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The Rev. William George, 26, is the priest at SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox Christian Church in Rockaway.

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Orthodox Christian church welcomes new pastor, age 26, ready to head church founded by his great-grandparents

By Lorraine Ash @LorraineVAsh

ROCKAWAY — There's a new Orthodox priest in town.

The 26-year-old Rev. William George will head up SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox Christian Church, where he was ordained March 23. The parish is hardly new to him, though. He grew up there.

Indeed his great-grandparents, George Yurko and Mary Kopinetz Yurko, helped found the church in 1928. They were Slavic immigrants from the towns of Velykyj Rakovec and Felsosarad, respectively, in the Carpathian Mountains, a range that cuts across eastern and central Europe.

"When the founders came to America, they

couldn't tell you what country they came from because so many different empires had controlled their towns," George said. "They called themselves Hungarians, Ukrainians, Slovaks, Czechs. But they were Carpatho-Russians at heart. They lived in the mountains, separated from the major cities."

They didn't speak Ukrainian or Russian, he added. They spoke Ponasimu ("our language").

The Carpatho-Russians started emigrating to the United States in the 1880s. But their strife didn't end when they set foot on American soil. At some point in their long history, they'd been forced to become Greek Catholics.

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The Rev. William George ends a liturgy with the kissing of the cross by his great uncle, Anthony George of Rockaway.

A NEW HAND

To see a video on the Rev. William George, visit <http://dailyre.co/pastor>

Learn more

To learn more about Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Christian Church in Rockaway, visit www.sppacrod.org



A team of 90 recruiters from INTO University partnerships enjoyed a four-day familiarization tour at Drew University in Madison this winter to learn what the school offers undergraduates from around the world. PHOTO COURTESY DREW UNIVERSITY

Drew students taking a world viewpoint

American liberal arts education in high demand abroad

By Lorraine Ash @LorraineVAsh

MADISON — Starting this fall, Drew University could as soon attract an undergraduate student from Beijing as Bernardsville.

Its latest program, INTO New York at Drew University, is a joint venture with INTO University Partnerships, a company that works with colleges to recruit students from other countries and then support them when they're here. The support takes many forms — from help with visas to English-language lessons.

Drew is the sixth university in the nation, and the first in the state, to partner with INTO.

"We are integrating these students," said Dean Criares, chairman of the school's board of trustees. "They will be Drew University students."

When the partnership is in full swing, he added, there will be some 500 INTO students on campus at any given time, and international students will comprise 20 percent of the student body — up from 5 percent now. To start, approximately 75 students will arrive in time for the fall semester.

Under the arrangement between Drew and INTO, the university keeps control of all academic decisions, according to Mary Jane Miller, chief executive officer of INTO, whose North American headquarters is in California.

But there are larger forces at work here that impact the student population across the state and country: American schools are in high demand among international students. Due to a variety of cultural and economic factors, the number of international students studying in the United States has more than doubled in the past 15 years, according to Peggy Blumenthal of the Institute of International Education.

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NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Seniors, you don't have to leave home

By MaryLynn Schiavi
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Editor's note: This is the second in a three-part series exploring what home means to people as they age and the quality of life issues that arise as our society prepares for an unprecedented population shift. Where will this segment of the population call home? What are the challenges and opportunities before us as the largest and most rebellious generation enters the final phase of their lives?

By 2015, it is estimated that 45 million Americans will be age 50 and older and by 2030, 72 million will be age 65 or older — representing almost 20 percent of the total U.S. population, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Morris County is ahead of the



Paul Mollon at home at Fellowship Village in Basking Ridge, where he and his wife moved 16 years ago.

KATHY JOHNSON/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

curve. As of the 2010 census, 19.6 percent of the Morris County population is 60 years old or older, according to Theresa Davis, director, Morris County Division on Aging, Disability and Veterans.

Those tackling the issues of a

rapidly growing population agree, there are enormous challenges ahead, but there are also enormous opportunities for non-profits as well as entrepreneurs seeking to develop services and products to meet the needs of the aging Baby Boomer generation.

"The number of older adults as a whole is increasing, with the largest increase in the age 85-plus population. As an increasing number of older adults choose to age in place in their homes, additional services may be needed to support them in this environment," said Laila Caune, director, Middlesex County Office of Aging and Disabled Services.

Affordable housing in Morris County is the biggest challenge according to Davis.

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