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## Church Calendar

Events of the local, American and universal church

### Feast days



St. Martin of Porres



St. Leo the Great

Nov. 1	All Saints
Nov. 2	All Souls
Nov. 3	St. Martin of Porres
Nov. 10	St. Leo the Great

### Confirmation Schedule

St. Callistus, Kane - Sunday, Nov. 4 at 10:30 a.m.

### All Saints Day - Nov. 1 (Holy Day of Obligation)

The solemnity of the feast of All Saints, celebrated Nov. 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation. It was instituted to honor all saints and martyrs, known and unknown.



### All Souls Day - Nov. 2

The commemoration of all the faithful departed in celebrated by the church on this day.

Bishop Donald Trautman will celebrate an All Souls Day Mass at 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2 at Gate of Heaven Cemetery chapel, 5711 West Lake Road, in Erie. Mass will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a reception following.

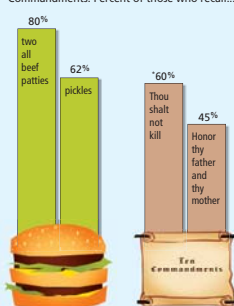


### Mass for deceased religious and clergy

Bishop Donald Trautman will celebrate a Mass for deceased members of religious communities, diocesan priests and permanent deacons as well as Serra Club members and their spouses on Nov. 5 at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse, 444 E. Grandview Blvd. in Erie. Mass will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a reception following.

### Big Mac vs. Big Ten

U.S. respondents are more likely to know the ingredients for a Big Mac than the Ten Commandments. Percent of those who recall...



## 'She is the path that leads to God'

*Fatima's message is that following Gospel is path to peace, pope says*

By Catholic News Service

FATIMA, Portugal — The heart of the message of Fatima is that following the Gospel is the path to authentic peace, Pope Benedict XVI said in a message broadcast Oct. 14 at the Marian shrine.

Marking the 90th anniversary of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to three young children, Pope Benedict said the shrine continues to echo Mary's call to "her children to live their baptismal consecration in every moment of their existence."

"She is the refuge and the path that leads to God," he told thousands of pilgrims at the shrine for an anniversary Mass and the dedication of a new shrine church.

During his midday Angelus prayer at the Vatican, the pope asked Mary to give "all Christians the gift of true conversion so that the perennial Gospel message, which shows humanity the path to authentic peace, would be proclaimed and witnessed to with coherence and fidelity."

Cardinal Bertone marked the 90th anniversary of the last Fatima apparition with a Mass Oct. 13, then dedicated the new church Oct. 14.

In his homily Oct. 13, Cardinal Bertone told an estimated 300,000 people gathered at the shrine that while the Fatima apparitions marked a "supernatural" sign from God "it would be foolish to continue to ask indefinitely" for more outward signs of God's presence when the most effective signs of God's love are interior signs: the change of hearts touched by the grace of God.



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A statue of Our Lady of Fatima is carried during a candlelight vigil at the shrine in Fatima, Portugal, Oct. 12. An estimated 300,000 pilgrims converged in Fatima to celebrate the

90th anniversary of the first apparition of Mary to three shepherd children in 1917. A new, modern church was also dedicated at the shrine.

"Our Lady did not ask to be admired, invoked or venerated," he said. "She asked people to entrust themselves to her. She asked that the hearts of individuals, nations and all humanity would be consecrated to her."

Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, he said, is a vow to follow her example in doing God's will, in following Jesus and in remaining faithful to him even in times of trial.

Cardinal Bertone said each individual Christian has a role to play in bringing faith to the world and in defending the Gospel values that the world needs for peace and true progress.

"Unfortunately, many people think that victory depends essentially on the talent, ability or value of those who write in newspapers, those who speak at meetings, those who have a more visible role and that it is enough to encourage and applaud these leaders like one encourages and applauds players in a stadium," Cardinal Bertone said.

But, he said, that would be like a soldier thinking that victory in war depended only on the general.

As Mary's choice of appearing at Fatima to three illiterate children demonstrates, "heaven requires the effort, even seemingly insignificant, of the most humble servants," he said.

## A quest around the Erie Diocese

*Waterford couple on a mission to visit every church throughout the diocese*

By Jason Koshinski  
FaithLife editor

Although he wasn't Catholic at the time, Ken Worley had been going to church with his wife, Marge, for years at St. Cyprian, now All Saints Parish in Waterford.

Marge has been singing and playing guitar in the choir for 30 years, Ken for 25. He made his Cursillo in November 1978; she made hers in January 1979. After being involved with the parish and several ministries and at the encouragement of friends, Ken decided to sign up for RCIA and to become Catholic.

"Sometime after that, I made an off-handed remark that, 'Gee, wouldn't it be kind of interesting to go to Mass at every church in the diocese,'" Ken said. "Little did I know that it would evolve into this."

Since he went through RCIA in 2004 (Marge attended weekly classes with him), the Worleys have attended Mass at 84 of the 124 parishes and 28 missions and ora-

tries in the Erie Diocese.

"We've been to some absolutely gorgeous churches and we've met some wonderful people," Marge said. "In the summertime, we can blend in like tourists, but in the winter we must stick out like sore thumbs. If you go to a Saturday Mass, they know you aren't members of the parish."

So far, they have been as far east as Galeton and as far south as Coalport. A lot of strategic planning is needed for their trips. The Erie Diocese, covering 9,936 square miles and 13 counties in northwest Pennsylvania, is geographically the largest diocese in the state.

Using the Diocesan Directory, the Worleys map out their itineraries. They make a day of each trip by visiting the area, eating at local restaurants and looking for places to shop.

"We like to camp," said Ken. "So we

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Ken and Marge Worley, members of All Saints Parish in Waterford, are on a quest to visit every Catholic church in the Erie Diocese. So far they have attended Mass at 84.

## Pope names 23 cardinals, including two from U.S.

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI has named 23 new cardinals, including U.S. Archbishop John P. Foley, grand master of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher, and U.S. Archbishop Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, the first cardinal from a Texas diocese.

The pope announced the names at the end of his weekly general audience Oct. 17 and said he would formally install the cardinals during a special consistory at the Vatican Nov. 24.

Cardinal-designate Foley was in St. Peter's Square when the announcement was made; he told Catholic News Service he had gone into the square, wading into the midst of the crowd, after going to a doctor's appointment.

While rumors were running strong that the pope would name cardinals at the end of the audience and his nomination was almost a given, Cardinal-designate

Foley said he was shocked to be the second name announced by the pope. The order in which the cardinals are announced determines their seniority with the College of Cardinals, which has little practical effect except in liturgical processions.

Naming 18 cardinals under the age of 80, the age limit set for voting in a papal conclave, Pope Benedict said he was setting aside the limit of 120 potential papal electors established by Pope Paul VI and confirmed by Pope John Paul II.

After the new cardinals are installed in late November, there will be 121 potential voters.

The 23 new cardinals will bring the total membership of the College of Cardinals to 202.

The nomination of Cardinals-designate Foley and DiNardo brings to 17 the number



U.S. Archbishop John P. Foley



U.S. Archbishop Daniel N. DiNardo

of U.S. cardinals; after the consistory, the U.S. contingent will include 13 potential papal electors.

The November ceremony will mark the second time Pope Benedict has created cardinals since his election in April 2005. At a March 2006 consistory, he created 15 new cardinals.

The new cardinals represent 15 countries on five continents. Eight of the new cardinals are current or retired Vatican officials, 13 are current or retired heads of archdioceses around the world and two are former rectors of the main pontifical universities in Rome.

## Faith focuses on love

For more than 100 years, the Sisters of St. Joseph welcomed little ones into their care at St. Joseph's Home for Children. Faith magazine explores the story of this outreach that met the needs of its time, and then quietly stepped aside as the need diminished. It is a story of selflessness and commitment, courage and, most especially, of love.

Columnists in the issue cover everything from the meaning of Thanksgiving to the spirit of receiving, as well as what it means for a married couple to serve as witnesses to Christ's presence among us. Father Jerry Simmons discusses Blessed Mother Teresa's enduring faith.



Cover of the Nov./Dec. issue of Faith magazine.

Faith magazine will arrive in all households registered in a Catholic parish throughout the Erie Diocese the week of Nov. 4. If you are not receiving your complimentary subscription, please contact Brenda Williams, circulation manager, toll free at 800.374.3723 ext. 168 or locally at 824.1168.



IN THE U.S.

The Connecticut bishops' decision to permit emergency contraception for rape victims at Catholic hospitals in the state without requiring an ovulation test is prompting a firestorm of criticism. The criticism focuses on what the emergency contraception marketed as Plan B actually does and on whether church institutions should allow the state to mandate what services it provides.

Blessed Mother Teresa, founder of the Missionaries of Charity, did not cure the darkness that plagued her, but rather she embraced it, Sister Nirmala Joshi said Oct. 6 at St. Vincent College in Latrobe. "She chose to accept the darkness that the world chose for her," said Mother Teresa's successor as superior general of the order of nuns. She spoke during an Oct. 5-7 conference at the college titled "Remembrances of Mother Teresa of Calcutta by Her Family and Friends." It was a three-day reunion of people who knew and loved her. The event commemorated the 10th anniversary of her death or, as Benedictine Archbishop Douglas R. Nowicki, college chancellor, said, "her entrance into heaven."

Bishop David A. Zubik challenged the faithful to be excited about their faith as he took his place as the 12th shepherd of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. More than 2,000 people witnessed his installation during the ancient ceremonial rites Sept. 28 at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood. "What an awesome responsibility it is to be the shepherd of such wonderful people," he said as he addressed the diocese for the first time. With his installation, Bishop Zubik filled the episcopal seat that had been vacant since Archbishop Don-



Bishop David A. Zubik

ald W. Wuerl of Washington was installed in June 2006. Four cardinals and more than two dozen bishops and archbishops attended the event.

Cistercian Father Bernard McCoy, founder of LaserMonks.com, and Jesuit Father Robert J. Spitzer, president of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., are among the columnists for the new online Catholic Business Journal. On the Web at www.Catholic-BusinessJournal.biz, the online platform aims to connect Catholic business professionals with each other and with their faith. Its initial 17-week public launch is scheduled to end Dec. 12. The site offers users an interactive place to explore best practices, share resources, find and post jobs, discuss business issues, create joint ventures, submit prayer requests and give opinions on books, movies, restaurants and hotels, its organizers say.

AROUND THE WORLD

Already in 2007, 10 people have been beatified in 10 different liturgies carried out by cardinals. That number is about to increase exponentially. In late October, 498 Spanish martyrs of the 1930s civil war period will be beatified in a megaceremony in St. Peter's Square. It's the largest beatification in the church's history, and Pope Benedict is expected to appear for a final blessing. Throughout the rest of the year, many others will be elevated to the rank of blessed, including missionaries in Brazil, an Austrian who was decapitated for refusing to join Hitler's army and an Italian theologian whose works were once condemned by the Vatican.

Feeding the hungry is not simply a logistical and economic challenge. It is a moral obligation, Pope Benedict XVI said. In a message for the Oct. 16 celebration of World Food Day, sponsored by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, the pope said that the failure to significantly reduce the

rate of malnutrition in the world is due to the fact that too many people consider it a "technical and economic" problem. Individuals and nations, he said, must give priority to "the ethical dimension of feeding the hungry. This priority relates to the feeling of compassion and solidarity that is part of being human, leading to sharing with others not only material goods, but also (sharing) the love of us all." The pope said studies of the situation of the world's 850 million hungry people demonstrate that a lack of food is not due only to natural factors such as drought, but is due "above all, to situations caused by human behavior," including wars that force people to flee their land and their homes.

PEOPLE OF FAITH

Inside Okarche's Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the same church where Stanley Rother was baptized two days after his birth on March 27, 1935, Oklahoma Catholics gathered Oct. 5 to celebrate the Eucharist and to again pray for the canonization of the beloved priest they believe was martyred for the faith. They witnessed the formal start of the sainthood cause for Father Stanley Francis Rother, a priest of the Oklahoma City Archdiocese, who was brutally murdered in 1981 in the Guatemala village where he ministered to the poor.



Father Stanley Rother, a priest of the Oklahoma City Archdiocese who was brutally murdered in 1981 in the Guatemala village where he ministered to the poor, is shown baptizing a child in this undated photo.

By the Way...

Gannon University and Cathedral Prep High School recently received generous donations. In fact, they each were the largest in their respective histories.



Jason Koshinski

Robert Morosky, a Gannon alumnus and member of the university's Board of Trustees, has donated the largest gift in the school's history while the amount has not been revealed. The gift will help name Gannon's latest building acquisition, the former Verizon building at 150 W. 10th St. in downtown Erie.

The Robert H. Morosky Academic Center will house a new college at Gannon and will primarily include the health professions programs.

Cathedral Prep has announced that it has recently a \$5.5 million gift from an alumnus who, for now, wishes to remain anonymous.

The donation helped the school finalize its purchase of more than 11 acres of property near downtown Erie, which will be used to develop a multi-million dollar athletic complex.

The complex is one of the projects that will be funded by the school's pending capital campaign. Other developments will include renovations to the school's auditorium and science wing.

For more information about how the donations will help both schools, check out the November/December issue of Faith magazine.

Deirdre McQuade, spokesperson for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on life issues, gave an excellent talk, "Roe Reality Check: Taking a Second Look at Abortion," at Claron University's Hart Chapel on Oct. 9. Look for an in-depth interview with McQuade in the January/February issue of Faith magazine.

Many youth from our diocese will join 18,000 other Catholic youth Nov. 8-11 at "Discover the Way," this year's National Catholic Youth Conference in Columbus, Ohio. The conference replaces the diocesan senior high youth rally this year.

Here are some new offerings from www.EricRCD.org, the Erie Diocese's official Web site:

• Faithful Sermons, a special edition of FaithLife honoring the sisters and priests of the diocese celebrating jubilee anniversaries, is available in PDF format. It's a great way for those who wish to share this issue with family and friends.

• Listen to the speakers from the recent Theology on Tap series in MP3 format. The theme for this series is "Living Love in a Complex World." The first session on inter-faith relationships with Dr. Dave Roncolato is already posted.

• Here's an interesting tidbit from America magazine that could be filed under "What has the world come to?" Pilgrims returning from a trip to Lourdes sponsored by the Roman travel agency that signed with Mistral Air through the Diocese of Rome, were not allowed to bring their bottles of water from Lourdes due to security concerns.

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Waterford couple visits churches throughout diocese

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will go camping and find a church in the area that we could get to on Saturday or Sunday."

The recent wedding of their daughter has put a hold on their traveling for a bit, but the couple is ready to get back at it.

When pressed to name some of their best experiences, the couple hesitates for a moment. "We don't want to leave anybody out," Marge said.

But they recall some of their visits that have overwhelmed them. Or as Ken puts it, "were more than what we were expecting."

"They visited St. Basil the Great in Coalport on one of their earliest trips. Father Alex Amico, the longtime pastor, is now at St. Paul in Erie. In talking with the priest, they found out he graduated from high school in Farrell the same year Marge graduated in Sharon. They both realized they had mutual friends in the Shenango Valley.

After Mass, they were invited to stay for the parish's Saturday before Fat Tuesday dinner just prior to the beginning of Lent.

"We came home in a snowstorm, but it was a great visit," Marge said.

St. Michael in Fryburg was another particularly fond trip for the Worleys.

"This church on the hilltop was just beautiful and every bit as nice as the church on Sassafas," Ken said, referring to St. Peter Cathedral in Erie. "After Mass, the pastor was greeting people outside. It was winter and he talked to us for

20 minutes about our endeavor."

The life-size Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick in Erie also overwhelmed them.

The couple has known Father Tom Brown, pastor of St. Elizabeth and St. Thomas parishes in Corry, for years from Cursillo. When Father Tom was at St. Bibiana in Galeton, they took a few members of their choir on the road for a weekend Mass.

They even got to "visit" their own new church. The new All Saints Parish was dedicated July 15 last year. "I think for a new church we have a fabulous structure," Ken said. "It's in an outstanding area. Everything's right here. The sanctuary is very nice."

Their faith lives go far beyond their pilgrimages. They've been involved in the diocesan Cursillo Movement for nearly 30 years. Father Tex Hilbert, who helped bring the movement to the Erie Diocese, became a personal friend. "He was a very important part of my conversion," Ken said. They served as Cursillo coordinators at St. Cypryan, and then again when the parish consolidated with St. Matthew in the Woods to form All Saints.

For 10 years, the Worleys have been involved in prison ministry. Once a month, they provide music for Mass at SCI Cambridge Springs. They also go for confirmation. The late Father Bob Craig was a patient of Marge's, who is a nurse. He asked her if members of the choir would be interested in coming to the prison for Mass. "At first I was hesitant,



but he said, 'Marge, everybody needs God,'" she said.

Ken and Marge, who are both retired, also sing with the All Saints folk group at parish funeral Masses and are Eucharistic ministers at Hamot Medical Center in Erie.

The reaction of people upon learning of their quest has been positive. "Sometimes it sets them back a bit," Ken said. While the couple is diligent in their Sunday commitments to All Saints, they are becoming increasingly difficult, as some parishes and missions only have Mass on Sunday. "For the casual remark that I made, it has developed into a rather serious venture," Ken said. "And there's no thought to giving it up."

In the directory, Ken has made notes on what the homily was like, as well as the music, church architecture and other observations. But it's not a scorecard; it's to simply remind himself of the visits. He also has started a bulletin collection from each church.

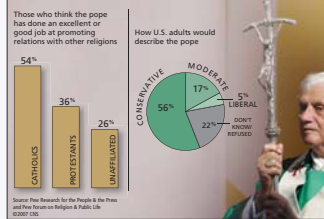
At each congregation where they come as visitors, they leave with a new enthusiasm and excitement. And they're no longer strangers.

"The people in our diocese are really warm and inviting," Marge said. "They say, 'Come back anytime' or 'Come back and see us again.' It's been a great journey so far, and we're looking forward to the rest of them."

Added Ken, "I really value the time we spend doing it."

Americans say they like pope, not as sure about his interfaith effort

Views on Benedict XVI



By Carol Zimmermann Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON — Most Americans, both Catholics and non-Catholics, have a favorable view of Pope Benedict XVI, but they give him mixed reviews on his efforts to promote good relations with other religions, according to a new survey on major religions and various religious leaders.

Released Sept. 25 by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life and the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, the survey showed that 73 percent of Americans who said they are familiar with him and 86 percent of Catholics have a favorable view of Pope Benedict.

But on the ecumenical front, 38 percent said he was doing an excellent or good job while 46 percent said his efforts were fair or poor.

In other survey questions about Pope Benedict, the pontiff gained points, not surprisingly, by mere name recognition. The pope, who began his papacy two years ago, was known by more respondents in this year's survey than in a similar study conducted by the same group two years ago.

This year, 68 percent of respondents could offer an opinion of the pope, up from 55 percent in July 2005, just three months after he became pope. But two years ago, the pope's favorable rating among those who knew of him, 81 percent, was higher than its current 73 percent.

Advertisement for Erie DAWN, a non-profit agency providing transitional housing to homeless women & children. Includes contact info for Beth Bathy and a photo of a woman.

Advertisement for Fr. Joe Campbell on a 12-day Pilgrimage to Florence, Assisi and Rome in Italy. Includes dates, costs, and contact info.

Advertisement for Ceci's Spiritual Jewelry and Gifts, featuring Swarovski Crystal jewelry and Rosary Bracelets. Includes contact info and a photo of jewelry.

Advertisement for FaithLife, the official news bulletin of the Catholic Diocese of Erie. Includes contact info and a photo of a person.

Advertisement for Burdie's Clock Shop, a clock repair service. Includes address and phone number.

Advertisement for Hofmann's Church & Religious Goods, featuring meaningful gifts. Includes contact info and a photo of religious items.

## Briefly

### Gannon to host fall open house Nov. 4

Gannon University will host its annual fall open house on Sunday, Nov. 4. Students and their parents can attend an optional Mass at 11 a.m. in the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel, 512 Peach St., Erie.

Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Waldron Campus Center, 124 W. Seventh St. The day's schedule includes a number of activities. Admissions and financial aid presentations will be given.

For more information, contact the Gannon University Office of Admissions at 814.871.7240 or 1.800.GANNON.U or visit [www.gannon.edu](http://www.gannon.edu) on the Web.

### Abortion survivor to speak in St. Marys Nov. 4

Gianna Jessen is a woman of great faith who survived her mother's decision to have an abortion. She now runs marathons, travels the world to speak, sings God's praise through her music and witnesses for the rights of all.

Jessen will be speaking on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Queen of the World Parish in St. Marys, after the LIFE TEEN Mass. Admission is free, and all are invited to attend.

### Evening of praise Nov. 9 in Sharon

An Evening of praise, music and fellowship will take place Friday, Nov. 9 from 6-8 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish, 79 Case Ave., in Sharon. Music will be provided by the Kennedy Catholic Music Youth Group under the direction of Father Jeff Lucas. Fellowship and refreshments will follow. The church is wheelchair accessible and sign interpretation will be provided.

### Retreat for caregivers at Avila Nov. 10

A retreat for caregivers will be held at Avila Retreat Center on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Msgr. James Peterson will be retreat director. The day will include presentations, group interaction, Liturgy and reconciliation. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch. To register or for information about transportation, contact Jackie Johnson at 814.824.1257 or e-mail [jjohnson@ericed.org](mailto:jjohnson@ericed.org).

### NOVA Nov. 10 in Erie

NOVA is a one-day marriage preparation program designed specifically for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics covered include expectations of remarriage, blending families, legal issues and others. Call the Family Life Office at 814.824.1261 for information. The next NOVA is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 10 in Erie. Pre-registration is required.

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For a packet of information on any trip: 800.242.0728  
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Please respond with your current resume and cover letter to: Advancement Director Search Committee, Our Lady of Peace, 2401 West 38th St, Erie, PA 16506.

**ERIE DIOCESAN CEMETERIES**  
All Soul's Day Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 pm on Friday, November 2nd, 2007 by Bishop Donald W. Trautman.  
Mass will be held at Gate of Heaven Cemetery Chapel  
5711 West Lake Road  
[www.ericed.org](http://www.ericed.org)  
The public is invited to attend.

## Erie Diocese goes Back to School

The following submissions are included in a roundup of what's new at Catholic schools throughout the Erie Diocese for the 2007-08 school year. Look for part two of our roundup in the Nov. 11 issue of *Faith-Life*.

### St. Boniface School, Erie

Enrollment this year at St. Boniface School is up six percent over 2006-07.

"It's not a dramatic increase, but we're heading in the right direction," said Father Jay Schultz, pastor of St. Boniface Parish. "And we have some great programs in place."

He pointed to an extensive fine arts program, a primary science lab, a new computer server and the introduction of a stand-alone kindergarten this year as highlights.

Last year, the school conducted its first fund campaign, which raised \$56,000. The campaign targeted alumni, parents and parishioners and featured special events and receptions. With the funds, the school was able to upgrade its technology network with a new server, new PCs for classrooms and purchased music and band equipment.

St. Boniface is in the middle of its second annual fund campaign. Goals this year include automating the library's card catalog, replacing the computer lab with PCs and expanding the fine arts program.

### Immaculate Conception School, Clarion

Enrollment at Immaculate Conception School is up 13 percent, with 117 students in K-8 and a preschool program at full capacity with 30 students, bringing total enrollment to 147.

During the summer, the school underwent several renovations including a new gym floor, refurbished cafeteria and new playground.



Students pose with Principal Donna Gaydash and Father Monty Sayers, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish. Gaydash welcomed students back to school with an "all smiles" bag which included smile-covered items such as a visor, pencil, bubbles and wrist band.

### St. Leo School, Ridgway

On Oct. 8, St. Leo School conducted a prayer service for peace, which followed with the erecting of a Peace Pole in front of the building as a reminder that everyone is called to be a peacemaker. Peace Poles have been popular at religious communities, as well as other schools.

During the 2007-2008 school year, students will begin using the Accelerated Math program designed to meet the needs of all students.

Also, the Junior Achievement program will be coming to St. Leo classrooms for the first time.

### St. Boniface School, Kersey

The second phase of the school's fitness center was completed in September. An anonymous donation and the students raising money during Catholic Schools Week helped purchase a firepole, a deck and a climbing wall.

The school has acquired a new accelerated math program to increase proficiency in mathematical skills. Students have already completed tests that will be reviewed to find areas of strength and needs for further review.

### St. Joseph School, Lucinda

St. Joseph introduced an after-school program this year. The program is operated through the Clarion County YMCA and gives parents the option of having their children stay after school with homework assistance and participation in other activities.

A new Web-based gradebook system called TeacherEase offers parents the opportunity to log on and check their child's grades, attendance and other school information at any time without waiting for a progress

report from the school.

The school's computer lab was updated over the summer and now features flat-screen monitors.

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Erie

On Constitution Day, students from Our Lady of Mount Carmel School exercised their right to vote for Student Council officers after hearing campaign speeches.

A new computer lab, installed in February, houses 30 computers offering the latest in technology resources.



Seventh grade students at OLMC School are pictured making welcome back banners for the 329th Medical Company Reservists returning home from Iraq in September.

### St. Luke School, Erie

On Sept. 17, which happened to be Constitution Day, Congressman Phil English presented St. Luke School with a new flag that has flown over the Capitol Building in Washington.

On Sept. 20, nearly 350 pinwheels were on display in front of the church. Students and staff decorated pinwheels to celebrate "Whirled" Peace Day.

The school has implemented a new branding campaign with a new logo, tagline and Web site which is expected to launch around Christmas.

### St. Michael School, Greenville

Through a successful "Adopt-a-Classroom" program this summer, parents painted six classrooms and decorated a seventh to give the school a fresh, new look.

Twenty-six new computers and several printers were purchased at the end of the last school year by a generous benefactor. This year 35-40 new laptops will be purchased for use by students in the middle school grades.

Student retreats at Camp Nazareth are planned for grades K-8 this fall and spring. Eighth grades took part in the first retreat Sept. 27.

### St. Marys Catholic Elementary School, St. Marys

#### St. Marys

St. Marys Catholic Elementary School has 25 new Apple computers in its auxiliary lab. These will be used by home-room classes to complete word processing tasks and to view the Internet. The donations of several local businesses to the school's annual fund helped support this project.

Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 are using new Harcourt Math e-books this year, which includes online access to the textbook.

On the second day of school all students visited four stations to learn about rules and appropriate behavior in certain situations including: bus safety, Mass participation and being reverent in church, good manners in the cafeteria and fairness in school and on the playground.



Teacher Deana Wittman and her son, John, using one of the new computers.

## DEATH NOTICE

### Father James Weber dies at 89

Served as pastor in Smethport, Oil City, Sharon and Erie

Father James H. Weber, 89, died Monday, October 15, 2007, at St. Mary's Home in Erie. Born in Erie on July 18, 1918, he was the son of the late Rupert and Clara Armbruster Weber. He attended St. Mary Parochial School, Cathedral Preparatory School and Cathedral College (now Gannon University) in Erie. He received a B.A. and S.T.B. from St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore. Following his ordination on November 17, 1943, Father Weber served as a parish priest at St. Peter Cathedral and St. John the Baptist Parish in Erie. Beginning in 1962, he served as pastor of the churches of St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Smethport, St. Joseph in Oil City, St. Joseph in Sharon and

of the French Creek Council of the Boy Scouts of America; the Board of the United Way of Mercer County; the Rotary Club of Erie; the Priest's Senate and the Finance Council of the Diocese of Erie.



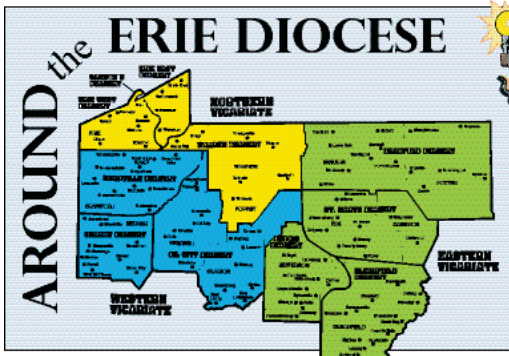
Father James Weber

He served in the Pennsylvania National Guard from 1936 to 1938. Father Weber served on the Board of Trustees at Gannon University; the Executive Board

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### Clearfield Deanery music ministry holds fall meeting



**RAMERY** — Thirty musicians and choir members participated in the fall meeting of the Clearfield Deanery music ministry on Sunday, Sept. 16 at Holy Trinity Parish in Ramery.

The program, titled "The Role of the Music Minister," was presented by Matthew Clark, associate director of the Erie Diocese's Office of Worship.

Members of the music ministry represented area parishes including: St. Basil the Great, Coalport; Christ the King, Houtzdale, and its mission Immaculate Conception, Madera; Holy Trinity, Ramery; St. Agnes, Morrisdale; St. Francis of Assisi, Clearfield; and St. Peter and Paul, Grassflat.

### Rosary rallies mark Fatima anniversary

In honor of the 90th anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima, many parishes throughout the country participated in a national movement to have 1,000 or more public rosary rallies on Oct. 13. Several of these rallies took place within the Erie Diocese.

A public square rosary was held at St. Titus Parish in Titusville. The rosary began at noon and was followed by light refreshments.

The Blessed Mother statue in Notre Dame Parish's church garden was the site of a rosary rally in Hermitage. A small procession took place at the end. Those attending received a blessed medal.

While the rally at St. Francis Parish in Bradford was scheduled to take place in front of the parish's Fatima shrine, heavy winds forced the rally into the church.



St. Luke parish, Youngsville, Pa.

With 75 people in attendance, the rosary was prayed followed by benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Pictured are participants of the Warren area rosary rally held at St. Luke Parish in Youngsville. The praying of the rosary, in

procession outside the church, concluded with prayers and benediction. More than 100 people took part including parishioners from Sheffield, Corry, Warren, Pitsfield and Youngsville as well as the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus.

### More than 150 attend 13th annual diocesan rosary march

**ERIE** — More than 150 people marched through the streets of downtown Erie on Oct. 14 during the 13th annual rosary march, sponsored by the Erie Diocese's chapter of the World Apostolate of Fatima.

Beginning at St. Peter Cathedral, marchers processed through downtown with a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, banners, pictures depicting the mysteries of the rosary, a large wooden rosary carried by youth and three young children dressed as the three shepherd children of Fatima.

"We want to draw attention to Our Lady of Fatima's message to pray the rosary," said John Walsh, vice president of the diocese's World Apostolate chapter.

The essence of the message is for prayer, reparation, repentance, sacrifice and the abandonment of sin.

At right, Maria Rose and Laura and Zack Intelman pose as the three shepherd children of Fatima. This year marks the 90th anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima.



Blue Army cadets process in the 13th annual diocesan rosary march Oct. 14.



### Western Vicariate holds Parish Care & Concern conference

**MEADVILLE** — Sister Clare Marie Beichner, SSJ, and Sister Marian Wehler, OSB, the sisters heading up the new Catholic Rural Ministry, were the featured speakers at a parish care and concern conference for the diocese's Western Vicariate Sept. 29 at St. Brigid Parish in Meadville.

More than 40 people attended the event, which was sponsored by Catholic Charities' Office of Parish Social Ministry/Respect Life. The sisters recently began their ministry in Clarion, Venango and parts of Forest counties.

Prior to the conference, Father Mark O'Hern celebrated Mass for attendees.

Parish Care and Concern is a



Sister Clare Marie Beichner

Sister Marian Wehler

provide services to any needy person, depending on the specific needs of the parish. They may include: transportation; visiting the homebound, the lonely, the bereaved or the newcomer; emergency home help; minor repairs; advocating for the disabled; or companion relief for caregivers.

"The individuals in Parish Care and Concern are vital to church life," said Erin Landini-Grogan, director of the Office of Parish Social Ministry/Respect Life. "They reach out to people and have a great effect on the spiritual life of the church. They can take communion to someone, and that volunteer may be the only person that someone sees all week."

model of service in which members of the parish community volunteer for a year at a time to meet some of the social welfare needs of the parish and local community.

Under the direction of volunteer coordinators, parishioners

### Beloved Disciple relocates piece of parish history

**GROVE CITY** — The bell tower that was such a familiar site for many years at the former Church of the Beloved Disciple on North Broad Street in Grove City has found a new home. The parish has relocated the bell to the new church on South Center Street.

"It's very symbolic of taking the old and blending it in with the new," said Father Mark Hoffman, pastor of Beloved Disciple. "It was very important to the people of the parish."

The bell has moved throughout the parish's history. It was originally located at its predecessor church, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

While the bell has been moved to the new church, it will not sit high up. Instead, the 20-foot tower has been erected just left of the church so as to keep with parish tradition.

"The tradition that we've had is that the dad or mom would carry the little child up before going into church and the child would hit the dinger," Father Hoffman



The old Church of the Beloved Disciple bell tower has been erected just left of the new church on North Broad Street in Grove City.

said. "It's a neat little tradition. The bell tower will be blessed by Bishop Donald Trautman during 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 2."

Father Hoffman said he's also hopeful the bishop will bless the parish's groundbreaking on a \$1.7 million addition that will house an education and administrative center.

"We're continuing the mission to grow and develop," he said.

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### Our Lady of Peace Crusader Ball

• Friday, November 30 8:00pm-midnight  
 • Entertainment: **Tennessee Backporch**  
 • Tickets: \$10 each or table of 10 for \$80  
 Call the church office for tickets: **833-7701**  
 All friends of Our Lady of Peace are invited to attend.

Grand Prize drawing for a Disney Vacation for 4 (\$7000 value). Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Raffle tickets are also available at the church office.

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