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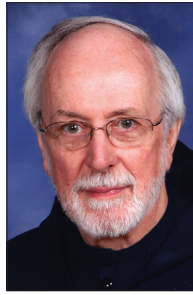
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OBITUARIES

Father Meinrad Lawson, OSB

LATROBE — Benedictine
Father Meinrad Lawson,
83, a monk of Saint Vincent
Archabbey, died July 16, 2023.

Born in Erie, Father Meinrad
attended Saint Vincent College
and Saint Vincent Seminary,
completing his seminary
studies in 1967. He earned a
master's degree in religious
education in 1983 from
Providence College in Rhode Island
and a Master of Divinity degree from
Saint Vincent Seminary in 1992.



He entered Saint Vincent
Archabbey in 1960 and
professed solemn vows July
11, 1964. He was ordained a
priest May 20, 1967, by Bishop
William G. Connare at Saint
Vincent Archabbey Basilica.

He served as Administrator,
then Pastor, of St. Vincent
Basilica Parish, Latrobe, from
2004-07.

At Saint Vincent Archabbey, Father
Meinrad was Assistant Master of
Ceremonies (1961-67), Assistant

(1963-1965) and then Director of
the Saint Vincent Cemetery Office
(1965-66), and he was assigned to the
engineering office (1964-66). Other
assignments included Assistant to
the Archabbot (2001-04, 2013-17);
Master of Ceremonies (2001-07);
Director for Alumni Affairs of Saint
Vincent Seminary (2013-16); Associate
Master of Ceremonies (2013-16) and
Calendarius (2017-present).

A funeral Mass was held July 19,
followed by burial in Saint Vincent
Cemetery.

Sister Catherine Meinert, SC



GREENSBURG — Sister of Charity
Catherine Meinert,
83, died July 24, 2023,
at Caritas Christi, the
motherhouse of the
Sisters of Charity of
Seton Hill. She was in
her 62nd year of
religious life.

Sister Catherine taught in middle
schools in the Dioceses of Greensburg
and Pittsburgh. She was principal
of Conn-Area Catholic School,
Connellsville, from 1996-2007.

She was Provincial Superior of the
United States Province of the Sisters
of Charity of Seton Hill from 2012-21,
and previously served as a councilor,
Provincial Treasurer and Director for
Material Resources.

A funeral Mass was held July 27, with
burial in the sisters' cemetery.

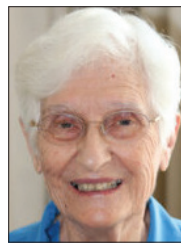
Sister Lorraine Marie Ferlin, SCN



PITTSBURGH — Sister of Charity of
Nazareth Lorraine
Marie Ferlin, 80, a
Youngwood native,
died Aug. 2, 2023, at
UPMC Passavant,
Allison Park. A funeral

Mass was held Aug. 5, with burial in the
sisters' cemetery.

Sister Barbara Miller, SC



GREENSBURG — Sister of Charity
Barbara Miller, 88,
died Aug. 29, 2023,
at Caritas Christi, the
motherhouse of the
Sisters of Charity of
Seton Hill. She was in
her 69th year of
religious life.

Sister Barbara taught middle and
high school students in the Dioceses of
Greensburg, Pittsburgh, Phoenix and
Tucson, Ariz., and at Seton Hill University,
Greensburg.

A funeral Mass was held Sept. 6,
followed by burial in the sisters' cemetery.

Sister Anita Schulte, SC



GREENSBURG — Sister of Charity
Anita Schulte, 87,
died Sept. 6, 2023, at
Caritas Christi, the
motherhouse of the
Sisters of Charity of
Seton Hill. She was in
her 65th year
of religious life.

Sister Anita taught at the primary
level in the Dioceses of Greensburg
and Pittsburgh. Under her leadership,
the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill

established the first Montessori School in
Westmoreland County in 1970.

A funeral Mass was held Sept. 9,
followed by burial in the sisters' cemetery.

Sister Antoinette Kostelnik, SCN



PITTSBURGH — Sister of Charity of
Nazareth Antoinette
Kostelnik, a Trauger
native, 98, died Sept.
12, 2023, at Vincentian
Home, McCandless.
A funeral service
was held Sept. 23,
followed by burial in the sisters' cemetery.

Sister M. Carmelita Miele, SC



GREENSBURG — Sister of Charity M.
Carmelita Miele, 90,
died Sept. 20, 2023,
at Caritas Christi, the
motherhouse of the
Sisters of Charity of
Seton Hill. She was in
her 68th year of
religious life.

She taught in elementary schools in
the Dioceses of Greensburg, Pittsburgh,
Washington, D.C., and Tucson, Ariz.

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

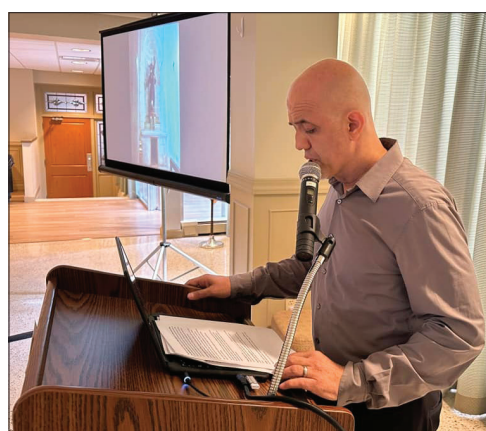
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More than 1,800 experience immersive event



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From top: Actor Frank Runyeon presents a dramatic portrayal of the Gospel of John; Catholic school students enjoy foods from the Holy Land; visitors use the SaintSync app to learn more about the saints; Roni Salsa talks about the Holy Land; participants watch a presentation about the tools of the crucifixion; attendees look at relics and other artifacts in the Diocesan Heritage Center; students have a hands-on experience at Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School; Saint Joseph High School students learn about the Shroud of Turin.

GREENSBURG — More than 1,300 people, including 500 Catholic school students, experienced a one-of-a-kind event, **KNOW HIM: Stunned Disciples**, at Christ Our Shepherd Center Sept. 21. An additional 500 Catholic school students were able to experience the event through a traveling exhibit at the two Diocesan Catholic high schools.

The event was the latest in experiential evangelization events designed to help the faithful grow closer to Christ by learning about his life and the lessons it taught the world. The engaging presentations include speakers, multimedia content, witness testimony and interactive activities.

KNOW HIM: Stunned Disciples featured actor Frank Runyeon. His dramatic portrayal of the Gospel of John, accompanied by stunning lighting and special effects, put the audience, including 500 students from Catholic schools in the Diocese, into scenes taken from the Gospel. Runyeon is known around the country for his one-man shows that adapt six texts from the New Testament. He appeared in the television shows "Falcon Crest," "LA Law," "Santa Barbara," "General Hospital," "Another World" and "The Young and the Restless."

Those in attendance moved onto the Diocesan Heritage Center for "Tools of the Crucifixion," a powerful exhibit of relics and a video presentation from Father Charles Samson, priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Mo., and professor of sacred Scripture and biblical archeology at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The exhibit's sacred treasures include a sliver from the crown of thorns, a nail made with iron shavings of the nails that pierced Jesus, and images of Veronica's veil. They were able to venerate a relic of the True Cross and experience an almost life-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin, the burial cloth in which Jesus' body was wrapped.

As part of the exhibit, Roni Salsa of Land of Peace, a nonprofit dedicated to helping Christians in the Holy Land and Middle East, presented information about the Holy Land and the plight of Christians living there today. His talk featured photographs from a recent pilgrimage taken by the faithful from the Diocese of Greensburg. Attendees then sampled foods from the Holy Land, including olives, bread, hummus and baklava.

In early October, the immersive experience was viewed by an additional 500 Catholic school students at Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School in Connellsville for students in Fayette County and Saint Joseph High School in Natrona Heights for students in the Alle-Kiski Valley.

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Bishop's message: Pray for peace in Middle East, all life

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we were going to press with this edition of *The Catholic Accent*, a terrible tragedy unfolded before us in the Middle East. War erupted in the Holy Land between Hamas and Israel. We have watched with horror the brutality and the killing of large numbers of innocents, such as the hundreds of young people who were simply enjoying an outdoor concert. We have heard about the horrific things being done to children and mothers and families. It's shocking to observe the total disregard for human life — the killings, the brutal beatings and the taking of hostages.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked us to pray for peace in the Holy Land, and in particular, for all of the individuals and families, especially the children, who are suffering from these atrocities. I ask the faithful in the Diocese of Greensburg to pray for a peaceful resolution, an end to the fighting and comfort for those suffering a loss of any kind.

Sadly, the tragedy of this war and the lives lost comes at a time when we, as the Church, are commemorating Respect Life Month.

Many of the faithful from around the Diocese of Greensburg recently returned from the annual Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg. From our Diocese, five buses were filled with those traveling to express their pro-life beliefs. They joined with thousands from across the commonwealth for the march, rally and an opportunity to advocate for the protection of all human life before our elected representatives. I was honored to be the main celebrant for Mass at the Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick in Harrisburg during this important day honoring Respect Life Month.

Given these recent unpredictable world situations, we must, as Catholics, continue to be vigilant every day in



looking for opportunities to safeguard this preeminent social justice issue of supporting life at all stages — from conception until natural death.

That is why the annual March for Life is so very important for all of us. It is one of those important opportunities to advocate

for the unborn, and we must act and speak up. There is no other position in the Catholic Church, or for someone who is Catholic, other than a position of pro-life. The sanctity of life isn't human law — it is Divine Law.

Because of our efforts and the efforts of the Catholic Church, we have been witnesses to much progress. Last year, we watched as *Roe v. Wade* was overturned by the United States Supreme Court. Year after year, the faithful were willing to use their voices in advocating for those who are unable to speak — the unborn.

Despite the progress, now is not the time to sit on the sidelines. If we retreat or remain silent, we guarantee a fast track to a continuation of policies against human dignity and an implicit acceptance of the evil of abortion.

Pro-life issues remain a priority for me, which is why I wrote a Pastoral Letter last year titled "Donum Vitae: The Gift of Life." In it I wrote, "As disciples of Christ, we know life is a divinely designed gift given to us from God. This cherished gift allows humanity to build up and propagate the Kingdom of God. The right to life is preeminent. It is the fundamental right. As Bishop, and as a successor to the Apostles, asserting these teachings with clarity and without ambiguity is one of my most important pastoral responsibilities. I must clearly convey these teachings so that they are known and understood and so that there is no confusion on the part of the faithful when forming and informing conscience, in order to advocate for the truth in the world."

My formation on pro-life issues

came well before I entered the seminary, was ordained to the priesthood or was ordained as Bishop. In my early years, I participated in many pro-life marches and rallies, vigils and Masses. It was tradition and ingrained in me that we all need to be vocal stewards and advocates for human life issues with clarity and without ambiguity.

I often wonder if our younger Church is being formed in those same traditions and teachings. Despite having the world in the palm of their hands with information on demand, texting and liking or disliking social media posts, I sense a disconnect. However, I am delighted when I speak to the young Church and they tell me they want to learn more, and they want to pray more, and they want to be involved.

We have an important responsibility to keep our young Church connected to these issues by providing them with a roadmap.

I was delighted to see many young people, not only from our Diocese but also from around the state, participating in the annual Pennsylvania March for Life.

Our young people tell me they want to be more prayerful and want to learn how to pray. We need to reach out to them and teach them. It is so important for parents, grandparents and great-grandparents to make our prayer life an example for the young Church to follow. Help them understand how we pray, why we pray, our devotions and why they are important in our faith lives, in our parishes and in our universal Church.

We must also talk about the dignity of all human life in our faith formation programs. We must teach the young that God's divine plan is not up for negotiation, and why. We must share our belief that life begins at conception and ends in natural death.

We must also teach the young to be responsible citizens. It is so important that we talk about the issues. We must help them to understand the

positions of candidates and those holding office on the issues of the dignity of human life. One of the most important responsibilities we have as a means of advocating for the unborn is in the voting booth. Share with your children and grandchildren why they must register to vote and exercise this very important right we as citizens are blessed to have.

Finally, whether it's at our kitchen tables or in our cars heading to a practice for soccer or football, it's never too early to talk with our young people about Christ's love for them and that they have been uniquely created in God's image. As a parent or a grandparent, invite the young to attend a pro-life march or a rosary rally with you. As you set the example, we will pray that our young Church will follow.

During Respect Life Month, and throughout the year, I ask that you join me in praying for the younger people in our Diocese in asking that the Holy Spirit guide them in following our Church tradition on the dignity of all human life.

I would also ask that you join me in praying for the conversion of hearts and minds to protect the sacredness of every human life from the moment of conception until natural death and for the salvation of souls so that we may experience the fullness of human life in eternity with Christ.

Let me conclude by asking for the intercession and protection of Our Lady of Palestine on all of those effected and involved in this horrible war. May the Queen of Peace bring God's peace and love to this Holy Land and on all who live there.

Yours in Christ,

+ Larry J. Kulick

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



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PRAYING FOR THE UNBORN: Carolyn Cannizzaro, Director of Pro-Life Advocacy in the Diocese of Greensburg, joined with parishioners from Saint Agnes Parish to pray for the unborn at Planned Parenthood

US Bishops call for prayers for peace amid violence in the Holy Land

In response to the continued tensions and violence that erupted into warfare between Gaza and Israel on October 7, Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on International Justice and Peace, calls for prayers for peace in the Holy Land:

"On October 7, the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, the world watched the operation launched from Gaza and the rapid call to arms from Israel that ensued. Almost 50 years to the day of the launch of the 1973 Arab-Israeli War, once again war is spilling out in the Holy Land. With it brings the mounting casualties and hostilities unfolding on all sides,

and increased threats to the Status Quo of the Holy Places among Jews, Muslims, and Christians further dimming any hope for peace.

"The world is once again shocked and horrified by the outbreak of ferocious violence in the Holy Land. Reports have surfaced indicating large numbers of wounded and dead, including many civilians.

"I join with Pope Francis in his call for peace and his condemnation of this widespread outbreak of violence. As he stated in his Sunday audience, 'May the attacks and weaponry cease. Please! And let it be understood that terrorism and war do not lead to any resolutions, but only to the death and suffering of so many innocent people.'



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DCCW BREAKFAST: Bishop Larry J. Kulick attends the Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast Sept. 30 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg.



If you or someone you know is facing an unexpected pregnancy, the following locations offer support and help for those in the four-county Diocese of Greensburg.

COUNTY	PREGNANCY CENTER
Armstrong	Catholic Charities Kittanning, Pa. 16201 724-548-1009 Try-Life Center 1155 Wildlife Lodge Road Lower Burrell, Pa. 15068 724-339-9399
Fayette <i>Connellsville and Uniontown</i>	Alternatives.Yes Pregnancy Support Centers • 6 Frank Gallo Lane Connellsville, Pa. 15425 • 17 Gilmore St. Uniontown, Pa. 15401 724-628-5555 Center of Hope 338 W. Main St. Uniontown, Pa. 15401 724-438-6070
Indiana	Catholic Charities Indiana St. Thomas More University Parish 1200 Oakland Ave. Indiana, Pa. 15701 724-463-8806 Life-Way Pregnancy Center 31 S. Third St. Indiana, PA 15701 724-349-5307
Westmoreland <i>Greensburg, New Kensington and Belle Vernon</i>	Catholic Charities 711 E. Pittsburgh St. Greensburg, PA 15601 724-837-1840, 866-409-6455 Life-Way Pregnancy Center 1516 Ligonier St. Latrobe, PA 15650 724-539-2002

Respect Life — be involved

There are many ways to be involved in pro-life activities around the Diocese of Greensburg.

• **Forty Days for Life:** Sign up to pray outside of Planned Parenthood in Pittsburgh and in Johnstown through Nov. 5. 40daysforlife.com/en/

• **Pro-Life Parish Presentations:** Invite Diocesan leaders to speak at your parish.

Director of Pro-Life Advocacy Carolyn Cannizzaro offers “Listening a Person into Life: The Art of Being Present,” from the Sister of Life Religious Order and Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*. She explores the importance of listening as part of evangelization and the importance of being present to others and how it can

build a parish community. Contact Cannizzaro at ccannizzaro@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

Director of Pro-Life Activities Father Daniel E. Carr speaks on “Authentic Living: IRL in a World of Virtual Reality.” Virtual reality continues to become more advanced and more pervasive in ways we never imagined. Amid widespread virtualization, how can a more authentic living bring us back to reality and make us more pro-life? Contact Christina Cerilli: ccerilli@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

• **Volunteer:** Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg and area Pregnancy Centers are in need of volunteers. Please prayerfully consider helping your local center or contact Catholic Charities at 724-552-2619.



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ROSARY RALLY: During Respect Life Month, faithful from around the Diocese gathered for the annual Rosary Rally and Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick Oct. 7 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Diocesan groups carried banners in the traditional procession.



OFFICIAL

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

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 appointment and appointment:

Effective Thursday, July 27, 2023

Sick Leave

The Reverend Philip White, OFM Cap., from sacramental assistance and parochial duties at the Church of the Resurrection Parish, Indiana, as well as Chaplain to Indiana Regional Medical Center and Pine Grove State Correctional Institution.

Special

Father Keon Tu, OFM Cap., to sacramental assistance and parochial duties at the Church of the Resurrection Parish, Indiana, as well as Chaplain to Indiana Regional Medical Center and Pine Grove State Correctional Institution.

Effective Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Mark Ferlin is assigned to SS. Simon and Jude Parish, Blairsville, and Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent.

Deacon Jerome Tuskan is assigned to St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport.

Resignations

The Reverend Richard J. Kosisko, JCL, has resigned as Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Latrobe, and Administrator of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Latrobe.

The Reverend Matthew J. Morelli has resigned as Pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent.

Leave of Absence

The Reverend Richard J. Kosisko, JCL, has been granted a six-month leave of absence for personal reasons.

The Reverend Matthew J. Morelli has been granted a six-month leave of absence for health reasons.

The Reverend Mark R. Dunmire has been granted an additional four-month leave of absence for medical reasons.

Retirement

The Reverend Stephen R. Bugay has retired as Pastor of SS. Simon and Jude Parish, Blairsville, with private residence.

Completion of Term

The Reverend Victor Baguna has concluded his duties as Pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Brady's Bend, with the completion of his five-year term of ministry in the United States and is returning to the Diocese of San Jose de Antique in the Philippines.

The Reverend Julius Capongpongan has concluded his duties as Parochial Vicar of St. Rita, Immaculate Conception and St. John the Evangelist Parishes, Connellsville, and St. Aloysius Parish, Dunbar, with the completion of his five-year term of ministry in the United States and is returning to the Diocese of Tagum in the Philippines.

The Reverend Vincent Yee Concepcion had concluded his duties as Pastor of St. Edward Parish, Herminie, and Seven Dolors Parish, Yukon, with the completion of his five-year term of ministry in the United States and is returning to the Diocese of Caceres in the Philippines.

The Reverend Liberato Ortega has concluded his duties as Parochial Vicar of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Fairchance, and St. Hubert Parish, Point Marion, with the completion of his five-year term of ministry in the United States and is returning to the Diocese of Bangued in the Philippines.

The Reverend Marlon Pates has concluded his duties as Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Masontown, with the completion of his five-year term of ministry in the United States and is returning to the Diocese of Tagum in the Philippines.

Pastors

The Reverend David J. Nazimek, from Pastor of St. Anne Parish, Rostraver, and Holy Family Parish, West Newton, to Pastor of Seven Dolors Parish, Yukon, and St. Edward Parish, Herminie, with residence in St. Edward Parish Rectory.

The Reverend E. George Saletrik, from Pastor of St. Regis Parish, Trafford, to Pastor of Holy Family and St. John the Evangelist Parishes, Latrobe, while retaining all other Diocesan assignments, with residence in Holy Family Parish Rectory.

The Reverend Ronald L. Maquignana, from Pastor of St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro, and St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning, to Pastor of St. Rose Parish, Latrobe, with residence in St. Rose Parish Rectory.

The Reverend Alan N. Polczynski, from studies in canon law at the Catholic University in Washington, D.C., to Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Leechburg, and St. Gertrude Parish, Vandergrift, with residence in St. Gertrude Parish Rectory.

The Very Reverend Eric J. Dinga, VF, to Pastor of St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro, and St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning, while remaining Pastor of Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City, and St. Lawrence Parish, Cadogan, as well as Dean of Deanery I.

The Reverend Anthony J. Klimko, to Pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Fairchance, and St. Hubert Parish, Point Marion, while remaining Pastor of St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, St. Therese, Little Flower of Jesus, and St. Mary (Nativity) Parishes, Uniontown.

The Reverend Segundino R. Laude, from Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph, Mount St. Peter and St. Mary of Czestochowa Parishes, New Kensington, and St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell, to Pastor of SS. Simon and Jude Parish, Blairsville, and Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent, with residence in SS. Simon and Jude Rectory.

The Reverend Arnel Tadeo, from Parochial Vicar of St. Peter Parish, Brownsville, St. Cecilia Parish, Grindstone, and St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Western Fayette County, to Pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Brady's Bend.

The Reverend Roselo Melloria, from Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph, Mount St. Peter and St. Mary of Czestochowa Parishes, New Kensington, and St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell, to Pastor of St. Anne Parish, Rostraver, and Holy Family Parish, West Newton, with residence in St. Anne Parish Rectory.

Administrators

The Reverend Anthony W. Ditto, from Senior Priest Active with Pastoral and Sacramental Ministry at Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, to Administrator of St. Regis Parish, Trafford, with residence in St. Regis Parish Rectory.

The Reverend Dick Anthony F. Cortado, from Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, St. Therese, Little Flower of Jesus, and St. Mary (Nativity) Parishes, Uniontown, to Administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Masontown.

Parochial Vicars

The Reverend Juanito G. Lozano, to Parochial Vicar of St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro, and St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning, with residence in St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Rectory.

The Reverend Elpidio Alcontin, to Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph, Mount St. Peter and St. Mary of Czestochowa Parishes, New Kensington, and St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell, with residence at Lower Burrell.

The Reverend Louiegene Valdez, to Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon, with residence in Immaculate Conception Parish Rectory.

The Reverend Edwin Rubido, to Parochial Vicar of St. Rita, Immaculate Conception and St. John the Evangelist Parishes, Connellsville, and St. Aloysius Parish, Dunbar, with residence in St. John the Evangelist Parish Rectory.

The Reverend Levi M. Mantica, to Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg, and St. Benedict Parish, Marguerite, with residence in Our Lady of Grace Rectory.

The Reverend Joel A. Sayson, to Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph, Mt. St. Peter, St. Mary of Czestochowa Parishes, New Kensington, and St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell, with residence at Lower Burrell.

The Reverend Jay Jacinto, to Parochial Vicar of Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, with residence in Mother of Sorrows Parish Rectory.

Special

The Reverend Monsignor James T. Gaston, Director of Neumann House while remaining in all other Diocesan appointments.

The Reverend Monsignor Richard G. Curci, Director of the International Priests Program.

The Reverend Levi M. Mantica, Emergency Assistance to St. Anne Home, Greensburg, while remaining Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg, and St. Benedict Parish, Marguerite, with residence in Our Lady of Grace Parish Rectory.

Chaplain

The Reverend Peter Guardiano, to Chaplain at Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School, Connellsville, while continuing as Parochial Vicar to St. Rita, Immaculate Conception and St. John the Evangelist Parishes, Connellsville, and St. Aloysius Parish, Dunbar, with residence in St. Aloysius Parish, Dunbar.

The Reverend Jay Jacinto, to Chaplain and Teacher at Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School while continuing as Parochial Vicar of Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville.

The Reverend Monsignor Richard G. Curci, as Chaplain to the Congregation of Benedictine Sisters of the Eucharistic King.

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:

The Reverend James H. Loew, OSB, has resigned as Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Leechburg, and St. Gertrude Parish, Vandergrift, and returns to the Archabbey for reassignment.



FATHER SALETRIK IN LATROBE:

Bishop Larry J. Kulick installed Father E. George Saletrik as Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Latrobe, right, on Sept. 18, and as Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Latrobe, above, on Sept. 19.



FATHER NAZIMEK IN HERMINIE, YUKON:

On Sept. 13, Bishop Larry J. Kulick celebrated an installation Mass at St. Edward Parish, Herminie, for Father David J. Nazimek as Pastor, above. He was installed as Pastor of Seven Dolours Parish, Yukon, Sept. 12, at left.



FATHER DINGA IN KITTANNING: Bishop Larry J. Kulick installed Father Eric J. Dinga as Pastor of St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning, in September. Father Dinga is joined by Parochial Vicar Father Juanito G. Lozano, an international priest serving the Diocese of Greensburg. Bishop Kulick also installed Father Dinga as Pastor of St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro.



FATHER LAUDE IN KENT:

Father Segundino "Dino" R. Laude was installed as Pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent, on Sept. 9 by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. On Sept. 30, he installed Father Laude as Pastor of SS. Simon and Jude Parish, Blairsville.



FATHER KLIMKO IN POINT MARION:

On Oct. 2, Bishop Larry J. Kulick installed Father Anthony J. Klimko as Pastor of St. Hubert Parish, Point Marion. Father Klimko is pastor for the Roman Catholic Churches of Southern Fayette County. Later this month, Bishop Kulick will install Father Klimko as pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Fairchance.



FATHER POLCZYNSKI IN LEECHBURG, VANDERGRIFT: Bishop Larry J. Kulick installed Father Alan N. Polczynski as Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Leechburg, Sept. 25, above left, and as Pastor of St. Gertrude Parish, Vandergrift, Sept. 28, above right. Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle joined him for the Mass at St. Gertrude.



FATHER MELLORIA IN ROSTRAVER:

Bishop Larry J. Kulick installed Father Roselo Melloria as Pastor of St. Anne Parish, Rostraver, Oct. 9. Father Melloria is an international priest from the Diocese of Tagum. The Bishop installed Father Melloria as pastor of Holy Family Parish, West Newton, Oct. 12.

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Diocese forms disciples of Christ in faith formation

GREENSBURG — Over the next three years, the Diocese of Greensburg will explore and implement three faith formation models for students in religious education programs.

Each of the programs will be designed to give parents or guardians a choice as to how their child can participate in faith formation, according to Vincent Reilly, Managing Director of Faith, Family and Discipleship.

“Bishop (Larry J.) Kulick has approved a three-year plan that will allow us to reach all areas of the Diocese with one of these faith formation models,” Reilly said.

Reilly hopes to reach geographically focused areas of the Diocese comprising about a third of the parishes. The plan increases the participation of parishes by one-third in each year of the final two years of the plan.

One of the models being embraced by the Diocese and used in several parishes currently is the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). CGS builds on a child’s religious potential and limited spirituality.

Catechesis occurs in a religious environment called an atrium using objects and furniture that have been adapted to the child’s levels and needs.



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Vincent Reilly

Children discover liturgical symbols, engage in stories of sacred Scripture, and work with religious symbols and objects. Catechists are specifically trained to facilitate an encounter between Christ and children through the use of Scripture and liturgy.

Reilly said children who have gone through the process are likely to remain committed and connected to the faith as part of the Church through high school because they have a stronger understanding of the Bible and liturgy.

“The program is very experiential,” he said. “The children learn by handling the objects we use in the liturgy, and they make crafts that teach the biblical story. They are also able to go back and explore

the things they’ve learned over the year. It becomes a very positive encounter for the child with the Church.”

CGS also prepares the child sacramentally for first reconciliation, first Eucharist and confirmation.

Reilly says the Diocese is also looking to explore “traditional faith formation” and intergenerational, or family-based, catechesis.

Reilly said the traditional model needs to be adapted to an experiential model.

“Similar to the ‘KNOW HIM’ events, we would like to see our young people engaging with the Church, not just learning facts about Jesus but actually having an encounter with Christ, through the ministries of the parish, through prayer experiences that help to form them in the faith,” he explained.

Intergenerational catechesis is currently being done in several parishes. The model brings families together to learn about the same topic each week at different levels.

“This is beneficial because the conversation continues at home and invites the entire family back to the Eucharist at Sunday Mass,” Reilly said.

Reilly is looking for trained faith formation leaders who can implement

The Diocese of Greensburg is looking for catechists. If you are interested, please visit DioceseofGreensburg.org.

these models offered by the Diocese at the inter-parish level.

“Just as there is a decline in priests, there is a decline in lay ministers trained in techniques of faith formation,” Reilly said. “We need to do things differently, not only in the Diocese, but throughout the Church in the United States if we are going to position ourselves to reach young adults and children by having more robust faith formation offerings which require trained individuals to lead them.”

Reilly said each of the models are designed, by experience, to form disciples of Christ. He said the experiential component is longer lasting.

“It’s much easier to walk away from a set of doctrines or have a disagreement with a set of teachings or ideas, but it’s much harder to walk away from a personal relationship with Christ.”

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Catechists bring Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to children

KENT — Denise Pencola, a parishioner of Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, has been an integral part of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program in the parish for nearly 30 years. She has been teaching the program longer than anyone else in the Diocese of Greensburg.

Her involvement began in 1994 when a pilot program was underway at her parish. She said she was curious, and because her parish name mirrored the program, she wanted to learn more.

In 1954, Sofia Cavalletti, a Scripture scholar in Rome, created Catechesis of the Good Shepherd was borne from the joy of children in their encounters with God and their lives being nourished by this joy. It has also been observed that children of the same developmental stage, even from different cultural backgrounds, respond to certain elements of the Christian message in the same way. Over time, through being with children in a specially prepared environment called an atrium, observing and listening to their responses, scriptural and liturgical themes developed that most resonated with children’s religious needs according to their age levels.

Pencola says she fell in love with the program; she opened the parish’s atrium in 1995.

She was so interested in providing the best program possible that she traveled to Rome in 1997 for a two-week conference with Cavalletti for catechists from around the world.

Pencola has since taken multi-level instructor courses to gain different perspectives on the way others teach, enabling her to become a catechist for all three levels of the program.

“The children that have come through the atrium tend to still be connected to the Church,” Pencola said. “One of the things that Sofia said is that oftentimes children may drift away from the Church when they go off to college, but almost always return to their roots. Sometimes it’s not until they have children of their own, but I know of a couple of parishioners who that has happened to.”

In addition to spearheading the program at her

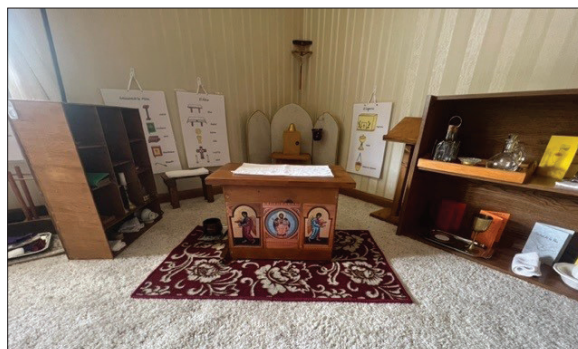


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The atrium created by Glenda Tapia Winge and her husband, Dave, at Ascension Parish, Jeannette.

MURRYSVILLE — Twenty years ago, Glenda Tapia Winge’s career took a turn. As a trained economist, she was working for a corporation in the Pittsburgh area, praying for a job that would be closer to her home near Irwin.

One day, the Holy Spirit told her it was time to quit her job because her new position would be, as she wanted, near her home. She discussed resigning with her husband, David, and together they decided she should quit. Little did she know her position was going to be eliminated. But Winge says God provided, and soon she was helping with catechetical programming.

Today, Winge is certified to teach Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She not only works with the children at her parish, Mother of Sorrows, Murrysville, but also with Latino families who attend Mass at Ascension Parish, Jeannette.

Winge and her husband, Dave, have worked hard to create the atrium spaces, in Spanish, for the children who come into the space. They find donated materials and buy items at thrift stores, and Dave makes many of the materials used in the atriums. Working and providing for the children brings them joy.

INDIANA — Mary Beth Palko’s involvement as a catechist serving children and families in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd started at a parish picnic nearly two decades ago at St. Thomas More University Parish. As she was helping to clean up, then Pastor Father William J. Lechnar said he had heard she was going to introduce the program to the parish. Intrigued, she talked with him further about the method. Palko had no idea about this approach to religious formation, or so she thought.

“Father Willie explained the approach to me, and I told him that it sounded wonderful,” Palko said. “He took my hand and looked me in the eye and asked me to promise him that I would talk about this with my husband, Phil, and my children. He told me this was going to touch my life in ways that I could not imagine.”

That evening, as Palko talked with her husband about the offer, their 12-year-old son overheard the conversation and asked if they were “talking about that catechesis.” He urged, “You’ve got to do it. Promise me, Mom, you will do it.”

Palko didn’t know her son knew about this approach to formation. He began describing in detail what an atrium looked like and what it had to offer. While visiting his grandparents in New Kensington the summer before he entered kindergarten, his grandmother took him to an atrium open house at St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish, Palko’s home parish.

The visit would make a huge impact on him. Before the end of his kindergarten year, his grandmother passed away. It was not until he heard the words “Catechesis of the Good Shepherd” that the memory came to back to him.

Palko accepted the position. That was 18 years ago. Today, her son and his wife recently became parents to a daughter.

Palko has pursued her love of the catechesis and desire for others to know about this approach and is now a nationally recognized formation leader for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, having formed catechists in the Diocese as well as around the country.

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Christmas experiential events coming in December

By Jennifer Miele

Chief Communications Officer

GREENSBURG — A bishop from the early Church became an international icon, whose story and likeness have been woven into the fabric of Christmas tradition around the world. St. Nicholas, his love for children and gift giving in the spirit of Christ, transformed a man into a legend known by many names.

Santa Claus, Sinterklaas, Christkindl, Papa Noel and Babbo Natale are the inspiration behind a Diocese of Greensburg experiential event called KNOW HIM: St. Nicholas the Gift Giver and the Gift of the Eucharist.

Seating is limited for these free events on Friday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg.

Learn about the gift Jesus gave us in the Eucharist, watch how artist Pipka Ulvilden creates St. Nicholas-inspired collectibles, experience the cultural versions of Santa Claus and enjoy the theology behind some of your favorite carols. Cookies and vendors inside St. Nick's workshop are also part of this immersive experience. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/eucharisticrevival to register.

Breakfast with St. Nicholas

On Saturday, Dec. 16, enjoy Breakfast with St. Nicholas at 9:30 a.m. This faith-focused event for children highlights that Jesus is the center of the season. Breakfast with St. Nicholas will include a delicious buffet and a visit from many cultural versions of St. Nick. Bishop Larry J. Kulick will lead a prayer, and children will make a craft with Ulvilden. Families can enjoy the St. Nicholas workshop filled with goodies and gifts.

Christmas Night Market, Beer & Wine Tastings, Family Craft Session

The first-ever Diocese of Greensburg Christmas Night Market will be held from 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. The Christmas Night Market is a festive, fun and faith-filled event where guests can stroll the outdoor attractions under the twinkle of Christmas lights and warm themselves with hot chocolate by the fire, or head inside to enjoy dozens of food, craft and gift vendors. Christmas beer tastings will be offered at 3, 6 and 7 p.m., and Christmas wine tastings will be available at 3:15, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Admission and parking are free!

Mass with Bishop Kulick

During the market, Mass with Bishop Kulick will begin at 4 p.m. inside the St. Joseph Chapel on the grounds of Christ Our Shepherd Center. After Mass, Ulvilden will share her inspiration for her famous Nativity scene collectible. Tickets for wine and beer tastings and a family craft session will go on sale Nov. 3.

The Christmas night market was inspired by the Christkindl market in Door County, Wis., one of the most popular winter cultural attractions in the region. There, Bishop Kulick met Ulvilden and learned about her family's escape from war-torn Europe during the fall of communism. Her moving story and her love of St. Nicholas are coming this December to the Diocese of Greensburg.

Registration opens Nov. 6

Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org on Nov. 6 for registration information. Interested in becoming a vendor? E-mail accent@DioceseofGreensburg.org to register for a free vendor space.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT MARKET

SATURDAY, DEC. 16, 3-8 PM



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Ukrainian refugees assisted as they settle in Greensburg

GREENSBURG — Catholics in the Diocese of Greensburg have been assisting Ukrainian families with their move to Greensburg.

Some of the families fled from the war-torn city of Dnipro, where Russian air strikes have obliterated entire neighborhoods.

The families were given refugee status through a government initiative called Uniting for Ukraine, which enables them to legally live, work or attend school in the United States while they are on the path to U.S. citizenship.

Through the cooperation of Westmoreland County Economic Growth Connection officials, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, the Diocese of Greensburg, the

local Ukrainian Catholic community and a number of area businesses, including Scott Electric and Redstone Highlands, Ukrainian families were linked with employment and housing.

This is excellent news for families who were forced to flee their homes and all that was familiar to them. But much work still needs to be done.

In our Diocese alone, there are more than 100 families on our waiting list to resettle here.

Efforts are now underway to build a bilingual caseworker program through Catholic Charities.

Anyone interested in assisting or making a donation can visit ccharitiesgreensburg.org.

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The Rev. Oleh Seremchuk, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Scottdale, and St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, Perryopolis, left, joins Bishop Larry J. Kulick and the first group of Ukrainians touring Westmoreland County in July.

'Stunned Disciples' podcast delves into miracles

GREENSBURG — From the wedding at Cana to His Crucifixion and Resurrection, Jesus revealed many miracles that left his disciples stunned. Their reactions and the history behind Jesus' miracles is the topic of "Stunned Disciples," a new podcast launched by *The Catholic Accent*.

The 10-episode podcast is hosted by Jordan Whiteko, Multimedia Content Manager for The Catholic Accent. Whiteko is joined on the podcast by Father Christopher J. Pujol, Episcopal Master of Ceremonies for the Diocese of Greensburg and Parochial Vicar at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, and Father Andrew J. Hamilton, Parochial Vicar at the Roman Catholic Churches of Uniontown.

Whiteko says the idea for the podcast came when the Diocesan Communications and Evangelization Department began planning the KNOW HIM: Stunned Disciples event held in September at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The event drew nearly 1,000 of the faithful from around the Diocese.

"When we began mapping out content for this particular experiential event, we wanted

to ensure that the information presented was stunning to the audience, just as it had been to some of Jesus's best friends," Whiteko said. "For example, the conversation between Mary and Jesus at the wedding in Cana, we have an interesting conversation about how the son of God still listened to his mother."

Whiteko said Father Pujol and Father Hamilton did an outstanding job providing insights in each episode.

The first four episodes of "Stunned Disciples" are now available. The first episode focuses on the wedding at Cana. The topic of the second episode is the woman at the well, and the third episode features a discussion on storms at sea with Jesus.

"In Episode 2, we take you on a deep exploration of the story of Jesus and the woman at the well, shedding light on societal norms at that time and how Jesus changed them," said Father Pujol. "This episode brings a fresh understanding of this story and what it signifies about God's boundless mercy."

Father Hamilton said Episode 3 explores Jesus' miracles at sea and unearths aspects of his personality not typically highlighted. They discuss Jesus' miracles of calming tempestuous waters



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From left, Jordan Whiteko, Father Andrew J. Hamilton and Father Christopher J. Pujol record an episode of "Stunned Disciples."

and how that translates to our modern lives.

"We share how immense God's love is for us, especially during our deepest struggles and how our special encounters with Christ can alter us in profound ways," he said.

Whiteko said the wealth of background information provided by Father Pujol and Father Hamilton for the podcast has been phenomenal.

"They not only provide

interesting insight, but they really keep the conversation moving and interesting relating what they know or have learned in seminary," he said.

Father Pujol and Father Hamilton are the newest priests in the Diocese of Greensburg. Father Hamilton was ordained in June. Father Pujol was ordained in 2022.

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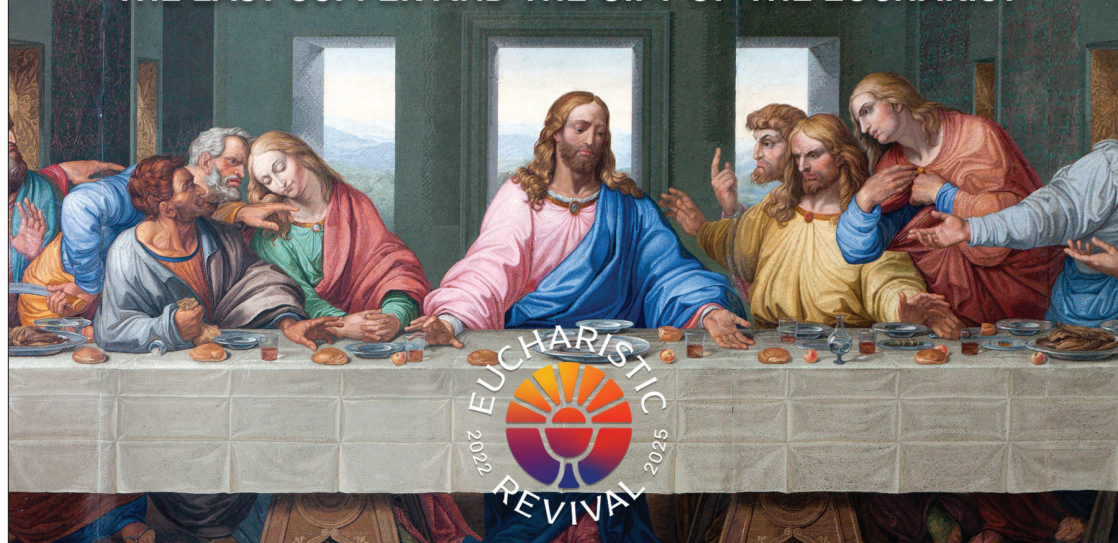


You can subscribe, listen or watch The Catholic Accent's "Stunned Disciples" podcast at TheAccentOnline.org/TheCatholicAccentPodcast or on other platforms, or scan the QR code.

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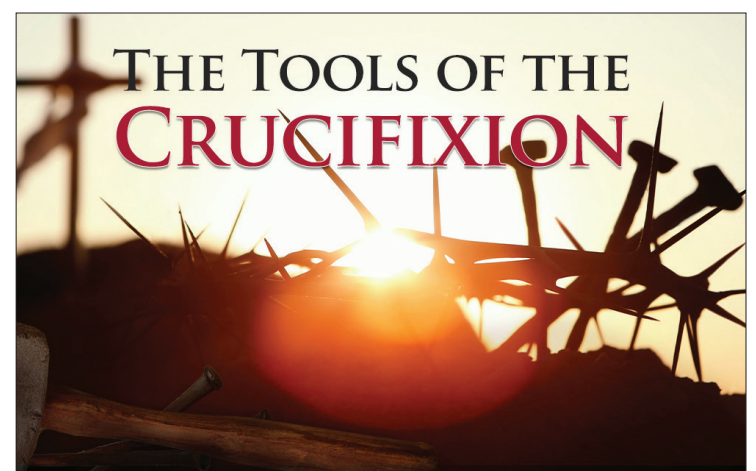
KNOW HIM

THE LAST SUPPER AND THE GIFT OF THE EUCHARIST



This immersive experience created by the Diocese of Greensburg is coming to Saint Thomas More University Parish on Monday, November 6 at 6:00 PM. Pre-registration is preferred but not required.

Visit DioceseofGreensburgorg/EucharisticRevival to reserve your seat!



Experiential exhibit of relics at Diocesan Heritage Center

GREENSBURG — The Diocesan Heritage Center at Christ Our Shepherd Center is hosting a powerful experiential exhibit of relics, "Tools of the Crucifixion."

Visitors can learn about the tools of the crucifixion from Father Charles Samson, priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Mo., and professor of sacred Scripture and biblical archeology at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis, and venerate a relic of the True Cross, and experience an almost life-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin, the burial cloth in which Jesus' body was wrapped.

The sacred treasures include a sliver from the crown of thorns, a nail made with iron shavings of the nails that pierced Jesus and images of Veronica's veil.

The exhibit will be open Oct. 23 from 4-6 p.m., Oct. 25 from 3-5 and 5:30-7:30 p.m., Oct. 26 from 2-4 p.m. and Oct. 27 from 2-5 p.m.

MESSAGES OF CHARITY

Messages of Charity is a regular report on the outreach and fundraising efforts of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, which is provided through the courtesy of *The Catholic Accent*. Photos and text are provided by Catholic Charities staff.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Catholic Charities remains dedicated to meeting the basic physical, spiritual and behavioral needs of those who call upon us for help. I'm proud to say our team is growing to meet the many needs of those living within our four-county Diocese. When answering a call, we don't always have a perfect solution, but we always keep God at our heart, the rights of every person in our mind and Catholic Charities' mission at the forefront.

As you read this year's Messages of Charity, I'd like you to reflect on Matthew 5:3.

Matthew said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

I believe this message is relevant to everyone at some point in their lives. I hope you will agree as you read the articles that additional efforts are being taken to ensure that all who reach out to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg for assistance feel welcome and that we can serve people of all ages.

Our Counseling Department is collaborating with the 12 Diocesan Catholic schools to provide school counselors on-site once per week for the benefit of the students, families and administrators.



To welcome Ukrainian newcomers relocating to our region as well as others who have been forced to flee their homes and begin a new life due to war, our Information and Referral Department is supporting their needs for rent, utilities, clothing and food.

For those suffering from or having thoughts of an abortion or are struggling with how to care for a newborn child, we are increasing the awareness of our services that include counseling through Project Rachel and providing infant and toddler clothing, formula and diapers at no charge.

God calls us to serve those around us, and together we can support many in need. If you have been wanting to do more for those who are suffering, prayerfully consider joining Catholic Charities as either a volunteer or a donor. If you are already a contributor, thank you for your continued support.

— Melaney Hegyes,
Managing Director

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Clockwise from top left: Melaney Hegyes, Kathleen and Bud Mertz, Westmoreland County Commissioner Doug Chew and his wife, Cynthia.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

VOLUNTEERS

Catholic Charities currently has 14 active volunteers assisting with the Helpline, Christmas program, fundraising events, office duties, and representing Catholic Charities at various events. In the past fiscal year (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023), the volunteers logged 6,893.75 hours. This is the equivalent of three full-time staff. The assistance that the volunteers provide to the agency is very much appreciated and an integral part of Catholic Charities' services.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES

We are pleased to announce that we hired a new full-time Information and Referral Caseworker, Kierstin Hufnagle, Aug. 21, 2023. Kierstin earned her graduate degree in school counseling at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe. Originally from Northumberland, Pa., Kierstin shared that her faith brought her to Catholic Charities, as well as her desire to help people in any way she can. Kierstin is a welcome addition to the I/R Department.

TEEN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Catholic Charities is preparing for its annual Teen Christmas Program. The program matches families in need with sponsors who provide gifts for children ages 13-18. Other area programs provide gifts for children 12 and under, but very few do for teens, which is why this program is important. If you would like to participate, please contact Donna Hagan at 724-837-1840, ext. 1661 or dhagan@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

GOLF OUTING

Ligonier Country Club was once again the setting for Catholic Charities 21st annual Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing Aug. 11. The event was a sell-out, with 144 golfers competing for skill prizes and trying their luck at the "All Aboard Noah's Ark" chipping contest in hopes of winning the coveted Wingman GPS Golf Speaker.

The theme holes were back by popular demand, with "Tee-rific Pierogis" donated by Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent, "Holy Ravioli" donated by St. Anne Parish, Rostraver, "Marvelous Meatballs" donated by Ascension Parish, Jeannette, and "Italian Knot Cookies" donated by St. Rita Parish, Connellsville. John Kramer, owner of Firehouse Subs, Greensburg, and Gary Bardine of Bardine's Country Smokehouse, Crabtree, provided complimentary lunch for all in attendance.

Catholic Charities is blessed by all the volunteers and donors who

graciously offered their time or donated an item to make the event special for all who participated.

All proceeds from the event support those in need within our four-county Diocese with utility assistance, emergency food boxes, rent, diapers, baby clothing and formula.

Mark your calendars now for Aug. 9, 2024, for the 22nd annual event.

FARM TO TABLE DINNER

Catholic Charities' annual Farm to Table Dinner drew its largest crowd to date at Cavallo Fields, Pleasant Unity, Oct. 4. Bishop Larry J. Kulick gave a keynote address to guests about the excellent work being done by Catholic Charities staff and volunteers to help those in need, including efforts to resettle Ukrainian refugees in Greensburg in the wake of the Russian invasion. Melaney Hegyes, Managing Director of Catholic Charities, thanked guests for their support and prayers for another successful year assisting the most needy of our community.

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Staff and volunteers from Alternatives.Yes, from left, Donna Rutt, Jane Ottenberg, Lori Kooser, Christina Richey, Lacey Krysak and Barb Mulich.

Catholic Charities awards grants to community organizations

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg has announced the distribution of \$40,000 to nonprofit organizations for the March 2023 grant cycle. These organizations are working passionately to assist families and individuals with programs and services designed to ease the burden of poverty. We applaud their efforts within the community.

- Christian Layman Corps — A Bed for Every Child — \$5,000
- St. Vincent de Paul Society — St. Paul Parish, Greensburg, Utility Super Fund — \$5,000
- Alternatives.Yes — The Mother's Pantry — Essentials Program — \$5,000
- Westmoreland Case Management and Supports Inc. — Early Intervention of Safety Items — \$5,000
- Indiana County Community Action — ICCAP Power Pack Program - \$5,000
- Fayette County Community Action Agency, Inc. — Food Bank Shop-Thru — \$5,000
- Mount Saint Peter Outreach Ministry — Poverty Relief Project — \$5,000
- Westmoreland County Food Bank - Food Pantry Distribution Program — \$5,000

Requests for funding are accepted throughout the year. All applications for the March 2024 grant cycle must be received or postmarked by 5 p.m. Nov. 2. Applications received after the deadline will be considered for funding during the next cycle.

Please visit our website at ccharitiesgreensburg.org under "Services" to review guidelines or to apply online, or contact Heather Rady at 724-837-1840.

GENEROUS HEARTS RESOURCE FAIR



On June 5 we had our first Family Resource Fair at the Robertshaw building parking lot. The event was held to offer direct assistance, including emergency food, diapers, baby clothing and baby supplies to women, young children and families. Catholic Charities is hoping to make this an annual event. There were many other agencies and programs represented, including Walking with Moms in Need, United Way free bookmobile, TryLIFE Pregnancy Center, Poppy the certified therapy dog, Golden Onsite Dental and Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety, as well as representatives from Diocesan Catholic schools and Greensburg Fire Department.

COUNSELING NEWS

As the needs in our community change, we at Catholic Charities are always looking to adapt.

This past year we've welcomed new staff and new programs in response to pressing needs in our community. The reopening of offices in Kittanning and Indiana for in-person counseling and the introduction of counselors into our diocesan schools are just a couple efforts to expand support to our community.

The needs are ever increasing, and our efforts are only possible through the support of many generous donors. Catholic Charities provides for the needs of families, couples and individuals; often acceptance, a listening ear and a chance to tell one's story – and support to try out new behaviors – can help people live more satisfying, happier lives.

So while Catholic Charities begins to revise and expand counseling services, caring, professional counseling for individuals, couples and families remains available both in person and virtually. Counselors help individuals, couples and families with a variety of difficulties, including depression, anxiety, grief, family conflict and anger issues. Most major insurances are accepted. The sliding fee schedule (for those without insurance) remains in place and unchanged as of this writing. Scheduling is flexible. Appropriate referrals are available when a more intense level of care is needed.

In addition to regular counseling services, the men's anger group continues to serve the needs of individuals in need of counseling and support. The group has existed for over 25 years.

Catholic Charities also continues



to offer counseling, through Project Rachel, for women who have experienced abortion. This is a very important program and provides for those most in need of support. Other family members affected by an abortion may also participate in the healing ministry. For more information, please see hopeafterabortion.com/ as well as ccharitiesgreensburg.org/pages/default.aspx. Project Rachel counseling is always free of charge.

A special thanks to Dr. Paul Niemiec for all the great works he has done over his long tenure at Catholic Charities. Now in his role as the Bishop's Liaison for Special Ministries, Paul's dedication and leadership is still seen today. We remain thankful for the foundation he has laid for our services to reach those in need and to those far beyond our vision of today.

Bishop Larry J. Kulick, as well as his predecessors, likes to tell people that Catholic Charities is the "social service arm of the Diocese of Greensburg." With the support of the Diocese, and your support, the commitment to the counseling ministry will not only continue but remain prepared to serve you when you and yours have a need that arises. God Bless.

— Bob Baum, Director of Counseling Services

UPCOMING EVENTS



PURSE BASH

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will hold its seventh annual Designer Purse Bash and Crystal Bake Sale Nov. 5 at the Barn at Ligonier Valley. Doors open at noon. Tickets are \$35 and include a catered lunch, wine, coffee and tea. Only 250 tickets will be sold. The event will also include jewelry and 50/50 raffles and more. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit ccharitiesgreensburg.org (click on the Fundraiser tab) or call 724-837-1840.

COMMUNITIES OF SALT AND LIGHT AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Do you know an individual or organization worthy of recognition for their time, treasure and talent? Catholic Charities is seeking nominees in the categories of Humanitarianism, Philanthropy and Outstanding Human Service Organization. Nominations are being accepted through Oct. 31 for the 24th annual Communities of Salt & Light Awards Dinner. The dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2024, at Stratigos Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon. Nomination forms and criteria can be found at ccharitiesgreensburg.org under "Fundraisers."

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A message from Bishop Kulick

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Oct. 22, as we observe World Mission Sunday, we stand in solidarity with the Missions of the Church in this annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration.

Pope Francis chose "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" as this year's theme. The Holy Father invites us to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts and to actively share this warmth with the world around us. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we go forth and bring the Good News to all corners of the world.

Founded by French laywoman Blessed Pauline Jaricot in 1822, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is an essential source of aid for the Church's missionary work. In the United States, we benefited from these donations for many years: Our nation was a beneficiary of almost \$7 million, until 1908 – the equivalent of over \$250 million today. The mission dioceses in our country have continued to receive subsidies. Fairbanks, Alaska, was the last of those dioceses and received its final subsidy payment this year!

The World Mission Sunday collection assists the Holy Father to meet his Petrine obligation of building up the Church in over 1,100 dioceses and territories that are too young and/or too poor to sustain themselves. Your offerings and prayers on World Mission Sunday will support the formation of seminarians and women and men religious; assist in the construction of schools and orphanages; enable missionaries to build churches in remote and resource-limited areas; and provide essential works to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

Keeping in mind this year's theme and inviting you to do the same, I urge you to keep your hearts aflame and your feet moving this World Mission Sunday and every day, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed. Your prayers are invaluable, and your financial support provides life-giving aid to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities.

Gratefully in the Lord,

+ Larry J. Kulick

The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick
Bishop of Greensburg

Words of thanks from the director

Dear Missionary Disciples of the Diocese of Greensburg,

Every October is World Mission Month! In addition to our celebrations of Pro-Life Month and the rosary, we join Catholics all around the world to pray for missionaries and missions and to share with them our God-given material blessings. In anticipation of our World Mission Sunday Collection Oct. 21-22, I thank you for your generous contributions. Your contributions and sacrifices will support more than 1,100 mission dioceses around the world.

Your offering serves as a testimony to your burning faith and commitment to serve the Church's mission. Just as Pope Francis urged us to have our "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move," your contribution will assist hearts burning with faith to proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the needy across Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe.

Your gift aids:

- 26 million children attending primary school
- Over 38,000 seminarians preparing for the priesthood
- More than 258,000 religious sisters caring for children and families
- About 844,000 catechists teaching the faith
- 12,000 clinics providing health care to the sick and dying
- 8,750 homes offering refuge to orphaned children and the elderly

As followers of Christ, we are called to be His witnesses, and your generous contribution is an admirable response to this call. Your consistent and prayerful support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, in the tradition of its foundress, Blessed Pauline Jaricot, is deeply appreciated. For this, I am sincerely grateful! We have a limited number of Blessed Pauline prayer cards available in the Mission Office; if you would like one, please let us know and we will be happy to send it to you. We also have the Mission rosary available. In addition to this, the Mission Office is grateful for your Mass intentions and offerings, which we provide to our retired priests. To obtain the card and/or rosary and to request Mass intentions and cards, please call the Mission Office at 724-837-0901, ext. 1334.



Although we celebrate World Mission Sunday in October, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith fosters a spirit of mission throughout the year. Stay connected to the pope's missions at OneFamilyInMission.org, where you can learn more and be part of our global missionary work every day!

As I thank you once again for your enthusiastic participation in this year's World Mission Sunday, I send my prayers for you and your intentions.

Most gratefully in the Lord,

Anthony J. Carbone

Father Anthony J. Carbone
Director of the Diocesan Mission Office



In February of 1951, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1950 to 1966), in a radio address (*The Catholic Hour*), inaugurated a **World Mission Rosary**. "We must pray, and not for ourselves, but for the world. To this end, I have designed the World Mission Rosary. Each of the

five decades is of a different color to represent each of the five continents." Praying this Rosary, Archbishop Sheen said, would "aid the Holy Father and his Society for the Propagation of the Faith by supplying him with practical support, as well as prayers, for the poor mission territories of the world."

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

DAILY PRAYERS FOR THE MISSIONS

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

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

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

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



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When the World Mission Rosary is completed, one has embraced all continents, all people in prayer.

— ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

Bishop Kulick blesses St. Mary of Czestochowa Church after completion of renovation work

By Maria Guzzo
Contributing Writer

NEW KENSINGTON — More than 200 parishioners filled St. Mary of Czestochowa Church Aug. 26 to experience Bishop Larry J. Kulick blessing their church building, now fully renovated after a tornado ripped off half its roof and dislodged a steeple during Holy Week 2020.

Three years and \$4.3 million later, Bishop Kulick reminded everyone that although it was a Mass of celebration, it was also a signal of responsibility. He cautioned parishioners to not view the restored church as simply an architectural marvel, historic artifact or a museum, but as a center for mission, directing them to grow their congregation.

"This building is a shell in which people of God gather to give worship and honor to God," he said.

Noting that while the physical reconstruction is done, "Let's move on to the much more challenging work of evangelizing. Let us fill the pews. The walls are nothing compared to the souls that gather here in worship. Make this a place where the people of God gather, and new generations come to be consecrated to the Lord."

The Diocese of Greensburg's 2022 statistics indicate that St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish consists of 350 households with 611 individuals.

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— BISHOP KULICK

them to draw others to God, Bishop Kulick reminded parishioners that with God all things are possible.

"We're here today because God has blessed us," he said. "And we are called to remember: as we receive, so we must give."

Bishop Kulick appealed to parishioners to be generous to the Diocese and to any future endowment program at St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish to shore up finances for the future.

"This is the time to be the stewards of what we inherited," he said.

In his closing remarks, Father Kenneth G. Zaccagnini, Pastor, said the timing of the tornado just before Easter and all the work that was done with such perfection and expense was emblematic of Christ's cross and entrance into heaven.

"It feels like a resurrection experience to me," he said.

The Bishop and Father Zaccagnini thanked the many businesses and people who had a hand in the three-year reconstruction. The church has been open for Sunday Mass since Advent 2022, but renovations were ongoing until now.

The Mass of Completion occurred on the feast day of St. Mary of Czestochowa, patron of Poland, from where its first parishioners came. Founded in 1892, the current church building was completed in 1912.

Bishop Kulick began Mass outside the church building, where the roof had crumbled into the street. With holy water, he blessed the outside of the building, and also parishioners and the adult and youth choirs, who sang a Polish hymn, "Serdeczna Matko," or "Stainless the Maiden," as everyone processed into church. During Mass, Bishop Kulick donned a gremial, or apron, and protective sleeves before using sacred chrism to anoint the walls in 12 places with a sign of the cross.

In addition to Father Zaccagnini, retired former pastors Father John S. Szczesny and Father Thaddeus J. Kaczmarek, and retired local priest Msgr. Lawrence A. Dominik, who was baptized there, concelebrated. An ice cream social followed, as is the annual custom at the parish on the feast day.



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Bishop Larry J. Kulick blesses St. Mary of Czestochowa Church Aug. 26.



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EXPORT PARISH MARKS 120 YEARS: St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Export, celebrated its 120th anniversary July 29, with parishioners joining in a candlelight procession reminiscent of the ones held in Lourdes. The day's celebration included a sprinkling rite using water from Lourdes. The Export Historical Association presented the parish with a plaque recognizing its community impact.

Two ordained to permanent diaconate for Diocese

GREENSBURG — On Aug. 10, the Feast of St. Lawrence, Bishop Larry J. Kulick ordained Mark Ferlin and Jerome (J.T.) Tuskan to the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Greensburg.

The date of the ordination Mass on the feast day was especially significant. St. Lawrence, a third-century deacon, was one of seven deacons in Rome under Pope Sixtus II persecuted and martyred for Christ.

Deacon Ferlin and his wife, Kathy, have three children. They are parishioners of St. Cecelia Parish, Whitney. Deacon Tuskan and his wife, Anita, have three children. They are parishioners of Mount St. Peter Parish, New Kensington. Both men are grandfathers and both attended Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe.

With the ordinations, the Diocese of Greensburg now has 12 permanent deacons.

During his homily, Bishop Larry J. Kulick reminded the deacons that like St. Lawrence, their ministry is one of service and charity.

"You will now be, in a special way, guardians of the Word," Bishop Kulick said. "You will reflect in homilies on that word of God and feed the people spiritually."

Permanent deacons differ from those ordained to the transitional diaconate. Seminarians on the path to priesthood are ordained transitional deacons. Permanent deacons assist the priest during Mass, proclaim the Gospel and preach on occasion. They may also be called to celebrate the sacrament of baptism, witness marriages, preside at funerals and burial services, lead Eucharistic adoration and Benediction, and offer blessings in the name of the Church. They may also provide pastoral care for people in hospitals, care homes and prisons.

Following the ordination Mass, Deacon Tuskan, who

had been assigned at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport, for the past year, said serving at the altar and being close to the consecration of the Eucharist has increased his love of Christ.

"It is a truly a joy to serve God and his people, and in any small way, help to lead them closer to Christ in their faith journey," he said.

Bishop Kulick has assigned Deacon Ferlin to SS. Simon and Jude Parish, Blairsville, and Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent.

On Aug. 12, Bishop Kulick ordained Benedictine Brother Romuald Duchene, a monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey, to the diaconate. Brother Romuald professed solemn vows July 11 before Benedictine Archabbot Martin de Porres Bartel.

Brother Romuald came to the archabbey in 2009, spending a year in the novitiate and professing first vows July 9, 2010. Spending two more years at the archabbey, he began a period of discernment before returning in 2021 and renewing his temporary vows in 2022. He earned a bachelor's degree in history from The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, in 2002, and a master's degree in systematic theology from Saint Vincent Seminary in 2021. Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, he is the son of Patti Gentz of Minneapolis and the late William Duchene.

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Above, Jerome Tuskan, left, and Mark Ferlin, sing during the ordination Mass Aug. 10. At left, their wives, Kathy Ferlin, left, and Anita Tuskan, receive robes from Father Daniel J. Ulishney, master of ceremonies. Below, Bishop Kulick gives Deacon Tuskan the Book of the Gospels, and they lie prostrate during the Litany of Supplication. At bottom, Bishop Kulick gathers for photos with the deacons and their families.

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Remembering Christ's call: Bethlehem Project marks 25 years of housing people in need

By Jerry Zufelt
Contributing Writer

GREENSBURG — As The Bethlehem Project gathered to remember and celebrate its 25 years as a housing ministry of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Helene Paharik, one of the founding leaders of the project, said that one of the driving forces behind the formation of the ministry was remembering who we are as Christians.

Because of the many people in need coming to the cathedral office, Paharik said, “We were reminded of who we are as Christians and reminded of Jesus’ command to serve people in need.”

More than 100 people gathered Sept. 20 at Rizzo’s Malabar Inn, Crabtree, to celebrate The Bethlehem Project’s 25 years of working to prevent homelessness in central Westmoreland County by thanking volunteers and donors who have helped the ministry provide almost \$1 million to nearly 3,000 individuals and families with housing needs.

Proceeds from the dinner, a silent auction and basket raffles generated more than \$12,000 to help individuals and families in need.

The featured speakers were Bishop Larry J. Kulick, the guest of honor, and Paharik.

Suzanne English, president of The Bethlehem Project Advisory Board, served as emcee. She thanked the pastors and rectors of the cathedral — Monsignor Michael J. Begolly, Monsignor Roger A. Statnick and current rector Monsignor Raymond



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From left: Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, Monsignor Michael J. Begolly, Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Helene Paharik, Monsignor Roger A. Statnick and Sandy Kocian.

E. Riffle — for leading the housing ministry, and the pastoral associates who have served as liaisons between the parish and the project — Paharik, Sandi Kocian and current liaison Katie Zuzik.

Paharik said The Bethlehem Project came to fruition because of four “Rs”: reminders, regionalization, reverend fathers and remembrance.

“Monsignor Begolly provided inspiration for The Bethlehem Project as he and other priests at the cathedral shared food, provided clothes and shared hope with the people in need,” she said.

The Diocesan focus on regionalization at the time led to the collaboration

with Catholic Charities along with sharing of resources with the Greensburg-area parishes, Paharik said.

“Realizing that Christ has prepared a place for us to live in eternity, they remembered people here with memorial gifts to The Bethlehem Project,” she said of the project’s many benefactors.

Bishop Kulick said The Bethlehem Project is living witness of the Gospel message.

“The Bethlehem Project is an example of how the Catholic Church responds to Christ’s call to heed and help meet the needs of our brothers and sisters through the cooperation

of the parishes and the Diocese itself,” he said.

The Bethlehem Project began in the winter of 1998 in response to the needs of homeless and near-homeless people in Greensburg who were coming to the cathedral for assistance.

With the approval of Monsignor Begolly and the Parish Pastoral Council, Paharik was given permission to devote some of her time to developing the parish ministry.

The Bethlehem Project works to help individuals and families stay in their homes, assists people in moves from temporary to permanent housing, including help with security deposits, and helps with occasional emergency, temporary housing.

In 1999, The Bethlehem Project began its collaboration with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg.

In addition to direct assistance, the project provides personal items for residents of the three shelters in Westmoreland County — the Welcome Home Shelter and the Blackburn Center in Greensburg and the Union Mission in Latrobe.

The Bethlehem Project serves people in Bovard, Derry, Forbes Road, Grapeville, Greensburg, Hannastown, Hunker, Jeannette, Luxor, Mount Pleasant, New Alexandria, New Derry, New Stanton, Penn, West Newton and Youngwood.

People living in The Bethlehem Project’s service area who need assistance with a housing-related issue can contact Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish at 724-834-3710, ext. 11.

Couples honored at annual Golden Anniversary Mass

GREENSBURG — Nearly 90 couples from around the four counties of the Diocese of Greensburg celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries in 2023 were honored at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Oct. 1 for the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick.

Reminding the couples of their vocation of marriage, Bishop Kulick offered congratulations to the couples on behalf of the faithful in the Diocese.

“I want to thank our jubilarians for their willingness of sacramental love,” Bishop Kulick said in his homily. “Your commitment is a sign of God’s love for all of us. The service you have rendered to our parishes truly enriches the Diocese of Greensburg.”

“We pray that God may continue to sustain you and provide you with many, many more years.”

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Mother of Sorrows Parish offers grief support

By Clifford Gorski
Executive Editor

MURRYSVILLE — Nancy Matteuzzi experienced the loss of a loved one at a young age: Her father died when she was 9.

"I still remember somebody at the funeral home saying to me, 'You're going to have to take care of your mom now,'" Matteuzzi said.

She felt the heavy burden those words placed on her. Two grandparents passed away soon after. She relied on her mother, a nurse, to help her through the grief.

Her mom received a lot of prayer cards at the time, and Matteuzzi found three of them that she felt were helpful.

"I rode my bike to the grocery store to make photocopies of them and kept them by my bedside and prayed them each night before bed," she said.

It gave her the feeling that her late father was her first connection to God, interceding on her and her mother's behalf.

Over the years, Matteuzzi learned how to integrate grief into her life. As part of her role as Pastoral Associate for Spiritual Care at Mother of Sorrows Parish in Murrysville, she is devoted to helping those who are grieving find the tools they need through the parish's bereavement group. Matteuzzi is also a board-certified chaplain with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains.

"I focus on spirituality as our connection to God,



to others and to ourselves," Matteuzzi said.

She said grief disrupts all of our connections.

In bereavement group sessions, "We talk about how grief impacts our connection to ourselves, because sometimes people want to close off from their own emotional experience," she said.

Grief can disrupt relationships with others, because people experiencing the same death of a loved one process their grief differently. Grief also challenges our connection with God, she said.

"People experience anger or want to know 'why did this happen?' depending on the type of loss," Matteuzzi said. "I tell people that God loves us as his beloved children. Just as we would not cause suffering for our own children, God would not cause that suffering for us."

Often when people learn of the death of a person's

loved one, they want to be supportive but fear saying the wrong thing.

"Validating and affirming that you know that they lost a loved one and then offering to listen is important," Matteuzzi advised. "If you knew their loved one, offer to share a story about that person with them that maybe they don't know. Just offer to be available to listen to them with the understanding that you can't expect the person who suffered the loss to be OK on your timeline."

Mother of Sorrows Parish just concluded the first of two bereavement sessions. Additional sessions are planned in the spring of 2024. The sessions are open to anyone dealing with grief. Matteuzzi is also available to conduct bereavement programs in other parishes across the Diocese. To register or for more information, call 724-733-8870.

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Ways to help the grieving

Nancy Matteuzzi, Pastoral Associate for Spiritual Care at Mother of Sorrows Parish in Murrysville, offers these insights on how to respond when a friend or loved one is grieving:

- Please acknowledge our loss. When you see us after our loved one has died, just let us know that you are aware by saying something simple like, "I heard that _____ died. I'm so sorry."
- We might cry when you ask us how we are doing. This does not mean that you made us sad. The tears are evidence of how deeply we cared for our loved one. Your concern just allows us to acknowledge the pain.
- We are aware that grief and sorrow make many people (and our society as a whole) uncomfortable. Sometimes your discomfort causes you to rely on unhelpful platitudes. It is important for you to be aware of your discomfort. It is OK to say, "I don't know what to say." In fact, it is better to say this rather than "s/he's in a better place" or "everything happens for a reason." These phrases usually just make you feel better.
- Remember that an empathic statement does not start with "at least." Do not try to put a positive spin on things — for example, "at least you have other children" or "at least you had X number of years together." Although these are common phrases, it sends the message that you don't recognize the depth of our sorrow.
- Sometimes we don't want to talk. It may be because we just don't have the energy. When we do want to talk, we want you to listen without judgment or expectation. Do not give us advice or try to "fix" us. Grief is not an illness that needs to be cured.
- Additionally, our grief does not have a deadline. Each loss is unique. Some may feel like we should be "over it." We feel like we will never be "over it." We are learning to live with it, and this may take a very long time.
- We know that our loved ones were not perfect. Please share memories with us — the good, the bad and the ugly. This helps us to be able to acknowledge their humanity, with all their imperfections, and work through unresolved anger or resentment.
- Please give open-ended offers: "When you are ready, I am here to listen"; "Let me know how I can be supportive"; "When you feel up to it, I'd love to get lunch with you"; "No need to respond, but I am thinking of you."



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MOSS MARKS 60 YEARS: Mother of Sorrows Catholic School, Murrysville, celebrated its 60th anniversary with Mass, celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Oct. 7. Alumni and students and their families attended. An open house followed Mass.



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GCC HOMECOMING: Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School's homecoming football game was Oct. 6. On the homecoming court were, from left: Ellie Stasko, Ella Machusko, Cara Dupilka, Mia Slike, Page Lookabill and Claire Miedel.

Associate Director of Faith, Family and Discipleship hired

GREENSBURG —

The Diocese of Greensburg has hired Elizabeth Haberstroh as Associate Director of Faith, Family and Discipleship.

Haberstroh will be responsible for accompanying, supporting and coaching new Regional Directors of Formation and Discipleship as a groundbreaking model of faith formation throughout the Diocese begins.

Haberstroh holds a bachelor's degree in social work from St. Francis University, Loretto, a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master of Divinity degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She is a certified StrengthFinders coach and Newton Institute serving leader coach. She began her new position with the Diocese Oct. 1.

"Elizabeth has a strong reputation throughout the Diocese as a creative innovator of effective faith formation and youth ministry programs," said Vincent Reilly, Managing Director of Faith, Family and Discipleship.

"Elizabeth's experience as a StrengthFinders coach and her work with our seminarians, permanent diaconal candidates and lay ecclesial ministers is invaluable to the success of this endeavor.

"Her background in social



Haberstroh

work and human formation provides a great resource for our Regional Directors and helps us build a strong community of pastoral ministers in the Diocese."

Haberstroh comes to the Diocese from Mother of Sorrows

Parish, Murrysburg, where she served as Pastoral Associate of Discipleship and Parish Life since 2022.

However, her work in the Diocese began years before her work at Mother of Sorrows: She served as Pastoral Associate at various parishes in both the Diocese of Greensburg and the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

She also worked as a consultant in human formation for the Diocese of Greensburg and for Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, since 2019.

"I am excited and feel so blessed to be able to step into my vocation of leadership development fully and serve the larger church and Diocese of Greensburg in this capacity," Haberstroh said. "I have enjoyed working beside so many in the Diocese of Greensburg as a coach and doing staff development already. I look forward to walking beside more individuals and churches to understand who God is calling each of them to be, disciple others and serve His Kingdom with joy."

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INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL:

A special Mass to welcome Bishop Medil S. Aseo of the Diocese of Tagum in the Philippines back to the Diocese of Greensburg kicked off the Diocese of Greensburg International Food Festival Aug. 25 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Bishop Aseo served several parishes in the Diocese as Parochial Vicar before being named Bishop of his home diocese. The festival featured cuisine from around the world, plus the Filipino American Association of Pittsburgh Dancers.

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Palko devoted

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Palko says the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program at St. Thomas More University Parish currently has 40 children enrolled. She believes enrollment has increased after the covid-19 pandemic.

"There is a spirituality and a need that the catechesis brings to the child and the families," she said.

She considers it a privilege to be able to be in the atrium with the children.

"When we can see the child's relationship with Christ growing before our eyes ... there are no words to explain that."

Pencola longest CGS catechist

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home parish, Pencola has served as a resource and helper at other parishes in the Diocese. While she brings the Good Shepherd to the children, the children have also brought Him to her, she said, noting they have more of a heart knowledge of Christ than a head knowledge.

She recalls a conversation during sacramental preparation for children preparing for their first Eucharist shortly after 9/11. Pencola was lighting candles and telling the children that on the day they were baptized, a candle was lit to "receive the light of Christ." One of the children wanted to know if that is when he and the others actually received the light of Christ. Another said, "We've always had the light of Christ."

Another child asked, "If we have always had the light of Christ, why do people fly airplanes into buildings and kill other people?" Another answered, "That's easy. Some people know they have it and some people just don't want it."

Pencola said the exchange brought tears to her eyes.

"My experience has been that time after time the children teach me who God is, and we all need that."

Winge teaches Latino families

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"I'm not a teacher," Winge said. "I am a catechist. The teacher is the Holy Spirit. When you leave the room open, he will come and guide you and teach you."

Some of the children who participate in the bilingual program live nearby. Some families travel from as far away as Somerset County and Cranberry Township.

The program provides a quiet, reflective space for children to ask questions, seek answers without adult prompting and have peace in knowing that Christ the Good Shepherd loves them and never loses his sheep.

"In this community, sometimes parents are working seven days a week," Winge said. "Sometimes the families have to go away to find jobs and come back several months later."

She believes the bilingual catechesis program offers the children peace and stability.

"I haven't found so much responsibility as I have now with the little ones," Winge said. "We only have one chance. They are like sponges. I have to say what is essential, what is basic for them. I want to give them a good beginning."

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAKE SALE

Leechburg — Christ the King Parish is holding a Thanksgiving/Christmas bake sale. For nut, apricot and poppyseed rolls (\$13.50 each, order deadline is Oct. 30 and pickup is Nov. 8 and 9 from noon-4 p.m. For crescent rolls (\$6.50 per dozen), order deadline is Nov. 6 and pickup is Nov. 14 from noon-4 p.m. Orders: 724-309-1976, 412-549-1583 or 724-845-8191.

BENEFIT WALK

Latrobe — Independence Health System will hold its first Lung Cancer Awareness Walk Nov. 4 at Excelsa Square. Information/registration: thelatrobeareahospitalcharitablefoundation.salsalabs.org/lungcancerawarenesswalk/index.html.

BINGO

Freeport — St. Mary, Mother of God Parish holds bingo the first Sunday of every month in its Family Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with bingo at 6:30. Cost is \$21 for 16 regular games, with extra paper packets available. Food and refreshments will be available.

Harrison City — The Ladies Guild of St. Barbara Parish will hold bingo Oct. 26, Nov. 8, Dec. 7 and Jan. 3 in the parish hall; doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and include 20 games, lunch, dessert and door prizes; specials and a 50/50 raffle are also planned. Tickets: guild members, parish office or call 412-596-6098, 724-771-2500 or 724-244-6812.

Mount Pleasant — The Christian Mothers of St. Pius X Parish will hold bingo Nov. 5. Doors open at noon. Tickets are \$30, which includes one bingo package and lunch. A 50/50 raffle, instant tickets, a Chinese auction and door prizes are planned. Tickets: 724-547-5269 or 724-331-2546.

Whitney — St. Cecilia Parish will hold its monthly bingo Nov. 5 and Dec. 3 in the parish hall. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and bingo begins at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Information: call 724-423-3777.

BURGER BASH

Whitney — St. Cecilia Parish will hold a Burger Bash Oct. 21 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Information: 724-423-3777.

CARD PARTY

Freeport — The Christian Mothers of St. Mary, Mother of God Parish will host a board game/card party social Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A salad bar, refreshments, prizes and a raffle are planned. Cost is \$10. Tickets: 724-316-1204.

North Huntingdon — The Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is sponsoring a card party Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. in Mack Hall. Tickets are \$15 (prepaid only). The event will include games, silent bingo, door prizes, auction baskets

and share the wealth, plus a salad and dessert bar. Information: 724-864-6364.

CARPATHO-RUSYN CELEBRATION

Uniontown — The annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration is set for Oct. 29 from noon-5 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church. The day will include Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m., ethnic foods, baked goods, dancing, displays, presentations, crafts and cookbooks for sale, demonstrations, church tours, raffles and children's activities. Information: stjohnbaptist-byz-cath-uniontown.org/ or 724-438-1382.

CHILDREN/YOUTH ACTIVITIES

North Huntingdon — St. Agnes Parish will hold an All Saints "Trunk or Treat" Oct. 22. The day will include Mass at 11:15 a.m., donuts and cider at 12:15 p.m., and trunk or treat from 12:45-2 p.m., with costumed saints distributing treats. There is no cost.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Greensburg — The Benedictine Sisters of St. Emma Monastery will host their annual Christmas Shoppe Nov. 3 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (earlybird admission \$5 from 9 a.m.-noon) and Nov. 4 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (50% off from 1-3 p.m.). Food will be for sale. Volunteers and donations are needed. Information: stemma.org or 724-834-3060.

Latrobe — St. John the Evangelist Parish will host a holiday craft and vendor show Oct. 21 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Food will be available for purchase. Basket and 50/50 raffles are planned, plus a Chinese auction.

New Alexandria — A live Nativity is planned Dec. 8 from 5-8 p.m. at St. James Parish. Activities for the family are planned, plus lessons and carols and refreshments.

Perryopolis — St. John the Baptist Parish will hold a holiday vendor/craft show Nov. 4 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the social hall. A basket raffle, 50/50 drawing, and food and refreshments are planned. Information: 724-366-0917.

Rostraver — The Christian Mothers of St. Anne Parish will hold a craft/vendor show Dec. 2 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be available and the Holy Name Society will sell frozen ravioli. Information: Mary Kovscek, mkovscek@comcast.net.

CONCERT

Uniontown — The Catholic Churches of Southern Fayette will host a benefit concert, "Beyond the Glass: Experiencing the Divine in Music, Art and Charity," Oct. 22 from 2-3:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Parish. Proceeds will benefit local food distributions through the Loaves and Fishes outreach project.



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Children listen to the story of St. Joan of Arc during the 2021 tour.

Lantern saints tour Oct. 27, 29 at St. Emma Monastery

Greensburg — Catholic Schoolhouse and St. Emma Monastery will sponsor the third annual lantern-lit walking tour at the monastery in Greensburg Oct. 27 and Oct. 29 from 4-8 p.m.

The tour will honor the feasts of All Saints and All Souls with live saint portrayals with special guest appearances, treats and seasonal fun for all ages. Tours leave every 10 minutes. Guests should bring flashlights. Tours last about an hour. Cost is \$10 (\$5 for students, free for children under 12). Proceeds benefit the monastery.

For information, contact Donna Sunseri at 724-961-0224 or greensburgpa@catholicschoolhouse.com

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COOKBOOKS

Harrison City — The St. Barbara Parish Ladies Guild is selling “St. Barbara’s Taste of Heaven Cookbook” featuring recipes created by parishioners and guild members. Information: 724-744-7474.

CRAFT SHOW

New Alexandria — A craft show and soup sale is planned Nov. 4 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. James Parish.

DINNERS

Brownsville — St. Peter Parish will hold a cabbage roll dinner Oct. 22 from noon-5 p.m. (or until sold out) in St. Mary’s Social Hall. Cost is \$12. Takeout will be available by calling 724-364-7070 the day of the dinner.

Connellsville — The Geibel Catholic Sports Boosters will hold a spaghetti dinner (eat in or takeout) Nov. 5 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under. Basket and 50/50 raffles are planned. Advance tickets: 724-628-5600.

Jeannette — Ascension Parish will hold its annual fall spaghetti dinner, featuring the parish’s world-famous meatballs, Oct. 24 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. in Mersinger Hall. The dinner is take-out only; orders can be placed the day of the event by calling 724-522-5558. Basket and 50/50 raffles are planned.

Monessen — “A 1950s Do Wop Murder Mystery Dinner” fundraiser is planned Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. in The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish hall. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and include dinner, dessert and show (BYOB). Tickets/information: 724-684-7661 or 724-684-8098.

Mount Pleasant — Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish will hold a homemade cavatelli and/or spaghetti dinner Oct. 28 from 4-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children (free under 3).

EVENINGS OF REFLECTION

Perryopolis — Saint John the Baptist Parish is hosting Evenings of Reflection Mondays at 7 p.m. in the social hall. Topics and speakers are “Mary and the Rosary” by Deacon Craig Alexander Oct. 23; “Preparing our hearts through Advent” Nov. 27; and “The Incarnation” by Father Rodolfo P. Mejia Jr. Dec. 18.

HIS/HERS BASH

Vandergrift — St. Gertrude Parish will hold a “His/Hers Fundraiser Bash” Nov. 11 from 6-9 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. A light dinner will be served. Monetary and prize donations and Chinese auction baskets. Information: Megan Kiebler, 724-882-5035.

INTERGENERATIONAL SAINTS EVENT

New Alexandria — “Come to the Feast,” an intergenerational event, is planned Nov. 12 from 10:30 a.m.-noon

at St. James Parish. Those attending can learn about the saints, view relics and discuss Jesus’ resurrection.

KOLACHE SALE

United — Orders are due Oct. 30 for a kolache sale at St. Florian Parish. The sale features long (14-15 inch) nut, apricot, poppyseed and prune rolls for \$15. Pickup dates are Nov. 11 from 4-6:30 p.m. and Nov. 12 from 10 a.m.-noon in the social hall. Orders: 724-423-5233, 401-257-9513 or 724-420-1648.

LOTTERY CALENDARS

Greensburg — St. Anne Home is sponsoring a lottery calendar fundraiser. Cost is \$30, with chances to win all year. To purchase, call 724-837-6070.

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

Greensburg — The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat — A Ministry to Catholic Women will hold a breakfast Oct. 28 at 9 a.m. in St. Bruno Parish hall. Guest speaker Susan Guarascio will discuss her miracle healing from stage 4 cancer at a healing Mass. Cost is \$25 (\$20 for students). Registration: magnificatgreensburg.com or 724-836-2094 by Oct. 23.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

Apollo — St. James Parish will hold a 21-and-over Night at the Races in the parish activities center Oct. 21, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$20. Basket, 50/50 and lottery ticket raffles, plus a chance to win \$500. Tickets: 724-882-8776.

OPEN HOUSE

Greensburg — St. Anne Home will host an open house at its Villa Angela personal care apartments Oct. 21 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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PIEROGI SALE

Perryopolis — St. John the Baptist Parish is taking orders through Nov. 5 for frozen pierogies. Cost is \$12 per dozen. Orders: 724-929-2795 or 724-289-7951.

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

Latrobe — The Oblates of St. Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet Nov. 19 (speaker Benedictine Father Thomas Acklin on “Silence in Benedictine Spirituality”) and Dec. 17 (speaker Benedictine Brother Roman Pallone on “The Eucharist in Benedictine Spirituality”) from 3-4:15 p.m. in Brownfield 202 at Saint Vincent Seminary. 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.

RETREAT

Greensburg — A Men's Emmaus Retreat is planned Oct. 27-29 at Christ Our Shepherd Center for men 18 and older. Information/registration: DioceseofGreensburg.org/mens-emmaus-retreat or Jim Pencola, 724-726-5315.

SPEAKERS/PROGRAMS

Cadogan — St. Lawrence Parish is hosting a speaker on “Experiencing Joy in the love of the Trinity ... Living in the Spirit” Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. Registration: 724-763-9141.

Murrysville — Mother of Sorrows Parish is hosting a fall speaker series for women. The next programs are Oct. 20, featuring Mary Sampey discussing “Turning Grief into Gratitude,” and Nov. 17, featuring Jennifer Miele speaking on “Change is Hard, but God is Good.” Registration: 724-757-2491 or jillkirsch@gmail.com.

Perryopolis — St. John the Baptist Parish hosts a Servants of the Holy Spirit gathering, focused on letting the Spirit work through you, the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

SUPPORT

Harrison City — The St. Peregrine cancer support group meets monthly (usually the third Wednesday at 7 p.m.) at St. Barbara Parish. All cancer survivors and caregivers are welcome. The next meetings are Nov. 15, Dec. 20 and Jan. 17.



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CONFIRMATION: Bishop Emeritus Lawrence E. Brandt confirmed young people from Holy Family Parish, Latrobe, this spring.

Perryopolis — St. John the Baptist Parish offers a bereavement support group that meets the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Lodge Room. Those who have experienced loss of any kind are invited to join. Information: 724-366-0917.

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.

TRIPS

East Vandergrift — Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, and St. James Parish, Apollo, are sponsoring a “Sacred Steubenville” bus trip Nov. 28. The group will depart from St. James Parish at 8 a.m. and return around 8 p.m. The trip will feature stops at St. Peter Church, Fort Steuben, Franciscan University, and Steubenville Nutcracker Village and Advent Market, a drive through downtown to view murals that depict the city's history, lunch, and shopping at Nelson Woodcraft. Payment of \$139

is required to secure a seat. Reservations: 724-478-4958.

Perryopolis — St. John the Baptist Parish is hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land Nov. 4-14, 2024, led by Father Rody Mejia, Pastor. The agenda includes Nazareth, Cana, the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Bethany, Jerusalem and more. Cost is \$4,190 per person and includes bus transportation to and from the airport, air fare, double occupancy hotel accommodations, all meals and nine days in the Holy Land. Information: sjbperry@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-736-4442.

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Greensburg — Solemn Vespers will be held at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Nov. 12 at 6 p.m. The evening prayer will include adoration and Benediction.

Greensburg — The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will host a Pray for Life Day Jan. 19 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, the day of the March for Life in Washington, D.C. The day will include the rosary for priests at 11:30 a.m. and Mass at noon, plus rosary for life, Stations of the Cross for life, Divine Mercy chaplet, litany for life and closing prayer at 4 p.m. Donations of baby items will be accepted for distribution to pregnancy centers in the Diocese.

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.

Latrobe — The Holy Family Parish Rosary Society recites the rosary, with Eucharistic adoration, Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel.

Latrobe — The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will host an Advent day of prayer and reflection at St. Rose Parish Dec. 2. The day will include rosary, Mass with Father Eric J. Dinga, spiritual advisor for the DCCW, as celebrant, Advent reflections and a catered brunch. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$15. Reservations: Kathy Byron, 724-787-2415 or kathyb1133@gmail.com, by Nov. 25.

New Alexandria — A family adoration night is planned Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. at St. James Parish. The hour will feature praise and worship music, a Gospel reading, homily and time for silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. A reception will follow in the social hall.

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