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Sacrament of Holy Matrimony
Must notify the pastor six months in advance to begin marriage preparation and Pre-Cana. PLEASE NOTE: Father Dan will **only** be celebrating weddings at St. Eulalia, St. Gabriel, St. Bibiana, St. Augustine or Sacred Heart Churches. For future reference, those requesting his presence for weddings outside of these churches, couples will be required to pay for a visiting priest for weekend coverage ($450).

Sacrament of Holy Orders
For information about the priesthood and religious life please contact the parish priest or the Diocese of Erie Vocation Office at 1-800-374-3723.

Sacrament of Baptism
Appointments can be made to have children baptized on Sundays either during or after the celebration of Holy Mass.

Sacrament of Confirmation
Students and adults who are prepared through religious education or R.C.I.A. are eligible for Confirmation.

Requirements for Baptism & Confirmation Sponsors
For Baptism: Both sponsors MUST be baptized, only one sponsor needs to be a practicing catholic; There is a reasonable hope that the child will be raised in the PRACTICE of the faith, by either the parents example, or by someone else bringing the children to the sacraments regularly.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF POTTER AND MCKEAN COUNTIES

MAIN OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS: 6 East Maple Street, Coudersport, PA 16915

MASS SCHEDULE
Monday—6:00PM—St. Eulalia
Tuesday—9:00AM—St. Eulalia; 11:00AM—St. Gabriel
Wednesday—9:00AM—St. Eulalia; 9:00AM—Sacred Heart
Thursday—9:00AM—St. Eulalia
Friday—9:00AM St. Eulalia
First Friday and First Saturday—9:00AM—St. Eulalia
Saturday Evening—4:00PM—St. Augustine; 5:00PM—St. Eulalia; 6:00PM—St. Bibiana
Sunday—9:00AM—St. Gabriel; 9:30AM—Sacred Heart; 11:00AM—St. Eulalia
Holy Day Mass—9:00AM & 7:00PM at St. Eulalia; 5:00PM at St. Gabriel

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
St. Eulalia—4:15PM Saturday or anytime by request; St. Gabriel—8:00AM Sunday or anytime by request;
St. Bibiana—5:30PM Saturday or anytime by request; St. Augustine—3:15PM Saturday or anytime by request
Sacred Heart—8:45AM Sunday or anytime by request

PARISH STAFF
Pastor: Rev. Daniel R. Hoffman
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OFFICE HOURS
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Office Address: 6 E. Maple Street, Coudersport, PA 16915
Telephone: 814-274-8646 (St. Eulalia office) or 717-572-1746 (Wendy cell); 814-435-2303 (St. Bibiana office)
St. Eulalia Parish Center: 814-274-8646; St. Gabriel Parish Hall: 814-642-9974
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LiveStream on YouTube from our website

Physical Addresses:
St. Eulalia, 6 E. Maple Street, Coudersport, PA 16915; St. Gabriel 203 E. Arnold Avenue, Port Allegany, PA 16743
St. Bibiana, 111 Germania Street, Galeton, PA 16922; St. Augustine (Mission Church) 33 Turner Street, Austin, PA 16720; and Sacred Heart (Mission Church), 263 Main Street, Genesee, PA 16923

Liturgies For the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIAL

In gratitude to the Catholic Daughters of America Court Doyle #932 who purchased the floral arrangements for our altar vases for the peaceful repose of all Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters of America Court Doyle #932

Monday, August 22—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:00PM—St. Eulalia
Jim Marzo (Jim, Sharon, John Allen & Jena Rose Commander)

Tuesday, August 23—Weekday
9:00AM—St. Eulalia
Special Intentions for Father James & Father Joe Campbell (Sue Singer)

11:00AM—St. Gabriel
Joan Chimenz (Estate)

Wednesday, August 24—Saint Bartholomew
9:00AM—St. Eulalia
Leo & Elizabeth Bucheit (Germino Family)

9:00AM—Sacred Heart
Parishioners

Thursday, August 25—Weekday
9:00AM—St. Eulalia
Patrick Campbell (Mike & Claire Head)

Friday, August 26—Weekday
9:00AM—St. Eulalia
Fred & Alta Fuller (Heather Wargo)

Saturday, August 27—Saint Monica
4:00PM—St. Augustine
Deceased Members of the Pennington & Irish Families (Wayne & Lee Irish)

5:00PM—St. Eulalia
All Parishioners of St. Eulalia, St. Gabriel, St. Bibiana, St. Augustine, & Sacred Heart

6:00PM—St. Bibiana
Tom Close (Steve & Kathy Macensky)

Sunday, August 28—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00AM—St. Gabriel
Alice Lias (Ed & Barb Lias)

9:30AM—Sacred Heart
Grace Morrow (Gus & Dot Blume)

11:00AM—St. Eulalia
David Matzinger (Jim & Susan Budaj)

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:
Sir 3:17-29; Heb 12:18-24; Lk 14:1-14

Sanctuary Candle lit in memory of:
St. Eulalia—Angeline S. Castano
St. Gabriel—Deceased Members of the McMahon Family

Dates to Remember

Sun	*Aug 21*	*10:30AM*	*Ice Cream Social at Sacred Heart*
Sat	*Sep 03*	*8:00AM*	*Work-Bee at St. Eulalia Parish Center*
Sat	*Sep 03*	*6:00PM*	*Pizza & Pop to Support the Maternity Closet at St. Eulalia*
Sun	*Sep 04*	*12:00PM*	*Donuts & Coffee to Support the Maternity Closet at St. Eulalia*
Sun	*Sep 04*	*10:00AM*	*Donuts & Coffee at St. Gabriel*
Tue	*Sep 06*	*6:00PM*	*Cleaning the church & parish hall at Sacred Heart*
Tue	*Sep 06*	*7:00PM*	*Catholic Daughters of America Mtg. at St. Eulalia*
Tue	*Sep 13*	*6:30PM*	*St. Agnes Guild Mtg. at Sacred Heart*
Wed	*Sep 14*	*6:30PM*	*St. Eulalia Choir Rehearsal*
Sun	*Sep 18*	*9:15AM*	*K—5 Relig. Ed. Class at St. Eulalia*
Sun	*Sep 18*	*12:15PM*	*Gr. 8—12 Relig. Ed. Cl. at St. Eulalia*
Tue	*Sep 20*	*6:00PM*	*RCIA Class at St. Eulalia*
Thu	*Sep 22*	*7:00PM*	*Holy Hour of Adoration and Healing Evening at St. Eulalia*
Sat	*Sep 24*	*No Mass at St. Bibiana or Augustine*	
Sat	*Sep 24*	*5:00PM*	*Father Dan's Installation Mass at St. Eulalia for ALL*
Sun	*Sep 25*	*12:15PM*	*Gr. 6 & 7 Relig. Ed. Cl. at St. Eulalia*
Thu	*Sep 29*	*4:00PM*	*90+ Dinner at St. Eulalia Rectory*
Sun	*Nov 20*	*First Holy Communion at St. Eulalia*	
Sun	*Nov 20*	*12:15PM*	*Brunch for First Communion*
Sun	*Dec 11*	*12:00PM*	*Community Christmas Dinner at St. Eulalia*
Wed	*Mar 08*	*First Reconciliation*	
Sun	*May 21*	*4:00PM*	*Confirmation at St. Bernard, Bradford*

Please remember in your prayers those from our parishes who will be celebrating a birthday this week:

St. Eulalia—8/20 *Gary Walaski;* ***8/21*** *Betty Curfman;* ***8/23*** *Dr. Brenda Wahlers;* ***8/24*** *Troy Bates, Margaret Grady;* ***8/25*** *Sophia Foust, Heather Wargo;* ***8/28*** *Patricia Salamone*

St. Gabriel—8/28 *Reese Vollmer*

St. Bibiana—*No birthdays this week*

Sacred Heart—*No birthdays this week*

St. Augustine—*No birthdays this week*

Parents and Students—Religious Education classes will begin for ALL children in grades K through 5 (9:15—10:45AM) and grades 8 through 12 (12:15—2:15PM) on September 18th. Students in grades 6 and 7 will begin class on September 25 from 12:15—2:15PM. *Regular and continuous faith formation is essential* to not only receive the sacraments, but to grow stronger in our Catholic faith as members of the Church. Help your children grow and learn in their Catholic faith by registering them for class! Enrollment forms are located in the Gathering Space of all churches or you can contact Michelle Valenti, Religious Education Director, at 814-331-

We would like to extend a heartfelt "THANK YOU!" to all of our Religious Education Teachers who give of themselves to bring our students closer to their Catholic faith and closer to God. This years' teachers are:

Michelle Valenti—Religious Education Director
Laura Ogden—K—1st
Maureen "Mo" Mahaley—grades 2—3
Albert Nastasi—grades 4—5
Larry Lauber—grades 6—7
Gerald Bailey—grades 8—11

THANK YOU TEACHERS!!

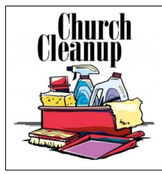
Do you know someone who would like to join the Catholic Church? Would you like to learn more about what it means to be Catholic? Would you like to receive the Sacraments? Our 2022—2023 **RCIA Class** will begin Tuesday, September 20, 2022 and will run through Easter 2023. Classes will be held every Tuesday evening in the St. Eulalia Gathering Space from 6:00—7:30PM. This year Morgen Lauber will be leading the classes using the FORMED Symbolon DVD series by Dr. Edward Sri as part of the educational experience. Even if you are undecided, come to the Meet and Great on September 13. All are welcome to come to join this exciting adventure!! For more information or to sign up please call Morgen at 716-200-2887.

ALL musicians of the Catholic Parishes of Potter and McKean Counties are invited to come together to sing at Father Dan's Installation Mass Saturday, September 24 at 5:00PM. There will be one rehearsal that day (September 24) beginning at 3:00PM. Please call Gloria at 814-260-9034 if you are interested. Thank you!

Pastoral Installation

ALL Parishioners are cordially invited to attend Father Daniel Hoffman's Installation by Bishop Persico as Pastor of St. Eulalia, St. Gabriel, St. Bibiana, and the Missions of St. Augustine, and Sacred Heart on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at St. Eulalia Parish at the 5:00PM mass. Please plan on attending as Bishop Persico formally installs Father Dan as he makes his Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity as our new pastor within the mass. A light reception will follow mass in the Parish Center. We hope all will come out in support of Father Dan on this very special day.

Note: *There will be* ***NO*** *masses at St. Bibiana or St. Augustine on Saturday, September 24 as ALL are invited to attend the Installation Mass at St. Eulalia.*



Sacred Heart—the St. Agnes Guild will be cleaning the church and parish hall on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00PM All women of the parish are invited to join us for fun and fellowship!!

St. Eulalia—Choir practice will begin on Wednesday, September 14 from 6:30—7:30PM in the church.

CARE AND CONCERN

Nursing Home Ministry

Please remember the following parishioners who are in nursing homes. Might you please drop them a card or two?

- Evelyn Allen—December 24—Sweden Valley Manor
- Theresa Bruzzi—June 20—Sweden Valley Manor
- Angie Colwell—June 20—Guy & Mary Felt Manor
- Caroline Easton—January 10—Cole Manor
- Marian Hoffower—February 11—Lakeview
- Josephine Kleinhans—October 28—Sweden Valley Manor
- Mary McCaigue—March 1—Sweden Valley Manor
- Jane Nolan—March 9—Bradford Ecumenical Home
- Joan Ruane—August 8—Sweden Valley Manor
- Dorothy Wennin—May 21—Sweden Valley Manor
- Jeanne White—January 9—Cole Manor

Addresses:
Bradford Ecumenical Home—100 St. Francis Drive, Bradford, PA 16701
Guy and Mary Felt Manor, 110 E. 4th Street, Emporium, PA 15834
Lakeview—15 West Willow Street, Smethport, PA 16749
Sena Kean Manor—17083 US-6, Smethport, PA 16749
Sweden Valley Manor—1028 E. Second Street, Coudersport, PA 16915
UPMC Cole Manor—101 E. Maple Street, Coudersport, PA 16915

Thank you God

Thank you God for this new day,
In my school to work and pray.
Please be with me all day long,
In every story, game and song.

St. Eulalia Church Organizations		
Knights of Columbus	Second Wed.	7:00PM
Catholic Daughters of America #932	First Tue.	7:00PM
Rosary and Adoration	Every Mon.	6:30PM
Maternity Closet	First Sat.	10:00AM
Choir Practice	Every Wed.	6:30PM
Church Birds—Yard Workers	Every Thur.	8:00AM

St. Gabriel Church Organizations		
Rosary	Every Tue.	11:30AM
C. W. C. Meetings	As scheduled	10:00AM
Maternity Closet	First Sat.	10:00AM

REQUEST FOR CHURCH REGISTRATION FORM

☐ *St. Eulalia* ☐ *St. Gabriel* ☐ *St. Bibiana* ☐ *St. Augustine* ☐ *Sacred Heart*

☐ *Family/Individual Membership Request*

☐ *Change of Address*

☐ *Request Envelopes*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ *Cell:* _____ *Email:* _____

Please drop the membership request form into the offertory basket or mail it to the parish office. Once the office has received your request a registration form will be mailed to you. Thank you for joining our church family!!

STEWARDSHIP		
Weekend of August 14, 2022		**Catholic Services Appeal**
St. Eulalia		
Offertory	$2,446.00	CSA St. Eulalia paid in 2022: $49,911.00. Our goal is $24,165.00.
Cemetery	$40.00	
Msgr. Griffin Trust	$5.00	
St. Gabriel		
Offertory	$1,277.00	CSA St. Gabriel paid in 2022: $15,270.00. Our goal is $14,816.00.
Cemetery	$20.00	
Attendance	62	
St. Bibiana		
Offertory	$347.00	CSA St. Bibiana paid in 2022: $1,060.00. Our goal is $11,165.00.
St. Augustine		
Offertory	$527.00	CSA St. Augustine paid in 2022: $520.00.
Sacred Heart		
Offertory	$376.00	CSA Sacred Heart paid in 2022: $1,220.00.

ST. EULALIA ALTAR SERVER/USHER/LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 27/28	
	Saturday, August 27, 5:00PM
Altar Servers	K. P. & J. Sherry
Ushers	S. Schwab, M. Willenbecher
Lector	H. Sherry
Choir EM	W. Willenbecher
	Sunday, August 28, 11:00AM
Altar Servers	C. Larsen, Addy Gentzyel, L. Popchak
Ushers	J. Handwerger, M. Larsen
Lector	K. Larsen
Choir EM	M. Valenti
ST. GABRIEL LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 28, 9:00AM	
Lector	J. Viozzi

Prayer Chain—If anyone from any of our churches has a prayer request, would like to receive updates from the prayer chain via email, or would like to be on the prayer chain, please contact Teresa Kisiel 814-274-9086, Vicki Ouellette 814-274-8424, or Jan Brown 814-203-0158.

St. Eulalia—There will be a Catholic Daughters of America Court Doyle #932 on Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00PM in the Parish Center.

VOLUTEERS NEEDED! As our church family has grown we are in need of additional members to our Pastoral Council, which supports all five churches. We are hoping to get at least two members from each church/mission to participate on the Council. ***We are still in need of members from St. Bibiana and St. Augustine***. Our next Pastoral Council Meeting will be in September—date to be determined. The council meets approximately 4—6 times per year. If you are interested please contact Father Dan at the St. Eulalia parish office 814-274-8646.

First Friday Devotion and 24 Hour Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament begins Friday, September 3 at 9:00AM, and ends Saturday, September 4 at 9:00AM at St. Eulalia. Four people are scheduled every hour but all others are welcome to come at anytime. **We are always in need of parishioners to sit with the Most Blessed Sacrament.** All parishioners from St. Eulalia, St. Gabriel, St. Bibiana, St. Augustine, and Sacred Heart are welcome to come and spend time with the Most Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to schedule an hour please contact Linda Gagat at 814-203-2914.

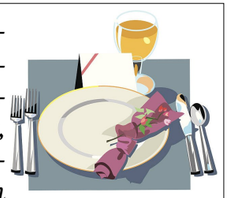
St. Eulalia—The **Knights of Columbus** will provide Pizza & Pop after mass the first Saturday of the month (September 3) and Donuts & Coffee after first Sunday mass (September 4) to benefit the **Maternity Closet**. Please stop by the Gathering Space to enjoy pizza and pop or donuts and coffee, or to make a donation to the Maternity Closet. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing the treat and thank you to all those who assist and support the Maternity Closet!!!

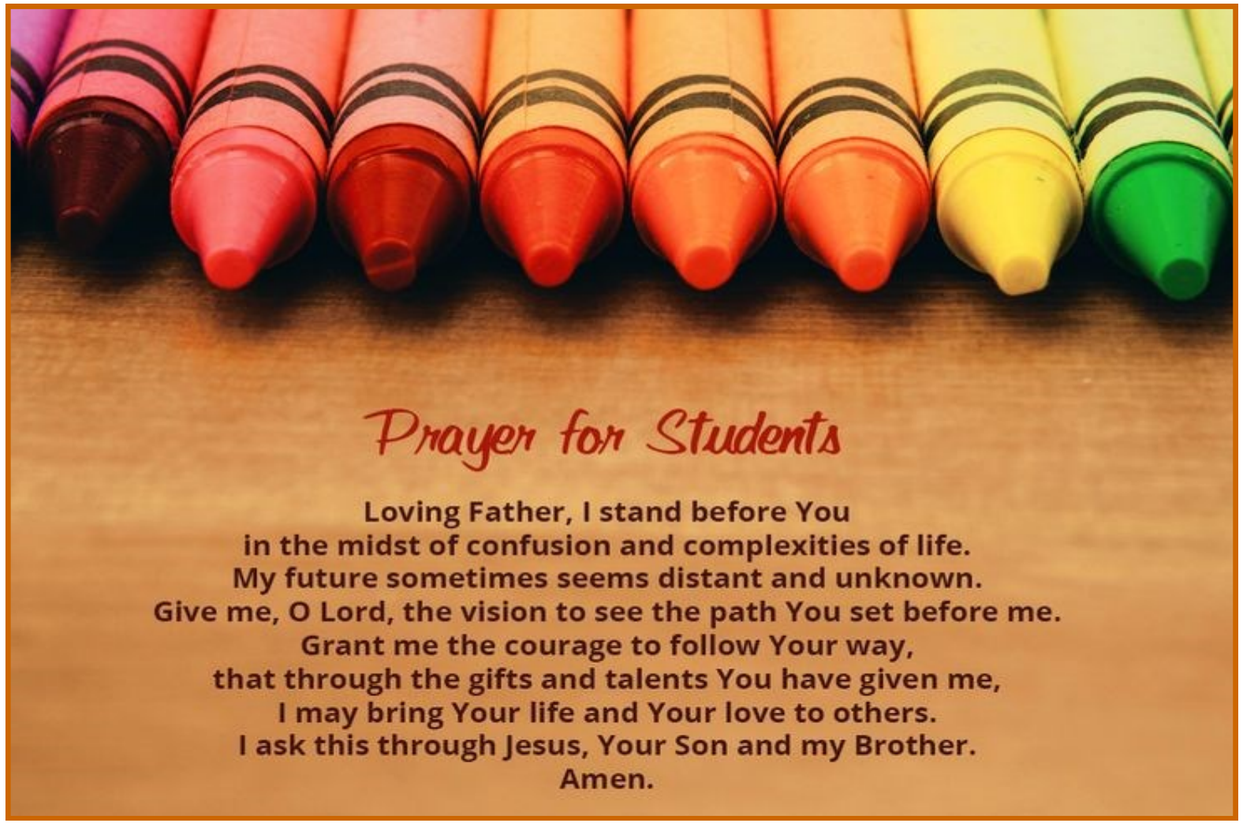
Sacred Heart—the **St. Agnes Guild** will meet on September 13 at 6:30PM. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

There will be

St. Eulalia—There will be a **"work-bee"** on Saturday, September 3rd starting at 8:00AM to deep clean the parish center. We need some men to help with taking the tables and chairs outside to clean them...young, strong parishioners would be awesome! Also, the whole parish center needs a deep cleaning so please bring your own buckets, vacuum cleaners, rags, liquid/spray cleaners, etc. There will be some available. It is a rewarding experience to keep our spiritual home clean. Please contact Joe Marzo at 814-5588-9973 or Marlene Fantaskey at 814-203-0683 if you have any questions.

90+ Dinner—All parishioners 90 and older are invited to a dinner at the St. Eulalia rectory on Thursday, September 29 at 4:00PM. Formal invitations will be sent in the U.S. mail. Each parishioner attending is welcome to bring one guest. Please look for invitations to be sent next week. RSVP is due by September 22.





Pastoral Care of the Sick—If a family member or parishioner is hospitalized or confined to home, **PLEASE** call the Parish Office at 814-274-8646 and a priest will be notified.

St. Eulalia—Adopt a Window Contest!! We are looking for eight families or teams to each "adopt" one of the eight windows in the church, choose a theme, and decorate it for the Birth of Jesus. Themes may ONLY be based on the Birth of Jesus. There will be a vote the weekend of December 17/18, to choose a winning window after mass on Sunday, December 18. The winning family/team will then receive a surprise gift basket. Windows can be decorated anytime beginning Saturday, November 26, but must be completed by Saturday, December 3. If you are interested in "adopting" a window, please contact the parish office at 814-274-8646.

Sacred Heart—All are invited to an **Ice Cream Social** sponsored by the St. Agnes Guild at Sacred Heart parish after mass on Sunday, August 21.

ALL Churches—When sending in a mass intention or sanctuary candle request please make sure to include who the intention is for, who it is from, which church it is for, as well as a contact number you can be reached at if there are questions about your request. Requests have been received with no information on who the intention is from or which church the intention is for. Mass requests/cards are $10.00 and sanctuary candle memorials are $5.00. Thank you!

St. Gabriel—Church Women United Summer Project is called **"Socks and Shoes".** We will be collecting new socks and gently used shoes to donate to Port Allegany High School and Elementary School in early September. Please look for the donation box in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your donations!!!

Check out the new videos and conversations on FORMED for both adults and children! Its easy and its FREE!! Just follow the steps below to get started!

1. Visit http://signup.formed.org/
2. Enter our parish zip or name
3. Enter your name and email
4. Then start to daily enjoy the many resources available for our Catholic faith!!

All Parishioners—We will have a Holy Hour of Adoration and Healing Evening at St. Eulalia on Thursday, September 22 at 7:00PM. Come enjoy an evening of worship, singing and adoration. Confessions will be available as well.

St. Eulalia—ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED! Students in grade 1 and older are eligible to become altar servers. If any student has not had their first communion, they CAN still serve—they would just get a blessing when the Eucharist is distributed. Any student who is interest in becoming an altar server should contact the parish office at 814-274-8646. Training classes will be held to instruct the students in the duties of an altar server.

SWEDEN VALLEY MANOR

Sweden Valley Manor Schedule—Mass begins at 2:30PM. Please arrive around 2:00PM to assist in bringing residents from their rooms to the activity room. If you are not able to attend please contact Wendy Jo at 717-572-1746.

Monday, September 12 (September 5 is a holiday)
John Handwerger,
John & Linda Domaleski, Mike Myers

Monday, October 3
Gert Hall, Sis Frank, John Handwerger

St. Eulalia—We are in need of volunteers to assist at **Sweden Valley Manor** with mass on the first Monday of each month at 2:30PM. If you are interested in helping to bring the residents to and from their rooms to the activities room please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Space. Currently, the same 3-4 people are there each month. It's only an hour once a month—might you please volunteer?

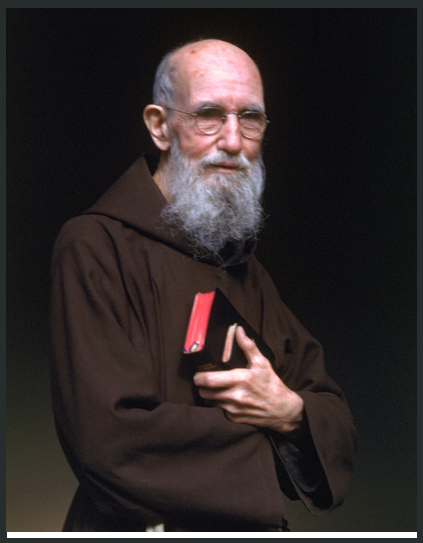
St. Eulalia—Anyone interested in maintaining the flower vases (watering and grooming) for our six altar vases please contact Wendy Jo in the parish office at 814-274-8646 or 717-572-1746. Altar flowers are purchased for feast and holy days (approximately 12-13 times per year).

My Middle Name:
Alan
My Confirmation Saint:
Saint Andrew

A Favorite Quote:

"Were we only to correspond to God's graces continually being showered down on every one of us, we would be able to pass from being great sinners one day to being great saints the next."

- Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey



When will Deacon Chris be ordained a priest?

God and the Bishop willing, his priestly ordination will be Friday, May 26, 2023 at 7 pm at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie, PA

Deacon Chris:

WHO AM I?

Although it has been only a short period of time for the summer, I have been truly blessed to be out here serving you in McKean and Potter counties. I look forward to coming back during the Christmas and Easter vacations and for some time following the end of the school year and following my priestly ordination. As you are reading this little bio this weekend, I am in Michigan visiting friends and family and then getting ready to head back to St. Vincent Seminary for my final year of formation. You might have gotten to know me a bit, but here is a little biography…

Pictures from the day of Deacon Chris' diaconate ordination.

Some quick facts:

Hometown: Originally from Sterling Heights, MI which is outside Detroit (but Erie, PA is "home" in the Diocese)
Home Parish: St. Peter Cathedral, Erie, PA
Birthday: April 9, 1988 (It falls on Easter Sunday next year!)
Siblings: One younger brother, Bryan
Favorite color: Blue (pretty much any shade of it)
Hobbies: Making latch hook rugs and knotted cord rosaries; kayaking (though I don't have one yet of my own)
Education: Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with two minors in 1) Religious Studies and 2) Health, Illness and Society from Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI; Bachelor of Philosophy from Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, MI; Master of Arts in Theology and Christian Ministry from Franciscan University of Steubenville
Last job before seminary: Campus Minister and Trautman House Coordinator at Gannon University, Erie, PA; during my 1st year in seminary for Erie, I was Campus Minister at Edinboro University

Deacon Christopher (center) with his brother, Bryan, and his mother, Barbara, at his diaconate ordination on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

Deacon Christopher is a survivor of suicide. His father, James, committed suicide on Father's Day (June 17) in 2007. Deacon Chris brings that experience into his ministry and is an advocate for suicide prevention and awareness.

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Q & A with Deacon Chris:

Q. Have you travelled and/or lived outside the United States? Any upcoming travel plans?

A. Besides a few day trips to Canada, I have been to Paris, France once, Mexico twice, and Italy three times. I also spent a few hours in Amsterdam during a long layover on one of my trips to Italy and have also been in the Singapore airport. However, while studying at Franciscan University of Steubenville, I made a mission trip to Australia and then actually moved there to work for 16 months after graduating. I was supposed to go to the Holy Land with the seminary this past Spring Break, but it got cancelled so I am hoping that it goes this school year.

Q. Where will you assist as a deacon on the weekends during the school year?

A. While I am down at seminary, I have been assigned to assist at Mother of Sorrows Parish in Murrysville located in the Diocese of Greensburg.

Q. What degree(s) will you receive once you are done at Saint Vincent Seminary in May?

A. I will receive a Master of Divinity like all my other classmates, but I am also doing a dual degree with a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology (S.T.B.). My S.T.B. thesis will focus on the theme of Mary as Spouse of the Holy Spirit in the Missiology and Ecclesiology of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Q. Why do you want to become a priest?

A. It has always been a calling in my life from a young age though, at times, I may not have listened or even tried to run from it. I cannot wait to bring people God's love and mercy in the sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist!

Did you know?

Deacon Chris first studied for the priesthood with the Archdiocese of Detroit from 2009-2011. He left formation after completing the Pre-Theology program and then went to study at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Afterwards, he worked in various Campus Ministry jobs for some five years.