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Diocese Consecrated to Blessed Mother

The Bishops of Pennsylvania are consecrating each Catholic diocese and eparchy in the Commonwealth to the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The dedication commemorates the Church's observance of the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions at Fatima.

Bishop Bambera consecrated the Diocese of Scranton to the Blessed Mother at a Mass last Sunday, October 15, in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton.

The Bishop upheld Mary as the one who best understood what it meant to live as a faith-filled disciple and child of God. Yet, he noted that she speaks most poignantly to us not from her throne on high, but from the struggle of her journey of life and faith as well as the deep sense of trust that gave life to her relationship with God.

"Mary has known all of life, as you and I experience it," he said. "And we call her blessed – not because she reigns today as our Queen of Heaven – but because she walked our world and embraced it as a woman of faith: a trusting disciple of her son, Jesus. Scan the scripture and you will discover that Mary's faith by no means guaranteed her a perfect world, free from suffering and pain. Yet her faith enabled her to *trust* and to see life in a hopeful way. And it can do the same for us."

Because of her willingness to trust unconditionally



Bishop Bambera celebrated a Mass last Sunday to consecrate the Diocese to the care of the Blessed Mother.

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and to say "yes" to following the Lord completely, Bishop Bambera called Mary "a woman for all ages. Therein is the secret of her appeal to all of us who have struggled to find true meaning and purpose in our lives. Mary was the handmaid of the Lord who traveled a lowly path throughout her life. And God lifted her up and did great things for her!"

"The message of Mary – the message of our consecration of the Church of Scranton to her loving care this day – and the message that God

places within our hearts every time we invoke her memory and example – is a simple message of hope. Mary is faithfulness rewarded. She now is where we hope to be when we come to the end of our journey of life. And she reminds us that the same mercy and love of God that carried her through life and entrusted to her the gift of her son Jesus, will fill our lives and lead us to lasting peace if we but open our hearts to God and trust in his ways."

Pope Francis: Christian life is a love story with God

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Like the Catholic Church's newest saints, Christians are called to live their faith as a love story with God who wants a relationship that is "more than that of devoted subjects with their king," Pope Francis said.

Without a loving relationship with God, Christian life can become empty and "an impossible ethic, a collection of rules and laws to obey for no good reason," the pope said during Mass Oct. 15 in St. Peter's Square.

"This is the danger: a Christian life that becomes routine, content with 'normality,' without drive or enthusiasm, and with a short memory," he said during the Mass.

At the beginning of the Mass, Pope Francis proclaimed 35 new saints, including: the "Martyrs of Natal," Brazil, a group of 30 priests, laymen, women and children who were killed in 1645 during a wave of anti-Catholic persecution; and the "Child Martyrs of Tlaxcala," three children who were among Mexico's first native converts and were killed for refusing to renounce the faith.

Tapestries hung from the facade of St. Peter's Basilica bearing images of the martyrs as well as pictures of Sts. Angelo da Acqui, an Italian Capuchin priest known for his defense of the poor, and Faustino Miguez, a Spanish priest who started an advanced school for girls at a time when such education was limited almost exclusively to boys.

An estimated 35,000 pilgrims – many of them from the new saints' countries of origin – attended the Mass.

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World Mission Sunday



**October 22, 12:15 Mass
Cathedral of Saint Peter**

Mission at the heart of the Christian Faith

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Christians called to live faith as love story with God

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In his homily, Pope Francis reflected on the day's Gospel reading from St. Matthew in which Jesus recounts the parable of the wedding feast.

Noting Jesus' emphasis on the wedding guests, the pope said that God "wants us, he goes out to seek us and he invites us" to celebrate with him.

Pope Francis uses incense to venerate an image of Mary during the canonization Mass of new saints in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Oct. 15.

"For him, it is not enough that we should do our duty and obey his laws," Pope Francis said. "He desires a true communion of life with us, a relationship based on dialogue, trust and forgiveness."

However, he continued, Jesus also warns that "the invitation can be refused" as it was by those who "made light" of the invitation or were too caught up in their own affairs to consider attending the banquet.

"This is how love grows cold, not out of malice but out of preference for what is our own: our security, our self-affirmation, our comfort," the pope said.

Father Kirby to Serve Vatican Congregation for the Clergy

At the request of the Holy See, Bishop Bambera has released Father Shane L. Kirby, currently Chancellor, Episcopal Vicar for Canonical Affairs and Pastor of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish in Jermyn, to serve as an official of the Congregation for the Clergy, for a period of five years beginning in November, 2017.



Father Shane L. Kirby

The Congregation for the Clergy is a dicastery (department) of the Roman Curia, which assists the Holy Father in his mission to the Universal Church. Specifically, the Congregation for the Clergy promotes the life and ministry of priests and deacons, oversees seminaries and priestly formation as well as priests' councils in the various dioceses of the world. In addition, the Congregation for the Clergy handles matters related to parish restructuring, distribution of clergy and some matters related to diocesan financial administration.

Father Kirby is expected to serve a term of five years, and then return to ministry in the Diocese of Scranton. While serving in Rome, Father Kirby will reside at the Villa Stritch, a residence for American priests working in the various dicasteries of the Holy See.

"The Holy See's request for the service of one of our priests is an honor for our Diocese," Bishop Bambera said. "Father Kirby has distinguished himself through his continuing education, including advanced studies in Canon Law at the Cath-

olic University of America, Washington, D.C., and serving in various pastoral and administrative positions here. We offer our prayers, support and congratulations to him on the occasion of this appointment in service to the universal Church."

A native of Waynesburg, in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Father Kirby is the son of David L. Kirby and Lucretia Poland Kirby. Father Kirby was reared in the Pentecostal Christian tradition, having attended Rolling Meadows Church of God in Waynesburg, from childhood. Baptized and confirmed a Catholic at the age of 17 in Saint Ann Church in Waynesburg, Father Kirby graduated Waynesburg Central High School in 1991 and first came to Scranton to attend Marywood College (later University), from which he graduated in 1996 with a B.A. in Communication Arts, specifically theatre arts, and a minor in English literature.

After some graduate studies in drama and various employment positions in Scranton, Father Kirby entered seminary formation for the Diocese of Scranton

in 1998. He spent two years in Pre-Theology formation at Saint Pius X Seminary in Dalton, while earning a B.A. in Theology from the University of Scranton, with a minor in Philosophy, graduating in 2000.

Father Kirby then began graduate theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, while preparing for the priesthood at the Pontifical North American College. He was ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Scranton in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome by Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, then Archbishop of Washington, on October 9, 2003.

Father Kirby was ordained to the priesthood in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, by Bishop Joseph F. Martino on June 26, 2004. His first assignment was as assistant pastor of Saint Patrick, Holy Ghost and Saint Michael Parishes, Olyphant, for the summer of 2004. Father then returned to Rome to complete a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL) at the Pontifical Gregorian University, graduating *magna cum laude* in Patristic Theology and the History of Theology in 2005.

He returned to the Diocese and served as assistant pastor in Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit (2005-2006); Saint Peter's Parish, Wellsboro, Saint Andrew and Saint Mary of Czestochowa Parishes, Blossburg (2006-2007); as Secretary to Bishop Martino and Assistant Director for Worship (2007-2008); and

as Parochial Administrator of Saint Luke Parish, Jersey Shore, and Immaculate Conception Parish, Bastress Township (2008-2009).

Father Kirby was appointed pastor of Saint Joseph the Worker Parish in Williamsport in 2009, where he served a new parish created from the consolidation of Annunciation, Ascension, Holy Rosary and Mater Dolorosa parishes in Williamsport.

In 2012, Bishop Bambera appointed Father Kirby to graduate studies in canon law at the Catholic University of America, where he earned a Licentiate in Canon Law (JCL) in July 2014.

Upon his return to the Diocese, Father Kirby was appointed Episcopal Vicar for Canonical Affairs on August 14, 2014, and pastor of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish in Jermyn on September 4, 2014. In addition, he was appointed Chancellor on January 12, 2015.

Father Kirby has also served on the Priests' Council, Seminarian Advisory Board, Advisory Board for the Office of Continuing Education of Priests, and as a consultant to the Diocesan Finance Council and other boards and commissions.

He has been chaplain to the Knights of Columbus in councils in Lycoming County and currently Council #7622 in Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, as well as chaplain to the Monsignor Farrell Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, based in Carbondale.

Bishop Appoints Linda Price Chancellor of the Diocese

Bishop Bambera has appointed Linda E. Price, J.C.L., as Chancellor of the Diocese of Scranton, effective November 1, 2017.

Ms. Price will assume the position held by Father Shane L. Kirby, who has been released by the Bishop, at the request of the Holy See, to serve as an official of the Congregation for the Clergy at the Vatican.

Duties of the Chancellor include preparing and notarizing the official documents of the Bishop and other members of the Diocesan Curia, organizing and maintaining records of the Diocesan offices, clergy, parishes and schools. Also, the Chancellor prepares annual statistical reports on the Diocese of Scranton for the Holy See.

In addition to these duties, Ms. Price will continue to serve as a Judge in the Diocesan Tribunal.

"Linda's educational and professional credentials make her well suited to be our Chancellor," Bishop Bambera said. "She has served in our Tribunal Office for many years, and I am grateful that she has accepted this appointment to further her service to the Church of Scranton."

Ms. Price has worked in various capacities in the Diocesan Tribunal Office since the 1980s. For the past 22 years she has been a Diocesan judge.



Linda E. Price

She is a graduate of Wilkes University, and earned a master's degree in education from the University of Scranton. She received a degree in canon law (J.C.L.) from Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Canada, in 1995.

Ms. Price grew up in the south-side section of Scranton, the third of four daughters of the late Leonard and Joan Pallion. The family were members of the former Saint John the Evangelist Parish. Ms. Price graduated from Scranton Central High School in 1978.

Ms. Price is a member of Saint Ann's Parish in Scranton. She has a daughter, Sasha, and enjoys spending time with daughter and son-in-law, and two young grandchildren, Joey and Grace.

"I am thankful and honored for this opportunity to serve as Chancellor," Ms. Price said. "I am especially grateful to Bishop Bambera for his confidence in me and my ability to continue my service to the Church in this new role."

Diocese celebrates imperative to protect the sanctity of life

“Be Not Afraid,” the national theme for Respect for Life Sunday, permeated the celebration of the Mass offered by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, principal celebrant, on October 1 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton.

Families, students from the Diocesan schools and parish Religious Education programs, in addition to representatives of organizations that work to uphold the sanctity of human life, attended and served in the various ministerial roles at the liturgy.

Respect for Life Sunday highlights the Catholic Church’s respect for the sanctity and dignity of life in all forms, stages and conditions, from birth to natural death. It celebrates the life of the unborn, the disabled, the infirm, and those in the last stages of earthly life. The liturgy is offered also for victims of the death penalty, the abused and lonely, and the immigrant and refugee.

The observance of Respect for Life Sunday also reminds us that we need to celebrate all creation and to offer thanks for the giftedness of all persons created in God’s image and likeness.

In his homily, Bishop Bambera spoke of the correlation of the Sunday’s gospel to the challenges of respecting life. He said, “*Be not afraid!* Embrace the message of today’s gospel as it challenges us to not merely *speak* words of faith, but to *be* light in the midst of darkness, to *be* hope



Students from the Notre Dame and Holy Redeemer Diocesan School Systems offered a presentation that depicted their renditions of “picture statements” on posters that portrayed one or more life issues contrary to the sacredness of life; then, and most importantly, the Christian counteraction of these atrocities was also depicted. Left to right: DaLina Lehman, Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School; Diana Mother, Monsignor McHugh School; Aisling O’Gallagher, Notre Dame Elementary School; Raeann Luca, St. Nicholas/St. Mary School; Michael Casey, Wyoming Area Catholic School; Abby Miller, Holy Rosary School; Anya Shorten, Holy Family School; Leah Skudalski, Good Shepherd Academy; Shane Cegelka, Wyoming Area Catholic School; Ethan Cegelka, Holy Redeemer High School; Michael Banford, St. Jude School.

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in the midst of despair... and to *be* Jesus’ voice, hands and heart in the midst of a broken world.”

Emphasizing the fact that the dignity of every human being must be upheld, the Bishop stated, “... filled with the power of Jesus’ love, it’s our responsibility as Christians to engage in the battle of respecting life at its earliest and most defenseless stages in the unborn... and in the elderly and infirm. ...

that battle takes us to our borders, our prisons, our houses of worship, and to our workplaces, schools and neighborhoods where we encounter lives that look and sound differently than we do and that embrace lifestyles with which we may not agree. These lives also need to be treated with respect, dignity and love. For nowhere in the scriptures or in our faith tradition are we ever told that one life has more value than another. Every life has value and every life can be worth living.”

Before the Concluding Rite, students from the Notre Dame and Holy Redeemer Diocesan School Systems offered a presentation that was developed in their art classes. Known as the Hexagon Project, it depicted students’ renditions of “picture statements” on posters that portrayed one or more life issues contrary to the sacredness of life; then, and most importantly, the Christian counteraction of these atrocities was also depicted. During the presentation,

Prayer for Life **“Let Us Not Be Afraid”**

O God, let us not be afraid to claim you as the author of all life, and that it is only you who can take it away.

O God, let us not be afraid to treat the lonely, the elderly, the imprisoned and the abused with respect and compassion.

O God, let us not be afraid to look with love upon the immigrant, the refugee or the person who looks different that we do.

O God, let us not be afraid to stand in solidarity against the crimes of abortion and euthanasia.

O God, let us not be afraid to support a culture of life, to celebrate all creation, and to give thanks for the uniqueness and giftedness of each person created in your image and likeness. **Amen.**

Mrs. Debra Krogulski, director of Religious Formation at Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School, narrated an explanation of the project and concluded with a prayer urging the faithful “not to be afraid” but to act with courage against the violations disrespecting life.

— Sister Leonita Duhoski, RSM

We are called to defend and safeguard human life, especially in the mother’s womb, in infancy, old age and physical or mental disability.



— Tweet by Pope Francis @Pontifex, Oct. 14, 2017

Holy Father: Death penalty is ‘contrary to the Gospel’

The death penalty, no matter how it is carried out, “is, in itself, contrary to the Gospel,” Pope Francis said.

Marking the 25th anniversary of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* at the Vatican Oct. 11, Pope Francis said the catechism’s discussion of the death penalty, already formally amended by St. John Paul II, needs to be even more explicitly against capital punishment.

Capital punishment, he said, “heavily wounds human dignity” and is an “inhuman measure.”

“It is, in itself, contrary to the Gospel, because a decision is voluntarily made to suppress a human life, which is always sacred in the eyes of the Cre-

ator and of whom, in the last analysis, only God can be the true judge and guarantor,” the pope said.

The church’s position on the death penalty, he said, is one example of how church teaching is not static, but grows and deepens along with a growth in faith and in response to modern questions and concerns.

The Christian faith, he said, always has insisted on the dignity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. “Therefore, it is necessary to reiterate that, no matter how serious the crime committed, the death penalty is inadmissible, because it attacks the inviolability and dignity of the person,” Pope Francis said.



Worshippers of all ages packed the Cathedral on Respect Life Sunday.

APPOINTMENTS

His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, announces the following appointments, effective as indicated:

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Reverend Shane L. Kirby, from Pastor, Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, Jermyn; Chancellor and Episcopal Vicar for Canonical Affairs; to service at the Congregation for the Clergy for a period of five years, at the request of the Holy See. Father Kirby's appointments in the Diocese of Scranton will conclude on October 30, 2017, and his service in Rome will begin in November, 2017.

Ms. Linda E. Price, J.C.L., to Chancellor in the Diocese of Scranton, effective November 1, 2017.

ASSISTANT PASTOR

Reverend John J. Chmil, from Leave of Absence to Assistant Pastor, Saint Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg, effective October 24, 2017.

Reverend Joseph J. Mosley, from Assistant Pastor, Saint Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg, to Assistant Pastor, Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston, effective October 24, 2017.

Reverend Jaime Perez Restrepo, from Archdiocese of Medellin, Colombia, to Assistant Pastor, St. Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg, and Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco, effective September 22, 2017. Father Restrepo will reside at St. Matthew's Rectory, East Stroudsburg.

Bishop Bambera was principal celebrant of the Mass commemorating the 100th anniversary of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish in the Buttonwood section of Hanover Township.



Frances Zola, the oldest member of the parish, presents one of the gifts to Bishop Bambera.



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

October 22 – World Mission Sunday Mass, Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 12:15 p.m.

October 23 – Confirmation, Saint Faustina Parish, Nanticoke, and Holy Spirit Parish, Mocanaqua, at Saint Faustina Parish, Nanticoke, 5:00 p.m.

October 24 – Confirmation, Saint Rose of Lima Parish and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Carbondale; Ascension Parish, Forest City; and Saint Katharine Drexel Parish, Pleasant Mount, at Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale, 5:00 p.m.

October 26 – Mass for the 60th Anniversary of the Founding of the Saint Jude Novena, Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish, Pittston, 12:00 noon

October 28 – Worship Convocation Mass, Marywood University, Scranton, 8:45 a.m.

October 28 – 25th Year of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Anniversary Mass, Epiphany Parish, Sayre, 5:00 p.m.

October 29 – 175th Anniversary Mass, Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Honesdale, 10:30 a.m.

October 30 – Confirmation, Saint Barbara Parish, Exeter, 5:00 p.m.

November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints Mass, Scranton Preparatory School, Scranton, 8:45 a.m.

November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints Mass & Dedication of McCarthy Auditorium, Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre, 1:00 p.m.

November 2 – All Souls' Day Mass, Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.

November 5 – #leaveamark17 Mass for National Vocation Awareness Week, Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 5:00 p.m.

November 6 – Confirmation, SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Plains; Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish, Wilkes-Barre; Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Buttonwood; All Saints Parish, Plymouth; and St. John the Baptist Parish, Larksville, at SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Plains, 5:00 p.m.

Diocesan Annual Appeal at 40% of Goal

The 2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal “Walk Together in the Light of Christ,” has raised more than \$2.1 million in gifts and pledges, bringing the campaign to 42% of the \$5 million goal.

“Our Appeal theme this year is inspired by the words of Jesus: ‘I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness,’ said Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. “It is a blessing for me to witness so many of our parishioners live out this call to walk in the light of Christ through their generosity, love and kindness.”

More than 10,000 parishioners have made gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal in August, September and October. Parishes throughout the Diocese are currently conducting In-Pew Commitment Weekend collections to provide all parishioners with the opportunity to support the Appeal.

Regional lay and clergy chairs and parish representatives have been getting together at regional committee meetings to share ideas and help coordinate Appeal activities in each parish.

“We are grateful to our regional chairs and parish representatives for their wonderful commitment to promote the Appeal and invite parishioners to join with them in support of the mission of the Diocese,” said Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for Development.

For information on the Diocesan programs supported by gifts to the Annual Appeal, to view the Annual Appeal video or to make a donation online, visit www.annualappeal.org. Gifts may also be made by calling the Diocesan Development Office at 570-207-2250 or by sending a donation to: Diocesan Annual Appeal, 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA, 18503-1279.

Servant Leadership Hallmark of Parish Life at Saint Therese Parish

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series on ministries funded by the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

As missionary disciples, we are called by Jesus Christ to serve others. This is most evident in our parishes where the teachings of Christ bring us together in support of one another. Neighbors and families come together to worship and share the love of God in the parish and in the larger community.

The faithful in parishes across our Diocese reach out to those in need through a variety of service programs like those conducted by the Stewardship Committee of Saint Therese Parish, Shavertown.

“Stewardship is giving of the time and talent that God has given us to benefit other people,” said Father James Paisley, pastor. “That’s what Jesus did – he took the gifts and talents God had given to Him and shared them with all of humanity. We are called to do the same.”

“The program started last year when we decided to get our parishioners involved in more community-wide service,” said Terri Besecker, Director of Stewardship. “We came up with the idea of ‘Spring into Service.’ Parishioners volunteered on projects at six organizations: Habitat for Humanity, The Meadows Nursing Home, Com-



Members of St. Therese Parish look on as Carmina Chapp, center, proprietress of the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker Farm, takes the sheared wool from the local sheep, which the volunteers cleaned and plied, and spins it into yarn. From left are Linda Puchalski, Nancy Stark, Terri Besecker, St. Therese director of stewardship, and Kathleen Gelso. The farm strives to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a simplicity of life and the performance of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

munity for Economic Opportunity, Wyoming Valley Children’s Association, Blue Chip Animal Refuge and The Dorothy Day Catholic Worker Farm...120 responded. We gathered on a Saturday morning, held a prayer service, and sent them all out.”

“We had parishioners painting, visiting nursing home residents,

loading and packing up food for the needy, washing and even spinning wool that was just sheared from the sheep at The Worker Farm,” added Ms. Besecker. “The parishioners really got a lot out of it. They loved the opportunity to reach out to the community, to give back, but also to

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Regional Chairs for Bradford, Sullivan and Susquehanna Counties



Pictured with Bishop Bambera are Regional Chairs Joan and John Schoonover and Father Joseph Manarchuck.

John and Joan Schoonover, Sayre, accepted Bishop Bambera’s invitation to serve as Regional Lay Chairs for Bradford, Sullivan and Susquehanna Counties for the 2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Father Joseph Manarchuck, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wyalusing, accepted the invitation to serve as Regional Clergy Chair.

Mr. and Mrs. Schoonover reside in Sayre where they actively serve Epiphany Parish. John is chairman of the Parish Pastoral Council, a catechist in the RCIA program, and a member of the choir. Joan serves as Director of Music and is also a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. The couple have also hosted an ARISE group for the past two years.

John and Joan are both chemists. John retired from Global Tungsten and Powders, Towanda, as the Director of Quality. Joan retired from the chemical industry as a research manager. The Schoonovers have three children: John’s son, John IV, and his wife, Sue, live near Towanda with their two sons. His daughter, Rebecca, and her husband, John, and their two sons live in Barrington, RI. Joan’s daughter, Kristen, lives in Los Angeles.

John was received into the Catholic Church six years ago. He and Joan became more involved with the Appeal two years ago when they were asked to serve as Parish Representatives. “At the time, I happened to be reading the *Second letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians*. There’s a lesson we can learn from what may have been the very first ‘Annual Appeal’,” said John. He recounted that in about 55 A.D., the Apostle Paul was told “...to be mindful of the poor” and he began asking his churches to collect money for the poor in Jerusalem. When he asked the wealthy Christians of Corinth to contribute, Paul also told them about the generosity of the Macedonians who gave despite their poverty and who, according to Paul, “begged us insistently for the favor of taking part in the service (of sharing their gifts).”

“The message of this part of Corinthians is a simple one,” explains John. “The opportunity to give is a grace from God. Like the Corinthians, many of us have been richly endowed by God... God has provided us with abundance so that we can share that abundance with those in need. Our willingness to do this honors God.”

Joan referred to the insight of Saint Teresa of Avila to express her strong support for the Appeal. “When I think of her prayer, ‘Christ Has No Body but Yours,’” said Joan, “I am reminded of our role in caring for our neighbors during our pilgrimage in this world. We need to be ever vigilant for those opportunities in our lives when the Holy Spirit is asking us to let the light of Christ shine through us.”

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Annual Appeal Parish Representatives in the Lackawanna-Wyoming region of the Diocese gather at the Saint Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish Center, Dunmore, to discuss plans for the 2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Seated from left are Mari Hendrian, Saint Peter's Cathedral; Alice and George Aschenbrenner, Our Lady of the Abingtons; Gerard Pugh, Mary Mother of God; Sue Burke, Our Lady of the Snows; Father Fran Landry, Saint Ann; Mary Ann Paulukonis, Saint John Vianney; and Dr. Linda Frantz, Regional Lay Chair, Saint John Neumann. Standing: Father Francis Pauselli, Divine Mercy; Vickie Mulligan, Saint John the Baptist, Susquehanna; Peter Auth, SS. Anthony and Rocco; Tom Hendrian, Saint Peter's Cathedral; Attorney Robin Auth, SS. Anthony and Rocco; Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for Development; Attorney Brian Price, Divine Mercy; Tom Tara, Saint Michael; Father John Doris, Regional Clergy Chair, Saint Mary of Mount Carmel; Tony DePaulo, Saint Paul; Cathy and Joe Wechsler, Saint John Neumann; and Dr. Bryan Frantz, Regional Lay Chair, Saint John Neumann.

Saint Therese parishioners embrace Spirit of Service

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connect with their fellow parishioners and to really get to know each other and stand side by side and do good works."

"We've also had other parishioners asking members of the stewardship committee 'What's this stewardship thing all about? What do you do at stewardship? How can I get involved?'"

Kathleen Gelso, Dallas, spent her day of service at the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker Farm in Harvey's Lake. A nursing instructor at Misericordia University, she chose to serve at the Dorothy Day Farm because she was familiar with Ms. Day and her work in New York City where Ms. Gelso's father was born.

She echoed the words of Pope Francis and Bishop Joseph C. Bambera when talking about her participation. "I think that the whole idea of service, and servant leadership,

is something that is not emphasized enough today. Father Paisley saw an opportunity and said 'let's do this...' Saint Therese's is doing a great job of bringing servant leaders together to go out to help others," she said.

"Spirit of Service really did bring people together," said Father Paisley. "Normally, people who come to celebrate Mass would just sit together and then leave. But this shared ministry has taken that to another level. Parishioners have a common cause and they use the common cause to share experiences and to grow in their friendship as Christians and as members of a parish.

"As we look to the future, we find ourselves relying on the past and all that has been done in the name of Christ Jesus. Thanks to the support and guidance of the Office of Parish Life, as well as the good will and dedication of our parishioners, Saint Therese's can continue to reach out to those in need for many years to come."

Regional Chairs discuss support for Annual Appeal

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Father Manarchuck has served as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for the past 14 years. He supports the Annual Appeal because he believes in the many ministries it funds. "After serving 40 years as a priest, I see the continued daily need for the reinforcement of our faith through our Catholic schools. I am pleased with the works of mercy provided by Catholic Social Services. As a senior priest, I appreciate the care provided for us clergy in our later years, and as a pastor, I am grateful for the Social Justice and Parish Outreach grants we received.

"Through the Social Concerns Commit-

tee at Saint Joachim, our mission parish in Meshoppen, and the Ministry of Mercy at Our Lady, we use the grant monies to reach out to needy parishioners and those who come to us from the community. In addition to the food pantry, we offer financial help to those who may be out of work for a period of convalescence and those who have fallen behind in their utility bill payments.

"When promoting the Appeal, I emphasize the responsibility our parishioners have as a member of a parish of the Diocese of Scranton. The Bishop needs our support to support to accomplish these good works," Father Manarchuck concluded.

Office for Parish Life

COMMUNITY Convocation – October 21
God's Compassionate Face: Grief Support Ministry Seminar
9AM-3:30PM

Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton

All who minister to the bereaved are invited to this daylong seminar on topics related to grief support ministry. Three sessions will address:

1. **"Walking with Those Grieving the Loss of a Child"** with **Brandice Ricciardi**, M.S., NCC, LPC, HS-BCP, Faculty Specialist, University of Scranton; members of the local chapter of Compassionate Friends will also add their experiences as parents who have lost children.
2. **"Walking with Those Grieving Loss through Suicide"** with **Kathy Wallace**, Northeast Suicide Prevention Initiative; Kathy is a retired mental health therapist.
3. **"Compassion Fatigue"** with **Theresa Doughty**, MSPCC, Chaplain and Bereavement Counselor at Allied Services Hospice

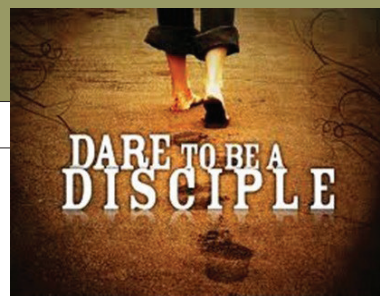
In addition, there will be opportunities for discussion of the presentations, networking and prayer. Lunch is included. The cost for the day is \$20. Register online on the Office for Parish Life webpage at www.dioceseofscranton.org.

N.B. This day is to teach those who minister to the grieving; it is NOT a support session for those who are grieving.

WORSHIP Convocation– October 28

Swartz Center for Spiritual Life, Marywood University, Scranton

This day-long event will feature an Opening Mass with Bishop Bambera, a keynote speaker, Dr. Elaine Rendler, a nationally recognized musician, teacher, composer, pastoral liturgist, speaker, and author of *In the Midst of the Assembly and This Is the Day*, as well as the writer of weekly columns and music suggestions in *Today's Liturgy* for more than 30 years, offering practical wisdom to generations of pastoral musicians. The WORSHIP Convocation will also feature breakout sessions for various liturgical ministries. The registration fee of \$35 includes lunch. For detailed workshop descriptions or to register, go to WORSHIP Convocation Registration on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofscranton.org. Registrations will be taken through Tuesday, October 24.



2017 Lay Ministry Skills Workshops
Office for Parish Life
Diocese of Scranton

"The Virtues of Christian Discipleship"
November 11, 2017; 9AM-3PM
St. John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston

At the end of the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus tells his disciples to "go... and make disciples of all the nations" (28:19). But what practices follow from what we preach? After the 2016 election, a moral theologian provocatively remarked that "Catholics too often fail to connect how they think politically with what they profess to believe religiously" (Stephen J. Pope, "Not the Time for Reconciliation"). In this workshop, Dr. Prusak will explore the formation of conscience, the virtues — the excellences of character — internal to Christian morality and the principles and implications of Catholic social teaching.

Bernard G. Prusak is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Director of the McGowan Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility at King's College, Wilkes-Barre. He writes frequently for Commonweal and has written two books: Parental Obligations and Bioethics and Catholic Moral Philosophy in Practice and Theory.

For more information contact Kitty Scanlan at
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To register, visit the Office for Parish Life page
at www.dioceseofscranton.org



#Leaveamark17 – Gathering of the Young Church with Bishop Bambera

“Dear young people, we didn’t come into this world to ‘vegetate’, to take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on,” said Pope Francis at World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland. “No, we came for another reason: to leave a mark. It is very sad to pass through life without leaving a mark.”

Last year, hundreds of young people and families gathered in the Cathedral of Saint Peter with Bishop Bambera for a new event to kick off National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton. #Leaveamark16 brought together public and Catholic high school students, college chaplains and students, young adults, families, women and men religious, priests, and youth ministers from throughout the Diocese of Scranton.

Bishop Bambera is inviting the young church of the Diocese of Scranton to gather once again this year in the Cathedral on Sunday, November 5, for a special Mass at 5 p.m. followed by a reception in the Diocesan



Liturgical music for last year’s gathering was provided by King’s College, Marywood University, Misericordia University, and the University of Scranton. This year’s music will be led by the colleges as well as young adults from Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Duryea.

Pastoral Center.

“The energy and enthusiasm of all who attended last year was joy-filled and promising for the future of our Diocese,” said Father Don Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians. “We wanted to kick off National Vocation Awareness Week with this event once again this year

as we encourage the young church to live as intentional and missionary disciples in our world today.”

Students and young adults from throughout the Diocese are helping plan the event. Promotions, liturgy, and reception subcommittees are working hard to build upon last year’s event. Diana Franceschelli, a soph-

omore at the University of Scranton, enjoyed being involved last year and is excited about the event once again this year.

“Last year’s #Leaveamark16 was a great event because it gave us the opportunity to not only share our faith together, but also form new friendships,” she said. “We’re hoping to create the



Sunday, November 5, 2017

Cathedral of Saint Peter

4:45pm Praise and Worship Music

5:00pm Mass

Reception in Diocesan Pastoral Center

same, if not better kind of atmosphere for this year’s event. I highly encourage everyone to join us for an afternoon full of faith, love, laughter and friendship.”

For more information about this event, please contact the Diocesan Vocation Office at 570-207-1452 or visit www.facebook.com/scrantonvoc.



Bishop Bambera celebrated the Rite of Candidacy in the Cathedral of Saint Peter on October 7 for eight men who have just completed their first year in formation to be ordained as permanent deacons in November 2020. Pictured in front row from left: Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, Vicar General of the Diocese; Deacon Paul J. Brojack; Bishop Bambera; Deacon Joseph F. DeVizia Sr.; Monsignor David Bohr, Diocesan Secretary for Clergy Formation. Second row: Candidates John C. Jorda, Gate of Heaven, Dallas; Eugene N. Blockus, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Lake Silkworth; Joseph J. Chmiola, Jr., Saint Jude, Mountain Top; Joseph Sudano, Saint Vincent de Paul, Milford. Third row: Candidates Joseph R. Marcellus, Saint Thomas More, Lake Ariel; Angel Luis Rivera, Saint Luke, Stroudsburg; Peter J. Lemoncelli, Saint Ann’s Basilica, Scranton; Gerard P. Pernot, Nativity of Our Lord, Duryea.



Christine Skiro and Billy Walsh led the music at October’s XLT at Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Williamsport.

XLT (Exalt!)

Eucharistic Adoration – Praise & Worship Music – Speaker – Reconciliation – Social

**Friday, November 10, 2017
7-9 p.m.**

**Saint Joseph Mareello Parish,
237 William Street, Pittston**

**Speaker: Danny Synoski,
student at Drexel University**

**For more information,
call 570-780-2996**

Diocese of Scranton Compliant with Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera was recently informed that the Diocese of Scranton remains in full compliance with the national standards for youth protection.

The extensive audit process is a critical accountability tool that demonstrates to all the seriousness with which the Church takes the promises made in *The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. This is a proactive safe environment program with a comprehensive set of procedures established by the bishops of the United States

Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in June of 2002 that addresses allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy and gives guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability and prevention of future acts of abuse.

StoneBridge Business Partners, an independent audit firm engaged by the USCCB, conducted a full on-site audit of the Diocese in August. The auditor reviewed all policies and procedures related to the Charter. Following completion of the review,

the Diocese of Scranton was deemed to be in full compliance.

The Diocese has been in compliance with all audits conducted since inception of the audit process, and constantly assesses its procedures to insure all policies are followed.

“We take very seriously our responsibility to protect children from abuse of any kind,” Bishop Bambera said. “We remain committed to ensuring safe environments for children throughout the Diocese. We offer our support, compassion and assistance to help survivors of sexual abuse achieve healing.”

Diocesan policies and procedures can be found at www.dioceseofscranton.org (see Diocesan Offices->Child Protection/Safe Environment).

Diocese Maintains Comprehensive Safe Environment Program

The Diocese of Scranton remains firmly committed to offering pastoral care to survivors of sexual abuse and maintaining a comprehensive array of policies and programs to protect children.

Our mission is to create safe environments for children through education and prevention programs, and establishing policies that clearly set standards of behavior regarding contact with minors. These endeavors include:

* The Diocese of Scranton maintains a zero tolerance policy for clergy, lay employees and volunteers who engage in misconduct with minors and takes immediate action when an accusation is made. Any allegation of abuse is reported immediately to law enforcement, and any substantiated allegation against a member of the clergy results in immediate and permanent removal from ministry.

* The Diocese retains a Victim Assistance Coordinator who coordinates assistance for the immediate pastoral care of persons who claim to have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy. Each year, this program offers substantial support to survivors and their families by underwriting expenses related to counseling, medication and other forms of care.

* All employees in parishes, schools and Diocesan run facilities — clergy, religious and laity — as well as volunteers, including teachers and coaches, must have up-to-date criminal background and child abuse clearances. In addition, all employees and volunteers receive training on the nature of child sexual abuse and how a parish/school community can work together proactively to prevent it. Since 2003, the total number of adults trained by the Diocese now stands at 27,485.

* In order to strengthen the protection of children and assure that all mandated reporters of child abuse have accurate information, the Diocese of Scranton requires all identified mandated reporters to complete a training course.

* The Diocese has also implemented a safe environment program for students in grades K-12 in Catholic schools and parish religious education programs to teach them how to recognize and avoid situations that could lead to sexual abuse. It also encourages communication between children and their parents so that potentially dangerous situations and incidents are reported promptly.

* Our website (www.dioceseofscranton.org) contains comprehensive information about our Child Protection/Safe Environment policies and procedures. In every edition of *The Catholic Light*, we publish a notice about reporting sexual abuse of a minor. We also urge anyone to report incidents of child abuse immediately to the 24-hour PA Child Abuse Hot Line. The toll-free number is 1-800-932-0313.

* The Safe Environment Advisory Committee was established in 2016 to provide recommendations and feedback concerning policies and practices of the Safe Environment Program. Currently 40 members from throughout the Diocese of Scranton serve on the Committee.

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The annual Red Mass was celebrated on Friday, October 6, in the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. The Red Mass is attended by judges, lawyers and legislators for the purpose of invoking God's blessing and guidance in the administration of justice.

The homilist was Reverend Herbert B. Keller, S.J., interim president of The University of Scranton and rector of the Scranton Jesuit Community.

He noted the Red Mass is a very beautiful and rich tradition in the life of the Church, and it's called a "Red Mass" because we invoke the Holy Spirit – whose liturgical color is red – asking the Holy Spirit to guide you in all you do in your difficult, but invaluable service to all of us.

"In praying to the Holy Spirit, for, among other blessings, consolation, peace, and solace, the Church understands the nearly overwhelming complexity of the climate which envelops the practice of law and the administration of justice today," he said. "No one can fail to acknowledge that the social and cultural pluralism of our times — not to mention the relentless public scrutiny to which you are subjected — makes the work of judges and lawyers and public servants today very hard indeed."

The invocation of the Holy Spirit in the Red Mass, Father Keller explained, is a prayer for light and guidance. Among the things for which we ardently pray is the wisdom to affirm and maintain those profound truths about human nature that are at the foundation of the common life we treasure in this our nation.

"At the deepest level, our invocation of the Holy Spirit here today manifests the conviction that our democracy does

not so much *confer* the most fundamental human rights and the duties of citizenship as *acknowledge* their existence and source in a power beyond the state, namely in God himself. Your presence here today bears eloquent witness to the enduring power of this conviction."

Every year, he continued, we celebrate this Mass to ask God to guide judges, attorneys, law school professors, students and public servants in the exercise of your duties "in the light of God's higher law, apart from which there is no true justice.

"You in the legal profession are on the front lines of this ongoing work of promoting justice with a human heart — truth rooted in mercy — and, of course, defending human life, human dignity and human rights at all stages of existence, especially when to do so requires courage, wisdom and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which we pray for today."

Father Keller told those assembled that "in your chosen profession, you are asked to fulfill these words of Jesus by following the admonition of the prophet Micah from our Old Testament reading today: 'act justly; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God.'

"Your call to live as Jesus lived and love as Jesus loved is a call to the service to others that is rooted in the call to justice."

Father Keller cited the noble task given to each of you here today: "To accept the call, in your own lives and professions, of living and loving as Jesus lived and loved; to do justice and to live in a way that first recognizes how much God has done for us; to enter into a covenant with God in which you seek to treat others as God wishes them to be treated."



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On behalf of the Saint Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Scranton, Attorney Joseph O'Brien presents the third annual Attorney Sheila Flanagan Sheils Memorial Award to Attorney Mary Theresa Gardier Paterson.



Fire, police and ambulance personnel from Carbondale, Simpson and Carbondale Township were honored at a Communion Breakfast at Saint Michael's Church in Simpson on the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel. At far left is the pastor, Father James Price, C.P., and at far right is Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, Vicar General of the Diocese and Chaplain for the Pennsylvania State Police, guest speaker for the event.

First Responders Honored During Carbondale Parish Celebration

Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale, celebrated the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel at Saint Michael's Church in Simpson, a worship site of Saint Rose, on Sunday, September 24.

The Holy Name Society of the parish sponsored a Communion Breakfast honoring first responders of the area. Attending the Mass were fire, police and ambulance personnel from Carbondale, Simpson and Carbondale Township.

Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, Vicar General of the Diocese and Chaplain for the Pennsylvania State Police, was guest speaker at the breakfast. Monsignor Muldowney's theme for his talk was "Seeing the Face of Christ in the midst of critical incidents." He acknowledged the courage, selflessness and dedication of all law enforcement officers and first responders and expressed appreciation for their public service to the community.

Father James Price, C.P., pastor of Saint Rose, said he hopes the Saint Michael's Feast Day will become an annual event to pray especially for the first responders of the area and as an invitation for them to see Saint Michael as a patron and a protector.

Exterior refurbishment of the Cathedral of Saint Peter is nearing its conclusion. The work on the exterior of the Cathedral included painting of architectural elements and cleaning of masonry along with various repairs. Maintenance of the exterior furnishings of the adjacent Cathedral rectory, Cathedral Prayer Garden and the Chancery building across the street are also nearing completion.

These exercises were undertaken due to the fact that maintenance on the exterior of the Cathedral was last carried out approximately 25 years ago while exterior maintenance on the rectory was last completed over 40 years ago.



Bishop Bambera recently blessed the newly gilded cross at the top of the Cathedral. Accompanying him, from left, were Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, Vicar General of the Diocese; Monsignor Dale Rupert, pastor of the Cathedral Parish; Don Walsh of Walsh Sheet Metal; and Frank Semanski, Diocesan Secretary for Property and Risk Management.

A view of the refurbished Rectory.



Las Vegas: *Our* spilled blood – lack of compassion leads to violence

By Catholic News Service

Responding to editors' requests for a regular sampling of current commentary from around the Catholic press, here is an editorial titled "Las Vegas: Our spilled blood -- lack of compassion leads to violence" from the Oct. 4 issue of *The Compass*, newspaper of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin. It was written by Patricia Kasten, associate editor.

Once again, violence has struck. More than 500 people were wounded and at least 59 died in an Oct. 1 shooting during a country music concert in Las Vegas.

Once again, people ask, "Why?" How can this sort of random violence happen? Why do people shoot other people? Why so much bloodshed?

Some will blame guns – and the question about why automatic and semiautomatic weapons are so readily available in this county does need to be addressed.

However, we have seen that people who choose to kill will use guns, knives, bombs, machetes and even vehicles to bring about death and mayhem.

Again, why? Some will say evil. And we cannot dismiss that there is evil loose in our world. Others will say mental illness. Others point to our culture of violence. Still more will blame drugs or alienation from society -- especially the alienation of men.

While all of these factor in and need to be addressed, the answer may lie in a deeper question, one that touches our psyche, that which makes us tick.

Could it be that people lack true compassion? Do some of us -- or many of us at certain times -- lack the ability to feel anything for another person?

When the first killing of one human by another took place, the first question was, "Where is your brother?" It wasn't "Where is that other guy who lives here?" Or "Weren't there two of you?" Or even, "Where is Abel?"

No, God asked, "Where is your brother?" Where is your blood relative? Where is the man who grew up with you, who ate with you, who played with you, who laughed with you? Where is the man whose death will make your mother cry?

We need to see – and help others see – that we are all brothers and sisters. We are all related

to each other. We share our human blood. And we should all care for each other as we do for our family, for the ones we love most.

This past week, another victim of senseless violence returned to work. Back on June 14, Louisiana Congressman Steve Scalise was shot, along with four others, as they practiced for a congressional baseball game. Scalise suffered broken bones, damaged internal organs and severe bleeding that required multiple surgeries. After more than three months, he returned to Congress -- and was met by a standing ovation, applause and many hugs.

For once, our normally divided Congress united to welcome their brother back home. For once, antagonists from both sides shared in joy-filled union. Democrats welcomed a Republican back and Republicans happily shook hands with Democrats. For one moment, everyone was united. Everyone saw each other as family.

That's what Cain forgot when he answered, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The answer to that, of course, was, "Yes, you are."

Whatever the reason for the senseless violence that plagues not only the United States, but France, Britain, Canada, the Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa and so many other parts of the world, a lot of it reflects a lack of feeling that we are all family. This lack of family feeling is seen in other ways as well: in bullying, human trafficking, racism, nuclear threats and anti-immigrant sentiment.

We are all responsible for, and to, each other – everyone, not just the chosen few whom we know personally. E-VER-Y-ONE.

We must fully realize that we are family, we all share one blood. Until we do, there will only be more blood spilled. Senselessly. Violently. And even if, the next time, it isn't my blood spilled or your blood spilled – it will still be our blood spilled.

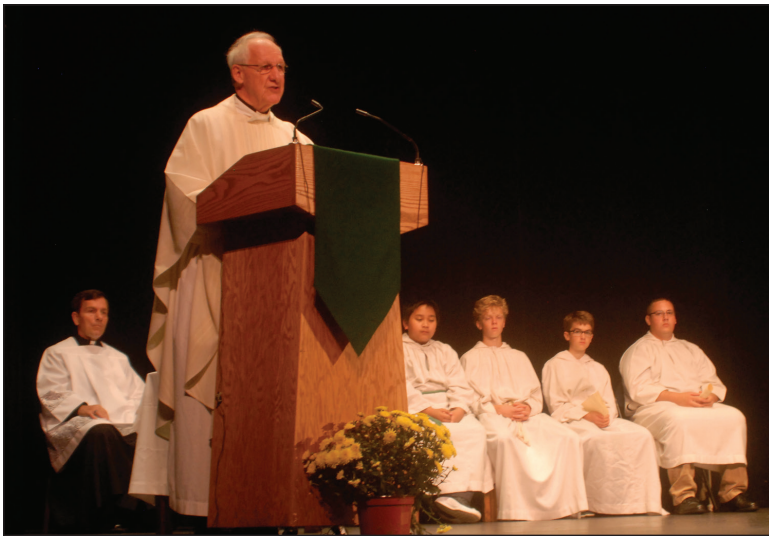
(Guest commentary by Patricia Kasten, associate editor of *The Compass*, newspaper of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin.)

Bishop Bambera issued this statement: "We grieve over the tragic loss of innocent lives caused by the horrendous mass shooting in Las Vegas. We pray that God will bestow his healing comfort on the victims, their families and friends. We pray also for an end to all forms of hatred and violence."

Notre Dame High School in the Poconos Celebrates 50th Anniversary

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera celebrated the school's homecoming Mass on October 14. The liturgy was concelebrated by Monsignor David Tressler, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education/Superintendent of Schools, and Monsignor John Bergamo, chaplain of Notre Dame, who gave the homily (pictured below). Those in attendance included current students, parents, alumni and local parishioners. Notre Dame students participated in soccer matches and other homecoming activities throughout the day.

The school began celebrating its milestone anniversary earlier in the year with a picnic, and plans have been finalized to hold a Gala on November 25 at The Stroudsmoor Country Inn. For more information about the Gala or other anniversary events, please visit the Notre Dame Spartans Facebook page or contact the school directly at 570-421-0466.



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Holy Cross HS Plans Second Student Exhibit & Art Auction



Holy Cross High School in Dunmore will hold its Second Annual First Friday Student Exhibit & Silent Art Auction on Friday, November 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Diocese of Scranton Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., in conjunction with the "First Friday Scranton" activities, featuring local artists as well as the work of Holy Cross students. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Holy Cross High School Tuition Assistance Program. Artwork in a variety of mediums, including photography, painting, watercolor, ceramics, and graphic design, will be on display or up for auction throughout the evening. Constantino's Catering will provide light fare, and tickets will be sold for raffle baskets. For more information, please contact John Anthony Farkas Jr. at 570-702-5523. Pictured, first row from left, are Holy Cross student artists Jack Torquati, Elizabeth Talbot, Laurelai Vanston and Justin Walker. Back row from left, Ben Tolerico, Holy Cross High School principal; John Anthony Farkas Jr., manager of Development & Alumni Relations for Catholic Schools; and Kristina Toolan, Holy Cross High School art faculty.

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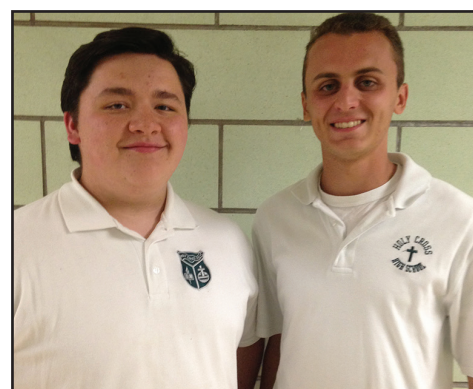
The Diocese of Scranton is committed to educating our students in an environment that is academically excellent and facilitates the development of moral judgment and Christian decision-making. We are proud to share the following successes of our students in the classroom and in their service to others. Each day, our schools are fulfilling their mission of preparing today's youth and young adults to become tomorrow's faith-filled leaders.



The Student Council officers and representatives of **St. Clare/St. Paul School in Scranton** are ready to take on exciting challenges during the 2017-18 school year.



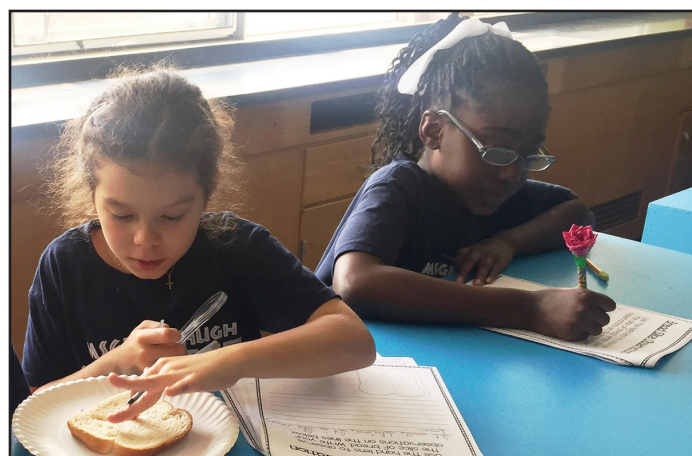
Jonelle Symonies, a student at **St. Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore**, was chosen as Dunmore's student of the month and featured in *The Dunmorean* newspaper.



Matthew Cerep and Charles Pettinato, seniors at **Holy Cross High School in Dunmore**, have recently received National Merit Scholar recognition. To learn more about the faith, academic, and service opportunities at Holy Cross High School, please come to an **Open House** on Sunday, October 29, from 12 – 3 p.m. at the school located at 501 East Drinker Street.



The 2017-18 Student Council at **Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg** gather for a group photo.



Fourth grade students at **Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco** work in the school's updated science lab, observing bread via hand lenses to learn how mold grows on bread in different environments.



The Scranton Fire Department visited with the students and faculty at **All Saints Academy in Scranton** during Fire Prevention Month to help explain fire safety to students; various safety drills are conducted throughout the year as part of ASA's commitment to ensuring a safe school environment.



Members of the Junior Class at **St. John Neumann High School in Williamsport** were gift bearers during a recent school liturgy at St. Boniface Church.



Our Lady of Peace in Clarks Green presents the “Students of the Month” for October. Students are chosen by their teacher based on their positive attitude, respect for others, following classroom rules, using time wisely, completing assignments, displaying excellent character and citizenship, and showing school spirit.



The month of October is dedicated to our Blessed Mother and praying the Rosary. **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter** has a long-standing tradition of praying the Rosary as a school community, led by the 7th and 8th grade. The Rosary is made of biodegradable balloons connected without the use of string.



The students, faculty and administration at **Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre** are preparing for their **Fall Open House**, to be held on Sunday, October 22, from 1 – 3 p.m., at the school located at 159 S. Pennsylvania Boulevard. Come and learn more about academic and extracurricular activities offered to students in grades 9 – 12 as well as those in the Individualized Instruction Program.



The students and faculty of **St. Jude School in Mountain Top** celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. Here the Kindergarten class meet a real lamb that came for a blessing.



Students, parents, and friends gathered at **Epiphany School in Sayre** for the annual Blessing of the Animals. Father Andrew Hvozdic, pastor of Epiphany Parish, led a short prayer service before the blessing that included dogs, cats, and a baby calf.



The Student Council Officers for the 2017-2018 school year were recently installed at **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston**. The students recited their oath of office and received their Student Council pins at the ceremony. Pictured are Jillian DelBalso, 7th Grade Secretary; Lizzy Neville, President; Jack Riley, Vice-President; Isabelle Romano, Treasurer; and Katie Quinn, 7th Grade Vice-President.



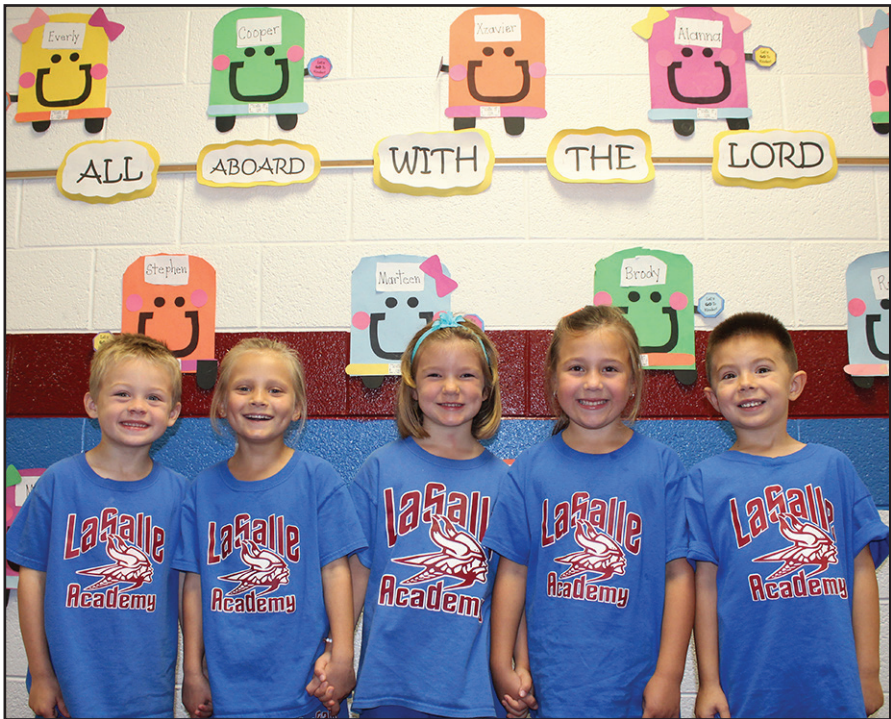
The 5th grade class at **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton** work on their Columbus Day project in honor of the holiday.



Students from **St. John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport**, together with the St. John Neumann High School students, donated more than 300 pairs of new work boot socks to a fire company in Austin, Texas, for the first responders assisting with the Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts.



The Kindergarten and 1st Grade students at **Holy Rosary School in Duryea** recently honored their grandparents or special adult with a performance of songs followed by a dinner social. It's "A Family Affair" for Joseph Talarico, Julie Talarico, Jule Kresefski, Brenda Witkowski, Mary Witkowski, and Carl Witkowski as the family gathers with cousins and HRS students Madeline Witkowski, Aubree Abplanalp, and Farrah Talarico.



Kindergarten students at **La Salle Academy in Jessup** are "All Aboard with the Lord." Pictured are Cooper Pisanchyn, Marteen Pisanchyn, Everly Jackson, Natalie Sawyer, and Silas Wendolowski.

Christ calls believers to welcome migrants and refugees "with arms wide open, ready to give a sincere, affectionate, enveloping embrace," said Pope Francis as he launched the "Share the Journey" campaign of Catholic charities around the world.

"Share the Journey" is a two-year campaign sponsored by Caritas Internationalis, the global network of national Catholic charities – including the U.S. Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA – to call attention to the plight of migrants and refugees around the world, dispel fear about their motives, and inspire communities to build relationships with those forced to leave their native lands due to violence, oppression, famine, and other hardships.

Pope Francis kicked off "Share the Journey" at the Vatican September 27 with a symbolic gesture of reaching out to those displaced from their homes, who now number some 65 million around the world, the biggest such humanitarian crisis since World War II.

"The Holy Father notes that 'hope is what drives the hearts of those who depart,' and he asks us to personally encounter migrants and refugees, and accompany them on their journey," said Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. "By getting to know our brothers and sisters who have come here for a better and more secure life, we will open our hearts and welcome them as Christ would."

Week of Prayer and Action

The "Share the Journey" campaign included a week of prayer and action for migrants and refugees in Catholic churches and parishes around the world from October 7 to October 14. Parishes in the Diocese were provided with a special prayer and encouraged to visit <https://www.share-journey.org>, and to use the hashtag #sharejourney for all social media posts related to the campaign.

The conclusion of the week also coincided with "Global Tastes of Scranton" on Saturday, October 14, at the Scranton Cultural Center. Proceeds benefitted the Catholic Social Services refugee resettlement program.

The event featured some of our newest residents, women from the Syrian refugee community, creating a "pop-up" restaurant to share their home cuisine and traditions. The evening also included highlights of Syrian culture, with spe-



Share the Journey
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Members of the local Syrian refugee community shared their culture and cuisine at a recent event at the Scranton Cultural Center.

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cial music and dance performances, as well as information about the refugee crisis.

In addition to Catholic Social Services, several institutions in the community partnered to sponsor this event, including Terra Preta Restaurant, Lackawanna College Kiesendahl School of Hospitality, Lackawanna County Department of Arts and Culture, Scranton Cultural Center, the University of Scranton, Lackawanna Heritage Valley, the Scranton Area Community Foundation, the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce and the Scranton Cultural Center.

Mass on World Mission Sunday

Our local Church will also affirm its solidarity with migrants, refugees and people from all lands and cultures during the annual Mass for World Mission Sunday. Bishop Bambera will celebrate this special liturgy on Sunday, October 22, at 12:15 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

Priests of the Diocese will concelebrate. The homilist is Father Brian J.T. Clarke, Diocesan Director of Pontifical

Mission Societies in Scranton.

World Mission Sunday provides an opportunity to remember that, by virtue of our baptism, we are called to be "missionaries of faith," supporting the work of the Church in 1,150 mission dioceses throughout the world. This year's theme is "Mission at the Heart of the Christian Faith."

The annual local celebration is sponsored by The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Pontifical Mission Societies, Diocese of Scranton. All are invited to participate. The Mass will be televised live by CTV: Catholic Television.

Participants will include missionary priests, religious sisters and brothers, seminarians and lay missionaries; mission moderators, teachers, principals, religious education directors and catechists; students from Diocesan high schools, elementary schools and parish religious education programs.

Young people representing Catholic schools and parishes will be acknowledged for their support of missionary activity.

U.S. bishop concerned about impact of Trump's health care order on poor

WASHINGTON (CNS) – A part of President Donald Trump's Oct. 13 executive order on health care that would end subsidies to health insurance companies aimed at helping individuals with low to modest incomes is of "grave concern," a U.S. bishop said.

"The Affordable Care Act is by no means perfect," said Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, but he warned that attempts to improve it "must not use people's health care as leverage or as a bargaining chip."

"To do so would be to strike at the heart of human dignity and the fundamental right to health care. The poor and vulnerable will bear the brunt of such an approach," he said in an Oct. 14 statement.

Bishop Dewane, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, said the USCCB "will closely monitor the implementation and impacts of this executive order by the relevant administrative agencies."

He said flexible options for people to obtain health coverage are important strategies but he also cautioned that "great care must be taken to avoid risk of additional harm to those who now receive health care coverage through exchanges formed under the Affordable Care Act."

He also noted that the order "ignores many more significant problems in the nation's health care system," stressing that Congress must still act on comprehensive reform that would provide a framework for health care as well as solutions for conscience, immigrant access, market stability and underlying affordability problems which he said continue to be unaddressed.

Trump has said the lower health insurance premiums will allow more consumers to buy health insurance through association health plans across state lines. His order also plans to lift limits on short-term health care plans and directs agencies to write new rules.

Some experts are saying Trump's order could destabilize the Affordable Care Act markets as cheaper but less effective plans drive people away. Health insurance companies have said that without the payment subsidies, they will either have to increase premiums or get out of the individual markets.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners has estimated that the health care order would cause a 12 to 15 percent increase in premium costs and the Congressional Budget Office has put that figure at 20 percent.

Attorney General reaffirms laws protecting religious liberty

WASHINGTON (CNS) – U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions' memo on religious freedom issued for all federal agencies and departments to follow "helpfully reaffirms that the law protects the freedom of faith-based organizations to conduct their operations in accordance with their religious mission," said Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty.

His Oct. 12 statement addressed Sessions' memo of Oct. 6 that identifies 20 "high-level principles," as it terms it, "that administrative agencies and executive departments can put to practical use to ensure the religious freedoms of Americans are lawfully protected."

The principles say, for example, that "religious employers are entitled to employ only persons whose beliefs and conduct are consistent with the employers' religious precepts," and that "religious organizations are entitled to compete on equal footing for financial assistance used to support government programs."



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A Televised Pontifical "Eucharistic Celebration for all the Missions of the World" will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton at the 12:15 Mass on Sunday, October 22, 2017. Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, will be the celebrant. The homilist will be Father Brian J.T. Clarke, Diocesan Director of Pontifical Mission Societies in Scranton. Priests of the Diocese will concelebrate.

Diocese of Scranton

Bishop Bambera's Letter for World Mission Sunday

My dear Friends in Christ:

Since the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has spoken passionately about the joy of the Gospel and the ensuing transformation that can occur when the message of Jesus is embraced and preached with joy. In his most recent message for World Mission Sunday, our Holy Father



reminds the Church to recognize the “transformative power of the Gospel” and, as such, to welcome opportunities to change and be changed by the life of Christ. At this time in history, many would agree that we need the joy of the Gospel to change us and our world, perhaps more than ever.

As we celebrate World Mission Sunday in northeastern and northcentral Pennsylvania and, indeed, throughout the world, it is my prayer and my hope that with all that might confound us or lead us to despair, that we will not abandon the joy so present in the life of Jesus and His Church. As we witness daily the sad reality of violence, displacement of peoples from their homelands, unspeakable poverty and disease, the plight of immigrants and their families, and the all-too-present reality of the rights of our brothers and sisters the world over being compromised, we are reminded that these crosses which people bear are our crosses, too. Much like Simon of Cyrene, we are called to shoulder the burden of our brothers and sisters in need. That has always been a central mission of the Church.



The carrying of the cross led Jesus to Calvary, but it also led to His triumph and His resurrection. So, too, as much as the weight of the cross lays heavy on the backs of many, there is hope for them. That hope comes from Jesus and His faithful disciples. Pope Francis beautifully conveys this hope and this joy as he reminds us that “where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force.” The Church is part of that irresistible force that brings the hopeful promise of salvation to those who are in need and for those who so desperately search for safety, for comfort, and for joy.

Locally and throughout the world, we are a Church blessed by dedicated missionaries of every age, race, background, and ability. I see this in so many ways throughout the Diocese of Scranton. It is evident in the sacrifices and joyful efforts made by the young people in our catholic schools and religious education programs; it is passionately lived out in the lives of our priests, deacons, religious and seminarians; it is so clearly embraced by committed lay faithful who daily balance their professional and personal lives with their call to serve those in need. Indeed, we have been given a call to preach, to serve, and to live the Gospel of Life and the Gospel of Joy. Strengthened by God, inspired by Pope Francis, and dedicated to our baptismal call, let us find ways old and new to serve God and all those He has called us to lift up and to love.



Faithfully yours in Christ,


† *Joseph C. Bambera*

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St. Jude Youth Engage in Week of Service



St. Jude Youth - 2017 Week of Service


Thanks to a Social Justice Trust Fund Grant through the Diocese of Scranton, young members of St. Jude Parish in Mountain Top participated in a Week of Service/Week of Hope experience this past summer. During the week, student parishioners in grades eight thru 12 gathered each morning for fellowship, prayer and music before heading out to various work sites. This year the St. Jude's youth served at ten different sites, led by a team of adult chaperones: St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, Volunteers of America, Ruth's Place, YMCA Summer Program, CYC Summer Program, Brandon's Forever Home, Blue Chip Animal Rescue, Mountain Top Senior Care, Wyoming Valley Children's Association, and the Janet Weinberg Food Bank. Additionally, baseball caps and pillowcases were provided for the young patients at the Janet Weiss Children's Hospital. Each day concluded with time for prayer, reflection and discussion.



Soup Kitchen Distributes Backpacks



St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen recently held its annual distribution of back-to-school backpacks at Our Lady of Hope Parish in Wilkes-Barre. More than 500 backpacks full of tablets, pencils and other back-to-school items were supplied to area families in need. Pictured are Mike Cianiotta, St. Vincent Kitchen program director; and Dianne Colleran, who serves as a volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Outlet and coordinator of the backpack distribution. For more information about volunteer opportunities or the donation needs at Wilkes-Barre soup kitchen, call (570-829-7796 ext. 301).



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Wyoming Valley PHL Announces Annual Respect Life Banquet

WILKES-BARRE — The Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life will host its 33rd annual Respect Life Banquet on Monday, Nov. 13, at the Genetti Conference Center in downtown Wilkes-Barre. The event begins at 6 p.m.

Delivering the program's keynote address will be principal guest speaker Steven Ertelt, founder and editor of LifeNews.com,



Steven Ertelt

Events in Diocese Marking 500th Anniversary of The Reformation

The Diocese of Scranton is encouraging all faithful to participate in upcoming events commemorating the 500th Anniversary of The Reformation in October as an opportunity to renew interest and re-energize prayer for Christian Unity.

To commemorate the milestone anniversary, the Diocese is joining the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in offering a service of prayer on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran church, 142 Market St., Williamsport.

Monsignor Vincent Grimalia, Diocesan Coordinator for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations, and the Reverend Barbara Collins, Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA, will lead the service.

The prayer gathering offers the community a time to reflect on the impact of the Reformation, as Lutherans and Catholics continue the work of reconciliation for the sake of the Gospel. The event will focus on the common witness the two faith communities share in Christ Jesus and service to the world.

The ecumenical service will follow the Common Prayer liturgical guide developed for the joint ecumenical commemoration held in Lund, Sweden, on Oct. 31, 2016, and based on the Lutheran-Catholic dialogue report From Conflict to Communion, developed by the Lutheran World Federation and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, in cooperation with a group of noted theologians.

A Common Prayer Service marking 500 years since The Reformation will be hosted at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 190 South Main St., Wilkes-Barre, on Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m.

Presiding as host will be Pastor Peter Kuritz of Good Shepherd and St. John Lutheran Church and ecumenical officer for the local mission district of the Northeastern PA Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Monsignor Grimalia will join Pastor Kuritz as co-presider for the prayer service. This past summer the two clergymen led the prayer service for the 2017 Northeastern PA Synod Assembly of the ELCA, during which Bishop Joseph C. Bambera participated and addressed the Assembly.

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Current president of Colorado Citizens for Life, a statewide pro-life organization, Mr. Ertelt is a member of the board of directors of the National Right to Life Committee.

He is past president of Right to Life of Wyoming and previously served as the executive director of Montana Right to Life and public affairs director for Indiana Right to Life.

A former radio announcer and president of Students for Life of America, Mr. Ertelt has regularly appeared on numerous media programs as a foremost spokesman on pro-life issues. He holds a bachelor's degree in politics from Hendrix College in Arkansas.

Tickets for the annual Respect Life Banquet must be purchased in advance and may be obtained by forwarding the admission cost of \$35 to: PHL, 31 Hanover St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 (please include phone number). No tickets will be sold at the door.

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Fr. Dave Pivonka TOR was ordained a priest on May 4, 1996. He was born and raised in Durango, Colorado and is a well-known speaker and writer. He spends much of his time helping others come to know God's love for them through his dynamic preaching, writings, CDs, and other spiritual outreaches. Fr. Dave has held several ministry positions at Franciscan University of Steubenville and is actively involved in the highly successful summer conferences program. Father is a member of the Sacred Heart Province of Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular. He is presently the director of Franciscan Pathways, an evangelistic outreach of his Franciscan Community.

Dave VanVickle is the Young Adult Coordinator for the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Dave is married and has four children. He is also currently the Director of Evangelization for a parish in Pittsburgh. He grew up in the charismatic Community of God's Delight in Dallas, Texas, and is a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville. On campus, he was active in the Charismatic Renewal there. He is a gifted speaker who loves to evangelize and to bring the power of the Holy Spirit to all that God puts in his path.



As we pray, listen and share, we will ask the Lord to:

- Imbue more deeply within us an understanding of the baptism in the Holy Spirit as the foundation for a culture of Pentecost
- Invigorate our praise of the Lord as we show our gratitude for His mercy
- Increase the fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives
- Allow our baptism in the Holy Spirit to lead us to greater holiness
- Give us the zeal and urgency to evangelize more
- Reveal to us those things from which we need to be healed or freed
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Spiritual Offerings

Charismatic Mass & Healing Service — **OCT. 19**, hosted at St. John Bosco Church in Conyngham; music ministry by Sue Shaw begins at 6:45 p.m., followed by Mass and prayers for healing at 7 p.m. Guest celebrant: Father John Campoli. Fellowship and refreshments conclude gathering.

"40 Days for Life" Pro-Life Gathering — **OCT. 19-NOV. 3**, offered for the special intention of ending abortion; Rosary is prayed each weekday, Monday thru Friday, at 9 a.m. in front of the offices of Planned Parenthood, 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. Pro-life campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer & fasting, constant vigil, and community outreach; for more information, visit: www.40daysforlife.com.

Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil — **OCT. 20**, sponsored by the Catholics Defending Life Prayer & Awareness Team; group resumes weekly gatherings every Friday (except on First Fridays) from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at the Pro-Life Monument located next to St.

Peter's Cathedral in Scranton (300 block of Wyoming Ave.). Recitation of the Rosary offered, along with pro-life meditations, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayer devotions for the respect and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Pro-life signs are welcome.

Friday Holy Hour for Vocations — **OCT. 20**, hosted by the Little Sisters of the Poor at Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton; weekly devotion held every Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the Residence chapel. Holy Hour includes recitation of the Rosary, evening prayer (vespers) and benediction. All faithful are welcome.

Weekly Bible Study — **OCT. 20**, hosted by St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend; held every Friday at 7 p.m. in the Trinity Center, adjacent to St. Lawrence Church. All are welcome.

Fall Preached Retreat: "The Passion of Jesus Christ" — **OCT. 20-22**, hosted by St. Gabriel's Retreat Center, 631 Griffin Pond Road, Clarks Summit; open to both men and women. Retreat weekend begins following a welcome reception on Friday evening from 7 to 7:30 p.m. and concludes following the noon meal on Sunday. Retreat preacher/director: Passionist Brother André Mathieu of St. Ann's Shrine Basilica in Scranton.

Suggested fee: \$125 per person/\$225 per couple (\$15 deposit required). For more information and reservations, call (570-586-4957) or email: kporter@epix.net.

Meeting of Lay Carmelites — **OCT. 21**, hosted by Our Lady of the Mountains Lay Carmelite Chapter; meetings held on the third Saturday of each month at Little Flower Manor, 200 S. Meade St., Wilkes-Barre. For more information, contact Rose Bordi at (570-445-5457).

Sunday Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Devotion — **OCT. 22**, hosted by St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton; devotion held every Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the church or at the outdoor grotto (weather permitting) through the first week of December. Includes recitation of the 15 decades of the Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries) and additional prayers offered for the special intentions of world peace, an increase in vocations to the religious life, and an end to abortion.

Weekly Divine Mercy Devotion — **OCT. 25**, hosted by St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend; Hour of Mercy devotion held every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in St. Lawrence Church. All faithful are welcome.

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A seven-week course, the seminar is designed to empower with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and enhance one's personal relationship with the Lord. Weekly series programs are held every Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. hosted at St. John Church.

The "Life in the Spirit" presentations feature communal fellowship, inspiring prayer and music, and personal faith testimonies by parishioners whose lives have been transformed by the Holy Spirit.

All faithful are welcome to attend free of charge. To register, contact Abigail Torres at (570-242-9698) or email: Violette.Francois@msn.com.

Mark Your Calendar — Around the Diocese

Spiritual Offerings

Weekly Bereavement Support Group — **OCT. 25**, conclusion of a series of meetings scheduled for five consecutive weeks, addressing topics dealing with the grief process in order for participants to find healing; Bereavement Support Group meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton (across from St. Peter's Cathedral). Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact the Cathedral Parish office at (570-344-7231).

Bereavement Support: "A Sacred Journey from Grief to Healing" — **OCT. 25-NOV. 15**, sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry of BVM Queen of Peace Parish, Hawley, and St. Veronica Church, Lake Wallenpaupack; Christ-centered bereavement support group ministering to those grieving the loss of a loved one. Six-week series of support gatherings held on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Queen of Peace

Parish Hall, 314 Chestnut Ave., Hawley; includes prayer, Scripture, faith-sharing and fellowship. For more information, call Rosemarie at (570-390-4196).

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration 25th Anniversary Celebration — **OCT. 28**, hosted by Epiphany Parish in Sayre; milestone anniversary Mass celebrating 25 years of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at the Church of the Epiphany begins at 5 p.m., with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera as principal celebrant. Concelebrants include Father Andrew HvozdoVIC, host pastor, and Father Michael Drevitch, assistant pastor. All are welcome.

Conference: "G. K. Chesterton on Evangelization, New and Old" — **OCT. 28**, one-day conference hosted from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, Route 315, Laflin (Pittston). Guest speaker: Dale Ahlquist, EWTN

host and president of the American Chesterton Society. Admission cost: \$15, including refreshments. Priests, deacons and seminarians may attend free of charge. Registration is required; contact Denise Ohl at dd2752@yahoo.com or call the OSJ Seminary at (570-654-7542).

Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry — **OCT. 28 & NOV. 11**, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming

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60th St. Jude Novena Begins at Pittston Parish

PITSTON — Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish will host its 60th Annual Novena to St. Jude, patron saint of hopeless cases and things despaired of, at St. Mary, Help of Christians Church, 535 N. Main St., Pittston, beginning Thursday, Oct. 19, and concluding on the Feast of St. Jude, Saturday, Oct. 28.

Mass, homily, Novena prayers and veneration of the relic of St. Jude will be held Monday through Friday at noon and 7 p.m. Saturday devotions are offered at noon and 4 p.m.; Sundays at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Recitation of the Rosary and Confessions precede all Novena devotions, except on Sunday.

Scheduled Novena homilists are as follows: Thursday, Oct. 19, 12 noon and 7 p.m., Father Joseph Elston; Friday, Oct. 20, noon and 7 p.m., Monsignor John Bendick.

Saturday, Oct. 21, noon and 4 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., Father Jeffrey

Walsh, V.E., Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and Sacramental Minister of Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish.

Monday, Oct. 23, 12 noon and 7 p.m., Father Seth Wasnock; Tuesday, Oct. 24, 12 noon, Father James Alco, and 7 p.m., Father Andrew Kurovsky.

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 12 noon and 7 p.m., Father Don Williams; Thursday, Oct. 26, 12 noon, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, and 7 p.m., St. Joseph Oblate Father Jackson Pinhero.

Friday, Oct. 27, 12 noon and 7 p.m., Father Thomas Maloney, pastor emeritus.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, Father Jeffrey Walsh will serve as principal celebrant for the feast day Mass at noon.

The closing Novena liturgy later that day at 7 p.m. will be celebrated by Monsignor John Bendick.

For more information, call the parish office at (570-654-0263).

Who makes house calls?

As of October 2015, I will now meet clients either at their home, or at a location they choose and no longer require clients to meet at my office. I have decided that I would change the way I meet with people so it will be as easy and as convenient as possible for the client.

Based on my practice, which consists of estate planning and administration along with elder law, I find that clients are more comfortable discussing such matters in familiar surroundings. While I know this may seem unconventional to some, I believe I will be able to serve clients much better in this fashion. If anyone is uncomfortable with home visits, I have a few locations where I can meet in an office setting. I look forward to meeting with my existing clients and especially meeting new clients that are looking for any assistance in estate or elder law matters.



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By Father Brian J.T. Clarke
Diocesan Director,
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“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language.” — Acts 2:4-6



Just a few weeks ago, I had the privilege of accompanying Bishop Bambera and others from the Diocese on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal, to celebrate the centennial of the apparitions there of our Blessed Mother.

A highlight of this experience

was to pray with thousands of other pilgrims during the candlelight Rosary at the Apparition Chapel. I was asked to pray a part of one of the decades of the rosary on behalf of the English-speaking pilgrims in attendance.

What I wasn't prepared for was that as each leader finished the traditional first half of the Hail Mary, the faithful simultaneously responded with the second half in their native language.

Suddenly, many languages were coming together as one, seemingly with no distinction. What could have seemed like cacophony or gibberish was to me (and many others) a symphony of prayer akin to what must have been the case at Pentecost 2,000 years ago — lots of languages but one prayer, one Gospel being preached.

The experience of praying with so many people from different cultures, experiences, and languages put into perspective how deeply rooted each of us is in the same faith and with similar desires to grow in holiness.



Perhaps that's a reality that we need to embrace more and more as we consider the world in its diversity. For as different as we are, we are so deeply connected by who we are in the sight of God and as Christian disciples, not by what language we speak or the place we call home.

St. John Paul II wrote of this connectedness that we share, what the Church refers to as the concept of solidarity, in his encyclical *Sollicitudo rei socialis*. He so beautifully charges the Church to see all “as our ‘neighbor,’ a ‘helper’ (cf. Gen 2:18-20), to be made a sharer, on a par with ourselves, in the banquet of life to which all are equally invited by God” (SRS 39).

What a tremendous responsibility but what a life-giving privilege as well: to see another to be on par with us in the life of God. Committing ourselves to true Christian friendship is a central focus of World Mission Sunday, which we will celebrate this Sunday, October 22.

It's not just popes and bishops who have called for this special time to reflect on the worldwide mission of the Church to serve the poor and disadvantaged; it's a call from God Himself. “Greater love hath no man than this, that to lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13).

It is God who calls us to embrace the beautiful tapestry of humanity and to see in all, our neighbor, our brother, our sister. To hear him or her, as it were, speaking the same language, a language not of this world but the prayerful words that God places upon our lips to connect us one to another, a true symphony of prayer when God's faithful come together in worship of Him and in service to Him and one another.

First Friday Devotions Throughout the Diocese

Masses & Devotions

— hosted by Holy Name of Jesus Parish in West Hazleton; held at the parish’s Church of the Transfiguration, 213 W. Green St., West Hazleton. Holy Hour and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament held from 5 to 5:45 p.m., followed by celebration of Mass at 6 p.m.

— sponsored by the Men of the Sacred Heart; held at St. Stanislaus worship site, 666 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Confessions are heard beginning at 6 p.m., followed by recitation of the Rosary and Litany of the Sacred Heart at 6:30 p.m. Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated at 7 p.m.

— hosted at Sacred Heart Church, 554 Main St., Weston; Mass with Eucharistic procession celebrated at 6:30 p.m. (confessions heard prior). Mass followed by Litany of the Saints and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8 p.m. Adoration Holy Hour includes recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and silent prayer with closing benediction.

Pro-Life Rosary Vigils

— sponsored by the Catholics Defending Life Prayer & Awareness Team; group gathers from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at Lackawanna County Courthouse Square (on North Washington Ave.) in downtown Scranton. Recitation of the Rosary offered, along with pro-life meditations, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayerful devotions for the respect and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Pro-life signs are welcome.

— held outside the offices of Planned Parenthood, 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre; group gathers at 9 a.m. Rosary prayers are offered for an end to abortion.

Eucharistic Adorations

— hosted by Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 1101 Willow St., Peckville; exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins following the celebration of the 6:50 a.m. Mass and continues until 8 p.m. For more information, call the parish office (570-383-3244 ext. 2).

— sponsored by the Men of the Sacred Heart; hosted each month by Queen of Heaven Parish at Our Lady of Grace Church, Hazleton. Begins with Mass at 12:05 p.m. and concludes at 4 p.m. with the Rosary, Litany of the Sacred Heart, Communion service and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

— offered for the special intention of vocations to the priesthood; hosted by St. Ann Basilica Parish, St. Ann’s St., west Scranton. Adoration begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass and concludes with benediction at 4:45 p.m.

Healing Masses

— hosted by St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton, for those who especially seek healing through the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary; gathering begins at 6:30 p.m. with a prelude of inspirational healing theme music. Celebration of Healing Mass follows at 7 p.m. and includes anointing blessing and prayers for healing. Music ministry for the evening will be provided by the Sacred Heart Singers, directed by Ernie Pappa and Jennifer Michel.

— hosted by Queen of the Apostles Parish, Avoca; celebrated at 7 p.m. in St. Mary Church, 715 Hawthorne St. For more information, call the parish rectory (570-457-3412).

Blue Army Reparation Vigil



The next monthly First Friday Reparation Vigil, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and sponsored by the Blue Army, will be held **November 3** at St. Joseph’s Oblate Seminary, 1880 Highway 315, Laflin (Pittston).

Devotions begin Friday evening at 8 p.m. with recitation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, during which time confessions are heard. Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated at 8:55 p.m., followed by benediction, litany and consecration to the Sacred Heart.

The vigil continues with the crowning of the Blue Army Pilgrim Virgin Statue, the Blue Army Pledge, Fatima prayers and Marian hymns, followed by litany and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The vigil concludes with scapular enrollment at 10:15 p.m.

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Scranton Mental Health Ministry: Spiritual Support Group for Family & Friends — **NOV. 2**, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for parents, family members and friends of individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. Meetings will be approxi-

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Catholic Choral Society Plans 16th 'Generations' Concert

SCRANTON — The Catholic Choral Society announces the 16th anniversary celebration of its "Generations Sing" concert, to be presented Sunday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

Celebrating their 69th season, the Catholic Choral ensemble of singers is composed of more than 50 members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Pike, Wyoming and Susquehanna counties, performing sacred/inspirational, classical, stage and popular music.

The Generations Sing event, which celebrates both ecumenical diversity and multi-generational singers, was established 16 years ago at St. Peter's Cathedral, during the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Mother Church of the Diocese of Scranton.

Since the inaugural "Generations" performance, the Choral Society has hosted singing groups of all ages from public and private schools throughout the region,

presenting four or five different age groups at each event.

This year the Catholic Choral Society will host the following fellow choral groups: "Moscow Melodies" — the Moscow Elementary Center youth chorus — directed by Michelle Conaboy; Valley View 5th Grade Intermediate Chorus, directed by Stacey Whitaker; Greater Nanticoke Area High School Chorus, directed by Ellen Rutkowski; and the King's College "Cantores Christi Regis," under the direction of Rob Yenkowski.

Ann Manganiello serves as music director for the Catholic Choral; Jean Shields is the accompanist.

The concert is open to the public free of charge; however, there will be an opportunity for a free-will offering to support the concert.

For more information about Catholic Choral Society events and membership, call (570-575-1040) or visit: www.catholicoralsociety.org.

Monthly Monday Night Worship — **NOV. 6**, hosted by St. Faustina Parish in Nanticoke; monthly devotion begins at 7 p.m. at the parish worship site of Holy Trinity Church, 520 South Hanover St., Nanticoke. All faithful are welcome to join together for a Holy Hour of praise and worship with word and music. For more information, contact Paul Walters at (570-332-2963).

Padre Pio Prayer Ministry — **NOV. 8**, hosted by St. Faustina Parish in Nanticoke; begins with celebration of Mass at 6 p.m. in the parish worship site of Holy Trinity Church, 520 South Hanover St., Nanticoke, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, intercessory prayers to St. Padre Pio, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and benediction. All faithful are welcome.

Parish Mission Retreat — **NOV. 13-15**, sponsored by St. John Vianney Parish in Montdale; held each evening at 6:30 p.m.

at Corpus Christi Church, 704 Montdale Road, Scott Township. Guest mission preacher: Vincentian Father Sylvester Peterka. All faithful are welcome. For more information, call (570-254-9502) or email: ccrc402@comcast.net.

Evening of Prayer with the Sisters of IHM — **NOV. 15**, sponsored by the Congregation

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It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the *Code of Canon Law* and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

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Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner — **OCT. 22**, sponsored by St. Andrew Parish in Wilkes-Barre; dinner served from 12 noon to 4 p.m. in the church hall, 318 Parrish St., Wilkes-Barre. Menu includes pasta & meatballs in homemade sauce, salad, bread, beverage and dessert. Cost: adults, \$8; children (under age 12), \$4. Tickets available after all weekend Masses and at the door.

Annual Roast Beef Dinner & Cash Raffle — **OCT. 22**, hosted by Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 1101 Willow St., Peckville; dinner is take-out only, served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinner cost: \$12 each (in advance) or \$14 (at door). Cash raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Dinner and raffle tickets available at the parish office (570-383-3244 ext. 2) or following all weekend Masses beginning Oct. 7.

Breakfast Buffet — **OCT. 22**, sponsored by the youth ministry of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood Hanover Twp.; held from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Buffet includes wide variety of breakfast foods, fresh fruit smoothies, and beverages. Event also includes a raffle drawing. Cost: adults, \$8; children (age 10 & under), \$5.

University of Scranton Open House Events — **OCT. 22 & NOV. 5**, for prospective students and their families; open house begins with registration and campus tours at 9 a.m. and includes a complimentary

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Annual Pasta Dinner — **OCT. 25**, sponsored by the Women's Society of St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 130 N. St. Frances Cabrini Ave., Scranton; dinners served from 5 to 8 p.m. in the church hall (take-outs available beginning at 4 p.m.). Dinner includes penne pasta & meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and coffee. Cost: adults, \$9; children (age 5 to 11), \$4. Tickets available by contacting the parish office (570-343-6092) or at the door.

Pork Roast Dinner — **OCT. 28**, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, Jermyn; sit-down dinner served from 5 to 7 p.m. (take-outs available from 2 to 4 p.m.). Menu includes roast pork, mashed potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, rolls, and variety of homemade desserts. Theme basket raffle will also be held. Dinner cost: \$10 per person. For more information and tickets, contact Annette at the rectory office (570-876-1061).

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University of Scranton Performance Music Series: In Concert — OCT. 28, featuring the University of Scranton Jazz Band with guest soloist Kenny Rampton, including Big Band arrangements of the music of Ray Charles and selections from the Jazz at Lincoln Center Essentially Ellington library; concert event begins at 7:30 p.m. in the University's Houlihan-McLean Center on campus, corner of Mulberry St. & Jefferson Ave. Performances are open to the public free of charge.

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Bingo — NOV. 1 & 15, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, Jermyn; games held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the parish center, 624 Madison Ave., Jermyn. Doors open at 5 p.m.; early-bird games start 6 p.m. (regular games, 6:30). Event includes homemade foods and desserts; specialty games, refreshments, door prizes and progressive jackpot. Free admission; for more information, call (570-876-1061).

Estate Sale — NOV. 3 & 4, to benefit St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend; items from the estate of a parishioner will be sold on Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Trinity Center, 380 Franklin St., Great Bend. Sale will include collectibles, among them dolls and Christmas keepsakes; small furniture; and other miscellaneous items. Public is invited.

Third Annual Ukrainian Orphanage Fundraiser — NOV. 4, sponsored by the Orphan Outreach Ministry of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Gilbert (Brodheads ville), and held in conjunction with the annual observance of Orphan Sunday; tricky tray games party to be held in the parish's McCawley Hall at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Route 209, Brodheads ville, with proceeds to benefit an orphanage

for disabled children and adults in war-torn Ukraine. Hosted from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; drawings begins at 12:30 a.m. Food and beverage items will be available for purchase. Admission cost: \$5, includes sheet of 25 tickets; additional sheets available for purchase. Gift items include more than 150 theme baskets and gift certificates. For more information, contact Sandie Flannery at (570-350-9652) or sandieflannery@gmail.com.

Fall Night at the Races — NOV. 4, hosted by Holy Family Parish, 828 Main St., Sugar Notch; held in the church hall. Doors open at 5 p.m.; buffet dinner served at 5:30 p.m. and races start at 6:30 p.m. Horse sponsorship: \$10 each, includes admission, buffet, dessert and beverages. To purchase a race horse, call the rectory office (570-822-8983).

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Little Sisters Honor Volunteers for Service



In conjunction with the recent observance of National Volunteer Week, the Little Sisters of the Poor at Holy Family Residence in Scranton honored their volunteers for their dedicated service at an appreciation luncheon in the residence's café. During the event's program, each volunteer was recognized and feted with a thank-you gift presented by the Little Sisters and their activities director and volunteer coordinator, Lisa Blaker. Shown are the principals of the volunteer appreciation luncheon. Seated from left, Toni Notartomas, Barbara Scacchitti, Betty Czar, Edmund Scacchitti, Amanda Valvano and Mary Spoher. Standing, Mother Theresa Louisa, superior of the Little Sisters' Scranton community; Sister Little of the Poor Mary Augustine, administrator; Barb Politowski, Madeline Anuszewski, Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Joan Marie, Cathi Crossin and Little Sister of the Poor Marie Therese.

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Authentic Polish Dinner — NOV. 4, hosted by the Women's Guild of Queen of the Apostles Parish in Avoca; served from 5 to 7 p.m. in the parish hall (former St. Mary's School), 742 Spring St., Avoca (take-out dinners available). Ethnic dinner menu includes piggies, pierogi, halushki, kielbasa, cabbage & red beet salad, dessert and soft drinks. Patrons may provide their own beverages. Cost: adults, \$10; children (age 10 & under), \$5. Reservations are limited. Tickets available by contacting the parish office (570-457-3412); or calling (570-457-7804) or (570-457-3759). Limited number of tickets sold at the door.

Annual Holiday Craft Show — NOV. 4, sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Swoyersville; held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parish school auditorium, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville. Featuring arts & crafts displays by more than 40 vendors; lunch menu items available for purchase. Open to the public free of charge.

Holiday Bazaar — NOV. 4 & 5, sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Moscow; held Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the parish's Kelly Hall, located in St. Catherine of Siena Church. Event features more than 50 tricky trays and other raffle drawings, handmade crafts, book and bake sales, and Christmas décor items; wide variety of foods and homemade soups will also be available for purchase. All proceeds will benefit the parish, North Pocono Food Pantry, and St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, Scranton. Admission is free of charge.

University of Scranton Performance Music Series: In Concert — NOV. 4, featuring Sherri Maricle & The Diva Jazz Orchestra as part of its 25th Anniversary Tour; concert event begins at 7:30 p.m. in the University's Houlihan-McLean Center on campus, corner of Mulberry St. & Jefferson Ave. Performances are open to the public free of charge.

Purse Bingo Fundraiser — NOV. 5, hosted by Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Peckville; games begin at 3 p.m. in the parish auditorium, 1101 Willow St., Peckville (doors open at 2 p.m.). Admission cost: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Tickets include 20 bingo games; additional cards available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the parish's Designated Improvement Fund. For more information and advance tickets, call Pam at (570-489-1965) or the parish office at (570-383-3244).

Annual Roast Beef Dinner — NOV. 5, hosted by Mary, Mother of God Parish at Holy Rosary Church in north Scranton; dinner held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Stirna's Restaurant, 120 W. Market St., Scranton (take-out orders available). Cost: adults, \$10 in advance, \$12 at door; children (age 10 & younger), \$5. Advance tickets available at the parish rectory, 316 William St., Scranton; call (570-342-4881).

Toy Bingo — NOV. 5, sponsored by St. André Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre; hosted at St. Mary's Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison St., Wilkes-Barre. Doors open at 12 noon; games begin at 1 p.m. Admission fee: \$10. Seating is limited; advance reservations are encouraged. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Mary at the parish office (570-823-4988).

Winter Bingo — NOV. 5, sponsored by Our Lady of Czestochowa Society of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 420 Main Road, Hanover Township; held in parish hall. Doors open at 12 noon; bingo games begin at 1 p.m. Winners will be awarded door prizes, toys, turkeys, hams, gift certificates and Christmas gift items; refreshments will also be available for purchase. Admission cost: \$3. For more information, call the rectory office at (570-823-6242).

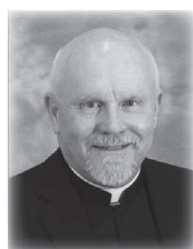
Election Day Pasta & Meatball Dinner — NOV. 7, sponsored by St. John Bosco Parish, SR 93, Conyngham; sit-down dinners served from 4 to 7 p.m. in the parish center (take-out orders begin at 3:30 p.m.). Theme basket and raffle drawings will also be held. Dinner includes pasta & meatballs, salad, Italian bread, homemade dessert and soft beverages. Cost: adults, \$10; children (age 10 & under), \$5. Tickets available by calling the parish office (570-788-1997); following all weekend Masses or at the door.

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University of Scranton Performance Music Series: In Concert — **NOV. 10**, featuring the University of Scranton String Orchestra; concert event begins at 7:30 p.m. in the University's Houlihan-McLean Center on campus, corner of Mulberry St. & Jefferson Ave. Performances are open to the public free of charge.

Free Community Luncheon — **NOV. 11**, sponsored by Holy Rosary Parish in Hazleton; lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the parish hall at 240 S. Poplar St., Hazleton. Meal is offered to the community free of charge. All are welcome.

Christmas Craft Show — **NOV. 18**, sponsored by the Christian Women of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Williamsport; held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the St. Joseph the Worker Fleming Center, 720 West 4th St., Williamsport. Craft fair features numerous arts & crafts on display by area vendors; event also includes food and bake sales.

University of Scranton Performance Music Series: In Concert — **NOV. 18**, featuring the University of Scranton Concert Band; concert event begins at 7:30 p.m. in the University's Houlihan-

McLean Center on campus, corner of Mulberry St. & Jefferson Ave. Performances are open to the public free of charge.

Annual Klopsi, Pork & Homemade Sauerkraut Dinner — **NOV. 26**, sponsored by St. Faustina Parish in Nanticoke; served at the St. Faustina Parish Center, West Noble St., Nanticoke. Dine-in service from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m.; take-out express service begins at 11 a.m. Cost: adults, \$10; children (age 12 & under), \$5. Advance dinner reservations required via order form; contact parish office at (570-735-4833) for more information. Deadline for advance orders is Nov. 21. Limited number of dinner tickets will be available for sale at the door.

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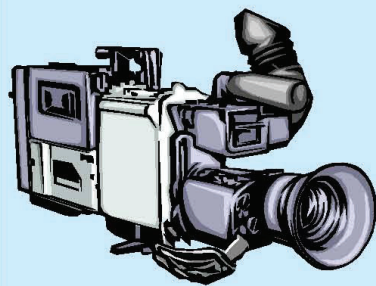


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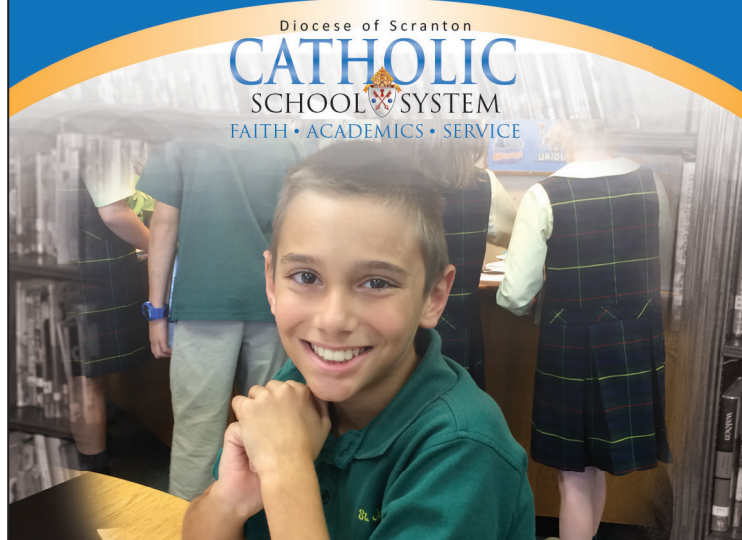
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