-21), Chaplain at Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School (GCC) (2013-21), religion instructor at GCC (2016-21), Associate Director of Clergy Vocations (2015-18), Director of Office for Priestly Vocations (2018-present), Diocesan Tribunal Office, Regional Moderator of Region III and Region IV, Director of Missions**Other:** Chaplain, Seton Hill University (1998)FATHER DANIEL J. ULISHNEY,
10 YEARS**Born:** Greensburg**Seminary:** Pontifical North American College, Rome**Ordained:** June 1, 2013, by Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg**Pastoral appointments:**

Parochial Vicar, St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell, and Mount

St. Peter Parish, St. Joseph Parish, New Kensington, and St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish, New Kensington (2013-2016); Immaculate Conception Parish, St. John the Evangelist Parish and St. Rita Parish, Connellsville (2016-19), St. Aloysius Parish, Dunbar (2018-19); Pastor, St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont, and St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Export (2019-23), St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon (2023-present)

Diocesan appointments: Assistant Chaplain, Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School (2017-19); Tribunal Defender of the BondFATHER ANTHONY ONOKO,
10 YEARS**Born:** Nigeria**Pastoral appointments** (part of International Priests Program): Parochial Vicar, St. Pius Parish and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Mount Pleasant (2020), St. Raymond of the Mountains Parish, Donegal (2020-21); Pastor, St. Raymond of the Mountains Parish (2021-present)**Diocesan appointments:** Chaplain, Excelsa Frick Hospital and Harmon House Care Center, Mount Pleasant (2020-present), Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School (2021-present)**Other:** parish parochial vicar and Secretary to the Bishop and Chancellor in his home diocese, Diocese of Horin, Kwara, Nigeria

FATHER MATTHEW J. MORELLI, 10 YEARS

**Born:** Jeannette**Seminary:** Pontifical North American College, Rome**Ordained:** June 1, 2013, by Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg**Pastoral appointments:** Parochial Vicar, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish (2015-19); Pastor, Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent (2019-present)**Diocesan appointments:** Bishop's Representative for Matters Pertaining to the Celebration of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form (2020-present)For your many years of **faith-filled service**
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JESUS

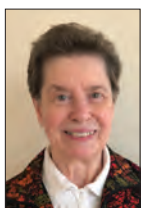
60 YEARS

**SISTER CAROLYN
CARLISANO****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 1,
1960, from Mother of
Good Counsel Parish,
Pittsburgh**SISTER
PAULA MARIE
PETRUZZELLO****Born:** Middletown, Conn.
Entered: Sept. 1, 1960,
from St. John Parish,
Cromwell, Conn.**SISTER MARGO
REY****Born:** St. Louis, Mo.
Entered: Sept. 1,
1960, from Immaculate
Conception Parish, St.
Louis, Mo.BENEDICTINE SISTERS
OF PITTSBURGH

70 YEARS

**SISTER ALICE
ROCK****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: 1951 from
the former St. Boniface
Parish, Pittsburgh**SISTER JEANNE
UBINGER****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: 1951 from
the former St. Joseph
Parish, Manchester

65 YEARS

**SISTER SUSANNE
CHENOT****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: 1956 from
St. Ambrose Parish,
Pittsburgh**SISTER BENITA
DEMATTEIS****Born:** Canton, Ohio
Entered: 1956 from
St. James Parish,
Waynesburg, Ohio**SISTER MARY
AGNES GMUIER****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: 1956 from
the former Nativity
of Our Lord Parish,
Pittsburgh**SISTER LUCILLE
SNYDER****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: 1956 from
the former St. Cyril
of Alexander Parish,
Pittsburgh

60 YEARS

**SISTER DONNA
WOJTYNA****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: 1961 from St.
Teresa of Avila Parish,
Pittsburgh

DAUGHTERS OF MARY

25 YEARS

**SISTER AMALA
JOSE****Born:** Kerala, India
Entered: June 1994
from Pudukad, Diocese
of Thrissur, Kerala

FELICIAN SISTERS

60 YEARS

**SISTER MARY
CHARLENE
OZANICK****Born:** McKees Rocks
Entered: August 1963
from St. Joseph Parish,
CoraopolisIVREA SISTERS
OF CHARITY OF
THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

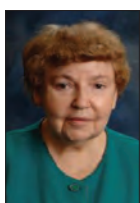
25 YEARS

**SISTER MARTHA
JULIAN MSAMBILI****Born:** Mpwapwa,
Tanzania
Entered: June 10,
1998, from The
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Parish, Kibakwe,
Dodoma TanzaniaSCHOOL SISTERS
OF ST. FRANCIS

60 YEARS

**SISTER M. KEVIN
BERDIS****Born:** Erie
Entered: August 1963
from Holy Family Parish,
ErieSISTERS OF CHARITY
OF NAZARETH

65 YEARS

**SISTER CECILIA
ANN FATULA****Born:** Johnstown
Entered: Sept. 8, 1955,
from St. Francis Parish,
Johnstown**SISTER ROSE
MARIE KOLLAR****Born:** Uniontown
Entered: Nov. 13,
1955, from St. Mary
Parish, Uniontown**SISTER MARIE
DIANE NOVACHEK****Born:** Uniontown
Entered: Jan. 21,
1956, from St. Mary
Parish, Uniontown**SISTER JEANNE
VUCIC****Born:** McKeesport
Entered: Sept. 8, 1955,
from Holy Trinity Parish,
McKeesport**SISTER MARY
MARK ZAVATSKY****Born:** Connellsville
Entered: Sept. 8,
1955, from St. John
the Evangelist Parish,
Connellsville

60 YEARS

**SISTER SARAH
MARIE GEIER****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1960,
from St. Bonaventure
Parish, Glenshaw**SISTER CORRINE
GIEL****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1960,
from St. Ursula Parish,
Allison Park**SISTER DONNA
MARIE PALYA****Born:** Uniontown
Entered: Sept. 8, 1960,
from St. Mary Parish,
Uniontown**SISTER LAVERNE
SIHELNIK****Born:** Johnstown
Entered: Sept. 8, 1960,
from SS. Peter & Paul
Parish, Johnstown

55 YEARS

**SISTER JOHNETTE
DZUBA****Born:** Donora
Entered: Sept. 8, 1965,
from St. Dominic Parish,
DonoraSISTERS OF CHARITY
OF SETON HILL

80 YEARS

**SISTER MARY
CATHERINE SELI****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8,
1943, from Holy
Innocents Parish,
Pittsburgh

75 YEARS

**SISTER ALICE
RUANE****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1948,
from Resurrection
Parish, Pittsburgh**SISTER MIRIAM
RICHARD SOISSON****Born:** Bellevue
Entered: Sept. 8, 1948,
from Assumption Parish,
Bellevue

70 YEARS

**SISTER JEAN
AUGUSTINE****Born:** Crafton
Entered: Sept. 8, 1953,
from St. Philip Parish,
Crafton**SISTER CAROL
DOUGHERTY****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1953,
from Resurrection
Parish, Pittsburgh**SISTER MARIA
CONSUELO
PACHECO****Born:** Tucson, Ariz.
Entered: Sept. 8,
1953, from St. Ambrose
Parish, Tucson, Ariz.**SISTER BEATRICE
ANN PARENTI****Born:** Carnegie
Entered: Sept. 8, 1953,
from St. Luke Parish,
Carnegie

SISTERS OF CHARITY
OF SETON HILL

65 YEARS

**SISTER ANNETTE
FREY****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8,
1958, from St. Valentine
Parish, Bethel Park**SISTER EILEEN
JOHNSTON****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1958,
from St. Agnes Parish,
Pittsburgh**SISTER JUDITH
LAFFEY****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1958,
from Resurrection
Parish, Pittsburgh**SISTER VIVIEN
LINKHAUER****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1958,
from Our Lady of Grace
Parish, Pittsburgh**SISTER GERALDINE
FRANCES MARR****Born:** Charleroi
Entered: Sept. 8, 1958,
from St. Jerome Parish,
Charleroi**SISTER KATHLEEN
MCGRADY****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8,
1958, from St. John
the Baptist Parish,
Pittsburgh**SISTER CLAUDIA
RUSHLOW****Born:** Pasadena, Texas
Entered: Dec. 29,
1958, from St. John
Parish, Tucson, Ariz.**SISTER ANITA
SCHULTE****Born:** Brooklyn, N.Y.
Entered: Sept. 8,
1958, from Our Lady of
Refuge Parish, Brooklyn,
N.Y.**SISTER CLAUDIA
STEHLE****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1958,
from Resurrection
Parish, Pittsburgh**SISTER JON
FRANCES VALLADE****Born:** Altoona
Entered: Sept. 8, 1958,
from Cathedral Parish,
Altoona

25 YEARS

**SISTER
MOONKYUNG
PARK****Born:** Pusan, South
Korea
Entered: Aug. 15,
1998, from On-Cheon-
Dong Parish, PusanSISTERS OF MERCY
OF THE AMERICAS

75 YEARS

**SISTER AGNES
(MARY HUBERT)
GREACHER****Born:** Bolivar
Entered: Feb. 22,
1948, from St. Ann
Parish, Wilpen**SISTER MARY JOY
HAYWOOD****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: June 20,
1948, from St. Ann
Parish, Waynesburg

70 YEARS

**SISTER ELIZABETH
(MARY CONCETTA)
MCELHINNY****Born:** Lincoln Place
Entered: Sept. 7, 1953,
from Holy Angels Parish,
Hayes**SISTER PATRICIA
ANN (MARIETTA)
SKOWRONEK****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 7, 1953,
from St. Sylvester Parish,
SlickvilleSISTERS OF ST. FELIX
OF CANTALICE

60 YEARS

**SISTER MARY
THADDEUS
MARKELEWICZ****Born:** Pittsburgh
Entered: August
3, 1963, from St.
John Cantius Parish,
SharpsburgSISTERS OF
ST. JOSEPH OF BADEN

75 YEARS

**SISTER CLARE
REESE****Born:** New Kensington
Entered: Sept. 8, 1948,
from St. Joseph Parish,
New Kensington

70 YEARS

**SISTER MARY
FRANCES
(CLARICE)
GRASINGER****Born:** Uniontown
Entered: Sept. 8,
1953, from St. John the
Evangelist Parish,
Uniontown

65 YEARS

**SISTER MARY
MARGARET (JOHN
MARK) DOORLEY****Born:** Uniontown
Entered: Sept. 8,
1958, from St. John the
Evangelist Parish,
Uniontown**SISTER CHRISTINE
KRESHO****Born:** Josephine
Entered: Sept. 8, 1958,
from St. Louis Parish,
Lucerne Mines**SISTER MARY
ROSELLA
LACOVITCH****Born:** Gallitzin
Entered: Sept. 8, 1958,
from St. Patrick Parish,
Gallitzin

60 YEARS

**SISTER STELLA
CRONAUER****Born:** Spangler
Entered: Sept. 8, 1963,
from St. Lawrence
Parish**SISTER MARGARET
(PEGGY) MARIE
(MARY TIMOTHY)
WADE****Born:** Buffalo, N.Y.
Entered: Sept. 12,
1963, from St. Teresa
Parish, Buffalo, N.Y.

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SISTERS CELEBRATE JUBILEES: Bishop Larry J. Kulick celebrates Mass May 3 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, to honor those celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. Members of local religious communities in the Diocese of Greensburg attended the Mass and a celebratory dinner.

Father Anthony Onoko

You have lived for Christ and helped
in spreading the Good News!
May God reward you for all
the sacrifices you have made!

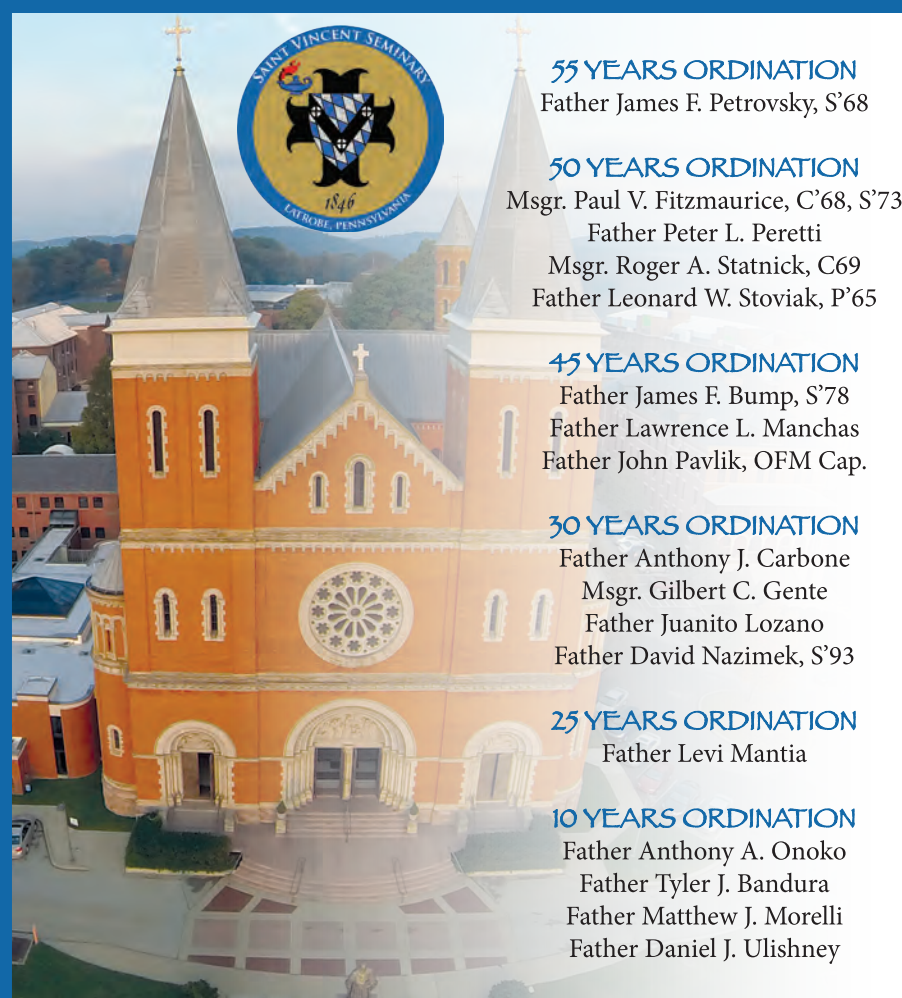
Happy 10th Anniversary!

Ki Oluwa bukun fun o.
Ki o si paamo.
(God Bless you and keep you safe.)

**St. Raymond
of the Mountains Parish**



CONGRATULATIONS DIOCESAN JUBILARIANS!



55 YEARS ORDINATION
Father James F. Petrovsky, S'68

50 YEARS ORDINATION
Msgr. Paul V. Fitzmaurice, C'68, S'73
Father Peter L. Peretti
Msgr. Roger A. Statnick, C69
Father Leonard W. Stoviak, P'65

45 YEARS ORDINATION
Father James F. Bump, S'78
Father Lawrence L. Manchas
Father John Pavlik, OFM Cap.

30 YEARS ORDINATION
Father Anthony J. Carbone
Msgr. Gilbert C. Gente
Father Juanito Lozano
Father David Nazimek, S'93

25 YEARS ORDINATION
Father Levi Mantia

10 YEARS ORDINATION
Father Anthony A. Onoko
Father Tyler J. Bandura
Father Matthew J. Morelli
Father Daniel J. Ulishney

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*The parish family
of St. Edward in Herminie
Congratulates*

Our former Pastor: Fr. Lawrence L. Manchas on his 45th

Our Priests who served the parish family:

Fr. James F. Bump on his 45th

Fr. Anthony J. Carbone on his 30th

*"You shall anoint him and consecrate him that he may serve me as a priest."
Exodus 40:13*

Congratulations

Father Jim Petrovsky, former pastor of
Saint John the Baptist

Father Peter Peretti, son of the former
Saint Hedwig, Smock

Father Dave Nazimek, former
administrator of Saint John the Baptist
and

to all who are celebrating special
jubilees this year!

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

*Father Rody Mejia
& the Parish Family of
Saint John the Baptist,
Perryopolis*



FATHER DANIEL J. ULISHNEY

*A happy anniversary as you mark
10 years
since you were ordained!*



*“May God give you many
more years to be of value
in serving the sheep He has
bestowed in your hands.”*

*St. Mary, Mother of God Parishioners
Freeport*

The parishioners of St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Freeport, congratulate

Monsignor Gilbert Gente

on his 30th Jubilee of Ordination



*“God Bless you for your years of service to us and
the many years of faithful service to God!”*



Saint Agnes
Roman Catholic Church

Congratulations to all Jubilarians,

Especially those who have served at St. Agnes Parish!



50th Anniversary

Monsignor V. Paul Fitzmaurice

Pastor ♦ 2008 - 2022

10th Anniversary

Father Daniel J. Ulishney, J.C.L

Pastor ♦ 2023 - Present



50th Anniversary - Monsignor Roger A. Statnick

Administrator ♦ 1996 - 1997

45th Anniversary - Father Lawrence L. Manchas

Associate Pastor - 1994 - 1987, Administrator ♦ 2022

30th Anniversary - Father David J. Nazimek

Associate Pastor ♦ 1993 - 1997

Congratulations

Father David J. Nazimek

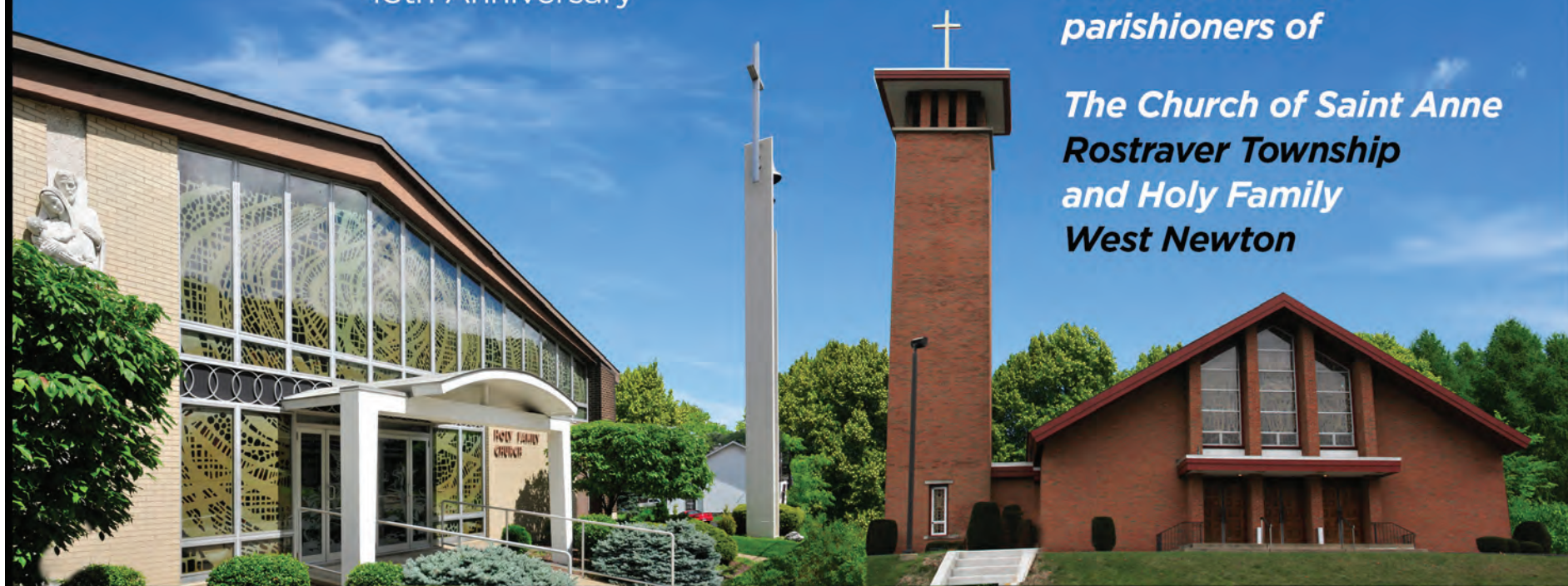
30th Anniversary


Father James F. Bump

45th Anniversary

*From the faithful
parishioners of*

**The Church of Saint Anne
Rostraver Township
and Holy Family
West Newton**






OUR LADY OF HOPE
PROVINCE CELEBRATES

2023 *Jubilarian*


Sr. Mary Charlene Ozanick
60 YEARS

*We are grateful to our jubilarians for transforming
the world through their lives dedicated to service.
God bless them as they continue to cooperate
with Christ in the spiritual renewal of the world.*



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*The Parish Family of
Our Lady of
the Assumption*


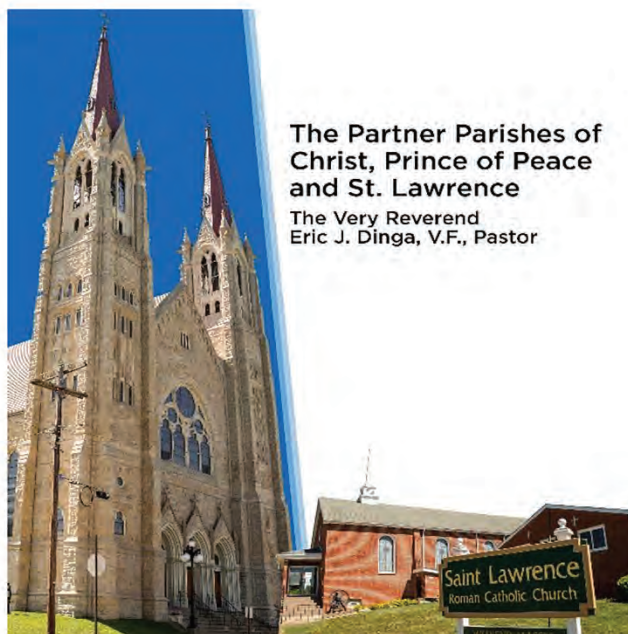
Congratulates

Fr. John Pavlik, OFM Cap.

on the

**45th Anniversary
of His Ordination**

Ad multos annos!

**The Partner Parishes of
Christ, Prince of Peace
and St. Lawrence**

The Very Reverend
Eric J. Dinga, V.F., Pastor

With gratitude for their years of Priestly ministry in our Diocese,
We congratulate the following Priests as they celebrate their respective milestones:

The Reverend James Petrovsky (55 years), *Native son of Ford City*

**The Reverend Monsignor V. Paul Fitzmaurice (50 years),
*Pastor of the former St. Mary Parish, Ford City***

The Very Reverend Tyler J. Bandura, V.F. (10 years), *Native son of the Parish*

Ad multos annos!

Congratulations Father Bandura!

Your holy service to the Lord touches so many hearts and inspires so many lives. May God's goodness and kindness be with you on your anniversary and all the days of your life. God bless you and may He keep you safe in the palm of His hand. Congratulations and best wishes on your 10th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

June 1, 2013 ~ June 1, 2023

We are so blessed to have you at Saint James!

Our love and prayers,
Saint James Staff & Parishioners



Congratulations to these Special Priests
who have served our communities
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Thank you:

FATHER LAWRENCE MANCHAS (45 years)

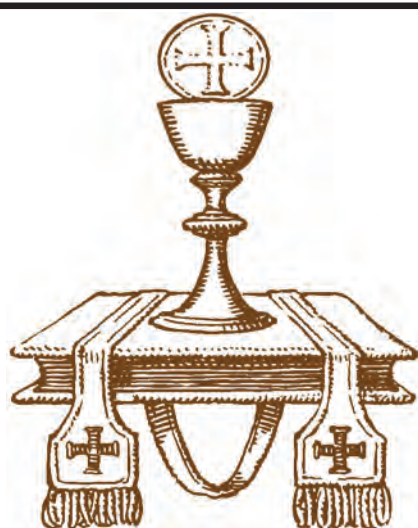
MONSIGNOR GILBERT GENTE (30 years)

FATHER LEN STOVIK (50 years)

We have been blessed by your kindness,
spiritual direction, and leadership.

May you continue to receive grace and good health
to continue your journeys!

Congratulations!



Congratulations

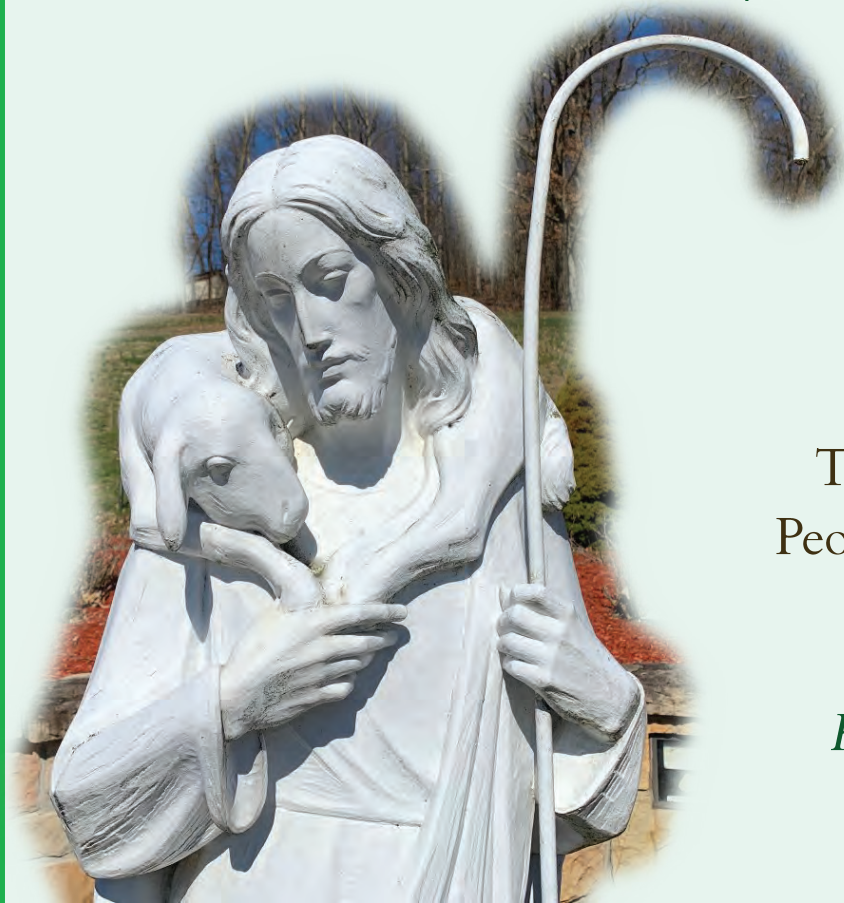
**To those who have served the
Diocese of Greensburg
On your Milestone Anniversary
Of Ordination to the Priesthood**



**From
The Parishioners of
Holy Cross Church, Youngwood**

Congratulations 2023 Diocesan Jubilarians!

We give thanks to God and offer our congratulations to all of our priests celebrating anniversaries of Priestly Ordination this year, especially our pastor:



Congratulations Fr. Matthew Morelli on your 10th 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.

*Parishioners at Church of the Good Shepherd,
Kent*



Congratulations and Best Wishes

to

Reverend Matthew J. Morelli, Pastor
Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent

And his classmates

The Very Reverend Tyler J. Bandura, VF

and

Reverend Daniel J. Ulishney

on the

**10 Year Anniversary of their
Priestly Ordination**

6/1/2013 to 6/1/2023

Mr. & Mrs. Bernard & Ruth Ann Morelli

Mr. & Mrs. Luke & Kimberly Meloy

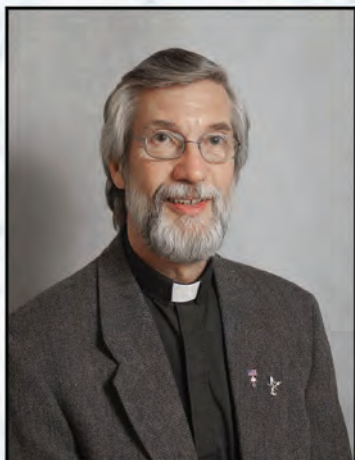
Julian, Alexander & Cameron

Congratulations

Father David J. Nazimek

Ordained: May 22, 1993

The St. Regis staff and parishioners would like to offer a heartfelt congratulations to our former pastor, Father Dave, for his past service to our parish. May God continue to bless you today and always!



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on the Occasion of their
Ordination Anniversaries.
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"Christ is the Truth"*



**The Parish Family
of Seven Dolores in Yukon
Congratulates**

Fr. James F. Bump

on his 45th Anniversary of Ordination!

*"You shall anoint him and consecrate him that he may
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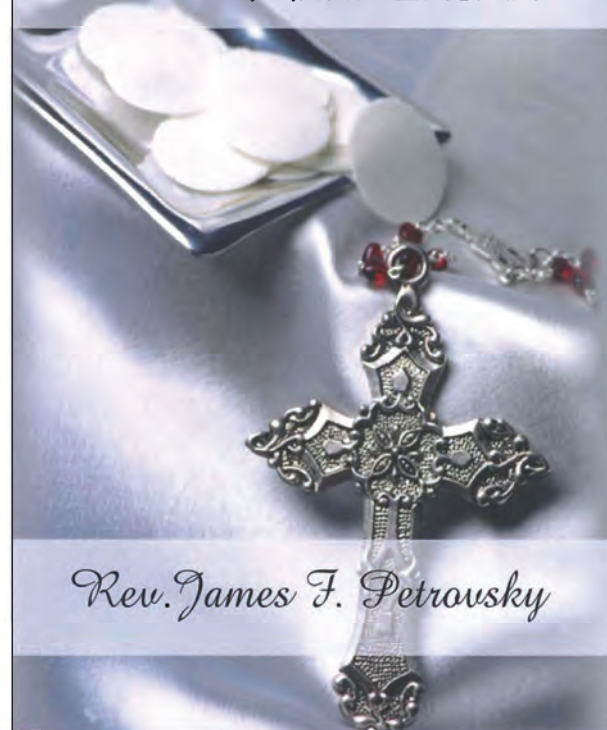
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55TH ORDINATION
ANNIVERSARY



Rev. James F. Petrovsky

Congratulations Father Petrovsky

Celebrating 55 years in the Priesthood!

Saint Joan of Arc is blessed to have you with us, and we look forward to more wonderful years with you!

Your St. Joan of Arc Family and Friends

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Father Peter L. Peretti
on the Joyous Occasion of Your 50th Jubilee*



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Seminarian Dale Hyland and Scouts pray during the annual Scout Convocation Mass May 7 at St. Regis Parish, Trafford.

Scouts receive honors at Convocation Mass

By Melissa Williams Brown
Contributing Writer

TRAFFORD — Vincent Brown and Shane Hornicak of Troop 251 and Andy Muzy of Troop 293, all parishioners of St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, and the Boy Scouts of America Westmoreland-Fayette Council, received the Pope Pius XII religious emblem May 7 during the annual Scout Convocation Mass at St. Regis Parish.

Bishop Larry J. Kulick, celebrant and homilist, thanked the Scouts, their leaders and families for all they have accomplished. Scouting exists, he said, because of dedicated volunteers and facilitators who challenge Scouts to do many different projects.

Scouting helps young people

master life skills needed today more than ever, the Bishop said.

"We are Christians by our actions. What is at the heart of Scouting is service to God and one another," he said.

Scouting helps to instill important moral values consistent with Catholic Church teachings, as well as leadership skills, Bishop Kulick said.

"When we are practicing Catholic Scouting, all that we do is in the name of the Lord. It's Christ who calls us to be ambassadors," said Bishop Kulick.

Statistics show that Scouting and the priesthood go hand in hand. Many priests in the Diocese of Greensburg have attained the Boy Scouts' highest rank, Eagle Scout, including Bishop Kulick and Father E. George Saletrik, Pastor of St. Regis Parish and Diocesan Scout Chaplain.



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SUMMER CAMP: Summer camp for Boy Scouts was in full swing at the Boy Scouts of America, Westmoreland-Fayette Council's Camp Conestoga. More than 1,000 Scouts attended camp over five weeks, participating in fun activities and exercise and earning merit badges in a variety of areas. Mass was celebrated by priests of the Diocese of Greensburg every Monday evening.

Eagle Scout helps the grieving

By Melissa Williams Brown
Contributing Writer

IRWIN — Scouting has always been a major part of 14-year-old Scotty Clark's life. His father, Scott Clark, was his den leader and is now his scoutmaster, and his late grandfather, Ellsworth "Buddy" Clark, was always there to assist.

When Scotty was 9, his grandfather died, and friends gave him poems and Bible verses to help him deal with his grief. He returned the favor when a friend of his mother, Kimberly, lost her mother and when his cousin's dog died, making cards for them to help soften the blow.

"They really appreciated it. It seemed like the best thing I could do for them. Knowing someone cares about you helps," he said.

Scotty is a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Parish and will be a ninth-grader at Penn Middle School near Jeannette. His siblings, Nicholas and Emily, are also Scouts.

A Scout in Troop 239 in Claridge, Scotty decided that for his Eagle Scout project, he would continue helping people dealing with grief. He constructed a rack for pamphlets about grief that now stands in his parish's cemetery chapel.

He also took on a major initiative to add GPS coordinates in the Find a Grave app to help people find loved

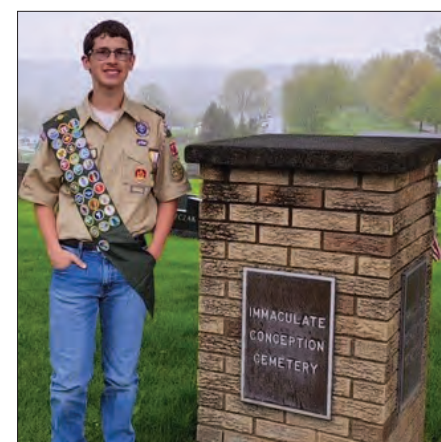


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Scotty Clark

ones buried at the cemetery. He enlisted 35 volunteers to work with him and was able to add coordinates for more than 2,200 graves.

Father John A. Moineau, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, has known Scotty since his birth and has watched him grow into a "fine Catholic young man."

"The sensitivity that he shows for those who grieve the death of their loved ones is reflected in the project at the cemetery," Father Moineau said. "Providing spiritual quotes in his pamphlet rack and working on a way for graves to be located will aid so many today and into the future."

Holy Spirit continues to guide Diocesan Eagle Scout

By Melissa Williams Brown
Contributing Writer

NORTH HUNTINGDON — Sometimes the Holy Spirit guides us exactly where we need to be.

When Zach Hoffman was a first-grader at West Hempfield Elementary School in 2011, he wanted to attend an informational program about Scouting. When the family arrived at the school where the event was to be held, no one was there. They realized they were in the wrong place and followed someone who knew the right meeting location.

Zach became a Tiger Scout shortly thereafter. The family has no idea who the person was who led them to the right location. They believe it was a sign and a blessing.

A Life Scout in Troop 480, Zach is now 16 and has completed his Eagle Scout project, one that will not only help his fellow parishioners at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon, but the entire community.

Zach built a blessing box for people in need to obtain nonperishable food items. He asked parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, and Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin, to help him fund the \$500 project, and they exceeded his goal by \$100.

Zach credits Father John A. Moineau, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

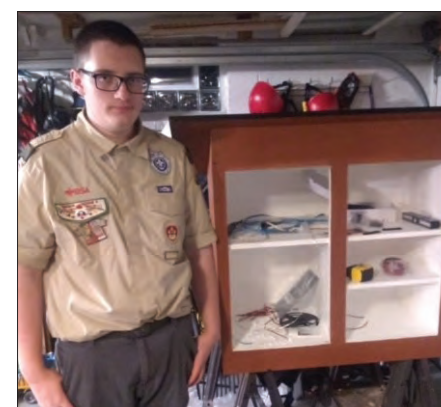


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Zach Hoffman

Parish, with helping make the project a reality.

"Father was all in and willing to help me every step of the way," he said.

Father Moineau said Zach has been an outstanding altar server for many years, and now he is showing, through his Eagle Scout project, a deeper awareness of service to those in need.

"This project will provide others a chance to reach out to the poor as well," said Father Moineau.

Zach's brothers, Brad and Hunter, have also gone through Scouting and helped him with the project. His father, Rob, is treasurer of Troop 480, and his mother, Julie, is advancement chair. Zach will be a junior at Hempfield Area High School.



CONFIRMATIONS

Bishop Larry J. Kulick visited parishes throughout the Diocese in recent months for confirmations of adults and young people. At left, he gathers with people from around the Diocese confirmed at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. Below are photos from his other confirmations. All photos are submitted.



St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont; St. James Parish, New Alexandria; St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Export; St. Bartholomew Parish, Crabtree; St. Ambrose Parish, Avonmore; St. Sylvester Parish, Slickville; St. Matthew Parish, Saltsburg (at St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish)



St. James Parish, Apollo; Christ the King Parish, Leechburg; St. Gertrude Parish, Vandergrift; Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift; St. Mary Parish, Freeport (at Christ the King Parish)



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon



Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin



Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysburg





St. Raymond of the Mountains Parish, Donegal; St. Pius X Parish and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Mount Pleasant; St. John the Baptist Parish, Scottdale; St. Joseph Parish, Everson; St. Florian Parish, United (at St. Pius X Parish)



Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg; St. Benedict Parish, Marguerite (at Our Lady of Grace Parish)



St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City



Mount St. Peter Parish, St. Joseph Parish and St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish, New Kensington; St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell (at St. Margaret Mary Parish)



St. Regis Parish, Trafford, St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, Seven Dolors Parish, Yukon, St. Edward Parish, Herminie (at St. Agnes Parish)



Holy Family Parish, St. Vincent Basilica Parish, St. Rose Parish and St. John the Evangelist the Parish, Latrobe; Holy Trinity Parish, Ligonier; Sacred Heart Parish, Youngstown (at Holy Family Parish, with Bishop Emeritus Lawrence E. Brandt)

Eucharistic processions mark Feast of Corpus Christi

By Melissa Williams Brown
Contributing Writer

SCOTSDALE/EVERSON — Bishop Larry J. Kulick presided at the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Mass and powerful Eucharistic procession June 11 at the partner parishes of St. John the Baptist, Scottdale, and St. Joseph, Everson.

Bishop Kulick celebrated Mass at St. Joseph Parish, followed by a Eucharistic procession to St. John the Baptist Parish for adoration. Following tradition, an intricately embroidered Eucharistic processional canopy was part of the procession.

“Today’s Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) calls us to renew our own selves and our parishes, not only worshipping Christ and taking it out into the world to strengthen others,” said Bishop Kulick.

The Eucharist, he said, is

the source and summit of our lives. The procession was part of a three-year Eucharistic Revival process initiated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to reflect on the meaning of the Eucharist in our lives. This year, parishes in the Diocese of Greensburg are focusing not only on Diocesan staff, but all parishes.

The bishop said that sometimes American Catholics don’t understand relics or processions.

“Liturgically, we do less and less. A procession is an imitation of what we believe,” he said.

During his homily, Bishop Kulick said Corpus Christi reminds us that Christ is our source of unity as he calls us into one body, which is the Church, to not only nourish but to be in communion, to be as one united toward the final destination of heaven.

“There are many processions in life and we may get tired, or we might let go and break away from the group. The church reminds



us we are so blessed here in this nation to experience the gift of freedom. The church reminds us we are walking together,” he said.

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Fairchance, St. Hubert Parish, Point Marion, St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont, and St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning, also held Eucharistic processions June 11.



Faithful from the partner parishes of St. John the Baptist, Scottdale, and St. Joseph, Everson, process to St. John the Baptist Parish during a Eucharistic procession June 11; Bishop Kulick carries the monstrance into the church.

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Eleanor Hamrock tends to her duties at Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood.

Active Holy Cross Parish sacristan celebrates 96th birthday

YOUNGWOOD — Eleanor Hamrock points to a pew at Holy Cross Parish in Youngwood as the spot she remembers her parents sitting. Hamrock has been a parishioner her entire life and has devoted her time in service to the parish. On June 6, she celebrates her 96th birthday, beginning with Mass and assisting Father Rogelio I. Rodriguez as sacristan.

She began her service to the parish full time after she retired in the 1990s. Before that, she would help her father, who was the parish custodian, on weekends. She is never far from the parish, living in the same house in which she was born, two blocks away.

As sacristan, Hamrock is at the

parish just before 7 a.m., preparing the books and vestments for Father Rodriguez and preparing the sanctuary for Mass. During the week, she is an altar server.

Hamrock knows the history of the parish, from the priests who served to what the church looked like before it was renovated in the early 1960s.

“The Church is my life,” she says with a smile. “It’s a job, but I love my job, and the priests have all been nice.” “She knows everything,” said Father Rodriguez. “You would need 10 persons to replace her. How could you replace Eleanor?”

She has no plans to retire; in fact, she just renewed her driver’s license.

— *The Catholic Accent*



GENEROUS HEARTS FAIR:

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg hosted its first Generous Hearts Family Resource Fair June 5. Melaney Hegyes, Managing Director, said she is grateful for the many donations of baby supplies collected from Diocesan parishioners who serve as volunteers for the Walking with Moms in Need program. At the fair, the supplies were provided free of charge to anyone in need. The event featured ultrasounds offered by TryLife Center, Lower Burrell; dental cleanings for children provided by Golden Onsite Dental; the United Way Book Mobile; and Haven May and her therapy dog, Poppy.

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Young adults, families talk faith around campfire

By Mary Seamans
Multimedia Journalist

FORD CITY — More than 50 young adults and many of their children gathered around a campfire in Ford City June 23 to learn more about their faith.

Organized by Katie Tylinski, Director of Faith formation at Christ Prince of Peace and St. Lawrence parishes, the event provided food and fellowship to help build community with young adults 20-45 years of age and their families. The highlight of the evening was a Q&A session with Bishop Larry J. Kulick and newly ordained Father Andrew J. Hamilton.

"It was so wonderful to see our young Church gathered around the campfire to gain insights into our faith by having their questions answered thoroughly," Tylinski said. "We look forward to many other young adult events in the future, and would love to have the Bishop return to an event like this again soon. It is very evident that he loves the young Church. It was also nice to see a variety of young people attending — single, married, families with children and divorced singles from various areas of our Diocese. There is a clear hunger for this ministry."

Although unsuccessful in trying to "Stump the Bishop," the questions submitted were thoughtfully answered by Bishop Kulick and Father Hamilton, and sparked lively discussion. Following are abbreviated answers to some of the questions asked.

Can someone go through purgatory on Earth or just after death? Can our suffering on Earth eliminate or reduce purgatory time?

Bishop Kulick: Purgatory is an opportunity for us, in the after-death experience, to be purged of our sin through God's mercy as part of our



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Bishop Kulick answers questions during a Q&A session; a boy enjoys roasted marshmallows.

journey into eternity. We believe Jesus rose with his soul and body as one in a glorious state. All of us will live forever and will experience the fullness of the resurrection forever. It is where and how we will experience that resurrected life that we are concerned about. Can we be purified here on Earth? Absolutely. The crosses we carry and the sacrifices we make here on Earth make us stronger and allow us to be more virtuous in our actions.

At baptism we are marked with the sign of the cross. That ontological cross, as well as other changes in your being made through the sacraments, remain with you through eternity, and means that the devil cannot overcome you.

Father Hamilton: Christ's sacrifice on the cross was perfect. We need to participate in that sacrifice as we head to our heavenly realm. My speculation is that when we meet Christ at our judgement, we may feel that we need to be more perfect, and are not ready to participate in His sacrifice. We will have free will to go to purgatory to be cleansed. I don't see it as a punishment, but as a choice.

I feel like I see so much demonic influence in the media; why do you think that is? Do you feel like there are signs indicating the second coming of Christ?

Bishop Kulick: We need to know that the devil and his presence is real. We all have free will and the devil cannot take that away from us. We can choose to allow evil to enter in. Many times, with increased ignorance, a lack of grace and a theologically uneducated laity, we do not realize we are making choices that open the gateway, which allows this to happen. The occult is a huge gateway.

Another gateway is the procurement, assistance or encouragement of an abortion. Is there an increase in evil in the world right now? Think about it, parents are not baptized and are not baptizing their children. Tied to the rite of baptism is the rite of exorcism. Couples are not being married in the Church. These things are prolific in our culture today and we are not receiving the grace of God that is freely given to protect us. Every generation thinks that the second coming is here; even St. Paul in his early writings believed this and



suggested we lead austere lives because he thought the Lord was coming in his lifetime.

I don't venture to go there. But I do say that evil is extremely present today, because we allow it. We don't arm ourselves with the Eucharist or the sacrament of penance and absolution; we live in states of mortal sinfulness. The floodgates are open; how much work does the devil even have to do? It's like a free holiday! It's like giving away the keys to the ice cream truck! These are fertile grounds for the devil.

What is the mark of the evil one? Chaos, confusion, disunity. Rational thought is gone today, objective truth is gone. We are polarized and fragmented. Look at what is happening in our culture: a complete division, turning over

of moral order, objective truth, and now the attack is on the natural being itself. We give the devil all the power he needs."

How do you know whether you are following the Holy Spirit or your own inner wants?

Bishop Kulick: The Holy Spirit is alive, and animates our lives and protects the Church. We need to discern our decisions by incorporating right reason and judgement, an understanding and knowledge learned through Scripture and Church tradition, and inspiration by heroic example. If you come to a decision, based in the spirit of prayer, integrity and respect, the Holy Spirit guides us, and is aligned with our conscience. We must be careful that we are not simply following our emotions.

An idea cannot be of the Holy Spirit if it goes against virtues or the disciplines and teachings of the Church. We are given a recipe for life, and if we follow the recipe, it works. Many times, we don't want to follow the recipe — we want to take a shortcut, make exceptions — and then we get frustrated when it doesn't work out. The Holy Spirit is working constantly in communion with the Church on our journey. This is why the sacraments are so important. The gifts of the Holy Spirit never go away, and we can pull on them whenever we need them.

Father Hamilton: A principal of St. Ignatius of Loyola is "Never change your spiritual plan in a time of desolation." When we feel discouragement, we want to quit and make a new plan. The spirit of fortitude, a gift of the Holy Spirit, helps to get us through difficult moments, so that our desires start to align with the desires of God. Having good and wise people around you can also be a great help since we are strongly influenced by our environment.



PARISH ANNIVERSARY:

SS Simon and Jude Parish, Blairsville, celebrated 50 years of their church building May 28, Pentecost Sunday. Pictured are parishioners enjoying refreshments after Mass.

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OBITUARIES

Sister Lois Sculco, SC



GREENSBURG — Sister of Charity Lois Sculco, 84, died April 5, 2023, at Caritas Christi, the motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. She was in her 63rd year of religious life.

At Seton Hill University, Sister Lois served in various teaching positions and as Assistant Dean of Women, Vice President for Administration and Student Life and Mission, and President for

Alumni Engagement and Mission.

A funeral Mass was held April 12.

Sister Mary Joan Hopper, SC



GREENSBURG — Sister of Charity Mary Joan Hopper, 77, died May 19, 2023, at Caritas Christi, the motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. She was in her 59th year of religious life.

Sister Mary Joan taught middle school students in the Dioceses of Greensburg and Pittsburgh and the Archdiocese of Baltimore. She helped establish the Seton Arts Service Corps.

A funeral Mass was held May 22.

Sister Dorothy Gourley, CSJ



BADEN — Sister of St. Joseph Dorothy (Rose Patrick) Gourley, 91, died May 28, 2023. She was in her 74th year of religious life.

Sister Dorothy taught in the Dioceses of Greensburg, Pittsburgh and Altoona-Johnstown, including at the former St. Mary School, Freeport.

A funeral Mass was held June 6.

Sister Gertrude Foley, SC



GREENSBURG — Sister of Charity Gertrude Foley, 91, died June 16, 2023, at Caritas Christi, the motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity. She was in her 73rd year of religious life.

Sister Gertrude served as Major Superior/President of the Sisters of Charity for two terms (1993-2002) and oversaw the construction of Caritas Christi. She served in the Diocese

of Greensburg as Executive Director of the Department of Education and Spiritual Formation. She also taught at the former Cathedral School, Greensburg.

A funeral Mass was held June 21.

CONDOLENCES

- To Father Lawrence L. Manchas, pastor of St. Paul and St. Bruno Parishes, Greensburg, on the death of his brother, Joseph, May 2, 2023.
- To Father John M. Butler, retired priest of the Diocese, on the death of his brother, Meade, April 17, 2023.



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FATHER ULISHNEY INSTALLED: Bishop Larry J. Kulick installs Father Daniel J. Ulishney as pastor of St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, April 15. During his homily, Bishop Kulick thanked the parishioners for their fidelity and sacrifices and the work they do in being the presence of Christ in the community. "There are many things and many formulas that can work together," he said. "I want St. Agnes to grow and continue to grow under Father Daniel's leadership."



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NEW DCCW OFFICERS: The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women installed new officers May 7 at Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City. From left are Kathy Imbrescia, treasurer; Mary Loretta Wheeler, vice president; Father Eric J. Dinga, spiritual advisor; Kathy Byron, president; and Sister Lindena Brace, secretary.



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PATHWAYS GRADUATES: On May 21, Bishop Larry J. Kulick celebrated Mass in St. Joseph Chapel at Christ Our Shepherd Center to honor those graduating from the Adult Education and Pathways programs. A reception followed. Graduates are Kate Bannon, Connie Cope and Patricia Thomas, parishioners of Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Mount Pleasant; Robert Davis, Dorota Davis, Margaret DePalma, Thomas DePalma and Theresa Turner, parishioners of St. Pius X Parish, Mount Pleasant; and Karla S. Doppelheuer.



Celebration of Feast of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Aug. 15

GREENSBURG — A commemoration of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is set for Aug. 15 at Christ Our Shepherd Center. Bishop Larry J. Kulick will celebrate Mass at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph Chapel. An outdoor candlelight procession led by an image of Mary will follow. During the procession, the rosary will be prayed in a variety of languages. Outdoor seating will be available for those unable to process. All parishes are invited to participate.

Bishop receives honorary doctorate from seminary

LATROBE — Saint Vincent Seminary awarded 21 degrees at its May 12 commencement, including an honorary doctorate to Bishop Larry J. Kulick for his outstanding leadership and service.

A 1992 graduate of the seminary and a 1988 graduate of Saint Vincent College, Bishop Kulick also gave the commencement address.

In conferring Bishop Kulick with the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree, Seminary Rector Father Edward Mazich, OSB, noted that “the Saint Vincent Community honors you today for your distinguished leadership and humble service to the Diocese of Greensburg, to the Catholic Church in the United States and to the Universal Church. As a priest and a beloved pastor and practitioner of canon law, you have brought the saving message of the Gospel for more than 30 years to the flock entrusted to you.”

Father Edward noted that since Bishop Kulick’s

appointment by Pope Francis as the sixth Bishop of Greensburg in December 2020, the bishop’s “episcopal ministry has taken shape in many ways as you have led your priests, religious and faithful through challenging times and brought a deepened spirit of hope and energy to your fellow believers as the entire Church takes up the call to the New Evangelization. We honor you, too, for your gracious service to the students, staff, and faculty of Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe.”

Among those receiving degrees were:

- Father Andrew J. Hamilton, Master of Divinity and Bachelor of Sacred Theology. Hamilton was awarded the Judge Bernard Scherer award. He was ordained to the priesthood June 3 in the Diocese of Greensburg.

- Permanent Deacons Mark A. Ferlin of Latrobe and Jerome (J.T.) Tuskan of New Kensington, Master of Arts in ecclesial ministry.



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From left: Father Andrew J. Hamilton, Katie Zuzik, Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle, Kate Parkinson, and Jerome Tuskan at Saint Vincent Seminary commencement.

- Kate E. Parkinson, Executive Assistant to Bishop Kulick and a parishioner of St. Joseph Parish, New

Kensington, Master of Arts in ecclesial ministry.
 • Katie Zuzik, parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Parish, Greensburg, and Pastoral Associate there, Master of Arts in ecclesial ministry.



Junior varsity champions Christ the Divine Teacher School, above; varsity champions Mary Queen of Apostles White, right.

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CYO volleyball tournament held

GREENSBURG — The CYO volleyball tournament was held April 29 at Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School. Christ the Divine Teacher School, Latrobe, won the junior varsity championship, and Mary Queen of Apostles White, New Kensington, won the varsity championship. Results are below.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Round One

- Conn Area Catholic defeated Queen of Angels Gold, 2-1
- St. John the Evangelist defeated Mother of Sorrows Blue, 2-1

Quarterfinals

- Queen of Angels Purple defeated St. Sebastian, 2-0
- Christ the Divine Teacher defeated Conn Area Catholic, 2-0
- Mother of Sorrows White defeated St. John the Evangelist, 2-1
- Mary Queen of Apostles defeated Aquinas Academy, 2-0

Semifinals

- Christ the Divine Teacher defeated Queen of Angels Purple, 2-0
- Mother of Sorrows White defeated Mary Queen of Apostles, 2-0

Championship

- Christ the Divine Teacher defeated Mother of Sorrows White, 2-1

VARSITY

Quarterfinals

- St. John the Evangelist Blue defeated St. Sebastian
- Mary Queen of Apostles Blue defeated Mother of Sorrows White
- Mother of Sorrows Blue defeated St. John the Evangelist Gold

Semifinals

- Mary Queen of Apostles White defeated St. John the Evangelist Blue
- Mary Queen of Apostles Blue defeated Mother of Sorrows Blue

Championship

- Mary Queen of Apostles White defeated Mary Queen of Apostles Blue

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BINGO

East Vandergrift — Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish will hold evening bingos Sundays, July 23 and Aug. 6 and 20. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. Information: 724-478-4958.

BURGER BASHES

Irwin — Immaculate Conception Parish will hold a Burger Bash Aug. 12 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Upcoming dates are Sept. 9 and Oct. 14. Information: 724-863-9550.

Whitney — St. Cecilia Parish will hold a Burger Bash Aug. 19 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Upcoming dates are Sept. 16 and Oct. 21. Information: 724-423-3777.

BUS TRIPS

Apollo — Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, and St. James Parish, Apollo, are sponsoring a bus trip to the Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh July 25, departing from St. James Parish at 9 a.m. and staying for five hours. The cost is \$35 per person (21 and older), which includes gratuity for the bus driver and \$10 in free play (participants need a state-issued photo ID). Registration: 724-478-4958.

DINNER

Freeport — St. Mary, Mother of God Parish will hold a pasta dinner July 23 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Eat-in and takeout will be available. A bake sale and 50/50 raffle are planned. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 5 and under. Tickets: 724-295-2281 or at the door. Proceeds will benefit the seminary program in the Philippines.

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

North Huntingdon — Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon, will hold a Eucharistic procession Sunday, Aug. 20, at 2 p.m., beginning at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. A reception will follow in Mack Hall.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL EVENT

Latrobe — “Living the Eucharist Like the Saints,” featuring a talk by Benedictine Father Donald Raila on the Eucharistic meditations of St. John Vianney, will be offered twice at St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe: Aug. 2 from 6:30-8 p.m. and Aug. 3 from 1-2:30 p.m. The talks are part of the celebration of the National Catholic Eucharistic Revival. Information: Erin Colcombe, 724-539-8629.

FESTIVALS

Cadogan — St. Lawrence Parish will hold a fall festival Sept. 16 from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Information: 724-448-8610 or 724-763-9141.

Everson — St. Joseph Parish will hold its festival Aug. 5 from 5-9 p.m. and Aug. 6 from 4-9 p.m. Information: 724-887-6321.

Footedale — St. Francis of Assisi Parish will hold a pasta dinner and basket raffle Aug. 6 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 724-583-7866.

Freeport — St. Mary, Mother of God Parish will host a free Community Day and Music Festival July 29 from 4-10 p.m. at the Family Community Center, featuring food, games, family activities and entertainment.

Herminie — St. Edward Parish will hold its festival and a food truck rally July 23 from noon-6 p.m. Information: 724-446-5197.

Latrobe — St. Vincent Basilica Parish will hold its festival July 22 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at St. Vincent Grove, featuring entertainment, food trucks, “Father Richard’s Chicken Dinner,” children’s activities, and bread from the Saint Vincent Archabbey monks. Information: 724-858-6855 or basilicaparishstv.org. Dinner reservations can be made on the website.

Lower Burrell — St. Margaret Mary Parish will hold its Festival of Friendship Aug. 11 and 12 from 5-9 p.m. Information: 724-335-2336 or smmlb.org.

Lucernemines — Our Lady of the Assumption Parish will hold an End of Summer Bash Aug. 27, from noon to 5 p.m. featuring a basket and other raffles, food, a band and free children’s games and activities.

Masontown — St. Francis of Assisi Parish will hold a Labor Day festival Sept. 2 and 3 from 5-9 p.m. Information: 724-583-7866.

Monessen — The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish will hold its annual festival Aug. 4 from 5-9 p.m. and Aug. 5 from noon-10 p.m. Games, raffles, entertainment and food will be featured, plus a car show and outdoor Mass (10 p.m.) Saturday. Information: 724-684-7661 or eolparish.com.

Mount Pleasant — St. Pius X Parish will hold its annual festival July 23 from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Information: 724-547-1911.

Murrysville — Mother of Sorrows Parish will hold a community festival Aug. 4 from 5-9 p.m. and Aug. 5 from 5-10 p.m. The festival will feature a “Taste of Murrysville” food court, live music, games and raffles. Tickets for a “grand raffle” with a \$50,000 prize are \$100 and can be purchased at motherofsorrowschurch.org/festival. Information: 724-733-8870.

New Alexandria — St. James Parish will hold a car cruise and spaghetti dinner Sept. 10 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 724-668-2829.

New Kensington — Mount St. Peter Parish will hold its Festa Italiana Aug. 4 from 5-10 p.m. and Aug. 5 starting after 4 p.m. Mass. Information: 724-335-9877 or newkensingtoncatholic.org.



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FESTIVALS

North Huntingdon — St. Agnes Parish will hold a bazaar and \$5,000 giveaway Aug. 4-6. The event will include food, games, a bake sale, basket raffle and children's train, plus a DJ Friday and live music Saturday and Sunday.

Point Marion — St. Hubert Parish will hold its annual festival Sept. 9 from 4-9 p.m. The festival will include a polka Mass at 4 p.m., food, games, a basket auction, lottery ticket board, country store and bake sale.

Trafford — St. Regis Parish will hold its festival July 21-22 from 6-10 p.m., featuring food, games, a food truck and DJ. Information: 412-992-1173.

Youngwood — Holy Cross Parish will hold its festival Sept. 16 from 6-9 p.m. and Sept. 17 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Information: 724-925-7811 or ssistek@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

Crabtree — The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat — A Ministry to Catholic Women will hold a breakfast July 29 from 9 a.m.-noon at Rizzo's Banquet Hall. Guest speaker Mary Sampey will talk about her journey from the pain of losing her sister to the disease of addiction to learning how to "suffer well" and find joy. Cost is \$25 (students \$20). Registration: Brenda Concannon by July 24 at 724-836-2094 or magnificatgreensburg.com (download registration form; no online registration).

MASS REQUESTS

Greensburg — St. Anne Home is accepting 2023 Mass requests, especially if a parish has more Mass requests than can be accommodated. The home has Mass daily (except Saturdays) at 9:30 a.m. Also available are \$3 weekly candles and \$10 sanctuary lamps. Date requests (please provide three date preferences) can be sent to St. Anne Home, 685 Angela Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601. Information: Cheryl Hall, 724-837-6070, ext. 3050.

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

Latrobe — The Oblates of St. Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet Sunday, Aug. 20, from 3-4:15 p.m. in Brownfield 202 at Saint Vincent Seminary. Benedictine Father Nathanael Polinski will speak on "Centrality of Scripture in the Holy Rule." For reservations, call Benedictine Father Donald Raila, 724-805-2291. Attendees may also attend vespers at 5 p.m. and supper at 5:35 p.m.; an additional session is available at 6:45 p.m. (discussion based on the "Study Guide for the Rule of St. Benedict"). Call Father Donald a few days in advance to register for supper and evening events. Afternoon presentations may

also be offered virtually. Upcoming dates/speakers are Sept. 17, Father Richard Ulam, "Hospitality in Benedictine Spirituality"; Sept. 24 (Oblate Day), Father Thomas Hart, "The First Council of Nicea and the Rule of St. Benedict"; and Oct. 15, Father Leon Hont, "Benedictine Mysticism."

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 world in the spirit of St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and St. Thérèse of Lisieux. The community is open to practicing Catholics. Information: Stephanie Malley, ocdspa07@gmail.com or 412-373-1915.

RETREATS

Latrobe — The Saint Vincent Archabbey Summer Retreat Program will host two retreats in July. Benedictine Father Donald Raila will lead the Benedictine Spirituality Retreat July 21-23 with the theme "Avoiding the 'Evil of Grumbling': Living in Praise and Thanksgiving." Benedictine Father Alfred Patterson will speak on "More Saints Alive!" a continuation of a similar topic last year, during a retreat for women and men July 28-30. For information or to register, visit saintvincentretreats.org.

SPEAKERS

Greensburg — The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill offer speaker programs to parishes and organizations. Topics include prayer, human trafficking, the pandemic and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Information: Sister of Charity Colette Hanlon, 203-809-1574 or chanlon@scsh.org.

SUPPORT

Freeport — GriefShare, a weekly seminar and support group, meets Sundays from 6-7:30 p.m. at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish. Registration: 724-295-2281.

Harrison City — The St. Peregrine cancer support group meets monthly (usually the third Wednesday) at 7 p.m. at St. Barbara Parish.

Latrobe — St. Vincent Basilica Parish is hosting "Grieving With Great Hope," a five-week workshop from the Augustine Institute, Mondays through Aug. 7 from 6:30-8 p.m. Registration: Teri Pomerleau, 724-539-8629, ext. 15, or teri.pomerleau@stvincent.edu.

Latrobe/Whitney — Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, an ecumenical social outreach mission of St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney, Sacred Heart Parish, Youngstown, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Latrobe,

offers monthly meetings to provide grandparents useful information and time to interact with one another. A hot dinner and child care are provided. Information: 724-423-3777 or 724-537-7358.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Greensburg — The Greensburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will pray the patriotic rosary Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. at the outdoor shrine of Our Lady of Fatima on the grounds of St. Emma

Monastery. Everyone is welcome (bring a chair). Information: Kathy Byron, 724-787-2415.

Seward — Holy Family Parish will host "To Jesus ... Through Mary" Aug. 1-4 from 10 a.m.-noon, with an 11 a.m. Mass and lunch on the last day. The event will include journeying through the mysteries of the rosary, working in the children's garden, praying and singing. Registration: 814-446-5759.

THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

2023 PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

Publication Date	Deadline to Submit Material
Oct. 19	Oct. 5
*Nov. 16 (Christmas)	Oct. 13

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

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Seward — A Blue Mass honoring first responders is set for July 20 at 7 p.m. at Holy Family Parish. A blessing of emergency response vehicles, equipment, and K9 officers and handlers will follow. The Mass coincides with the 46th anniversary of the Johnstown Flood; all who were impacted by the flood are encouraged to join together in prayer to help remember all who suffered loss and those who served the community during the disaster. Information: 814-446-5759.

Jeannette — All are invited to Mass in Spanish Sundays at 6 p.m. at Ascension Parish, Jeannette, with reconciliation at 5 p.m. Todos están invitados a la Misa Espanol en Domingos en Jeannette: La Santa Misa en Espanol, Todo los Domingos a 6 p.m., reconciliación a 5 p.m., Iglesia La Ascensión.

'VOCATION' BIBLE SCHOOL

Whitney — St. Cecilia Parish will hold a "Vocation" Bible School July 31-Aug. 3. "Very Blest Saints" is the theme. Information/registration: Mary Stoner, 724-972-1472.

Catholic Charities' Purse Bash set for Nov. 5

LIGONIER — Catholic Charities' annual Designer Purse Bash and Crystal Bake Sale will be held Nov. 5 at the Barn at Ligonier Valley. Doors open at noon. Tickets are \$35 and include a catered lunch, wine, coffee and tea. Designer handbags, jewelry raffles, 50/50 and more will be featured.

For tickets, visit ccharitiesgreensburg.org or call 724-837-1840.



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The Catholic Accent team wins Catholic Media Association, Communicator, Telly, local awards

GREENSBURG — The Diocese of Greensburg's multimedia platforms, under the direction of Bishop Larry J. Kulick, were recognized this spring with multiple honors from the Catholic Media Association (CMA), Communicator Awards, the Telly Awards and an Innovations Award from Mental Health of America of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

The CMA's Catholic Press Awards honor the outstanding work of members who uphold the highest standards of professionalism and ethics in their field and celebrate their excellence and creativity in sharing the Gospel message. More than 3,000 entries were received from around the world. The Telly Award, the highest honor for video and television, received more than 11,000 entries from around the world.

Catholic Media Association Awards

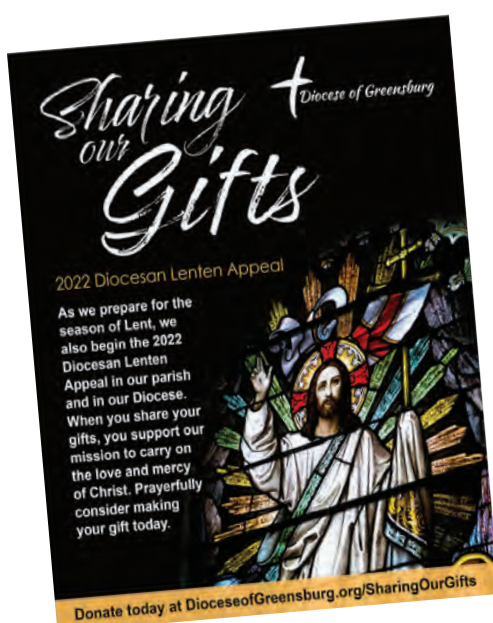
Advertising Business/Marketing Professional of the Year: First Place
Jennifer Miele, Chief Communications Officer and Managing Director of Evangelization

The judges said, "What a dynamic individual. She has a real heart for her work, and you can tell she puts her whole heart in it. Great work growing and maintaining audience and advertising sales."

Communications Director of the Year: Second Place
Robin Mull, Director of Marketing

The judges described Mull as a well-rounded candidate who touches all aspects of communications and grows everything she touches.

She helped many parishes "develop social media identities. That's no small feat," they said. "Her influence directly translates to increased resources across the board — 233 new volunteers, a 5% increase in offertory and increased school enrollment through social and print ads."



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From left: John Zylka, Valerie Rodell, Mary Seamans, Beth Tallentire, Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Robin Mull, Jennifer Miele, Jordan Whiteko and Cliff Gorski.

Graphic Artist/Designer of the Year: Second Place
John Zylka, Director of Visual Communications

The judges said Zylka's skilled work displays versatility and energy. "The design of the pages are clear and vibrant, and the images quickly draw the reader into the page," they said.

Multimedia Journalist of the Year
Mary Seamans, Multimedia Coordinator

The judges said Seamans' business marketing success was impressive.

"Her graphic design and social media presence make her a stand-out journalist and one that should be commended," they added.

Best Diocesan Printed Fundraising Appeal Produced by a Communications Department Staff: First Place
Sharing our Gifts: Diocesan Lenten Appeal

John Zylka, Robin Mull, Beth Tallentire, Cliff Gorski, Jordan Whiteko, Jennifer Miele, Mary Seamans, Paul Puleo, Mike Lucotch, Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, Bishop Larry J. Kulick.

The judges said, "The complexity and insightful design and roll-out of this appeal made it stand out above the rest."

Best Diocesan Pastoral Message — Letter: First Place
Donum Libertatis: The Gift of Freedom

Bishop Larry J. Kulick

The judges said, "Such a beautiful position articulated so clearly to instruct believers in how to formulate political

decisions as opposed to what positions to hold. The ability to support the process and not a candidate in elections is the power of this piece."

Best Coverage on Catholic Education: Honorable Mention
The Catholic Accent: Catholic Schools Edition

Telly Awards

"KNOW HIM: the Last Supper," an immersive event for the faithful held at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, in March, was the winner of two Telly Silver Awards, one for non-broadcast film and video production in the category of directing, and the other in the category of religious and spirituality.

"The Catholic Accent" television program "The Young Church" won a Bronze Telly Award. The program focused on young Catholics and their faith experiences in the Church.

The Communicator Awards

The Communicator Awards are dedicated to recognizing excellence, effectiveness and innovation across all areas of communication. With more than 5,000 entries globally, the award is given to those who bring clear and impactful storytelling to the forefront that transcends craftwork that made a lasting impact.

This year, the "The Catholic Accent" television program received Awards of Distinction for the



November 2002 program "Symbols of Christmas." The staff of "The Catholic Accent" won the awards in the categories of Videography & Cinematography, Voiceover & Narration, Religion/Spirituality, scriptwriting and editing.

"The Catholic Accent" television program "The Young Church" won an Award of Distinction in General — Youth Audience and editing.

Mental Health Alliance of Southwestern Pennsylvania 2023 Media Excellence Award

The 2023 Innovator Award was given to the staff of *The Catholic Accent* for promoting and connecting social services to those in need and for sparking the interest in the link between mental and spiritual health.