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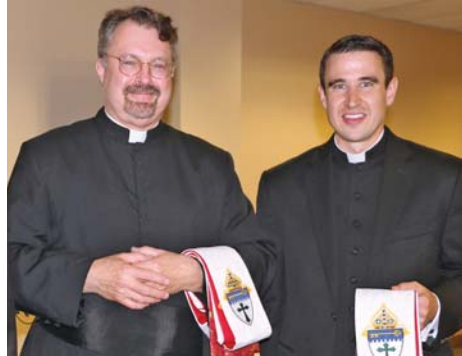
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Diocese welcomes new priests *Ordinations bring number of active priests to 118*



Bishop Lawrence Persico confers Holy Orders on David Carter.



David Carter, left, and James Power hold their new stoles presented to them from the bishop before their ordinations. The stoles were handmade by Mercy Sister Mary Andrew Himes.



James Power receives Holy Orders at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie.

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A generation separates David Carter and Jamie Power, but they have one thing in common: Both were ordained to the priesthood June 10 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie.

Father Carter is 62 years old; Father Power is 26. "I don't have quite the level of energy that 26-year-olds do, but on the other hand, I'm a little bit more calm than some of them," Father Carter said.

A native of Baltimore and a convert to Catholicism, Father Carter came to his vocation later in life, having entered major seminary at St. Vincent in Latrobe in the fall of 2012. Previously, he had worked for 21 years in the retail division of Paulist Press, and another 11 years in the bookstore and library at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore.

Father Power is a native of St. Patrick Parish and a graduate of Our Lady of Peace School, Cathedral Prep and Gannon University, all in Erie. He completed his priestly formation at St. Mary's Seminary.

"I'm so happy that he [Father Carter] discerned his call in this way and at this time in life that I get to be his classmate," Father Power said. Hundreds of people—some from as far away as Ireland and Canada—gathered at St. Peter Cathedral for the ordinations. A heavy Irish brogue was evident throughout the early summer evening as Irish aunts, uncles and cousins of Father Power united with the faithful of the Diocese of Erie.

The congregation erupted in thunderous applause and cheers for Father Carter and Father Power as they followed a procession of clergy leaving the church to the hymn "Rejoice, the Lord is King." They bring the number of active priests in the diocese to 118.

The celebration continued at a reception at the nearby Gannon University Morosky Center, where well-wishers requested blessings from the newly ordained priests. Besides the large extended Power family, others who enjoyed the festivities were Father Carter's "honorary family"—consisting of Tim and Patricia Hoffman of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie, as well as their son, Father Daniel Hoffman, pastor of

Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Edinboro.

Father Carter's parents are both deceased. "We met David when our son [Father Hoffman] was working in the bookstore at St. Mary's," Tim Hoffman said. "David was Dan's boss, so over the years we just kept in touch."

Father Hoffman vested Father Carter on the altar after he was ordained by Bishop Lawrence Persico.

"Since I've known David, he has always been so kind and knowledgeable about his faith. This is a good fit for him," Tim Hoffman added.

Father Power was vested by Father Matt Kujawinski.

In his homily, Bishop Persico addressed Fathers Carter and Power, reminding them that they are now simultaneously servants of the church and members of the people of God.

"Remember, then, that while you are appointed to act on behalf of the Christian faithful for those things that pertain to God, you—like all of us—are in need of God's continued presence, life and mercy," Bishop Persico said.

The Year of Mercy, proclaimed by Pope Francis for 2016, is a fitting time to be ordained to the priesthood.

Said Father Power: "The most obvious place where mercy fits is in the sacrament of

confession. It's another great instrument of grace that we, as Catholics, have. So what a blessing it is that I'll be starting to hear confessions, and dispensing mercy, during the Year of Mercy."

Father Power's parents, Bill and Carolyn Power of Erie, said their son's ordination is not surprising. Since he was young, he has expressed an interest in the priesthood, even "playing" priest as a child.

"I am so thrilled. He was committed to this for a long time," Carolyn Power said.

As of press time, neither Father Power nor

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Kirsten and Chris Darling and their children Jack, Ian and Emma, of St. Joseph Parish, Warren, receive a blessing from the newly ordained Father Jamie Power.



Patricia and Tim Hoffman of Erie accept a blessing from Father David Carter at the ordination reception.

END OF AN ERA

St. Peter School closes after 120 years

BY MARY SOLBERG | FAITHLIFE

As one of the oldest living graduates of St. Peter Cathedral School in Erie, 87-year-old Katherine Harmle Kloecker thought her alma mater would be around forever.

When the school and parish community gathered May 28 for a final farewell—celebrating 120 years of Catholic education in downtown Erie—she was more than a little sad.

"I don't like change. I want everything to stay the same, so this is very sad," Kloecker told *FaithLife*.

On Jan. 14, Bishop Lawrence Persico announced that the inner-city school would close at the end of the current academic year due to declining enrollment and financial concerns. Only 88 students in grades kindergarten through eight were scheduled to enroll next year.

The school officially closed with the last day of classes on June 9.

Kloecker and her son Joe were among the more than 300 people who gathered at the school, located across the street from St. Peter Cathedral, for the farewell fund-

"We went through the five stages of grief in five months."

—Principal Mary Gibson

raiser in May. "I thought St. Peter's would be one of the survivors because of its downtown location, but the demographics worked against us," Joe Kloecker said.

Principal Mary Gibson worked tirelessly—along with her staff—to prepare students and families for the closure and assist them in enrolling in other schools.

"We went through the five stages of grief in five months," Gibson said.

By the time of the farewell reunion event—organized with the help of the St. Peter Cathedral Women's Council and volunteers from the Class of 1967—alumni, students, parents, and current and former faculty had accepted the facts of the situation. Still, sadness remained.

Former principals Diane Madara and Johanna North talked outside the Sassafras Street school, reminiscing about the

camaraderie of the faculty and the commitment of families.

"I thought the school would be around for another hundred years," North said. Added Madara: "If it weren't for all of the wonderful parents, the school wouldn't have succeeded as well as it did. We had children here who came from eight different school districts."

Betty Evanoff, a teacher at St. Peter for 37 years, agreed that a family atmosphere pervaded the school.

"I really can't imagine this school not being here," Evanoff said.

Graduate Mary Alice Keim Glowacki said her three daughters graduated from St. Peter and also were married at the cathedral.

"No parish wants to face this [a school closure], but it's the sign of the times," Glowacki said. "But for the sake of Catholic education, you have to do things that might not be as pleasant as you want them to be."

Father Michael Ferrick, rector of St. Peter Cathedral, has pledged that students who were enrolled at St. Peter's this year will receive a one-time \$500 scholarship if they elect to attend another Catholic school in 2016-17. And the parish plans to provide scholarships for the children of parishioners to attend Catholic schools. Funds raised from the May farewell reunion event will go toward the St. Peter Scholarship Endowment Fund.

"There's a sadness that the school is closing, but we trust that God is working through the situation," Father Ferrick said. "The new plan for Catholic education is going to keep Catholic education vibrant for years to come."



Photo by Mary Solberg

St. Peter Cathedral School Principal Mary Gibson talks to 87-year-old Katherine Harmle Kloecker at the school's reunion event May 28. Kloecker is one of the oldest living graduates of the 120-year-old school that closed June 9.

Ali, JPII endured same disease



VATICAN—In 1982, three-time heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali met Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. They reportedly exchanged autographs. But little did each know that they would later suffer from Parkinson's, serving as public faces of the disease. Ali died June 3 at age 74.

Pope Francis meets Clooneys



VATICAN—Pope Francis met U.S. actor George Clooney and his wife, Amal, during a meeting of the Pontifical Foundation Scholas Occurrentes at the Vatican May 29. The actor was awarded a medal for his work with the Scholas Occurrentes, which connects technology with arts and sport.

Newsmakers



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■ **Five bishops named to Amoris Laetitia working group**

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The archbishop who heads the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has appointed the chairmen of five USCCB committees to an informal working group on the implementation of Pope Francis' recent apostolic exhortation on the family, *Amoris Laetitia*.

The hope is that the working group would have a fuller understanding of the range of activities to implement the document by mid-September, said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., USCCB president.

The working group will marshal the resources of the USCCB to assist bishops with the positive reception and ongoing implementation of *Amoris Laetitia*, to learn the various initiatives taking place in dioceses to help with a positive reception, and to update the Vatican on various initiatives, especially with the hope of offering Pope Francis an update at the time of the annual curial visits.

The newly assigned working group includes:

- Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia
- Bishop Michael Burbidge of Raleigh, N.C.
- Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda of St. Paul and Minneapolis
- Bishop Richard J. Malone of Buffalo
- Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit.

■ **Survey shows religious life appeals to young women**

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Religious life is appealing to young people because "it fills a spiritual need," it offers "a relationship with God" and "it gives people a sense of importance," said the superior general of a Midwest-based order of women religious.

Sister Cecilia Ann Rezac, of the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln, Neb., made the comments in a phone interview with Catholic News Service after the release of results of a membership survey by the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious.

The 2015 survey showed that the average age of women in the religious communities represented by the council is below the average age of women in religious communities nationwide.

Overall, the average age of women in the council's member communities is 57. The average age of postulants is 27; newly assigned, 29; temporary professed, 32; and perpetually professed, 63.

The Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious represents 120 religious communities with approximately 6,000 sisters nationwide. It is one of two Vatican-approved organizations representing most of the women religious in the U.S. The council's members represent communities that emphasize more traditional elements of religious life such as convent living and distinctive habits.



Editor's Notes

Mary SOLBERG

Pope Francis called the massacre last week of 50 people in Orlando "homicidal folly and senseless hatred."

What other adjectives can we possibly use to express our outrage over such attacks? I am reminded of what Morton Kelsey, an Episcopal priest and religious writer, once said of the evil that sometimes lurks in men's souls: "Whenever we look upon the cross... we see what *humankind* can do, has done, and still does to some human beings." Kelsey wrote in his essay "The Cross and the Cellar," published in 1980 in *The Cross: Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ* (Paulist Press).

It seems that every day—even in our political discussions—we hear evidence of hatred, racism, deception, prejudice, condemnation and revenge.

How does one react to violence that, in one sense, continues to crucify Jesus? What do we tell our children? Is there a way to stop it?

The most recent tragedy in Florida—the worst mass shooting in U.S. history—makes me wonder if we can ever rectify the baser elements of the human condition. Probably not.

At the very least, Kelsey argues that we need to recognize—day by day—the impatience and indifference that is active in our own lives.

Maybe then we can move from the crucifixion to the resurrection.

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Muhammad Ali, the former heavyweight champion of the world, inspired people around the globe for more than a generation. Although he died June 3, his life will continue to epitomize the importance of breaking down barriers.

In the words of Msgr. Henry Kriegel, pastor of St. Patrick and St. Hedwig churches in Erie, Ali "chided our consciences about racism, about war, about

poverty."
Msgr. Kriegel was invited by Erie attorney Ron DiNicola, a longtime lawyer for the boxer, to give the Catholic prayer at the June 10 interfaith service memorializing Ali's life. The service was held at the KFC Yum! Center in Louisville, Ky.
Msgr. Kriegel's prayer was one of several offered by religious leaders from across the country.
It appears below:

"Loving, eternal God, as we gather today in prayer, we do so with an abiding sense of gratitude. Our gratitude knows no bounds as we thank you for the gift of this good and gentle man. Muhammad Ali opened our eyes to the evil of racism, to the absurdity of war, he showed us with incredible patience that a debilitating illness need never diminish joy and love in our lives. He chided our consciences, he awakened in us a deeper sense of the need to respect one another, to set aside racial differences. The legendary fighter of all time in reality taught us to heal rather than to fight, to embrace rather than to turn away, to include rather than exclude. While proclaiming himself to be the greatest, he showed us that his greatness lies in his love and concern for others, most particularly the marginalized, the suffering, the helpless. Your gift of him to our world has enriched us, has made us better people, has created a more gentle world. We dare not return him to you today without expressing our gratitude for him. Amen."

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FaithLife newspaper, Faith magazine capture CPA awards

Two of the top national awards at the June 4 Catholic Press Association meeting in St. Louis went to the Communications Office of the Diocese of Erie.

Mary Solberg, editor of FaithLife newspaper, won first place for individual excellence in the editor category, while Lynne Hsu, the Lansing, Mich.-based graphic artist who designs Faith magazine for the Diocese of Erie, won first place for individual excellence as graphic artist/designer. The prestigious wins capped off an evening during which the Erie staff picked up 10 honors.

"It's wonderful for our staff to be recognized," said Anne-Marie Welsh, director of the Communications Office. "We are always happy for our readers. It's an important indication they're receiving top-quality news and features from their diocesan publications. And it inspires us to continue pushing ourselves."

For the second year in a row, Bishop Lawrence Persico was a finalist for the Bishop John England Award for the Defense of Religious Freedom. He was cited for his leadership with the *Zubik v. Burwell* case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court earlier this year.

In addition, Erie Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister garnered two CPA awards: First place in the category of Best Book by a Small Publisher for *Two Dogs and a Parrot: What our animal friends can teach us about life*, (BlueBridge); and second place for Best Blog by a Religious/Clergy for "From Where I Stand," the blog she authors for *National Catholic Reporter*.

Catholic Press Association recognizes FaithLife newspaper and Faith magazine

FIRST PLACE AWARDS

- **Individual Excellence, Editor**
Mary Solberg, FaithLife newspaper
- **Individual Excellence, Graphic Artist/Designer**
Lynne Hsu, Faith magazine
- **Best Local Retail Campaign: Faith magazine**
"Celebrating Sisters"
Elizabeth Butterfield, Designer
Anne-Marie Welsh, Concept/Copy Writer
- **Most Effective Use of Small Space: FaithLife newspaper**
"Clock Repair" ad for Nick's Clock Repair
Elizabeth Butterfield, Designer

SECOND PLACE AWARDS

- **Best Coverage of the World Meeting of Families: Faith magazine**
Anne-Marie Welsh, Editor/Writer
Lynne Hsu, Designer
Matt Gambino and Amy Helmer, Writers
- **Best Coverage of the Year of Consecrated Life: Faith magazine**
The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Anne-Marie Welsh, Writers
Lynne Hsu, Designer
Mark Feinstein, Photographer



THIRD PLACE AWARDS

- **Best Front Page (Broadsheet): FaithLife newspaper**
Rich Papalia, Graphic Designer
Mary Solberg, Editor
- **Best Reporting on a Special Age Group: Faith magazine**
"Faith in Action," Teen edition
Anne-Marie Welsh, Editor/Writer
- **Best Use of Art or Graphics/Best Original Illustration: FaithLife newspaper**
"Bishop Logs Miles"
David Solberg, Illustrator
Rich Papalia, Designer

HONORABLE MENTION

- **Best News Writing on a Local or Regional Event: FaithLife newspaper**
"Fire damages Emmaus Soup Kitchen"
Mary Solberg, Writer



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EVENTS

Classic Car Cruise-In raises funds for VME

ERIE—Villa Maria Elementary School in Erie will hold its 2nd annual Classic Car Cruise-In on June 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the campus parking lot, 2551 W. 8th St. There is no charge for the event, although a donation is suggested.



A DJ will provide music and there will be food for purchase, as well as a 50/50 raffle. All are welcome to attend. For information, call Jessica Nelson at 814-838-5451, ext. 223.

Father's Day evening of prayer and music

DUBOIS—An evening of prayer and music will be held on Father's Day, June 19, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 15 Robinson St., Dubois. The evening begins at 6 p.m. and will include a homily, Scripture reading, and prayers for healing with Father Mark Mastrian. For more information, contact Judy Smart at 814-637-5930 or Rich Kenawell at 814-375-0328.

Group to sponsor religious freedom rally

ERIE—A religious freedom rally, sponsored by local members of the Pro-Life Action League, will be held June 22 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on the west side of the Federal Courthouse at 7th and State streets, Erie. All are welcome to attend.

Motorcycle blessing, group ride set for July

ERIE—Deacon Kyle Seyler will offer a blessing of motorcycles July 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Holy Rosary Church, 2701 East Ave., Erie. A group ride will follow around Presque Isle State Park.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Fortnight for Freedom resources available

Each year, dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. This year's Fortnight for Freedom, sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, will be commemorated June 21 to July 4.



Go to www.ErieRCD.org/fortnight.htm for more information and resources that can be used by individuals and parishes.

Peter's Pence Collection scheduled June 25-26

The Diocese of Erie will take up its annual Peter's Pence Collection in all parishes June 25-26.

Peter's Pence supports the charitable works of Pope Francis as he responds to some of the most urgent needs of people throughout the world, including relief to victims of natural disasters. It also helps the Holy Father support seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, AIDS treatment centers and medical facilities in developing nations.

Interested in becoming a Mercy Associate?

Mercy Associates are women and men, 21 years or older, who desire to share in the values and traditions of Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy. Associates are involved in a diversity of ministries. Contact Christine Tombaugh at ctombaugh@mcwerie.org for more information, or call her at 814-455-4577.

Parent Compass videos available on website

The Family Resources tab on the Families Always Matter website (www.ErieRCD.org) has access to Parent Compass videos. These short videos feature a different Christian family each week and explore the struggles and joys they experience as they draw their families closer to God. For more information or questions, contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261.

Cooking Traditions
Featuring Rusyn and Christian Favorites
Cooking Traditions is a 130-page cookbook featuring Christmas and Easter recipes according to the Rusyn-Slavonic traditions in our Byzantine Rite. This book also showcases many great recipes for Eastern European foods and contemporary American favorites: halushki, potato dumplings, halushki, stuffed cabbage, soups, baked goods and meat dishes. **Cooking Traditions** is available from St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, McKeesport, Pa. for \$12 at the church or \$15 per mail order. Please remit check or money order to St. Nicholas Church, 408 6th St., McKeesport, PA 15132.
For more information call 412-664-9131, 9:00-4:00 M-F.

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Priests ordained for the diocese

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Father Carter were given their first parish assignments.

Many members of the parish communities where they served during their priestly formation attended the ordination Mass.

Father Power served his summer and holiday assignments at St. Joseph Parish, Warren. Father Carter served a summer assignment at St. Stephen in Oil City, and a parish assignment at St. Cosmas and Damian Parish, Punxsutawney.

Both celebrated their first Masses the weekend of their ordinations. On June 11, Father Carter said Mass at St. Stephen, and the next day at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Father Power said his first Mass at St. Patrick on June 12.



Bishop Persico and Deacon Kyle Seyler look on as Father James Power and Father David Carter kneel before the altar at St. Peter Cathedral, signifying the total gift of themselves to the church.

OBITUARY

Father Robert J. Lewis, Ph.D.

Beloved priest devoted life to education, evangelization

Father Robert J. Lewis, a priest of the Diocese of Erie for 67 years, died May 26 at Saint Mary's Home in Erie. He was 94. Ordained in 1948 by Archbishop John Mark Gannon at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie, Father Lewis devoted his life to higher education, parish life and evangelization. He was an international speaker and a prolific writer.

Born in Erie on June 22, 1921, he was a native son of St. Patrick Church. He served his entire priesthood in Erie parishes with the exception of service at Sacred Heart Church in Sharon. He was associate pastor at Mount Calvary Church, St. Joseph Church, St. Mark the Evangelist Church, and St. Ann Church, all in Erie, while serving as instructor and administrator at Gannon University.

For 11 years, Father Lewis worked as registrar and director of admissions at Gannon University. He taught several courses for many years before receiving a doctorate in religious education from the Catholic University of America, Wash-

ington, D.C.

Father Lewis assisted Msgr. Wilfred J. Nash, former president at Gannon, in securing papal recognition of the Gannon graduate courses in religious education. For 20 years, Father Lewis conducted an annual workshop for priests from the U.S. and Canada.

He served on many advisory boards in Catholic higher education and the Association of Pontifical Centers. He was one of the founders of the American Fellowship of Catholic Scholars. He authored pieces on marriage for the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, chaired the writing of the history of Gannon University, and wrote numerous articles on catechetics for the former *Lake Shore Visitor* and other American Catholic



Father Robert Lewis, Ph.D.

newspapers. He gave many retreats in Toronto and the United States.

Also, he spoke on the Catholic faith not only here, but in New Zealand, Australia and Canada. He appeared on numerous television programs, and with Father John Triglino of the Diocese of Harrisburg, he co-chaired the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) series "Web of Faith." Survivors include his sister, Margaret Andersen, of Long Island, N.Y.; his niece and nephews Susan (John) Martin, Maria (Jerry) Dresel, Judy (Robert) Kiechlin, all of Long Island; Al (Robin) Kunz, Jerry Kunz, Eileen (Dave) Baker and Jeanne Filipkowski, all of Erie; Kathleen (Clay) Davis of Arizona; James (Deborah) Lewis of Johnstown, Pa.; and Meghan Lewis of California; and many grandchildren and grandnephews.

Bishop Lawrence Persico officiated at a funeral Mass for Father Lewis at St. Ann Church in Erie.

Burial was at Trinity Cemetery, Erie.

Mark your calendar! 2016 Parish Events

JUNE 25 - Our Lady of Lourdes Old-Fashioned Strawberry Social
251 S. Franklin St., Cochranton; 4-7 p.m. Ice cream, cake and strawberries: \$3.50. Also available: chicken sandwiches, sloppy joes, hot dogs and homemade macaroni salad; 814-789-2022.

JUNE 26 - St. Boniface Old-Fashioned Country Festival
Coleman Center, 9363 Wattsburg Road, Erie (Route 8, 3 miles south of I-90); 11 am-4 pm. Festivities indoors and under the tent on the chudrons grounds. FREE admission. Homestyle chicken dinner, Adult: \$9; Child: \$5; Family (2 adults, 2 children, dine-in only): \$22. Homemade pies, outdoor games, pony rides, live bluegrass music, Chinese auction, cash awards up to \$1,000, great prizes including tickets to the Florida Georgia Line concert at Erie Insurance Arena on Sept. 8, 2016. Fun and fellowship for all ages proceeds benefit St. Boniface Catholic School and Kuhl Hosiery Company, 814-825-4439.

JULY 3 - St. Joseph Pre-Festival Kickoff!
St. Joseph's Liberty 5K Run/Walk, 7 pm. Antler Club, 231 Sunset Drive, Lucinda. www.st-joseph-lucinda.org; 814-226-7288.

JULY 4 - St. Joseph 77th Annual 4th of July Celebration
St. Joseph Parish grounds, 112 Rectory Lane, Lucinda (along Route 66); 11 am-4 pm. Rain or shine (canopy-covered). Handicapped accessible and parking shuttle available. All-you-can-eat chicken and ham dinners, soup with homemade noodles and homemade pies. Dinner tickets on sale at 10 am; Dining room serving 11 am-3 pm; Takeouts: 11 am-2 pm. Adult: \$8.50; Child 6-12: \$4; 5 and under: FREE. Festival food, games of skill and chance, live entertainment, BINGO and over \$40,000 in cash and prizes including a \$5,000 GRAND PRIZE and over 15 handmade quilts. Festival proceeds benefit St. Joseph School. 814-226-7288; st-joseph-lucinda.org.

JULY 9 - Our Lady of Mercy Chicken Run
8:30 am; For more details, visit: www.ourladyofmercychurch.org.

JULY 10 - Our Lady of Mercy BBQ Chicken Dinner and Summer Festival
837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek; Noon-5 pm. BBQ chicken dinner in A/C dining room in Sperry Hall, carryout available from 12:30-4:30 pm. Raffles, bake sale, BINGO, children's area, pony rides, \$1,000 GRAND PRIZE, 55" TV, iPad mini and paddleboard. Adult: \$10; Child 6-12: \$4; Child 5 and under: \$3. 814-899-5342.

JULY 28 - St. Teresa of Avila Lawn Festival
9 Third Ave., Union City; 5-9:30 pm. Rain or shine; games, food, raffles, prizes, gift auction, pony rides, bake sale, crafts and music. GRAND PRIZE drawing of \$500 and other prizes awarded at 9 pm (need not be present to win). 814-438-2000.

JULY 31 - 120th Annual Frenchtown Ham or Chicken Dinner
St. Hippolyte, 26012 N. Frenchtown Road on Route 27, Frenchtown; Dinners served noon-6pm (or until sold out); 1/2 chicken or ham, homemade pies. Noon to 7 pm: games, BINGO, gift auction, quilt/afghan raffle and kids area. Shuttle service to parking areas; takeouts available. Adult: \$9; Senior citizen: \$8; Child: \$6. 814-789-2022.

AUG. 12-14 - St. Paul Italian Festival
453 W. 16th St., Erie; Friday 6-10 p.m. Saturday 1-10 p.m., Sunday 12-8 p.m. Friday 5 pm Mass followed by pasta fragoli dinner. Music by Cugini Italiani from 7-10 p.m. \$2000 drawing at 10 pm. Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass. 5:15 p.m. Italian dancers, 6-10 p.m. Music by Cugini Italiani. \$2000 prize drawing at 10 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. Mass with Bishop Persico followed by procession of the Virgin Mary statue. Spaghetti dinner from 12-5 p.m. and music by Riff Riders from 2-5 p.m. and Ruby Port from 6-9 p.m. \$8,000 prize drawing at 8 p.m. Daily activities include: homemade foods games, prizes, games of chance and children's activities. FREE trolley shuttle service from Erie Central Mall. Additional parking at 16th and Chestnut and St. Paul's Free Clinic. 814-459-3173

AUG. 26-28 - 23rd Annual Zabawa Polish Heritage Festival
Holy Trinity, E. 23rd and Reed streets, Erie; FRIDAY 5-10 pm, SATURDAY Noon-10 pm, SUNDAY 12-6 pm. Polka Masses: SATURDAY 5 pm with Bishop Persico, SUNDAY 11 am. Live nationally-known bands: FRIDAY *The Knewz* (Buffalo), SATURDAY *The Boys* (Baltimore) and *Mar-Vel* (Erie), SUNDAY *Henry and the Verso's* (Pittsburgh) and *Wivaty Folk Dancers* (Erie); DJ Ken Olowin as MC. Authentic Polish foods, bakery and drinks daily. Drawings, games, kids area and FREE admission. Handicapped accessible; more parking and FREE shuttle service: E. 34th and Ash streets. 814-456-0671; holyltrinity.org.

SEPT. 9-11 - Annual Fall Festival Immaculate Conception
129 Graham Ave., Brookville; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 8 am-8 pm, SUNDAY 10 am-3 pm. Huga flea market, crafts, theme baskets, kids games, \$2,500 cash raffle on Saturday, cornhole tournament, BBQ chicken dinner on Sunday and roast beef dinner. 814-849-8697.

SEPT. 9-11 - Oktoberfest St. Joseph/Bread of Life Community
147 W. 24th St., Erie; FRIDAY 5-11 pm (dinner 5-9 pm); la carte food items available until 10 pm each day; SATURDAY 11-11 pm (dinner Noon-9 pm); SUNDAY Noon-6 pm (dinner Noon-5 pm); Takeouts available. Bavarian waffles, heated beer tent, theme baskets and kids games. Raffle drawing: Sunday, 5 pm. Ticket sales at 814-452-2982 or at the church office.

SEPT. 18 - Blessed Sacrament School's Fall Festival 2016
1626 W. 26th St., Erie; Noon-5 pm. \$500 drawing: 12:30-3 pm, \$1,500 drawing: 3:30-4 pm, \$2,500 drawing: 4 pm, \$3,000 drawing: 4:30 pm, \$5,000 GRAND PRIZE drawing: 5 pm. Win an extra \$50 if you are present and your name is pulled. Adult and kids games, inflatables, bake sale, flu shots, our famous theme basket raffle, fall plant sale, apples, cider and pumpkins. 814-454-0171.

SEPT. 20 - 13th Annual Slavic Festival
St. Peter & Paul Social Center, 3415 Wallace St., Erie; Noon to 7 pm. Welcome Divine Liturgy at 11 am; ethnic foods and pastries, religious and heritage displays, Polka music, church tours, gift shops, hourly cash prizes, gift basket raffle. FREE parking and FREE admission. 814-825-8140; www.ericucitybyzantines.org.

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Knights present scholarship



NORTH EAST—Grand Knight **Mark Blackburn**, left, of Knights of Columbus Council #4262, presented an educational scholarship May 23 to **Evan Fritzke** of North East. Fritzke is one of 10 students in Pennsylvania who received a scholarship from the State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Fritzke is a 2016 graduate of Cathedral Preparatory School, Erie, and is a graduate of St. Gregory School, North East. He is planning to attend Case Western Reserve University in Ohio this fall. He is the son of Jay and Elizabeth Fritzke.

Fun at Math and Science Day



ERIE—Seventh-graders from Our Lady of Peace School, Erie, demonstrate the effect of adding mint Mentos to diet soda during Math and Science Day May 31. Pictured, from left, are: **Michael Duska**, **Noah Rupp** and **AJ Nawrocki**. Behind them are some fifth- and sixth-graders who joined the rest of the student body as they rotated through 30 different hands-on stations.

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CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSIONS

Meadville Catholics process through city streets on Corpus Christi



Photo by Ed Maillard

MEADVILLE—More than 90 people took part in a procession through the streets of Meadville May 29 in observance of the feast of Corpus Christi. Participants are shown leaving St. Agatha Church, where a benediction service had been held. The seven-block procession with the Blessed Sacrament began at St. Brigid Church and proceeded to St. Agatha and then to St. Mary of Grace Church. Prayer services were held in each church; refreshments and fellowship followed at St. Mary. Meadville's three-church partnered parishes are under the guidance of **Father Jonathan Schmolz**, pastor.

Holy Rosary and St. John celebrate



ERIE—The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) was celebrated May 29 with a procession around the neighborhood of Holy Rosary Church in Erie. Participants from Holy Rosary and St. John Church, Erie, stopped three times for Scripture, petitions, prayer and a blessing. The occasion ended inside Holy Rosary with song, divine praises and a blessing.

Red Nose Day is a hit at St. Luke



ERIE—Walgreens' Red Nose Day invites customers to purchase a red nose for \$1 to offset national childhood poverty. St. Luke School seventh-grader **Juliana Sergi** liked the idea so much that she asked **Principal Karen Beer** if students could expand on it to help children in Erie. Not only did students get a red nose for \$1, but they paid another dollar to wear jeans to school for a day. They raised more than \$300 for the Neighborhood Art House and more than \$300 for the Walgreens project.

Pictured are: **Kelly Betts**, a Walgreens shift leader; students **Sheila Gonzalez**, **Juliana Sergi** and **Alexa Constantino**; and **Patti Eichen** of the Neighborhood Art House.

Middle school students compete



ERIE—Seventh- and eighth-graders from St. Luke School in Erie recently participated in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science state competition at Penn State in State College. All 18 St. Luke students won first, second and third places.

Pictured in the top row, from left, are: students **Rachel Zimmer**, **Abby Olsen**, **Ben Swaney**, **Evan Olstowka**, **Christopher Hess**, **Linda Buto**, **Caitlin Nies**, **Alexis Lewis** and **Caitlyn Stewart**. In the bottom row, from left, are: **Rachel Burbules**, science teacher; and students **Lauren Jarmolowicz**, **Tess Richter**, **Amelia Kuzma**, **Kyle Miller**, **Amiya Sacco**, **Laina Finazzo**, **Lexi Hulick** and **Juliana Sergi**. Eighth-grader **Farren Parker** is absent from the photo.

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