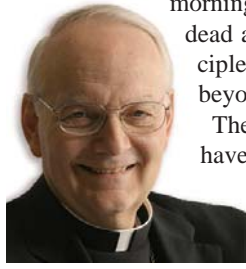


Easter is the feast of new life

Easter is not simply an annual feast; it is an eternal fact that can bring new life and divine power into our everyday life.

Jesus of Nazareth was nailed to the cross on Good Friday and died on the same day. He was buried in a tomb, but on Easter Sunday morning that tomb was empty. Jesus rose from the dead and was walking around, appearing to his disciples. Because he lives, we too shall live—live beyond the grave—live forever.



Bishop Donald W. Trautman

The empty tomb reminds us that God will always have the last word and it is a victorious word.

Easter signals a triumph of new life over death, destruction and despair. Easter signals the triumph of new life over sin, sickness and sorrow. The risen Jesus gives us a new beginning, a time to rebuild and live new lives. We are a resurrection people. Easter proclaims joyfully that God is with us and God lives in us while we are in a state of grace. If the crucifixion had been the end, Christianity would not exist. For over two thousand years the church herself has been a witness of the resurrection, for the church's life and activity are constant testimony that Jesus lives. There would be no Gospel if the cross had been the final word.

On every continent and in every country of this world and in every Christian church, you will hear on Easter the words: "Christ is risen." Perhaps there are some who do not believe this. If there are some who deny Jesus' rising from the dead, this is not anything new. Even the disciples of the Lord did not believe it when the women came and told them that Jesus had risen. But this doubt and unbelief did not prevail for long. Peter and John went to the tomb to see and with their own eyes discovered that the tomb was empty. Not long after, the apostles had the opportunity of walking and talking with the savior. They dined with the risen Lord, they saw the risen Lord, Thomas even touched his wounds. They heard his further instruction before he ascended into heaven.

The first Christians discovered in the empty tomb new life and hope and power—and so can we. Easter is for conversion. Easter brings us new truths. All that Christ has said and taught has been vindicated. If we want real fulfillment, lasting life and happiness, there is only one way, and it is the way of Christ.

Because of the risen Jesus we now have new priorities, we have new hope for handling disappointments and sorrows, we now have new strength for cross-carrying. Sinners have a new way of seeking happiness. Thanks to the risen Jesus we have a new beginning, we have new life. For those with broken hearts and worries, for those who are victims of injustice and personal tragedy, know that Christ has had the last word and it is a word of victory. All those who believe in him and follow him will rise with him to a new life. Christ's resurrection has taught us a new standard of judging, a new way to face problems, a new way to live.

Easter is the feast of new life. Let us live new lives—lives of faith—lives centered on the risen Christ.

Donald W. Trautman

Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman, STD, SSL
Bishop of Erie

FaithLife

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Rally inspires youth to live out service

By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife editor

DUBOIS — Implanted in the 220 high school students attending the diocese's annual youth rally on March 12 was the idea that by serving others, they serve God and themselves.

"You Got Served," focusing on the corporal works of mercy, was the theme of this year's senior high youth rally hosted by DuBois Area Catholic School.

"I think the kids were able to meet a lot of new folks," says Greg Baker, director of the diocese's Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office. "They all seem to have great energy. They had a sense of how they can go back to their parishes and schools and live out service in their own lives."

Bishop Donald Trautman gave the keynote address. Several speakers made presentations on mission work and incorporating service into everyday life. Students broke off into small groups for workshops. After celebrating Mass, the evening included a youth dance, talent show and coffee house social.

Each youth group brought donated clothes, food and other items to the rally. At the workshops, students put together care packages they took with them at the end of the day to donate to support agencies in their area. "It was beautiful to watch these kids leave with boxes of stuff to give away," Baker says. "It was a good, simple way to look at the many different ways we can serve others."

Interacting with their peers in a hands-on setting helps students put their faith into practice, says Becky Dutra, campus



Photos by Jen Baker

High school students from around the diocese turned out for the annual senior high youth rally March 12 hosted by DuBois Area Catholic Schools.

minister for DuBois Area Catholic School, which had 40 students attend the rally. "It's just the idea of getting to know other kids from around the diocese that share the same faith and same values system," Dutra says. "When they come here, they're able to talk to other kids about their faith."

Kyle Gorby, a senior at DuBois Area Catholic School, agrees. "It made it a lot easier to sit down and have a conversation with people your own age about different subjects than adults all the time," Gorby says. "It makes you feel comfortable."

Speaker Jess Cavanaugh made an impact talking about her mission experiences while teaching in Africa. "Jess really did inspire me," says Roseanne dela Torre, also a senior at DuBois Area Catholic School. "It opens you up to all the things that are out there. It's relieving to know that there are a lot of people out there who want to make a difference."

A middle school youth rally



Students took home care packages they made during the day to give to shelters and support agencies in their area. This year's rally theme focused on service and the corporal works of mercy.

for students in grades 6 through 8 is scheduled for April 16 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Clarion University. Cost is \$23. Register through your parish youth contact. For more information, contact the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office at 824.1210.

FOCUS ON EUCHARIST

The Communion Rite

It starts with the invitation to the Lord's Prayer and concludes with the prayer after Communion. We are to be "in communion" with the rest of the assembly during the whole of the Mass, but now we act out the meaning and purpose of the Eucharistic Prayer. As we "receive" Communion, we demonstrate our oneness with Christ and our brothers and sisters.

In praying or singing the Lord's Prayer, we address the "one" Father, who offers us the kingdom, nourishes us, forgives our sins and invites us to be one with God and with one another. The sign of peace emphasizes this healing and unity.

We sing the Lamb of God as gifts of bread and wine are broken and poured for distribution. These actions are time-honored symbols of Christ's life that was taken, blessed, broken and given. We "do this in memory" of Christ by offering our own lives to be taken, blessed, broken and given in union with him.

We process to the "table of the Lord" singing the Communion song. This ritual, movement, song and praise expresses our unity. Nowhere else is our Lord's wish "that all may be one" more clearly realized than here while all are united in voice and movement with Christ and those around us.

To emphasize this unity, we stand and sing until all have received and become the Body of Christ. Then together we sit for a private prayer of thanks and praise. Finally we stand together for the "comm - union" prayer. We all are one!

From the Office of Worship

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST 2005

Pope encourages adoration among youth

ROME (CNS) — In a brief appearance, Pope John Paul II gave his blessing March 17 to an estimated 2,000 young adults gathered at the Basilica of St. John Lateran preparing for World Youth Day.

He joined the young people for less than a minute by television, making the sign of the cross to bless them.

Cardinal Camillo Ruini read to the young people the pope's message, the bulk of which took the form of a prayer about eucharistic adoration.

In the stillness of a chapel, he said, young people can learn that while it is important "to do" things in the church it is even more important "to be" with Jesus in adoration.

"In an age marked by hatred, selfishness, desires for false happiness, decadent behavior, the absence of paternal and maternal

figures, instability in many young families," the pope wrote, "we look to you, Jesus in the

Eucharist, with renewed hope." "Despite our sins, we trust in your divine mercy," he wrote.

Pope blesses faithful from window



CNS photo from Reuters

Pope John Paul II blesses the faithful during a brief appearance at his apartment window at the Vatican March 16. The pope, who still has a tube in his throat from a tracheotomy, did not speak during the appearance.

STAR offers tax credit, assists Catholic education

How often have you had the chance to choose how your state tax dollars are spent?

Instead of paying taxes to the state, businesses can give to the STAR Foundation (Student Tuition Assistance Resources) and receive a tax credit. Businesses receive a 90 percent tax credit for a two-year commitment. A 75 percent credit is given for participating in one year.

Any company that does business within Pennsylvania can decide to have their tax dollars go to benefit the STAR Foundation. If businesses pay any one of eight state taxes, they

are eligible to participate. "In most cases, this is money companies would have to pay anyway," says Joseph Hoag, director of stewardship and development for the diocese.

The STAR Foundation grants scholarships to students who attend or want to attend Catholic schools. The foundation gave out more than 800 scholarships totaling \$660,000 for the 2004-05 school year.

While companies have the option of designating which schools they want their money to go, giving unrestricted funds is also encouraged to benefit all

Catholic schools throughout the diocese and enable it to serve some of the neediest families.

"Our goal is to increase the total amount of funds available so that anyone struggling to pay for a Catholic school education gets the assistance they need," Hoag says. "If more companies shifted their tax dollars to help provide tuition assistance, we would be able to give more financial aid to more families."

For more information on the STAR Foundation and how your business can contribute, contact Joseph Hoag at 814.824.1192 or e-mail starfund@erieRCD.org.

Mother-Daughter Teas planned

You are invited to a Mother-Daughter (dress-up) Tea for girls ages 10 through 12 and their moms. This program explores God's special gift of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of growing up and becoming a woman.

The purpose of the program is to provide an atmosphere of love and learning to discuss the topic of growing up and to establish a foundation for continued communication between parent and child. Mothers, please use your judgment to determine your daughter's readiness for this program.



A mom pins a corsage on her daughter at a previous Mother-Daughter Tea.

For more information, contact the Natural Family Planning

Office of the Erie Diocese at 814.824.1259.

Cost per family is \$10. Reservations are required one week in advance.

- Mercer, April 10, 1:30 - 4 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Gallagher Hall, 724.458.6591
- Erie, April 17, 1 - 3:30 p.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, multi-purpose room, 814.899.9393
- Ridgway, April 24, 1 - 3:30 p.m., St. Leo Magnus Parish, social hall, 814.772.5225

Courage award nominations being accepted

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania are accepting nominations for the Ninth Annual Courage to Come Back awards, which will be presented in October. The sisters are seeking nominees who have demonstrated extraordinary courage in overcoming illness, injury, chemical depend-

ency or economic adversity.

"We're looking for individuals in our own community who have beaten the odds, who have overcome incredible obstacles and persevered," said Sr. Margaret Ann Hardner, SSJ. "It's those people—the ordinary people who refused to give up in the face of illness, injury or other adversity—who represent courage in its truest form. They are the heart of the Courage to Come Back."

Since the sisters began the

Courage to Come Back, 41 individuals have been recognized for their inspirational lives.

For more information on the Courage to Come Back nominations and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kristina Huber, director of development, at 814.836.4202 or kristina.huber@ssjerie.org. Information is also available at www.ssjerie.org. Nominations will be accepted through May 31.

By the Way...

Kudos to Bob Hoffman, Diane Speice and the folks at St. John/Holy Rosary Parish and school on a job well done in putting on the 2005 Bob Buettner 6th & 7th Grade Basketball Classic March 1-6. The boys and girls tournaments are a nice season-ending showcase for the young athletes, especially the 7th graders. Most schools don't have separate 7th and 8th grade teams, so many younger players spend a lot of time on the bench.



Jason Koshinskie

The tournament, which just finished its 12th year, honors parish friend and coach Bob Buettner, who died in 1997 at 41. After games on the tournament's final day, Hoffman talks to teams at center court. "What I want you to remember is that we may not be here tomorrow, so make sure to tell the people you love in your life that you love 'em," Hoffman says.

This year's Christ Mass took place March 21 at St. Callistus Parish in Kane. At the Mass, the bishop blesses the oils used for catechumens and anointing the sick, and sacred oil of chrism for baptism, confirmation and ordination. So where does the oil come from? The Vatican? The Holy Land? Actually, the answer is closer to the local grocery store. "We buy high quality virgin olive oil," says Matt Clark, associate director of the Office of Worship. "Each sacramental oil is created by taking olive oil and adding different fragrances and spices. They're unique." The basis of creating the different fragrances oils is found in Exodus 30:22-33.

April 10 is National Clergy Day. Parishes might like to plan a surprise or two for the priests who provide spiritual leadership and oversee so many activities and events for and with them throughout the year.

Former Governor Dick Thornburgh's wife, Ginny, was among the speakers at a successful one-day session held at St. Mark Catholic Center on March 16. Approximately 60 people involved in ordained and lay ministry came together to discuss how parishes can truly welcome those with disabilities, inviting them into full participation in the life of the community. Jackie Johnson, director of the Catholic Charities Office of Spiritual Ministry with Persons with Disabilities for the Diocese of Erie, coordinated the day.

Contact Jason Koshinskie at FaihtLife@erieRCD.org or 824.1171.

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The Maronite Church is one of the world's oldest Christian communities, and to this day continues to use some Aramaic, the language of Jesus and the Apostles in its liturgy.

Cardinal Sfeir, the Maronite Patriarch, has asked us to compile a census to trace more than 100 years of emigration of so many Christians from Lebanon and the Middle East to other lands. The one-page census, which will take five minutes to complete, will enable us to be aware of Maronites in areas where we have no presence and to better communicate with Maronites living in places where there are Maronite parishes.

Thank you for your participation and may the prayer of Our Lady of Lebanon, Saints Maron and Sharbel and all the saints be with you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Gregory John Mansour
Bishop of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn

- Register with the Maronite Census online by logging on to www.maronitecensus.net
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Briefly

Gannon open house April 10

Gannon University will hold its spring open house April 10.

An optional Mass will be held at 11 a.m. in Gannon's Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel, 512 Peach Street.

Registration for the open house will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Waldron Center, 124 West Seventh St., with a brief welcome to follow in Hammemill Center.

The open house is designed to allow prospective Gannon students and their families to meet with faculty and representatives from academic and support services departments, including admissions and financial aid, and to see the university up close.

Immediately following the welcoming, further activities, including tours of the campus, will be held.

For more open house information, call 1.800.GANNON.U or 814.871.5818.

GU admissions wins award

Gannon University's Office of Admissions' diocesan scholarship poster has been chosen for a merit award in the recent 20th annual competition for the Admissions Advertising Awards.

Gannon's award came in the "poster" category of the competition, the largest national awards competition for educational advertising. Designed to promote Gannon scholarships for students in the Diocese of Erie's parishes and Catholic high schools, the poster highlights the university's Catholic heritage through numerous images, including that of the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

Gannon's poster, designed by Tungsten Creative Group, was judged against entries from schools nationally with total student enrollments of between 2,000 and 4,999. The award was the Office of Admissions' third in seven years in the competition.

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Saint Mary's Home open house March 29

On March 29, Saint Mary's Home of Erie will host open houses from 2 - 5 p.m. at both of its locations: Saint Mary's East, 607 East 26th Street, and Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge, 4855 West Ridge Road. Tours will also be offered in adult day services at Saint Mary's East.

Celebrating 120 years of service to the community, Saint Mary's Home of Erie offers a full continuum of services including adult day services, assisted living, residential/personal care, Alzheimer's care and respite care. The public is invited to visit and learn more about these facilities.

For more information please contact Lynne DeMoss at 814.451.1380.

Sacred sleuth: Archeologist believes he has found St. Paul's tomb

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A Vatican archeologist believes he has rediscovered the tomb of St. Paul, buried deep beneath the main altar of the Rome basilica dedicated to the apostle.

The sarcophagus, which lay hidden for centuries, had a hole into which the faithful could stick pieces of cloth to make secondary relics, said Giorgio Filippi, the archeologist and inscriptions expert at the Vatican Museums who carried out the studies.

The tomb lies directly beneath a historic inscription that reads: "Paul Apostle Martyr." The marble sarcophagus was apparently first placed there during reconstruction of the basilica in 390 AD.

"I have no doubt this is the tomb of St. Paul, as revered by Christians in the fourth century," Filippi said as

he stood next to the main altar of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

Filippi's discovery was the result of more than five years' archeological sleuthing. The sarcophagus lies several feet below the marble structure of the main altar, embedded in a platform of concrete. Filippi managed to reach the back side of the sarcophagus, but he said opening the tomb would be practically impossible without destroying the altar area.

He added that, in any case, it was not essential to check what's inside the sarcophagus. The important thing is that it was clearly venerated as the tomb of St. Paul, he said.

Tradition holds that St. Paul suffered martyrdom by beheading in the first century, and that his body was buried in a cemetery along the Via Ostiense, where the basilica was built.



CNS photo

Giorgio Filippi (inset), an archeologist and inscriptions expert at the Vatican Museums, believes he has rediscovered the tomb of St. Paul, buried deep beneath the main altar of the Roman basilica dedicated to the apostle.

Death Notices for Clergy/Religious

Fr. John B. Bickey, 82, died March 15, 2005. He was assigned to teach at Gannon College from 1955 to 1964. He served as a parochial vicar at St. Agatha Parish, Meadville, from 1964-1966 and at St. Michael Parish, Erie, from 1966-1967. From 1967-1975 he served as chaplain of San Rosario Hospital, Cambridge Springs, serving also in St. Bernadette mission, Saegertown, from 1967-1970 as weekend assistant and from 1970-1975 as administrator. He served as pastor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, Lewis Run, from 1975-1978 and of Beloved Disciple Parish, Grove City, from 1978 until his retirement in 1997. He served in the United States Air Force during World War II.

Msgr. Thomas C. Geddes, 84, died March 7, 2005. He was assigned to teach at Cathedral Prep, Erie, from 1946 to 1960, during which time he resided at St. Ann Parish, Erie. He served as pastor of St. Adrian Parish, Delancey, and St. Joseph, Anita, from 1960-66, during which time he also taught at St. Cosmas and Damian High School, Punksutawney. He served as pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish, Smethport, from 1966 until his retirement in 1995. He also served briefly in 1990 as administrator of St. Raphael Parish, Eldred. He was the first wrestling coach at Cathedral Prep.

Sr. Anne Jane Dugan, 85, SSJ, died March 12, 2005. For 50 years,

she served as a kindergarten and primary teacher at the following schools: Villa Maria Elementary, Erie Day Nursery, St. Joseph Home for Children, Maryvale Preschool, St. Peter Cathedral, Holy Rosary, Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart, St. Paul and Our Lady of Peace, in Erie; St. Gregory School, Northeast; and St. Bernard, Bradford.

Sr. Mary David Callahan, OSB, died March 15, 2005. Sister Mary David taught piano and choral music in several parish schools: Immaculate Conception, Clarion; St. Stephen, Oil City; Venango Catholic High School, Oil City; and at St. Benedict Academy, Erie. She served as organist at St. Julia's

Parish, Erie and St. Titus Parish, Titusville.

Sr. Phyllis Ann Harrington, RSM, 81, died March 11, 2005. For many years she was known as Sr. Mary Richard. She served as an elementary school teacher, counselor, assistant principal or principal in the following Erie Diocesan Catholic schools: St. Luke and St. George, Erie; St. Thomas the Apostle, Corry; St. Titus, Titusville; St. Catherine of Siena, DuBois; St. Michael, Greenville; and St. Patrick, Franklin.

For complete obituaries, go to www.goerie.com.

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DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Year of the Eucharist retreat: a one-day retreat for women, April 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Eulalia Parish Center, Coudersport. Sponsored by the Sisters of Catholic Rural Ministry. Contact Sr. Phyllis Schleicher at 814.544.8017 or e-mail crm@adelphia.net. Reservations due by April 13.

Training for parish advocates: Welcoming and including people with disabilities into the church, April 16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Catholic Charities Center, 303 Church St., St. Marys. Contact Jackie Johnson at 814.824.1257 or 1.800.374.3723 ext. 257.

Secular Carmel meets April 17 at 1 p.m., St. Luke's cafeteria, Erie.

Parenting classes: Tuesday evenings, 6-7:30 p.m., for six weeks April 5, 12, 19, 26 and May 3 & 10, Mercy Center for Women, 1039 E. 27th St., Erie. Cost is \$20. Call 455.4577.

Avoid marrying a jerk: April 14, 7 p.m., Blessed Sacrament Parish, Erie, basement meeting room. Catholic Young Adults' video presentation of Ph.D.'s John Van Epp's "How to avoid marrying a jerk or jerkette" followed by discussion.

CYA Bible study: every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie. Join Catholic Young Adults who minister to those in their 20s and 30s. Call 814.824.1299 ext. 329 or e-mail cya@erieRCD.org. Visit our Web site at www.erieRCD.org/cya.asp.

PALS support group (People After Loss from Suicide): every third Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie.

Prayer & Sharing cancer support group: second and fourth Tuesday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., also second and

fourth Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Christian, non-denominational support group for anyone with a diagnosis of cancer, caregivers and support persons. Call 864.9107 or 824.1257.

Young adults retreat: Making life choices, April 2, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Villa Maria Retreat Center, Villa Maria, Pa. Cost is \$25, includes lunch and dinner. Call 724.964.8920 ext. 3241 to register.

Healing Mass: April 6, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie. Call Jeanne at 838.7873.

Parish mission: "Time for God in a busy world," St. Callistus Parish, Kane, April 3-6 at 7 p.m. Presented by Fr. John Graden and Fr. Thomas Landgraff, Salesians.

Parish mission: Holy Rosary Parish, Erie, April 24-26 directed by Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM, a Franciscan Friar of Holy Name Province. Mission talks include living in the embrace of God's love, forgiveness as the path to peace and healing the human heart. Talks begin at 7:30 p.m. all three evenings and also at 9 a.m. April 25-26.

Taize prayer: April 12, 7 p.m., Magnificat Chapel, Villa Maria Community Center, Villa Maria, Pa. Call 724.964.8920 ext. 3241 or visit <http://villamaria.tripod.com>.

Taize prayer: 7 p.m. every third Friday Sept. through April, Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse, 444 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Ecumenical Christian prayer consisting of chanting, Scripture reading and silence. Parking available in upper lot. Call Sr. Rita Panciera at 456.1802.

Perpetual eucharistic adoration: 24-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Joseph Parish/Bread of Life Community, Erie. Call 898.2026 or 452.2982.

Prayer service for peace: 7 p.m. every Wednesday, Chapel of the Pieta, St. Patrick Parish, Erie.

Vietnamese Mass: 12:10 p.m., first Sunday of the month, St. Casimir, Erie.

Sudanese Mass: 12:15 p.m., first Saturday of the month, St. Casimir, Erie.

Interpreted Masses for the deaf & hard of hearing: 11 a.m., first & third Sundays, St. Patrick Parish, Erie; 11:30 a.m., every fourth Sunday, St. Joseph Parish, Sharon.

Youth rally: middle school youth rally, April 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Clarion University. Contact the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 814.824.1210.

Mid-life directions: a program for personal and spiritual growth for people 35-65, April 15-17, Mount St. Benedict, 6101 East Lake Road. Contact Sr. Rosanne Loneck, 899.0614.

Financial aid workshop: April 16, 10 a.m., Gannon, room 1200 of Palumbo Academic Center, 824 Peach St. Advance registration not required. This free workshop is designed to help parents and students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as well as to provide a general overview of the financial aid process.

Heart of Alaska cruise: Join Fr. John Schultz, Diocesan Vicar for Education, on a journey to the heart of Alaska beginning Aug. 14. Trip includes roundtrip air, deluxe seven-day cruise on the Dawn

Princess and several days in Denali National Park via Princess' own dome rail car. Call Gail at 824.1220 for a full brochure listing all information and complete itinerary.

Gannon University spring open house: April 10, explore Gannon with presentations and campus tours. Mass will be held at 11 a.m. at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel, 512 Peach St. Registration from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Waldron Center, 124 W. 7th St. Welcome to follow at Hammermill Center. Call 871.7240 or visit www.gannon.edu.

Introduction to contemplative prayer: four consecutive Thursdays beginning March 31 at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Sisters of St. Joseph Poustinia, behind Villa Maria Academy art studio, West 8th Street, Erie. Contact Sr. Mary Kay McNelis at 836.4157 or e-mail s.mkmcnelis@ssjerie.org.

Mass & speaker: April 1, 7:30 a.m., Gannon Chapel. Sr. Bernadette Sullivan, OSB, Hamot chaplain, will speak about "Touching moments of faith in my ministry to the sick and dying." Held each first Friday.

NOVA, marriage preparation for remarriage: April 23, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Center, 147 W. 24th St., Erie. Call 824.1265 or 1.800.374.3723 ext. 265.

Engagement Encounter weekend, marriage preparation: April 29-May 1, McKeever Learning Center, Sandy Lake. Call 814.768.7597 or 814.342.1333 or the Family Ministries Office at 824.1265 or 1.800.374.3723 ext. 265.

E-mail calendar items for consideration to: FaihtLife@erieRCD.org

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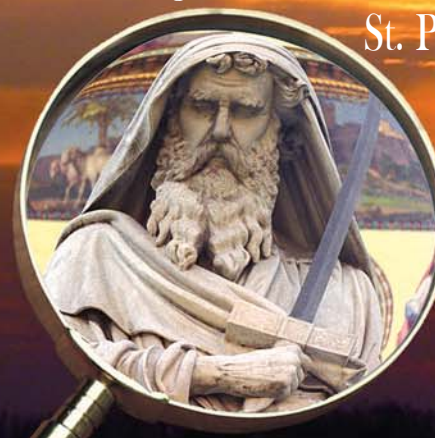
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HE HAS BEEN RAISED
just as he said."

Matthew 28:6

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