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Our Events



Our Big News

Monday, Dec. 4

- **“The Challenge of Vatican II: Fulfilled and Unfulfilled.”**

Erie Bishop Donald W. Trautman will speak at 7 p.m., Zurn 104. Free.

- **Advent Candlelight Prayer Service.**

9:15 p.m., Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

- **“The Meaning of Kwanzaa.”**

11 a.m., Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel. Sponsored by Minority Student Union. Featuring guest speaker Homer Smith Jr. of St. James A.M.E. Church. Underwritten by a Stackpole-Hall Foundation grant.

Wednesday, Dec. 6

- **GU Concert Band Christmas Concert.**

7:30 p.m., Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

Thursday, Dec. 7

- **Mr. and Miss GU Contest.**

8 p.m., Hammermill Center. \$1 admission. Proceeds benefit juvenile diabetes.

Friday, Dec. 8

- **Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**

8 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 4:35 p.m., Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

- **Community Conversation II.**

3 p.m., Zurn 104. Review of alternative Needs Assessment Statement for presidential search.

Sunday, Dec. 10

- **National Children’s Memorial Day.**

6:30 p.m., steps of Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

Trautman to speak on Vatican II Dec. 4

Erie Bishop Donald W. Trautman will speak at Gannon University Dec. 4 on Vatican II. Trautman will deliver a speech titled “The Challenge of Vatican II: Fulfilled and Unfulfilled.”

Sponsored by the Theology Department, the talk commemorates the 35th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council, known as Vatican II. The 1962-65 Second Vatican Council’s pronouncements have shaped the modern church.

Trautman, according to a Nov. 24 Associated Press story, studied in graduate school under theologian Karl Rahner and liturgist Josef Jungmann, whose work provided much of the intellectual basis for Vatican II. Trautman was a junior staff member at Vatican II and on the floor during most of the deliberations.

Vatican II introduced liturgical changes that were controversial at the time but have since been largely accepted, according to AP. These include permitting Mass in the language of the people and granting a greater role to lay people.

Trautman, who serves as chairman of the Gannon University Board of Trustees, recently was named chairman of the Doctrine Committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The seven-bishop committee, whose members are appointed by Trautman, will help implement a Vatican document that governs how theology is taught at Catholic colleges. The document’s requirement that faculty be approved by local bishops has brought protests that the church is treading on academic freedom, according to AP.

Free and open to the public, the speech, will begin at 7 p.m. in Zurn 104.

Concert Band to perform Dec. 6

The Gannon University Concert Band, under the direction of Bruce Morton Wright, will perform its annual Christmas Concert Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

More than 50 musicians will play works such as Robert Wendel’s “The Little Drummer Boy;” Robert W. Smith’s “Christmas Concerto No. 2;” Carl Strommen’s “Christmas in 3/4 Time;” “A Charlie Brown Christmas;” and many others.

The band is comprised of Gannon students as well as the wife of a Gannon faculty member. Formed in 1993, the band is supported by Schuster Music Awards to gifted students.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Sympathy extended

Regretfully we announce the deaths of:

✠ **Agnes Abbott**, grandmother of **Jana Hunt**, coordinator of gifts and records, University Advancement. **Mrs. Abbott** died on Thanksgiving.

✠ **Betty Frantz**, other of Gannon student **Sherry Frantz**.

✠ **Michael Revelt**, son of **Joanne Revelt**, assistant professor, Mathematics.

✠ **Alice Vannucci**, grandmother of Gannon student **Missy Gerhard**.

Please remember all in your prayers.

Prayers requested

✠ Prayers were requested Nov. 27 for **Madeline Petersen**, infant daughter of **Colin** and **Leah Petersen**. **Colin** is an enrollment adviser in Admissions.

✠ Prayers were requested Nov. 30 for **James Miller**, assistant professor, Accounting, and audit supervisor, Finance and Administration. He was scheduled for cardiac catheterization Dec. 4 at Hamot Medical Center

Please remember all in your prayers.

Twice the pink

Congratulations to **Dr. Bryan Brendley**, assistant professor, Biology, and his wife, **Debbie**, on the Nov. 27 birth of twin daughters, **Brooke Lynn**, 3 lbs. 14 oz., and **Kate Lynn**, 4 lbs. 9 oz. All are reported doing fine.

Birthday wishes

☺ Dec. 4... **Christine Troutman**. ☺ Dec. 5...

Irene Zuba, Patrick Pontzer, Stephanie Williams, Karen Douglas. ☺ Dec. 6... **Glenn Levosky**. ☺ Dec. 8... **Marilyn Dombrowski**.

☺ Dec. 9... **Annamarie George, Mark Soboleski**.

'Mr., Miss GU Contest' to benefit diabetes

Gannon's Alpha Gamma Delta sorority will sponsor its Fourth Annual Mr. and Miss GU Contest Dec. 7, and proceeds benefit diabetes.

The event will feature eight male and six female contestants, all students at Gannon. Joining them on stage will be Janet Mazur, who will speak on behalf of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Alpha Gamma Delta's philanthropic focus is diabetes mellitus, also called juvenile diabetes. Proceeds from the events will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, which makes annual grants to individuals and organizations involved in diabetes research, the care and treatment of diabetic patients, and education about the disorder.

The 14 student contestants will compete in formal wear and talent categories. Four males and four females will be chosen as semi-finalists who must answer questions by the judges.

The contest will begin at 8 p.m. at the Hammermill Center. Admission is \$1.

GU to host Children's Memorial Day

Gannon will host the local observance of the Fourth Annual National Children's Memorial Day, a worldwide candle lighting ceremony set for Dec. 10 to remember children who have died.

Candle ceremonies will take place concurrently in time zones around the world to honor children who have died, that their light may always shine.

In the United States, the day, designated by Congress, is sponsored by the Compassionate Friends, a national non-profit, self-help support organization that offers friendship and understanding to families who are grieving the death of a child of any age, and from any cause.

Compassionate Friends has affiliates all over the world, making this a worldwide event. As candles go out in one time zone, they will be lit in the next, creating a wave of light that will encircle the globe.

Hosted by Gannon's Office of the University Chaplain and sponsored by PROPS, the Erie Chapter of Compassionate Friends, the local observance will begin at 6:30 p.m. with registration of names to be remembered. The candle lighting and ceremony will follow from 6:45 to 7:15 p.m. The observance will take place on the steps of Gannon's Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

A message board at The Compassionate Friends national Web site, <http://www.compassionatefriends.com/>, will provide a place for families to share their thoughts and experiences as they light their candles. The TCF-Bereaved chat room also will be open for real-time conversation throughout that day.

Those who cannot attend can still join in this 24-hour memorial by lighting a candle on their own at 7 p.m. on Dec. 10.

For more information, contact PROPS at 897-0097.

Be civil to all

Gannon University supports the Civility Counts campaign, a 14-week campaign in schools, churches, businesses and the community led by the Millennium Commission. Throughout the rest of 2000, each week will feature a theme to remind us that civility counts. *This week's theme: Be Honest.*