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Bishop Edward U.
Kmiec remembered

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A woman with short blonde hair and glasses, wearing a pink zip-up hoodie over a black t-shirt featuring a colorful image of the Virgin Mary and the Christ Child. She is standing outdoors in a garden with a white minivan in the background. In the foreground, there is a large, colorful, patterned bag.

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Church role in a free society

If you follow my thoughts regularly, you will have noticed that I rarely mention the names of partisan political figures. I do not and will not tell anyone for whom to vote. What makes me an expert? I have enough of a job to decide my own vote. I believe that people are smart enough to make their own political decisions. But if I do not consider my office gives me any special insight into politics or economics, it does not mean I think the Church has nothing to say about the direction a country or society are headed, or what might enrich a culture. On the contrary. The Church has much to offer and has not been silent over the course of history, especially in the last 130 years or so. In fact, I would maintain, its role is essential.

Catholic social teaching, from Pope Leo XIII (*Rerum Novarum*, 1891) to Pope Francis is grounded firmly on a solid and true understanding of human nature that values the radical dignity of every human person, transcending tribe, race, nationality, class or any other labels a checklist by demographers might devise. Every person is made in the image and likeness of God, an incarnate spirit, endowed from the moment of conception with a divine spark.

Looking back on 100 years of Catholic social teaching, St. John Paul II articulated perhaps the most comprehensive vision of the essential role of the Church in society to date in his encyclical "*Centesimus Annus*" (1991). I am especially indebted to George Weigel's summary of the social teaching of St. John Paul II in this encyclical.

Commemorating "*Rerum Novarum*," from a very different time in history, right after the industrial revolution, the Holy Father looked forward to the new millennium and beyond. It was at a moment when the political and economic struggles of the 20th century seemed to have been resolved, politically, in favor of democracy as opposed to fascist and communist totalitarianism and, economically, for the free market, in contrast to state owned and controlled economies. Freedom seemed to have won.

The Holy Father recognized, however, that something was still missing. Human wellbeing and social stability could not be ensured unless a free society was also a virtuous society. It is not enough to think of institutions of political and economic freedom without the cultivation of virtue. While the Church of itself lacks sufficient resources to expound on how the

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By
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polity and the economy should run, it has much to offer on that crucial third component.

It takes a certain kind of people, a critical mass as it were, to build a vibrant public moral culture. Free democratic communities and markets interlock in a way that requires also a people of moral character. In order for society to function in a truly human way, the reform or restructuring of political and economic structures is never enough.

Another way of saying this is that democracy and a free economy are not machines that can run on their own. They need soul fuel. It is not enough just to change the machinery of government. Nor are properly organized markets sufficient, according to St John Paul II, without a social solidarity of virtuous people, working together. A vibrant public moral culture is the key to the future. This also clarifies the mission of Church, its limited yet essential role.

The Church is not in the business of designing the polity or the economy, of opining on which form of democratic structure works best, a bicameral or single legislative house, say, or how to structure an income tax system, or how court systems should operate. The truths the Church teaches, however, about the nature and dignity of human persons and their acts, are essential for a free society. Not just because the Church says so, but because they are true. Even non-believers might agree. "We hold these truths to be self-evident..."

Among those truths are the first principle of personalism. This starts with the innate dignity and value of every person made in the image and likeness of God. The Church knows that all right thinking begins with the inalienable dignity of every human person, not with tribe or ethnic group. Made in the image and likeness of God means the human person is capable of reason.

Another principle is that of the common good, that this personal dignity and freedom mean living with others in society and exercising one's rights so as to contribute to

the benefit of others. It's not just about me, myself and I. And there are layers to this inter-personality. Authority in a free society should be multi-tiered and textured. This is known as the principle of subsidiarity, first articulated by Pope Pius XI in "*Quadragesimo Anno*" (1831). Decisions should be made not at the highest level, but by those closest to the decision, like American federalism. And finally, principle of solidarity without which people perish. This inspires an attitude and practice of inclusion, recognizing that when one person is disvalued or marginalized, all are.

It is distinctly the essential role of the Church to teach and promote that moral culture by forming people in those virtues. This is one reason why the Church is so insistent on a culture of life, because respect for and protection of every human life as essential is the bond that holds a society together and safeguards it from cannibalizing itself.

We come then to the crucible of freedom. Freedom is understood by many to be essential for a civilized society, but the nature of freedom is often fraught with confusion, conflated with the notion of choice. The mere assertion of choice in the name of freedom tends to end any conversation. It was the wisdom of St. John Paul II to say that the sentence must be completed: choice for what? If freedom is not tethered to the good, to the truth, it becomes destructive, a mere assertion of willfulness, a power grab. This reduces the beauty of freedom to what is really a childish notion of "I did it my way," the M.O. of every 2-year-old in the world. It has all the meaning and productivity of that child banging on the piano keys, not music, just noise.

Choice that is not ordered to what we know to be good – "freedom" without a good end – can become destructive. If it is just my choice and your choice, your truth and my truth – not THE truth – then what happens when they collide? Mere willfulness. One's will then imposes itself by force or censorship, constraint or restraint, on that of another, typically using the coercive power of state, what Pope Benedict XVI called the dictatorship of relativism.

One need not look far to see the chaos this leads to, the destruction of a free and virtuous society. When wrongs are defined as rights, we know a country is heading in a wrong direction. Freedom is more than choice, but a habit of choosing what is objectively truth, a virtue into which we grow, not a power that we claim over the will of another. In the end, this is no display



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Bishop Edward Scharfenberger, apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Buffalo, speaks to a crowd about the power of prayer and love to help the current state of social unrest.

of respect for our common humanity, but a demoralization thereof.

Recognizing that humans exist and grow in and through relationships – another sign of children made in the image of a personal God – our social teaching upholds natural communities, such as the family, and voluntary associations, which St. John Paul II writes are the sinews and ligaments of a free and virtuous society. The individual is not pitted alone against the state, but lives in any number of natural and voluntary associations. These communities form, protect and mediate the freedom and identity of the person. A genuinely free state will protect them. They are the first schools of freedom! How else to turn willful 2-year-old year tyrants into civil, tolerant children of a democracy.

Our social teaching also offers valuable insights on the nature of wealth, which has changed over the course of human history. For centuries, wealth was primarily defined in terms of the ownership of land and what was in it, what we call natural resources. Today, as

St. John Paul II observed, wealth is a matter of initiative and imagination, what someone’s creativity can come up with. Sand has been in the earth for a long time. Only in the past few decades has someone’s genius (image and likeness of God?) turned a few grains into a computer chip – and a fortune!

With this new understanding of wealth comes a different view of poverty. Just as one can be wealthy without land, having land alone may not free one from poverty, unless one is part of those networks that generate wealth. More often today, poverty is exclusion, not being a part of those networks. Inclusion or empowerment of those without material things enables them to enter into the circles of creativity. So education takes on an increasingly vital role in forming the skills to participate in a free economy, a clarion call for the educational mission of the Church among the rural and urban poor. What could be more essential than to help form our children holistically as responsible citizens in a free society – as the Church’s social teaching provides a remarkable template for.

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Father Gregory Gallagher, O.M.I., of Holy Angels Church, presides over a special Mass on Fourth of July for Alice Maher, who passed away on this day 108 years ago.
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Bishop Kmiec honored by friends as he is laid to rest

By **PATRICK J. BUECHI**
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A crowd of friends, family and associates packed St. Joseph Cathedral as full as COVID-19 regulations would allow. They came to pay their respects to Bishop Edward U. Kmiec who passed away July 11 at the age of 84. Dozens of priests, eight bishops and one cardinal concelebrated the Mass for their brother and shepherd who led the Diocese of Buffalo from 2004-2012.

"Bishop Kmiec died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May He now share with him eternal glory," said Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger, apostolic administrator of the Buffalo Diocese, in his welcoming address. "In life Bishop Kmiec cherished the Gospel of Christ in his office of preaching and teaching. May Christ now greet him with these words of eternal life: Come blessed of my Father. In baptism, Bishop Kmiec received the sign of the cross. May he now share in Christ victory over sin and death."

Msgr. David LiPuma, who had served as Bishop Kmiec's priest secretary and master of ceremonies at Masses during his eight-year tenure in Buffalo, explained his choice of readings for the Mass during his homily. Typically, a priest would have details of his funeral written down, but Msgr. LiPuma, despite his exhaustive search, could not find the bishop's preferred choices. So, Msgr. LiPuma chose readings that he thought adequately suited his dear friend and spiritual father.

The first reading, Isaiah 25:6-9, as read by Sister Regina Murphy, SSMN, chancellor of the diocese, spoke of the lord of hosts providing a "feast of rich food and choice wines." These are the things Bishop Kmiec enjoyed. Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7, as read by Dennis Walczyk, retired director of Catholic Charities, describes a "new heaven and a new earth." John 21:15-19 read by Deacon Timothy Chriswell, director of the Permanent Diaconate, depicts the three times Peter declared his

love for Jesus.

"Anyone who knows Bishop Kmiec knows that he enjoyed a good meal," Msgr. LiPuma said. "It was a joy for everyone who had the opportunity to dine with Bishop Kmiec because he loved conversation. He loved people. He could talk to anyone about anything – sports, airplanes, cruise ships, golf and yes, of course, theology. ... We would often be the last to leave any diocesan events. He would often start speaking to the servers and the maintenance people as they were breaking down the chairs and the tables. It didn't matter who you were or what you did for a living, everyone was treated with the same love and respect – charity and service."

Msgr. LiPuma said he chose the Gospel reading from John, not because Bishop Kmiec doubted Jesus, but because he proclaimed him love over and over again.

"Bishop Kmiec was often quoted as saying, 'This is not the cruise I signed up for.' He always said all he ever wanted was to be a parish priest on the Jersey shore. But God had other plans for him. I believe at least three times Jesus called Bishop Kmiec to greater responsibility in pastoral leadership. 'Edward, do you love me?' And he replied, 'Yes Lord, you know that I love You.' And Jesus said to him, 'Take care of the people of Trenton and give them a shepherd's care.' And he did, with charity and service. Then 10 years later, Jesus said a second time, 'Bishop Ed, do you love me?' And he responded, 'Yes Lord, you know that I love You.' And Jesus said, 'Go to the people of Nashville, Tennessee and give them a shepherd's care.' And he did, with charity and service. Then 12 years later, Much to Bishop Kmiec's surprise, Jesus said a third time, 'Bishop Ed, do you love me?' And he replied, 'Lord, you know everything. You know that I love You.' And Jesus said, 'Go to Buffalo and give them a shepherd's care.' And he did, with charity and service."

"Bishop Kmiec is truly a model for all of us of obedience to God and to the Church," Msgr. LiPuma continued. "He never asked for any



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Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York, blesses the casket of Bishop Edward U. Kmiec, during a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Cathedral.

assignment and simply said yes to wherever he was assigned trusting in God's providence. he was a faith filled successor to the apostles, dedicated to daily prayer, the rosary, and most importantly, the celebration of daily Eucharist."

In closing, Msgr. LiPuma gave advice to all those who attended the funeral to follow Bishop Kmiec's episcopal motto "Charity and service" and as he tells all the priests he ordains, "be kind."

"With all that is going on today in our church, our country, and our world, the best thing we can do today is to leave this cathedral and honor the legacy and memory of our beloved Bishop Kmiec by simply being kind to all those we meet along the way. In order to bring healing and trust and peace to our Church and our country and indeed our world, we all need to be more forgiving, more compassionate, more understanding, more accepting, to look beyond our differences and to pray for unity and peace to honor the dignity of

every human life, to live the motto of 'charity and service,' especially for those who live on the margins of life, those who have no voice, and those who need to know that they are loved unconditionally by our merciful and gracious God."

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, from the Archdiocese of New York, closed the Mass with reassuring words that all will join with their friend in the future.

"Trusting in God's word, we pray together for Bishop Kmiec, and now we come to this last farewell. there is sadness in parting, but we take comfort, comfort in the hope that one day we shall see him again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation may disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of His kingdom. So, we console one another in faith of Jesus Christ," he said.

Bishop Kmiec's casket was placed behind the tabernacle of the cathedral next to Bishops John Timon, Stephen Ryan and Edward Head.

Bishop Kmiec's legacy: 'Charity and Service'

By KEVIN A. KEENAN

When Bishop Edward U. Kmiec was introduced as the 13th bishop of Buffalo in August 2004, he said he came to Buffalo "to serve God, this local Church and especially to serve all of you, in the very spirit of our Lord who said, 'I have come not to be served, but to serve. Do likewise.'"

Those words launched an eight-year episcopacy in which he demonstrated time and again he was a true servant leader.

He came to Buffalo from Nashville and made it look easy as he transitioned from a mission diocese of just 70,000 Catholics to one that had 700,000 Catholics.

When he returned in October 2004 for his installation, I'll never forget riding through Buffalo Niagara International Airport with him in a motorized cart. A message board read, "Welcome Bishop Kmiec." He quietly said, almost to himself, "My parents would have really liked that."

From a public relations standpoint, Bishop Kmiec was a dream. In the eight years I served as his spokesman, not once did I have to walk back anything he

said in public. He was always prepared to talk to the media, he understood the important role he played in delivering his message and the Church's, and he made himself available. After an interview, he invariably continued to have friendly conversations with reporters, and that no doubt helped the coverage.

Much of the reporting following his death on July 11 has focused on the Journey in Faith and Grace, the five-year diocesan reorganization plan that led to numerous parish and school mergers and closings. That's understandable. He made some very courageous decisions that were painful yet necessary. It was a bottom up collaborative process which he asked people to understand and accept, and I think, for the most part, they did.

"We have to look at our strengths, our weaknesses and our challenges," he said. "Opportunities await us as we use this process to reimagine our diocese."

There was plenty of pushback from some parishes, but most moved forward, establishing vibrant new faith communities. He made it a point to celebrate the first Mass when a new parish emerged.

Some other observations about his legacy:

His respect for his brother priests was clear before he was even installed as bishop when he celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Father Thomas Crowley at Blessed Sacrament Church in Buffalo. This was one example of how he devoted so much time fostering a strong relationship with his brother priests. He was also a strong supporter of the permanent diaconate.

As the first Polish bishop to lead the Buffalo diocese after 12 prelates of Irish decent, he reveled in Buffalo's strong ties to Polonia. During his installation Mass, he offered a greeting in Polish, with many in the congregation responding in Polish. "I kind of thought some of you might be able to answer that," he joked.

He was loyal to Pope John Paul II, the future saint and first Polish pontiff who named Bishop Kmiec to the episcopacy, sending him first to Nashville and then Buffalo. The two met several times, always conversing in Polish. When the Holy Father



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Bishop Edward U. Kmiec is interviewed by Kevin Keenan, director Office of Communications

passed away in 2005, the bishop called him "a true pope of the people for his wonderful outreach, his travels around the world and his deep faith and courage during difficult times. He is a true heroic figure, firm in his fidelity to God and Church in building the Kingdom of God on earth."

He paid special attention to Buffalo's rich and diverse religious communities. Among his first public appearances following his installation was speaking at an awards luncheon given by the Buffalo/Niagara Chapter of the American Jewish Committee. He said he looked forward to continuing the dialogue and "I hope and pray we achieve a lot of good things."

In 2006, he addressed the Western New York Chapter of the Muslim Affairs Council, telling the gathering, "We have a duty to this generation, and many to come, to witness the positive role of faith in public life. Humbled through that faith, we can, with God's help, create a more just and peaceful future for the world we live in."

Bishop Kmiec really stepped up to advocate for Catholic Health in 2007 when the state-appointed Commission on Health Care Facilities in the 21st Century wanted to shut down St. Joseph's Hospital in Cheektowaga. The bishop's very public, very strong support led to the decision to allow St. Joseph's to remain open as a campus of Sisters of Charity Hospital. The importance of that reversal was clearly evident earlier

this year when St. Joseph's Campus was transformed into a COVID-19 treatment facility.

In July 2007, he welcomed 2,300 people who filled the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center for the 10th Black Catholic Congress. He said he prayed the "Holy Spirit will provide us with the wisdom, knowledge and vision which will meet the issues of our African American brothers and sisters today." Those words continue to ring true.

Bishop Kmiec stood at the forefront of the Pro-Life Movement. He prayed the rosary in front of abortion clinics, celebrated the Respect Life Mass every year at St. Joseph Cathedral and traveled to Washington, D.C., taking part in the March for Life. While a muscle strain prevented him from attending in January 2009, he still delivered a message by telephone to the Buffalo delegation: "Even though I'm not with you physically, I'm with you in prayer and penance. God bless all of you most abundantly for your generosity and sacrifice in the cause of life and the undoing of abortion. We won't give up. We know that God will win out in the end."

During his episcopacy, several St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Centers opened across the diocese, serving families in need during pregnancies and after births.

He had a strong love and respect

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Bishop Edward U. Kmiec looks at his watch during a standing applause to indicate that the Chrism Mass was running long. The full cathedral stood to applaud Bishop Kmiec's seven years as the shepherd of the diocese.

Bishop Kmiec a 'Good and faithful servant' for the diocese

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for the women religious of the diocese. When Sister Karen Klimczak, SSJ, was murdered in 2006, he cut short out of town travel to return home. "I don't know how coincidental it is that she died on Good Friday and three days after she came to resurrection, not in this life but the next. I don't think it was chance. I think that was a special gift of God that was given to her to share that closely with the suffering death and glory of Our Lord with the resurrection."

The young people of the diocese had a special connection with Bishop Kmiec, who was a regular at the annual youth convention. At the 2009 event, he told about 780 teens, "The Church needs your energies, your enthusiasm, your youthful ideals in order to make the Gospel of Life penetrate the fabric of society, transforming people's hearts in order to create a civilization of true justice of heart. Christ needs laborers to work in his vineyards."

He was also a champion for religious freedom. In 2012 after Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandated that health plans must cover contraceptives (including

abortifacients), sterilization procedures, and related education and counseling. Bishop Kmiec said the order threatened freedoms guaranteed in the United States Constitution. This debate is about religious freedom, not about access to contraception. It is not government's role to determine if Catholic or any other faith-based ministries are religious enough to qualify for religious freedom protection.

"If we lose our religious freedom, what's next?"

As he entered retirement in 2012, Bishop Kmiec said, "From the moment I arrived in Buffalo in August 2004, I felt very much at home here, and I consider myself a Buffalonian and a Western New Yorker."

There is much, much more to be said about Bishop Kmiec's legacy, from his unwavering support of Catholic Charities, to his presence at Catholic elementary schools, high schools, colleges and universities, and the direct way he preached the Gospel. His presence, his gentleness, his sense of humor will be cherished and remembered through the ages. He is already greatly missed.



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Before Mass at St. Martin de Porres in 2006, Bishop Edward Kmiec says a small prayer with the eucharistic ministers, altar servers, and the concelebrants.

Bishop Kmiec's episcopal motto was "Charity and Service."

Looking back on the life of this good and faithful servant whose life was well-lived, it is readily apparent he lived out those words every day.

May God grant Bishop Edward U. Kmiec eternal rest.

Kevin A. Keenan served as Director of Communications for the Diocese of Buffalo from 2000 through 2011. After founding Keenan Communications Group in 2012, he continued to serve as Bishop Kmiec's communications counsel through the bishop's retirement.

Catholic Charities Appeal 2020 achieves \$8.4 million

Catholic Charities of Buffalo announced today that Appeal 2020 in support of Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith achieved a total of \$8,411,138 in cash and pledges, representing 84.1 percent of its \$10 million goal.

"While it has certainly been a challenging year, we are overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and generosity of the Western New York community," said Deacon Steve Schumer, president & CEO of Catholic Charities. "Never before has the annual appeal been so relevant. In just a three-month timeframe during the coronavirus pandemic, we provided services to more than 29,000 individuals and families from across all faiths."

The annual appeal helps to fund Catholic Charities' programs and services, including food pantries, basic emergency assistance, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and workforce and education, among others at dozens of sites across Western New York, along with a number of programs and ministries through the Fund for the Faith. Since mid-March and the onset of the pandemic, the volume of clients Catholic Charities has been

assisting in its nine food pantries has been up 37 percent over this same timeframe last year.

"The pandemic has impacted all of us in some way, but what Catholic Charities is able to provide to our community has never been needed more by so many," said Rick Cronin, Appeal 2020 chair. "Thank you to those Western New Yorkers who stepped up in a big way to offer hope and help through their generous contributions, which are invested right back into programs and services that are needed now more than ever."

The theme of Appeal 2020 was "Think of Me" and the patron saint was St. Joseph. In 2019, more than \$9.3 million was raised during the appeal.

"We are currently evaluating and understand we may need to make some tough decisions in the future, but right now we are committed to working very hard to do what we can to provide services in the face of these difficult financial times as we expect the need to continue to grow in the weeks and months ahead," continued Deacon Schumer. "For nearly 100 years, Catholic Charities has been and always will be

here to support our neighbors in need."

Donors can continue to support the work of Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith at ccwny.org/donation.

Catholic Charities has helped individuals and families in need since its founding in 1923. That need is varied and widespread – from emergency assistance to mental health counseling and treatment, and from specialized services for older adults to help with job training and education. Catholic Charities empowers children, families and seniors to achieve meaningful, healthy and productive lives. In all situations, Catholic Charities delivers support to meet immediate needs, and then assesses clients for other needs to ensure long-term success.

An excellent steward of the contributions it receives, Catholic Charities earns a high rating from Charity Navigator for transparency and sound fiscal management and is a Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity. Catholic Charities also receives highest ratings from the Council on Accreditation for quality service.

For more information, visit ccwny.org.

Purse Project benefits Mother Teresa Home

By **PATRICK J. BUECHI**
Staff Reporter

Every woman needs a good purse. That notion led a local graphic designer on a mission to make sure women in transition had the proper handbag.

"It was just a thought," Susan Riley said, thinking back to last Thanksgiving. "I was thinking how thankful I am for my life and what can I do that can help other people. Every woman I know has a closet full of purses that they no longer use, that they most likely spent a lot of money to purchase, then go tired of."

She asked her friends and family for all their gently used purses, which she filled with personal care items, for a planned giveaway.

"My thought was, if I saw a homeless woman or if there was a shelter that homeless women had access to, that I would give them one of these purses and it would have everything you need," she explained. When she told her plan to others, they liked idea so much, they pitched in with soap, shampoo and gift cards. "The next thing you know, people are dropping off bars of soap to me, little shampoo bottles." One fellow parishioner gave her a gift card to the Dollar Store. Western New York Dental gave her 50 dental kits with toothpaste and toothbrushes and floss for the first 50 purses. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Youth Group pitched in as well.

Realizing that handing out purses on the street to homeless women would be impractical, Riley gave the purses to Gerard Place, which provides housing, supportive services, community education and outreach for single-parent families trying to break to cycle of poverty.

After making that delivery last fall, Riley found herself with such an overflow of purses, that she decided to do another purse project.

"Many of the purses were summer and spring purses. So, in the fall, I didn't want to give these



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Susan Riley, owner of Susan Riley Design Inc. and organizer of the Purse Project, Mother Teresa Home resident Tanika and her seven-month-old son, Kenzo, Cheryl Calire, executive director of the Office of Pro-Life Activities, which oversees the Mother Teresa Home, and Maren Lelonek, Office of Pro-Life Activities staff, sort through a host of colorful purses at the Mother Teresa Home on Buffalo's East Side. Riley has donated many purses to the home to be given to the residents.

beautiful summer bags out that people weren't going to use," she said. Riley is a designer. She knows the difference between spring and fall purses.

She postponed her planned Easter distribution due to the COVID pandemic. With July 1 being the fifth anniversary of her mother's passing, Riley wanted to do something that would honor her mother by helping others. So, she brought 30 purses to Mother Teresa Home on July 2 as part of the Remembering Rose Purse Project.

Opened in 2016, Mother Teresa Home provides shelter, service and education referrals to women who have experienced pressure to end their pregnancies.

Riley heard about Mother Teresa Home from a fellow parishioner at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Harris Hill. "I'm a real big follower of St. Teresa and had just read a book about her life. I thought, there you go, another sign," Riley said.

The purses came during a warm and sunny day, when the East Side

living with Cheryl and David Calire, who oversee the home.

"I'm always thrilled when some news gets out about the Mother Teresa Home. So, I was thrilled when, through another party, Susan had heard about us. I'm always excited when it involves directly with our moms and our babies," said Cheryl Calire, executive director of the diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities.

Calire has found people are very eager to help care for the needs of the babies, but often don't think of the mothers' needs.

"Sometimes we forget the moms who have made the decision to choose life, the moms who have made a lot of sacrifices to be here," she said. "Something like the Purse Project is perfect, because it's our way to tell Tanika – You're valuable, you're loved, you're part of everything we do here. So, I was really excited about it."

Tanika has been at the Mother Teresa Home since September 2019. Kenzo was born in December.

"It's been so peaceful. I was able to clear my mind a lot and really focus on my future. It has helped me to be a good mother," she said about her time there.



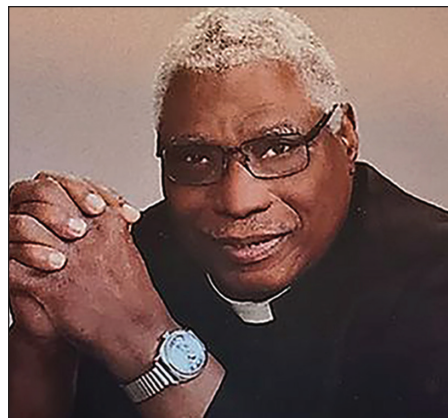
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An assortment of purses donated to the Mother Teresa Home by Susan Riley, owner of Susan Riley Design Inc. and organizer of the Purse Project.

Forty years of service: Deacon Ronald Walker

By **DAN CAPPELLAZZO**
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In 1993, a new house of worship was completed on Buffalo's East Side. St. Martin de Porres, located on Northampton Street, opened its doors with a young deacon at the forefront of opening hearts and instilling the word of the Lord to area parishioners. On Monday, June 1, Deacon Ronald Walker celebrated his 40th year of ordination to the permanent diaconate. Deacon Walker has been with St. Martin de Porres since its inception and has been active in numerous ministries throughout the parish, and the Diocese of Buffalo over his four decade service



Deacon Ron Walker celebrates 40 years of ordination to the Permanent Diaconate.

to the Western New York Catholic Community.

Deacon Walker is recognized as

the first African-American ordained to the permanent diaconate within the Diocese of Buffalo.

"It started a long time ago at St. Patrick's, a Franciscan Friar approached me about the diaconate. He said I would make a good candidate. I prayed about it for a while and got inspired and decided to do it," Deacon Walker explained. "I am honored to be the first black Catholic deacon to be ordained 40 years ago now. I feel very good about serving the community."

Reflecting on his long journey, which still continues today, Deacon Walker said, "The first place I served was St. Nicholas Church, on Welker Street near Utica Street, it's closed now. Eventually my journey

led me to St. Martin's when it opened 17 years ago and I have been there ever since."

When asked about his role in today's changing social climate, Deacon Walker said, "Yes, I still have the mission my heart at the parish. Just this past Sunday, I preached God's love. People forget that we serve God. We should stand up more and say we serve Jesus and God. I feel a strong belief and faith will see us through these hard times."

Deacon Walker is a member of the Holy Name Society, the Secular Franciscans, and the Knights of Columbus. He has also served in the United States Army and the Army National Guard.

Bowmansville parish soldiers on while administrator is in Poland

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The storm of COVID-19 has tossed a small Bowmansville, leaving its administrator stranded in Poland after a three-week tour.

Father Dominik Jezierski, administrator of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and Shrine in Bowmansville, visited his homeland in March for what was supposed to be a short stay. A week into the visit, President Trump issued a travel ban blocking non-citizens from entering the United States. Ironically, Father Jezierski planned on applying for his Permanent Resident Card upon his return to Buffalo.

After the March 11 announcement, citizens and anyone working in the U.S. had two days to return to the United States before borders would be closed. Father Jezierski could not find any flights.

"I said, 'Just wait it out.' We thought in three or four weeks we'd resume," explained Deacon Timothy Chriswell, who has been assigned to the Bowmansville parish since 2018. "Nobody knew on March 11 that on the end of June we'd still be sitting like this. We weren't really too concerned about it. We figured it would only be a couple of weeks."

On Aug. 1, Father Jezierski was relieved of his duties as temporary administrator, so that another administrator can be appointed. Father Jezierski is an incardinated priest of the Diocese of Legnica, Poland, so he will have the opportunity to serve in his home diocese for the time being.

Deacon Chriswell took on the role of temporary administrator, making sure the parish runs

smoothly, while at the same time carrying on a full-time job as director of the Permanent Diaconate. "A lot of the parish stuff, I'm taking care of that at night time or early in the morning," he said. "We've managed through this downtime that, we didn't create a major debt. The parishioners have been great. They have been bringing their envelopes and dropping them off at the rectory. The first week it was a little slow and then right after that, people realized this could be long term, and they just kept coming."

"We have a core group of parishioners who have been extremely faithful and extremely generous in their financial support of the parish in the past four months," said business manager Bob Lichtenthal.

The parish must rely on guest priests to conduct their limited number of Masses. Father Andrew Lauricella, diocesan director of Vocations, has been pitching in when he can. They livestreamed Masses throughout the COVID-19 Stay at Home Order. Now, they celebrate Mass in the outdoor shrine, with some of the congregation sitting on benches, others sitting in their cars at 4 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m. on Sunday.

"Our intent is to do them outside for the rest of the summer whenever it is not raining. Sometimes it gets a little warm out there, that's why we're going to do it early in the morning," said Deacon Chriswell. "We've been managing, but it's been difficult. People would like to have daily Mass once again. And we're only doing two Masses on a weekend rather than our normal three."

The parish also offers adoration on First Fridays in the shrine.

For a brief time, Father Jezierski would

livestream Masses from his home parish in Poland to be viewed by his Bowmansville parishioners. A couple times, he did a livestreamed English Mass back to back with an in-person Polish Mass for those in Poland. He used the same organist who sang in Polish for both congregations.

"He would do Mass 2 o'clock on a Sunday, so we could have morning Mass," Deacon Chriswell said. "He stopped with Divine Mercy Sunday because they asked him to help with coverage, because they had priests who were stuck in different countries. So, they needed help."

Lichtenthal, who took over the role of business manager last year after retiring from the Erie County Water Authority, feels things are running smoothly despite having the resident priest being 5,000 miles away. He credits the loyal parishioners, as well as his two predecessors who still volunteer at Sacred Heart for helping him with his tasks.

"I got two guys I can go back on for historical perspective, detail, etc.," he said.

He also calls Deacon Chriswell, the parish trustees and finance council, "fully engaged since day one."

"It's worked because of that," he said.

Plans for the parish's centennial celebration have been put on hold, not only because of Father Jezierski's absence, but also because of COVID-19 restrictions.

"This is the 100th anniversary of the parish. We had celebrations and all kind of things planned, big parties. We even had specially made 250 commemorative rosaries. Now everything has been put on hold," Lichtenthal said.

Family continues 108 years tradition at Holy Angels

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This past Fourth of July marked the end of century-long tradition for the Maher family. Since 1912, generations of the family have gathered at Holy Angels Church on Buffalo's Lower West Side to honor matriarch Alice Maher. With the upcoming closing of Holy Angles, this will be the last time the family meets at that church, but they promise to carry on the tradition.

Born in 1848, Mary Alice Maher perished in a fire in her home on July 4, 1912. News clippings the family saved tell different stories on how the first started. It seems Mrs. Maher, the mother of six children, went into her attic, then either knocked over a lamp or dropped a match after lighting a candle and set her house at 873 Niagara St. ablaze.

Cornelius Maher, one of Alice's sons, was one of the fire fighters from Engine 2 who arrived on the scene using horse-drawn fire trucks. Cornelius fought his way through the smoke to the rear of the attic where he found his mother near an upstairs window. The lifeless body of Alice Maher was removed from the attic by Cornelius and his fellow fire fighters. She was survived by her five sons: Cornelius, William, James, Peter and John, and one daughter, Mary Katherine Dowdell.

Originally designed as a tribute to Alice, the July 4 Mass has come to honor all members of the Maher Family.

"My grandfather and his brothers decided from then on, it wasn't going to be a sad day. They would get together, they would have a Mass to celebrate the living and the deceased members of the Maher family," explained Helen Kurzdorfer, granddaughter of Cornelius Maher. "When we were little kids, we used to think it was a holy day because you got dressed up to go to Mass on the Fourth of July. We thought everybody did."

On July 4, 2012, the family celebrated the 100th anniversary

of this event with more than 180 family members from several generations gathering from over 11 states to attend the Mass.

On an average year, 25 to 100 family members will attend. Kurzdorfer guesses about 50 still live in the area. Due to the COVID restrictions on travel and large gatherings, few guests from out of state came to this year's Mass.

"There are people who do not go to Church anymore, who would not miss this Mass. It is truly a tradition. It's unfortunate we will not be able to be at Holy Angels, but the tradition is not going to stop," Kurzdorfer said.

The family continue to uphold as many of the traditions as they can. "My mother used to make homemade rolls," Kurzdorfer recalled. "When she passed away, my sister and I started where we made homemade rolls and the rest of the family brings coffee cakes and different things. We have juice and coffee."

The family gathering at a cousin's cottage at Please Beach, but as the generations grew, they became too much for the cottage to hold.

Last year, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, which has owned and operated Holy Angels Parish since 1852, determined the church, rectory and convent need major structural repair and the repair costs would be excessive. The Oblates will continue to minister at Holy Cross and Our Lady of Hope Parishes in Buffalo.

The last Mass at the church was held July 25.

The Maher family will continue their tradition at a new church, yet to be decided, next year.

"There are some that we know, but we need to talk to everyone in the family. We've gone 108 years that it's been peaceful, that everyone gets along but we want everybody to be happy," Kurzdorfer said, adding she will miss Holy Angels.

"It just feels like home. As big as it is, it's cozy."



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Father Gregory Gallagher, OMI, of Holy Angels Church, presides over a special Mass on the Fourth of July morning for the Maher family who's matriarch, Alice Maher, passed away on this day 108 years ago. The family has held a memorial Mass in her memory every year since her passing. This year will be the last Mass at the West Side church as it will close on July 25.



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The family of Alice Maher carries on their tradition of handing out bread after Mass. The family has held a memorial Mass in her memory every year since her passing.

Woman of great faith – gentile matriarch of Christians

This year on Aug. 16 we hear Jesus utter the words, “O woman, great is your faith” (Matt. 15:28). The woman is a Canaanite, the first gentile woman portrayed as having faith in Jesus in this gospel. Jesus and the disciples are in Gentile territory and an unnamed woman approaches him and begs for the healing of her daughter. The disciples try to dismiss her, but she prevails and enters into conversation with Jesus, persuading him, by her faith, to heal her daughter (Matt. 15:21-28).

The episode also appears in Mark (7:25-30). The majority of New Testament scholars believe that Matthew based his gospel on Mark. Looking at the changes Matthew made to Mark’s narrative highlights some of Matthew’s concerns in writing for his own Jewish-Christian community. Matthew changes the nationality of the woman from Mark’s Syro-phoenician to a Canaanite; she is not only gentile but a member of the age-old enemies of the Jewish people. Additionally,



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Matthew expands the description of the woman and her dialogue with Jesus.

The woman approaches Jesus and, expressing faith in Jesus, says: “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David, my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.” When Jesus did not answer her, His disciples ask Him to send her away “for she is shouting after us.” Jesus responds: “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” Previously, Jesus had sent his disciples off on a mission, but only to “the lost sheep of Israel” (10:6). Hence, their request to “send her away” would be in keeping with Jesus’ mission command.

The woman persists and, this time kneeling before Jesus, begs,

“Lord, help me.” He answers: “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She answers back: “Yes, Lord, but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master’s table.” Jesus recognizes her faith with the memorable words: “O woman great is your faith. Be it done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed.

Mark had Jesus heal the daughter because of the mother’s clever rejoinder; Matthew clearly has Jesus respond on account of her faith.

Studying the narrative flow of the gospel allows one to see that Matthew means to show his Christian-Jewish audience that even Jesus moved beyond his original understanding of his mission to the Jewish people; he was also sent for “the nations.” Previously in Matthew’s gospel (14:22-33), one reads of the storm on the lake as Jesus and the disciples are heading for the other side of the lake, gentile territory. This is the story in which

Peter recognizes Jesus walking on the water and Peter begins walking toward him; but then Peter’s faith fails and he begins to sink. Jesus rescues him and asks, “O man of little faith, why did you doubt?” This episode also highlights the struggle to admit Gentiles into the earliest Christian community.

Peter’s original “little faith” in this matter contrasted with the Canaanite woman’s “great faith” are important aspects of Matthew’s gospel. The non-Jewish woman’s faith resulted in changing Jesus’ own understanding of his mission. Moreover, at the conclusion of this gospel, the 11, including Peter, are in Galilee and the Risen Jesus addresses them. There he broadens his disciples’ mission from “only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel” to “Go make disciples of all nations.”

What challenge does the narrative of the woman of “great faith” present to us today? Has any non-Catholic Christian or non-Christian today expanded our vision of God’s presence in others?

Celebrating the light of St. Clare of Assisi

Church history is filled with the lives of extraordinary people who reflect the life of God to the world. Some of the church’s saints have been trailblazers living the Gospel in a radical way and by their way of life, offered a new lens with which to see the world.

On Aug. 11, the Church observes the feast of St. Clare of Assisi whose way of life brought light to a dark time. Born into nobility and a life of privilege, St. Clare was deeply influenced by St. Francis of Assisi whom it is believed she heard preaching in the streets of Assisi. She was so inspired and moved by his words that she decided not to marry. Since Clare was a woman of means, she gave St. Francis some money to rebuild the war-ravaged churches and to feed the poor, and she decided to talk to him privately.

Against her wishes, Clare’s parents decided and arranged



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for her to marry a wealthy young man from the town. Believing that she had no alternative, she fled her home and met St. Francis in a small church below Assisi called the Portiuncula. In this small chapel, Clare was received into religious life on Palm Sunday in the year 1212. Embracing the message of St. Francis, Clare was the first woman to adopt the Franciscan way of life. She patterned her entire life on the life of Christ.

Within a few years, other noblewomen from Assisi, including her sister, joined Clare in this new

and radical way of life. Eventually they moved to San Damiano, the location of the first church that Francis had rebuilt. It was here that they became well-known to the people who called them the “poor ladies.”

Devoted to prayer and the Holy Eucharist, St. Clare lived her life simply, entrusting her needs to God. A significant event in her life occurred when the monastery at St. Damiano was attacked by the Saracens. With steadfast courage, St. Clare carried a monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament to the gates of the monastery where she prayed for protection for herself and her sisters from the attackers.

When the Saracens observed her courage and that of her sisters, they fled the city.

Clare’s life was not easy as she faced numerous struggles throughout her life. She wrestled

with sickness but did not complain about it. Although she spent her life in the confines of a monastery, she was known to bring healing to others. Over time, she became the first woman religious to write a rule of life for her community, encapsulating the essence of Franciscan living for women. After years of debate, Pope Innocent IV approved her rule two days before she died in 1253.

St. Clare’s vision of living the Gospel without compromise impelled her to pray hard and work hard. She outlived St. Francis by 27 years and throughout her life was transformed by the Franciscan ideals of poverty, prayer, penance, conversion, humility and community. In her surrender to the presence of Christ, she allowed him to shine through her in everything she did.

Let’s allow Christ to illuminate the darkness and transform us.

Whatboutism, Ad hominem, and Strawmen and how to avoid them

Later this month, both major political parties will be having their nominating “conventions.” Although they will be a vastly different kind of convention because of Covid-19 accommodations, these conventions will signal the beginning of election season in earnest.

And with election season, you can be sure that the rhetoric, discussions, arguments and downright nastiness will begin as well. In response to the divisive and disruptive dialogue that always seems to accompany political discourse these days, the U.S. bishops through their “We Are Salt and Light” campaign have created some materials called “Civilize It 2020.”

These materials contain suggestions and reflections for how to “civilize” our political conversations and even have a pledge that you can take to uphold your intention to be more aligned with Gospel values in our political conversations. (A link to the pledge appears at the end of this column).

Here is the challenge: “We are called to bring the best of ourselves

and our faith to the public square – and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language, often directed at people themselves.”

They go on to say that Civilize It is about making room in your heart for those with whom you disagree. It is a non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even when we disagree, and to put faith in action by bearing witness to a better way forward.

Part of creating a more civil dialogue is to refrain from using logical fallacies and poor arguments rather than actually listening to the other person to gain a deeper understanding. It also requires us to call the other person on their use of those same fallacies in order to create understanding in both directions.

Three of the most common fallacies are “whataboutism,” ad hominem arguments, and creating strawmen. “Whataboutism” responds to criticism about a candidate or a policy not by



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answering the criticism, but by pointing to another candidate or policy to deflect the real issue. For example, someone might say, “The U.S. should never have a policy that condones torture,” and someone might respond that, “Other countries use torture much more than the U.S. does!” The response does not answer the criticism, and so the conversation comes to a halt.

Then there is an “ad hominem” argument, which means, “toward the person.” It is an attack on a person’s character or personal traits in an attempt to undermine their argument. Someone may make a compelling case for a more equitable tax system, and someone else may question whether we should believe anything from a person who lives in a big house and drives a fancy

car. As the Civilize It pledge points out, “When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities. As Catholics, we must model a better way.”

The third fallacy is creating a “strawman,” misrepresenting an argument to make it easier to attack. A person might say that she supports school lunches for poor children, and someone would respond that she wants to take money away from hard-working citizens and give it away to lazy ones. And thus the conversation ends.

Pope Francis reminds us: “May you be sowers of hope, builders of bridges and agents of dialogue and harmony.” As we approach this election season, let us pledge to do our best to enhance the dialogue and to Civilize It!

You can find the Civilize It pledge (and share it with others!) at: www.wearesaltandlight.org/civilize-it.

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New parish leaders named in Getzville, Williamsville

Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger has announced the following appointments for the Diocese of Buffalo.

Father Robert Wozniak has been appointed administrator of St. Pius X Parish in Getzville for a six-year term, effective Aug. 9. Father Wozniak’s has been serving on the faculty of Christ the King Seminary since 2015.

Robert Grinewich, who has been a pastoral associate of SS. Peter & Paul Parish in Williamsville, has been appointed temporary administrator of SS. Peter & Paul until the arrival of a new pastor. Father Edward J. Sheedy will serve as priest moderator to supervise pastoral care of the parish. These appointments became effective July 1.

Father Peter J. Santandreu has been assigned additional duties as minister to the Spanish Apostolate at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Dunkirk for a term of three years,

effective July 1.

Father Martin Gallagher will continue to serve as temporary administrator of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Cheektowaga until the assignment of a more permanent pastoral leader. Father Jeffrey Nowak has been relieved of his responsibilities as pastor effective July 2. Father Nowak remains on administrative leave.

Bishop Scharfenberger has approved the appointment of Father Kevin Young from the Diocese of Tyler, Texas, as chaplain to the Carmelite Monastery in Buffalo for one year – Aug. 7, 2020, to Aug. 31, 2021. This will be a period of discernment for Father Young as he seeks permanent ministry. He will be granted faculties in the Buffalo Diocese during this time.

Faculties have also been granted to Father Robert Reiser, SJ, who will be resident at the Canisius

College Jesuit Community while on sabbatical until Jan. 1, 2021.

Father Dominik Jezierski, who has been serving as the temporary administrator of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Bowmansville, has been in Poland since March and unable to return due to Covid-19 travel restrictions. He has been relieved of his duties in Bowmansville, as of Aug. 1, so that another administrator can be appointed.

Father Mark Noonan has been granted permission to live and serve for one year with the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity beginning Sept. 1, to discern the call to religious life and missionary work. Father Noonan resigned as pastor of St. John Vianney Parish in Orchard Park on July 26.

Father John Staak, OMI, has requested and been granted a leave of absence from the Missionary Oblates

of Mary Immaculate for one year, ending June 30, 2021. Father Staak remains a priest in good standing with full faculties in the Diocese of Buffalo.

Also of note, Father Slawomir Siok, SAC, and been appointed superior and provincial delegate for the Pallottine Fathers, Infant Jesus Delegation of Annunciation Province. He replaces Father John Posiewala, SAC. Father Siok will continue to serve as the pastor of St. John de LaSalle Parish in Niagara Falls.

The provincial superior of the Franciscans has notified the diocese that Brother Steven N. Kuehn, OFM, who is in post novitiate formation, will have an internship at St. Bonaventure University until May 31, 2021. Another Franciscan brother, Brother Richard V. Phillip, OFM, will reside at Holy Peace Friary, Mt. Irenaeus, for the summer. He is a student in the pre-novitiate program.

Maximillian Kolbe and World War II Polish Remembrance Day

Each year the Polish-American community of Buffalo hosts a Mass commemorating the life and death of Maximilian Maria Kolbe, the 47-year-old Polish Conventual Franciscan friar who gave up his life in exchange for that of another Polish prisoner at the Auschwitz concentration camp.

In Auschwitz, Maximilian was prisoner number 16670, a Polish Catholic, one of 15,000 Polish Christians imprisoned at Auschwitz in 1941. In July of that year, a camp prisoner escaped and 10 men from Maximilian's barrack were picked to suffer death by starvation as a means of punishment and as a deterrent to other prisoners. Chosen among the 10 men was Franciszek Gajowniczek, a married man with children. Maximilian stepped forward and offered to take his place. What followed for Maximilian and the other men was a slow and excruciating death lasting two weeks. He was the last of his group to remain alive. Hastening his death, he was executed by the Nazi's by a lethal injection of carbolic acid on Aug. 14, 1941. The next day he was thrown unceremoniously into the crematorium. He was 47 years old.

After the war was over, witnesses to the event came forward which led to Maximilian Kolbe's beatification. Then on Oct. 10, 1982, he was canonized by Pope John Paul II as a martyr. He is frequently referred to as the saint of Auschwitz. His feast day is celebrated on the day of his death of August 14.

In memory of Maximilian Kolbe's

heroic act of love in desperate times, the Polish American Congress of Western New York and the Polish Legacy Project-WWII of Buffalo invite the Western New York community to join together in prayer for the 23rd annual World War II Polish Remembrance Mass to be held Aug. 16, at St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Church, 389 Peckham St., Buffalo, at 12 noon. It is with thoughts of the martyrdom of St. Maximilian Kolbe in mind that the Mass also remembers:

All the Polish victims, both Jewish and non-Jewish of Auschwitz and all the concentration camps established by the Nazi's during World War II;

The almost 2 million Polish forced laborers who suffered, and the many unnumbered, who died of sickness, starvation, or euthanized and whose infants and children were neglected and starved to death in Nazi Germany during World War II;

The Polish men and women who died as a result of concentration camp medical experiments such as the Polish women at Ravensbruck concentration camp;

The righteous Poles who were murdered in their attempts to hide their Jewish neighbors and in so doing forfeited their own lives such as the Ulma family of Markowa;

The 200,000 children who were stolen from Polish orphanages, or from their families and sent to Germany to become German, the majority of whom were never recovered after the war and lost their Polish identity forever;

The 22,000 Polish soldiers



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St. Maximilian Kolbe will be honored with a Mass celebrated in Polish and English at St. Stanislaus Church.

murdered at Katyn forest by the Russians;

The thousands of Polish families who were deported to Siberia by the Russians and the men, women and children who died from starvation and exposure;

The 566 patients of the psychiatric hospital in Kobierzyn near Krakow and Kalwaria Zebrzydowska who were killed as part of Hitler's euthanasia action against the terminally ill, the mentally ill and the infirm;

The Polish Catholic priests who died in Dachau concentration camp. The Polish Catholic nuns who died in the labor camp at Bojanowo.

The Remembrance Mass is a

time of honoring, remembering and mourning the glaring atrocities committed against the Polish people and nation during World War II. Please join us to honor St. Maximilian Kolbe and the millions of Christian Poles who were victims of Nazi and Soviet regimes during World War II. A table will be set up where anyone attending can place photos of victims and survivors of Poland's tragic occupation during World War II. The Mass will be celebrated in Polish and English by Father Michal Czyzewski, pastor of St. Stanislaus Church. The entire diocesan community is invited. The Mass will also be aired on the radio station WLOF 101.7 FM at 12 noon.

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St. Mary of the Assumption will continue to offer livestreamed Masses and programs permanently

LANCASTER — St. Mary of the Assumption Parish has been livestreaming daily and weekend Masses throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and will continue to do so, as permanent livestreaming equipment has been installed at the church located at 1 St. Mary's Hill (at the corner of Aurora and St. Joseph streets).

Daily Mass is livestreamed from St. Mary's on Monday through Friday at 12 noon. Weekend Masses are livestreamed on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m.

Weekend Masses are also celebrated on Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 8 a.m. and 12 noon. Through the summer months, the Saturday 7 p.m. Mass is celebrated outdoors, in the pavilion and parking lot area just outside the church.

Also being livestreamed are weekly Scriptural discussion sessions hosted by St. Mary's pastor, Father Paul W. Steller. These discussions take place on Thursdays at 2 p.m.

To access St. Mary's livestreamed Masses and services, visit stmarysonthehill.org/live-streams/ or participate on Facebook. The parish's Facebook page can be accessed directly from the website.

Social distancing guidelines are followed at all Masses and services as the parish continues to reopen.

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St. Mary of the Assumption has installed permanent livestream equipment in the Lancaster church.

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3:00pm Rosary Procession, Crowning Statue atop Basilica, & Benediction.
Homilist: Fr. Donald Watkins, Jr., - "Mary, Mother of Us All"
8:00pm Candle-lit Rosary Procession. All are welcome.

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Church of the Annunciation picnic becomes a drive-through

Older members of the Church of the Annunciation, Elma remember attending the summer picnic as children. Father Eugene “Shorty” Selbert was pastor in 1937 when the parish transformed the parish lawn fete into a community picnic. It became known as the “Elma Picnic.” Everything was local. Neighboring farmers provided the food (vegetables, meat and fruit) and parishioners (families and friends) prepared and served the delicious home cooking to the enjoyment of guests. Most of the fixings were done by parishioners. “We killed, plucked and cleaned the birds.” In time the one day event would expand to two days and then to three days. The picnic became a popular summer destination on the third weekend of August. People looked forward to the “live” music, great food, drinks, raffles, games and fun. It became an occasion of meeting friends, making new ones and family reunions. And a lot of hard work.

The Markowski family has been involved with the Annunciation Picnic for generations. They provided Buffalo’s own Iroquois Beer and Voegle’s Soft Drinks (Lancaster) back in the 1950s and 1960s. Florian Markowski, when he was eight years old, helped in the “penny pitch.” Last year, at 90, Florian and his wife, Shirley, were cutting vegetables for Chowder with Larry and Barb Komendat and their family. Bill and

Kathy Markowski ran the car show and served fish fries with Bill’s sister Patty Burdette in the food pavilion. French Fries were a picnic favorite with potatoes supplied by Aldinger Farms, Alden.

Father Gene Ulrich chronicles his tenure as pastor by the number of picnics. He arrived in July 2007 and immediately got caught up in picnic preparation. He is happy to announce that the parish will host its 83rd consecutive summer picnic. “We are going back to the original one day picnic and making it a drive up and takeout affair on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or Sell-out. We are calling it a Pickup Picnic.” Father Ulrich explains that with concern for COVID-19, the Pickup Picnic allows people to stay in their cars, purchase Wendel’s BBQ Chicken and the parish’s famous chowder and then picnic at home. Chicken is \$12. Quart of Chowder is \$8. Presale orders assure availability. People can go to the parish website: annunciation.cc, scroll down, bottom right, click “Online giving.” Presale orders should be picked up by 1 p.m. You can also drive up, order and pay that day. The Church of the Annunciation is located at the corner of Clinton Street and Schwartz and Girdle Roads, in Elma

Father Ulrich remarked, “The church picnic is more than a tradition, more than a successful and essential fundraiser. It gathers our faith

community together with a sense of purpose and instills the value of the importance of family.”



COURTESY OF ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Emily Para does her part stirring chowder last year for the annual Annunciation picnic in Elma.

After 101 days hospitalized, COVID-19 patient returns home

Russell “Rusty” Browning finally went home after 101 days of hospitalization and quite the tour of Catholic Health’s facilities.

First diagnosed with COVID-19 in late March at Mercy Hospital, he survived 67 days on a ventilator at the Catholic Health COVID-19 Treatment Facility at St. Joseph Campus in Cheektowaga. Browning spent the longest time on a vent and in the ICU than any other surviving patient at the treatment facility.

On July 7, Browning headed home after 21 days at Kenmore Mercy Hospital’s Medical Rehabilitation Unit where he went through intensive therapy.

“Our post-COVID patients relearn how to swallow and walk unassisted; build up his strength and endurance; regain cognitive abilities; and work toward

returning to an independent life,” said Dr. Nadeem Hussain, medical director of the Medical Rehabilitation Unit.

Prior to contracting the virus, Browning, 63, was very active with rollerblading, swimming and biking. He and his wife, Dolores, live in Blasdell and have three daughters and seven grandchildren. A master electrician, he started his electrical business, Sub-City Electrical, in 1989.

His family never gave up hope and prayed every day for his recovery. “One day, Rusty was a little more awake, responding a little more to verbal cues, and then the next day, he was full-on awake and talking,” said John LaForge, ICU nurse manager at the Catholic Health COVID-19 Treatment Facility at St. Joseph Campus.



COURTESY OF CATHOLIC HEALTH

Russell “Rusty” Browning goes home after 101 days of hospitalization at the Catholic Health Covid-19 Treatment Facility at St. Joseph Campus in Cheektowaga.

St. Bernadette's shines light on coronavirus

By **PATRICK J. BUECHI**
STAFF REPORTER

With churches opening up for Mass, many parishes are assigning crews to wipe down pews and door handles between Masses to fight the coronavirus. St. Bernadette Parish in Orchard Park has taken an alternate approach. Along with chemical cleansers, the parish is using special hospital-grade UVC lights that kill 99.99 percent of germs.

Father Robert Owczarczak, parochial vicar, first saw these lights during his clinical pastoral education at the Cleveland Clinic while in priestly formation. "When I was at the Cleveland Clinic this is what they would use to disinfect the rooms when people had a contagious virus," he explained. "You turn the lights on and they break down the DNA of the viruses and bacteria. It's the light the sun uses, but our ozone and environment filter out the UVC lights

so it doesn't affect people."

The reason for switching to the lamps was a safety concern over all the chemicals being used. "We were looking at a lot of the chemicals and if a kid is in the church, he has his hand in his mouth, then puts his hand on the pew, then puts his hand in his mouth again, how is that going to affect the children? How is it going to affect the varnish and the wood? We were talking about how many gallons we were going to need to use to disinfect," Father Owczarczak said.

The ultraviolet light can harm other living things, so all plants, animals and people must be out of any room while the lights are on.

"After the church is empty, we will close the doors and turn on the lights and lock all the doors. Then we will spray down the rest of the place," explained Father Owczarczak.

Each of the Tool Klean lights covers 1,000 square feet. Father Owczarczak said the six lights that St. Bernadette's

uses are actually "overkill" for their space. "But we want to make sure we have enough."

The Tool Klean website claims "Tool Klean UVC Light Sanitizers are the safe, easy, fast and effective way to help keep surfaces, hand tools, and your environment free of germs." While the company claims to kill salmonella, staph, bacteria, viruses, fungus and mold effectively and quickly," their website mentions that its product has not been tested

specifically on the COVID-19 virus, but claims ultraviolet light can kill the similar SARS-CoV-1 and MERS-CoV viruses.

The parish will still follow all the other protocols for safe gathering. "We're just not saturating out church in the chemicals," said Father Owczarczak. "This is a very safe and chemical-free way of disinfecting. We will still be using other disinfectants on the bathrooms, doorknobs and places where people will be touching."



COURTESY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL

St. John's school hosts drive-thru chicken dinner

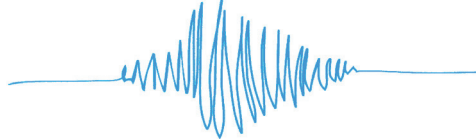
KENMORE — St. John the Baptist School's faculty and staff are hosting a Chiavetta's Chicken Drive-Thru Dinner. Join them on Friday, July 31 from 4-7 p.m. on the campus grounds (Englewood & Belmont). In addition to inviting St. John's families and friends, neighbors and community are welcome to this public event.

"Chiavetta's is a great way to

bring people together to celebrate the summer," says Advancement Director Michelle Salemi. "The proceeds from this dinner will directly benefit our school families."

In the interest of safety, this year's dinner is a drive-thru only event. Tickets are available \$10 presale or \$12 the day off.

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St. Bonaventure merges graduate literacy programs

ST. BONAVENTURE — St. Bonaventure University has turned two graduate programs into one, greatly enhancing the marketability of students who can now earn a master's degree in B-12 literacy.

The university's School of Education has offered graduate programs in childhood (Birth-6) literacy and adolescent (5-12) literacy for years. New York's State Education Department approved the new B-12 program last week.

The program can now be taken in either a hybrid format — all courses online, but with three face-to-face meeting

days on campus each semester — or completely online.

For this coming academic year, the face-to-face meetings will instead be Zoom sessions for all students. Face-to-face sessions will resume once the pandemic is over, but students will still have the flexibility to attend those classes virtually via Zoom.

By offering a choice of hybrid or fully online, students can select the format that best meets their needs while still experiencing the high quality program.

SBU's literacy program enhances classroom teachers' knowledge of how to teach

reading and addresses children's literacy needs in the B-12 general education classroom, said Sheri Voss, program director.

"Teachers with literacy degrees are highly sought after by school districts because of the wide-ranging skill set they offer to both students and other personnel," Voss said.

The program, which can be completed in a year or less, will welcome its first cohort of students in the fall.

"This revision of our MSSED literacy programs enhances the utility and convenience of the program for our students," said Dr. Joseph Zimmer,

provost and vice president of Academic Affairs. "With the needs for high quality literacy teachers in our region, this program continues the long legacy of excellence in literacy education at St. Bonaventure."

To complete the program, students must do the state's required practicum over seven weeks in July/August 2021.

Candidates for the master's program must already have Initial Elementary or Secondary Teacher Certification, or have it by the end of the semester after beginning the program. The practicum will be held on campus, but can also be taken

virtually.

"The skills I have learned throughout my time in St. Bonaventure's literacy program have already proven valuable in my career and will remain valuable, no matter which path my career takes me," said Kristin Miller, a 2020 graduate of SBU's Childhood Literacy program and now a teacher for Michigan Virtual Schools. "I have nothing but praise for SBU's program and the hands-on experiences that had such an impact on my time there."

Learn more about the B-12 literacy program at www.sbu.edu/literacy.

Trocaire College offering IT Career Jump Start program

In collaboration with United Way of Buffalo & Erie County, Tech Buffalo, and Workforce Development Consortium, 10-week course designed for displaced workers who are in a career transition

To help displaced workers transition to new careers in information technology, Trocaire College announced the launch of a 10-week IT support course in partnership with the United Way of Buffalo & Erie County, Tech Buffalo, and Workforce Development Consortium.

"The IT sector has been resilient given the current economic climate and many within our local business community are now hiring qualified candidates," said Dan

Neville, director of the Trocaire College Technology Institute. "Our coursework is designed to provide our students with the basic entry level IT skills needed, regardless of if they have a math or technology background."

The instructor-led, online course starts July 20 and runs Mondays through Fridays for four hours each day for 10 weeks. The program covers three areas: basic internet security, foundational IT concepts and terminology, and in-depth training in the skills necessary for a help desk or tech support position. This course also uses CompTIA's IT Fundamentals curriculum, CompTia's A+ curriculum and includes an opportunity to earn two

industry-recognized certifications upon completion.

In addition, enrolled students will receive the work-readiness skills training conducted by 716 Ministries. All course materials and certification fees are included.

Earlier this year in response to individuals looking for new careers as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, Trocaire offered a free

four-week IT career exploration course. More than 100 students enrolled for the five sections of the course offered.

Class size is limited, and qualified applicants may receive funding to cover the cost of the program.

For more information on program requirements and to enroll, visit trocaire.edu/it-courses-at-trocaire-college/.

Summer fun re-imagined at MSM

KENMORE — Mount St. Mary Academy is ready to hold some fun and safe summer activities for middle school-aged girls this August.

Students are invited to Summer Sessions for some socially-distant fun the week of Aug. 3-7. Each day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. we will enjoy a more individualized and personalized camp experience. Campers will choose one of four experiences to stay with for their week at MSM: Creative Thinking, Theatre and the Arts, Hands-On, and Athletics. This camp is \$150 per student for the entire week. Enrollment is capped at 60 participants.

Several precautions will be taken as we hold our campers' and staff members' health and safety as a top priority.

Mount St. Mary will also be hosting Popsicles with the Principal, a free event on Aug. 4. Families with middle school-aged girls are welcome to drive around the front circle on our Delaware Avenue campus between 2 and 4 p.m. for a brief visit with Principal Katherine Spillman and a popsicle. Families are asked to wear masks and remain in their vehicles. No registration is needed for this event.

For more information and to register visit www.msmacademy.org/admissions/admissions-events.

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Alden — Adoration is held at St. John the Baptist Parish, 2021 Sandridge Rd., every Friday in the church at 7:30 a.m., followed by Mass with the schoolchildren at 8:30 a.m. First Friday Adoration 7:30 to 8:25 a.m., followed by Mass at 8:30 a.m. Resume Adoration from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Arcade — Adoration is held at St. Mary Parish, 417 West Main St., Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 585-492-5330

Buffalo — Exposition of the Holy Eucharist takes place at Corpus Christi Church, 199 Clark St., Wednesdays to Fridays with a 10 to 11:30 a.m. Mass, and the first Thursday of each month in the church from 7-10 p.m.

Buffalo — SS. Columba-Brigid Parish, 75 Hickory St., offers Eucharistic adoration every First Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Buffalo — St. Michael Church, 651 Washington St., offers Eucharistic adoration at the Sacred Heart Shrine each day. Weekdays, 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., and Sundays

from 12:45 to 5 p.m. Confessions weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to noon, and 4:30 to 5 p.m. On Saturdays, confessions will be heard from 11:30 a.m. to noon; 1 to 2 p.m.; and 3:30 to 5 p.m. Handicap accessible and on-site parking. www.stmichaelbuffalo.org.

Buffalo — St. Stanislaus Parish holds a Holy Hour with Eucharistic adoration every First Friday of April through December, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the church at 123 Townsend St.

Canaseraga — Eucharistic adoration takes place every Thursday at St. Mary Parish, 6 North St., with exposition at 10 a.m., followed by all day adoration and benediction at 7 p.m. Confession available from 6 to 7 p.m. First Friday exposition is at 9:30 a.m., after 9 a.m. Mass, followed by the rosary for life and silent adoration, with benediction concluding at 10:30 a.m.

Depew — Eucharistic adoration is held on the First Friday of every month at Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish, 496 Terrace Blvd., beginning with the 8 a.m. Mass and concluding at noon. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited at 11 a.m.

Kenmore — Eucharistic adoration is held in the St. John Neumann Chapel at St. John the Baptist Parish, Englewood and Belmont Avenue, Monday through Friday, 2 to 4 p.m.; Holy Hour Fridays, 1 to 2 p.m.; Holy Hour Sundays, 3 to 4 p.m.

Lancaster — Our Lady of Pompeii, 158 Laverack Ave., holds adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday from noon to 6 p.m. The Divine Mercy chaplet is prayed at 3 p.m.

Lancaster — St. Mary of the Assumption holds Eucharistic adoration every First Friday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the church at 1 St. Mary's Hill (corner of N. Aurora St. and St. Joseph St.) 716-683-6445.

North Tonawanda — St. Jude the Apostle Parish, 800 Niagara Falls Blvd., holds Eucharistic adoration on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. 716-694-0540.

North Tonawanda — Our Lady of Czestochowa, 57 Center Ave., North Tonawanda 14120, every Tuesday From 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Adoration Room, in the Ministry Center.

Orchard Park — Eucharistic adoration takes place at Nativity of Our

Lord Church, 43 Argyle Place, 24/7. 716-998-0593 or 716-662-9339.

Orchard Park — St. Bernadette Church, 5930 South Abbott Road, offers 24/7 Eucharistic adoration. Entry code needed after 3 p.m. Everyone welcome. 716-649-3090.

Snyder — The Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Christ the King Church, corner of Main Street and Lamarck Drive, is open to the public from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week, for anyone who wishes to spend time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Enter the church through the door under the arch between the school and church.

Tonawanda — Night of Two Hearts, all night adoration, honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, takes place at St. Amelia Church, 2999 Eggert Road, from 8 p.m. each First Friday of the month to 8 a.m. Saturday.

Tonawanda — Blessed Sacrament Church in the Town of Tonawanda, at 263 Claremont Ave., offers Eucharistic adoration in the Divine Mercy Chapel every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. until 6:10 p.m., followed by a

Mass. 716-834-4282.

West Seneca — Queen of Heaven Parish, 4220 Seneca St., provides daily Eucharistic adoration 24/7. Anyone interested in being a weekly adorer or a substitute, call Nancy at 716-907-5368. Visitors are welcome. A security code is needed from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Williamsville — St. Gregory the Great Parish, 200 St. Gregory Court, offers adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 24/7. A security code is needed from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. 716-688-5678.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Buffalo/Black Rock — A Charismatic prayer meeting, Prayer and Praise, will take place in the church hall at Assumption Parish, 435 Amherst St., (use the Peter Street entrance) every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.

North Tonawanda — A Charismatic prayer meeting takes place at St. Jude the Apostle Parish every Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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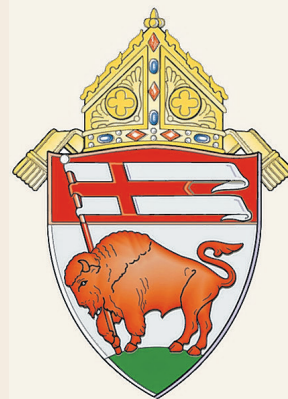
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Sister taught art at St. Paul's School in Kenmore and Annunciation Grade School in Buffalo. After retiring from teaching she was very active with People's Inc., and Senior Home Care. She became an active member of SHH, Laughter group, drumming and TOPS. Sister's creativity, energy and joy will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her two younger sisters, Terri (Edward) Mirowski and Mary (David) Tur, her nieces and



nephews Andrea Mirowski, Darcy Mirowski, Lisa Swierczynski, Nicholas Tur, and Sarah Tur, her Aunt Virginia Damasiewicz, many great nieces and nephews and her beloved Sisters of St. Mary. She is predeceased by her mother

Theresa (Michalak) McManus and her brother John.

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*Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.*

*Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.*

*Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
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