Church Calendar
Events of the local, American and universal church

Feast days

Burkett, director of the Diocese of Erie’s Office of “NFP is so beneficial to married life,” said Barb
The dates also mark the feast of Ss. Joachim and Anne.
For more information on Natural Family Planning, visit www.ErieRCD.org/nfp.asp. 

June 21 St. Benedict
Benedict

Kateri Tekakwitha

June 22 St. John Fisher and Thomas More

June 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

St. Peter and Paul

June 30 Feast of the Holy Roman Church

July 3 St. Thomas

July 11 St. Benedict

July 14 Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

July 23 St. Budg

July 14 St. James

July 26 St. Joan of Arc

Peter’s Pence collection – June 23-24

Every year near the feast of St. Peter and Paul (June 29), the church throughout the world takes up the annual Pe- ter’s Pence collection. This collection supports the charitable works of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, the successor of St. Peter, as he responds to some of the most urgent needs on earth. These needs include

“The parish school. The two were so close in age, he said it seemed like everything hap-pened for them at the same time,” he said. “Our son Brandon Kleckner was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Donald Trautman on June 8 at St. Pe-ter Cathedral in Erie.

“Tonight we come to the Lord’s table with joyful hearts full of gratitude that the Lord has given us his gift...” Bishop Trautman said follow-ing the opening mass.

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week – July 22-28

Natural/Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week coincides with the anniversary of the promulgation of Humanae Vitae (July 22). Pope Paul VI issued this encyclical which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. The aim of the day is to foster support for the movement in the name of the Church, promote NFP as an alternative method of contraception, and inform and educate the public on the benefits of NFP. Many parishes will be holding events throughout the diocese. Please consult your parish bulletin for more information on Natural Family Planning. To learn more about NFP visit www.ErieRCD.org/nfp.asp.

Celebrating the Catholic Charities Helping Hands Award for exemplary service to church and community are religious leaders and John Barkey, Catholic Charities Executive Director Mary Maxwell and Bishop Donald Trautman.

Michael Adams

Director of Disabilities and Deaf Ministries retired; new director named

By Jason Koshinskie FaithLife editor

In her 15 years of working with the physically and mentally disabled through Catholic Charities, Jackie Johnson said she’s the one who feels blessed for the ex-periences she’s had.

The Catholic Charities’ board of directors has already re-ceived a number of grant requests. Thus far, those raising funds in-de-pend Catholic Charities of Erie.

Catholic Charities Cleveland, 12900 Madison Avenue, will celebrate the opening Mass at Baltimore’s historic Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 7 p.m. June 21 in kick-off of the Catholic Church’s national education

Michael Adams

Catholic Charities Ball raises more than $76,000 for people in need

By Jason Koshinskie FaithLife editor

The 17th annual Catholic Charities Ball was the most successful ever, net-ting more than $76,000 in proceeds for families and individuals in need throughout the 13-county Diocese of Erie. In 2011, the Catholic Charities Ball granted $70,855 to area Catholic Charities agencies.

Father Brandon Kleckner ordained to the priesthood

By Jason Koshinskie FaithLife editor

ERI – Jacob Kleckner said growing up he was in-terested in becoming a priest.

“I always knew in the back of my mind that he would be a priest some day,” he said. “I just didn’t know when it would happen.”

On July 8, Bishop Donald Trautman ordained Father Brandon Kleckner to the priesthood.

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Religious freedom resources

The Bishops website at www.ErieRCD.org/fortnight.asp offers numerous resources regarding Fortnight for Freedom and religious liberties. They include:

• Daily reflections for the Fortnight for Freedom from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
• Frequently asked questions on religious liberty
• Correct Plains to religious liberty
• “Our Faith, Our Country, Our Freedom” a statement on religious liberty from the USCCB
• Votanice.org
• Example of religious liberty discriminations affecting the Catholic Church and Christians in the United States

For more, visit www.FortnightforFreedom.org.

Masses in Baltimore, Washington to open, close Fortnight campaign in religious liberty

The closing ceremony of the Fortnight for Freedom will be held on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington will celebrate the Mass and benediction.

FORTNIGHT

JUNE 21 to JULY 4, 2012

For more, visit www.FortnightforFreedom.org.

See KLECKNER page 3

See DISABILITIES, page 2

Watch a video of Father Brandon Kleckner talk about his ordination at Sacred Heart Parish in Erie. His vacation photograph. His experience at World Youth Day and his thoughts on his ministry as a priest.

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Who’s who in the world of Catholic education throughout the diocese, page 3.
**Upcoming events**

Reform of LCWR to ensure its fidelity to Catholic teaching in areas in which the organization "was based on unsubstantiated accusations and the result of a flawed process that lacked transparency." The LCWR national board of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious June 1 said it feels the assessment that led to a Vatican order to get an abortion if the child she was carrying was female.

In the U.S.

- **Federal court overturns DOMA**
  
  With a ruling that acknowledged the final decision will be up to the U.S. Supreme Court, the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) takes a step toward becoming lawless.

  "The court's decision will no doubt send shockwaves through the nation's political landscape," said Father Paul Turner, executive director of the Institute for Religious liberty.

  "This is a major victory for marriage equality," he continued. "We must not underestimate the impact of this decision on the future of marriage and family."

- **Pope deplores ‘VatiLeaks’ scandal**

  The Vatican announced last week that it would begin an investigation into the leak of confidential documents written in Italian and French. It said the goal was to uncover "the truth behind the revelations of the ‘VatiLeaks’ scandal" and to determine if anyone had violated laws or regulations.

  "We deplore the actions of those who have perpetrated this act of betrayal," the Vatican said in a statement.

  "We ask all of our faithful to join us in praying for the Pope and for the good of the Church."
Refugee program seeks English teachers

Center for Catholic Understanding and Adoption Services (CCUAS) in Erie is seeking workers to help unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, unaccompanied, 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CLARION — The first Communion class at Immaculate Conception School in Clarion, along with the faculty and other members of the student body, celebrated a May crowning honoring Mary on May 4.

Father Monty Sorem was the celebrant of both Mass and the crowning which followed. Helen Linnan, Garin Weaver, Samantha Smith, Sophie Barbasco and, back row, Tobias Antony Mazzariello were crowned as the new members of the Marian Court. The crowning was followed by the students’ singing of hymns.

The crowning of the May queen was followed by a May processional during which the Blessed Sacrament was carried in a solemn procession from the Sacristy to the Chapel where the class gathered to pray the rosary.

May crowning, Immaculate Conception School, Clarion

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May crowning, St. Peter Cathedral School, Erie

May crowning, St. Michael School, Greenville

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