

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The annual celebration of **Catholic Schools Week** will take place from **January 28 – February 3, 2024**.

This is an opportunity for our school family to celebrate the good work being done at St. Stephen School and Venango Catholic Jr. / Sr. High School. Our students look forward to this special week each year. Here is an outline of the daily themes created by the *National Catholic Educational Association*:

Sunday: Celebrating Your Parish
Monday: Celebrating Your Community
Tuesday: Celebrating Your Students
Wednesday: Celebrating the Nation
Thursday: Celebrating Vocations
Friday: Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers
Saturday: Celebrating Families

Please continue to keep our school community in your daily prayers!



### A Catholic Schools Week Prayer\*

(Sign of the Cross)

As we begin this day together,
take a moment to thank God for the gift of learning.

Loving God,
You shaped us in your image and likeness
Giving us the gift of intelligence
And the ability to understand the world around us.

Be with us today as we use those gifts to learn and grow. May all that we do at Venango Region Catholic School be an opportunity to praise You.

St. Hildegard, patron of writers, pray for us.
St. Albert the Great, patron of scientists, pray for us.
St. Barbara, patron of mathematicians, pray for us.
St. Thomas Aquinas, patron of students, pray for us.
(Sign of the Cross)

\*This prayer has been adapted from: hallow.com/blog/catholic-schools-week/

## WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

VALEDICTORIANS + SALUTATORIANS FROM 1963 TO TODAY

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI** 

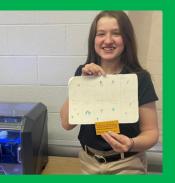
VC CLASS REUNION PHOTO COLLAGE



#### **IN APPRECIATION...**

VRCS would like to thank **Klapec Trucking Co.** for the cold patch application done on our VCHS driveway and parking lot this past fall. We also appreciate the volunteers who helped with shoveling and tamping!

### **VRCS SCHOOL NEWS**









## MIDDLE SCHOOL GETS CREATIVE WITH STEAM PROJECTS

7th and 8th-grade students are using STEAM to create customized periodic table license plates.

The assignment began with science and an overview of the periodic table. The students then used their art skills to outline how the license plate would look. Finally, they used technology and engineering to transfer their design ideas into 3D final products.

We thank the **Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania** for their generosity in providing the funding necessary to implement a STEAM lab at our Venango Catholic Jr. / Sr. High School campus.

Photos & Story Contributed by: **Ms. Shannon Goreczny** (VC '17)

### VENANGO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following students at St. Stephen School were named to the principal's list and honor roll for the first-quarter grading period:

#### Principal's list

Grade 4 — Grace Danzer, Sreehan Pappala, Joanna Singh, Owen Toto Grade 5 — Tanner Bucholz, Amelia Merkel, Beatrice Popescu, Ethan Ward

Grade 6 — **Declan Cunningham**, **Madeleine Deal**, Abby Lander, **Evelynne Lineman**, Alivia Lisseveld, **Alivia Warner** 

#### **Honor Roll**

Grade 4 — Evan Huber, Anna Kluck, Bria Pertz

Grade 5 — Cohen Hartle, Owen Shiley, Noah Slider

Grade 6 — Kasey Cross, Jordenn Knight, George Pacior, Olive Toto, Arabella Wolbert

### VENANGO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following students at Venango Catholic Jr./Sr. High School were named to the principal's list and honor roll for the first-quarter grading period:

#### Principal's list

Grade 8 — Carly Fry, Johnathan ander

Grade 9 — Evelyn Leisher, Emma Shiley

Grade 10 — **Konner Beichner**, **Catherine Rigg** 

Grade 11 — **Anthony Phillips** 

Grade 12 — Mercedes Kalamajka, Olivia Miller, Alice Moll, Logan Rakow

#### **Honor Roll**

Grade 7 — Sophia Cozad, William Leisher

Grade 8 — Isaac Cozad, Ryan Danzer, Dragun Moon, Garrison Snyder

Grade 9 — Joseph Burke, Sophie
Dinovitz

Grade 10 — Gabrielle Elder, Taylor Gibson, Gary Hartle, Christian Kluck

Grade 12 — Lincoln Kauffman, Catherine Lineman, Morgan Wessell

### Congratulations! Keep up the good work.



#### SSS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The annual elementary Christmas Concert was held on December 14th at 6:30 PM. Students came dressed in their best holiday-themed attire, and they did a fabulous job sharing their musical talents with a gymnasium filled with family and friends. The concert, directed by **Mrs. Hutchinson**, also included a nativity skit performed by **Ms. Jackie Wice's** Kindergarten class (see photo above).



#### PAINT THE PLOW VOTING

Online voting for PennDOT's Paint the Plow outreach program is going on now through **Monday, January 15, 2024**. The 2023 theme was "Seat Belts are Always in Season."

To submit a vote for Venango Catholic High School's artwork, visit **penndot.pa.gov** and search for "District 1 Paint the Plow Voting."



#### **BELLS OF JOY**

On the final Thursday before winter break, **Mrs. Hutchinson** and the middle school bell choir presented a special performance to **Mr. Jay Adams**, who will be retiring from his position as cook this January. We will all miss Jay!

### SAINT ELIZABETH CENTER CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION

During the month of December, VRCS students collected special treats and stocking stuffers to be gifted to families in need this Christmas. The junior/senior high school collection was coordinated by student council, while Grade 6 students organized the food drive at the elementary school. Donations were then taken to our local food pantry.

Saint Elizabeth Center held the Christmas gift distribution on December 16th.

Thank you to all those who helped to spread some Christmas cheer by donating individually wrapped food pantry items and small toys.



## **ALUMNI CORNER**

#### A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

How many familiar names can you spot on this chart? *One? Two? Three or more?* 

## VENANGO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Valedictorians • Salutatorians • 1963 to Present



- 63 DANIEL CALLAHAN MARY ELLEN SYMONS
- 64 MICHAEL FLETCHER ANN WHITCOMB
- 65 CAROL HALL ROBERT MIZWA
- 66 JOHN MCCARTHY KAREN BURKE
- 67 PATRICK CIHON
- 68 DAVID SWATZLER
- 69 JAMES GABRESKI
- 70 SUSAN BOYER
- 71 PAULETTE FLETCHER
- 72 MARY ANNE GUTH
- 73 NANCY LUTZ DEBORAH DUDA
- 74 DEBRA BOYER
- 75 RITA GANNON JOSEPH HENDERSON
- 76 PAULA LAMB MARY BETH PULEO
- 77 M. KATHLEEN WYLII
- **78** BARBARA IRWII WILLIAM DITZ
- 79 JOE PILEWSKI CHRIS NELSON

- 80 JODY FALLER PATRICIA REINSEL
- 81 MAUREEN WYLIE
- 82 LINDA ZEHR
- 83 REGIS BALDAUFF
- 84 AMY DANZER ED GROSSMAN
- 85 LYNNE FALLER HEATHER HARTLE LAUREN EMMOLO
- 86 RALPH GABRESK CAROL DITZ
- 87 ANN MALY
- 88 DEBORAH DEMMER RICHARD CISEK
- 89 NICOLE BODOH CARA SHATTENBERG
- 90 KATHRYN CHADMAN BARBARA ANGROS
- 91 ANN HEINZER STACEY LUTZ
- 92 MICHAEL HILL AMY BANNER
- 93 CHARLES HILL JESSICA ANTKOWIAN
- 94 MARIA CARONE SARAH HEINZER
- 95 STEPHANIE NICK

- KELLEIGH CUNNINGHAM BRIAN CAMPBELL
- 97 ANNA HEPLER REBECCA NICK CHARLES PICKENS
- QQ JENNIFER ZIMMERMAN
- KATHERINE LANDER
  TERESA LORENZ
  ANNE TRAYNOR
- OO JOHN THOMAS ANDREW HEINZER
- 01 KATHRINE TRAYNOR MARGARET LANDER JOAN FLETCHER
- **02** DOROTHY WOLBERT ERIN GUSTAFSON
- 03 SARAH LANDER REBECCA ROMERO
- **04** JUSTICE GIBSON KATIE PATTON
- 05 MELISSA HANELY MARGARET DUNAGIN
- 06 ALLISON ECKERT HOMAS
- 07 CHRIS PASKIE LEANN GATESMAN
- **08** SKYE GALEY SARAH PARKER
- 09 ADRIENNE NIEDERRITER CHRIS DELANEY
- 10 ANTHONY SPADARO NICHOLAS FINK

- 11 MARK KULINSKI AQUILA LESKO
- 12 JACOB SMITH BENJAMIN GUTH
- 13 KELSEY GHERING LATROBE BARNITZ
- 14 NICHOLAS BARLETTA
- 15 CLAIRE NIEDERRITER
- 16 ANNA CAMPBELL SOWDEN JOSEPHINE GABLER
- 17 TAYLOR DZIEKCIASZ JASMYN JAMES
- 18 CATHERINE BUCHANAN
- 19 ROBERT WENNER JR ALLISON LINEMAN
- 20 EMERSON EKIS ASHLEY BARLETTA
- 21 COLIN DEETER CHASE ANDERSON
- 22 GABRIELLE MILLER CHLOE RUDDER
- 23 MARIAH WESSELL ABIGAIL LANDER

#### **VC REMEMBRANCE**

We need you! Can you help VRCS to keep our records up-to-date?



A memorial roll was published in the December issue of the VRCS Monthly Newsletter. If you noticed an error in the list, or if you know of a VC graduate that has passed away recently, please notify VRCS. Alumni obituaries may be emailed to vrcsoutreach@venangocatholic.org. Efforts will be made to verify records before we update our database.

## **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

#### **DISTINGUISHED ALUM**

NAME: Lee Fletcher, MD (VC '68)

**EDUCATION:** (Honors, Degrees, Research) *Washington and Jefferson College,* Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

*University of South Carolina,* Chemistry Advanced Degree Program - Biochemistry Research

Temple University, Medical School

Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital\*,
One Yr. Family Medicine Internship
\*More recently known as Drexel University
College of Medicine

Germantown Hospital\*\*, 3 yrs. in Diagnostic Radiology Training \*\*Part of the Temple Medical Network

*University of Pennsylvania*, Subspecialty Neuroradiology Training (Fellowship)

#### Editor's Note: Lee Fletcher, MD

acknowledges that his time at Venango Christian provided him with the courage needed to take chances and pursue a career in medicine.

After finishing his fellowship in Neuroradiology at U of Penn in Philadelphia, Dr. Fletcher moved to Spokane, Washington, where he worked in two smaller radiology clinics before joining a larger hospital group.

In 1999, his hospital was involved in a merger, and the resulting company became known as Inland Imaging LLC. He stayed with this organization until his retirement in 2016.

Dr. Fletcher and and his wife have five children (two of them adopted) and several grandchildren. They recently welcomed two new grandchildren to their family. Congratulations, Lee!

#### DO YOU HAVE A FUNNY VC MEMORY:

Nothing very specific, but having fun rehearsing for school musicals and plays. Flubbing lines and joking around. Phase 6 or independent study in the glass foyer at the gym entrance, nicknamed the "Foyer Club". Serious studying until someone cracked a joke.

#### **FAVORITE VCHS CLASS / TEACHER?**

There were lots of memorable classes and choosing a favorite is challenging. I would say that Math with **Sister Mary Regina** was my favorite, with **Sister Mary Peter** (now **Joan Chittister**) in English running a close second. Both teachers knew how to stimulate my learning and reach for excellence.

### HOW DID VC HELP PREPARE YOU FOR YOUR CAREER?

I learned from teachers the value of studying smart. Facing my strengths and weaknesses and how to bring excellence into everything I did. There was a lot of gentle encouragement to find your best self and your capabilities.

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS / CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:**

During my time in college, I resurrected an old Department of Mines x-ray diffraction unit that was sitting in the corner of the Physical Chemistry lab. This turned into a research paper presented at the Student Affiliate of the American Chemical Society meeting at West Virginia University. Throughout my four years, I was a member of the college Rifle Team. At graduation, I had the honor of sharing the Robert Harbison Bible prize with a Divinity student.

In my last year at Germantown Hospital, a Temple Hospital Radiologist asked another resident and myself to contribute to a new book on Cranial (head) CT Scanning. We mainly did research and wrote up a summary of findings that would work in a reference book of this type. This was published in the early 1980s and is most likely now out of date and print. This led to a fellowship at University of PA.

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## SPOTLIGHT CONT'D

#### WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO WORK IN RADIOLOGY?

The field of family medicine was interesting, but I found that the field of Diagnostic Radiology fascinated me even more as a career. Everything I learned during that year in Family Medicine was very helpful in the interpretation of x-rays, ultrasounds, CT, and MRI scans.

#### WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN/RECREATION?

[Years ago in Philadelphia], I started training in Aikidoa Japanese martial art-as a stress reducer. When I arrived in Washington state a few years later, I began training again in between the arrival of my children.

The Spokane area is a great place for outdoor activities. I took up snow skiing for a few years until my knees started to bother me, and I had to give it up along with my martial art.

I had lost touch with my piano playing during medical school, but once I became medically established in Spokane, I started practicing again. I now play keyboards for my church band. My main role is doing synthesizer. I love to read history and good science fiction when I can. I also carried through my love of target shooting from college.

#### **TELL US A BIT MORE ABOUT YOUR MOST RECENT**

**EMPLOYMENT:** Inland Imaging now serves two main hospitals and several free-standing outpatient imaging centers. They have two offices in Seattle and are involved with smaller towns in Washington and Montana. They have 120+ subspecialized, board-certified radiologists covering 13 areas of subspecialized radiology expertise. There are 400+ technical, clinical, and clerical staff employees as well.

### WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE RETIRING?

Being retired, my wife and I travel a bit. We took a cruise in the Mediterranean in 2015 visiting the places Paul preached. In November 2022, we toured Israel and Jordan and were baptized in the Jordan River. When reading the gospels this trip gave us an appreciation of the land where Jesus walked and taught.

### DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR PRESENT VCHS STUDENTS:

First and foremost, stay close to Jesus. Ask him to help you every day. He wants to be a part of your life. Remember He loves you and wants to see you succeed. I was able to get through some of my toughest days and decisions by praying and asking Him for help. Set a goal and work toward it. Start at the easy ones and progress to the hard ones. Don't be derailed by fear or doubt, have faith in what God can accomplish with you.

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Shown here is **Dr. Lee Fletcher** surrounded by his family [including his children, their spouses, and four of his seven grandchildren] on Christmas Eve two years ago.



### VC Class Reunion Rings in the New Year at Hoss's Steak & Seahouse











Class of '99 members Teresa Lorenz-Do, Wendy Smail, and Anne Traynor attended the festivities on December 30, 2023.
 Bryan Cook (VC '96) and Susan Shiley (reunion host) pose for a classy photo.
 Millennials look back on "20th Century" memories.
 Class of '98 members Kate Lynch, Jennifer Baker, Susan Shiley, Erin Supak Engler, and Megan Curran James celebrate 25 years of friendship.
 VC alumni invited Lou Heliker and Barbara Reszkowski to the party.

### ADMINISTRATION & STAFF MEMBERS

Ray Feroz, Ph.D. (VC '68) VRCS INTERIM PRESIDENT + NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Katherine Chandley PRINCIPAL

**Beth Metz** (VC 2000) BUSINESS MANAGER

Misti Kresinski SS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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**Shannon Kluck** (VC '99) ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Jim May MAINTENANCE & CUSTODIAL SERVICES

**Leslie Pacior** SS CUSTODIAL SERVICES



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NOMINATIONS CMTE CHAIR

**Debbie Sobina** TREASURER

Penny Campbell SECRETARY, ATHLETICS CMTE CHAIR

**Ken Lancaster**ADVANCEMENT CMTE CHAIR

Margaret Janidlo (VC '83)
MISSION ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
CHAIR

Sandra Sciullo-Baughman ENROLLMENT CMTE CHAIR

**Dr. Rick Sabousky** (VC '79)

**Abigail Watson-Popescu** 

Amie Wood-Wessell (VC '92)

McKenzie Healy
PRESIDENT, HOME & SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION

## HOME & SCHOOL FUN



On December 9, 2023, VRCS teachers, students, and families joined together at Seneca Lanes for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Home & School (H&S) volunteers provided the food and cosmic bowling, and everyone was encouraged to participate in the ugly Christmas sweater contest. The sixth grade class won a pizza party for having the highest % in attendance at the VRCS Family Bowling Event. The winner of the sweater contest was **Oliver Wolbert.** Thank you to H&S for hosting this program!









## Preview of Upcoming Events Save the Date!

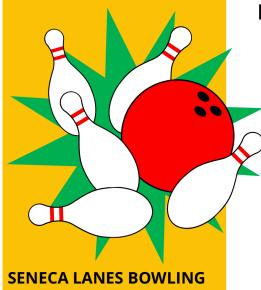
January 16, 2024 January 27

January 28 - February 3 February 2

**Cheers! Night** – Bella Cucina (Franklin) Reverse Raffle - Seneca Fire Hall 5:30 PM - 11:00 PM; Open to the public; Must be 21+ to attend.

**Catholic Schools Week** Cash Cow Night - Hoss's Steak & Seahouse

## **SAVE THE DATE**



FUNDRAISER FRIDAY

@ SENECA LANES

January 19, 2024 6 PM - 10 PM

**\$10/Person -** Two Hours of Bowling

\$1/Shoe Rental

VRCS Home & School will earn \$5 back for every paid bowler.

2771 State Route 257

Reservations: 814.676.4618

This event is open to the public! Mention when you check-in that you are with VRCS to receive credit for this fundraiser.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You may bring your own food. Drinks are not permitted, but you may purchase refreshments at the bowling alley.

### JANUARY 2024 TRI-CITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



JAN. 17 - HEPLER GYMNASIUM
365 Hill City Road, Cranberry, PA 16319
4:45 PM Oil City vs. St. Stephen School
5:40 PM Franklin Red vs. Cranberry Red

JAN. 22 - FRANKLIN YMCA

111 West Park St, Franklin, PA 16323

5:00 PM St. Stephen School vs. Keystone
5:55 PM Meadville vs. Clarion

JAN. 31 - HEPLER GYMNASIUM
365 Hill City Road, Cranberry, PA 16319
4:45 PM - Cranberry Red vs. Rocky Grove
5:40 PM - St. Stephen School vs. Titusville Black

#### **FACULTY & STAFF**

Ms. Mary McDonough

Mrs. Leslie Pacior PRESCHOOL AID

**Ms. Jackie Wice** KINDERGARTEN

**Mrs. Heather Harmon** FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Andreé Sporer (VC '82) SECOND GRADE

Mrs. Alicia Daman THIRD GRADE

**Mrs. Martina Love** FOURTH GRADE

**Ms. Mary Anne Oliver** (VC 76) FIFTH GRADE

Ms. Jill Lander SIXTH GRADE

Mr. Gregory Knox DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY

**Mrs. Mary Beth Hutchinson** MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Ms. Elizabeth Schmude ART DEPARTMENT

Ms. Shannon Goreczny (VC '17) ENGLISH, HISTORY, & THEOLOGY DEPARTMENTS

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Ms. Jessie Pyle SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

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Mrs. Melissa Ace Mrs. Amanda Mott Mrs. Suzanne Reed Mrs. Lacy Shoenfelt Mrs. Cathy Tarr ACT 89 PROFESSIONAL STAFF (RIVERVIEW INTERMEDIATE UNIT 6)















### Did you know?

Typically once per month, students at our St. Stephen School campus can pay \$1.00 to have a dress-down day. The proceeds benefit SSS Student Council.

Who doesn't love a friendly game of kickball, the annual school book fair, and exploring activities in Google Classroom?

Do you recognize any of the smiling faces in this collage?





## St. Stephen School's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual

## **3JAAAREVERSE**

Saturday, January 27, 2024



#### Seneca Volunteer Fire Hall

5:30 PM - 11:00 PM



Tickets: \$30 per person

Includes:

- A chance to win \$1,500 Grand Prize!
- Raffles, Sideboards, Drawings, Bingo & More!
- Food & limited beverages (beer, wine, soft drinks, bottled water)
- Entertainment DJ Posey beginning after raffle

#### We will reserve a table for your group!

Purchase 8 or more tickets as a group, and your table will be waiting for you.

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#### **Ticket Order Form**

(return to school with payment)

Ticket Holder Name:	 
Address:	
Phone:	
Ticket Holder Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available at St. Stephen school office.

For more information, contact the school office 677-3035 or email

misti.kresinski@venangocatholic.org.

Must be 21 years of age or older to attend.



**DATE: JANUARY 16, 2024** 

WHO: EVERYONE!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

WHERE: BELLA CUCINA

1234 Liberty St.

Franklin, PA 16323

TIME: ALL DAY TUESDAY

Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM Dinner 4:30 PM - 8 PM

### WHAT: GREAT MEAL, GREAT CAUSE!

Bella Cucina is supporting VRCS Home & School by hosting a benefit Cheers Day. We will receive 10% of ALL sales – *lunch, dinner, and to-go orders*! (No flyer or mention needed.)

MENU: VISIT BELLAPA.COM

GROUP RESERVATIONS SUGGESTED: (814) 432-4955

#CheersCharityDay #VRCS #BellaCucina #FineDining #SignatureCocktails

# PINE & DONATE

ENJOY A MEAL THAT'S FILLING - AND FULFILLING!

DINE-IN AT HOSS'S AND A PORTION OF YOUR CHECK WILL BE DONATED TO VRCS HOME & SCHOOL.

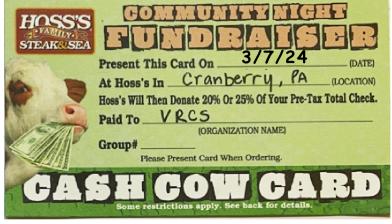
To participate, present
this Cash Cow Card\* to your
server on the designated
date (First Thursdays)
11 AM - 8:30 PM at
2432 St. Rt. 257 Cranberry, PA.

\*Screen shots are acceptable.

Venango Region Catholic School (VRCS) is comprised of St. Stephen School + Venango Catholic Jr./Sr. High School in Oil City, Pennsylvania. Thank you for supporting Catholic education!

Please note: Distribution of Community Night invitations on Hoss's property is strictly prohibited! Take-out orders do not apply to this promotion.









\*This infographic from the National Catholic Educational Association has been reprinted in honor of the upcoming Catholic Schools Week celebration.

## a dozen reasons

### to choose Catholic Schools





Venango Catholic Jr. / Sr. High School 1505 West First Street Oil City, PA 16301 814.677.3098

Saint Stephen School 214 Reed Street Oil City, PA 16301 814.677.3035

## 12 Days of Christmas Giveaway

Thank you to all those who helped make our December prize raffle possible!

#### WINNER:

**Rachel Fogel** Day 1 Day 2 **Amanda Rodgers** Day 3 **Chuck Taylor** Day 4 **Mary Lou Sporer** Day 5 Amy Pyle Cathy Kluck Day 6 Day 7 **Patty Snyder** Valerie Drozdo Day 8 Day 9 **Mailene Lenhart** Day 10 **Diane O'Neil Matt Kulinski** Day 11

**Beth Gast** 

Day 12

#### **PRIZE VALUE:**

\$500 Cash \$100 Giant Eagle \$100 Cash \$250 Amazon \$100 Home Depot \$150 Sheetz \$100 Target \$250 Walmart \$150 Sheetz \$100 Cash \$100 Amazon \$500 Cash

#### **SPONSORED BY:**

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and A Friend of VRCS



December 18, 1946 ~ January 7, 2024 (age 77)

### **IN MEMORY OF MSGR. MALENE**

The VRCS community is saddened to hear of the recent passing of **The Reverend Monsignor Robert M. Malene**, son of **Michael** and **Elizabeth (Hale) Malene**. Msgr. Malene was an Oil City native, and he graduated from Venango Christian High School in 1964.

As his official obituary states, "Msgr. Malene loved the Church and the U.S. Navy. He had a big heart, an infectious laugh, and a ready smile. He will be sorely missed by those who loved him and the many people whose lives he touched as a servant of the Church."

Calling hours at Reinsel's Funeral Home in Oil City, PA will take place this coming **Sunday, Jan. 14**, and the Funeral Mass will be at St. Joseph Church on **Monday, Jan. 15**. More information can be found at www.reinselfuneralhome.com.