

Crynes

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"People are really excited. Friends and people from past assignments have been calling," he said.

Church members see the honor the same way as Crynes. "I was glad for him," said Beth Aciukewicz of Shavertown. "We share in his happiness. I'm happy for the church. The church was honored as well as him."

Aciukewicz, who has been attending St. Therese's for five years, describes Crynes as a "gifted" pastor. "He challenges us to be a part of the community. He has a real gift in tying Christianity in with everyday life. He's a special man," she said.

Eileen Rockensies of Shavertown feels the same way. "Crynes is a very, very unusual and special person. He is very sensitive to everyone's needs," she said.

Rockensies is homebound, but certainly does not feel left out of the parish. "Having come from New York I never met up with a parish such as this. This is a parish where no one is forgotten."

Although she cannot make it to Sunday mass, she never misses it. "The tape ministry will bring an audio taping of the service and a church bulletin," she said. On Christmas she received a Poinsettia, and cards on Valentine's and Mother's Day.

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Eileen Rockensies
St. Therese's parishioner

Also, every first Friday of the month, communion is brought to people who are homebound. "Once every three months he makes his rounds and always makes time to get in a visit," said Rockensies, whose daughter, son and husband attend church weekly. "It means very much that he takes the time himself."

Rockensies said Crynes has helped create many new ministries within the church that continue to grow. "He has brought tremendous unity to the community. He also brought an ecumenical feeling for the community. He branches out and is involved with the entire community," she said.

Crynes said, "There are so many good things happening in the Back Mountain. Each parish by itself is doing the best it can."

Crynes was ordained in 1967 after graduating from St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. He is originally from Scranton and attended Scranton Preparatory School.



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Fr. Peter Crynes, who was honored with title of Monsignor, believes the title is an affirmation of the good work the parish as a whole is doing. He stands in front of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

BMT Senior group to hold dinner on Father's Day

The monthly business meeting of the Back Mountain Senior Citizens organization took place recently with Kay Hudak presiding. The meeting was opened with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports were submitted by Sophie Kapral, recording secretary, Joseph Baltrushes, treasurer, Ethel Baltrushes, membership, Irene Katyl, Fosco representative, Programs, Else Maughan and Sunshine, Gert Miscavage who reported sending get well cards to Kaye Ray and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Precone.

The May birthday table, hosted by Ethel Baltrushes, featured a cake decorated in pink, a basket of flowers, adorned with candlesticks.

The honorees were Sophie Kapral, Nick Pericci, Frances Sirochman and Ann Supczenski.

Guest speaker was Amy Gwiazdowski, Volunteers of America, who gave a very informative talk on the services offered by the V.O.A. with a question and answer period following.

Vickie Leo, a charter member of the club was welcomed back after a lengthy absence. Hostess for the June birthday table is Peg Adamitz.

50/50 was won by Sophie

Kapral and Helen Matlawski.

Bakers for June are John Baloga, Betty Beline and Joe Baltrushes.

Members are reminded of the following: Mothers/Fathers Day Dinner will be held at The Old Country Buffet, May 21, at 12:30 p.m.; reservations are not necessary. All those who will attend "The Polka Festival" should contact Marie Yuknavage, regarding your menu choice, by the next meeting. Flea Market on the Pond, June 20, (rain date June 27). Volunteers are needed to run the stands, and items to sell are needed.

Irene Katyl will present a program on Tele-marketing fraud in the near future. There will be excellent advice and tips for the senior citizens.

Future projects include Nostalgia stories of 150 words or less, to be submitted by June 12. Awards will be given for these entries at the annual Advisory Board meeting to be held June 26, Genetti's, Wilkes-Barre.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Irene Katyl.

Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at Father Sammon's Hall, St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, 1 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

Trinity Church to hold rummage sale

The Women of Trinity in conjunction with the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Dallas will be sponsoring a Rummage Sale at the church located at 105 Irem Road in Dallas, just off Route 309 across from the BiLo Shopping Center. The sale will be held on Fri., May 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sat., May 30 will be Bag Day from 9 a.m. to noon.

Proceeds from the sale will be earmarked primarily for Wyoming Valley Missions. Leftover items benefit the Back Mountain Library Auction, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Battered Women's Shelter, and Meadows Market on the Pond.

Children to lead Truck. UM service

The children of the Trucksville United Methodist Church will lead the 10 a.m. Pentecost Sunday Service on May 31. The theme of the service will be the Holy Spirit. Children of every age level will present a skit relevant to their Christian Education classes this past year. The Junior/Senior High students will do the scripture readings and the Children's Choir will sing the anthem. As part of the Bishop's Initiative the offering will be given to assist the children of Africa. The Sunday School Superintendents are Sandy Race and Tania Reinert. Rev. W. Charles Naugle is pastor.

Speaker to come to Ebenezer Baptist

Former pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Plymouth will be the guest speaker at the Fellowship Baptist Church on Plymouth Mountain just above Chase Corners.

We would like to extend an invitation to the public to come hear this beloved and faithful servant of God who now has passed his 87th year.

Sweet Valley Fair Days start May 21

Sweet Valley Fair Days sponsored by the Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company will be open May 21, at 5:30 p.m. Also, on Fri., May 22 at 5:30 p.m. and Sat., May 23 at 5 p.m. The fair will be closed on Sun., May 24 but will reopen on Mon., May 25, at 10 a.m.

There will be a gigantic parade with floats, marching units, horses, fire trucks, ambulances, etc. at 1:30 p.m. sharp on Mon., May 25, Memorial Day.

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My grandmom said everyone has a guardian angel here on earth to watch over us. She said you should name your guardian angel so you can call him when you need help. I told grandmom my guardian angel's name is Ted because Ted watched over me when I was in the emergency room." - Devon Kornak, Age 8

Ted Kross, R.N., CEN, Nurse Manager & Devon Kornak

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