

News For Those Sixty And Over, Caregivers, And The Saint George Parish Community

# SixtyPlus

Newsletter

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2021 ISSUE

## National Vocations Awareness



## NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Fr. Brian Vossler, Pastor



Beginning on Sunday, November 7th, we will celebrate "National Vocations Awareness Week". On this day, St. George will host Bishop Lawrence Persico to be the presider at our 9:30am Mass together followed by a presentation and lunch for families in our Faith

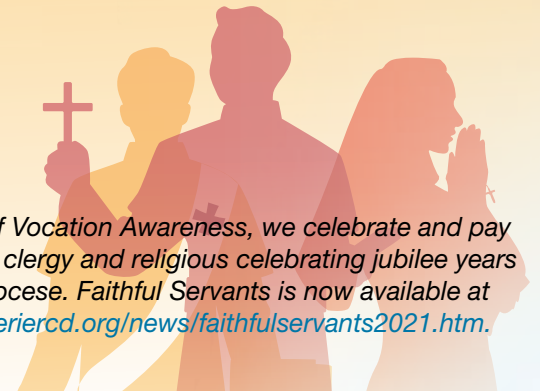
Formation Program. The Bishop, along with some of our priests, deacons and sisters, will speak on vocations.

The word "vocation" is a broad term to include one's status in life including marriage, single life and the religious life. We focus on the last of these to share our stories on the religious life as we encourage our young people to prayerfully consider where the Holy Spirit might be calling them in their own lives. I have always believed that the Holy Spirit still calls forth the same number of vocations to the religious life as before. The difference today is how we have responded to this call.

We are very fortunate to have Fr. Scott Jabo, the former president of Cathedral Prep, to serve as our present Diocesan Vocation Director. Fr. Scott who has had extensive experience with young adults is the right person to assist those wishing to pursue

the religious life. He along with our many other priests, deacons and sisters are available to help our young people through this discernment process.

Recognition and encouragement for a vocation of this kind also comes from family and friends. Perhaps you may know of a young man or woman who demonstrates the kind of qualities suited for religious life. I encourage all of you to pray for vocations, especially, during the week of November 7th when the church gives special emphasis on this awareness. Jesus himself encouraged his own disciples with these words, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).



*In the spirit of Vocation Awareness, we celebrate and pay tribute to our clergy and religious celebrating jubilee years in the Erie Diocese. Faithful Servants is now available at <https://www.eriecd.org/news/faithfultservants2021.htm>.*

## Raise The Roof Updates

The Dome has been replaced! Workers identified a crack in the original dome and it has now been replaced!

Additionally, workers took advantage of the dome being removed to replace the lights directly underneath the opening. The dome lights have not been lit in recent memory. LED spotlights were implemented and are scheduled to last up to 25,000 hours. Thank you to all of the men who have worked tirelessly to get this work done.

**Phase 1 Goal: \$1,216,500**

**Phase 2 Goal: \$305,275**

**Total Goal: \$1,521,775**

**Pledges to date: 428**

**Total Pledged to date: \$1,255,937**

**Amount needed to reach our goal: \$265,838**





## HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Did you know there are specific checking accounts out there designed specifically to help with your healthcare needs? A Health Savings Account, or HSA, is a tax-advantaged medical account that is available to taxpayers who are enrolled in a high deductible health plan. While it is technically called a health “savings” account, this type of account acts more like an interest-bearing checking account. This provides qualifying customer easier access to these designated funds.



Health Savings Accounts are owned by an individual, but the funds may be used to cover immediate family members if designated at account opening. The owner and a designated signer, if applicable, are entitled to checks and a debit card to access the funds in order to cover day-to-day medical expenses. Deductions for qualified purchases are 100% tax free!

Want more information? Contact your local bank and ask them about their Health Savings Accounts today.

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## LEAVE A LEGACY FOR SAINT GEORGE CHURCH

Everyone should have an estate plan consisting of either a will or a trust. A will is a legal document that allows you to control how your assets are distributed after your lifetime. Without a will, the probate court will decide who gets your assets upon your death. A trust allows you to control how your assets are distributed both during and after your lifetime.

Please remember Saint George Church in your will. This legacy gift is the greatest gift you can give to your church. The gifts provide the resources that help to maintain our beautiful church, parish center and property.

## We thank the following parishioners who have continued their legacy to Saint George Church by remembering us in their estate plans.

Judge Fred & Maureen Anthony  
Dr. Edward J. Bajorek  
Eric & Alice Ballentine  
Mary Kay Bednarski  
Duane Bemis  
Katherine A. Boyle  
Msgr. Robert Brugger  
Ruth Brugger  
Jacob Andrew Chiera  
Dominick J. Colelli  
Michael Conley  
Ann J. Debevec  
Thomas & Ena DeGeorge  
Dale R. DeMarco  
Frances M. Demuling  
Chuck & Mary Eisert  
Carlyle & Jackie Ennis  
Dr. Frank Episcopo  
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Clara M. Jaquel  
Vincent L. Jenco  
Joseph R. Jezerinac  
Beatrice M. Kraus  
Mark & Pam Kuhar  
Leona Helen Kunz  
Irene F. Kupetz  
Lucian J. Landini  
William B. Montgomery  
George F. Moore  
Betty L. Motsch  
David & Darcie Oliver

Paul H. & Dorothy K. Quinn  
Doris M. Rapela  
Theresa M. Robb  
Matthew & Tammy Roche  
Jean V. Shields  
Evelyn P. Short  
William J. Steger  
Caroline A. Swanson  
Anna M. Tinkey  
Jim & Mary Ann Toohey  
Mary P. Ugino  
Mary Etta Walsh  
Emma L. Weaver  
Isabelle V. Weber  
Nancy B. Welka  
Harry & Anna West



## HEALTH TIPS

Erie is a beautiful place to experience the different seasons, and the falling leaves are an eloquent reminder that fall is here. The not-so-welcome sign of fall is the pesky flu and all the different viruses circulating. Now is the time to boost our immune systems and our resilience.

We know that diet and exercise taking our vitamins and getting our immunizations is important.

The LECOM Institute for Successful Aging is offering flu vaccines at several public clinics throughout the Erie region. If you have access to the internet, you can learn more about the locations of the clinics as well as answers to frequently asked questions at [lecomisaging.com/flu](http://lecomisaging.com/flu) or by calling 814-844-3293.

A high-dose flu vaccine (Fluzone High Dose Quadrivalent) is highly recommended for people ages 65 and older because it provides additional protection. Like any medicine you take, the flu vaccine can cause some common side effects. These side effects could be soreness, redness or swelling in the area the vaccine was administered. Other side effects include a mild headache, fever, nausea or body aches. But many people don't experience any side effects, and the dangerous – and inconvenient – risks far outweigh the potential for a mild reaction.

Many people have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine booster and third dose. ... should you get it? Who is eligible? How will you know what kind to get? When will it be available? How long should you wait to get a booster after your last COVID-19 vaccine?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provide guidance that clearly explains the evolving recommendations at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/your-vaccination.html>.

The best advice I can give is to be patient while the scientists and the researchers and the physicians analyze the data of the

Delta variant and other variants and how they respond to the vaccine.

Finally get vaccinated if you have not already done so. Follow the guidelines to get a booster or a third dose when you qualify. We should all do our part to keep ourselves, our loved ones and our community safe. What a shame it would be to miss those falling leaves!

If you still are unsure about these or other vaccinations for you, speak to your healthcare provider. You can always contact my office at 814-868-3488.

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## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

<b>October 24:</b>	World Mission Sunday
<b>November 1:</b>	All Saints Day
<b>November 2:</b>	All Souls Day
<b>November 7:</b>	National Vocations Awareness Week Pre Cana Retreat
<b>November 20-21:</b>	100th Anniversary Bake Sale after Masses
<b>November 25:</b>	Thanksgiving
<b>November 28:</b>	First Sunday of Advent

**Rosary Society Annual Fall Raffle.** Your purchase of a raffle ticket(s) helps to defray expenses throughout the year. Tickets will be in the form of an insert in the church bulletin on October 16-17 and October 23-24. The drawing will take place on November 8. Prizes will be: Wegmans \$100 gift card; Walmart \$100 gift card; and \$100 Gas Card

## 100th Anniversary Updates



100th Year Commemorative Book Pre-Sale in effect until October 31. Please make checks out for \$20 to Saint George Church. You can send in the mail, drop in the offertory or bring to the Rectory office M-F 9am-3pm.

**Bake Sale November 20-21 After All Masses.** We are looking for volunteers to bake some special treats for a Bake Sale to help support the 100th anniversary celebration. Anything and everything is appreciated! Ideas to consider: cookies, cupcakes, muffins, breads, snack mixes, and pies. All baked goods will be collected in the Rectory Office on November 18 and 19 after 3:00pm. Please have your treats ready to sell in individual baggies or wrapped securely for sale. We will price all items. Questions can be addressed to Luigi Pontillo at 814-440-7734.