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**YOUNG PEOPLE HONORED:** Bishop Edward C. Malesic congratulates young people who were honored at the annual Youth Ministry Honors and Recognition Mass July 10 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. See story on page 6.

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## Bishop Malesic reflects on first year of serving the Lord with gladness in diocese

By Jerry Zufelt  
Editor

**GREENSBURG** — Bishop Edward C. Malesic marked his first anniversary as Bishop of Greensburg with a July 13 Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

He recalled the magnificence of his Mass of Episcopal Ordination and Installation July 13, 2015.

“I remember the sheer magnitude of the welcome to the diocese from people who didn’t know me but wanted to know me; the long lines of people waiting to greet me,” he said.

He continues to see that great respect

for the office of the bishop by people of the Diocese of Greensburg throughout his travels in Armstrong, Fayette, Indiana and Westmoreland counties.

He also experiences it when he is recognized while running personal errands around town.

But, the man who introduced himself at his April 24, 2015, announcement press conference as “a simple parish priest” and “disciple of Jesus” has spent the past year adjusting to the transition from pastor of a parish — Holy Infant in York Haven — with approximately 1,700 parishioners to bishop of a diocese with 78 parishes

and more than 142,000 souls.

As bishop, his focus remains on parishes.

“Their vitality is important to the spiritual life of the people,” he said in a recent interview for *The Catholic Accent*. “My main concern is parish life. Everything we do (as a diocese) is to help people come closer to Christ.”

He spent much of his first year visiting parishes and schools, and says the first priority of his second year is to visit the ones he did not get to this past year.

“It is a great joy being with people,

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## OBITUARIES

# Archbishop Joseph A. De Andrea, former priest of diocese, Vatican diplomat, dies at 86

By **Jerry Zufelt**  
Editor

**GREENSBURG** — Archbishop Joseph (Giuseppe) A. De Andrea, a former priest of the Diocese of Greensburg and a Vatican diplomat in the Middle East who died June 29 in Rome, was remembered as a gentle, humble soul and beloved pastor.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated for him by Bishop Edward C. Malesic July 28 at 7 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

“He was a gentle soul and a very bright man,” said Msgr. William R. Rathgeb, judicial vicar. “He did a lot of good work and was well liked.”

Carl and Dorothy Fontana, parishioners of St. Ambrose Parish, Avonmore, where Archbishop De Andrea served in his first pastorate from 1967-70, knew him for nearly 50 years.

“He was very humble,” Dorothy said, noting they hosted Archbishop De Andrea during his visits to the diocese.

“He stayed the same,” Carl said of their former pastor who rose through the ranks of the Vatican diplomatic corps after his service in the diocese.

“He had no airs about him,” Dorothy said. “After he became an archbishop, we asked him, ‘What do we call you now?’ He said, ‘Father Joe.’”

Archbishop De Andrea, who was 86, served in several parish and diocesan assignments in the Diocese of Greensburg from 1958-82 before entering the Vatican diplomatic corps in 1983. He was appointed apostolic nuncio to Kuwait, Bahrain and the Republic of Yemen in 2001 and ordained an archbishop to serve in those posts at St. Peter’s Basilica Sept. 20, 2001, just nine days after the 9/11 attacks.

In that assignment, he also served as apostolic delegate in Oman, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, countries that did not have full diplomatic relations with the Vatican. He was named apostolic nuncio to Qatar in 2003.

Archbishop De Andrea was born April 20, 1930, in Torino, Italy, to the late Antonio and Antonietta (Marchet-



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From left, seminarian Daniel E. Carr, Bishop Edward C. Malesic, Archbishop De Andrea and Bishop Lawrence T. Persico of Erie visit in Rome in September 2015

ti) De Andrea. He was ordained to the priesthood in Torino on June 21, 1953. He earned degrees in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome and a master’s in education from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

He taught in Kenya for two years before coming to the Diocese of Greensburg in 1958 and was incardinated in 1965. He served in several diocesan appointments before being named attaché to the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations in 1983. He was named undersecretary of the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers in 1994.

In the Diocese of Greensburg, he served as parochial vicar of Mount St. Peter Parish, New Kensington, and St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana. He served as pastor of St. Ambrose Parish, Avonmore, and its mission, St. Matthew, Saltsburg; Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville; St. James Parish, New Alexandria; and St. Pius X Parish, Mount Pleasant. He also served as chaplain and a religion instructor at Seton Hill University; dean of studies and director of faculty at St. Joseph Hall, Greensburg; vicar for religious for the diocese; and assistant to Catholic Charities.

He was named a monsignor in 1985 and was named a canon of St. Peter’s Basilica and apostolic protonotary (the highest level for a monsignor) in 1999.

Archbishop De Andrea’s resignation was accepted, and he retired from his diplomatic posts Aug. 27, 2005.

During his retirement, Archbishop

## Message from Vatican secretary

Bishop Edward C. Malesic received the following message from the Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin:

“The Holy Father expresses heartfelt condolences at the death of Archbishop Joseph De Andrea, apostolic nuncio. With gratitude for the late archbishop’s long and generous service as a priest of the Diocese of Greensburg, and his subsequent service as papal representative in Kuwait, Bahrain and Yemen, and apostolic delegate in the Arabian Peninsula, His Holiness joins you in praying for the repose of the soul of this zealous missionary servant of the Gospel. To all who mourn Archbishop De Andrea in the hope of the resurrection he cordially imparts his apostolic blessing as a pledge of strength and peace in the Lord.”

De Andrea lived in Rome and served as a senior canon at St. Peter’s Basilica and in the international offices of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

His funeral Mass was celebrated July 1 in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican.

## Trappist Father Anthony Delisi, native of Avonmore

Trappist Father Anthony Delisi, a native of Avonmore, died May 9, 2016, at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, Ga. He was 87.

Father Anthony, son of the late Joseph and Ignazia Delisi, attended the former Saint Vincent Preparatory School, Latrobe; Saint Francis College, Loretto; The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.; and the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.

He entered the monastery in 1948, made solemn profession of vows in 1953 and was ordained a priest in 1954. He had been in monastic life for 67 years

and a priest for 61 years.

From 1979 to 1987, Father Anthony trained and formed native monks and nuns to the Cistercian order in Nigeria, overseeing construction of a convent chapel. After returning to the monastery in Georgia, he was involved in many ministries including delivering food to poor neighbors (which evolved into a monastery food bank), teaching classes to the monks, guiding the monastery



Father Anthony

through liturgical changes during the Second Vatican Council, helping to establish gardening as a profitable business for the monastery, and serving as retreat master.

A funeral Mass was celebrated May 14 at the monastery with interment in the monks’ cemetery.

For additional information about Father Anthony, visit <http://goo.gl/x9NVWW>



## Letter from Bishop Malesic to people of the diocese

Dear Friends,

On July 13, I marked my first-year anniversary as the Bishop of Greensburg. Thank you for accompanying me with your prayers, your good works, your thoughtfulness and your faith.

To be honest — and honesty is always the best policy — I did not know what to expect before I arrived here. I was a stranger, an unknown to most of you; I questioned whether I would be accepted by you. I wondered whether I would have the strength to do all the things that a bishop is asked to do. I was leaving my home in the Diocese of Harrisburg and all that was familiar to me. At the age of 54, I was somewhat doubtful whether I was ready for such a huge change.

Then, as I think all of us must do, I simply placed myself before the Lord and said: “Jesus, I trust in you. If this is your will for me, I know that you will give me every grace I need to do what you want to do through me.”

He has not disappointed me.

I came to learn that the people of the Diocese of Greensburg warmly welcomed me to my new home. I discovered that I had the support of great priests, deacons, consecrated men and women, and lay leaders who work with me at the level of the diocese and within our wonderful parishes. The names of the towns in our diocese are becoming more familiar to me (although I still rely on my GPS to get me where I need to be).

Change has not been easy, but it has been worth it. God has blessed me so abundantly by calling me to this new ministry. I am happy to be a member of the Diocese of Greensburg, as well as its bishop.

As I look forward to my second year of leadership to the faithful of the four counties of our diocese, I still rely on your prayers and support. These mean more to me than you can imagine. Together, as the Church of Jesus, we will continue to work to build up God’s Kingdom, preach the Good News, serve the poor and needy, celebrate the mysteries of our faith, deepen our relationship with Jesus, and serve the Lord with gladness.

May God be our strength and guide on our mutual pilgrimage through life.

During this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, I ask God’s blessing upon all of you and those you love. With great gratitude for all of you, I remain

Your brother in Christ,

+ *Edward C. Malesic*

The Most Reverend  
Edward C. Malesic, JCL  
Bishop of Greensburg



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Bishop Malesic greets parishioners after a Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Footedale site, May 28. He has spent his first year as bishop visiting parishes around the diocese.

## Bishop reflects on first year in diocese

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celebrating with them and praying with them,” said Bishop Malesic, who took the episcopal motto, “Serve the Lord with Gladness.”

He is impressed with the diocesan faithful.

“They love their church and they love Christ,” he said.

“The brotherhood of diocesan priests is a great joy, too,” Bishop Malesic said.

“We need to be full of joy. That is what attracts people to want to know more about Jesus. When we know Christ, we are happy, peaceful and joyful.”

The highlights of the past year, he said, included three liturgies — all celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral — at which a bishop must preside: his first ordination (Father Ryan C. Ravis as a deacon Dec. 13, 2015); his first chrism Mass March 24 to consecrate the holy oils for sacramental use in the diocesan parishes; and his first diocesan priestly ordination June 4 for Father Ravis.

He has been moved by the opportunities he has had to celebrate God’s mercy with the people of the diocese during the Jubilee Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis, Bishop Malesic said.

With the demands on his time, Bishop Malesic said the year has required him to form new routines with new people.

“I have had to regain a balance between work, prayer and relaxation,” he said. “We all need to balance our lives. Many of our struggles come from trying to balance body, mind and spirit.”

He tries to make time for walks

around St. Paul Parish, where he lives in the parish rectory, and on the adjoining campus of Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School.

### Vocations

His primary objectives moving forward include promoting vocations and evangelization.

“God is still calling men to the priesthood; we have to cultivate their hearts to hear the call clearly and to answer it,” he said.

To support that effort, he recently named Father Tyler J. Bandura as associate director of the Office for Clergy Vocations. In that new role, he will be responsible for developing the wide range of relationships necessary to bring men into the discernment process.

Bishop Malesic also noted the importance of other vocations: the permanent diaconate, consecrated life, the single life and marriage.

### Evangelization

Bishop Malesic said evangelization requires Catholics to “hear the Word of God and grow deeper in our relationship with him.”

“We need to be a church that invites people back or invites them in for the first time,” he said, by getting them excited about Christ and his church.

“We need to be full of joy,” he said, returning to the theme of his episcopal motto.

“Be aware of all the gifts God gives us; be thankful for what we have,” he said. “We have the Eucharist and the living Word among us. Don’t complain about what we lack. Grateful, thankful people attract others.”

He said everyone, himself included, should be searching for a deeper relationship with Jesus so we can, like Pope Francis encourages, accompany others on that journey.

“Jesus walked with his disciples to Emmaus, a journey that led them to the table,” he said. “The sharing of our lives and faith deepens each other’s faith. We have to touch hearts.”

### Youth

His first diocesan-wide liturgy after being ordained bishop was the Youth Honors Mass July 19 at the cathedral. He recently celebrated his second Youth Honors Mass July 10.

“Youth bring their own gifts to the church,” he said. “They show us there is hope and future in the church.”

But, as a priest who served for more than 10 years in campus ministry at four different colleges and universities, he saw how young people “swim in a toxic culture.”

“The church is like medicine for that,” he said. “We provide the clean, fresh air of the Gospel. We need to show students the reason for the church and its beauty.”

He said there is a diversity of needs across the age spectrum in the church, and it is wonderful to see so many people of differing ages with unique gifts.

There are far more meetings as a bishop than as a pastor, Bishop Malesic said, and he has to rely on many people involved in the organizations and committees with which he consults.

“I realize people are looking to me for decisions, which I make in consultation,” he said.

For a slide show of Bishop Malesic’s first year in the diocese, visit [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org)



# THE Year of Mercy

EXPERIENCE THE LOVE AND MERCY OF OUR FATHER

## Film is historical journey of The Divine Mercy painting

By Elizabeth Fazzini  
Managing Editor

**LATROBE** — Fascinated by the history of “The Divine Mercy” painting, documentary filmmaker Daniel diSilva set out on a quest for truth.

“I had no idea what I was going to uncover,” diSilva said.

What he did uncover is a “fascinating timeline” of the original image and its whereabouts in Europe throughout history. And what he produced is a documentary titled “The Original Image of Divine Mercy,” the untold story of an unknown masterpiece.

The nearly two-hour documentary took a year and a half to make, diSilva said, and was filmed throughout Lithuania (where the original painting now hangs in a shrine in the capital city of Vilnius); several cities in Poland; Vienna, Austria; and Turin, Italy.

In conjunction with the Year of Mercy, Holy Family Parish is having several screenings of the documentary from July 25-31 at the Latrobe 30 Theatre and Café and the parish social hall.

Ryan Coyne, director of evangelization and youth ministry at the parish, said the upcoming screenings have generated excitement and enthusiasm, and people are purchasing tickets both individually and as parish groups.

“God is trying to communicate some grace to us in a special way during this Year of Mercy,” he said. “This film is one of many tools we have to build a stronger relationship with God and to grow in closer union with him.”

St. Faustina, who was born in Poland in 1905 and canonized by St. John Paul II in 2000, received private revelations about God’s mercy. In 1931, she saw a

### THE ORIGINAL IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

#### Latrobe 30 Theatre and Cafe

July 25, 7 p.m.  
Tickets: \$10 adults; \$5 children  
Reservations required; contact  
Ryan Coyne, 724-539-9751, ext.  
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#### Holy Family Parish, Latrobe

July 26, 1 p.m.; July 27-28, 7 p.m.;  
July 29, 1 and 7 p.m.; July 30, 5:30  
p.m.; July 31, noon  
Donation suggested; no tickets or  
reservations required

vision of the Lord Jesus, who asked her to paint an image of what she saw with the signature of “Jesus I Trust in You.”

DiSilva said Christ appeared to St. Faustina in both Poland and Lithuania.

After a failed attempt to paint the visual herself, her spiritual director, (now Blessed) Father Michael Sopoko, arranged for Lithuanian artist Eugeniusz Kazimirowski to paint the original image. St. Faustina described what she saw, and the artist painted it. It features two rays of light flowing from Christ’s heart

“This original image is the only one St. Faustina ever saw with her own eyes,” diSilva says in the film’s trailer.

DiSilva adds that many people have painted their own rendition of Divine Mercy — which are beautiful and celebrated — but the original piece is unique. The documentary explains this.

An array of individuals give commentary throughout the film, such as: Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles Robert



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Filmmaker Daniel diSilva looks at the original Divine Mercy image hanging in the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Barron; Father Leo Maasburg, spiritual director of Mother Teresa; comedian Jim Gaffigan; and George Weigel, biographer of St. John Paul II.

“This is Faustina trying to describe the indescribable and the painter trying to do the impossible,” Weigel says in the film’s trailer.

Gaffigan adds, “Obviously, she saw God. That’s what this painting is about; Jesus is this light coming out of the darkness because we all exist in darkness, which is also very analogous to the notion of mercy.”

DiSilva notes that the painting was abandoned, stolen and smuggled.

“It was rolled up and put into storage and left for many years. Basically it was

forgotten,” he said. “What better time for the story to finally be told of the original image of Divine Mercy than the Holy Year of Mercy.”

The documentary is produced by diSilva’s production company, Springtime Production, and Spotstone Production. Gintaras Grušas, Archbishop of Vilnius, is its executive producer.

“Nobody knows the truth about this original painting,” diSilva said. “If they knew the history, they would realize how important this image is. It’s singular in its importance.”

The company plans to release a DVD of the documentary on Nov. 20. Visit [www.divinemeracyfilm.com](http://www.divinemeracyfilm.com) for details.

## Counseling the doubtful: One of the spiritual works of mercy

By Daniel S. Mulhall  
Catholic News Service

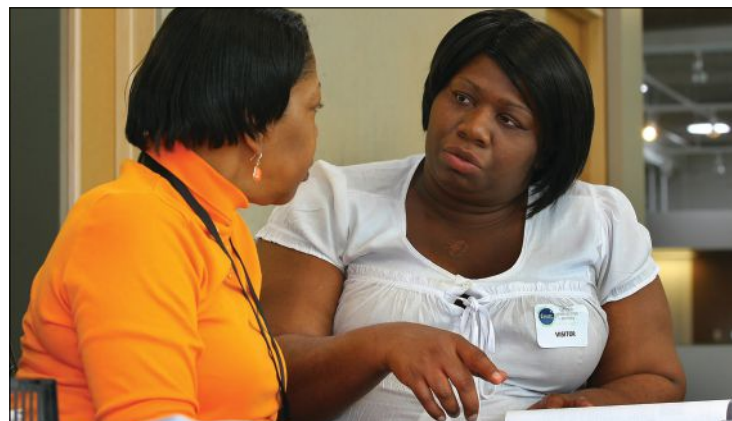
The spiritual work of mercy “counsel the doubtful” can be understood in different ways, depending on how we interpret “counsel” and “doubtful.”

It can mean that we offer insight or wisdom to someone who has questions or doubt. But it can also mean that we offer clarity where confusion reigns or candor when someone’s attitudes, values and behaviors are questionable.

The Bible offers numerous verses that illustrate ways these words can be understood.

One meaning of “counsel the doubtful” is to offer advice to people who are unclear as to what they should do.

The Book of Proverbs is filled with insightful sayings that provide guidance on how people



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should live and make smart decisions. In addition, there are sayings that point out the value of listening to good advice.

Proverbs 11:14 says: “For lack of guidance a people falls; security lies in many counselors.” But not everyone is receptive to the counsel of others

as Proverbs 12:15 recognizes: “The way of fools is right in their own eyes, but those who listen to advice are the wise.”

While the passages from Proverbs emphasize the importance of offering and accepting sage advice, another form of counsel is found in

the Second Book of Samuel, Chapter 12, in the familiar story of David and Bathsheba.

David, the king of Israel, lusts for Bathsheba and arranges to have her husband killed in battle. When the prophet Nathan learns of this, he confronts David with the sinfulness of his actions. David, forced to recognize the truth, repents and makes amends.

A different example of counseling can be found in the story of Jesus and Nicodemus (Jn 3:1-21). This time the objective is to help someone struggling to understand some aspect of the Christian faith.

In this passage, Jesus helps Nicodemus, a faithful man and leader of the Jewish community, to understand the teaching of being born again. Jesus’ counsel is offered and leads Nicodemus to a rich under-

standing of the teaching.

The letters of St. Paul were written as a form of counsel to the early followers of Jesus. They help people to understand. A perfect example is when Paul counsels on the efficacy of baptism:

“What then shall we say? Shall we persist in sin that grace may abound? Of course not! How can we who died to sin yet live in it? Or are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?”

“We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life” (Rom 6:1-4).

Mulhall is a catechist who lives in Laurel, Md.



## THE BEST PART OF OUR ~~JOB~~ *ministry*

# Belle Vernon couple growing in faith through garden ministry

By Maria Guzzo  
Staff Writer

**BELLE VERNON** — Steve and Sarah Zolock say their gardening ministry at St. Sebastian Parish helps them grow in their faith.

“Life is all about sharing and helping, and that’s what it is — sharing and helping,” said Sarah, 73. “We pray as we work. We pray for a little more strength to plug away at it.”

The couple has been tending the gardens around the parish for 16 years, shortly after they retired from Greensburg Salem High School, where Steve was a chemistry teacher and Sarah taught math.

“It was first called the Green Team,” said Steve, 76. “We had eight to 10 people, but they slowly died off, and we’re the last two who are left.”

They’ve been trying to cultivate other volunteers, but for now they’re on their own. They don’t cut grass or shrubbery, and lately they have been replacing existing flowers with low maintenance perennials, according to Steve.

They’re getting most of the perennials from their own home — Zolock Gardens — a 3-acre property in Belle Vernon planted by Steve’s mother 58 years ago. The couple has continued her endeavor of hybridizing daylilies and hostas for 16 years. They give creative

*This is one in a series of articles that profile people working in ministries.*

names to the plants they develop, including the daylilies called Angel Ahead, Holy Spirit Moment, Dancing with Angels and Saint Sebastian.

“St. Sebastian was shot by arrows, and so there was all this red blood,” Steve said. “So, we created a red one and named it Saint Sebastian, and now right in front of the marquee there are 50 plants of Saint Sebastian.”

In addition to their parish, they share plants with municipalities who want to spruce up their appearance.

“It’s a charity we do,” Steve said.

The Zolocks are extraordinary ministers of holy Communion and take the Eucharist to the homebound and hospitalized. They are money counters, parish festival volunteers and funeral choir members. They also help decorate the church and are members of the Prayer Crafters knitting group, which makes shawls and lap blankets for the homebound.

“I’m not ashamed to be the only guy knitting,” said Steve, who also serves on the pastoral council.

“It’s crafty, and we’re doing something for the public — just like the garden.”



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Sarah and Steve Zolock tend a garden at St. Sebastian Parish.

## Freeport theater group staging parish history from early 1800s

By Maria Guzzo  
Staff Writer

**FREEPORT** — Tasked with writing a play about the founding of St. Mary Parish, parishioner Rennick Steele realized the church’s history makes good theater. A canoe-riding priest, Irish fisticuffs, defective bricks, a mine explosion and a wedding all are important chapters in the church’s story.

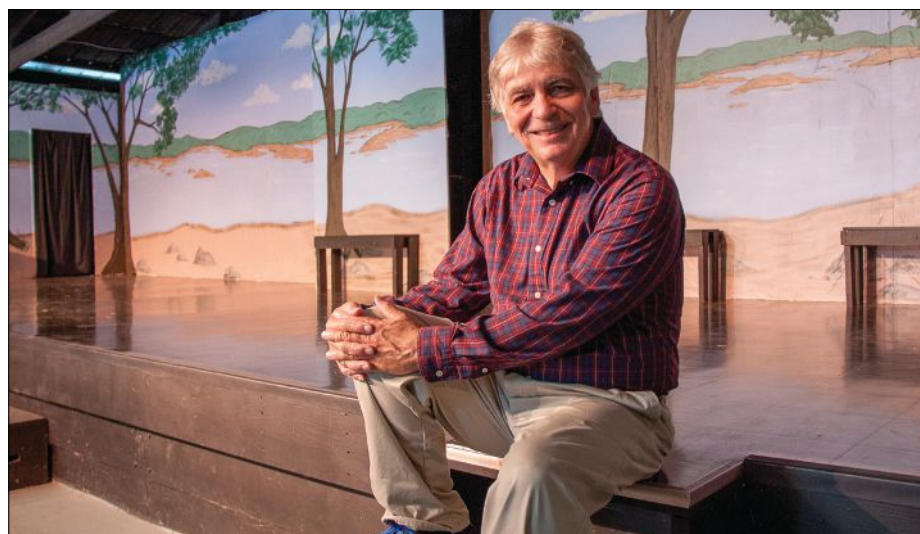
Steele’s new play, “Spirit of St. Mary’s,” will be performed in August at the Freeport Theatre Festival, which Steele and his wife, Marushka, founded in 1989.

Former pastor Pauline Father Ed Volz asked Steele to write the play to commemorate the church’s 190th anniversary, which happens this year. To write the drama, Steele combed through historical documents, gleaning material to give life to a cast of 25 characters, portrayed by local actors.

“I had to do a lot of research into what happened and how it was founded,” Steele said. “It was the first church in Freeport, but it starts out even earlier when a priest came down the river in a canoe and gave Communion to a family of Catholics in 1801.”

In 1826, Father Patrick O’Neil arrived and helped build not only the congregation, but also the church building. Steele said Father O’Neil brought together two feuding groups of Irish workers in Freeport who were digging a canal through town.

“Father told them to cut it out and



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Rennick Steele sits on the stage at the Freeport Theatre Festival building.

help me build this church,” Steele said, and they heeded his request and helped erect the first church.

“But Father O’Neil was sold bad bricks for the church, and they ran bloody red when it rained,” Steele said.

A mere 20 years later, the disintegrating brick church had to be torn down. It was replaced by the current church, a Gothic structure that is still in use.

Current pastor Father Ronald L. Maquiñana said he’s excited to see the play since he’s new to the parish.

“I want to know how St. Mary’s grew,” he said. “It’s something interesting for me to know.”

Father Maquiñana said he’s thankful the Steeles are sharing their talent.

“I have admiration for them,” he said. “They’ve been doing plays for many years. Every time summer hits, they have plays lined up. And we’re all excited about celebrating the 190th anniversary. We highlight every month a particular event to celebrate.”

A former professional actor in New York and Los Angeles, Steele switched careers and became an English teacher at West Shamokin High School in Armstrong County. He retired from teaching in 2010 to devote more time to his passion.

### SPIRIT OF ST. MARY’S

Aug. 12-14, 19-21, 26-28, 7 p.m.

Steele Farm, 2498 White Cloud Road, Allegheny Township

Tickets: \$15 (\$12 for military, \$10 for seniors and students)

Information: 724-295-1934 or [www.freeporttheatrefestival.org](http://www.freeporttheatrefestival.org)

Steele and his wife have been married 36 years, and he converted to Catholicism 18 months ago.

“Father Ed had a lot to do with that,” he said.

He said writing the St. Mary play has brought him closer to his faith.

“The play is about the people who made America. The people who made America were not the Rockefellers and Carnegies. It was the people who worked in the steel mills and coal mines; the common folk are the brave people who made this country,” he said, noting the audience will “get a little bit churchified, but I don’t think people will feel preached at. They will get a moral out of the story — about truth and honor.”

Also, as part of St. Mary Parish’s 190th anniversary celebration, Bishop Edward C. Malesic will celebrate Mass at 6 p.m. Sept. 7. A parish family dinner will follow in the Rev. Edward Volz Fellowship Hall.



# Youth honorees encouraged to know, love and serve God

By Jerry Zufelt  
Editor

**GREENSBURG** — At the annual diocesan Mass to honor young people, Bishop Edward C. Malesic reminded them that their purpose in life right now “is to know God, love God and serve God.”

Bishop Malesic was the celebrant and homilist at the July 10 Youth Ministry Honors and Recognition Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral that honored 126 students, all recent high school graduates.

He referred to the day’s Gospel parable of the Good Samaritan several times in his homily.

“If you want to know God’s love, you need to know Jesus,” he said. “Jesus is your good Samaritan. He is your closest neighbor.”

He told them Jesus will not abandon them in college, the military or whatever else they do in the next phase of their lives.

“Jesus will always be with you,” Bishop Malesic said. “Even if you are not always with him.”

He encouraged them to be with Jesus by continuing to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist weekly, reading



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Young people pray during the Youth Ministry Honors and Recognition Mass.

the Bible, studying church teachings, praying often, including the rosary, and being engaged in the community of the faithful.

“Don’t let the world distract you from who God made you to be,” the bishop said.

Bishop Malesic, referencing the recent violence in Dallas, Baton Rouge and Minneapolis, said, “We are still looking for greater racial harmony, more justice for more people, and more peace and reconciliation among God’s children.”

“There is still plenty of work to be

done in the neighborhoods we live in and among the neighbors who are beside us.”

Christie Smith, director of youth/young adult ministry and adult initiation, presented the young people to Bishop Malesic, who gave them a special cross commemorating their honor.

The youth were honored for demonstrating “their desire to live strong Catholic lives marked by an active faith,” Smith said.

“Their presence and service in their parishes and communities is a witness to a deepening relationship with Jesus and his church,” she said, noting they were honored for their commitment in the areas of justice and service, prayer and worship, formation, and evangelization.

Honorees were selected by their pastors, parochial vicars, faith formation directors or youth ministers.

In his remarks at the close of the Mass, Bishop Malesic encouraged them to listen to God’s call to a vocation, whether it be as a priest or deacon, as a consecrated man or woman, the single life or marriage.

“Jesus calls us to be disciples,” he said. “We are happiest when we do what we are called to be.”

## 2016 PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY HONORS RECIPIENTS

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### Ascension Parish, Jeannette

Mike Doench  
Daniel Fleming  
Sarah Zidek

### Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg

Monica Buczynski  
Katherine Cabaniss  
Hannah Spinella  
Madysen Stauffer

### Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent

Austin Cesar  
John Hill  
Amber Lukcik  
Ryan Senick

### Church of the Resurrection Parish, Northern Indiana County

Sarah Brady  
Brianna Dillon

### Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood

Elana Bailey

### Holy Family Parish, Latrobe

Susan Briggs  
Benjamin Davis  
Jessica Havrilla  
Dennis Kiesel  
Theresa Vanden Berk

### Holy Family Parish, West Newton

Paul Babilya  
Baylee Marvich

### Holy Trinity Parish, Ligonier

Brittany Finger  
Emily Long  
Allison White

### Immaculate Conception Parish, Connellsville

Elizabeth Camele

### Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin

Chad Barker  
Briana Boyle  
Victoria Cantini  
Dylan Polinsky  
Jessica Wunderley

### Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville

Samuel Bechtell  
AJ Buchin  
Catherine Federline  
Nina Rosporski  
Tanner Thatcher

### Mount St. Peter Parish, New Kensington

Leonardo Capone  
Madison Pastrick

### Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg

Carley Colello  
Jacob Salvatore  
James Weaver  
Timothy Zufelt

### Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette

Kaitlyn Garris  
Sam Rehard

### SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Fairchance

Robert Sutton, Jr.

### St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon

Dylan Colcombe  
Jessica Hartner

### St. Aloysius Parish, Dunbar

Keirsten Andolino  
Joshua Grover

### St. Anne Parish, Rostraver

Zachary Cicchini

### St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City

Miranda Anderson  
Anna King  
Courtney Vought

### St. Benedict Parish, Marguerite

Lexi Gassman  
Elizabeth Kloos

### St. Bruno Parish, Greensburg

Rachel Lynn Fiaschetti  
Jordan Stack  
Joel Trentin

### St. Edward Parish, Herminie

Samuel Achtzehn  
Joseph Merlino  
Alexander Schork  
Nicholas Schork  
Toshiana Sommers

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon

Ryan Anselmino  
Sarah Bulloch  
Julia Reitler  
Douglas Tatters  
Dylan Tatters

### St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Western Fayette County

Braden Fabrycki  
Genesis Mihalko

### St. James the Greater Parish, Apollo

Dominic Bucci  
Michael Hill  
Mariah Laird

### St. Joan of Arc Parish, Farmington

Christian Clark  
Robert Masi, Jr.  
Angela Phillips

### St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont

Kristopher Kell

### St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis

Josiah Martin

### St. John the Evangelist Parish, Connellsville

Nicholas Speeney

### St. John the Evangelist Parish, Uniontown

Robert Rider

### St. Joseph Parish, Derry

Brooke Petrillo  
Lauren Petrillo

### St. Joseph Parish, New Kensington

Anthony Fellowes

### St. Joseph Parish, Uniontown

Drake Aesoph  
Mariah Lindsey

### St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell

Jake Hayes  
Melanie Opyrchal  
Michael Schultz

### St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro

Dominic Aimino  
Eli Frailey  
Jarret Kintz

### St. Mary (Nativity) Parish, Uniontown

Emily Buckel  
Daniel Cavinee  
James Pierce, II  
Amber Pisano  
Courtney Wanson

### St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish, New Kensington

Shane Middleby  
Jack Rottschaefter

### St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning

Sarah Dodd  
Madison Kunst

### St. Patrick Parish, Brady’s Bend

Haley Lavella  
Zachary Lessner  
Evan Stitt  
Abigail Wolfe

### St. Paul Parish, Greensburg

Sean Newhouse

### St. Pius X Parish, Mount Pleasant

Jacob Dengler  
Vayda Farino  
Ariana Pavlocak  
Alexandrea Pritts

### St. Regis Parish, Trafford

Kevin Litzinger  
Allison Pizzaro

### St. Rita Parish, Connellsville

Emilyn Pleva

### St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon

Thomas Beeler  
David Columbus  
Larissa Fordyce  
Jesse Hartman

### St. Therese, Little Flower of Jesus Parish, Uniontown

Lucas Boyle  
Taylor Kodric  
Joshua Miller  
Gino Mollica  
Daniel Zuchelkowski

### St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana

John Mimis  
Katherine Palko

### St. Vincent Parish, Latrobe

Zachary Butz  
Simon Davies  
Jacob Gorsich  
Sarah Hennessy  
Taylor Sigut



# Seminarians embracing parish life in summer appointments

By Elizabeth Fazzini  
Managing Editor

Three seminarians in the Diocese of Greensburg are immersed in the traditional summer appointment, each grateful for the way in which it's helping them to discern a vocation to the priesthood.

## Daniel Carr: Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville

Weeks into his fifth summer appointment, seminarian Daniel Carr is embracing the dynamic of living in a parish rectory, gathering around the dinner table and learning about the lives of a pastor and young priests.

"It's been really enjoyable to get the different perspectives," Carr said of his conversations with Msgr. James T. Gaston, summer supervisor and pastor of Mother of Sorrows Parish; Father Eric J. Dinga, parochial vicar; and Father Tyler J. Bandura, previous parochial vicar, who moved July 1.

In addition to giving morning Mass reflections one or two days each week, he is spending significant time in meetings with Msgr. Gaston, staff and parishioners, Carr said. Having done prior summer appointments in small- and medium-sized parishes, Carr said he's benefiting from observing how a pastor operates within a large parish.

Carr was recently a "fly on the wall" when Msgr. Gaston met with an engaged couple.

"That's experience you don't get in a seminary or course," Carr said, adding he appreciates seeing the fruits of Msgr. Gaston's wisdom.

Carr helped at Vacation Bible School and will facilitate a youth ministry Bible study and create a parish welcome packet over the coming weeks.

Having worked in web programming prior to entering the seminary, he initially was more comfortable approaching his summer appointments with an eye on the administrative end of a parish; now, Carr said, he's more excited about the pastoral ministry.

"In the seminary we see things more from an organizational, or programmatic, level. This is much more of a pastoral, or personal, level," Carr said.

Carr is studying at the North American College in Rome, where Msgr. Gaston studied two generations ago.

"This is a common connection from my past with his present," Msgr. Gaston said, noting they frequently discuss the similarities and differences of their experiences in Rome.

He lauded Carr's first morning reflection on July 7.

"I was very impressed for starting out," Msgr. Gaston said. "This guy has it."

Carr, who is a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg, said the best part of his appointment is being back in the U.S. with his family and the priests and seminarians in the Diocese of Greensburg.

He will return to Rome for his fifth year of seminary in the fall.

"I look forward to going back and moving forward, but it's nice to be home," he said.

## Mark Dunmire: Holy Family Parish, Latrobe

At May's end, seminarian Mark Dunmire began serving his third summer appointment at Holy Family Parish under the supervision of Father Daniel C. Mahoney, pastor.

"This appointment has helped to open my eyes to the power of the Spirit's activity and how pivotal it is to my own formation and pastoral care," Dunmire said.

His primary focus has been learning the Roman Missal, he said, noting that Father Mahoney has given him a greater understanding of the liturgical details within Mass.

In addition to giving Friday morning Mass reflections, Dunmire has been helping with Sunday night senior high ministry and the development of a young adult ministry.

He's also accompanying Father Mahoney on pastoral care visits to the sick and dying.

"This was a new experience for me," Dunmire said.

He described a recent "very powerful" visit where he saw Christ within Father Mahoney's care of the sick.

"The level of care he was providing for that person in that moment for that family was almost breathtaking," Dunmire said. "That impacted me highly."

Dunmire said the appointment has allowed him to grow in his faith as he discerns his vocation to the priesthood.

"It's enabled me to understand and love God on a much deeper level than I previously thought possible," he said.

Dunmire recently was encouraged when Father Mahoney invited him to give his morning reflection from the heart — versus reading from his prepared notes.

"I was actually scared, quite nervous," he said. "But I crumpled up what I wrote and threw it away and said, 'Come Holy Spirit, let's do this.'"

"It was a fantastic feeling to be able to speak from the heart," he added.

Father Mahoney described Dunmire as easygoing and friendly, and said he easily engages in conversation with parishioners.

"They're very welcoming to him, trying to make him feel at home," he said, adding it's good for people to see a young man who's willing to serve the church as a priest.

"Hopefully, other men and women will consider a vocation" — or just think about it — by observing him, Father Mahoney said.

Dunmire, who is a parishioner of St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell, will begin his fourth year at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore in the fall.

## Chris Pujol: Mount St. Peter Parish, New Kensington

Chris Pujol, one of the diocese's newest seminarians, is serving his first summer appointment in his home parish, Mount St. Peter, under the supervision of Msgr. Michael J. Begolly, pastor.

"It's been really great because I'm able to connect with all these people that I've grown up with," Pujol said.

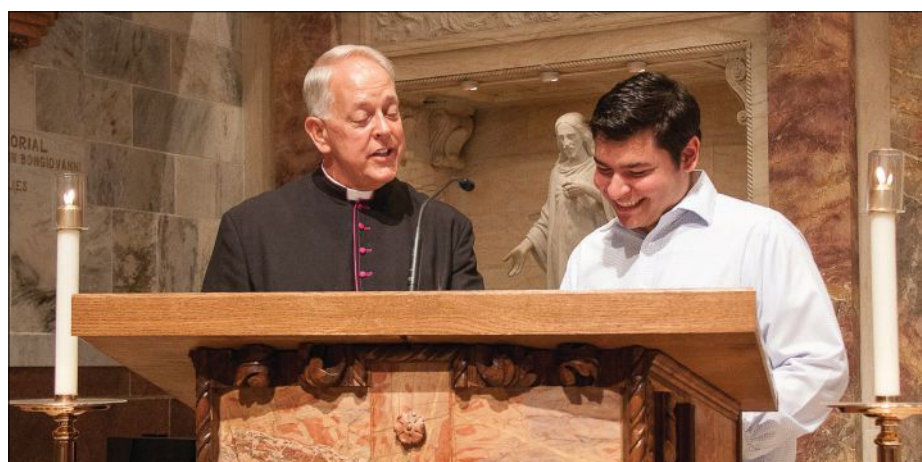


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Daniel Carr in the office at Mother of Sorrows Parish.



Mark Dunmire at Holy Family Parish.



Chris Pujol with Msgr. Michael J. Begolly at Mount St. Peter Parish.

He was 10 when Msgr. Begolly was transferred to the parish, and having his childhood pastor serve as a mentor during his first summer appointment is special, Pujol said.

"(It's) being able to see his leadership and how the parish flourishes, both on the part of his care of the people and also the people's care of him," he said.

While he's been involved with the nuts and bolts of parish life, such as working with pastoral and finance councils and the parish database system, he has focused a lot of time on pastoral care, Pujol said.

He's accompanied Msgr. Begolly on many home and hospital visits.

"I'm seeing the importance of keeping that connection alive with someone who's no longer able to come to Mass. For so many years they came to the church; now the church goes to them," he said.

"That's been really helpful in understanding the purpose of pastoral care; that's where you see the Christ in others."

Pujol also has been serving as lector and extraordinary minister of holy Communion at funeral liturgies and daily Mass.

"Since it's the beginning of seminary, it's grounding me in a strong prayer life while also teaching me a lot of the basic tenets," Pujol said.

Msgr. Begolly described Pujol as an "outstanding young man with many talents and gifts that he's able to share with others."

He requested that Pujol be given his first summer appointment in his home parish.

"He's well known in the parish because he's been an altar server since he was young," Msgr. Begolly said, noting Pujol also has worked in parish maintenance and volunteered for the Italian Festa during the summer.

"It's wonderful now that parishioners can see him in his new role."

Pujol will begin his first year of seminary at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, in the fall.





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**FACES OF THE FATHER'S MERCY:** Participants on the second diocesan Year of Mercy pilgrimage look at artwork in the Diocesan Heritage Center at the Bishop William G. Connare Center, near Greensburg, July 9.

## UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

Year of Mercy pilgrimages are planned July 16 from St. Mary Parish, Freeport, and July 29 from St. Joseph Parish, Uniontown. Cost is \$69 per person, which includes morning refreshments, lunch with Bishop Edward C. Malesic and motor coach transportation. The itinerary is subject to change, and space is limited. To register, go to [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org). For additional information, contact Jackie Mignogna in the diocesan pilgrimage office at 724-837-0901.

**A pilgrimage to the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes and the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Md.,** is planned Aug. 4. Bishop Malesic will celebrate Mass; rosary, reconciliation, adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet are planned. Cost is \$59 and includes motor coach transportation, a boxed lunch and snacks. For information or to register, call Father William J. Lechnar at 724-837-0901 or visit [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org)

## CONFESSIONS AT ST. VINCENT BASILICA

During this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis desires for each of us to have a renewed encounter with God's mercy and experience his peace. "Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace." — from Pope Francis' Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, #17

Daily confessions will be offered at St. Vincent Basilica through Aug. 31: Monday-Friday, noon-1 p.m.; Mondays only, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

## Poverty Relief Fund grants awarded to five area agencies

**GREENSBURG** — The Diocese of Greensburg has awarded Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund grants totaling \$26,000 to five agencies to help alleviate hunger around the diocese.

The recipients are:

- Chevy Chase Community Center's hunger and community outreach program in Indiana, \$5,000;
- Fayette County Community Action's food bank project, \$4,500;
- Mother of Sorrows Parish's community food pantry, \$6,000;
- St. James the Greater Parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society's poverty relief efforts in Apollo, \$6,000; and
- Westmoreland County Food Bank's food pantry distribution program, Delmont, \$4,500.

Grant applications were reviewed by the Greensburg Catholic Charities Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund Committee and approved by Bishop Edward C. Malesic.

The Chevy Chase Community Center program assists people with the daily hardships and emotional stresses related to poverty.

The Fayette County Community Action grant

will assist with delivering fresh produce and eggs to the group's food bank to be made available to people in need in the county.

The Mother of Sorrows grant will help provide supplemental items such as milk, beef, produce and toiletries for people in need in Slickville, Export, Delmont, Murrysville, New Alexandria and outlying communities.

The St. James the Greater grant will help the St. Vincent de Paul Society continue providing food, clothing, shelter, medicine and other essentials to people in need in its region.

The Westmoreland County Food Bank grant will help purchase food for residents who are hungry or at risk for hunger.

The next application deadline is Nov. 2, and grants will be awarded in March. There is now one funding cycle instead of two each year, and the maximum funding request will be \$5,000.

For information contact Heather Rady of Catholic Charities at 724-552-2604 or [hrady@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:hrady@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

— *The Catholic Accent*



Stephen Birkmeyer sits on one of the benches he made for the Butler-Freeport Community Trail.

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## Eagle Scout project benefits hikers, bikers

**By Colleen Pollock**  
*Contributing Writer*

**FREEPORT** — Four new park benches along the Butler-Freeport Community Trail, compliments of a Boy Scout Eagle project, provide hikers and bicycle riders a place to relax and enjoy nature.

Stephen Birkmeyer, 18, a parishioner of St. Mary Parish, Freeport, constructed and installed the weather-treated pine benches last summer. A member of Boy Scout Troop 134, New Kensington, he chose the community service project to fulfill the requirement for the Eagle Scout rank, which he attained March 9 at Springdale Junior-Senior High School.

"I'm an outdoorsman, and I love fishing, so I originally wanted to place the benches

on the banks of the Buffalo Creek," Birkmeyer said. "But after meeting with the Buffalo Township Commissioners, I changed my mind. They said that with the winter weather and rising creek waters, my work would probably wash away."

Instead, he chose to place the benches along the nearby trail, two facing Freeport, one at the trail entrance and one about one mile into the trail.

Eight fellow Scouts helped install the benches.

The benches are the first situated along the trail, Birkmeyer said. One bench displays a memorial plaque in honor of his late neighbor, Larry "Sarge" Smith.

Birkmeyer said he is happy to see people use the benches.

"It makes me feel good to know that people appreciate

the benches I made for them," he said.

The project includes a new bat box he built to replace one that had been broken.

Birkmeyer graduated from Lenape Technical School, Ford City, and plans to study environmental science at Carlow University, Pittsburgh.

He has been involved in Scouting for 12 years and hopes to continue as an adult leader.

"I enjoy being in the outdoors and helping people out with projects such as Scouting for Food, with food banks and at campouts. Ever since I was a Tiger Scout, I dreamed of becoming an Eagle Scout, and now I look forward to helping young Scouts do the same," he said.

Birkmeyer is the son of Mark and Kelly Birkmeyer.



# Crabtree pastor takes skills to Food Network's 'Chopped'

By Laura Urbani  
Contributing Writer

**CRABTREE** — Delicious aromas from Benedictine Father Justin Matro's kitchen are well known to his community at Saint Vincent Archabbey and the parishioners of St. Bartholomew Parish, where he is pastor.

Recently, television viewers saw his culinary skills on the Food Network reality-based cooking game show "Chopped."

Father Justin's adventure began with a simple phone call.

Two years ago, Food Network producers contacted Benedictine Mother Mary Ann Noll, prioress of St. Emma Monastery, Greensburg. They were looking for religious people to be on the show, which challenges four contestants to make a four-course meal using surprise ingredients. After each course, a panel of judges chops one contestant from the competition. The last person standing wins.

There was no one at the monastery who met the show's requirements, so Mother Mary Ann suggested Father Justin.

"I had heard over and over again that Father Justin was a very good cook," she said.

A fan of the show, Father Justin was surprised and

honored to hear from the producers.

"Food really is a very instrumental part of my ministry," he said. "Jesus used the context of a meal to present the Kingdom of God. It's a real way to bring people together."

After two lengthy phone interviews and a Skype interview, producers asked Father Justin to gather a small group so they could observe him speaking and cooking for them.

They were surprised to see almost 50 people attend the audition.

"They said they had never seen so many people when they do this," said Father Justin. "I told them, 'You don't go to a small town much.'"

The producers were impressed with Father Justin's cooking knowledge and personality. They selected him as one of four contestants for the "Leap of Faith" episode.

But then they couldn't find others to round out the cast. The episode was put on hold.

Finally, last fall, Father Justin was informed the episode would move forward.

His competition was Rabbi Henoche Hecht of Rhinebeck Jewish Center in Rhinebeck, N.Y.; Sister of St. Francis Sara Marks from Philadelphia; and Pastor Areli Biggers, a family life pastor at Vineyard Church in Hopkinton, Mass.

The episode was filmed in

December at Chelsea Market in New York City. After touring the studio and becoming familiar with the kitchen and pantries, Father Justin got a crash course in the repetitive nature of reality television. The contestants rehearsed standing in line and removing ingredients from their baskets over and over again.

"The only thing that wasn't interrupted was the cooking," he said, noting that each contestant had their own cameraman.

The first course was the appetizer, with salmon, spring onions, raw white honey and Ezekiel bread as the ingredients. The contestants had 20 minutes to make something delicious.

"It was all very familiar ingredients," Father Justin said. He immediately thought of making seared salmon with mixed green salad and croutons.

"I saw the ingredients and just thought salmon on a salad," he said. "I went into autopilot and just started cooking the way I normally would."

Unfortunately, his salad didn't make the cut. While the judges complimented him on the perfectly cooked salmon, they said it was too large to be an appetizer.

Pastor Biggers walked away with the \$10,000 prize.

"They ate my entire thing, but they still chopped me," he



PHOTO COURTESY THE FOOD NETWORK

Benedictine Father Justin Matro on the set of "Chopped."

said, laughing. "At least I have that to cherish."

The "Leap of Faith" episode

can be found on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sw82SCFr4A>.

## After 28 years, sister steps down from charismatic liaison's role

By Colleen Pollock  
Contributing Writer

**GREENSBURG** — A longtime leader in charismatic groups in the Diocese of Greensburg has stepped down from her role after nearly three decades. Sister of Charity Ann Infanger, 83, retired July 1 as diocesan liaison for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR), a role she had held since 1988.

As liaison, she worked with groups that fell under the CCR umbrella, helping to plan outings, special Masses and other events, and to encourage involvement in the charismatic movement, which started in 1967 at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh.

She was instrumental in forming the Family of God Charismatic Prayer Group at Seton Hill in 1971, one of the early charismatic groups in the diocese.

"The liaison is like a leader in the diocese, working with other prayer group leaders to provide opportunities for meetings, arrange for healing Masses and encourage people to be involved with meetings that are national and international," Sister Ann said.

"We ask the Holy Spirit to bring special blessings to the Catholic Church and encourage others to be open to the



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After retirement, Sister Ann Infanger will continue her involvement with the Family of God prayer group.

Holy Spirit and ask him to take over and help us."

Msgr. Larry J. Kulick, diocesan vicar general, praised Sister Ann for her dedication to the diocesan spiritual renewal under Bishops Anthony G. Bosco, Lawrence E. Brandt and Edward C. Malesic.

Msgr. Kulick said Sister Ann has successfully blended the elements of her religious life and the charisms of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton with her role in the diocesan charismatic movement.

"On behalf of Bishop Malesic and myself, I express sincere gratitude for

the tremendous dedication she has exhibited while holding this position," Msgr. Kulick said. "Working under three bishops is really a testament to her personal dedication and leadership to the charismatic renewal in the Diocese of Greensburg."

Sister Ann, who is celebrating 60 years of religious life this year, taught biology at Seton Hill University from 1963 until retirement in 2005. She now teaches a freshman religion seminar and senior seminar on happiness.

She also volunteers at the Christian Layman Corps Thrift Store and the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, both in Greensburg.

She will continue participation in the Family of God group that meets at Seton Hill's Doran Hall.

"The whole emphasis of the prayer meeting is about praising God and being open to his word, about forgetting our worries and concerns and concentrating on the goodness of God," she said. "Praising God is always a good thing."

Bishop Malesic has appointed John and Kim Hutchins, parishioners of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg, to succeed Sister Ann as liaison.





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Wes Roberts and Heather Wainer paint in the new MQA Greenwald building July 9. Their son, Ian Roberts, attended pre-K at MQA and will be heading to kindergarten there this fall.

## MQA volunteers getting new school ready in New Kensington

By Maria Guzzo  
Staff Writer

**NEW KENSINGTON —** Volunteers spent a Saturday painting hallways and classrooms at the new Mary Queen of Apostles School building, creating a fresh look for the new school year.

“It’s nice to be able to give back,” said MQA graduate Jake Hayes as he spread primer on a classroom wall July 9.

The Diocese of Greensburg is purchasing the former Greenwald Memorial School on Freeport Road from the New Kensington-Arnold School District for MQA to use for grades 4-8.

MQA leaders sought a new building because of concerns about student safety at its Leishman Avenue site, which is located in a neighborhood that has been the scene of gun violence the past three years.

The school district closed Greenwald in 2014 during a school consolidation, and the MQA Board of Trust Adminis-

trators began negotiations for its purchase a few months later.

The district school board approved the sale of the building for \$525,000 at its March 17 meeting. Westmoreland County President Judge Richard McCormick approved the sale July 7. The final step is for the diocese and school district to sign closing paperwork, which should occur around July 20, according to William Staniszewski, facilities and business manager for MQA.

But there are other steps before MQA reaches its goal of opening school in the new building Aug. 29.

“We’ll be ready, one way or another,” said Cathy Collett, principal.

Collett said painting is being done by volunteers with material donated by MQA grandparents.

Volunteers will move furniture and classroom equipment and materials — which are currently boxed up in the Leishman site’s gym — to the new site on July 23. That will

give teachers a month to set up their classrooms.

Unlike the Leishman site, the new building includes a well-equipped playground with a basketball court and climbing equipment. Additionally, the grassy area around the building will have a statue of Mary and a garden where herbs will be grown for cafeteria use, she said.

“Teachers already are planning on where they’re taking their classes to sit to read,” Collett said.

MQA will keep the Greenwald name for the building, which honors U.S. Navy Seaman Robert Greenwald, 20, who was killed during the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

Students in pre-kindergarten through third grade will continue to attend MQA’s other site at Mount St. Peter Parish on Freeport Road.

Planning is under way for a capital campaign to help fund the purchase and renovations of the Greenwald building, according to Staniszewski.

## Longtime Mother of Sorrows School educator named Aquinas principal

**GREENSBURG —** Joseph Rice, principal of Mother of Sorrows School for the past nine years, has been selected to serve as the new principal of Aquinas Academy.

Dr. Maureen Marsteller, superintendent of Catholic schools for the Diocese of Greensburg, made the announcement June 30 on behalf of Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle, chairman, and the members of the Board of Trust Administrators for Aquinas Academy.

Rice started at Aquinas Academy July 1.

“Mr. Rice has a proven commitment to and passion for Catholic education in our diocese,” Marsteller wrote in a letter to the Aquinas Academy community.

A graduate of Mother of Sorrows School, Murrysville, and Greensburg Central Catholic High School, Rice taught at Mother of Sorrows School from 1999 until being named principal in 2007. He continued to teach elementary grades and middle school religion for four years after being named principal.

“I am very excited about this new challenge,” Rice said. “I look forward to getting to know my new family at Aquinas Academy, to learn who they are and to work with them to educate our students in this Christ-centered, academic environment.”

He holds a bachelor’s degree from the University

of Pittsburgh; an elementary education certificate from Seton Hill University, Greensburg; and a master’s degree in school administration and principal’s certification from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh. He is currently working on his Pennsylvania school leadership certification.

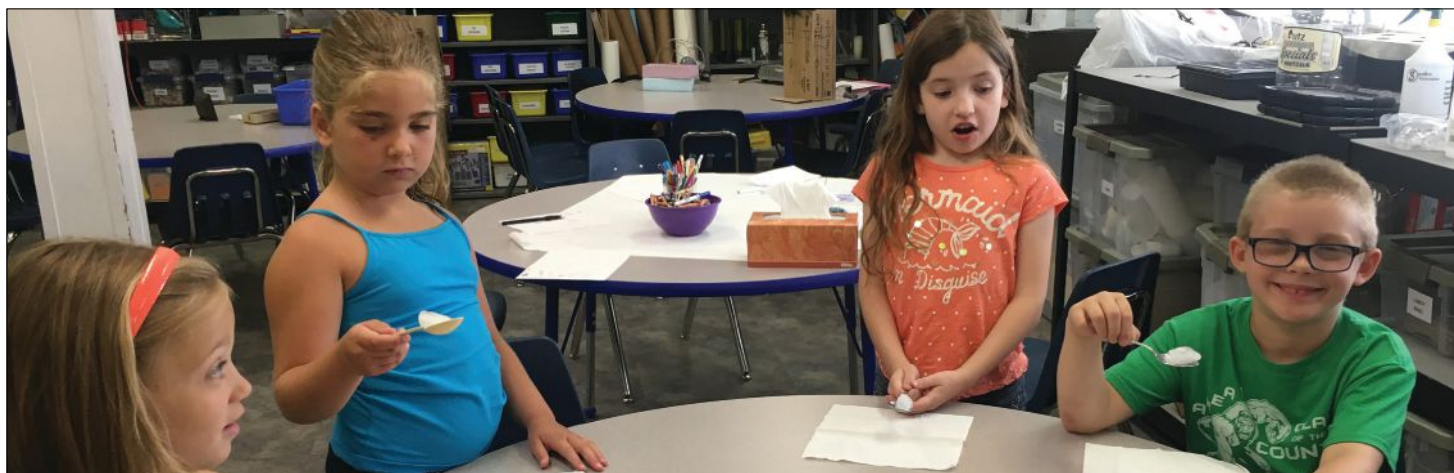
Rice and his wife, Natalie, live in Leechburg and are parishioners of St. James the Greater Parish, Apollo. They have two children, James and Paul, who both attended Mother of Sorrows School and will be students at Greensburg Central Catholic this year.

Rice succeeds Dr. Eugene Dangelo, who resigned for health reasons June 30.



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Joe Rice is seen in the garden at Aquinas Academy July 12.



**KEEPING COOL:** ‘Saving Penguins’ was the theme of a STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, arts and math) camp held in June at Conn-Area Catholic School, Connellsville. From left, Amelia Lincoln, Kenedee Lizza, Samara Gray and William Snyder test which spoon is more likely to prevent their penguin (an ice cube) from melting.

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July 17: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## True hospitality not focused on fussing about details

Readings  
Gn 18:1-10a  
Col 1:24-28  
Lk 10:38-42

The Gospel selection is very simple and direct: Jesus chides his friend, Martha, for being so preoccupied with hospitality details that she ignores the one who is the recipient of her hospitality. Jesus' gentle reproof of Martha stands in contrast to his praise of Martha's sister, Mary, who is portrayed as being wise for choosing to listen to Jesus while he visits their home.

If we take this passage together with the Old Testament reading from the book of Genesis, we can find a deeper lesson about hospitality. This lesson can draw us into a closer relationship with Christ the Word among us as well as with our sisters and brothers who bear his presence to us.

Hospitality is not an end unto itself but is ultimately an expression of justice and righteousness, as the psalmist says today when he describes the actions of welcoming and graciousness toward others that are natural for a God-fearing person. The psalmist assures us that “He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord” (Ps 15:1a, 2a).

Martha does not show this sort of attention to her guest but is caught up in the odds and ends of being a good hostess — she misses the forest because of the trees. Likewise, in the reading from Genesis, Sarah does not show her mysterious guests proper respect. While she is busy helping Abraham provide for their unexpected visitors — who turn out to be divine messengers — she loses sight of the true aim of hospitality and mockingly laughs at them instead of respectfully hearing them out.

We understand this better if

we continue to read Genesis. We find in Gn 18:10-15 that a strange conversation takes place among God (one of the mysterious visitors who arrives at Abraham's tent), Abraham and Sarah. Sarah laughs at her visitor — at God! — when she hears him predict she will have a son in her old age. The prediction comes true, however, in the birth of Isaac, the heir to God's covenant with Abraham.

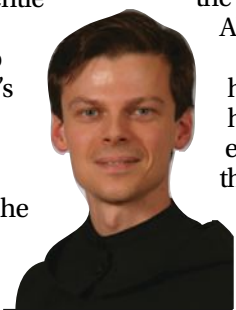
So many Christian and human virtues are like hospitality; they are directed toward an end beyond themselves. Hospitality, in particular, is meant to see to a guest's immediate needs — to do otherwise would be simply boorish. Yet, it must go beyond this if it is to be Christian hospitality. It must extend outward in justice and love toward the wayfarer in our midst who is in need of our help.

Hospitality should lead us to recognize our guests — and all those whom we encounter — as being made in God's image. They deserve our sincere attention and aid, not a laundry list check-off of tasks to complete before the doorbell rings.

Abraham does this and is blessed by his visitors. Sarah falters, but later recovers, and is blessed with the birth of a son, Isaac, who becomes one of the great patriarchs of Israel.

Mary understands the true purpose of hospitality. But Martha, for her part, is distracted by its many details and fails to pay attention to the living Word in her midst. She later shows that she has learned the value of justice, righteousness and charity toward others when she intercedes with Jesus to restore her dead brother Lazarus to life (Jn 11:20-27).

As disciples of Jesus called to sit at his feet and listen carefully to his words, we do well to show hospitality to everyone we meet and host, preparing a worthy welcome for them and for the living presence of Christ whom they bear within themselves.



**Father Edward Mazich, OSB**

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July 24: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Always put God first in prayer; it will work for good

Readings  
Gn 18:20-32  
Col 2:12-14  
Lk 11:1-13

The Gospel gives us three lessons on prayer: How to pray, persistence in prayer and God's reception of our prayers.

The apostles observe Jesus praying and ask him to teach them to pray. This is a beautiful request because it indicates that, as they spent time with Jesus, they desired to be more like him. Jesus gives them the words to pray that we have come to know as the Lord's Prayer. It is a prayer that is simple, to the point and quite different from the way we might formulate a prayer.

When we pray, we usually begin with a specific need and move to expressing how God can help us. It is common to begin a prayer with statements such as: “God, I have a problem, help;” “Lord, heal me;” or “Father, where are you? I need you.” “I” and “me” are often at the beginning of our prayers.

In contrast, with the Lord's Prayer, we begin by acknowledging God and our hope of sharing in the

kingdom; then we move to our needs. This prayer of Jesus provides us not only with the words to pray, but a model of how to formulate our own prayers. Begin with God and then ask our needs.

Jesus teaches us to begin prayer by acknowledging and honoring God and his sovereignty over heaven and Earth. We then place our needs before God.

What is the “daily bread” that I seek in this prayer? Whether it be help in a small or large problem, health for someone or some gift to better live our Christian lives, we place it before the Father. Acknowledging our need for

mercy and our desire to be merciful is always connected to our particular request.

The prayer ends with a request for deliverance to help us in times of temptation and our personal spiritual battles. The formula Jesus gives us might be different from our natural inclination, because it is a prayer that is God-centered and not self-centered.

The next lesson is that of persistence and patience in prayer. We need to avoid the temptation of looking at our

prayers in the same way we approach a vending machine or drive-thru window. Prayer involves putting our timeline aside and trusting in God's time. God knows us intimately, and as Psalm 139 reminds us, it was God who knew us from the moment of conception. God knows what is best for us and when it is needed. This challenges us not to give up when a prayer is not immediately answered, even when it is not answered after years of praying. It means not being so set on how we want God to answer that we miss his presence in ways we are not expecting.

The final lesson follows from the last one. Don't try to box God into answering a prayer exactly how we want it answered. The particular request might be like asking God for a knife or a serpent. That is what we think will help us, but it could really do more harm than good. God's response is to give us what we really need — what will ultimately lead us closer to him. This takes trust and openness on our part, and this can be unsettling or even scary in not knowing how things will really turn out.

St. Paul assures us that for those who trust God, everything will work out for the good. Pray by putting God first — with persistence, patience and trust — and God will touch us in wonderful ways.



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### SAINT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

12th century; feast July 16

Mount Carmel, which juts out into the Mediterranean near Haifa, Israel, has been considered a sacred place since the prophet Elijah built an altar there in his contest with the prophets of Baal. The Carmel headland is traditionally associated with the beginnings of the Carmelite order around 1195, when a group of lay hermits formed a community there. Mary had been honored there as early as the fifth century, and by the 12th century, Mount Carmel had become a site of Marian devotion. The Carmelites chose Mary as their protectress and dedicated their oratory on Mount Carmel to her. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the patron of Bolivia and Chile. This Marian feast became an optional memorial in the Revised Roman Calendar of 1969.



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Bishop Malesic sprinkles holy water in the new Holy Infant Church during the dedication June 19.

# Bishop Malesic returns to home diocese to dedicate new Holy Infant Church

By Jen Reed  
*The Catholic Witness*

**MANCHESTER** — Returning to the Diocese of Harrisburg June 19 to celebrate the Rite of Dedication of the new Holy Infant Church, where he served as pastor for 11 years before his ordination and installation as the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg last July, Bishop Edward C. Malesic told the joyful congregation that family is what makes a building a home.

“It truly is great to be back with all of you and to see so many familiar faces,” Bishop Malesic told the several hundred parishioners. “You have all worked so hard, and it is now right and good to dedicate this church to God. It is the fruit of your labor and a

result of God’s blessing.”

The former church building was located in York Haven.

In his homily, he shared stories of growing up in his childhood home in Enhaut, recounting those memories as a metaphor for the parish’s move into a new house of worship.

“Every time I drive through Enhaut and I pass by the house I grew up in, I am sure to slow down. I remember years gone by, my mom playing the piano, the smell of sauerkraut, hitting my head on the ceiling that led to the second floor,” Bishop Malesic said. “But after I pass it by, I move on, because it is no longer my home. A house becomes a home only when there is a family inside of it. That’s when a building takes on its meaning.”

“The building has changed, but the family has not,” he said of the new Holy Infant Church.

“Do the same things here that you have always done as a family of God. Keep on loving God here. Keep on loving each other here. Keep on telling the Good News to a world that needs to hear it, because the world needs this church as much as we do. Keep on serving those in need from here. This is not something to be kept to ourselves.

“Every church building is a reflection of those who use it. This church is a reflection of you,” he said. “This sacred building is a sign of who we are as the living church. ... This church will tell our neighborhood that we believe in something greater than ourselves.”



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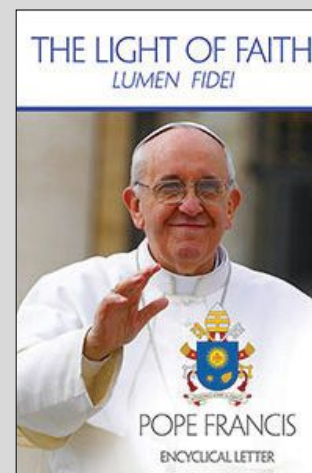
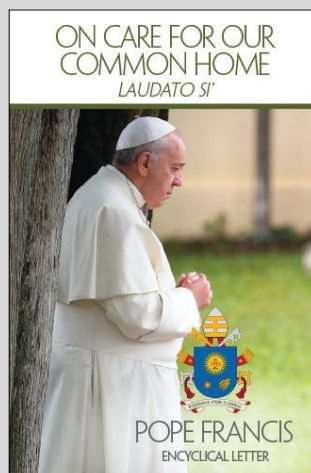
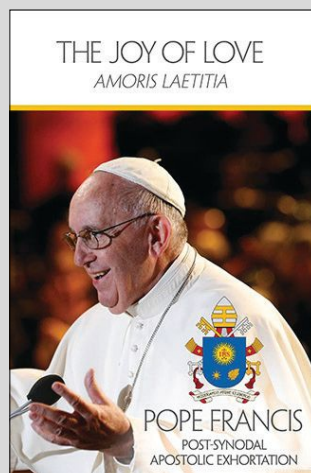


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### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

**Latrobe** — The bereavement support group of St. Vincent Basilica Parish will meet July 18 at 7 p.m. in the parish center conference room. For information, contact Teri Pomerleau at [tpomerleau@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:tpomerleau@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or 724-539-8629, ext. 15.

### BLUE MASS

**Derry** — St. Joseph Parish will hold its annual Blue Mass July 20 at 6:30 p.m. The Mass honors all people involved in public safety. All police, fire, EMT, paramedic personnel and government officials from the local area are welcome. A reception, hosted by the St. Joseph Altar Rosary Society, will follow the Mass. For information, call the parish office, 724-694-5359.

### BURGER BASH

**Whitney** — St. Cecilia Parish will hold a Burger Bash July 16 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Takeout will be available. For information, call the parish, 724-423-3777.

### CASH RAFFLE TICKETS

**Greensburg** — The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill are selling two back-to-school cash raffle tickets, one based on the 1 p.m. three-digit Pennsylvania Lottery drawing and the other on the 7 p.m. drawing. There are 1,000 tickets available for each drawing. The cost is \$10 for 26 chances to win from \$100-\$1,000 during September. For tickets, call Sister Agnes Steedle, 724-836-0406, ext. 6646. Tickets must be returned to the Sisters of Charity by Aug. 26.



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### HEALING MASS

**Kittanning** — Father William J. Kiel will celebrate Mass with prayers and blessings for healing July 27 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning. For information, call 724-548-7649.

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

**Greensburg** — Instruction in the CM-BBT method used to plan, achieve, postpone or avoid pregnancy will be held Aug. 1 at 6 p.m. in the offices of Catholic Charities. Registration is required by contacting Mary Ann Newhouse, 724-837-1840, ext. 1658, or visiting [www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org) and linking into "Natural Family Planning" under "Services" on the homepage.



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People hug after taking part in a prayer circle July 10 following a Black Lives Matter protest in the wake of multiple police shootings in Dallas.

## Dallas bishop seeks peace

DALLAS (CNS) — Religious and civic leaders called for peace after five Dallas law enforcement officers were killed July 7 by a sniper who opened fire in downtown Dallas.

“We have been swept up in the escalating cycle of violence that has now touched us intimately as it has others throughout our country and the world,” said Dallas Bishop Kevin J. Farrell, who has blogged in the past several months about the escalating gun violence across the country and world. “All lives matter: black, white, Muslim, Christian, Hindu. We are all children of God, and all human life is precious.

“We cannot lose respect for each other, and we call upon all of our civic leaders to speak to one another and work together to come to a sensible resolution to this escalating violence,” he said. “Let us implore

God our heavenly father to touch the minds and hearts of all people to work together for peace and understanding.

“We pray for consolation and healing for both the families and those killed and wounded,” he said. “We are reminded of the ever-present danger to those who are dedicated to protecting us.”

The shootings occurred as hundreds of demonstrators were winding down a march protesting recent, fatal officer-involved shootings in other parts of the country. In Baton Rouge, La., Alton Sterling, 37, was killed July 5 by police during an altercation outside a convenience store after witnesses said that he had a gun. In a suburb of St. Paul, Minn., Philando Castile was fatally shot after a traffic stop July 6.

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## App fights human trafficking

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Through a \$100,000 matching grant, the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph has helped the Exchange Initiative and two developers create TraffickCam, an app that helps fight human sex trafficking.

TraffickCam allows anyone with a smartphone to help fight sex trafficking by uploading photos of hotel rooms when they travel. It has a database of hotel room images that investigators can efficiently search, according to the Exchange Initiative, which is based in St. Louis.

Features such as carpet patterns, furniture, room accessories and window views are matched against the database of traveler images to provide law enforcement with a list of potential hotels where a victim photo may have been taken.

Sex traffickers often post photos of victims posed in hotel rooms in online advertisements. Investigators can use these as evidence to find victims and prosecute perpetrators if they know where photos were taken.

The app can be downloaded for iPhone, iPad and Android devices at [www.exchangeinitiative.com](http://www.exchangeinitiative.com).

## Pope: Mercy not just a word, it's a way of life

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VATICAN CITY — Mercy is not an abstract concept but a lifestyle that invites Christians to make an examination of conscience and ask themselves if they place the spiritual and material needs of others before their own, Pope Francis said.

A Christian who chooses to be merciful experiences true life and has “eyes to see, ears to listen, and hands to comfort,” the pope said June 30 during a Year of Mercy audience in St. Peter’s Square.

“That which makes mercy alive is its constant dynamism to go out searching for the needy and the needs of those who are in spiritual or material hardship,” he said.

By being indifferent to the plight of the poor and suffering, the pope said, Christians turn into “hypocrites” and move toward a “spiritual lethargy that



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Pope Francis is pictured during a jubilee audience in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican June 30.

numbs the mind and makes life barren.”

“People who go through life, who walk in life without being aware of the needs of others, without seeing the many spiritual and material needs, are people who do not live,” he said. “They are people who do not serve others. And remember this well: One who does not live to serve

serves nothing in life.”

Instead, he continued, those who have experienced the mercy of God in their own lives do not remain insensitive to the needs of others. Far from theoretical issues, the works of mercy are a “concrete witness” that compel Christians to “roll up their sleeves in order to ease suffering.”

Pope Francis also called

on the faithful to remain vigilant and focus on Christ present, especially in those suffering due to a globalized “culture of well-being.”

“Look at Jesus; look at Jesus in the hungry, in the prisoner, in the sick, in the naked, in the person who does not have a job to support his family. Look at Jesus in these brothers and sisters of ours. Look at Jesus in those who are alone, sad, in those who make a mistake and need advice, in those who need to embark on the path with him in silence so they may feel accompanied,” he said. “These are the works that Jesus asks of us. To look at Jesus in them, in these people. Why? Because Jesus also looks at me, looks at you, in that way.”

The late June audience was the last one the pope was scheduled to hold before a reduced summer schedule.

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### NEW PRESS DIRECTOR AT VATICAN:

Greg Burke, the new director of the Vatican press office and Vatican spokesman, gives an interview after the announcement of his appointment at an informal meeting with journalists at the Vatican press office July 11. Burke, a native of St. Louis, has worked for the Vatican since 2012 and prior to that was a television correspondent for Fox News.

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