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Confirmations

St. Francis of Assisi, Bradford – Sunday, April 11 at 2 p.m. Confirmation classes include Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Lewis Run; St. Augustine, Austin; St. Bernard, Bradford; St. Bibiana, Austin; St. Eulalia, Coudersport; St. Francis of Assisi, Bradford; and St. Gabriel the Archangel, Port Allegany.

Blessed Sacrament, Erie – Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m.

DuBois Central Catholic – Saturday, April 17 at 11 a.m. Confirmation classes include St. Bernard, Falls Creek; St. Catherine of Siena, DuBois; St. Joseph, DuBois; and St. Michael the Archangel, DuBois.

St. Patrick, Franklin – Saturday, April 17 at 5:15 p.m.

St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway – Sunday, April 18 at 10 a.m.

St. Boniface, Kersey – Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m. Confirmation classes include St. Boniface, Kersey, and St. Joseph, Force.

Erie Serra Club 50th anniversary – April 14

Bishop Donald Trautman will celebrate the 50th anniversary Mass for the Erie Serra Club at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14 in the chapel of St. Mark Seminary in Erie.



Erie Serra is an organization of Catholic men and women committed to growing in holiness and fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

15th Annual Catholic Charities Ball – April 16

The annual ball, which is Catholic Charities' single-largest fundraiser of the year, will be held Saturday, April 16 at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie from 7-11 p.m. Proceeds will go to families in need. Last year's ball raised a record of more than \$53,000.

Hors d'oeuvres are included and a cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$75 each. Call 814.824.1250 or visit www.ErieRCD.org for more information.



Pope Benedict XVI visits Malta – April 17-18

During his April 17-18 visit to Malta, Pope Benedict XVI plans to stop and pray at the grotto of St. Pauli where, according to tradition, the apostle chose to live during the three months he and his companions were shipwrecked on the island.

The pope is also scheduled to meet with bishops and Maltese President George Abela, preside over an outdoor Mass in the capital of Valletta and meet with young people.

The pope's visit coincides with the 1,950th anniversary of St. Paul's shipwreck on Malta on his way to Rome. He brought Christianity to the island, and today more than 98 percent of the population of the country's 405,000 people professes Catholicism.



Pope Benedict XVI

Easter tells us that God has the final word

An Easter message from Bishop Donald Trautman

How can we be joyous and proclaim "Alleluia" this Easter when there is war in Iraq and Afghanistan, homelessness and poverty in Haiti, joblessness and health issues in our midst? How can Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus when his body, the Church, is divided, plagued by scandals in Ireland and Germany? Pro-life forces are split, marriages are down, divorcees are up, addictions abound, corporate greed on Wall Street hurts Main Street and the list goes on.

Where is the good news of Christianity? Has the darkness overcome the light? This Easter we need a history lesson. We need to look closely on the days



prior to the first Easter. It appeared that the forces of darkness had won: treachery was in high places, Judas, a chosen apostle, had betrayed the master for money. If there had been a Jerusalem newspaper at the time, can you imagine the sensationalized version of that betrayal? We can imagine the headlines. But not even a cho-

sen apostle was able to destroy the Church or stop the movement of Christianity. The Church has withstood attacks from within and from without for over 2,000 years. How is this possible? The risen Jesus is the answer. Good Friday was for a day but Easter is forever. The Church is passing through its Good Friday, but Christ will have the last word and it will be a word of victory. Our task is to have faith and trust in the Lord and to live Christ in the midst of darkness.

The proof of Easter is in the empty tomb and in the changed lives of people: Mary Magdalene, Peter, Matthew, Benedict, Francis of Assisi, Elizabeth Ann Seton, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and countless other followers of the Lord. These are



The resurrection of Christ is depicted in a mural in the sanctuary of Holy Family Church in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

the people who formed the real Easter parade. Their lives were made new through the energy of the risen Christ. The resurrection is like the first eruption of a mighty volcano, exploding and shooting from the depths of the earth. Christ rises from the dead, conquering sin and death. Jesus of Nazareth died on a Fri-

day afternoon but was walking about alive on Sunday morning. What this meant to His disciples and the world for more than 2,000 years is the story of Christianity. It is a story of conversion from Paul and Augustine to us. It is

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Home at last

St. Hippolyte parishioner fulfills lifelong dream of becoming Catholic

By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife editor



At 82, Lorna Waddell will spend this Easter as a member of the Catholic Church for the first time. A parishioner at St. Hippolyte in Frenchtown, she has already made a Cursillo and is a member of the parish's Bible study group.

FRENCHTOWN – Each Easter and every Christmas, Lorna Waddell says she's felt like a little kid outside a window looking inside a candy store—everything was there and she couldn't have it. That candy store window was actually a church window. Now, at 82, she's fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming Catholic. This Easter will be her first as a member of the Catholic Church. "Never give up hope because God's time is not our time," she said. She was born and raised on Long Island, N.Y. The area where she lived was primarily Catholic and Lutheran. "My father, he believed in God but he didn't believe in church or religion or anything," Waddell said. Her parents ran a store in town, so she had a

comfortable. I was Catholic."

Her father was friendly with everyone at the church but when the priests tried talking him into letting her attend the parish school he refused.

But she said she never gave up hope she was going to be able to participate in the Catholic faith. "Years ago, you respected your parents and you didn't want to do anything to upset the boat," she said. "I thought, well, when I was 18, I would be an adult and I could do it without getting them too upset."

When she was 16, she met my husband, who was of a different faith. "He and his family didn't think too kindly about Catholics," she said. "So I just kind of put it on the back burner. We got married when I was 18. I just never gave up praying that I could come into the Catholic Church."

In March 2009, her husband passed away. "I kept praying saying, 'Show me the way,'" Waddell said. "I woke up one day and it was just like now was the time."

She went to see Father Dennis Veltri, pastor of St. Hippolyte Parish in Frenchtown and Our Lady of Lourdes Mission in Cochranton. What struck Father Veltri were the influence of religious women early in her life, her Catholic friends and the training she had in different aspects of the faith. The strongest note, however, was that out of respect to her family and husband she carried her wish and a strong desire alive only in her heart.

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U.S. bishops applaud health care expansion; call for vigilance

By Catholic News Service

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Washington – The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops praised new health reform legislation for expanding health care to more Americans but said the Catholic community will be watching closely to ensure that the new law does not expand federal funding of abortion. Here is the text of a statement the U.S. bishops issued March 23 shortly after U.S. President Barack Obama signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

fully human and fosters their human dignity" (*U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults*, p. 454). Included among those elements is the provision of necessary and appropriate health care. For too long, this question has gone unaddressed in our country. As Catholic bishops, we have expressed our support for efforts to address this national and societal shortcoming. We have spoken for the poorest and most defenseless among us. Many elements of the health care reform measure signed into law by the president address these concerns and so help to fulfill the duty that we have to each other for the common good. We are bishops, and therefore pastors and teachers. In that role, we applaud the effort to expand health care to all. Nevertheless, for whatever good this law achieves or intends, we as Catholic bishops have opposed its passage

because there is compelling evidence that it would expand the role of the federal government in funding and facilitating abortion and plans that cover abortion. The statute appropriates billions of dollars in new funding without explicit prohibition of the use of these funds for abortion, and it provides federal subsidies for health plans covering elective abortions, its failure to preserve the legal status quo that has regulated the government's relation to abortion, as did the original bill adopted by the House of Representatives last November, could undermine what has been the law of our land for decades and threatens the consensus of the majority of Americans: that federal funds not be used for abortions or plans that cover abortions.

To read the U.S. bishops' complete statement, visit www.usccb.org.

Diocese to celebrate bishop's anniversaries April 13

ERIE – The Erie Diocese is getting ready to celebrate. Bishop Donald Trautman, along with the diocesan church, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his episcopal ordination on Tuesday, April 13 with a 2:30 p.m. Mass at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie.

On April 16, 1985, Bishop Trautman was consecrated bishop at St. Joseph Cathedral in Buffalo. He served as an auxiliary bishop in his home diocese for the next five years.

The Mass will also mark his 20th anniversary as bishop of the Erie Diocese. On July 16, 1990, Bishop Trautman was formally installed as the ninth bishop of Erie.

The endowment is earmarked for youth (schools, religious education and youth ministry) and those suffering from spiritual and material poverty.

All donations will be recorded in the bishop's honor and may be sent to The Catholic Foundation at 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16504 or contributed online at www.mycatholicfoundation.org.

For further information, contact Dr. Emma Lee McCloskey, president of The Catholic Foundation, at 814.824.1236 or e-mail emccloskey@eriercd.org.



from Catholic News Service



Jason Koshinskie

Happy Easter!
Following Bishop Donald Trautman's anniversaries, the Erie Diocese has a number of other moments of grace to look forward to this spring. Six permanent deacons will be ordained May 21, bringing the number of deacons in the diocese to 59. Five young men are scheduled for ordination to the priesthood June 11, making it the largest ordination class in a number of years. On May 23, Pentecost Sunday, the Sisters of St. Joseph of North-western Pennsylvania will mark 150 years of serving the Erie Diocese.
Pope John Paul II was a model of untiring love for God and for all men and women. Pope Benedict XVI said as he celebrated a memorial Mass for his predecessor March 29 in St. Peter's Basilica.

"The entire life of the venerable John Paul II unfolded under the sign of this love, this ability to give himself generously without reserve, without measure and without calculation," Pope Benedict said during his homily.

The Mass was celebrated in advance of the fifth anniversary of Pope John Paul's death April 2, because the date fell on Good Friday this year.

The next big event commemorating Pope John Paul is expected to be his beatification, which could occur as early as next fall. But in hundreds of other ways, from the documents he wrote to the vocations he inspired, his legacy lives on daily in his church.
In addition to being a parish priest, Father Dan Dymally was also an author. Father Dymally, who died March 15, released his last book, "Stations of Joy," in 2004. Meant to be a follow up to the Lenten Stations of the Cross, the book chronicles Jesus' rise from the dead, the disciples finding the empty tomb and Christ's 12 appearances following his resurrection. He worked with Bishop Trautman on the project, as well as Father Mark Mastrian on an accompanying video.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about child sexual abuse and neglect and encourage individuals and communities to support children and families. For more information, visit www.childwelfare.gov and www.preventchildabuse.org. Information about the Erie Diocese's prevention efforts can be found on the Diocesan Child Protection Web site at www.ericed.org/protectyouth.htm.

Reported cases of child sexual abuse in U.S. dioceses and religious institutes declined between the 2008 and 2009 audits to evaluate how church institutions are complying with the U.S. bishops' 2002 "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," according to a report from the U.S. Catholic bishops.

Look for a story on National Child Abuse Prevention Month, as well as the bishops' report and the diocese's efforts, in the April 18 issue of FaithLife.

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IN THE U.S.

In the United States and Canada, membership numbers have gone up for the Catholic Church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Assemblies of God, among others, according to the 2010 edition of a yearbook published by the National Council of Churches. The 78th annual edition of the "Yearbook of American & Canadian Churches" also reported a continuing decline in membership of nearly all mainline Protestant denominations including the Southern Baptist Convention, which reported a loss of members for the second year in a row. With more than 16 million members, it is still the nation's second largest denomination. The Catholic Church — the country's largest denomination with more than 68 million members — reported a slight membership decline in the 2009 yearbook, but it rebounded this year with a 1.49 percent growth. The Latter-day Saints grew 1.71 percent to almost 6 million members and the Assemblies of God grew 1.29 percent to about 2.9 million members.

Support Our Aging Religious, a national organization working to help U.S. religious congregations finance the retirement of their elderly and infirm members, will distribute \$750,000 in grants to 44 religious congregations this year. Grants will be awarded to congregations in need in 17 states. The funds are used to help with basic building repairs and safety features needed in the care of the elderly and infirm religious — such as making spaces handicapped accessible and installing fire alarms or wander guard systems.

AROUND THE WORLD

Pope Benedict XVI's letter to Irish Catholics was a pastoral not a disciplinary document, aimed more at spiritual rebuilding than establishing a chain of accountability for the priestly sex abuse scandal. Although the pope referenced several factors that led to acts of abuse and their mishandling by church authorities in the past, his main fo-



Pope Benedict XVI's letter of apology to victims of clerical sexual abuse in Ireland is made available to media at the Vatican press office March 20.

by God's grace, the wounds afflicting so many individuals and families may be healed and that the church in Ireland may experience a season of rebirth and spiritual renewal," the pope said in his letter, released March 20.
Deeper analysis of the scandal, including its causes and levels of responsibility, was left to a team of investigators who will carry out an apostolic visitation in Irish dioceses and religious houses.

Pope Benedict XVI will preside at the beatification ceremony of Cardinal John Henry Newman in Coventry, England, during a four-day visit to the United Kingdom Sept. 16-19, British Catholic leaders said. The step is an unusual one because under Pope Benedict's own rules, a beatification is to be performed by a cardinal in the diocese where the candidate for sainthood died. Archbishop Vincent Nichols of Westminster, president of the Bishops' Conference of England and



Cardinal John Henry Newman

Wales, told a March 16 press conference in London that to see Cardinal Newman "declared 'blessed' — a step toward sainthood — will be a very, very important moment."
"Cardinal John Henry Newman is a figure of great literary culture, a poet and a pastor," he said. "He is a towering figure in English history over the last 200 years."

Pope Benedict XVI has decided the collection taken up at his Holy Thursday evening Mass will be used to help rebuild Haiti's major seminary in Port-au-Prince. The seminary was reduced to rubble by the magnitude 7 quake that struck Jan. 12. Each year the pope chooses where to send the collection taken up during the Mass of the Lord's Supper at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome.

PEOPLE OF FAITH

Chiara Badano, an Italian who died of bone cancer just before her 19th birthday, will be beatified Sept. 25 at a shrine outside of Rome, said the bishop of the diocese where she lived. The beatification ceremony will be held at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Divine Love and will be presided over by Archbishop Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, said Bishop Pier Giorgio Micchiardi of Acqui. A member of the Focolare Movement, Badano corresponded for years with Chiara Lubich, founder of the movement. Born Oct. 29, 1971, in northern Italy, she was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a bone malignancy, when she was 17. According to her biography, the diagnosis came after many painful examinations and operations. When she was given the news, she vowed to accept it as God's will. "If you want it, Jesus, so do I," she was reported to have said during a painful therapy session, adding that "embraced pain makes one free."



Chiara Badano

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a story of witness and martyrdom and heroic missionaries, and ordinary people who belong to Christ and live Christ in the darkness of our world. It is a story of hope and perseverance.
Before the resurrection, the early Christians were sad and discouraged, utterly defeated in hope and they locked themselves in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. They hid, they were afraid of the Roman soldiers and Jewish leaders. As disciples of Jesus they could be arrested and dragged off to Calvary. But then the miracle of Easter happened and the risen Christ enters that room. He is alive. Hope was restored and those first disciples moved out into a world with enormous odds against them and they preached openly about Jesus. They had a new sense of dignity and destiny. It was the risen Christ who made the difference. That risen Lord can make the difference now in our lives.

Easter tells us that God has the final word. By his resurrection Jesus has taken the tragedies of life and turned them into new life

and hope. Sin and death could not hold Jesus down. He rose from the dead defying all the powers of evil. He won. And his victory gives us new hope and takes away discouragement and defeat. By his resurrection Christ gives us the proof, the assurance, the certitude that in the end victory belongs to God.

The power of Easter, the power of the risen Lord, has never been withdrawn from the Church. Down through the centuries Christ has been raising and sustaining an Easter people. He alone is the creator of the real Easter parade, the long procession of a Christ-raised people — a Christ-changed people. Let us rejoice and shout Alleluia. Easter is not simply an annual feast. It is an eternal fact that can bring new life and divine power into everyday life. Let us rejoice and give thanks. Alleluia!

Donald W. Trautman

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St. Hippolyte parishioner fulfills lifelong dream of becoming Catholic

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"For that to carry all those years, how genuine a call can you have?" Father Veltri said. "How genuine a faith can you have? Her fidelity to God, her respect for her father and her respect for her father and husband brought her to a time and place where she could answer that call. The moment had come to her."

On July 12, he enrolled her in the parish's Bible study group and received her into the church.
"That was the happiest day of my life," Waddell said. "When he took me into the church, it was all I could do to stand."
"Receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday for the first time was overwhelming," she said. And coming into the church has energized her.

"I'm 82 years young," she said. "I don't say old."
In March, she made a Cursillo weekend. Most of the people in her Bible study had made one, and it was something she had been thinking about for awhile. She said the weekend intensified everything she already believed. As part of the weekend, she shared her faith journey with the rest of the group. Some cried and some told her how inspired they were.
"I think she's inspired the whole Bible study class," said Joyce Tarr, a friend and coordinator of religious education at St. Hippolyte. "She's such an inspiration to me. She just has such a desire for the faith, and she's brought that back to all of us."
Waddell attends church at both St. Hippolyte and Our Lady of Lourdes and is a daily commu-

niant. She also prays the rosary daily and is on her way to becoming an associate of the Sisters of St. Joseph.
"I can't get enough," Waddell said. "I'm trying to catch up."
During her years of wanting to become Catholic, she said she never questioned God or got mad.
"I just kept praying," she said.

"He did this for a reason."
This Easter, she said she finds herself overwhelmed by the experience.
"I feel so blessed. I can't believe how the Lord has blessed me," she said. "It's such a wonderful, wonderful feeling. And after all these years, for this to happen ... You can never give up hope and you can never give up your faith."

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Did You Know?

The Redemptorist Fathers came to North East in 1844 to establish a mission but left in 1849 to return to Baltimore because of a dispute with the land company who had financed their journey. When they finally returned in 1881, they established their first minor seminary by purchasing the former Lake Shore Seminary. Local residents were so outraged that they threatened to run the Catholics out of town by burning down the facility. Eventually, the 5 acre site would become 80 acres and continue as a seminary until 1987. The oldest high school seminary in the United States, it graduated more than 2,000 students, among them eight bishops and 18 provincials. The property was eventually acquired by Mercyhurst College and now serves as its North East campus.

Briefly

Silent No More speaker in Clarion

CLARION – Georgette Forney, co-founder of the Silent No More awareness campaign, a national movement of women who have had abortions and now witness against it, will speak at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7 in Hart Chapel on the campus of Clarion University.

The Silent No More network is nationally known for its "I Regret My Abortion" signs and T-shirts and witness to inform people, particularly women, of the negative consequences of abortion.

The talk is sponsored by Clarion University Students for Life, the Newman Association and Catholic Campus Ministry.



Georgette Forney

Divine Mercy Sunday service

Our Lady of Peace Parish, 2401 W. 38th St. in Erie, will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 11 at 2:45 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions will be available beginning at 2 p.m. The afternoon includes Liturgy of the Word and homily, procession, blessing and veneration of the Divine Mercy image. Eucharistic exposition and benediction and singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome.



Preparing for Earth Day

CLARION – "Listening to the Earth" a three-part prayer and reflection series, is being offered by Sister Clare Marie Beichner, SSI, and Sister Marian Walker, OSB, at Clarion University Campus Ministry House, 60 Greenville Ave. in Clarion, on Thursday evenings, April 8, 15 and 22 at 6:30 p.m. in preparation for Earth Day. All are invited to attend.

NPM spring banquet and songfest

CLEARFIELD – The annual NPM (National Pastoral Musicians) banquet and songfest will be held Sunday, April 25 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Clearfield. Clergy, pastoral musicians and those responsible for planning liturgies will gather at 3 p.m. to share music and ideas, as well as food and friendship.

The theme this year is "Celebrating the Lord's Day." New and familiar music will be presented appropriate for the different parts of the Eucharistic Liturgy. Songs and Psalms to be used for gathering, Communion, song of praise and sending forth will be introduced along with highlights from "Sing to the Lord," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' directive on liturgical music. Dinner will be served following the musical program.

The cost for this event is \$10 for Erie Chapter NPM members and \$12 for guests. The deadline for reservations is April 15. Checks made out to Erie Diocese Chapter NPM must accompany reservations and should be sent to Ed Horneiman, 10877 Eastview Dr., Meaville, PA 16316.

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DEATH NOTICES

Father Daniel Dymski dies at 76

Educator, pastor, helped build new church in Fairview

NAPLES, Fla. – Father J. Daniel Dymski, 76, died March 15, 2010 in Naples, Fla.

Born April 28, 1933 in Erie, he was the son of the late John S. and Helen T. Dymski. Father Dymski attended St. Casimir Elementary School from 1940 to 1948 and graduated from Cathedral Preparatory School in Erie in 1952. From 1952-54 he pursued seminary studies at St. Mark Seminary and Gannon University, Erie. He then continued his seminary studies at Our Lady of the Angels Seminary and Niagara University in Buffalo, N.Y., completing his studies there in 1960.

He was ordained as a priest on May 26, 1960 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie by Bishop Edward

McManaman, auxiliary bishop of Erie. His home parish was St. Casimir Parish, Erie.

Following ordination to the priesthood, Father Dymski was assigned as assistant to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Erie (1960-62), briefly to Immaculate Conception Parish in Brookville (1962), then again to Blessed Sacrament (1962-65). He was then assigned as assistant to Notre Dame Parish in Hermitage (1965-66) where he also taught at Kennedy Catholic High School.

Following this, he was appointed as assistant to St. Leo Magnus Parish in Ridgway (1966-70), where he also taught at Elk

County Catholic High School and served as hospital chaplain. He then served as pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in DuBois (1970-82) where he also taught at DuBois Central Catholic High School. He was appointed pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Fairview (1982-94). He was then assigned as senior associate to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Erie (1994-96), briefly serving also as administrator of St. Elizabeth Parish in Corry (1996).

He was appointed as diocesan coordinator of pastoral services for nursing homes (1996). He was twice assigned as weekend assistant to Our Lady Queen of the Americas Parish in Conneaut Lake (1996 and 1999). He served briefly in the Diocese of Venice, Fla. (1996-98), after which time he was appointed as senior associate at St. Joseph Parish in Warren (1998-99). He was then assigned to reside at Sacred Heart Parish in Erie and to serve as chaplain to the State Correctional Institution in Cambridge

Springs (1999-2005) as well as chaplain to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home in Erie (1999-2002) and Pleasant Ridge Manor West in Girard (2002-05).

In 2005, Father Dymski retired from active ministry due to declining health.

During his years of priestly service, Father Dymski was involved with several building projects. He was an instrumental figure in the construction of St. Michael Terrace in DuBois and oversaw the building of a new parish church at Holy Cross in Fairview. He was active in the Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging, helped to set up the local senior citizens center and was instrumental in bringing public transportation to the DuBois area.

He was also the author of several books, including "A Caregiver's Companion: A Ministry to Older Adults," "Aging Gracefully: The Keys to Holier, Happier Golden Years" and most recently, "Stations of Joy," selling more than 20,000 copies.



Father Daniel Dymski

Msgr. Louis Heberlein dies at 84

Served at St. Tobias, Brockway, for many years

DUBOIS – Msgr. Louis J. Heberlein, 84, died March 21, 2010 at Christ the King Manor in DuBois.

Born December 24, 1925 in Erie, he was the son of the late Louis J. and Emma Algeier Heberlein. Msgr. Heberlein attended St. John the Baptist School in Erie and attended Cathedral Preparatory School, Erie, from 1941-43 before enrolling in St. Charles College in Catonsville, Md., from which he obtained his high school diploma in 1944. He pursued seminary studies at St. Charles College (1944-45), St. Mary's Seminary at Paca Street, Baltimore, Md., (1945-47) from which

he earned a bachelor's degree, and St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, Md. (1947-1951) from which he earned his bachelor's of sacred theology (STB).

He was ordained as a priest on May 3, 1951 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie by Archbishop John Mark Gannon. His home parish was St. John the Baptist Parish in Erie.

Msgr. Heberlein served many years with distinction as a priest of the Diocese of Erie. Following ordination to the priesthood, he was assigned as assistant pastor at St. Tobias Parish, Brockway,

where he served from 1951-54, and as parish administrator pro tempore 1954-55. He was assistant pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Sharon (1955-58). During 1958 he served several months as assistant at St. Joseph Parish in Oil City and then at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Erie, simultaneously also serving as the assistant director of the Congregation of Christian Doctrine (CCD).

He was then assigned as assistant at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Farrell (1958-66). He served as pastor of St. Mary Parish in Frenchville (1966-71) then returned to St. Tobias in Brockway where he served as pastor from 1971 until his retirement in 2001. From 1993 to 2001, he served as parochial administrator for Holy Cross Parish in Brandy Camp.

Pope John Paul II named him a Chaplain of His Holiness in 1984 and elevated him to a Prel-

ate of Honor in 1994, both with the title of Monsignor.

During his retirement, he resided at Christ the King Manor.

Msgr. Heberlein was an ardent supporter of Catholic education throughout his priesthood. He also served as a member of numerous boards, including the diocesan Presbyteral Council, the diocesan College of Consultors, the advisory board for the Jefferson County Aging Center, the executive board of Christ the King Manor and the finance board of DuBois Central Catholic High School.

He served two terms as dean of the DuBois Deanery. He was instrumental in the construction of the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Residence for Retired Priests in Erie. He was active in lay retreats and in the Pre-Cana program in Mercer and Clearfield counties. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Brockway Kiwanis.

Msgr. John Dollinger dies at 81

Longtime headmaster of Cathedral Prep, Erie pastor

ERIE – Msgr. John M. Dollinger, 81, died March 22, 2010 at the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Residence for Priests in Erie.

Born July 16, 1928 in Kersey, he was the son of the late Frederick J. and Catherine Graney Dollinger.

He attended St. Boniface Grade School, Kersey, (1934-42) and graduated from Fox Township High School in 1946. Continuing his education in Erie, he earned a certificate in vocal music from the Erie Conservatory in 1949. He pursued seminary studies at St. Mark Seminary and Gannon University, Erie (1949-52). In

1951 he continued his seminary studies at St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, Md., finishing there in 1957. He completed graduate studies at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., earning a master's degree in education in 1962.

He was ordained a priest on May 30, 1957 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie by Bishop Edward P. McManaman, auxiliary bishop of Erie. His home parish was St. Boniface Parish, Kersey.

Following ordination to the

priesthood, Msgr. Dollinger was assigned to teach at Cathedral Preparatory School, Erie, (1957-60) with residence at Sacred Heart Parish, Erie. Beginning in 1958, he also assisted at the old St. Mark Seminary on Third Street in Erie. From 1960-68, he was assigned as full-time resident faculty to the new St. Mark Seminary, Erie. While there, he pursued graduate studies at Western Reserve University, Cleveland. From 1968-71, he was assigned as faculty to Venango Christian High School and as administrator of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Oil City, residing first at St. Joseph rectory and then at Our Lady Help of Christians. While in Oil City, he assisted with the lay retreat program in Crawford and Venango counties.

In 1971, he was reassigned to Cathedral Preparatory School, first as assistant headmaster, then as headmaster from 1972 to 1984. He also served briefly in 1981 as administrator of St.

Joseph Parish, Erie. In the fall of 1984 he pursued graduate studies at Loyola University of Chicago. In 1985, he was named parish administrator of Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie, remaining in residence there after the assignment of a new pastor in 1986.

In 1987, he was named pastor of St. Hedwig Parish, Erie, becoming co-pastor of St. Hedwig and St. Patrick parishes in 1990. He retired from parish work in 1998.

In addition to his other assignments, Msgr. Dollinger also served as director of the diocese's Office of Human Relations from 1984-90. Through that office, he established a pastoral outreach program to law enforcement personnel in Erie. From 1986 to 2001 he served as chaplain to the Erie County Prison. In 1993 he was named chaplain to the Retired State Police Association of Pennsylvania.

In 1996, Pope John Paul II named him a Prelate of Honor with the title of Monsignor.



Msgr. John Dollinger



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Blessed Sacrament School marks 70 years

ERIE – On March 19, the solemnity of St. Joseph, Bishop Donald Trautman celebrated Mass for the entire student body, faculty and staff of Blessed Sacrament School in Erie in honor of the school's 70th anniversary. Sisters of St. Joseph who taught or served in administration at the school were invited, along with the former pastors of Blessed Sacrament Parish. A reception for the bishop, visiting priests and sisters was held after the liturgy. Later in the afternoon, State Representatives Patrick Harkins (left) and Flo Fabrizio presented Principal Sheri Kurczewski with a proclamation to honor the occasion.



St. Joseph's Table at St. Mary of Grace, Meadville

MEADVILLE – St. Mary of Grace Parish in Meadville celebrated the solemnity of St. Joseph on March 21 with all-day exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with evening prayer and benediction. Transitional Deacon Mattias Quimmo of St. Agatha Parish in Meadville delivered the homily.



Afterward the parish held its annual St. Joseph's Table in the parish center. The meatless meal was provided by all the parishioners in attendance as each family brought their favorite meatless dish to share. The feast began with the blessing of the St. Joseph altar and foods by Father Rich Toohey, pastor of St. Mary of Grace.

St. Joseph's Table has its roots in Sicily. In the midst of a great famine, the people prayed for St. Joseph's intervention. When the famine ended, they held a great feast in honor of St. Joseph. Every year the parish has an abundance of leftovers from the

meal. This year the parish's local needs group, Stewards of God's Gifts, organized a community meal for the needy of Meadville to partake in the parish's abundance.

OLMC Color Day benefits Mario Lemieux Foundation



ERIE – The student council at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Erie recently held a Color Day to support the Mario Lemieux Foundation, which is dedicated to raising funds for cancer and neonatal research, as well as Austin's Playroom Project, an initiative that creates sibling playrooms in medical facilities. Students in each grade K-8 were designated a

special color to be worn March 22 to celebrate Color Day. The students showed their colorful support, and a total of \$225 was sent to the Mario Lemieux Foundation. OLMC chose this special organization as a community service project because of close personal ties with a school family.

Youth ministry-developed passion play debuts in Grove City

GROVE CITY – "Make Us Believers," an original musical passion play, was performed March 26 at the Church of the Beloved Disciple, Grove City. "Make Us Believers" is the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ as interpreted by parish Youth Minister Bob Summers. Besides his ministry work, Summers is an author, playwright, musician and composer.



The cast of "Make Us Believers"

A number of years ago, he said he felt compelled to bring the passion of Christ closer to his fellow Christians and he wrote his own adaptation along with an original score of music.

Summers brought the play to the Western Pennsylvania region in the mid 1990s. In addition to the play being performed at Beloved Disciple, it was also performed at St. Margaret Mary in Moon Township, St. Titus in Aliquippa and St. Alphonsus in Westford – all using a cast of local parish teens, children and adults.

Father Mark Hoffman, pastor of Beloved Disciple, noted that the musical was the fruit of a two-year effort to begin a comprehensive and faithful youth ministry for the parish.

"We hired Bob to design and structure a youth ministry program which was more than games and pizza, and he has not let us



Bob Summers, youth minister at Beloved Disciple Parish in Grove City, as Jesus in "Make Us Believers."

down," Father Hoffman said. "In fact, he has engaged parents and college students from Grove

City College to work shoulder-to-shoulder with the young people."

He said the parish hopes to make this musical an annual event on the Friday before Good Friday.

"A great outcome of this event is that even those who were a bit apprehensive at first have become firm believers in Catholic youth ministry," Father Hoffman said. "The hard work is paying off."

Next year the parish hopes to add a middle school youth ministry program to feed into the high school component.

Those in attendance were asked for a donation which was earmarked toward the teens' annual trip to Catholic Heart Workshop, which this year will be July 18-24.

DCC Middle School re-enacts Stations of the Cross

DUBOIS – Members of DuBois Central Catholic Middle School's 6th grade re-enacted the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week. The performances are part of the 6th grade theology curriculum at DCC. Three performances took place on the school's stage for Central's elementary students and staff, DCC's middle and high school students and staff and family and friends. An evening performance also took place for the general public.



According to DCC teacher-advisers Nicole Snyder and Tara Kramer, the re-enactment of the passion play is the culminating activity for the students' current theology unit on the death and resurrection of Jesus.

DCC 6th graders, left to right: (first row) Mara Baronick, Nathan Bowser, Cullen Engle, Jeremy Sawey, Connor Hindman, Kasey Baronick, Natalie Curtis, Stephanie Rossi, Nick Sczerba, Charlotte Way, (second row) adviser Tara Kramer, Olivia Marchioni, Aaron Davis, Jacob Miknis, Markus Peterson, Katie Ellenberger, Joey Varischetti, Luke Weis, Caitlyn Manduley, adviser Nicole Snyder, (third row) Ty Bitter, Trisha Kreydt, Tessa Sayers, Robbie Fye, Michael Zaffuto, Tommy Matts, Mandy Snyder, Kyra Blakley and Alex Micknis. Missing from photo is Andrea Selker.

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