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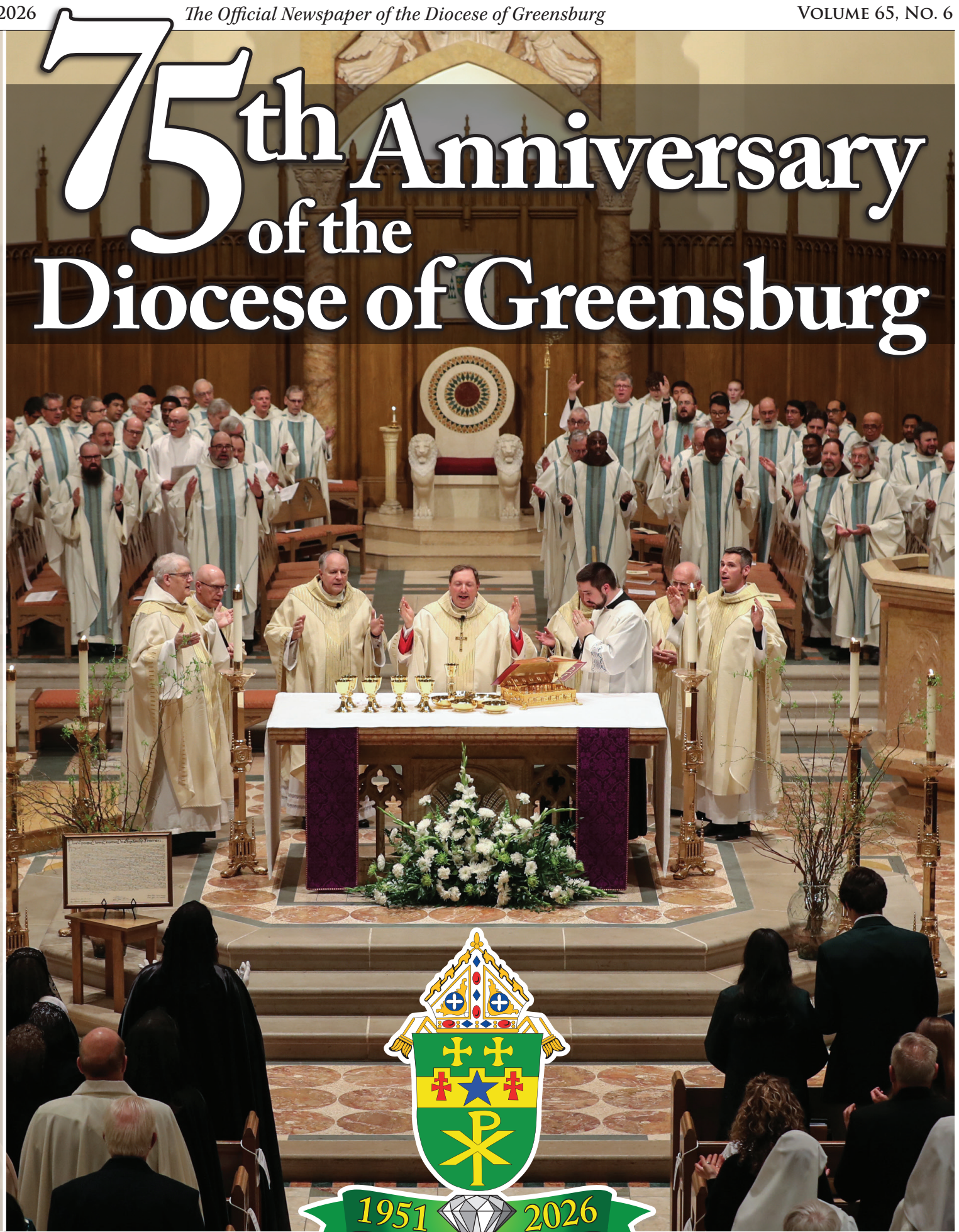
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*His Excellency, The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, JCL, Bishop of Greensburg,  
has made the following appointments and announcements:*

**Effective February 12, 2026:**  
**Diocesan Tribunal:**

**The Reverend Anthony J. Carbone, JCL**, to Judge on the Diocesan Tribunal, for a term of five years, while continuing as Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Ligonier, Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and Bishop's Liaison for Consecrated Life.

**Effective April 13, 2026:**

**The Reverend Daniel J. Ulishney, JCL**, resigns as Defender of the Bond on the Diocesan Tribunal and is appointed as Judge on the Diocesan Tribunal for a period of five years, while continuing as Pastor of Saint Agnes Parish North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania and all other Diocesan appointments.

**Effective February 23, 2026:**

**Administrator:**

**The Very Reverend Daniel L. Blout, VF**, as Administrator of Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport, while remaining in all other assignments and in residence in Saint Margaret Mary Parish Rectory, Lower Burrell.

**Leave of Absence:**

**The Reverend Richard J. Kosisko, JCL**, will continue on a medical leave of absence while remaining as Pastor of Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport.

**Effective February 27, 2026:**

**Pastoral Supply:**

**The Reverend Michael J. Crookston** as Sacramental and Pastoral Supply to Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport.

**Effective April 13, 2026:**

**Resignation:**

**The Reverend Michael P. Sikon** has voluntarily resigned as Pastor of Saint Barbara Parish, Harrison City, Pennsylvania and from all other Diocesan appointments.

**Medical Leave of Absence:**

**The Reverend Michael P. Sikon** has been granted a continuation of his leave of absence for medical reasons with private residence.

**Administrator:**

**The Reverend Daniel Carr**, as Administrator of Saint Barbara Parish, Harrison City, Pennsylvania while remaining as Pastor of Saint Regis Parish, Trafford, Pennsylvania, and in all other Diocesan appointments while remaining in residence at Saint Regis Parish rectory in Trafford.

**Change of Residence:**

**The Reverend Daniel O. Iletogbe**, while remaining as Parochial Vicar of Saint Barbara Parish, Harrison City and Saint Regis Parish, Trafford with residence now at Saint Barbara Parish rectory, Harrison City.

**OBITUARIES**



**Father Michael J. Sciberras**

**LEECHBURG** — Father Michael J. Sciberras, a senior priest active in the Diocese of Greensburg,

died Jan. 31, 2026. He was 94.

Born in Detroit, Mich., Jan. 15, 1932, he was a son of the late Cocifisso and Nancy (Camilleri) Sciberras.

He earned a master's degree in education at the University of Detroit and attended seminary at Sacred Heart and Saint John Provincial, both in Detroit, and at Saint Francis Seminary in Loretto.

He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop William G. Connare May 13, 1967, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.

Father Sciberras served as Assistant Pastor of the former Saint Cajetan Parish, Monessen, and Saint Regis Parish, Trafford; assistant principal at Greensburg Central Catholic High School; and chaplain and instructor at Seton Hill College (now University), Greensburg. From 1971-90, he was spiritual director for the Diocese Cursillo Movement.

He served with the United States Army as a chaplain's assistant.

In 1974, he became Pastor of the former Saint John the Baptist Parish, Heilwood, and its former mission of Sacred Heart, Alverda, and Saint Patrick Parish, Cameron's Bottom. He also served as Pastor of the former Holy Rosary Parish, Republic;

Immaculate Conception Parish, Connellsville, and its former mission of Sacred Heart, Dawson; and Our Lady, Queen of Peace, East Vandergrift.

He also served as Regional Moderator for Region 2 in the Diocese.

In 2008, he was assigned as Senior Priest Active, with pastoral responsibilities at Saint James Parish, Apollo, and Our Lady, Queen of Peace.

Since 2019, Father Sciberras had served as Senior Priest Active at Christ the King Parish, Leechburg, and Saint Gertrude Parish, Vandergrift.

A funeral Mass was held Feb. 4, followed by burial in the Greensburg Catholic Cemetery, Greensburg.

**Sister Mary Brenda Helis, SC**



**GREENSBURG**

— Sister of Charity Sister Mary Brenda Helis age 89, died Apr. 9, 2026, at Caritas Christi, the motherhouse

of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill in Greensburg. She was in the 71st year of her religious life. Following her years in education, Sister Mary Brenda served as co-manager of Saint Therese Plaza in Munhall and later ministered as Pastoral Care Coordinator at Laurel Crest in Ebensburg. She also volunteered at the Cambria County Shelter in Ebensburg and later served as an aide at Seton Center Adult Daycare in Greensburg. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, April 15 and was buried in the Sisters' Cemetery.

**Sister Mary Philip Aaron, SC**

**GREENSBURG** — Sister of Charity Sister Mary Philip Aaron, 93, died Jan. 25, 2026, at Caritas Christi, the motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. She was in her 75th year of religious life. She taught in the dioceses of Altoona-Johnstown, Phoenix, Ariz., and Pittsburgh, and served as vice principal



in Chandler, Ariz., and Pittsburgh. At Seton Hill University, she served as financial aid associate director and director and as an advisor for Project Forward. She also taught English in South Korea, managed a Pittsburgh senior apartment complex, and ministered with Rendu Services in Fayette County. A funeral Mass was held Jan. 30, followed by burial in the sisters' cemetery.

**Sister Maria Angelina Grimoldi, SCIC**



**MOUNT PLEASANT**

— Sister of Charity of the Immaculate Conception of Ivrea Maria Angelina Grimoldi, 89, died March

12, 2026, at the convent at Verna Montessori School. In her 65th year of religious life, she was one of the original sisters who came to the newly erected Diocese of Greensburg.

A funeral Mass was held at Saint Pius X Parish, Mount Pleasant, with burial in Saint Pius Parish cemetery.



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES PRESENTS ANNUAL REPORT TO BISHOP:**

On March 12, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg presented its annual report for the fiscal year 2024-25 to Bishop Larry J. Kulick. Presenting the report to Bishop Kulick is Melaney Hegyes, left, and George Butler, President of the Board of Trustees.

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# Mass of Thanksgiving marks Diocese 75th anniversary

By Cliff Gorski

Chief Communications Officer

**GREENSBURG** — On March 10, 1951, Pope Pius XII made a declaration in a papal bull that stated, “We hereby erect and establish a new Diocese from the territory of Armstrong, Indiana, Westmoreland and Fayette County, which we decree to be called Greensburg.”

Seventy-five years to the date and six bishops later, the Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, JCL, celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, marking the anniversary of the Diocese of Greensburg.

In his homily, Bishop Kulick said the image of a diamond to mark the milestone anniversary seemed especially appropriate in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

“This land, our home, saw generations of coal miners going deep into the earth to bring forth what was hidden there,” Bishop Kulick said. “In a region shaped by coal, we celebrate something even more remarkable: how God has turned our coal into diamonds.”

The Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated the faith of ordinary people who were tested through hardship, sacrifice and perseverance that transformed the early years of the Diocese into a radiant witness of the Gospel.

Bishop Kulick remembered those from afar who traveled from their homes in Europe to see a new life in the United States, specifically, the Diocese of Greensburg.

“Priests, religious, miners and mothers, steel workers and students, farmers and friends, who together wove the living tapestry that is our beloved Diocese of Greensburg,” he said, noting that the anniversary is not merely the marking of a milestone in time, but a moment for ecclesial renewal to reflect on what make us a Church — the living body of Christ.

“The Church is not merely made of stone and wood, or even the parchment of a papal bull. It is not sustained over time, how well we know, by cold, steel, aluminum or glass,” Bishop Kulick said. “We, we are the living stones, the living temple. God dwells in us and Christ is our lives. God’s grace infuses every moment of our lives and allows us to be what he has



called us to be.”

As Bishop Kulick spoke, more than 70 priests, religious sisters representing orders in the four counties of the Diocese, deacons and religious brothers looked on fondly with past memories of the many celebrations that have occurred in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral over the past 7½ decades.

Bishop Kulick reminded the hundreds of the faithful participating in the Mass in person or through social media to thank God for the blessings of 75 years ago when new seeds were planted, watered through sacrifice, nourished by the sacraments and strengthened by unity through the light of God’s only Son.

“By the grace of God, like chunks of coal transformed under pressure into diamonds, they became something radiant and beautiful. But the diamonds are not yet finished. The Lord who began this good work among us is still shaping it, shaping us. Still purifying. Still calling us forward. Still forming us so that our diamonds can adorn the crowns of salvation.”

Bishop Kulick encouraged the faithful to lift their eyes toward the horizon with confidence and hope as we give thanks to God for the faith that built this local Church.

“Let us guard the unity that sustains it. Let us renew the mission that sends it forth. And let us beg God’s grace so that the Diocese of



PHOTOS BY JORDAN WHITEKO AND SARAH HARTNER THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

Clergy members, religious sisters and Diocesan faithful attend the 75th Anniversary Mass for the Diocese of Greensburg March 10 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

Greensburg, born in faith, strengthened by your beauty, radiant with hope, may shine even more brightly from the glory of God. So that when

future generations look back upon us, they, too, will be able to say, “The seed was sown. The people of the Diocese were faithful. God

blessed it. The harvest was plenty! May we hand it down pure and undefiled to the generations.”

# Diocesan history is KNOW HIM focus

**GREENSBURG —** Students and the faithful from the Diocese of Greensburg gathered at Christ Our Shepherd Center on March 19, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for KNOW HIM: Diocese of Greensburg.

The day began in Saint Joseph Chapel for a Gospel reading and a look at the history of the Diocese. This latest KNOW HIM was in celebration of the 75th Diamond Anniversary of the Diocese.

Each session began with the story of Saint Joseph and how God spoke to him, telling him not to be afraid to take Mary in as his spouse and to become the foster father of Jesus.

There were then reflections and discussions of faith formation programs and Catholic schools, how the Diocese has served the poor and needy for the past 75 years, personal reflections on the liturgy and sacraments, and community and making all feel welcome in our parishes.

Each reflection introduced a saint who has a special connection to the Diocese of Greensburg. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton was the foundress of the Sisters of Charity and the first Catholic schools in the United States. After becoming Catholic, she gave herself completely to forming young people — helping them grow not only in knowledge, but also in holiness. She showed the Church that education is about much more than information; it is about helping hearts and minds.

As a novice, Saint Katherine Drexel lived at the Sisters of Mercy House in Latrobe. Saint Katharine



Drexel was born into great wealth, but instead of keeping everything for herself, she gave her life to serving others — especially Native American and African American communities that were often forgotten or excluded. She founded schools and missions so that others could experience dignity, opportunity and the love of Christ.

One of the local saints who help us understand how the Eucharist sustains the life of the Church is Saint John Neumann. As a priest, he traveled extensively throughout Pennsylvania, founding and visiting growing Catholic communities. He knew how deeply people needed the sacraments to stay strong in faith and united in Christ.

He built parishes and schools, including the founding of Most Holy Sacrament Parish, which we now know as Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

Saint John Neumann reminds us that the Eucharist is not just something personal. The Eucharist strengthens the entire Church. It builds up



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Students and adults learn about Diocesan history during a KNOW HIM event March 19 at Christ Our Shepherd Center.

families, parishes, schools and our whole Diocese.

The sessions concluded with Eucharistic adoration.

Participants were invited to write responses to questions asked during the KNOW HIM event on a transparent diamond,

which was then placed onto the windows outside Saint Joseph Chapel at Christ Our Shepherd Center, forming several larger diamonds representing the faithful of the Diocese in this anniversary year.

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# Listening sessions set throughout Diocese

**GREENSBURG —** As part of the Diocese of Greensburg's celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Greensburg, Bishop Larry J. Kulick has scheduled listening sessions in all seven deaneries this spring.

Bishop Kulick invites the faithful to gather and reflect on "Our Foundation — Our Future" as we work together, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to shape the future of our parishes, faith formation programs and Catholic schools, and how we serve those in need.

Bishop Kulick hopes these listening sessions will be a time of discussion and collaboration as we prayerfully discern the needs of our Diocese now and for future generations. The faithful are encouraged to attend a session nearest to them.

All listening sessions will begin at 6 p.m.

**Monday, April 20**  
**DEANERY 5**  
**SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH**  
2538 Route 119  
Crabtree, PA 15624

**Wednesday, April 22**  
**DEANERY 6**  
**SAINT RITA PARISH HALL**  
116 South Second Street  
Connellsville, PA 15425

**Tuesday, May 12**  
**DEANERY 3**  
**CHRIST THE KING PARISH HALL**  
125 Park Road  
Leechburg, PA 15656

**Wednesday, May 27**  
**DEANERY 2**  
**SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX PARISH HALL**  
200 Clairvaux Drive  
Indiana, PA 15701

**Monday, June 1**  
**DEANERY 4**  
**OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH HALL**  
1011 Mt. Pleasant Road  
Greensburg, PA 15601

**Tuesday, June 2**  
**DEANERY 7**  
**SAINT JOSEPH PARISH HALL**  
61 North Mt. Vernon Avenue  
Uniontown, PA 15401

**Thursday, June 18**  
**DEANERY 1**  
**SAINT MARY, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH HALL**  
101 West High Street  
Kittanning, PA 16201

## LEGION OF MARY HOLDS ACIES CEREMONY:

The Legion of Mary Comitium conducted its Acies March 15 at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg. The annual ceremony is held near the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) to renew their commitment to Mary. Acies is a Latin word for "an army in battle array." It involves a solemn, group act of consecration to Mary as Queen of the Legion to receive spiritual strength.

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# More than 200 welcomed to Church at Easter

**GREENSBURG —** At the Easter Vigil Mass, in parishes across the Diocese of Greensburg, 200 people, young and old, were officially welcomed and fully initiated in the Catholic community.

Eighty-three of those individuals were baptized, confirmed and received the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist; 117 candidates, who were already baptized in either the Catholic Church or another Christian denomination, were confirmed and received the Holy Eucharist for the first time, according to Vincent Reilly, Managing Director of Faith, Family and Discipleship for the Diocese of Greensburg.

For the Diocese of Greensburg, the number of those entering the Church at Easter increased 28% over 2025. Reilly said the number of people joining the Catholic Church has increased worldwide, including in France and Ireland, and in locations that have never had to have Christian Initiation of Adults before. In the United States, dioceses are reporting larger numbers of catechumens and candidates.

“Many people are looking for meaning, stability and truth in a world that can feel uncertain,” Reilly said. “Young adults are becoming



SARAH HARTNER THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

Bishop Kulick gathers with some of the new Catholics welcomed into the Church Feb. 22 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.

interested in religion due to not learning about faith as a youth and are hungering for something more. Because parents are not sharing the faith in their home, more people are discovering the Church as young adults.

“There has also been a renewed emphasis on evangelization within the Church, especially inspired by Pope Francis and now Pope Leo XIV, who are encouraging Catholics to invite others

and share their faith more intentionally.”

The mix of those called to join the Church in the Diocese of Greensburg is split between former Protestants and people who were baptized as infants but were never raised in the faith. Regarding the former, Reilly said they are finding a home because of the Church’s traditions dating back to Christ, most especially belief in the Eucharist. For

the latter, he said, many are experiencing Catholicism for the first time.

“Their journey is often powerful because they encounter the Gospel and the person of Christ for the first time in a deeply intentional way,” he said.

Reilly advised those is interested in exploring Christian initiation to call a local parish about the process, noting that there is no pressure or commitment

required to begin to ask the questions about the faith.

“Come with an open mind and heart,” he said. “The process is designed to meet people where they are, whether they’re full of questions, doubts or curiosity. Most importantly, don’t feel like you need to have everything figured out beforehand. Faith is a journey, not a test you have to pass before you begin.”

— *The Catholic Accent*

# Roots of Diocese on display as faithful look to the future

**By Phil Brown**  
Contributing Writer

**GREENSBURG —** With Bishop Larry J. Kulick as their guide, the faithful traveled back in time to study the roots of the Catholic faith in Western Pennsylvania, roots that gave birth to the Diocese of Greensburg 75 years ago.

The journey into Church history, which was sponsored by the Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship, was held Jan. 31 at Christ Our Shepherd Center and came as the Diocese prepares to celebrate its 75th birthday.

Bishop Kulick was joined in the journey by Father Michael P. Conway, vicar for clergy and consecrated life for the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Father Conway spoke about the history of Catholicism in the United States and highlighted the lives of American saints.

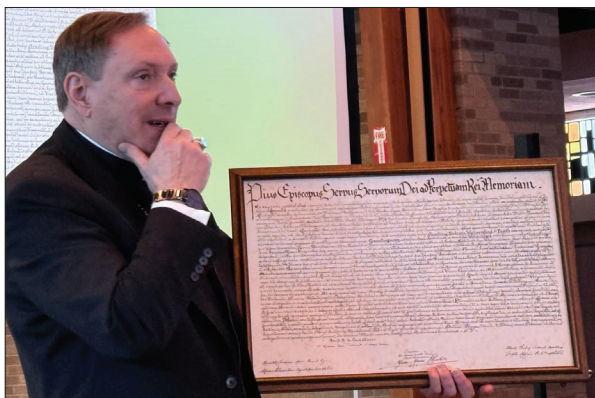
Father Daniel E. Carr, pastor of Saint Regis Parish in Trafford, also participated in the event, which was part of the Pathways Adult Formation program.

Bishop Kulick highlighted the achievements of each bishop and offered those attending the program a chance to view the Papal Bull that erected the Diocese in 1951 and other artifacts from the early years of the Diocese.

Looking forward, Bishop Kulick emphasized the Diocese’s commitment to quality faith formation and education and assistance to parishes.

“I believe we are on the cusp of a major renewal,” the bishop said. “The young people are hungry for what the Church has to offer. Young people are hungry for opportunities to pray.

“We need to teach what we believe and believe what we teach,” Bishop Kulick said.



Above, Father Daniel E. Carr shows artifacts to people gathered for a presentation on the history of the Diocese of Greensburg. At left, Bishop Kulick shows the Papal Bull that erected the Diocese in 1951.

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Golden Apple Award recipients Dr. Justin Stevenson, left, Jennifer Bayer, second from left, Katie Palermo, second from right, and Christine Roskovensky, right, gather with Dr. Nancy Rottler, Bishop Kulick and Bill Donahue.

## Teachers, students honored at schools celebration

**NORTH HUNTINGDON** — The eighth annual Celebration of Catholic Schools Breakfast honoring the achievements and progress made over the past year in the 12 Diocesan Catholic schools was held at Stratigos Banquet Centre March 12.

A capacity crowd honored students from each of the Catholic schools in the Diocese. Three teachers and one principal were presented with Golden Apple Awards.

During the annual celebration, Dr. Nancy Rottler, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, highlighted new initiatives undertaken in the past year in her State of Catholic Schools address. She pointed to a significant growth in faith formation for teachers, led by the Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship, to partner in forming students in their Catholic identity and deepening their understanding of what it means to live as a disciple of Christ.

She also reported that eighth-grade students' proficiency rates have exceeded their public schools peers by 18% in reading and 17% in math.

Dr. Rottler also said Catholic schools continue to form leaders of tomorrow through the collaboration with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg in developing a leadership camp for student leaders from all 12 schools.

"Last year, these students gathered for a day of collaboration and activities designed to strengthen leadership skills and reinforce values that will guide them beyond our schools," Dr. Rottler said. "We have also established strong partnerships with local colleges and universities, including Seton Hill University, Saint Vincent College and Franciscan University to provide college-in-high-school courses, workshops, retreats and creative programming for our students."

Dr. Rottler added that more than 600 students received tuition assistance this year thanks to the

anonymous benefactor of the Saint Pope John Paul Tuition Opportunity Partnership (TOPS).

Parents and businesses who have redirected their Pennsylvania state taxes to support Catholic education through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program resulted in more than \$3 million in scholarships to over 1,200 students.

In his keynote address, Bishop Larry J. Kulick highlighted the fact that nearly 100% of students in the two Catholic high schools in the Diocese are attending a college or university or looking into careers in trades, specifically utilizing the scientific and technology background learned in their schools.

Bishop Kulick thanked the parents, grandparents and guardians who continue to make sacrifices to provide the gift of a Catholic education to students. He also thanked pastors, priests and religious sisters who have helped in the formation of students.

He thanked the faculty and staff for their dedication to their students. "A Catholic school teacher does more than teach algebra or literature," Bishop Kulick said. "A Catholic school teacher forms hearts, shapes consciences and introduces young people to Christ."

During the breakfast celebration, Dr. Rottler announced a new award category developed through the collaboration of all principals as a way to strengthen the transition from pre-K toward graduation for every family attending a Catholic school. The Partnership, Collaboration and Innovation Award will fund programs that focus on the shared priorities of the principals to expand opportunities that lead students to experience a pathway that serves as one continuous welcoming experience in Catholic schools.

"The proceeds from this very event directly support these partnerships,



At top, musicians from Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School perform for guests; above, Bishop Kulick, Dr. Rottler and Donahue gather with the Student Spotlight award recipients.

ensuring that the initiatives we celebrate today continue to grow and flourish," Dr. Rottler said. "Because of your investment, our schools can dream boldly, collaborate creatively and build a future filled with hope for our students."

The annual Celebration of Catholic Schools and the Golden Apple Award program are generously funded by Bill Donahue and the Donahue family.

Teachers receiving the Golden Apple Awards this year were Jennifer

Bayer, a fifth-grade teacher at Mother of Sorrows School, Murrysville; Katie Palermo, a third-grade teacher at Queen of Angels Catholic School, Irwin; and Dr. Justin Stevenson, English teacher at Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School. Christine Roskovensky, principal at Saint John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School in Uniontown, was honored with a Golden Apple Award for her more than 40 years at the school, the last 27 as principal.

— *The Catholic Accent*

# Middle-school students reach PAX: The Summit

By Phil Brown  
Contributing Writer

**GREENSBURG** — In a joyful day of song and prayers, fun and games, and fellowship, middle-school students from around the Diocese of Greensburg joined in a journey to deepen their understanding of the spiritual summit where heaven and earth meet, the Catholic Mass.

Hailing from Westmoreland, Fayette, Armstrong and Indiana counties, more than 100 students in sixth through eighth grade gathered for PAX: The Summit Feb. 28, at Christ Our Shepherd Center.

The daylong retreat was organized by the diocesan Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship.

In a creative mixture of play, prayer, group discussion sessions, teaching and worship, students were encouraged to encounter Christ in the Eucharist.

Bishop Larry J. Kulick said the PAX middle school ministry represents a Diocesan commitment to forming missionary disciples from a young age.

“It roots our students in prayer, community, Scripture and the sacraments to help them understand that faith is not simply something we learn about — it’s something we live,” Bishop Kulick said.

The day concluded as students and family members gathered for Mass celebrated in Saint Joseph Chapel by Bishop Kulick.

According to Vincent Reilly, Managing Director for the Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship, PAX: The Summit was designed to keep middle-school students engaged at an age when many young people are in danger of falling away from the faith.

PAX means peace, Reilly explained.

“The program is designed to give the students a fun learning experience that is different than what they normally do and to build community with others in their age group so they’re not alone in their journey of faith,” Reilly said.

“There is quiet time for renewal,” he said. “We try for a fun experience. The students are choosing to come (to PAX: The Summit) and that’s encouraging.”

Reilly said the program focuses on the Eucharist and the Mass, emphasizing that Catholic worship is a journey to be walked, not something to watch.

Reilly said the program addresses major concerns voiced in listening sessions with Bishop Kulick. In those sessions, parishioners asked for more time for confession, adoration

“It was a journey, not a vacation. But there’s joy in the journey because we don’t go alone, but with Christ.”

— NATALIE GARZA,  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

and prayer, he said.

The program was broken into four components of the Mass: Community, Scripture, Thanksgiving and Mission.

Students were encouraged to view Mass like climbing a mountain with every part leading closer to Christ. Students were asked to view life as a perpetual pilgrimage, literally walking with Christ.

“Jesus is waiting for us at the summit of the Mass,” Reilly said.

To drive home that point, organizers provided an energetic keynote speaker who has extensive experience walking with the Lord in the form of the Eucharist.

Natalie Garza, a Texas native who now teaches in Kansas City, served as national Eucharistic pilgrim on the Seton Route of an arduous walk from New Haven, Conn, to Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024.

Recounting her experiences during the trip, Garza told students the 65-day experience was a challenging journey that helped her grow in the faith.

“It was a journey, not a vacation,” she said. “But there’s joy in the journey because we don’t go alone, but with Christ.”

Pointing to the Old Testament Book of Exodus, Garza reflected on the story of Moses climbing the mountain to speak with God. Moses then carried God’s Word back to the Israelites.

She told the students Mass is the mountain Catholics climb to spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist.

“The Eucharist is where we receive spiritual food for the journey,” she said.

Garza reminded students the word Mass is derived from the Latin word “missa,” which means to send.

She encouraged her listeners to not only receive the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass but to carry Him in their hearts, out of the doors of the church and into their everyday lives.

The next PAX event for middle school students will be held Nov. 6 at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Greensburg and will feature keynote speaker Mari Pablo.

At the end of the PAX retreat, the launch of COR, the Diocese’s new high school youth ministry program,



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Middle-school students from around the Diocese of Greensburg take part in PAX activities, including speakers, worship and games.

was announced. “COR” means heart.

Bishop Kulick said he hopes that through this high school ministry, the hearts of young people will be conformed to the heart of Christ.

“Our youth are not simply preparing to be the Church someday

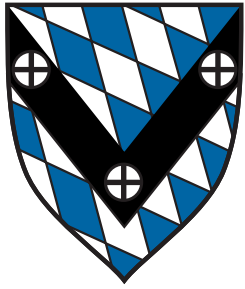
— they are the Church now, Bishop Kulick said. “Through PAX and COR, we will accompany them as they encounter Christ personally and allow Him to share their minds, their hearts and their future.”

Registration for the first COR program in August will open soon.

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At top, Patrick L. Butler kneels before Bishop Kulick during the Mass admitting him to Candidacy for Holy Orders for the Permanent Diaconate. Above, Bishop Kulick calls Christopher M. Anderson to candidacy.

## Two take next steps on path to diaconate

By **Melissa Williams Brown**  
Contributing Writer

**GREENSBURG** — As priests and deacons from around the Diocese of Greensburg looked on, Bishop Larry J. Kulick called Christopher M. Anderson to be admitted to Candidacy for Holy Orders for the Permanent Diaconate and Patrick L. Butler to the Ministry of Acolyte to assist priests and deacons during liturgical celebrations. Anderson was admitted to

candidacy, and Butler was installed at Mass celebrated by Bishop Kulick Feb. 6 at Christ Our Shepherd Center. Anderson and his wife Jessica are parishioners of Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish in Fairchance. He is a religion teacher at Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School, Connellsville. Butler's home parish is Church of the Assumption Parish, Coral, where he worships with his wife Gloria. He is employed by UPS.

## Annual Diocesan Lenten Appeal continues

The annual Diocesan Lenten Appeal, 75 Years: Our Faith, Our Future, is underway in all 78 parishes of the Diocese of Greensburg. In 2025, the Diocesan Lenten Appeal raised a record \$7.8 million with more than 50% of the donations received returned to parishes. The money returned to parishes is used for the unique needs of each.

Robin Mull, Interim Managing Director of Development for the Diocese of Greensburg, is honored by the initial response to this year's campaign because parishioners are expressing their commitment to the Church's mission and future. "When you support the DLA, you are helping sustain the vibrancy of our parishes, providing faith formation for all age groups, care for our retired priests and the formation of the next generation of seminarians," Mull said. "You are also assisting those in need through Catholic Charities

and funding the future leaders of our Church and communities through our Catholic schools."

As the Diocese celebrates its 75th anniversary, Bishop Kulick asks the faithful to prayerfully consider taking part in this historic event through financial support of the 2026 Diocesan Lenten Appeal.

"Our rich history, rooted in Christ and sustained by the faithful generosity and the sacrifices of those who came before us, lives on today through our prayer, our participation in the sacraments, our Catholic schools and ministries, and countless acts of charity," Bishop Kulick said. "Because of the diligence and sacrifice of our forefathers, we stand upon a strong foundation and look forward with hope as we continue to grow and strengthen the Church for generations to come."

You can make your 2026 Diocesan Lenten Appeal gift securely online at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2026](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2026).

## Diocesan chief financial officer retires; interim leader named

**GREENSBURG** — Mara Bradford has been named Interim Chief Finance Officer for the Diocese of Greensburg, effective May 15, 2026. Her appointment was made due to the impending retirement of 30-year Diocesan employee Sheila Murray, who has served as Chief Financial Officer for more than 16 years.

Murray began her career with the Diocese in 1996, serving as Director for Financial Operations before being appointed Chief Financial Officer in 2010.

"Sheila has proven herself to be a trusted and wise resource for me, the Vicar General, our Diocesan Finance Council, the Catholic Foundation and for those in my Diocesan Curia who have relied on her for sound advice on many differing financial matters over the years," Bishop Larry J. Kulick said. "Now in 2026, our 75th anniversary year, the faithful of our Diocese can be very proud of her leadership and her stewardship of our Diocesan patrimony, assuring that we remain on



Sheila Murray



Mara Bradford

solid financial ground even as we move toward the next milestone in our Diocesan history."

Murray was honored recently with the Saint Matthew Medal at the annual Diocesan Fiscal Management Conference. The medal is presented in recognition of its recipient's zeal for Catholic evangelization, leadership and giving back to others.

She and her husband Jim are parishioners at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.

Bradford began her career in the Diocesan Finance office in 2011 as Director for Financial Operations. She will move from her interim position to Chief Finance Officer Aug. 5.

"Mara will continue the excellent work and the important protocols Sheila has implemented for fiscal responsibility, ensuring that every dollar donated in our Diocese is stewarded with temporal care and prudence," Bishop Kulick said.

Bradford is a parishioner of Saint Florian Parish, United.



## Pittsburgh Pro-Life March, Rally April 18

**PITTSBURGH** — Bishop Larry J. Kulick will be part of the inaugural Pittsburgh Pro-Life March and Rally, scheduled for April 18.

Bishop Kulick will join Bishop William Waltersheid of the Diocese of Pittsburgh for Mass at Saint Paul Cathedral at 9:30 a.m. The rally will

begin at 11 a.m. at Schenley Plaza, followed by the one-mile march through Oakland at noon.

Come and join to give witness to life with folks from around the area. Let's help make this local event a success. For more information, go to [www.pittsburghprolifemarch.com](http://www.pittsburghprolifemarch.com).



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Married couples attend the “Blessings and Bliss” Mass Feb. 13 at Christ Our Shepherd Center.

**PEOPLE OF HOPE MUSEUM**  
 Faith-filled Stories of Neighbors Helping Neighbors

## People of Hope exhibit coming to Diocese

**GREENSBURG** — People of Hope: Faith-Filled Stories of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a traveling storytelling museum celebrating the power of Christian service, began its three-year journey around the United States March 26 in New York City.

Produced by Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), the People of Hope Museum will visit more than 150 communities to promote empathy and inspire visitors to find ways to serve those in need in their local areas.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host the traveling museum June 5 and 6 as part of the Diocesan 75th Anniversary social gathering at Christ Our Shepherd Center.

“Filled with inspiring stories of neighbors helping neighbors, the People of Hope Museum will restore your faith in humanity,” CCUSA President and CEO Kerry Alys Robinson said. “The museum is a moving testament to the transformative power of simple acts of service, and we can’t wait for people all over the country to walk away inspired to love their neighbors and spread hope.”

The museum features video stories told by Catholic Charities staff and volunteers from around the country, moving first-person accounts of what it means to serve someone in need in their darkest moment.

- The museum also features:
- An interactive poverty simulation of stepping into another person’s life.
  - A learning library featuring brief audio segments from seminal books on poverty, social isolation, bridge-building and community action.
  - National and state data illustrating the scope of need and the vital role of social services organizations across the country.

• A recording studio that allows attendees to share their own stories of hope and service.

“The People of Hope Museum reminds us that happiness is something we build together, and that it grows from love,” said author Arthur Brooks, whose work is featured in the museum’s library. “When we invest in our neighbors and strengthen the bonds between us, we create meaning — which in turn helps us solve big problems.”

— The Catholic Accent

## ‘Blessings and Bliss’ honors marriage

**GREENSBURG** — Five-thousand combined years of matrimony was celebrated at Christ Our Shepherd Center Feb. 13, as the Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship celebrated World Marriage Week with “Blessings and Bliss.” The event, which gathered together more than 150 couples from across the Diocese, was organized by Andrea Pritts, as part of her project for the Pathways Adult Formation Program.

Couples gathered for Mass at Saint Joseph Chapel, celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. Father Daniel E. Carr, Director of Ministry Formation and Pastor of Saint Regis Parish in Trafford, delivered the homily.

During his homily, Father



Attendees enjoy a champagne reception afterward.

Carr recalled a story of authentic love and how those in the sacrament of matrimony are to cherish

joy over difficulties. One day when he was in seminary, he went home to visit his grandparents, and

he knew his grandmother was not well. During the visit, his grandfather shared the struggles that he faced as her caretaker.

“And then something changed in his eyes, and he smiled, and he said, ‘Boy, is she worth it,’ Father Carr said. “What I saw in his eyes was amid suffering there was the joy of authentic love that comes after years and years of life spent together.”

After Bishop Kulick blessed all of the couples in attendance, a candlelight presentation of flowers was made before the statues of the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph. Following the Mass, couples were invited to gather for fellowship and a champagne toast and cookies.

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**DIOCESAN CYO BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:** The Diocesan CYO boys’ basketball tournament was held at Greensburg Central Catholic High School Feb. 21. Teams from Aquinas Academy, Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic School, Conn-Area Catholic School, Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School, Mary Queen of Apostles School, Mother of Sorrows School, Queen of Angels Catholic School and Saint John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School participated. In the junior varsity division (fifth/sixth), Conn-Area Catholic defeated Christ the Divine Teacher Blue 28-22 to win the championship. In the varsity division (seventh/eighth), Mother of Sorrows White defeated Christ the Divine Teacher 38-24.



# Basketball standouts prepare for winning futures

By John Sacco  
Contributing Writer

**CONNELLSVILLE/  
GREENSBURG** — As the cornerstones of their high school basketball teams, seniors Emma Larkin and Erica Gribble understand the responsibility they have beyond putting the ball in the basket.

Emma, of Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School, Connellsville, and Erica, of Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School, were central to their teams' success during the 2025-26 season.

Erica, who is headed to the University of Richmond, led the Centurions to a state championship last month. Emma, who will attend Belmont Abbey University in Belmont, N.C., had the Gators thinking big.

And while they are much more than just scorers, the attention they receive often focuses on points — lots of them.

Earlier this season, Emma scored 27 points to key a 67-32 win over Carrick to break Fayette County's all-time scoring record. She broke the previous record of 2,440 held by Albert Gallatin's Loui Hall (now Ellen Guillard).

Also, this season, Emma broke the Geibel Catholic scoring record of 1,977 points held for more than 30 years by Shelley Bortz.

Emma finished in the top five in scoring in the district during the regular season, which saw the Gators lose only one game, their regular season finale. In the postseason,



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Top: Erica Gribble drives past Shady Side Academy's Karis Thomas during their PIAA Class 3A state semifinal March 16; above, Emma Larkin plays during Geibel Catholic's regular season.

Emma scored a combined 47 points in victories over Saint Joseph and top-seeded Aquinas Academy. In the WPIAL Class A finals against Serra Catholic, Emma had a game-high 22 points and registered 10 rebounds.

Stellar play was the hallmark of Erica's career at GCC, where she led the Centurions to WPIAL championships in 2024

and 2025 and a runner-up spot this season. She led the way in the PAIA championships, pushing the team to five straight victories.

In January, she became the 45th girls' player in WPIAL history to score more than 2,000 career points. She is also the GCC all-time leading scorer (boys and girls).

Erica said her basketball

journey began early, when as a 2- or 3-year-old she rode with her mother who took her sisters to practice at Norwin High School.

"I probably had a ball in my hand, as I was always in the gym with them. I was super involved in their practices, always running around with a ball," she said.

Erica helped the Centurions to a 67-21 first-round WPIAL playoff win over Mohawk.

## Emma's journey

Emma is not just playing basketball, she's intent on winning basketball.

"She's always been an amazing defender for us," said Sarah Larkin, Geibel Catholic's coach and Emma's mom. "Even when she was a freshman. She's increased her steals every season. But the biggest difference, I think, between freshman year and senior is her ability to manage the game for us, running the offense. She's almost averaging 10 assists per game. She has teammates around her who can put the ball in the hoop. She's been able to grow into that true point guard position and not just have to score all the points for us."

Emma's love of basketball led her to Belmont Abbey. Her choice wasn't just focused on where she would play basketball, but if she picked the sport over track, for which she had been extended Division I scholarships.

She won PIAA medals last year in the 400 and 300 intermediate hurdles.

"Oh, it was really a tough choice," Emma said. "It was definitely a battle because I

am better at track and I had bigger opportunities with track. Ultimately, it just came down to what I love and what I wanted to do and what would make me the happiest, and that's basketball."

## Erica's journey

Having decided on her collegiate destination allowed Erica to focus on improving her game. That not only enhanced the chances of greater success for the Centurions but it also helped her "up" her game in just about every significant way.

"I think committing when I did helped," she said. "I kind of wanted to play freely. The recruiting process can be very stressful at times.

"I really loved Richmond. I fell in love with the program and I knew that's the place I wanted to go. I saw no reason to wait. It was nice to kind of have my senior year and just chill."

Erica added that her decision also freed the team as a whole to focus on the season at hand and on a third straight WPIAL title.

Perhaps the best part of making the decision early is that she practiced more, honed her skills and is in a better position to compete at a high level at Richmond.

"Just getting stronger physically and mentally has been a benefit," she said. "Also, just working on my game every day has helped me a lot. I think my point guard skills are better, and different shots I can take on the floor has expanded. I think I've done a good job scoring at all three levels and my defense has improved."

# Mother of Sorrows School team competes at state level

By John Sacco  
Contributing Writer

**GREENSBURG** — The end result does not always define a team's season. Such is the case with the Diocese of Greensburg's CYO varsity championship basketball team in 2026.

Mother of Sorrows School, Murrysville, posted a 12-0 regular season to win the Diocese of Greensburg championship. The team lost its three games in the CYO state tournament held March 20-22 at Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School — dropping a 55-22 decision to Bishop McCort (Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown) and losing to both Saint Leo the Great (Diocese of Harrisburg) and Saint Killian (Diocese of Pittsburgh).

Mother of Sorrows enjoyed an undefeated season on its way to

winning the Diocesan title.

And while the results were not as good in the state tournament, coach Rocco Schneiderlochner saw individual and team improvement throughout the season with his seventh- and eighth-grade students.

"I think that they all got substantially better from our first practice," the 21-year-old coach said. "We had a few kids on our team who struggled even just dribbling without traveling, kind of hesitating or double dribbling early on. The fact that we developed into a great team shows their resilience and character to always want to get better every day."

Members of the team are Brayden Brikis, Enzo Brooks, Gia Schneiderlochner, Jaden Acie, Jeremy Harman, Matthew Kelly, Mickey Kelly, Nalia Minhas and T.J. Gatti.

Saint Raymond of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia won the state

championship, defeating Saint Catharine of Siena of the Diocese of Allentown.

Schneiderlochner said that while the team had a tough time in the state tournament, players did exhibit the same strengths and positive qualities they showed during the regular season in winning the Diocesan title.

"I think one of the biggest ones we had was just our togetherness," he said. "They had a very good discipline about them. They were very well instructed and very well behaved. I never had any problems with them following my instruction or lead. They all just took the initiative and helped push each other to be better every day."

"Overall, I think going 12-0, there wasn't really any game where it really looked like we were going to lose. I'm glad, and I'm proud of how they responded in the state tournament because they could have very easily

just rolled over and accepted defeat because it was the first time all year that we really were losing."

Mother of Sorrows defeated Christ the Divine Teacher of Latrobe to win the Diocesan championship.

"Obviously the state teams are pretty good," Schneiderlochner said. "Sure, we wanted a better showing, but as you look back at the season, I think we did really well, considering the size of the schools in the state tournament; they had like 20 kids on their teams."

"There were no guarantees because we were missing (a couple players) and only had our whole team for the first game. In the next two we were missing one of our better players, Mickey Kelly."

"I think the kids responded very well because they didn't give up and they just realized that this is the last time that we'll all be playing together and they gave it their all."

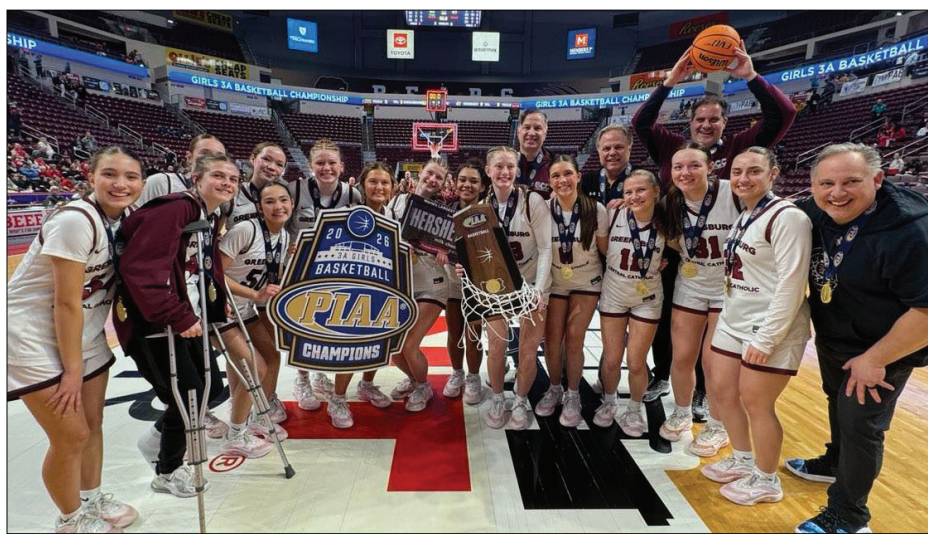


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The Centurions and coaches celebrate their win.

## GCC girls state champs

By John Sacco  
Contributing Writer

**GREENSBURG** — Once nemesis Shady Side Academy was out of the way, the path to a PIAA championship was clear for the Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School girls' basketball team.

The Centurions took that path to win the state Class AAA title March 19 in Hershey.

Greensburg Central Catholic was dominant in the PIAA playoffs.

All five of its wins were double-digit victories. The Centurions' average margin of victory in those five games was 22.6.

The five wins included a 66-14 blowout of Cranberry, a 50-36 decision over Northwestern, a 65-51 victory over Trinity (Camp Hill), the 49-27 beating of Shady Side Academy and the championship, a 52-41 victory over Holy Redeemer.

The team finished with a 24-7 record, finishing second in its section and in the WPIAL.

Of their seven losses, three were against Shady Side Academy — two in section play and in the WPIAL championship game. Three of the other four losses came against private schools, and the Centurions' lone loss against a public school came against South Fayette — the Class 5-A PIAA and WPIAL champions.

For Greensburg Central Catholic it was a dominant run once they defeated Shady Side Academy in the PIAA tournament.

The Centurions claimed their first state crown in 29 years with a 52-41 win over Holy Redeemer.

It was all made possible by finally overcoming Shady Side Academy.

"It wasn't so much a great lift-off as it was a great accomplishment for us," said coach Chris Skatel. "I don't think anybody thought we could beat them. We changed up our coaching strategy and our game plan. It really worked almost to perfection. It was fantastic. They scored five points in the second half."

In the state title game, senior standouts Erica Gribble and Jayla Peterson, who combined for 35 points,

fueled the Centurions' 52-41 victory over the District 2 runners-up at Giant Center in Hershey.

"It's a big deal," Skatel said after the game. "It means a lot to our school and these girls. We just had to stay patient. When you get in the moment, stay in the moment. Keep grinding. That's what the girls did."

Erica, the school's all-time leading scorer, netted 18 points and snagged nine rebounds while Jayla added 17 points to win a PIAA title for the first time since 1996-97 when that team won the school's first state title at Hersheypark Arena.

Skatel said two members of this season's team — junior Morgan Skoloda and freshman Skyler Asbaugh — have mothers who played on the 1997 championship team.

Junior forward Avery Jones, who was strong for GCC during the state tournament, finished with seven points and six rebounds in the championship.

Greensburg Central Catholic became the first PIAA basketball champion from Westmoreland County since Jeannette's boys won in 2008. The last local girls' team to win a title was Monessen in 2004.

"Regardless of what anybody else thought, we thought we were the better team in the WPIAL finals and we got beat. I thought it was a better game than the score indicated. It was 36-31 at the end of the third quarter. It wasn't like we were getting blown out. Then our player fouled out and then it went the other way."

But the Centurions rallied.

"It's hard to recover from that because you're emotionally all in to win the game and you feel like you should have won," Skatel said. "The fact that we were able to get ourselves gathered up and kind of go on a run was impressive. No one has really talked much about it, but we had to beat three district champions to get to the championship game."

Skatel said the state title has been embraced by the entire school, and the team's run will be remembered for its proficiency and monumental performances.

"I think the girls should be really proud," he said.

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BANQUET

**Crabtree** — Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children, Greensburg, will host a fundraising banquet, Heart-to-Heart: 65 Years of Making a Difference, May 1, at Rizzo's Malabar Inn. Proceeds will support the creation of a new all-inclusive recreation area for the children and adults served at Clelian Heights. The evening will also recognize Chic DeFabo, Anna Suman and others. Information: [www.clelianheights.org](http://www.clelianheights.org) or 724-837-8120, ext. 1123.

## BINGOS

**East Vandergrift** — Bingo will be held Sundays, April 26 and May 3, at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish. Doors open at 1 p.m. and bingo begins at 2 p.m. Information: 724-478-4958.

**Whitney** — Bingo will be held May 3 at Saint Cecilia Parish. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and bingo begins at 2 p.m. Information: 724-423-3777.

## BREAKFAST/BAKE SALE/BASKET RAFFLE

**New Alexandria** — A breakfast, bake sale and basket raffle will be held April 19 from 8 a.m.-noon. The menu will include ham, sausage, pancakes, eggs, potatoes, juice, coffee and tea. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and free for those under 6.

## BURGER BASHES

**Whitney** — Burger Bashes are planned for Saturdays, May 16, June 13, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19 and Oct. 17 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Saint Cecilia Parish. Information: 724-423-3777

## BUS TRIPS

**Apollo** — Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, and Saint James Parish, Apollo, are sponsoring a Rivers Casino bus trip May 13. The group will leave the Saint James Parish parking lot at 9 a.m. by motor coach and stay at the casino for five hours. Cost is \$30, which includes \$20 in free play (must have state-issued photo ID). Registration: 724-478-4958.

**Donegal** — Saint Raymond of the Mountains Parish will sponsor a trip to the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, Md., June 24. The bus will leave at 8 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. Cost is \$80 and includes a guided house tour and box lunch from Spark's in the Valley. Mass at the basilica, reconciliation and eucharistic adoration will be available. Checks, payable to the Saint Raymond Christian Mothers, can be sent to the parish (Att: Christian Mothers) at P.O. Box 330, Donegal, PA 15628. Include name, address, phone number and email address. Shrine information: [www.setonshrine.org](http://www.setonshrine.org).

## CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW

**Latrobe** — A craft and vendor show will be held May 2 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Saint John the Evangelist Parish. There will be indoor and outside vendors, 50/50, raffle baskets and food available to purchase.

## DANCE

**Indiana** — Saint Thomas More University Parish will hold an oldies dance May 22 at Cherry Runn Lodge. Appetizers are included, and a cash bar will be available. Tickets: 724-349-1306 or 724-463-2277.

## ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

**Pittsburgh** — A Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend will be held Oct. 3-4 at the Spiritan Center in Pittsburgh. The weekend begins Saturday morning and ends Sunday afternoon. A team of two trained married couples, along with a priest, facilitate and guide the program. An Engaged Encounter weekend is one of the accepted wedding preparation programs in the Diocese of Greensburg. Information/registration: [pittsburgh.engagedencounter.com/](http://pittsburgh.engagedencounter.com/).

## LOTTERY TICKET FUNDRAISER

**East Vandergrift** — Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish is sponsoring a "Spring Frenzy" lottery ticket fundraiser. Tickets are \$10 and include two 3-digit numbers, with winners based on the Pennsylvania Lottery Pick-3 drawings at 1:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 13. Two winners will each receive \$1,000 cash, a \$50 gift certificate to Naser Foods and a \$50 gift certificate to the Gathering Room. Tickets are available at the church after Sunday Mass, at the parish office in Apollo or by calling 724-568-3409.

## PIEROGI SALE

**Uniontown** — Saint John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church is selling take-out potato/cheese, sauerkraut (cooked or frozen) and prune (lekvar, frozen only) pierogies at \$11 per dozen. Orders may be placed by calling 724-434-5355 Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for Friday pick-up (specify type and amount and leave name, phone number and time of pick-up, between 9 a.m. and noon in the church parking lot in back of the school). Sales will continue through May (no sales during Holy Week and the week after Easter).

## PLAY GROUP

**Perryopolis** — The Lucecitas (Little Lights) play group meets in Saint John the Baptist Parish's bilingual classroom Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Children newborn through age 6 are welcome.

## PURSE BASH

**East Vandergrift** — A designer purse bash will be held April 19 at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. and the bash will begin at 1 p.m. A variety of designer purses and accessories, valued at more than \$7,000, will be given away. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased after Sunday 11 a.m. Masses, at the parish office in Apollo, or by calling or texting 724-980-2087.

## RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

**Latrobe** — The Oblates of Saint Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet April 19 from 3-4:15 in Brownfield Room 202 at Saint Vincent Archabbey. Benedictine Brother Hugh Lester will speak on "Obedience in Benedictine Spirituality." Attendees may also attend vespers at 5 p.m. in the archabbey basilica and supper at 5:35 p.m. in the Eichstätt Dining Room. Those planning to have supper should call Benedictine Father Donald Raila at 724-805-2291. The next meetings will be May 17, with Benedictine Father Francis Jin speaking on "Prayer and Work"; June 14, with Benedictine Father Edward Mazich on "Poverty and Simplicity of Life in Benedictine Spirituality"; July 11, Benedictine Father Finnbar McEvoy on Benedictine vows; and July 19, with Benedictine Father Dominic Leo on "Prayer in Benedictine Spirituality."

**Latrobe** — The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites of the Latrobe Community of Jesus, Mary and Joseph are lay men, women and Diocesan priests who live out a vocation of prayer and apostolic activity in the spirit of Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint John of the Cross and Saint Therese of Lisieux. Those who feel they may be called to live a life of Carmelite spirituality are invited to visit during a visitation period that runs until July. The community meets the second

Sunday of the month in Latrobe. Information: [ocdspa07@gmail.com](mailto:ocdspa07@gmail.com).

## SERVICES

**Greensburg** — Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg provides volunteer services to older adults (age 60 and older), including supportive and regular visits, telephone calls, greeting cards and other mailings to prevent loneliness and isolation and brighten a person's day. Emergency food boxes can also be delivered to those who meet eligibility requirements. Information: Deborah Klinvex, 724-837-1840 or [dklinvex@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:dklinvex@DioceseofGreensburg.org).

## SUPPORT

**Greensburg** — The Diocese of Greensburg is prepared to assist those suffering as the result of being involved in an abortion. Bishop Michael Burbidge of Arlington, Va., sums up Project Rachel's mission and purpose by informing us, "Diocesan-based abortion healing ministry, most often called Project Rachel Ministry, seeks to accompany those who suffer from abortion as they receive Christ's mercy, comfort, and healing. Project Rachel Ministry serves as a bridge to God's mercy, helping him to make participants whole and restoring his relationship with them as his beloved daughters and sons." For confidential, compassionate help, email [projectrachel@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:projectrachel@DioceseofGreensburg.org) or call 724-552-1832.



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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUPPORT

**Harrison City** — The Saint Peregrine cancer support group meets monthly (usually the third Wednesday at 7 p.m.) at Saint Barbara Parish. All cancer survivors and caregivers are welcome.

**Latrobe Area** — Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, an ecumenical social outreach mission of Saint 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.

### TEAS

**Apollo** — Saint James Parish's court of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will host a spring garden tea in the parish's activities center May 3 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling 724-882-8776. Attendees should wear tea party hats.

**Greensburg** — "Steeped in Faith," a tea focused on saints, is set for May 2, from 1-3 p.m. at Saint Paul Parish. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$20 for ages 2-11. Basket and 50/50 raffles are planned. Information/tickets: [kellyperney@gmail.com](mailto:kellyperney@gmail.com) or call 724-834-6880.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Greensburg** — Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg is seeking volunteers to answer calls on its HelpLine. Information: Donna Hagan, 724-837-1840 or [dhagan@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:dhagan@DioceseofGreensburg.org).

**Greensburg** — Volunteers are needed at Saint Anne Home to help residents attend Mass 9 a.m.; to visit and pray with residents; and serve as eucharistic ministers. Training is provided. Information: Cheryl Hall, 724-837-6070, ext. 3050.

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Jeannette** — All are invited to Mass in Spanish Sundays at 6 p.m. at Ascension Parish, 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.

### YOUTH EVENTS

**Steubenville, Ohio** — The 2026 Steubenville Youth Conference is set for June 26-28 at Franciscan University. All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this retreat with the Diocesan group. Registration is currently only for high school students due to limited tickets. Adults interested in chaperoning should e-mail [ffd@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:ffd@DioceseofGreensburg.org) and contact youth ministers. A portion of the costs has been underwritten by the Diocese of Greensburg Francis Fund. The remaining cost per participant is \$375 and includes room, board, transportation and three T-shirts. Information: [www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/steubenville-youth-conference](http://www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/steubenville-youth-conference).

**Greensburg** — A COR event is set for Aug. 30 from 4-8 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center. Guest speaker and musician will be Dana Catherine. Registration details will be coming soon.

**Greensburg** — PAX: CHOSEN, for all middle school students, will be held Nov. 6 from 6-9:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Parish. Keynote speaker will be Mari Pablo. Registration details will be coming soon.



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## Help available through Project Rachel

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Bishop Michael Burbidge of Arlington, Va., notes, "Diocesan-based abortion healing ministry, most often called Project Rachel Ministry, seeks to accompany those who suffer from abortion as they receive Christ's mercy, comfort, and healing. Project Rachel Ministry serves as a bridge to God's mercy, helping him to make participants whole and restoring his relationship with them as his beloved daughters and sons."

For confidential, compassionate help, call 724-552-1832 or email [projectrachel@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:projectrachel@DioceseofGreensburg.org).

Stay informed on the latest local pro-life news and information at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/pro-life-ministries/](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/pro-life-ministries/)



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# Diocese of Greensburg 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Calendar

## June 2026

**June 6, 2026**

**Family Social Event and Mass with Bishop Kulick**  
Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601

## August 2026

**August 14, 2026**

**Marian Devotions and Candlelight Procession • 7:30 PM**  
Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601

**August 15, 2026**

**Mass Celebrating Diocesan Patronage of Our Lady of the Assumption • 12 PM**  
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
300 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601

## September 2026

**September 19, 2026**

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception • All Day**  
National Shrine  
Washington, D.C.

## October 2026

**October 4, 2026**

**Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass • 3 PM**  
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
300 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601

**October 7, 2026**

**Solemn Evening Prayer with Awards and Recognitions • 6:30 PM**  
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
300 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
**Reception to follow at Rizzo's Malabar Inn**  
126 Rizzo Road  
Crabtree, PA 15624

**October 22, 2026**

**KNOW HIM: Through His Mother's Heart**  
2 PM and 6 PM  
Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601

## November 2026

**November 2, 2026**

**All Souls Day Mass for the Deceased of the Diocese of Greensburg • 6:30 PM**  
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
300 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601

**November 7, 2026**

**Spirited: Women's Conference**  
Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601

**November 22, 2026**

**Concert on Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe • 3 PM**  
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
300 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601

## December 2026

**December 12, 2026**

**Diocese of Greensburg Night Market • 2-8 PM**  
**Closing Liturgy of 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary • 4 PM**  
Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601



# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary SPECIAL EDITION



## My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is a joyful year in the history of the Diocese of Greensburg as we celebrate our 75th Diamond Anniversary. Our anniversary celebrations began March 10, 2026, the very date on which our Diocese was canonically erected by Pope Pius XII in 1951. It was wonderful to gather together with so many of our priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters, and lay faithful to give thanks to Almighty God for the abundant blessings He has bestowed upon us throughout these past 7½ decades.

A diamond is formed deep within the earth, fashioned over time through pressure, endurance and hidden transformation when carbon atoms bond to four other atoms, creating a strong and resilient natural mineral. How fitting that image is for the Diocese of Greensburg in the four counties of Armstrong, Fayette, Indiana and Westmoreland coming together in Christ to form our local Church. Ours is a local Church formed from ordinary people made strong through faith: immigrants and laborers, priests and religious, miners and mothers, steelworkers and students, farmers and families. Through hardship, perseverance and grace, they wove the living tapestry that is our beloved Diocese of Greensburg.

As we mark this anniversary, we naturally look back with gratitude. We remember the countless moments through which God has sanctified His people in this local Church: baptisms and confirmations, weddings and funerals, ordinations and professions of religious vows, quiet acts of charity, fervent prayers, and the offering of the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Yet this anniversary is not only an occasion to look back. It is also a moment to look forward with renewed clarity about who we are and why we exist. The Church is more than her buildings of stone, wood, glass or steel. We are the living stones. God dwells within His people, and Christ is the source and heart of our local Church. This Diocese does not exist for its own sake, but for the salvation of souls. It exists so that Jesus Christ may be known, proclaimed and encountered.

Shortly after the Diocese of Greensburg was established, Bishop Hugh L. Lamb, the first Bishop of Greensburg, wrote in a report to the Holy See, "The seed has been sown. And someday, we are confident that it will result in a bountiful harvest." Now, 75 years later, we can see that harvest all around us. We see it not only in the pages of our history, but in the living witness of our people today. That seed has borne fruit because of God's grace and our unity in Jesus Christ.

And that unity is no small thing, nor is it invisible or abstract. It is real and life-giving. It is the Church entering into the divine life of the Blessed Trinity. It is the unity of the Diocese gathered around the Bishop, of parishes gathered around the altar, of families gathered in faith and prayer. It is this communion that makes the Church a living temple where God dwells. When that unity is strong, like a diamond, the Church reflects the beauty and brilliance of Christ himself.

Still, the Lord is not finished with us. God continues to shape and purify us into a diamond that will adorn the crown of salvation. He continues to strengthen us and call us forward, forming us to shine ever more brightly with the light of Christ for the sake of the world.

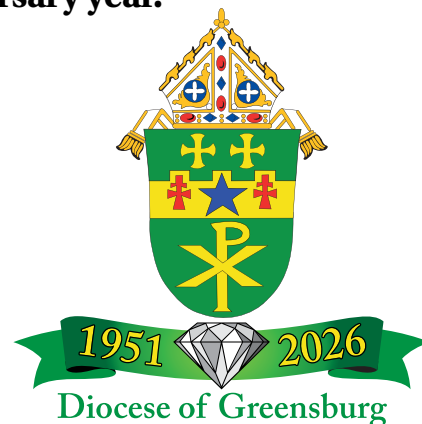
As we give thanks for the faith that built our local Church, let us also renew our commitment to the mission to carry it into the future. And let us ask the Lord, in His goodness, to make the Diocese of Greensburg even more radiant with hope, holiness and love. Then, when future generations look back on us, may they be able to say that the seed once sown was nurtured with fidelity, blessed by God, and brought forth a rich and lasting harvest.

**May God bless all of us during this 75th Anniversary year.**

Yours in Christ,

*Larry J. Kulick*

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



# THE HISTORY OF THE Diocese of Greensburg



The story of the Diocese of Greensburg is a story of God's quiet, persistent grace—moving through mountains and valleys, through centuries of change, through the lives of ordinary believers and extraordinary leaders. Though the Diocese itself was established in 1951, its roots reach back to a time when western Pennsylvania was still a rugged frontier, and faith was carried not in grand cathedrals but in the hearts of pioneers.

Long before towns were founded or counties were drawn, the Eucharist was already being celebrated on this land. In 1749, a French priest offered what records call "the first Mass west of the Allegheny Mountains" near Kittanning. Five years later, Father Denys Baron celebrated Mass near Brownsville, an act now immortalized in stained glass at Saint Peter Church. These early moments—simple, hidden, and courageous—became the first seeds of Catholic life in the region.

As settlers pushed westward, God raised up remarkable leaders to shepherd them. Prince Demetrius Gallitzin, who became Father Augustine, arrived in 1799 with a missionary's heart and a scholar's mind. Father James Stillingner traveled tirelessly across vast distances, ministering from Greene County to the New York border. Benedictine Father Boniface Wimmer crossed an ocean to found a monastery in Latrobe in 1846, planting the Benedictine spirit deep into the region's soil. Saint John Neumann, serving in Pittsburgh, helped establish the parish that would one day become Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

Their efforts were matched by the faith of ordinary families. In 1789, six Catholic pioneers purchased land for worship—ground later called the "Cradle of Catholicity." Today, that land is home to Saint Vincent College, Seminary, Archabbey, and Basilica. The 1806 log church at Sugar Creek, described in your document as "the oldest church west of the Alleghenies," still stands as a humble reminder that God often builds His greatest works from the simplest beginnings.



An outdoor Mass, celebrated in East Vandergrift.

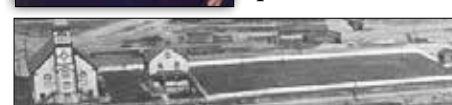
As the 19th century unfolded, waves of immigrants arrived to mine coal, forge steel, and build new lives. They brought with them languages, traditions, and a deep devotion to the Church. Between 1865 and 1917, more than 80 parishes and missions were founded. These churches became sanctuaries of hope—places where families prayed, celebrated, mourned, and found strength in one another.

By the mid-20th century, the region's Catholic population had grown so significantly that Pope Pius XII established the Diocese of Greensburg on March 10, 1951. Bishop Hugh L. Lamb became its first shepherd, guiding the young Diocese as it transitioned from an immigrant Church to one woven into the fabric of American life.



In 1960, Bishop William G. Connare was appointed the second Bishop of Greensburg. He attended every session of the Second Vatican Council and brought its spirit of renewal home.

Under his leadership, the Diocese embraced liturgical reform, restored Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, and expanded ministries that strengthened parish life.

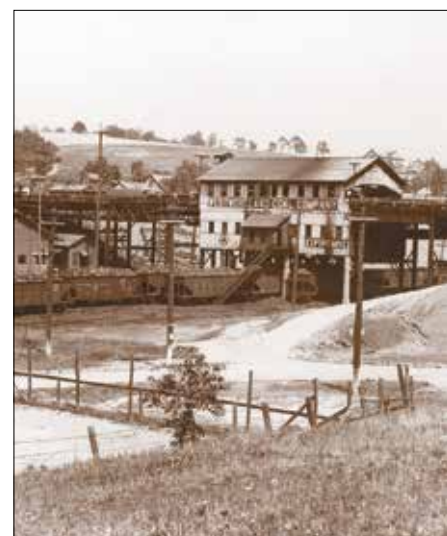


The Diocese's only Auxiliary Bishop, Norbert F. Gaughan, served from 1975 to 1984, offering steady support during years of growth before becoming Bishop of Gary, Indiana.



When Bishop Anthony G. Bosco was installed in 1987, the region was facing economic hardship. Steel mills closed, families struggled, and communities changed. Bishop Bosco responded with compassion, emphasizing lay leadership,

collaboration among parishes, and the enduring truth that the Church's strength lies not in buildings but in people.



Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt, installed in 2004, brought a visionary spirit. He launched major evangelization initiatives, restored the cathedral, established the permanent diaconate, and led a capital campaign that raised more than \$55 million.



He also founded the Diocesan Heritage Center, ensuring that the story of faith would be preserved for generations.

In 2015, Bishop Edward C. Malesic became the fifth Bishop of Greensburg. He confronted the opioid epidemic with pastoral courage, writing a letter titled From Death and Despair to Life and Hope. He responded to the clergy abuse crisis with transparency, listening sessions, and the creation of a Safe Environment Advisory Council.

He also launched the Saint Pope John Paul II Tuition Opportunity Partnership, made possible by "the single largest donation... the Diocese of Greensburg had ever received in one year."



In 2021, Bishop Larry J. Kulick—its first native son—became the sixth Bishop of Greensburg. His leadership has been marked by bold pastoral vision: Eucharistic Revival initiatives, support for Ukrainian refugees, the formation of a diocesan police force to protect schools and parishes, and pastoral letters calling the faithful to embrace



life, freedom, and truth. Under his guidance, the Diocese entered the Jubilee Year of Hope with renewed commitment to pilgrimage, repentance, and spiritual renewal.

After 75 years, one truth remains constant. **God has never stopped guiding the people of the Diocese of Greensburg.**

From frontier chapels to vibrant parishes, from humble beginnings to bold new missions, the Church here continues to shine as a beacon of faith, hope, and love—carrying forward a story that is still being written.

# NATIVE SONS SERVE THE Universal Church

By Philip Brown

Over the past 75 years, the Diocese of Greensburg has nurtured the vocations of five men who rose to leadership roles in the universal Catholic Church.

**Bishop Cyril John Vogel**, born in Pittsburgh in 1905, was ordained in 1931 and became part of the newly formed Diocese of Greensburg in 1951. He served as pastor, Chancellor, and Vicar General before being appointed Bishop of Salina, Kansas, in 1965. He attended the final session of Vatican II and served until his death in 1979.



**Bishop Norbert Felix Gaughan**, born in 1921, was ordained for Pittsburgh in 1945 and incardinated into Greensburg in 1951. He served as Assistant Chancellor, Chancellor, and Vicar General, and became Greensburg's only Auxiliary Bishop in 1975. In 1984, he was appointed Bishop of Gary, Indiana, retiring in 1996. He died in 1999.



**Archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea**, born in Italy in 1930, served in the Diocese of Greensburg for two decades after joining the Consolata Missionaries and teaching in Kenya. He ministered at Seton Hill University and Saint Joseph Hall before entering Vatican diplomatic service. Saint Pope John Paul II appointed him Titular Archbishop of Anzio and Apostolic Nuncio to several Middle Eastern nations in 2001. He died in Rome at age 86.

**Cardinal Adam Maida**, born in Vandergrift in 1930, studied at Saint Vincent College and was ordained for the Diocese of Pittsburgh in 1956. After earning advanced degrees in canon and civil law, he served as Vice Chancellor and General Counsel before being appointed Bishop of Green Bay in 1983 and Archbishop of Detroit in 1990. Elevated to the College of Cardinals in 1994, he participated in the 2005 conclave. He retired in 2009.

**Bishop Lawrence T. Persico**, a Monessen native born in 1950, was formed in Greensburg's seminaries and ordained in 1977. After serving in parish, chancery, and leadership roles—including Chancellor and Vicar General—he was appointed Bishop of Erie by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012. Having reached age 75, he has submitted his resignation according to canon law and awaits the appointment of his successor.



**Did you know?** Bishop Larry J. Kulick is the first native son to serve as Bishop of Greensburg, having been born and raised within the Diocese he now leads.



**"In the spirit of Jesus Christ, our mission is to bring help, hope and healing to God's people as the charitable, service and outreach arm of the Bishop and the Diocese of Greensburg."**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg is nearly as old as the Diocese itself. In the early 1950s our first Bishop, Bishop Hugh L. Lamb, invited the members of the Ministry Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity (MSBT) to the Diocese. Bishop Lamb was familiar with their work when he was with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The religious sisters were known for their commitment to human services, and it was Bishop Lamb who asked them to help form the beginnings of Catholic Charities. The sisters worked with those in need, offering a broad range of services including adoption and foster care, supportive counseling, and material assistance. Throughout the 1960s and '70s, 60 to 70 children were placed in adoptive families. Those efforts shifted dramatically with the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on Roe v. Wade, which was overturned a few years ago.

Catholic Charities refocused its efforts on finding permanent homes for foster children and on counseling.

Catholic Charities continued to evolve, and today it focuses on the future by developing programs that continue to serve through charity, service and outreach, providing a link between those in need and the resources that can help them. The agency connects people with information and referrals for material assistance and mental health services. It empowers seniors to be more independent and welcomes and supports new and culturally diverse neighbors. Most recently, Catholic Charities has worked with Catholic schools in the Diocese of Greensburg to offer school-based counseling; helping and supporting pregnant women and mothers through Walking with Moms in Need; and helping with healing through the Project Rachel ministry.

Over the years, the mission of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg has not wavered: "In the spirit of Jesus Christ, our mission is to bring help, hope and healing to God's people as the charitable, service and outreach arm of the Bishop and the Diocese of Greensburg."



The history of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Greensburg is deeply rooted in the work of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, beginning long before the Diocese's formal establishment in 1951.

The first parochial school in Greensburg, originally established by a lay teacher, was taken over by the Sisters of Charity in 1882 at the request of the local community. Between 1865 and 1917, more than 80 parishes and missions were built across Westmoreland, Armstrong, Fayette and Indiana counties, many of which established their own parish schools.

As the first Bishop and a former superintendent of schools, Bishop Hugh L. Lamb prioritized education, spending nearly \$6.5 million on constructing eight new schools to accommodate the post-war baby boom.

In the early years of the Diocese, there were 58 Diocesan elementary and secondary schools serving 16,000 students across four counties. Religious served as teachers, counselors and administrators.

Dedicated on Nov. 29, 1959, Greensburg Central Catholic High School was staffed by six different

religious orders, each responsible for specific academic departments (e.g., Sisters of Charity for science, Felician Sisters for math). In 1964, Geibel Catholic High School in Connellsville was dedicated to serving the southern part of the Diocese.

In the late 1960s into the '70s, demographic shifts resulted in the conversion of parish schools into regional schools to maintain viability. Schools added preschool programs and enhanced learning support services for special needs students.



Today, the two high schools remain in operation along with 10 Catholic elementary schools. Over the decades, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Greensburg have prepared students with a high-quality faith-based education in a modern, sustainable way. The mission has never changed as they work to form future faith and community leaders as disciples of Christ.

Born, formed and ordained within the Diocese of Greensburg,  
Bishop Lawrence T. Persico remains grateful for the  
faith community that shaped his vocation.

As you celebrate 75 years since the founding leadership  
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- *Philippians 1:6*



# BISHOPS OF THE Diocese of Greensburg



## **The Most Reverend Hugh L. Lamb**

**Born:** Oct. 6, 1890, Modena, Pa.  
**Ordained to the priesthood:** May 29, 1915  
**Ordained Auxiliary Bishop for Archdiocese of Philadelphia:** March 19, 1936  
**Appointed First Bishop of Greensburg:** May 28, 1951  
**Installed:** Jan. 16, 1952  
**Died:** Dec. 8, 1959



**1952-1959**



## **The Most Reverend William G. Connare**

**Born:** Dec. 11, 1911, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
**Ordained to the priesthood:** June 14, 1936  
**Appointed Second Bishop of Greensburg:** Feb. 23, 1960  
**Ordained and installed:** May 4, 1960  
**Resignation accepted and named Apostolic Administrator of Diocese of Greensburg:** Jan. 20, 1987  
**Died:** June 12, 1995



**1960-1987**



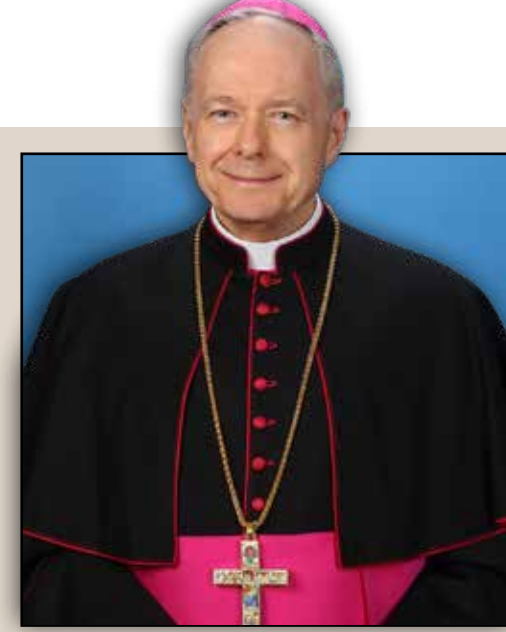
## **The Most Reverend Anthony G. Bosco**

**Born:** Aug. 1, 1927, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
**Ordained to the priesthood:** June 7, 1952  
**Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh:** June 30, 1970  
**Appointed Third Bishop of Greensburg:** April 14, 1987  
**Ordained and installed:** June 30, 1987  
**Resignation accepted and named Administrator of Diocese of Greensburg:** Jan. 2, 2004  
**Died:** July 2, 2013



**1987-2004**

# BISHOPS OF THE Diocese of Greensburg



## **The Most Reverend Lawrence E. Brandt**

**Born:** March 27, 1939, Charleston, W.Va.  
**Ordained to the priesthood:** Dec. 19, 1969  
**Appointed Fourth Bishop of Greensburg:** Jan. 2, 2004  
**Ordained and installed:** March 4, 2004  
**Resignation accepted and named Administrator of Diocese of Greensburg:** April 24, 2015  
**Died:** June 8, 2025



**2004-2015**

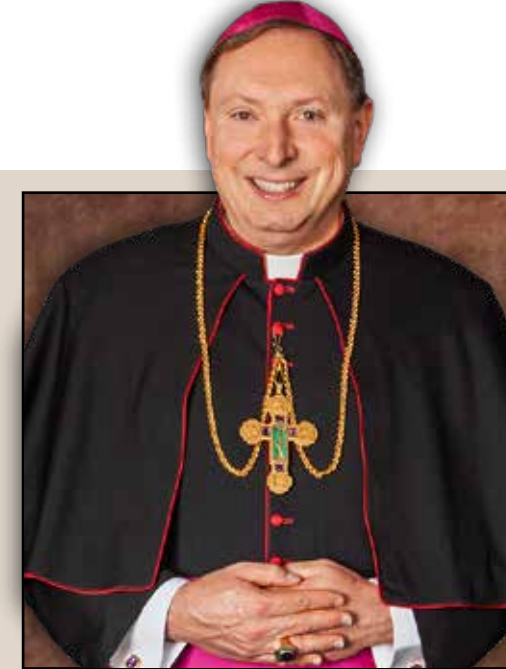


## **The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic**

**Born:** Aug. 14, 1960, Harrisburg, Pa.  
**Ordained to the priesthood:** May 30, 1987  
**Appointed Fifth Bishop of Greensburg:** April 24, 2015  
**Ordained and installed:** July 13, 2015  
**Appointed 12th Bishop of Cleveland:** July 16, 2020



**2015-2020**



## **The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick**

**Born:** Feb. 24, 1966, Leechburg, Pa.  
**Ordained to the priesthood:** May 16, 1992  
**Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh:** June 30, 1970  
**Appointed Sixth Bishop of Greensburg:** Dec. 18, 2020  
**Ordained and installed:** Feb. 11, 2021



**2021-Current**

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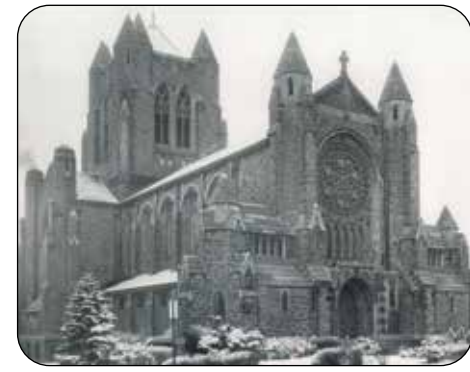
Seton Hill University congratulates the Diocese of Greensburg on celebrating 75 years of faith, service, and community.

# 75 YEAR TIMELINE

**1951** — The Diocese of Greensburg is canonically erected by Pope Pius XII, March 10. The arms of the Diocese are devised by William F.J. Ryan of New York, N.Y., and West Chatham, Mass.



**1961** — The Catholic Accent, the official newspaper of the Diocese, is established and first published June 1.



**1972** — Blessed Sacrament Cathedral is renovated to accommodate the changes of Vatican II.

**1959** — Greensburg Central Catholic High School is dedicated Nov. 29. Bishop Lamb passes away Dec. 8 at the age of 69.



**1951**

**1952** — Bishop Hugh L. Lamb, an auxiliary bishop in Philadelphia, is installed as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg Jan. 16.



**1960** — Father William G. Connare, a Pittsburgh priest, is appointed as the second Bishop of Greensburg Feb. 23. He is ordained and installed May 4.



**1964** — Geibel Catholic High School, now Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School, is dedicated in Connellsville.



**1975** — Bishop Norbert F. Gaughan is appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Greensburg June 26; to date he is the only Auxiliary Bishop to serve this Diocese.

**1975**

# 75 YEAR TIMELINE

**1984** — Bishop Gaughan is appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Gary, Ind., July 9.



**1995** — Bishop Connare dies June 12 at the age of 83.



**2000** — The Capital Campaign "Honoring Our Past... Shaping Our Future" begins Sept. 21. The campaign raises more than \$28 million for the Diocese and its parishes.



**2002** — Bishop Bosco submits his resignation Aug. 1, his 75th birthday.

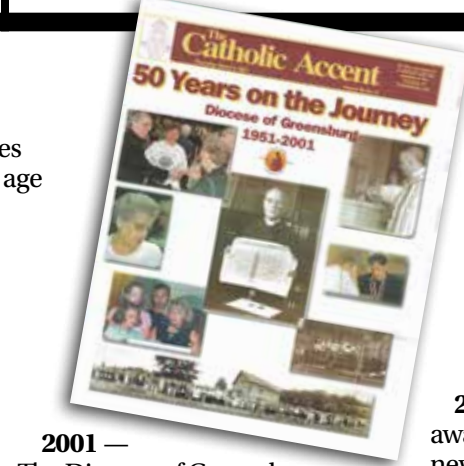
**1984**



**1999** — Bishop Gaughan dies Oct. 1 at the age of 78.



**1987** — Bishop Connare submits his resignation Jan. 20, his 75th birthday. Bishop Anthony G. Bosco is installed as the third Bishop of Greensburg June 30.



**2001** — The Diocese of Greensburg celebrates its golden anniversary.



**2003** — "Accent on the Air," the award-winning Diocesan radio newsmagazine, airs its final show March 30.

**2003**

**2004** — Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt is ordained and installed as the fourth Bishop of Greensburg March 4. The Diocesan Lenten Appeal is established.

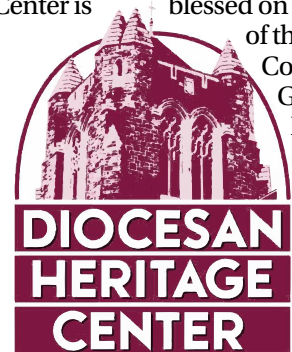


**2010** — Catholic teaching programming begins airing on the Diocesan-sponsored We Are One Body radio — WAOB-FM 106.7, WAOB 860 AM and WPGR 1510 AM. The Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg is established.



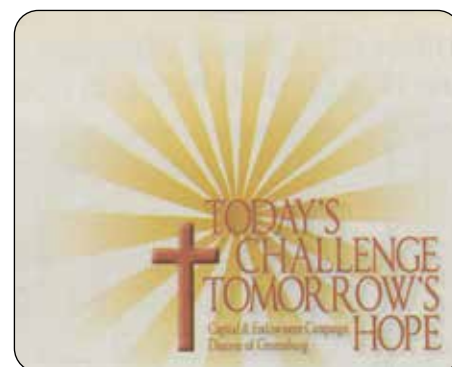
**2012** — The Diocese receives the DISC (Diocesan Information Systems Conference) Technology Award.

**2014** — The Bishop's Tuition Transfer Grant is created Jan. 27. Bishop Brandt submits his resignation March 10, his 75th birthday. The Diocesan Heritage Center is blessed on the grounds of the Bishop Connare Center, Greensburg, May 13.



**2004**

**2015**



**2009** — The Capital and Endowment Campaign "Today's Challenge - Tomorrow's Hope" begins and receives more than \$55 million in pledges and gifts. The first two permanent deacons in Diocesan history are ordained Aug. 10, and a training and certification process for all catechists is established Oct. 15.

**The Catholic Accent**

**2011** — The Catholic Accent, voice of the Diocese, celebrates 50 years, 1961-2011. A restoration project at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral is culminated Oct. 30.



**2013** — Bishop Bosco dies July 2 at the age of 85.



**2015** — Bishop Edward C. Malesic is ordained and installed as the fifth Bishop of Greensburg July 13. Bishop Malesic and pilgrims from the across the Diocese travel to Washington, D.C., New York and Philadelphia in September to commemorate the World Meeting of Families and greet Pope Francis during his first trip to America.

**2017** — Bishop Malesic releases "A Pastoral Letter on the Drug Abuse Crisis: From Death and Despair to Life and Hope," in response to the opioid epidemic in the region, June 29. In it, he calls on the people of the Diocese to take action against the opioid scourge and outlines Diocesan and parish efforts focusing on prayer, education and cooperative actions with social service agencies already engaged in the fight against addiction.



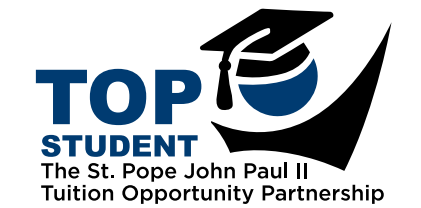
**2019** — In February, Bishop Malesic announces details of a Comprehensive Reconciliation Initiative, which includes a Survivors' Compensation Program, to support survivors of abuse.

**2017**

**2020**



**2018** — In response to the clergy abuse crisis and the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report and in order to increase Diocesan transparency and outside oversight, Bishop Malesic establishes a Safe Environment Advisory Council to assist the Diocese of Greensburg. The advisory council oversees a series of seven listening sessions around the Diocese, each of which is attended by Bishop Malesic and gives parishioners the opportunity to express their feelings about the Grand Jury Report, make observations and offer suggestions.



**2020** — On July 1, Bishop Malesic announces the formation of the Saint Pope John Paul II Tuition Opportunity Partnership (TOP), made possible by the single largest donation from a family the Diocese has ever received in one year, \$2.4 million. The announcements are made at separate media events at five Catholic schools that day. Bishop Malesic is appointed the 12th Bishop of Cleveland by Pope Francis July 16 and installed as Bishop Sept. 14 in Cleveland. Msgr. Larry J. Kulick is elected Diocesan Administrator Sept. 15. On Dec. 18, Msgr. Kulick is appointed the Sixth Bishop of Greensburg.

# 75 YEAR TIMELINE



**2021** — Bishop Kulick is ordained and installed as the Sixth Bishop of Greensburg Feb. 11 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. COVID-19 forces the closure of parishes at the height of the pandemic. The Diocese makes available multi-platform ways for the faithful to virtually attend Mass and Catholic school students to continue to be educated in their classrooms.



**2023** — The Diocese of Greensburg develops a three-year plan to engage and participate in Eucharistic Revival in the United States designed to return the faithful to the source and summit of our faith — the Eucharist. Based on learnings from listening sessions, Bishop Kulick announces a multi-year mission-driven plan for the Diocese. The first in the KNOW HIM series attracts 1,800 people to this experiential event called "The Last Supper and the Gift of the Eucharist" The Diocese of Greensburg, along with Catholic Charities and local employers, help nearly 30 Ukrainian refugees find employment and a new way of life in Westmoreland County.

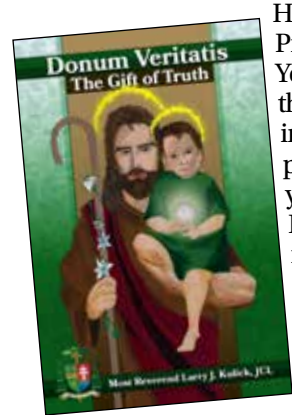


**2022** — Responding to the overturning of the Roe v. Wade decision by the Supreme Court, Bishop Kulick releases his first Pastoral Letter, "Donum Vitae: The Gift of Life," in which he reminds the faithful that all must acknowledge the truth that life is sacred from the moment of conception until natural death. As part of the Synod on Synodality, Bishop Kulick travels to parishes across the Diocese and virtually for listening sessions designed to hear how the Holy Spirit is guiding our local Church. Bishop Kulick makes his first Ad Limina visit to Rome to meet the Holy Father, Pope Francis. Bishop Kulick releases his second Pastoral Letter, "Donum Libertatis — The Gift of Freedom," as a guide for the faithful in developing an informed conscience that reflects our faith, our election process and ultimately the decisions we make concerning the elected officials who protect our freedoms.



**2023**

**2024** — Bishop Kulick forms a new Diocesan Police force to protect students and staff in Catholic schools and parishes and at parish events.



Hundreds of pilgrims participate in a Saint Joseph Day Pilgrimage across the Diocese as part of the Eucharistic Revival Year of Mission. On that Day, Bishop Kulick promulgates his third Pastoral Letter, "Donum Veritatis: The Gift of Truth," in which he dedicated the Diocese of Greensburg to the protection and guardianship of Saint Joseph for the next three years and outlined his vision for the Diocese during that time. In order to build disciples of Christ in the Diocese, the newly formed Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship holds its first Kerygma Retreat. Bishop Kulick, accompanied by Bishop Emeritus Lawrence E. Brandt, dedicates a fourth Vocations Chapel at Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Kittanning. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage travels through the Diocese on its way to Indianapolis, where

60,000 pilgrims, including hundreds from the Diocese, gathered for the 10th National Eucharistic Convention.



**2025**

**2025** — Bishop Kulick opens the Jubilee Year of Hope with a solemn opening Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, calling on the faithful to follow Pope Francis' calls for repentance, forgiveness, renewal and a focus on spiritual lives. Monthly events are scheduled through the Jubilee Year of Hope. Bishop Kulick leads pilgrims on a Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to Rome. Bishop Emeritus Brandt dies June 8 after a brief illness.



**2024**



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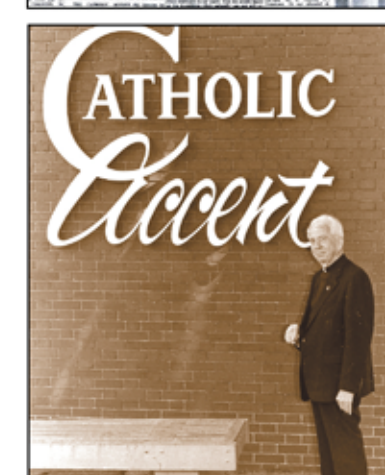
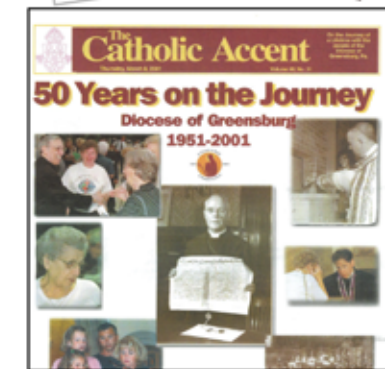
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The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women Celebrating 65 Years 1961-2026 Congratulations to the Diocese of Greensburg on your 75th Diamond Anniversary Christus est Veritas “Christ is the Truth”



# 75 YEARS OF SERVICE THROUGH OUR Religious Sisters

For 75 years, the Diocese of Greensburg has been blessed by the dedication of many religious sisters whose communities have shaped our parishes, schools, charities and healthcare ministries.

**Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (ASCJ)** Founded in Italy in 1894, the Apostles arrived in the U.S. in 1902 to serve Italian immigrants. They later expanded their ministry nationwide and today serve at Clelian Heights School and Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg.

**Order of Saint Benedict - Saint Emma Monastery (OSB)** Arriving in 1931 from Germany, the Benedictine sisters supported Saint Vincent Archabbey through their work and prayer. In 2010, the community elected Mother Mary Anne Noll as its first conventual prioress.

**Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Felix of Cantalice (Felician Sisters, CSSF)** Founded in Poland in 1855, the Felician Sisters came to North America in 1874.

From 1964 until recently, they operated Saint Anne Home and continue to maintain a prayerful presence in Greensburg.

**Sisters of Mary Immaculate (SMI)** Established in India in 1948, the SMI focus on family development and compassionate care. In Greensburg, they serve in healthcare ministries, including the Bishop Morrow Personal Care Home in Leechburg.

**Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul (DC)** Founded in 1633 in France, the Daughters of Charity were dedicated to serving the poor and sick. Their American community, influenced by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, has long ministered in the Diocese of Greensburg.

**The Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)** Eight Carmelite nuns founded the Carmel of the Assumption in Latrobe in 1961. Known for their prayerful life, they support parishes by preparing altar breads and creating handcrafted devotional items.

**Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception of Ivrea (SCIC)** Inspired by Blessed Antonia Maria Verna, the SCIC came to the U.S. in 1962 and opened Verna Montessori School in Mount Pleasant. Their mission continues through decades of educational expansion and service.

**Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (SCN) (formerly Vincentian Sisters of Charity)** Founded in Kentucky in 1812, the SCN grew through education and health care ministries. Their merger with the Vincentian Sisters brought their service to local schools, hospitals and parish ministries in Greensburg.

**Sisters of Saint Francis - Neumann Communities (OSF)** Founded in 1855 in Philadelphia, the Sisters of Saint Francis, under the influence of Saint John Neumann, responded to the pastoral and social needs of communities throughout the Diocese. In addition to teaching in parish elementary schools, the sisters assisted pastors with parish administration, visited the sick and homebound, and provided care during times of economic hardship. In some communities, they also served in healthcare and social service roles.

**School Sisters of Saint Francis (OSF)** Founded in Germany in 1832, the School Sisters became one of the most influential teaching congregations in the Catholic Church in the United States. By the late nineteenth century, they were firmly established in our Diocese, staffing parish elementary schools and, in some cases, secondary schools. Beyond the classroom, the sisters supported parish religious education programs, prepared children for the sacraments, and nurtured Catholic identity through daily prayer and devotion.

**Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill (SC)** Since 1870, the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill have shaped Greensburg through education—including Seton Hill University—and services such as Head Start, healthcare, and international missions in Korea.

**Sisters of Divine Providence (CDP)** Founded in Germany in 1851, the CDP ministered locally in education, pastoral work and social justice, serving in schools, parishes and community programs throughout the region.

**Sisters of the Holy Spirit (SHS)** Rooted in European ministry to the poor, the sisters came to Western Pennsylvania in 1910 to support Polish immigrants. Today they continue ministries in spiritual formation, education and elder care.

**Sisters of Mercy (RSM)** Arriving from Ireland in 1843, the Sisters of Mercy founded Mercy Hospital and many schools. In Greensburg, they established Saint Xavier Academy and continue ministries in education, healthcare and social service.

**Sisters of Saint Joseph - Baden (CSJ)** Founded in 1650, the CSJ have served Greensburg for decades as teachers, counselors and social service providers. Their outreach includes hospital ministry, parish work and support for vulnerable populations.

**Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity (MSBT)** Formed in the early 1900s, the MSBT were invited to Greensburg in the 1950s to help establish Catholic Charities. Their ministries included adoption services, foster care and direct assistance to families in need.

**Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh**  
Before the Diocese of Greensburg was established in 1951, the Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh were among the religious communities who taught in Catholic parish schools throughout the area, helping to lay the foundation for Catholic education in Westmoreland County. Historical parish records indicate that Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh served in schools including St. Mary School in Greensburg, St. Bruno School in South Greensburg, and Immaculate Conception School in Irwin, among others. Through their dedication as teachers and administrators, they formed generations of students in faith, learning, and service.

# RELIGIOUS MEN'S ORDERS

**The Benedictine Monks of Saint Vincent** The history of Benedictine monks in the Diocese of Greensburg is centered on Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, which predates the Diocese itself by over a century. Established in 1846, it is the first and oldest Benedictine monastery in the United States.

Father Boniface Wimmer, a Bavarian monk, arrived in Western Pennsylvania with 18 candidates. He was invited by the Bishop of Pittsburgh to take over Saint Vincent de Paul Parish and establish a monastery to serve German immigrants. Shortly after arriving, Father Wimmer founded Saint Vincent College to educate German-speaking priests and laypeople. The monastery was officially elevated to the status of an abbey and later became the motherhouse for several other Benedictine monasteries across North America. Between 1891 and 1905, the current Basilica was constructed to accommodate the growing monastic and parish communities.

When the Diocese of Greensburg was formed in 1951, the Benedictines played a critical role. The first Bishop, Bishop Hugh L. Lamb, initially lived at Saint Emma Monastery (home to Benedictine sisters), which served as the first Diocesan chancery.

The Benedictine monks maintain a multifaceted presence within the Diocese: They continue to operate and teach at Saint Vincent College and Saint Vincent Seminary, the fourth oldest Catholic seminary in the U.S. Monks from the Archabbey provide pastoral care for numerous parishes within the Diocese of Greensburg.

**Capuchin Franciscan Friars** The Capuchin Franciscan Friars have a long history in Western Pennsylvania, and an established presence within the boundaries of the Diocese of Greensburg.

In 2020 a new community was created in Indiana County. Bishop Edward C. Malesic invited the Capuchin Province of Saint Augustine, based in Pittsburgh, to establish a permanent presence. This initiative was the result of two years of discussions focused on enhancing campus ministry and pastoral leadership. A new friary was established at the rectory of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish in Indiana. Four Capuchin friars were assigned to oversee several key locations in Indiana County: Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish and Saint Thomas More University Parish, both in Indiana, Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in central Indiana County, and campus ministry at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

While the Indiana friary is a recent development, the Capuchins have deep historical ties to the region through the Province of Saint Augustine: Three Capuchin friars from Bavaria arrived in Western Pennsylvania in 1873, initially welcomed by the Benedictine monks at Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe. The Province of Saint Augustine was officially established in 1882, with its motherhouse located in Pittsburgh. Prior to 2020, individual Capuchin friars frequently provided assistance within the Diocese of Greensburg for Mass and other sacramental needs.

The Capuchins continue their traditional mission of being “contemplatives in action,” balancing a deep life of prayer with active service to the community, particularly in educational and parochial settings.

**Carmelite Priests** Carmelite presence in the Diocese of Greensburg has been historically marked by contemplative and retreat ministries, most notably through the establishment of the Mount Carmel Hermitage in Bolivar in 1970. Carmelite priests, including co-founder Father Bede Mulligan, O.Carm., have served the region through retreats and spiritual direction. Father Bede Mulligan, a prominent Carmelite priest, served in the region for many years and died in 2020.

The Hermits of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel were founded in 1987 as an eremitical community within the ancient Order of Carmel. They are one of only two communities of Carmelite hermits in the United States who are part of the ancient order of Carmel. They lead a semi-eremitical, semi-communal life, based upon the Carmelite Rule and the spiritual teaching of the saints of Carmel. By means of prayer and silence, stillness and solitude, they seek participation in the life of the in-dwelling Holy Trinity and the salvation of souls.

**The Order of St. Paul the 1st Hermit** This Order was founded during the first half of the 13th century in Hungary by Eusebius a Canon of Esztergom. The members of the Order were actually hermits who lived in the caves in Hungary. For their patron they chose St. Paul the 1st Hermit, thereby acquiring the name of the Order of St. Paul the 1st Hermit, in short “Pauline Fathers.” In the Diocese of Greensburg, the Pauline Fathers have a monastery in Kittanning.

**Heralds of Good News Saint John Paul II Province** This Missionary Society of Apostolic Life started in Eluru diocese, India on 14 October 1984; it became an Institute of Pontifical Right on May 5, 1999. The specific aim of the Society is the promotion of vocations to priesthood, the training of seminarians and the supply of zealous and hardworking missionaries to the dioceses in India and abroad which experience a shortage of priests due to the lack of local vocations. In the Diocese of Greensburg, we have priests of the HGN Saint John Paul II Province Society serving in our parishes.



## SAINTS WHO TOUCHED THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

The Catholic Church in what is now the Diocese of Greensburg was shaped by several saints whose ministries *strengthened* and *expanded the faith* in Western Pennsylvania.

### Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Born in 1774 in New York City, she was the first person born in the United States to be canonized by the Catholic Church.

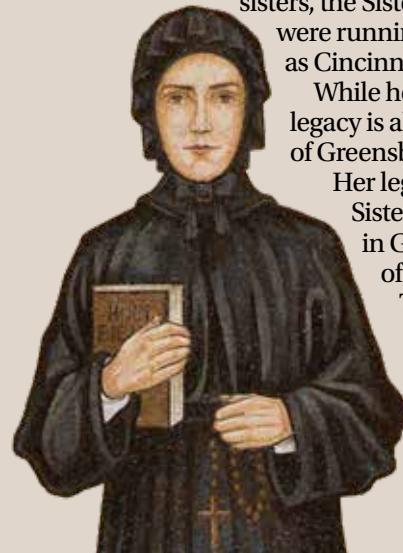
She established the first Catholic girls' school in Emmitsburg, Md., and there she also founded the first American congregation of religious sisters, the Sisters of Charity. By 1830, the Sisters of Charity were running orphanages and schools as far west as Cincinnati and New Orleans.

While her later life centered on Emmitsburg, her legacy is alive and thriving on a hilltop in the Diocese of Greensburg.

Her legacy in Western Pennsylvania centers on the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, founded in 1870 in Greensburg as a direct spiritual descendant of Elizabeth Ann Seton's foundational work.

The Sisters of Charity also founded Seton Hill College (now University) in 1885.

Elizabeth Ann Seton died in 1921 and was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1975.



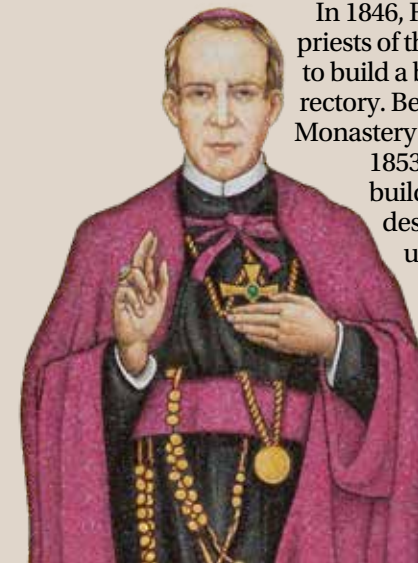
### Saint John Nepomucene Neumann

Saint John Nepomucene Neumann was a Redemptorist priest who was born in Bohemia in 1811.

He played an important role in developing the spiritual site that would become home of the cathedral for the Diocese of Greensburg in 1951.

In 1846, Father John Nepomucene Neumann and priests of the Order of Saint Benedict collaborated to build a brick structure on the site of the present rectory. Benedictine priests from Saint Vincent Monastery assumed responsibility for the church in 1853 and staffed it for 100 years. The present building was dedicated in 1928 and was designated the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral upon the erection of the Diocese of Greensburg in 1951.

Neumann was named Bishop of Philadelphia in 1852 and traveled to Rome for the declaration of the Immaculate Conception. During his tenure as Bishop, he built many churches and schools. Pope John Paul VI canonized him in 1977.



### Saint Katharine Drexel

Saint Katharine Drexel was the second person born in the United States to be declared a saint. She was a Pennsylvania native born in 1858 and the founder of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, a religious order serving Black and indigenous Americans.

Although she is primarily associated with Philadelphia, her missionary work and foundations have created a broad legacy across the state, including the Diocese of Greensburg.

She is remembered for founding educational institutions that served marginalized communities.

While her primary work centered on schools and missions across the broader United States, her legacy in Pennsylvania includes establishing facilities for Blacks and Native Americans in the state. Born into wealth, she donated more than \$20 million to these causes.

Her advocacy for racial equality and education inspired future generations to pursue social justice.

She was canonized by Saint Pope John Paul II in 2000.



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# Diocese of Greensburg 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Calendar

## June 2026

June 6, 2026

**Family Social Event and Mass with Bishop Kulick**  
Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601

## August 2026

August 14, 2026

**Marian Devotions and Candlelight Procession • 7:30 PM**  
Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive  
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August 15, 2026

**Mass Celebrating Diocesan Patronage  
of Our Lady of the Assumption • 12 PM**  
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
300 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601

## September 2026

September 19, 2026

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to National Shrine  
of the Immaculate Conception • All Day**  
National Shrine  
Washington, D.C.

## October 2026

October 4, 2026

**Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass • 3 PM**  
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
300 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601

October 7, 2026

**Solemn Evening Prayer with Awards  
and Recognitions • 6:30 PM**  
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
300 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
**Reception to follow at Rizzo's Malabar Inn**  
126 Rizzo Road  
Crabtree, PA 15624

October 22, 2026

**KNOW HIM: Through His Mother's Heart**  
**2 PM and 6 PM**  
Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601

## November 2026

November 2, 2026

**All Souls Day Mass for the Deceased  
of the Diocese of Greensburg • 6:30 PM**  
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
300 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601

November 7, 2026

**Spirited: Women's Conference**  
Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601

November 22, 2026

**Concert on Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe • 3 PM**  
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
300 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601

## December 2026

December 12, 2026

**Diocese of Greensburg Night Market • 2-8 PM**  
**Closing Liturgy of 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary • 4 PM**  
Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601

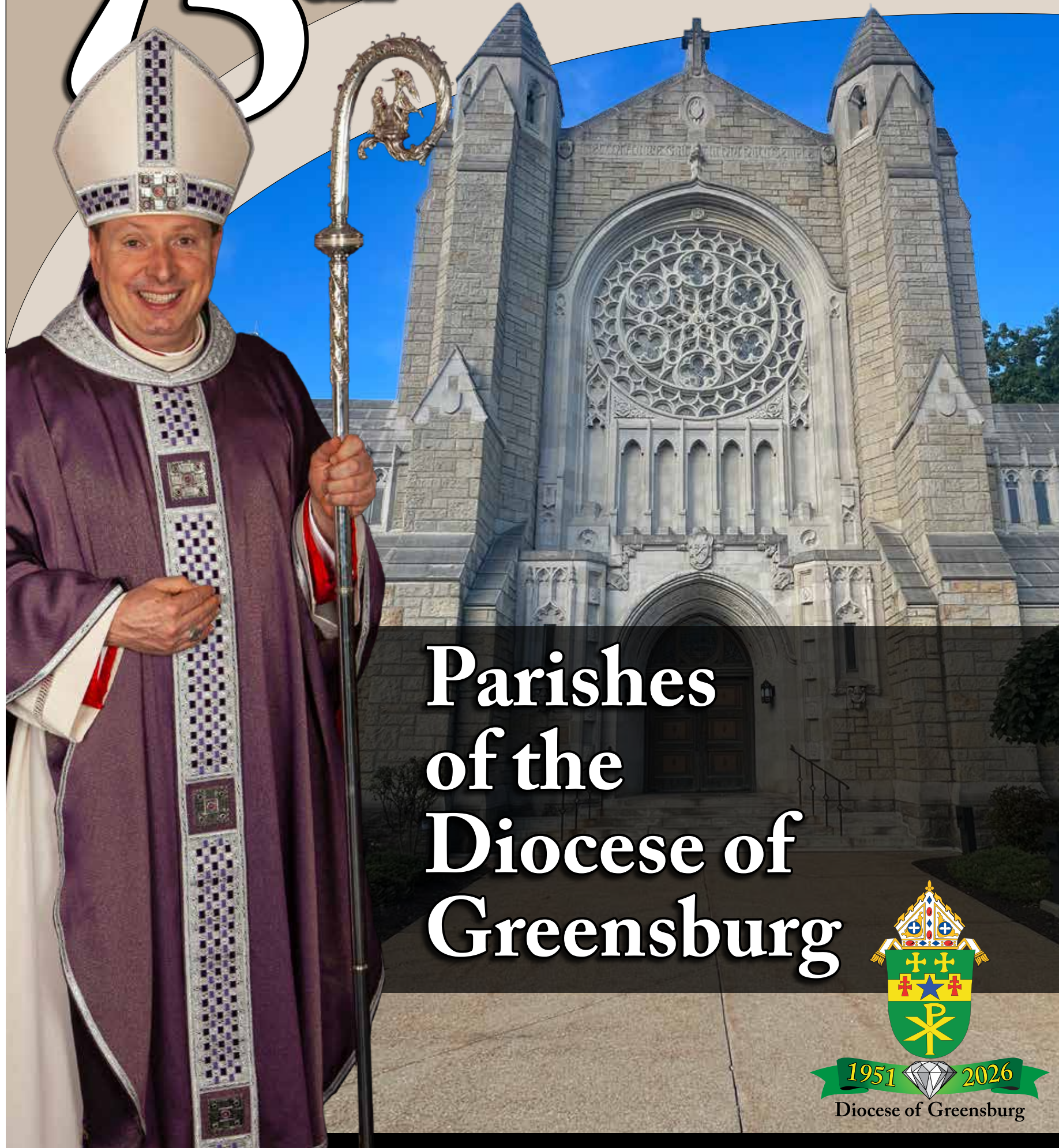
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## ARMSTRONG COUNTY DEANERY 1



### Christ, Prince of Peace Parish – Ford City and Cadogan

Christ, Prince of Peace Parish traces its roots to the early 20th century, when Ford City was a booming industrial town drawing immigrants from across Europe. The earliest Catholic community organized around St. Mary's Church, founded in 1912 to serve a rapidly growing population of workers and their families. Built in a striking neo Gothic style with twin steeples and ornate stained glass, St. Mary's quickly became a spiritual anchor for the town.

As Ford City expanded, various ethnic groups—Polish, Slovak, German, and others—established their own national parishes, each with its own traditions, language, and devotional life. For decades, these parishes thrived side by side, reflecting the rich cultural mosaic of the region.

By the late 20th century, demographic shifts, declining population, and changing pastoral needs led the Diocese of Greensburg to reorganize parish structures. In 2002, several of Ford City's historic ethnic parishes were formally merged, with St. Mary's Church becoming the central worship site under a new name: Christ, Prince of Peace Parish. This consolidation preserved the community's Catholic presence while unifying its diverse heritage under one parish identity.

Today, Christ, Prince of Peace Parish continues to serve the faithful of Ford City and surrounding communities. It operates in partnership with St. Lawrence Parish in Cadogan.



### Saint Patrick Parish, Brady's Bend

In addition to the present church in Brady's Bend, the parish operates its original log cabin church in Sugar Creek, which was built by Irish immigrants in 1806. The log cabin church is the oldest church west of the Allegheny Mountains; it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places as a state historic shrine in 1977. Beginning in 1929, the parish community also operated a church in Sugarcreek Township, which was used as a mission church for Saint Patrick Parish until becoming a chapel of convenience. The mission church was located near the historic log structure and is still referred to as the first Roman Catholic Church west of the Alleghenies.

The first settlers to the area arrived from Germany, Belgium and Ireland. By 1864, more than 200 Catholics resided in and near the small town. A lot was obtained on the north bank of Sugar Creek, and before long a church with a seating capacity for 600 was erected. It was dedicated July 29, 1864, under the patronage of Saint Patrick.

By 1897, the parish was reduced to the status of a mission and served by priests from the Diocese of Erie. By 1935, the late Bishop Hugh C. Boyle of Pittsburgh reclaimed the parish. Brady's Bend joined the newly formed Diocese of Greensburg in 1951.

Ground was broken for a new Saint Patrick Church Nov. 3, 1968, with the church dedicated Nov. 2, 1969. At that time, the church in Sugar Creek became a chapel and remained open until the early 2000s.

Today, the log cabin structure in Sugar Creek still serves as an icon for Catholic heritage in Armstrong County and a common site for pilgrimages of faith. The church is home to over 200 families, which make up roughly 515 Catholics in the area.



### Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning

Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish traces its origins to over 250 years ago when French expeditions traveled the Allegheny River visiting the Native American village of Kittanning.

In 1847-48, a steel rolling mill was built in Kittanning, and the completion of the Allegheny Valley Railroad connected Kittanning with Pittsburgh. Population growth paralleled the industrial growth, and by 1851 there were 21 Catholic families in Kittanning. In 1853, the first permanent church was built. In 1906, the former Saint Mary Parochial School was established, staffed by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Baden and operating until 1997.

In 1951, the parish became part of the newly created Diocese of Greensburg. A new convent was built in 1953, a new rectory in 1955 and a new school in 1960. The cornerstone for a new church was set Aug. 18, 1963. On Aug. 16, 1964, Bishop William G. Connare blessed and dedicated the church to divine worship as Saint Mary, Queen of the Americas Church. Construction of a new parish hall was completed in the summer of 1985. It continues to be an important gathering place for the parish as well as local community.

On Oct. 30, 2007, Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish was partnered with Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro.



### Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro

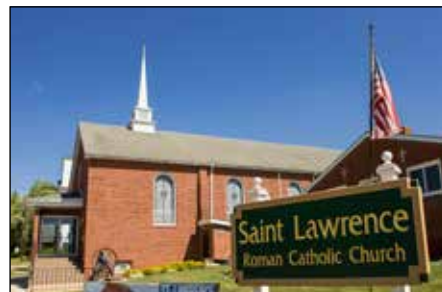
Until the turn of the 19th century, Cowenshannock Township was sparsely populated rolling farmland with no Catholic Church. With the opening of abundant coal mines, immigrants from Europe flooded into the area. Many brought with them their strong Catholic faith and traditions.

On Aug. 15, 1901, on the Feast of the Assumption, Catholics gathered to celebrate their first Mass in Peter Mann's Hall, a social hall and pool room. They soon began construction on their own church, and it was dedicated March 9, 1904. A rectory was completed two years later, and a cemetery was laid out on land donated by a mining company in 1920. A parish hall was dedicated July 10, 1977.

A decreasing church population made it increasingly difficult to maintain three church buildings. Saint Ann Mission Church in Margaret was the first to close, followed by Saint Gabriel Mission Church in NuMine in 1988.

A major renovation of the church began in 1992, with a dedication ceremony July 25, 1993.

In 1994, Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish partnered with Sacred Heart Parish, and in 2007, the parish partnered with Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning.



### Saint Lawrence Parish, Cadogan

Established in the late nineteenth century to serve the growing Catholic population of southern Armstrong County, many of whom were immigrant families drawn to the area by coal mining and related industries. As Cadogan developed into a close-knit community, the parish became both a spiritual home and a social anchor for its members. Over the decades, Saint Lawrence Parish supported generations of families through worship, education, and community life, adapting to changing times while preserving its traditions. Today, the parish stands as a testament to the faith, resilience, and shared history of the people who built and sustained it.

## INDIANA COUNTY DEANERY 2



### Church of the Resurrection Parish, Northern Indiana County

Church of the Resurrection Parish was formed June 21, 1995, with the merging of six parishes and four mission churches throughout Indiana County's northern area, with five church buildings used as places of worship.

Beginning with a land grant for the building of a Catholic church in the Cameron's Bottom area in 1776, there has been an ongoing Catholic presence throughout the area that encompasses the Church of the Resurrection Parish.

While the large geographical area and the diversity of the communities that make up the parish present many challenges, parishioners, led by a dedicated pastoral council, finance council and parish staff, work diligently to sustain a thriving community of faith.



### Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana

The first Saint Bernard Parish was dedicated in 1847. By 1869, the number of parishioners were more than the seating capacity at the church, and a new church was built and dedicated on Sept. 26, 1871. A new rectory was constructed four years later, and the old frame church burned down.

In the late 1950s, the needs of Catholic students at then Indiana State College (now Indiana University of Pennsylvania) were addressed. The Newman Center opened in an old macaroni factory on the edge of campus. In 1968, Saint Thomas More University Parish was established to serve the students and faculty of IUP and took the responsibility from Saint Bernard.

In 1958, a shrine to Our Lady of Fatima was erected on the northern edge of the parish cemetery. In 1969, "The Lodge" was built, to be used for retreats, meetings and socials.

Construction on a new church began in June 1977, with the first Mass in the newly named Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Church celebrated Nov. 25, 1978. In May 1984, construction was completed on the Clairvaux Commons Senior Citizens Complex. In 1990, the parish completed a Learning Center that replaced the old school building.



### Holy Family Parish – Seward

Holy Family Parish began with the missionary work of Benedictine monks who arrived in Westmoreland County in the mid 1800s. As the Pennsylvania Railroad brought new settlers to the area that would become Seward, Catholic families—initially traveling from Nineveh to New Florence for Mass—formed the foundation of a growing community.

By the late 19th century, Benedictine priests regularly visited Seward, celebrating Mass in the homes of Patrick and John Moore. The Moore family became a central hub for early Catholic worship and sacraments.

In 1900, Rev. Aurelius Stehle, OSB, took charge of the mission and soon initiated plans for a permanent church. With permission from church authorities, he purchased land from the Moore family for one dollar and raised funds, including a \$2,000 loan. The cornerstone was laid on August 1, 1903, in a ceremony led by Bishop Canevin. Construction continued through 1904, resulting in a brick church costing roughly \$5,000-\$6,000.

The parish marked its 50th anniversary in 1954, and a new parish building was completed in 1968, reflecting continued growth and development.



### Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Coral

Ground was broken for Saint Bonaventure Church in Black Lick on the feast of Corpus Christi in 1909. The church was a mission of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana, and then became a mission of Saint Francis Parish in Coral. Declining clergy necessitated the closing of Saint Bonaventure Parish in September 2002, with parishioners transferring to Saint Francis Parish in Coral.

Saint Francis Parish built its first church in 1904. It had previously served as a mission of Saint

Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana. After a fire destroyed the church in August 1936, a new church building was completed and blessed May 30, 1938. Saint Francis Parish became partnered with Saint Louis Parish in Lucernemines in October 2002. In its early years, Saint Louis was not its own parish, but rather a mission to Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish. Saint Louis became its own parish in 1922 and was partnered with Saint Francis Parish in October 2002. In October 2008, it was merged with Saint Francis Parish and became the Lucernemines Site of what is now Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.

Saint Francis remained a parish until October 2008, when it became part of the newly formed Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in October 2008.



### Saint Thomas More University Parish, Indiana

Priests of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish were serving the student population of Indiana State Teachers College (now Indiana University of Pennsylvania), but leaders recognized the need for the larger Catholic community to assume responsibility for religious and spiritual care of Catholic students.

The Perfetti Noodle Company, also known as the Macaroni Factory (current site of Zink Hall), was purchased and converted to a temporary center in 1958. In May 1966, ground was broken for a new center, and the Vatican II-style church was completed after Christmas 1967. For the first three decades of its existence, the Newman Center restricted its membership to students and operated with a subsidy from the Diocese of Greensburg. In the late 1990s, the center was designated as a university parish of the Diocese of Greensburg.



### Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent

In 1947, Saint Gertrude Parish was established as a parish of its own with Saint Anthony as its mission. The people of Holy Cross, Saint Gertrude and Saint Anthony Parishes came together into one church community, and Church of the Good Shepherd Parish was established Oct. 16, 1989. Property in Black Lick Township, formerly known as the Jewel Farm, was purchased by the Diocese of Greensburg and donated to the new parish. The church and parish administration center/rectory was dedicated April 26, 1992.



### Ss. Simon and Jude – Indiana

Located in Blairsville, Pennsylvania, has a history dating back to the early 19th century, serving as a foundational spiritual center for the Catholic community in Indiana County. Before a formal parish was established, Catholics in Blairsville were attended by missionary priests. The congregation was officially organized in 1829. Two lots at the corner of Campbell Street and Coal Lane were purchased for the church. In November 1830, Father James A. Stillinger was appointed the first pastor. He served as a prominent figure in the region's Catholic history for decades. Established over 150 years ago under Father Stillinger, the school was initially run by lay teachers. In 1873, Father Stillinger brought the Sisters of Charity from Altoona to take charge of the instruction.: As one of the oldest parishes in the area, it originally served Catholics from a wide radius, including New Derry, Derry, and the town of Indiana, until those communities grew enough to form their own parishes, such as St. Bernard Today, the parish continues to be active through various ministries.

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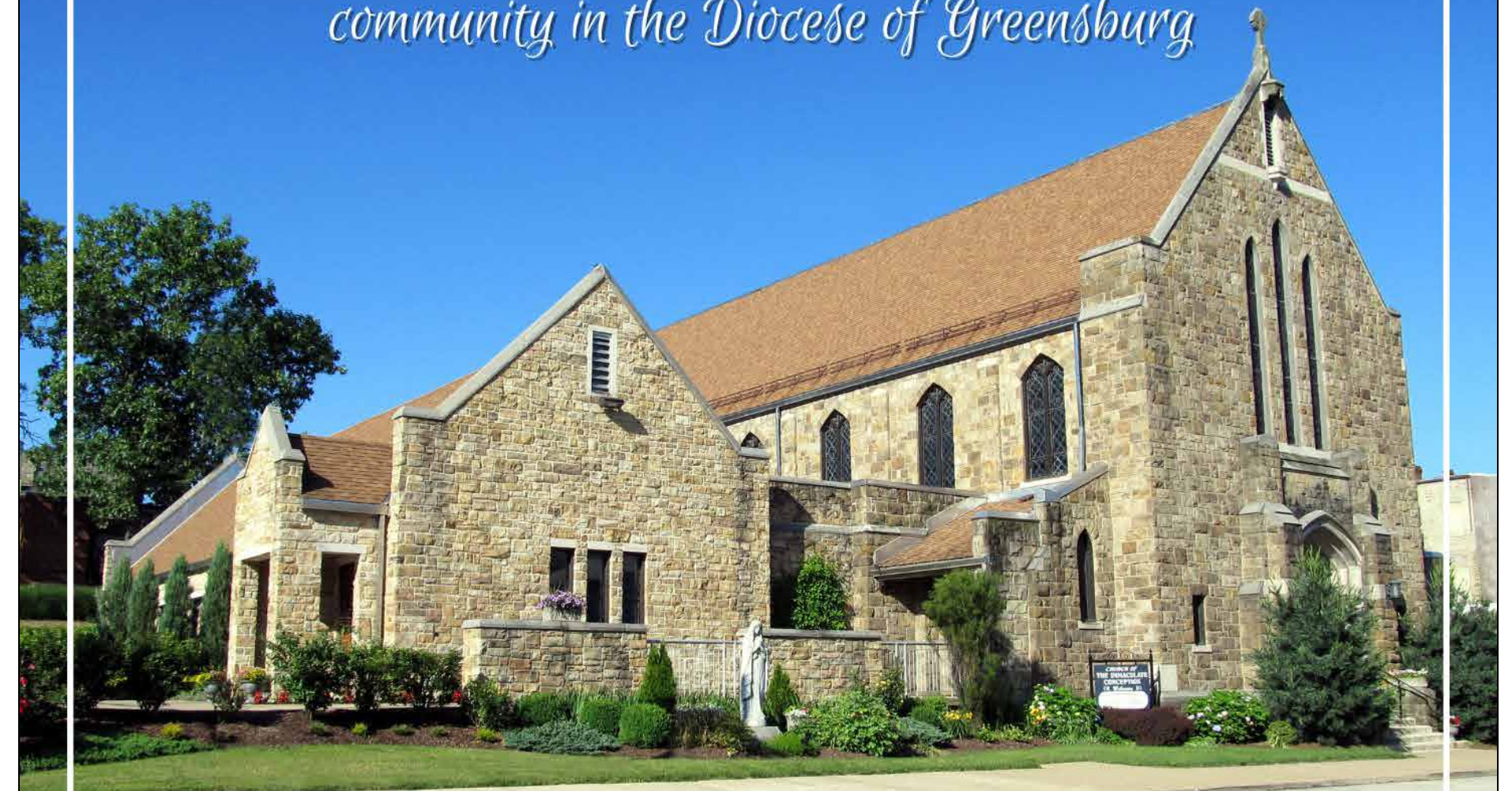
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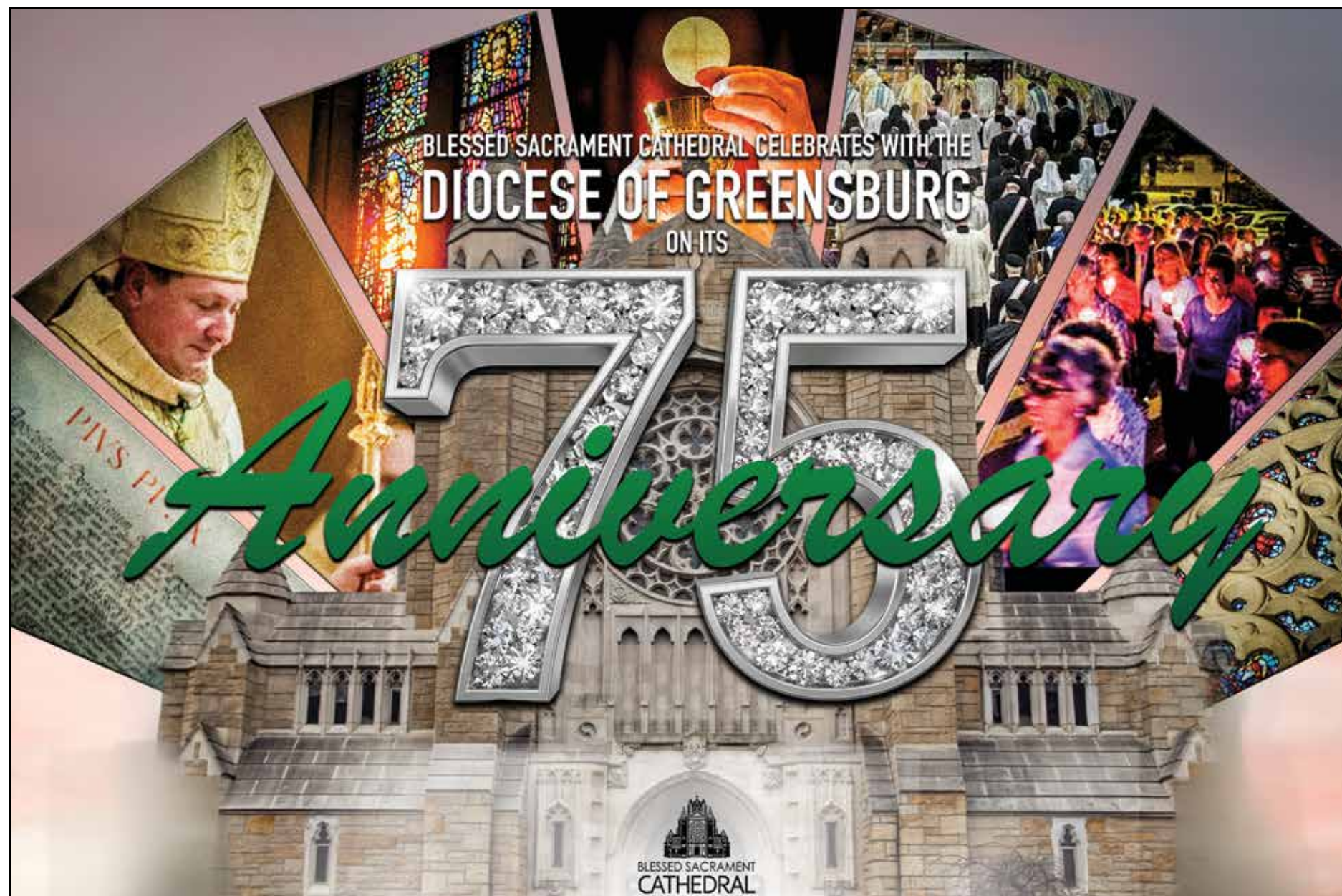


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## ARMSTRONG COUNTY DEANERY 3



### Christ the King Parish, Leechburg

Christ the King Parish was canonically erected in 1999 from the former Leechburg parishes: Assumption (Gilpin), Saint Martha, and Saint Catherine and its mission, Saint Francis, Hyde Park. In 2000, the parish consolidated. At that time, the parish had three sites: Second Street, Gilpin Township and the Saint Catherine Cemetery. In 2003, a new church was realized. The new worship space at the Gilpin Township site was dedicated Aug. 5, 2012. A new parish office at Gilpin opened January 6, 2014.

In February 2014, Christ the King Parish was partnered with Saint Gertrude Parish in Vandergrift.



### Saint James the Greater Parish, Apollo

Saint James the Greater Parish's first Mass was celebrated in 1884 in the Uncapher Building on North Fourth Street. The Apollo parish was established in 1885, meeting in the home of James Reynolds, then in a skating rink on Warren Avenue. Saint James reverted to the status of a mission church in the late 1800s. In 1892 a small church was built in the Pegtown section of North Apollo. Masses were held in the Gianini Building from 1926-29 and then in private homes through 1944. The current church was built in 1954, with the school building opening in 1955; the school closed in 1998.



### Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport

Founded in 1826, Saint Mary Parish has been serving the Catholic community for 185 years. The first church was built in 1827, and the present church building was completed in 1849. Even today, the church steeple makes Saint Mary Parish a town landmark. The rectory was constructed in 1902 and the convent in 1926.

A school was built beside the church in 1873; the present school building was built in 1923 with an addition completed in 1961.

On Dec. 8, 1975, the parish was assigned a new name: Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish.

In 2004 after 135 years, Saint Mary Academy, renamed in 2000, was closed due to declining enrollment.



## WESTMORELAND COUNTY DEANERY 3



### Saint Ambrose Parish, Avonmore

Saint Ambrose Parish was established in 1903 at the corner of Allegheny Avenue and Seventh Street. The cornerstone of the present church was laid June 29, 1924. In 1963 the church was enlarged and its interior entirely renovated.



### Saint Gertrude Parish - Vandergrift

Saint Gertrude Parish in Vandergrift, has a history spanning over 140 years, originally beginning as a mission church in nearby Apollo before moving to its current location. The parish has been served by priests from Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe since its inception. The first pastor was sent from Saint Vincent Archabbey in August 1885 to serve the Catholic community, which was then located in Apollo. In 1898, The small congregation moved from Apollo to Vandergrift, formally becoming St. Gertrude Church. Due to rapid growth in the town, a new, larger facility was needed with the groundbreaking on March 1, 1910 and the first Mass on March 26, 1911. On February 12, 2014, Saint Gertrude was partnered with Christ the King Parish in Leechburg.



### Saint Margaret Mary Parish - Lower Burrell

Saint Margaret Mary Parish in Lower Burrell has served as a central hub for the local Catholic community for decades. Father Joseph Sullivan served as the parish's first pastor. He is remembered for his deep connection to the community, presiding over sacraments and local events for many years. The current church building was dedicated in 1969. This structure replaced an original, older church that previously served the growing community. By the late 1960s, the parish had grown significantly, reflecting the broader suburban transformation of the region. Over time, the campus expanded to include facilities like Sullivan Hall, which hosts faith formation series and community gatherings. The parish has historically supported local Catholic education, maintaining ties with nearby schools like Saint Joseph High School.



### Saint Matthew Parish, Saltsburg

Saint Matthew Parish was founded in 1847. The current church building was built in 1960 and dedicated Sept. 10, 1961.



### Saint Sylvester Parish, Slickville

Saint Sylvester Parish was dedicated in 1921. Over the years, the parish has played an integral role in the life of the community. The beautiful circular church was designed by architect Francis O'Connor Church.

## WESTMORELAND COUNTY DEANERY 3 ... continued



### Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Export

The first Mass in Export was held in 1892, and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish was dedicated in 1903. The name was changed to Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in 1975. Several neighboring parishes, including Saint Barbara, Mother of Sorrows and Saint John Baptist de La Salle grew out of Saint Mary Parish. The parish is now partnered with Saint John Baptist de La Salle Parish.



### Saint John the Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont

Saint John Baptist de La Salle Parish was established in 1949; the first Mass was held in a converted chicken coop which had become the temporary church. In 1950 a basement church was built; ground was broken for a new church in November 1967 and on April 6, 1969, the first Mass was celebrated in the new Saint John Baptist de La Salle church building. In 2002 the parish was partnered with Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Export.



### Saint Joseph Parish, New Kensington

In the fall of 1891, Pittsburgh Reduction Company began deeding land to religious groups so they could build houses of worship. Ground was broken for the first St. Joseph Church on Nov. 26, 1891, and the church was subsequently moved several times. Plans to build a new church were formed in 1920, and ground was broken for the current church building in 1922. It was dedicated Aug. 31, 1924.

The old church was used by Slovak Catholics, the All Saints congregation; when they moved out, the church was converted into a Lyceum, which served Saint Joseph Parish until 1963, when it was razed to make room for a new school and gym.

In 2016, Saint Joseph Parish celebrated its 125th anniversary.



### Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish was established June 4, 1989, by the merger of three existing parishes — Holy Trinity Slovak Church, which was founded in 1915, and All Saints Polish Church and Saint Casimir Lithuanian Church, which were both founded in 1922. In January 1985 fire struck All Saints Church, which was the beginning of the end for the three churches. In September 1989 a task force was formed and the three churches soon became one — Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish. Saint Casimir Church was renovated and rededicated in 1992 to receive the newly formed parish; Holy Trinity Church and its convent were razed to accommodate a new social hall.



### Saint Mary of Czestochowa Parish, New Kensington

In 1892, a small group of Polish immigrant families formed the Society of Our Lady of Czestochowa. A small frame church was constructed on Kenneth Avenue with basement school classrooms subsequently added. Construction of the present church building was completed in 1912. The school was originally staffed by lay teachers, but the Felician Sisters of Coraopolis arrived to staff the school in 1913, living in a newly added convent. A fire in 1914 destroyed the old church, which had been used as a social hall, and rectory. A new rectory (present-day convent) and a new eight-classroom school (the present structure) were built. The school was dedicated in 1922.

In 2008, Diocesan restructuring partnered Saint Mary Parish with Saint Joseph Parish.



### Mount Saint Peter Parish, New Kensington

The Saint Peter Church congregation was organized in 1902, worshipping at the corner of Second Avenue and Tenth Street. Later that year the congregation moved to the basement of Saint Mary Church on Kenneth Avenue. On July 4, 1904, the cornerstone for the first St. Peter Church was blessed.

On April 1, 1939, a local resident donated her estate - still called Mount Saint Peter - to the congregation. Construction of a rectory took place from 1944 to 1948.



### Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville


In 1935, Catholics in Murrysville began attending Mass in a hall over Tarr's store (across from what is the former Ferri's Market). A new church was dedicated Oct. 29, 1939. The school, staffed by the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, opened in September 1962.

The second Mother of Sorrows Church/School building was dedicated May 11, 1963. A temporary church was located on the first floor of the school building and continued for nearly 20 years. A new church building was dedicated March 21, 1982.

In 2002 an \$11.25-million expansion and renovation of the church and school was put into place, with groundbreaking on May 7, 2002. It was rededicated June 27, 2004.

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## WESTMORELAND COUNTY DEANERY 4



### Ascension Parish, Jeannette

The first Ascension Parish Mass was said in 1914 in a storeroom on South Sixth Street. The cornerstone for a church building was laid on donated land on South Fifth Street Sept. 14, 1916. The church continued to grow over the years, with adjacent properties purchased for parking, a church addition and Mersinger Hall. In 2008, Ascension Parish partnered with Saint Boniface Parish in Penn.



### Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish dates back to March 10, 1789, when a group of laymen representing about 25 area families paid five shillings, the equivalent of less than \$1 today, for the 1.5 acres that comprise the current site. Lack of funding stopped construction for 50 years, with a church finally built in 1846 on the site of the present rectory. A new rectory was built in 1885 and a new church building in 1887. The present structure was dedicated in May 1928. Most Holy Sacrament Parish was designated Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in May 1951. In June 1987, construction of a new parish administration center was completed. In 2003, the parish purchased and renovated the former grounds of the Sisters of Charity convent to create a new formation center. It was dedicated Oct. 7, 2003. In 2010-11 an extensive restoration project was completed.



### Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood

While Sunday Mass was celebrated in Youngwood as early as 1908, the first Mass in the original Holy Cross Church was not celebrated until 1917. The first church was dedicated in March 1918. An addition was completed in 1963.



### Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin

In 1862 the first Mass was celebrated in Coal Hollow. The cornerstone for the church building was laid in 1867. Dedicated under the name Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish in 1868, the church was formally named Immaculate Conception in 1871. In 1876, a parish hall was constructed, which was converted into a school in 1878. Construction for a new church began in 1923, with Immaculate Conception Church dedicated in 1924. In 1992, Queen of Angels Catholic School was formed. A church addition was completed and dedicated in 2001. In 2024, the parish celebrated its 100th Anniversary.



### Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg

On Feb. 23, 1910, the Italian ethnic parish of Our Lady of Grace was established, with parishioners worshipping in a small storeroom on the corner of Tremont and Highland Avenues. A new worship site was completed and dedicated in 1916. A new church on Mount Pleasant Road was dedicated Dec. 6, 1964. The current church was dedicated July 11, 1999, with the former church transformed into Albanese Hall.



### Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette

Sacred Heart Parish's first Mass was celebrated Nov. 17, 1889, in a blacksmith's shop near the corner of Clay Avenue and South Seventh Street. A two-story building that served as a church, school and rectory was constructed around 1890. The Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh oversaw the school. The church was later enlarged, and a new school building was constructed in 1893. A new church building was dedicated July 20, 1924. The old church became a social center and banquet hall. In 1951, a new convent was completed. A new school was dedicated in 1961. Throughout the 1980s and '90s, the old school was demolished to add parking spaces, and the convent was no longer used to house the Benedictine Sisters. The school closed in 1995. In 2008, Sacred Heart and Ascension Parishes were partnered.



### Saint Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon

Before its formal establishment, local Catholics were served by Immaculate Conception Parish in Irwin. As the population in the North Huntingdon area grew, Saint Agnes was formed as a "daughter parish." Between 1948 and 1951, the local Catholic community nearly doubled in size. The existing church building and a convent were constructed in 1957. The original brick structure was eventually razed in 1979 to make way for a parish activity center. The church is well-known for its beautiful stained glass windows, which were handcrafted by a group of parishioners and completed in 1988. In recent years, the parish announced the construction of a 10,000 square foot Parish Life Center addition to Resurrection Hall to support youth and adult faith formation.



### Saint Benedict Parish, Marguerite

In 1900, Catholics in the community of Marguerite began attending Mass in a private home, then moved to a company store. The first church was dedicated Sept. 14, 1908. Saint Benedict Parish became an official mission church of Saint Vincent Parish, Latrobe. A Catholic school opened in 1906, with a new school building constructed in 1923.

On March 10, 2001, Saint Benedict was officially established as a parish. The parish was partnered with Saint Bruno Parish in South Greensburg in October 2008 and partnered with Our Lady of Grace Parish in Greensburg in June 2013.

## WESTMORELAND COUNTY DEANERY 4 ... continued



### Saint Bruno Parish, Greensburg

St. Bruno Catholic Church celebrated its first Mass on Aug. 24, 1919, in a small Sunday school hall. Several months later, workers broke ground on a site for a new church, a wooden building that opened in 1920 and would house the congregation for more than 40 years. In 1960, work began on the stone building that is the church's current home, located next door to the original location which has long since been demolished. In 2013, Bishop Lawrence Brandt partnered St. Bruno Parish with St. Paul Parish in Hempfield.



### Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish was established in 1978 to serve the rapidly growing Catholic population near the Allegheny/Westmoreland county line. Prompted by population growth in the Irwin area, Bishop William G. Connare established the parish as a "daughter" of Immaculate Conception Parish in Irwin and Saint Agnes Parish. The first Mass was celebrated as a community on June 18, 1978, at the Hartford Heights Fire Hall. The parish was named in honor of Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first native-born American saint, who was canonized in 1975, just three years prior to the parish's founding.



### Saint Paul Parish, Greensburg

Saint Paul Parish in Saint Paul Parish, Southwest Greensburg) has a history spanning over 70 years, evolving from a mission to a vibrant community hub. The parish was established in the mid-20th century as part of the expansion of the Catholic community in the Greensburg area. It was one of several parishes created to serve the growing population in outlying areas beyond the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. The combined church and school building was dedicated on October 9, 1960. Under the leadership of the first pastor, Fr. Sullivan, the building was originally intended to eventually serve as the school's gymnasium once a permanent, separate church could be built. Saint Paul Parish currently operates as a "partnered parish" with Saint Bruno Parish in South Greensburg.



### Saint Regis Parish, Trafford

In 1905, Saint Regis became a mission of Saint Michael Parish, Pitcairn. In 1907, a church building was dedicated, but it was destroyed by fire in 1910. A new church building was constructed later that year. In January 1943, the church suffered a second fire, and the sanctuary was rebuilt.

The current church building was constructed in 1959 to house the church, social hall, cafeteria and school, staffed by the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. A rectory and office space were also built. The school closed in 1993.



### Saint Barbara Parish, Harrison City

Saint Barbara Parish was established as a mission of Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Export. The church was destroyed by fire Dec. 8, 1937, and parishioners attended Mass in the old German Hall (present site of the Claridge Volunteer Fire Department). Construction of a new church was completed in 1940.

Ground was broken in spring 1963 for a third church, dedicated Dec. 8, 1963, and ground was broken for a fourth church in 2001.

## WESTMORELAND COUNTY DEANERY 5



### Holy Family Parish, Latrobe

In 2006, Holy Family Parish celebrated its 150th anniversary. Parishioners have met many challenges and difficulties, including the early years of the Civil War and its aftermath, World Wars I and II, and the Great Depression. The life of the parish was renewed in the wake of the Second Vatican Council and changes of the late 20th century.



### Saint James Parish, New Alexandria

The first Mass was held in the basement of Salemville Public School in 1904, then moved to a private home. The first church was dedicated Aug. 4, 1907. Ground was broken for a new church Feb. 23, 1958, and the first Mass was celebrated Aug. 7, 1960. A rectory was completed in 1980 and a religious education center in 1981.



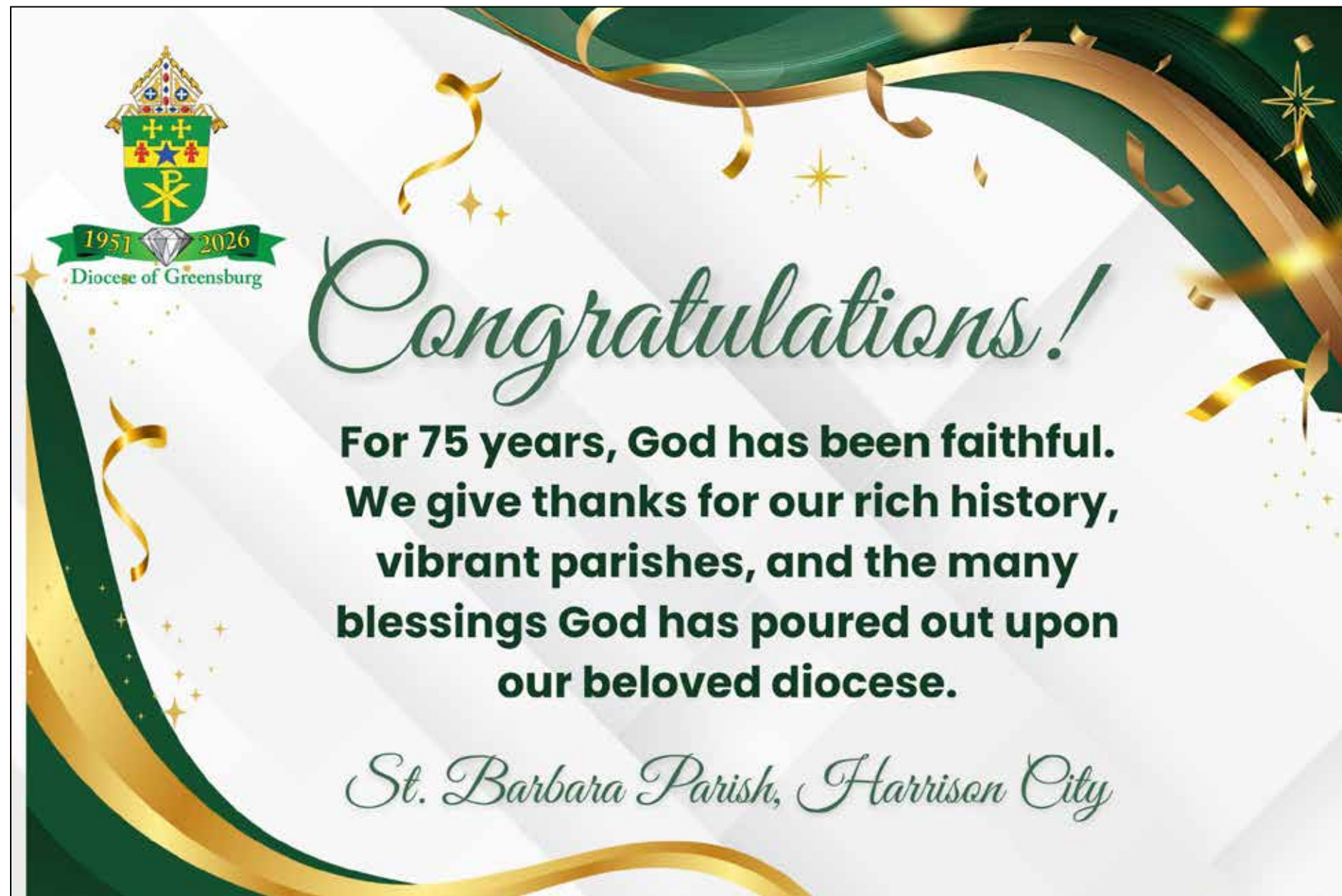
### Saint Bartholomew Parish, Crabtree

Founded in the early 1900s to serve Catholic immigrants drawn to the area by coal mining. Before the parish existed, local Catholics traveled to nearby towns for Mass, until visiting priests began offering services locally and a permanent parish was established.

The parish quickly became the spiritual and social center of the community. A church and later a parochial school were built, and parish organizations supported families through faith, education, and social life during Crabtree's industrial peak in the mid 20th century.

As coal mining declined in the late 20th century, the parish faced decreasing membership and the eventual closure of its school. In the 21st century, Saint Bartholomew was merged or clustered with neighboring parishes as part of diocesan reorganization efforts.

Today, Saint Bartholomew is remembered for its important role in the religious, cultural, and immigrant history of Crabtree and Westmoreland County.



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## WESTMORELAND COUNTY DEANERY 5 ... continued



### Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Latrobe

Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Latrobe traces its history to the early 20th century, evolving from a small community of Polish families into a large, active Catholic parish. After the Civil War, Polish immigrants settling in Latrobe began seeking a place of worship. They initially visited nearby churches like St. Vincent Archabbey and Holy Family. In 1901, under the leadership of Nicholas Rynkowski, the community began organizing more formally. The parish was officially established in 1911. By 1924, the parish welcomed the Benedictine Sisters. The 1930s saw a rise in educational efforts, with a school accommodating 108 children in grades one through eight. In 1951, when the Diocese of Greensburg was formed, St. John became part of this new diocese. By 1964, the parish had grown significantly, adding over 900 new families. The parish invested heavily in its infrastructure during the late 1960s and 70s, building a new school (1967), a convent (1968), and a rectory in the 1970s. The 1990s introduced various spiritual programs, including the R.C.I.A. process. Today, the parish continues to serve the Latrobe community.



### Saint Joseph Parish, Derry

Established in 1896 to serve the growing Catholic community of Derry Township, formed largely by Irish and German immigrant families who settled in the area during the late nineteenth century. Before the parish's founding, local Catholics traveled to neighboring towns for Mass until priests began celebrating services locally and a permanent parish was created under the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

A modest first church soon gave way to the present church building in the early twentieth century, reflecting the faith, sacrifice, and determination of its parishioners. In 1951, Saint Joseph became part of the newly created Diocese of Greensburg. Through decades of growth, change, and challenge, the parish has remained a vital spiritual home for generations. Today, Saint Joseph Parish continues its mission of worship, service, and community, proudly rooted in its rich history and enduring faith.



### Saint Rose Parish, Latrobe

The parish was initially formed by Irish Catholics who saw the laying of the cornerstone of the first church July 11, 1893. The church was originally on Church Street (not far from where Saint Rose Church is now located). The cornerstone for the current church was blessed Aug. 30, 1968. In 2017, Saint Rose was partnered with Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Latrobe. Saint Rose became an independent parish again in 2023.



### Saint Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe

Saint Vincent Basilica Parish is the first Catholic parish west of the Allegheny Mountains, with roots dating back to 1790. Closely tied to the Benedictine Order, parishioners embrace a rich history of faith, prayer and service within the Archabbey Basilica.



### Saint Martin Parish, New Derry

traces its roots to the late 19th century, emerging alongside the growth of rural Catholic communities in western Pennsylvania. As farming settlements expanded around New Derry, Catholic families—many of them of German, Irish, and Central European descent—sought a local place of worship rather than traveling long distances to larger parish centers.

The parish was established in the 1880s, initially beginning as a mission church served by visiting priests from nearby parishes. Early services were often held in modest structures or shared spaces, reflecting both limited resources and the close knit nature of the community. Within a few years, parishioners raised funds and labor to construct a permanent church building, which became a spiritual and social center for the area.

Throughout the early 20th century, Saint Martin Parish grew steadily. A parochial school was later added, educating generations of local children and reinforcing the parish's role in daily community life. Like many rural parishes, Saint Martin relied heavily on volunteerism, family traditions, and parish societies to sustain itself.

## WESTMORELAND COUNTY DEANERY 6



### Holy Trinity Parish, Ligonier

traces its roots to the mid 19th century, when Catholic settlers—many of them Irish and German immigrants—began arriving in the Ligonier Valley. As the Catholic population grew, the need for a permanent parish became clear.

The parish was formally established in 1852, making it one of the older Catholic communities in Westmoreland County. Early parishioners initially worshiped in modest, temporary structures and were served by missionary priests who traveled through the region.

The original Holy Trinity Church was completed in the 1850s and became a spiritual and social center for Catholic families in the area. As the congregation expanded, the church building was later enlarged and improved to accommodate growth.

Holy Trinity also placed a strong emphasis on Catholic education. A parish school was established in the late 19th century and educated generations of local children, often staffed by religious sisters. Though the school eventually closed amid broader diocesan consolidations, its influence remains an important part of the parish's legacy.

Holy Trinity Parish has adapted to changing demographics while maintaining its sacramental and pastoral mission continuing more than 170 years of Catholic worship, community life, and service in the Ligonier Valley.



### Saint Cecilia Parish, Whitney

Saint Cecilia Church was dedicated Nov. 22, 1891; a school was built in 1898, with a second building, Saint Benedict School, built soon after. A new school building was dedicated in July 1961.



### Sacred Heart Parish, Youngstown

On June 26, 1875, Benedictine Archabbot Boniface Wimmer decided that a church and school would be built on a tract of land in Youngstown willed to Saint Vincent Archabbey. The building was dedicated Dec. 26, 1875.

A two-story, two-room building was constructed, opening for classes Oct. 8, 1917. The Felician Sisters of Coraopolis and other sisters were among the teaching staff beginning in 1945; a convent was built in 1947. A new, larger school opened in 1956; it closed in 2007.

Construction of a new church began in May 1973.

In 2001, Sacred Heart was established by the Diocese of Greensburg as a freestanding parish.



### Saint Florian Parish, United

Saint Mary's Greek Catholic Church was founded Jan. 1, 1894, in Trauger, the first Catholic church established in the area. Saint Stanislaus Church in Mammoth was dedicated Sept. 18, 1898. On Sept. 4, 1910, the cornerstone for Saint Florian Church was placed. Construction of a convent and school began in 1923. The school was staffed by the Vincentian Sisters of Charity.

On Sept. 7, 1980, ground was broken for a new church. On Oct. 30, 2008, Saint Florian was named a canonical successor parish as part of Diocesan restructuring. Forty Martyrs and Saint Stanislaus Parishes became part of Saint Florian Parish.



### Saint Pius X Parish, Mount Pleasant

In 1883, a mission on Summit Street was established; in 1886, Saint Joseph Parish was established. In November 1887, the rectory and a new church building were dedicated. Italian Catholics formed their own parish, Saint Bernardine Parish, in 1906. The Diocese of Greensburg recommended a consolidated school for the parishes of Saint Joseph and Saint Bernardine, which opened April 9, 1965.

On July 1, 1972, the parishes merged to become Saint Pius X Parish. In 1979, a new church was dedicated.



### Saint Raymond of the Mountains Parish, Donegal

The parish's first Mass was offered Sept. 26, 1919, in a barracks building. Parishioners next worshipped in a tarpaper-covered structure formerly used as an office building. The first church building was dedicated Nov. 19, 1923. The parish reverted to the status of a mission in January 1929. Ground was broken for the present church building in September 1966. A social hall was added in 2003.



### Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Mount Pleasant

On April 16, 1893, a small group of Catholics from Saint Joseph Church met to organize a Slovak parish in Mount Pleasant. In November 1893, the first Mass was celebrated in Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church. In 1901, a rectory was built. The parish school started with classes held in the basement of the church; in 1904, the Methodist Episcopal Church parsonage was converted into a parish school.

On Jan. 3, 1915, a fire destroyed the church and adjacent school building. A new, larger church was erected on the original site and dedicated July 2, 1916.

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### Immaculate Conception Parish, Connellsville

The first Immaculate Conception Church was dedicated in July 1873. In May 1887 a new church was dedicated, but it burned to the ground in January 1892. In September 1896 the cornerstone was laid for a new church at its current site. Conn-Area Catholic School opened in 1912, staffed by Benedictine sisters. Eventually, a four-year high school was added, with its first class graduating in 1930.

Major church renovations took place in 1930-31 and again in 1970.



### Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Connellsville

In the late 1800s, the first Saint John the Evangelist Church was built, with construction of a larger church completed in 1899. Classrooms were added in the church basement. A new school was built in 1924, along with a convent that housed Vincentian Sisters of Charity who came to teach in 1925. In 1966 the school was combined with six other local schools to form Conn-Area Catholic School. The building was not used after 1968 and was demolished in 1979.

Many improvements have been made to the church. In 2007 the parish was partnered with Saint Rita Parish. Both parishes would be further partnered with Immaculate Conception Parish.



### Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Parish, Dunbar

Saint Aloysius Church was founded in 1845, with a school soon to follow. In 1888, a new school and convent were built and staffed by the Sisters of Mercy from Pittsburgh. In 1895, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Baden arrived, teaching until 1969. The present church building on Ranch Road was constructed in 1967.



### Saint John the Baptist Parish, Scottdale

In March 1876, the "Little Church on the Hill" (the present site of Saint Joseph Parish, Everson) began serving the needs of local Catholics. Two years later, it was decreed that the "mission" become a separate parish. The cornerstone for the new church was laid in May 1881, with the church dedicated Sept. 3, 1882. In May 1889 land was purchased for a convent and a four-room brick schoolhouse. The school opened in September of that year with the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill as teachers; they resided in the newly built convent. Both the church, in 1906, and school, in 1914 and 1917, were expanded. In 1923 the eight-grade elementary school became the first Catholic high school in Westmoreland County. The high school closed in 1933 and the grade school closed in 1934, although it reopened in 1941.

In 1963, a new church and school were built. Saint John the Baptist Parish was partnered with Saint Joseph Parish in 2013.



### Saint Joseph Parish - Everson

Saint Joseph Church has the distinction of being the oldest Polish parish in the Diocese of Greensburg and the third oldest in Western Pennsylvania. The first Mass was celebrated Aug. 21, 1887, with the parish officially established Sept. 15 of that year. A group of Polish Catholics purchased several lots and a wooden building in the area of Vance and Painter Streets where today stands Saint Joseph Church. The church was soon converted to a parish school and a larger church was built. In 1893, another new church was dedicated, and the former church was converted into a four-classroom school.

Saint Joseph School was founded in 1888; in 1898, the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth assumed charge of the school until 1920. In 1924 a three-story school was built. From 1920 until the closure of the school in 1990, the Sisters of the Holy Spirit (formerly the Sisters of the Holy Ghost) taught at the school.



### Saint Rita of Cascia Parish, Connellsville

Saint Rita Parish was founded in 1914, with Mass celebrated in the basement of Immaculate Conception Church. Construction of Saint Rita Church was completed in December 1915. In the late 1920s the rectory became a convent housing the Sisters of the Sacred Heart. The Saint Rita Catholic School building was originally constructed as the parish's first social hall and became Saint Rita Elementary School in 1925. The building, now used as the parish office for the partner parishes of Connellsville, was built in 1926 as the parish rectory. In 1964 the church's new social hall was constructed after the early building was destroyed by fire.

## WESTMORELAND COUNTY DEANERY 7



### Saint Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon

Founded in the early 20th century, during a period when Belle Vernon and the surrounding Monongahela River Valley were experiencing rapid growth from steel, coal, and glass industries. The parish was established to serve Catholic immigrant families, many of them of Slovak, Czech, and Eastern European descent, who settled in the area for industrial work.

The parish was officially organized in 1905, and an early church building was erected soon afterward to meet the spiritual needs of the growing Catholic population. As the community expanded, a larger church structure was constructed and dedicated in the following decades, becoming a prominent landmark in Belle Vernon.

Throughout the 20th century, Saint Sebastian Church played a central role not only in religious life but also in education and community identity. The parish operated Saint Sebastian School for many years, emphasizing faith formation and academic instruction for local children. Parish societies, ethnic organizations, and social events were integral to preserving cultural traditions while fostering unity.



### Holy Family Parish, West Newton

Holy Family Parish in West Newton serves the West Newton. In 2018, the parish was notably a grant recipient used to update liturgical resources, including scripture readings and music books. It maintains an active presence through various ministries, including Middle School Youth Ministry and local community events. Like many parishes in southwestern Pennsylvania, its growth was historically tied to the industrial and immigrant populations of the late 19th and early 20th centuries who settled in the Monongahela and Youghiogheny River valleys.



### The Epiphany of our Lord Parish, Monessen

Epiphany of our Lord Parish in Monessen was established in 1991 following the consolidation of five historic ethnic parishes. This merger brought together a diverse Catholic community that had previously been divided by nationality rather than geography. The parish was formed from five original congregations, each serving a specific immigrant population in the city: St. Leonard (Irish): Founded on November 24, 1900, it was the first Catholic church in Monessen. Most Holy Name of Jesus (Slovak): Established between 1901 and 1904. St. Hyacinth (Polish): Founded in 1909. St. Cajetan (Italian): Established in the early 1900s. St. Anthony (Croatian): Founded in 1952. As the city's population dwindled over time, the Diocese of Greensburg consolidated the five separate parishes into one to better manage resources. Long before the churches merged, the local Catholic schools had already combined. Grades 1-3 were at Holy Name, 4-5 at St. Cajetan, and 6-8 at the current Epiphany site. The school eventually consolidated into the former St. Leonard building and was renamed to match the new parish, but later closed.



### Saint Anne Parish, Rostraver Township

Saint Anne Parish was officially established July 3, 1957. The church was dedicated June 21, 1963.



### Saint Edward Parish, Herminie

The history of Saint Edward Parish originates with Our Lady of Victory Parish in New Madison (present day Darragh). Saint Edward was established as a mission church. Mass was celebrated in a rented building until a church was built on Sewickley Avenue.

In July 1953, 9.5 acres of ground on the Herminie-Madison Road were purchased, to be used for a school, convent, rectory and new church. In 1957, a school and convent were built. Four Sisters of Charity lived at the convent and opened the school in September 1957.

The present-day church was dedicated in 1967.

In 1988, the Sisters of the Holy Spirit came to live at the convent and administer the school and other religious programs. They served until August 2004 when the school was closed.



### Seven Dolours Parish, Yukon

Seven Dolours Church was built on the present site between 1913 and 1914 and the first Mass was celebrated May 3, 1914. In July 1920, a rectory was built. The church was remodeled, and a social hall added in 1963. In 1998, Seven Dolours parish was partnered with Saint Timothy Parish of Smithton. In 2008, Saint Timothy Parish was merged into Saint Anne Parish, Rostraver.

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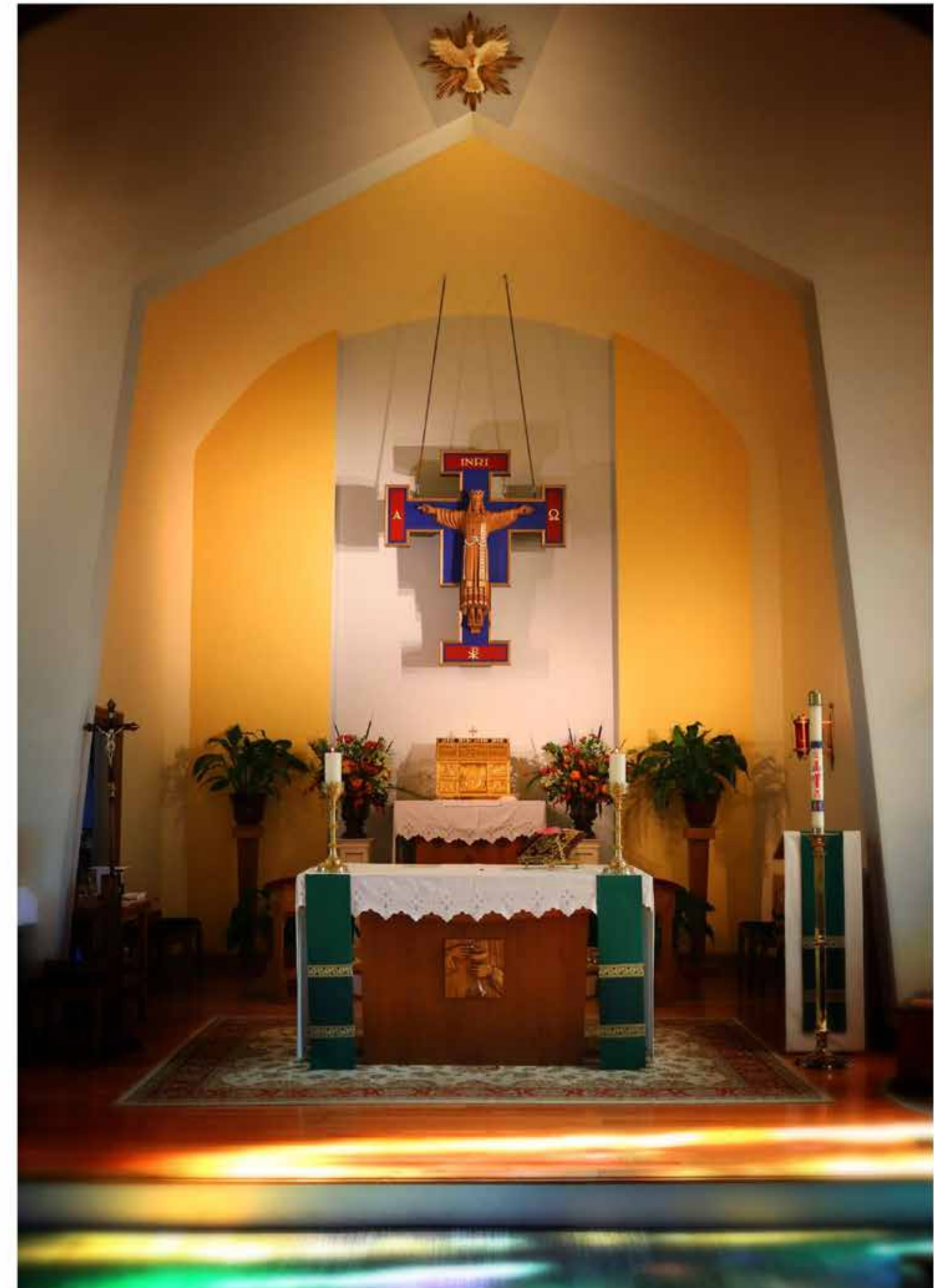


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## FAYETTE COUNTY DEANERY 7



### Saint Cecilia Parish, Grindstone

Saint Cecilia Parish was established in the early 1930s to serve a growing community of Italian and Slovak immigrants. The effort to create the church began in May 1929 with a petition circulated by Mrs. Cecilia Curtin Fagan, after whom the church is named. In a surprising move for the era, the land for the church was donated by coal baron Henry Clay Frick. The cornerstone was laid on April 19, 1931, during a ceremony attended by approximately 3,500 people. To reflect the diverse immigrant congregation, sermons were delivered in four languages: English, Slavish, Polish, and Italian. The parish celebrated its first Mass on September 13, 1931. The original construction cost was approximately \$20,000. Today, St. Cecilia is partnered with the Historic Church of St. Peter in Brownsville.



### Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish, Fairchance

The parish began forming in 1910, worshipping in a temporary chapel at the Odd Fellows Hall before a small wooden church was built. Construction of the current church was completed in 1926. First named Sacred Heart Church, it was later renamed Saints Cyril and Methodius Church in honor of the patron saints of the Slavonic people. In 1975, the existing catechetical building was completed. Now known as the Annunciation Center, it continues to be a center for catechesis and fellowship and serves as the parish office.

On April 10, 1994, the status of the mission church of Saint Helen changed; it became known as the Chapel of Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish. The parish hall of Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish became known as Saint Helen Hall to honor the history of Saint Helen Church. On July 5, 2007, Saint Helen Chapel in Shoaf was closed.



### Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Masontown

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish is a modern faith community formed in 2013 through the merging of six historic Western Fayette County parishes. While the consolidated parish is relatively new, its roots date back to the early 20th-century coal and coke boom. The parish was officially formed on March 1, 2013, combining the congregations of All Saints (Masontown), Holy Rosary (Republic), Madonna of Czestochowa (Cardale), St. Mary (Leckrone), St. Procopius (New Salem), and St. Thomas (Footedale). Worship is primarily centered at the Masontown (formerly All Saints) and Footedale (formerly St. Thomas) locations. The Masontown site, which now bears the name St. Francis of Assisi, began as All Saints Parish: In 1908, Bishop J.F. Canevin of Pittsburgh appointed Father Francis J. Kolb to establish a parish for the growing immigrant population settling in the bituminous coal region. Before a permanent building existed, Mass was celebrated in a company house and later in Sterling Hall at the Leroy Hotel. The cornerstone was laid on September 26, 1909. The church, designed in a Gothic Mission style by architect John T. Comes, was dedicated on April 24, 1910. The parish was formed from Holy Rosary (Republic): Established in the early 1900s, it grew significantly under Father Malinak (1916-1924), adding a school and convent staffed by the Vincentian Sisters of Charity. St. Procopius (New Salem): Named after a Bohemian patron saint at the suggestion of its first pastor, Father Janda, to serve the local Slavic community. St. Mary (Leckrone): Also known as Our Lady of Perpetual Help, this parish faced a major tragedy in 1907 when its original church was destroyed by fire, leading to a new structure on land donated by H.C. Frick. St. Thomas (Footedale): This site remains an active worship center for the merged parish today.



### Saint Hubert Parish, Point Marion

Construction of the original Saint Hubert Church was completed in 1909. It included two mission churches: Saint Ignatius, Bobtown (now Saint Matthias) and Holy Family, Greensboro (now closed).

On Nov. 26, 2003, two fires destroyed the original church. Parishioners attended Mass for more than a year in a skating rink at the Point Marion Lions Club. Construction on the current building began in November 2004, and on Sept. 17, 2005, the new Saint Hubert Church was dedicated.



### Saint Joan of Arc Parish, Farmington

Saint Joan of Arc Parish's roots reach back to 1877 when Mass was being celebrated in homes in Elliottsville, Markleysburg and Ohiopyle. In 1902, a chapel was dedicated in Elliottsville as the Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which served the Catholic population in the mountains until 1962, when a larger church was needed due to growth in Catholic families and visitors. The first Saint Joan of Arc Church was built near Fort Necessity, with the current church completed in 1981. For most of its history, St. Joan of Arc Church was a mission; it became a parish in 1993.



### Saint Joseph Parish, Uniontown

Saint Joseph Parish in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, was established in 1903 as a national parish specifically to serve Polish-speaking immigrants, many of whom were local coal miners. Approval for the new parish was granted in 1903. The first Mass within the parish limits was celebrated in August 1903 at the old St. John Church. A church was constructed on South Mount Vernon Avenue, with its cornerstone blessed on October 1, 1905.

Father Boleslaus Pawlowski was appointed the first pastor in 1906. Under his leadership, the rectory and the first parish school were built in 1907. In 1914, a combined school and convent building was erected, and land for the parish cemetery in Hopwood was purchased in 1916. Father John Rokosz, the second pastor, oversaw the construction of a second school/social hall and the expansion of the convent. The parish school, which had educated generations of the faithful, closed its doors in 1970. A new, modern church building was completed in 1974 on a 19-acre site in South Union Township, where the parish remains active today.



### Saint John the Baptist Parish Perryopolis

Saint John the Baptist Church was dedicated Oct. 9, 1904. A rectory and school were constructed in 1906; that school closed in 1908, but another school opened in 1956 with three grades, with more added each year after. A convent was built in 1961. A new church and rectory were completed in 1976. The school was closed in 1994.

## FAYETTE COUNTY DEANERY 7 ... continued



### Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Uniontown

Saint John the Evangelist Church was built on Morgantown hill near Berkeley Street. A new church was dedicated in 1895, along with a rectory next door. Saint John High School was built across the street in 1917, at the same time as the grade school. A convent was built in 1938.



### Saint Therese of Lisieux Parish, Uniontown

The original church, located on Morgantown Hill in Uniontown, existed until 1916, when it was discontinued. In the late 1920s, Masses were held in the former Saint Mary School on North Mount Vernon Avenue.

On April 25, 1937, ground was broken for a new church, and it had its first Mass on Christmas night in 1937. A new rectory was built in 1962. A new church on Mill Street was dedicated April 30, 1967. In 1972 a new parish center was built.



### Saint Mary (Nativity), Uniontown

The St. Mary (Nativity) parish was formed in 1903 by parishioners of Slavic heritage. The parish built its first church, a wooden frame building, on the corner of Stockton Street and North Mount Vernon Avenue in 1903 under the guidance of Fr. L. Laush. As the congregation grew to 3,500 members, the wooden structure became inadequate and a new church was planned for the property. A "handsome" brick church was designed and the cornerstone was laid on Sunday July 30, 1911. The church was completed under Rev. Frank G. Sebik at a cost of \$40,000. The three bells, which cost an additional \$1,100, were consecrated on May 5, 1912. The church itself was consecrated on August 25, 1912, by then-Bishop of Pittsburgh Regis Canevin. The parish celebrated its centennial in 2003. Leading up to the celebration, the church underwent a restoration. After the opening of the new church building in 1912, the previous wooden building was converted into a parochial school. The school, which eventually moved into a larger building behind the current church, operated until the end of the 2010-2011 school year when it was merged with Saint John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School, also in Uniontown.



### The Historic Church of Saint Peter, Brownsville

Established in 1843 to serve Irish immigrants, the Historic Church of St. Peter in Brownsville, PA, is a Gothic Revival landmark and the oldest continuously operating Catholic parish in Western Pennsylvania. Dedicated in 1845, the stone church features 32 shades of blue in its stained glass and a unique, historic burial crypt. Built to serve a growing population on the National Road, it was designed with cathedral-like features, including a pulpit on the left and space for bishops in the crypt. The site is believed to host the first Christian service west of the Allegheny Mountains, led by a French chaplain in 1754. The church, located at Shaffner and Church Streets, features a striking Gothic spire and was built using stone transported to the site. In 1931, Father Martin Brennan saved the church from demolition, initiating a major restoration supported by the congregation, which concluded in 1936. The church remains active today and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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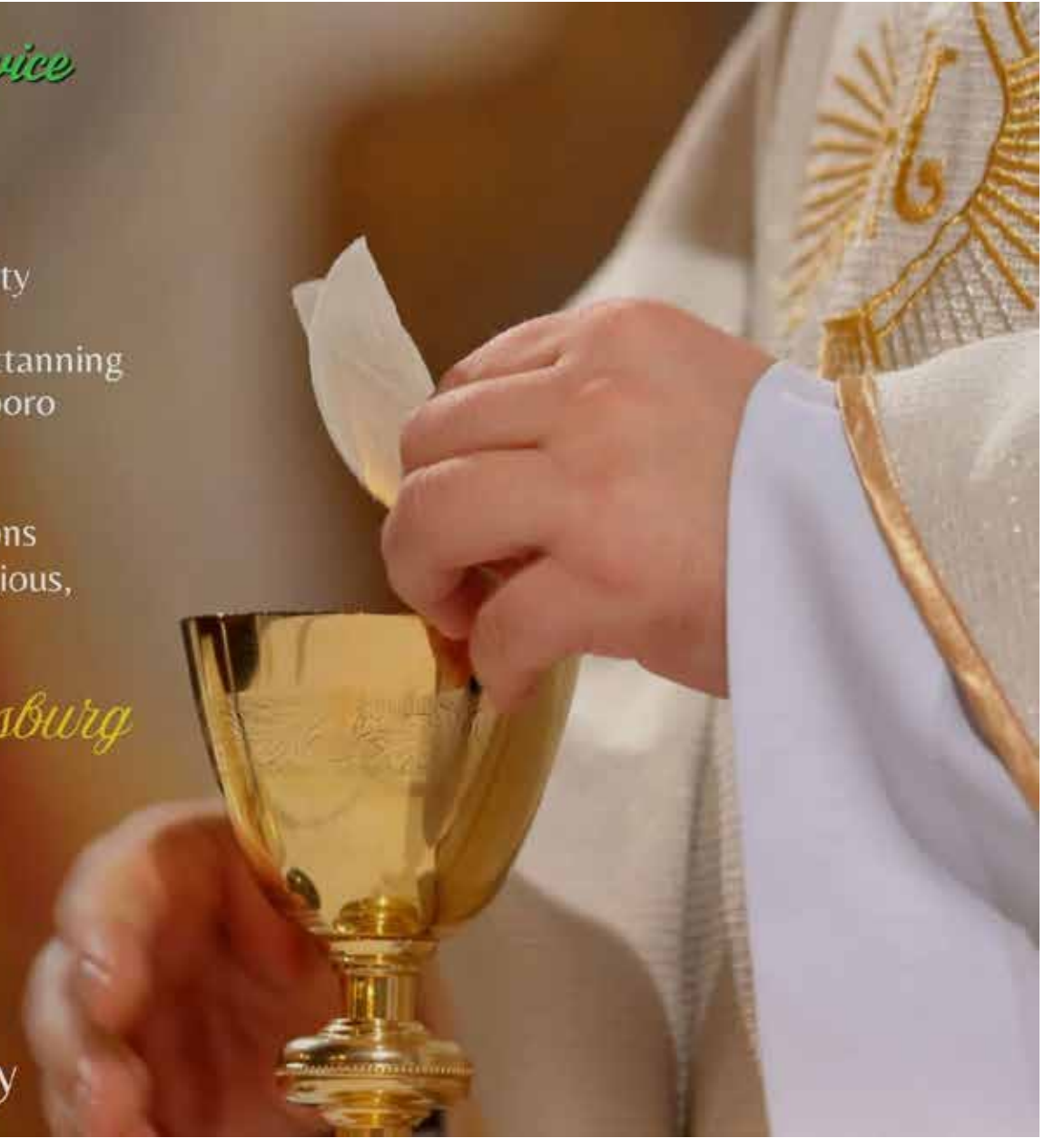
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## With gratitude and joy the parishes of Epiphany of Our Lord, St. John the Baptist and St. Sebastian Congratulate the Diocese of Greensburg on its 75th Anniversary

As we honor the Diocesan milestone, we give thanks for the clergy, religious, and laity who have guided and sustained our mission throughout the years. Our three parishes have been blessed to serve the faithful of this region since 1900, carrying forward a legacy of worship, community, and devotion. From our early years as part of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to our present place within the Diocese of Greensburg, we remain committed to nurturing faith and strengthening the Body of Christ as we continue our shared mission of faith, worship, and service.

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*The faithful of the partner parishes of Holy Family & Saint John the Evangelist of Latrobe wish to extend our congratulations to our diocese on their 75<sup>th</sup> diamond anniversary!*



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*"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers" - Acts 2:42*

## Former Parishes of the Diocese of Greensburg

Location	Church Name	Founded	Closed	Successor Parish
Allison	Saint Theresa Parish	1953	1976	Saint Peter, Brownsville
Alverda	Sacred Heart Parish	1930	1995	Church of the Resurrection, Northern Indiana County
Arcadia	Saints Peter and Paul Parish	1906	1995	Church of the Resurrection, Northern Indiana County
Arnold	All Saints Parish	1926	2008	Saint Joseph, New Kensington
Aultman	Saint Anthony Parish	1918	1989	Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent
Black Lick (Josephine)	Saint Bonaventure Parish	1910	2002	Our Lady of the Assumption, Coral
Bolivar	Saint Mary Parish	1872	2008	Holy Family, Seward
Bovard	Saint Bede Parish	1915	2008	Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg
Brady's Bend	Saint Mary Parish	1863	1886	Saint Patrick Parish, Brady's Bend
Braeburn (Lower Burrell)	Saint John Bosco Parish	1937	1999	Saint Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell
Brier Hill	Saint Hedwig Parish	1906	1977	Saint John the Baptist, Perryopolis
Brownsville	Sacred Heart Parish	1926	1968	Immaculate Conception, Connellsville
Brownsville	Saint Mary Parish	1906	2005	Saint Peter, Brownsville
Buffalo Creek (Worthington Station)	Saint Francis Parish	1937	1971	Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kittanning
Calumet (Mammoth)	Saint Stanislaus Parish	1890	2008	Saint Florian, United
Cameron's Bottom	Saint Patrick Parish	1832	1995	Church of the Resurrection, Northern Indiana County
Cardale	Saint Mary, Madonna of Czestochowa Parish	1908	2013	Saint Francis of Assisi, Western Fayette County
Chestnut Ridge (Latrobe)	Saint Boniface Parish	1970	2013	Saint Raymond of the Mountains, Donegal
Clymer	Saint Anthony Parish	1913	1995	Church of the Resurrection, Northern Indiana County
Connellsville	Holy Trinity Parish	1903	2008	Immaculate Conception, Connellsville
Connellsville	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	1901	1913	Saint Rita, Connellsville
Connellsville	Saint Emory Parish	1903	1970	Immaculate Conception, Connellsville
Coral (Graceton)	Saint Francis Parish	1910	2008	Our Lady of the Assumption, Coral
Cowansville	Saint Francis Parish	1954	1956	Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kittanning
Dawson	Sacred Heart Parish	1889	2007	Immaculate Conception, Connellsville
Derry	Mount Carmel Chapel	1822	1898	Saint Martin, New Derry
Dilltown	Annunciation Parish	1933	1974	Holy Family, Seward
Dixonville	Sacred Heart Parish	1910	1995	Church of the Resurrection, Northern Indiana County
East Vandergrift	All Saints Parish	1922	1985	Our Lady, Queen of Peace, East Vandergrift
East Vandergrift	Holy Trinity Parish	1916	1985	Our Lady, Queen of Peace, East Vandergrift
East Vandergrift	Saint Casimir Parish	1922	1985	Our Lady, Queen of Peace, East Vandergrift
Elliottsville	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish	1900	1962	Saint Joan of Arc, Farmington
Ernest	Assumption Parish	1907	1995	Church of the Resurrection, Northern Indiana County
Fayette City	Holy Spirit Parish	1964	2008	Saint Sebastian, Belle Vernon
Fayette City	Saint Edward Parish	1902	1964	Saint Sebastian, Belle Vernon
Fayette City	Saint Eusebius Parish	1911	1964	Saint Sebastian, Belle Vernon
Footedale	Saint Thomas Parish	1901	2013	Saint Francis of Assisi, Western Fayette County
Forbes Road	Saint Mary Parish	1909	2008	Saint Bartholomew, Crabtree
Ford City	Holy Trinity Parish	1900-01	2002	Christ, Prince of Peace, Ford City
Ford City	Saint Francis of Paola Parish	1900	2002	Christ, Prince of Peace, Ford City
Ford City	Saint Mary Parish	1888	2002	Christ, Prince of Peace, Ford City
Gates Mine	Saint Mary Parish	1906	1985	Saint Francis of Assisi, Western Fayette County
Glen Campbell	Saint Michael Parish	1900	1995	Church of the Resurrection, Northern Indiana County
Greensburg	Saint Anthony Parish	1917	1955	Saint Paul, Greensburg
Heilwood	Saint John the Baptist Parish	1909	1995	Church of the Resurrection, Northern Indiana County
Hunker	Saint Gilbert Parish	1926	2002	Holy Cross, Youngwood
Hyde Park	Saint Francis Parish	1954	1999	Christ the King, Leechburg
Isabella	Saint Julian Parish	1925	2008	Saint Peter, Brownsville
Iselin	Holy Cross Parish	1908	1989	Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent
Johnetta	Saint Rose Parish	1923	1997	Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kittanning
Keisterville	Saint Casimir Parish	1906	2001	Saint John the Baptist, Perryopolis
Leckrone (McClellandtown)	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish	1902	2013	Saint Francis of Assisi, Western Fayette County

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Leechburg	Assumption Parish	1918	1999	Christ the King, Leechburg
Leechburg	Saint Catherine of Alexandria Parish	1887	1999	Christ the King, Leechburg
Leechburg	Saint Martha Parish	1911	1999	Christ the King, Leechburg
Leisenring	Saint Vincent de Paul Parish	1888	2008	Saint Aloysius, Dunbar
Lemont Furnace	Saint Cecilia Parish	1883	2006	Saint Mary (Nativity), Uniontown
Lucernemines	Saint Louis Parish	1913	2008	Our Lady of the Assumption, Coral
Madison	Our Lady of Victory Parish	1893	1934	Saint Edward, Herminie
Madison Township	Rimer Mission	1858 (or 1932)	1941	Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kittanning
Margaret	Saint Ann Parish	1943	1964	Saint Mary, Mother of God, Yatesboro
Masontown	All Saints Parish	1908	2013	Saint Francis of Assisi, Western Fayette County
Maxwell	Saint James Parish	1936	2008	Saint Peter, Brownsville
McClellandtown	Saint Francis de Sales Parish	1908	2008	Saint Francis of Assisi, Western Fayette County
McIntyre	Saint Gertrude Parish	1917	1989	Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent
Monessen	Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish	1901-04	1991	The Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen
Monessen	Saint Anthony Parish	1952	1991	The Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen
Monessen	Saint Cajetan Parish	1920	1991	The Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen
Monessen	Saint Hyacinth Parish	1909	1991	The Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen
Monessen	Saint Leonard Parish	1900	1991	The Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen
Mount Pleasant	Saint Bernardine Parish	1906	1972	Saint Pius X, Mount Pleasant
Mount Pleasant	Saint Joseph Parish	1886	1972	Saint Pius X, Mount Pleasant
Mount Pleasant	Transfiguration Parish	1890	2003	Saint Pius X, Mount Pleasant
New Florence	Saint Mary Parish	1854	2008	Holy Family, Seward
New Kensington	Saint Elizabeth Hungarian Parish	1937	1959	Christ the King, Leechburg
New Salem	Saint Procopius Parish	1905	2013	Saint Francis of Assisi, Western Fayette County
Newell	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish	1937	1996	Saint Peter, Brownsville
Nicholson's Run	Church of the Guardian Angels Parish	1872	1994	Saint Lawrence, Cadogan
Nu Mine	Saint Gabriel Parish	1927	1988	Saint Mary, Mother of God, Yatesboro
Palmer	Saint Albert Parish	1922	2008	Saint Francis of Assisi, Western Fayette County
Parker	Saint Mary, Our Lady of Snows Parish	1869	2008	Saint Patrick, Brady's Bend
Penn	Saint Boniface Parish	1863	2008	Sacred Heart, Jeannette
Queenstown	Saints Peter and Paul Parish	1847 or Before	1866	Saint Patrick, Brady's Bend
Republic	Holy Rosary Parish	1915	2013	Saint Francis of Assisi, Western Fayette County
Republic	Saint Callistus Parish	1911	1915	Saint Therese, Little Flower of Jesus, Uniontown
Rossiter	Saint Francis Parish	1904	1995	Church of the Resurrection, Northern Indiana County
Sagamore	Sacred Heart Parish	1912	2006	Saint Mary, Mother of God, Yatesboro
Schenley	Saint Mary Parish	1940	1971	Christ the King, Leechburg
Seminole	Saints Cosmas and Damian Parish*	1914	1996	Diocese of Erie
Shoaf	Saint Helen Parish	1913	2007	Saints Cyril and Methodius, Fairchance
Smithton	Saint Timothy Parish	1867	2008	Saint Anne, Rostraver
Smock	Saint Hedwig Parish	1906	2013	Saint John the Baptist, Perryopolis
Starford	Saint Elizabeth Parish	1907	1995	Church of the Resurrection, Northern Indiana County
Strongstown	Seven Dolors Parish	1871	Between 1906-1920	Church of the Resurrection, Northern Indiana County
Sugar Creek (Buffalo Creek)	Saint Patrick Parish	1801-06	2008	Saint Patrick, Brady's Bend
Sutersville	Saint Charles Borromeo Parish	1865	2008	Holy Family, West Newton
Trauger	Forty Martyrs Parish	1916	2008	Saint Florian, United
Uniontown	Holy Cross (Italian) Parish	1908	1915	Saint Therese, Little Flower of Jesus, Uniontown
Waterman	Seven Dolors Parish	1918	1961	Our Lady of the Assumption, Coral
Webster	Holy Cross Parish	1952	2000	Saint Anne, Rostraver
Wehrum	Saint Fedelis Parish*	1912	1929	Holy Family, Seward
West Leisenring	Saint Polycarp Parish	1917	1997	Saint Aloysius, Dunbar
Wilpen	Saint Ann Parish	1913	2008	Holy Trinity, Ligonier



# Congratulations!

*With great joy, the parishioners of St. Rose join in celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Greensburg. We are blessed to be part of this journey.*



**St. Rose Catholic Church**  
Latrobe, Pennsylvania

# Congratulations to the Diocese of Greensburg on its 75th Anniversary



**Saint Raymond  
of the Mountains Parish**

Congratulations to the  
Diocese of Greensburg  
on 75 Blessed Years



*75 Blessed Years*  
*With heartfelt prayers and gratitude...*  
*Our Lady of the Assumption Parish*

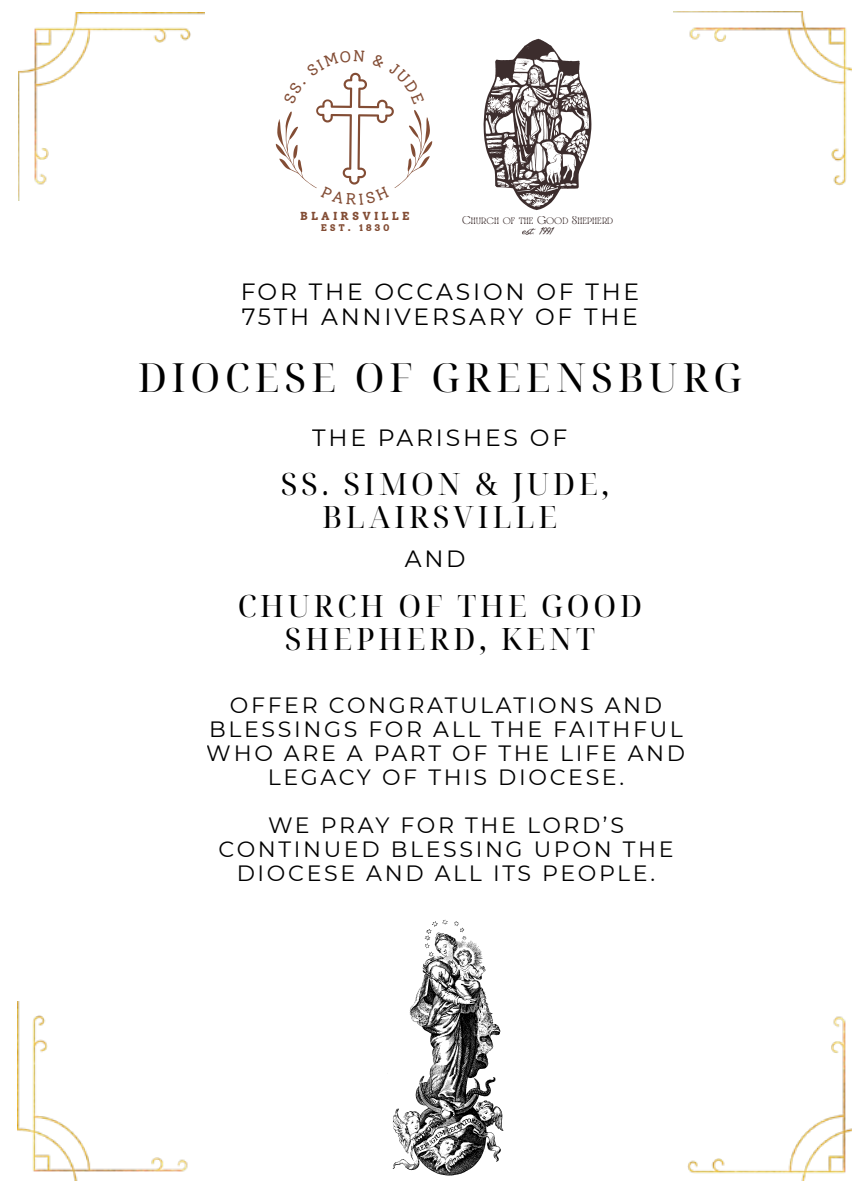




*The Parishioners of  
Holy Family Parish in Seward  
and Fr. John Harrold  
congratulate the Diocese of Greensburg  
and thank and praise God  
as we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of  
the Diocese of Greensburg.  
May God continue to bless the diocese and  
all of its parishes for many years to come.*



We rejoice in celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Greensburg. May God continue to bless our Bishop, Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese throughout this anniversary year and for many years to come.

*Father Vincent and the Members of  
Saint James the Greater Parish  
Apollo*




FOR THE OCCASION OF THE  
75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
**DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG**  
THE PARISHES OF  
**SS. SIMON & JUDE,  
BLAIRSVILLE**  
AND  
**CHURCH OF THE GOOD  
SHEPHERD, KENT**

OFFER CONGRATULATIONS AND  
BLESSINGS FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL  
WHO ARE A PART OF THE LIFE AND  
LEGACY OF THIS DIOCESE.

WE PRAY FOR THE LORD'S  
CONTINUED BLESSING UPON THE  
DIOCESE AND ALL ITS PEOPLE.



**We rejoice  
in God's  
providential  
care as we  
celebrate the  
Seventy-Fifth  
Anniversary  
of the  
Diocese of  
Greensburg!**

**Holy Trinity  
Church,  
Ligonier**

**CELEBRATING  
75<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY  
DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG**



**CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION**



**THANK YOU FOR CONTINUED  
SUPPORT!**

As part of the Greensburg Diocese,



St. Florian Parish in United is grateful for past blessings and is looking ahead with hope in the Lord.

*I am all Yours, O most loving Jesus, through Mary, Your Mother, with the help of Saint Joseph*

COMMEMORATING  
**75 YEARS OF FAITH**  
in the Diocese of Greensburg

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**St. Bruno**  
PARISH

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Diocese of Greensburg

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Greensburg, Pennsylvania

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**75th Diamond Jubilee**  
**Ad Multos Annos!**

The parishioners of Saint James Parish, New Alexandria, join in joyful celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the Diocese of Greensburg. We offer our prayers of gratitude for the abundant blessings bestowed upon our diocesan family over these seventy-five years. May the Lord continue to guide our Chief Shepherd, The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, JCL, and all the faithful as we journey together in faith.

*Psalm 100:5 – "For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations."*

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*Father Vincent and the Members of Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish East Vandergrift*

**Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Diocese of Greensburg**

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish ~ St. Thomas More University Parish  
Indiana Catholic Community

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish  
St. Thomas More University Parish

*The Church of Saint Anne, Rostraver, and Holy Family Parish, West Newton, celebrate with the Diocese of Greensburg on its 75th Anniversary.*

*Father Joel Sayson, Pastor, Father Richard Zelik, OFM, Cap, Weekend Assistant, and the Parishioners extend God's Blessings in serving the faithful in the parishes of the Diocese.*

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**St. Paul**  
PARISH

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Diocese of Greensburg

**St. Paul Parish**  
Greensburg, Pennsylvania

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# Diocese of Greensburg 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Calendar

## June 2026

**June 6, 2026**

**Family Social Event and Mass with Bishop Kulick**  
Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601

## August 2026

**August 14, 2026**

**Marian Devotions and Candlelight Procession • 7:30 PM**  
Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601

**August 15, 2026**

**Mass Celebrating Diocesan Patronage  
of Our Lady of the Assumption • 12 PM**  
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
300 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601

## September 2026

**September 19, 2026**

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to National Shrine  
of the Immaculate Conception • All Day**  
National Shrine  
Washington, D.C.

## October 2026

**October 4, 2026**

**Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass • 3 PM**  
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
300 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601

**October 7, 2026**

**Solemn Evening Prayer with Awards  
and Recognitions • 6:30 PM**  
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
300 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
**Reception to follow at Rizzo's Malabar Inn**  
126 Rizzo Road  
Crabtree, PA 15624

**October 22, 2026**

**KNOW HIM: Through His Mother's Heart  
2 PM and 6 PM**  
Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601

## November 2026

**November 2, 2026**

**All Souls Day Mass for the Deceased  
of the Diocese of Greensburg • 6:30 PM**  
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
300 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601

**November 7, 2026**

**Spirited: Women's Conference**  
Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601

**November 22, 2026**

**Concert on Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe • 3 PM**  
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
300 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601

## December 2026

**December 12, 2026**

**Diocese of Greensburg Night Market • 2-8 PM**  
**Closing Liturgy of 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary • 4 PM**  
Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601

