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## Diocese Approaching 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Founding

### *Year-long celebration about to begin*

The First Sunday of Advent, December 3, will mark the beginning of the Liturgical Year throughout the world. It will also designate the commencement of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Scranton.

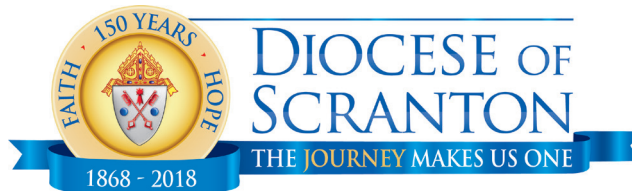
The territory that comprises our Diocese was part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia until March 3, 1868, when Pope Pius IX created the Diocese of Scranton.

Our Diocese has a rich and noteworthy history that we will recognize through most of next year, concluding on the Feast of Christ the King, November 25, 2018.

There are multiple opportunities for us to celebrate our heritage, appreciate the present and look to the future throughout the anniversary year. In particular, there will be three key liturgical events of special interest to those throughout the 11 counties of our Diocese. Representatives from our 120 parishes will be invited for each of these significant celebrations.

To mark the commencement of the noteworthy year, we will celebrate with a Pontifical 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year Opening Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter. We are honored to have His Eminence, Justin Cardinal Rigali, Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia and former Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Scranton, to preside.

A Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter will cele-



brate the actual Anniversary Sunday of the founding of the Diocese of Scranton on March 4, with the Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Philadelphia, as celebrant.

Then to close the Anniversary Year, the Most Reverend Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will be the principal celebrant at the Anniversary Year Concluding Mass on November 25, the feast of Christ the King at the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

In addition to these three liturgical events, there will be numerous annually occurring and specially focused events throughout the year that will be spotlighting our Anniversary Year and the history of our Diocese. Among them is a Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on September 22.

Our Diocesan communication vehicles, *The Catholic Light*, CTV: Catholic Television, our Diocesan website and social media will provide the faithful with highlights of our rich history and the milestones of our Diocesan heritage. A

special documentary is being produced by WVIA-TV.

A calendar of noteworthy events and anniversary year celebrations will be posted, and specific opportunities for all residents in our 11 counties to learn about, appreciate and connect with the Word of God in its various forms throughout the past century-and-a-half are being developed for this significant historic Anniversary.

Each parish will also receive a parish participation kit, with suggestions and resources for commemorating the more local aspects of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in every part of the Diocese of Scranton.

Throughout our celebratory year we will all be reminded of the rich legacy of the holy and dedicated religious and lay men and women who have built, nurtured, guided and strengthened our Church and this Diocese from the late 1860s through today.

And we will be able to look ahead with pride knowing their efforts have passed on to us a Diocese that is poised to carry forth in faith for the next 150 years.

*Please see page 2 for a message from Bishop Bambera.*

### *#Leaveamark17*



Several hundred members of the "young church" from throughout the Diocese of Scranton gathered to share faith and fellowship last Sunday evening. They participated in a Mass celebrated by Bishop Bambera in the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a reception in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. This event responded to Pope Francis' challenge to young people to "leave a mark" for good in the world, and it kicked off National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese. *Please see page 7.*

**People attend a candlelight vigil after a mass shooting Nov. 5 at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. A lone gunman entered the church during Sunday services, taking the lives of at least 26 people and injuring several more. (CNS photo/Sergio Flores, Reuters)**



## Church stands with victims of violence

### *Senseless acts committed in Texas, New York*

WASHINGTON (CNS) – The Catholic Church offered prayers and solidarity with the victims of two recent violent attacks that claimed innocent lives.

During services last Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, a lone gunman used an assault weapon to kill at least 26 people and injure at least 20 others. The dead ranged in age from 1 to 72 years old.

"We stand in unity with you in this time of terrible tragedy – as you stand on holy ground, ground marred today by horrific violence," said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S.

Conference of Catholic Bishops.

With San Antonio Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, "I extend my prayers and the prayers of my brother bishops for the victims, the families, the first responders, our Baptist brothers and sisters, indeed the whole community of Sutherland Springs."

Law enforcement officials told CNN that a lone gunman entered the church at about 11:30 a.m. CST while 50 people were attending Sunday services. Almost everyone in the congregation was shot. Sutherland Springs is 30 to 40 miles southeast of San Antonio.

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The First Sunday of Advent, December 3rd, will mark the commencement of the **150th Anniversary of the Founding of the Diocese of Scranton**. While there are plans to connect numerous events throughout the year to the 150th Anniversary Celebration, we wish to alert you to three key Liturgical Events with special interest for your planning.

Parish delegates will be invited for each of these three significant celebrations, and all parishes will receive commemorative resources for local occasions.

**DECEMBER 3, 2017 | 12:15PM**

**FIRST SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

**150th Anniversary Year Opening Mass**  
Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter

*Presiding:*

**His Eminence, Justin Cardinal Rigali**, Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia  
and former Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Scranton

*Main Celebrant and Homilist:*

**Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.**, Bishop of Scranton

**MARCH 4, 2018 | 3PM**

**ANNIVERSARY  
SUNDAY**

**150th Anniversary Commemoration of the  
Founding of the Diocese of Scranton**  
Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter

*Main Celebrant:*

**Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput O.F.M. Cap.**, Archbishop of Philadelphia

*Homilist:*

**Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.**, Bishop of Scranton

**NOVEMBER 25, 2018 | 12:15PM**

**FEAST OF  
CHRIST THE  
KING**

**150th Anniversary Year Concluding Mass**  
Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter

*Main Celebrant:*

**Most Reverend Christophe Pierre**, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

*Homilist:*

**Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.**, Bishop of Scranton

Also of note, on September 22, 2018, the Diocese will sponsor a **Jubilee Year Pilgrimage** to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

Dear Members of the Faithful of the Church of Scranton,

Nearly eight years ago now, on the day that I was installed as the tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton, I described the occasion in this way: “This day is about Jesus – and the legacy that he left to the world following his death and resurrection. It is about his pledge to give life, meaning and purpose to his followers through faith in his word and in the sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist. This day is about Jesus’ challenge to his Church, his people, to proclaim his Gospel boldly in word and deed. This celebration reminds us of who we are as Church and of what we are called to do and to be.”

In many ways, as we embark on this commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the Diocese of Scranton, these same words could apply to the whole year: “This year is about Jesus... the legacy of his life, death and resurrection.” The pledge we claim in Jesus, who gives life, meaning and purpose, has been borne out in the real-life events, the struggles and the festivities, the history of his followers here in the eleven counties of northeastern and northcentral Pennsylvania. The challenge, the mission entrusted by Jesus to his Church “to proclaim the Gospel boldly in word and deed,” has been met in generation after generation of those disciples who have journeyed in time before us and from whom we have inherited both the gift of faith and the responsibility to persist in the mission.

We embrace together soon a new liturgical year – a graced Anniversary Year – marked by stories of historical import, actions which restore us and re-commit us to the founding vision of the reign of God, and gatherings which celebrate and remind us again of “who we are as Church and what we are called to do and to be” for our time and well into the future.

The commemoration of this Sesquicentennial – this 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year – is framed in the theme, “The Journey Makes Us One.” This unity as the pilgrim people of God refers to our one-ness across all the decades of our history, as well as to our one-ness even now as a richly diverse family of God united in heart and purpose. The theme also acknowledges that the journey is not complete – that the human family, yes even all of creation, is still broken and yearning for the fullness of that unity which God intends and desires.

The planning for this 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton has been underway for nearly a year already. Now is the time for all of you to be invited into the many facets of your participation, and to add at the local parish level the features of the commemoration which are particular to your faith community. The design for the year has sought to keep these elements in mind: a) emphasizing gratitude to God in looking back; b) balancing between centralized and regional celebrations; c) highlighting lay founders and pioneers alongside clergy leaders; and d) underscoring the joy and hope in looking forward.

A great deal of additional information will be provided in *The Catholic Light*, on the Diocesan website, and in the parish participation kit mailed to each of our 120 parishes.

Be assured of my deep gratitude to God and to each one of you for the blessings which we will have the pleasure to recount and to celebrate in this 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. It is my fervent prayer that we will continue to grow in grace and wisdom as we journey together in the footsteps of Jesus.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

**Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.**  
Bishop of Scranton



## Church offers prayers for victims of violent attacks

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After the gunman left the church, he was confronted by a local resident who had a rifle “and engaged the suspect,” AP said, quoting Freeman Martin, who is with the Texas department of Safety. The suspect was later found dead in his vehicle some distance away. It was not clear if he died from a self-inflicted gun shot or from wounds suffered when the resident shot him.

His motive was not immediately known. He had been in the Air Force but was discharged for bad conduct allegedly for domestic abuse and served a 12 month sentence in confinement after being court-martialed in 2012. His in-laws were members of the First Baptist Church.

Pope Francis Nov. 7 called the mass shooting an “act of senseless violence” and asked Archbishop Garcia-Siller to convey his condolences to the families of the victims and to the injured. Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, also sent assurances of the pope’s prayers in a message to the archbishop.



**A bicyclist passes a memorial on West Street Nov. 2, two days after a man driving a rented pickup truck mowed down pedestrians and cyclists on a bike path alongside the Hudson River in New York City.**

“We ask the Lord for healing of those injured, his loving care of those who have died and the consolation of their families,” Cardinal DiNardo said. “This incomprehensibly tragic event joins an ever-growing list of mass shootings.”

### ***Terrorist strikes in New York City***

Late in the afternoon of Oct. 31, a driver in a pickup truck mowed down pedestrians and bicyclists in New York City.

“This afternoon we heard of what appears to be a deliberate attack on innocent people in New York City,” Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston said in a statement issued that evening.

Cardinal DiNardo said the attack by the alleged terrorist, which left at least eight people dead and 11 others injured, “grieves me deeply that we must again respond to such acts of terror.”

After reciting the Angelus Nov. 1, Pope Francis deplored the attack, adding, “I pray for the deceased, for the injured and for their families. We ask the Lord to convert the hearts of terrorists and free the world from hatred and from the murderous folly that abuses the name of God to spread death.”

Pope Francis also prayed for victims of recent terrorist attacks in Somalia and Afghanistan.

New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan said that once again “another act of senseless violence” has stunned and horrified the country. He urged all people to have greater understanding and greater respect for one another so “evil acts like this” will never happen again.



# Bishop Bambara to Ordain 11 Permanent Deacons November 25

Bishop Joseph C. Bambara will preside as ordaining prelate and principal celebrant on Saturday, November 25, for the ordination of 11 men to the Permanent Diaconate for service as permanent deacons in the Diocese of Scranton. The newly ordained deacons will join the ranks of clergy who minister to the faithful in parishes and other settings throughout the Diocese.

During the Mass of Ordination, scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Bishop Bambara will ordain the following men to serve permanently in the Order of Deacon:

Carl S. Albright, Paul J. Cooper, Herbert W. Cruikshank, Andrew A. Fazio Sr., Maxime E. Francois, Michael M. Golubiewski, Leonard Jinselli Jr., Ronald D. Maida,



**Carl S. Albright**

Maida, John P. Musyt, James M. Rebarchick and Robert J. Warnock.

These men have completed a five-year formation program and will become members of the threefold ordained ministry that consists of bishops, priests and deacons.

The deacon's service has three aspects: word, worship and charity. He can perform certain ministerial functions such as administering baptism; serving as the deacon at the Mass, in-



**Paul J. Cooper**



**Leonard Jinselli Jr.**

cluding proclaiming the Gospel, preaching the homily and distributing Holy Communion; bringing viaticum to the sick; presiding at wake services, funeral liturgies



**Herbert W. Cruikshank**



**Ronald D. Maida**

and burial rites; and with permission by the pastor, may celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony.

He ministers to the needs of families, single parents, students, the



**Andrew A. Fazio Sr.**



**John P. Musyt**

aged and infirmed, the imprisoned, and those who suffer from poverty or addictions.

Principal concelebrants for the diaconate ordination Mass will be Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin and Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus John M. Dougherty. Also concelebrating the Mass with Bishop Bambara will be Monsignor Thomas Muldowney, V.G., Vicar General of the Diocese; Father Jeffrey Walsh, V.E., Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; Monsignor David Bohr, Diocesan Secretary for Clergy Formation and Director of the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program; Father Donald Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians; and other priests of the Diocese, including the pastors and spiritual directors of the ordinandi.

All are invited to attend. CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass.

Following are brief biographies of the permanent deacon-candidates for ordination:



**Maxime E. Francois**



**James M. Rebarchick**

**Carl S. Albright**, 47, is a resident of Pleasant Mount, where he is parishioner at St. Katharine Drexel Parish.

A graduate of Lancaster Catholic High School in Lancaster County, the deacon-candidate earned his bachelor's degree in English literature from the Pennsylvania State University in 1992. He obtained a master's degree in English in 1996 from the University of Alaska in Anchorage.

Mr. Albright is currently the director of Wayne County Transportation, and previously served as editor at Penn Foster.

He and his wife of 24 years, Christina, are the parents of three children.

**Paul J. Cooper**, 57, resides in White Mills and is a member of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Honesdale.

Upon graduating from Wallenpaupack Area High School in Hawley in 1978, he enrolled at the University of Scranton, where he earned his bachelor's degree in theology/religious studies in 1982.



**Michael M. Golubiewski**



**Robert J. Warnock**

The ordinand received a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1986 from East Stroudsburg University, where he further earned certification in special education in 1992.

Since 1999, Mr. Cooper has been serving the Sullivan West Central School District in Jeffersonville, N.Y., as a teacher assistant in the special education program. He is also a former sportswriter/photographer for *The News Eagle* newspaper in Hawley.

**Herbert W. Cruikshank** will have turned 64 when he is ordained to the permanent diaconate later this month.

A member of St. Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke, the deacon-candidate resides in Mountain Top, where he graduated from Crestwood High School in 1971.

Mr. Cruikshank attended Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke for two years, and is a product of the Balmoral School of Piping in Pittsburgh, where he earned his certification as a bagpiper. *Continued on page 10*

## Monsignor George R. Demuth Laid to Rest

### *Was oldest priest of the Diocese*

Monsignor George R. Demuth, pastor emeritus of Saint Mary of the Assumption Church, Scranton, and the oldest priest of the Diocese of Scranton, died October 23, 2017 at Regional Hospital, Scranton.

Monsignor Demuth, son of the late John J. and May Edwards Demuth, was born in Scranton on March 16, 1919. He received his early education at Saint Mary's Assumption Parish School. At the age of 14 he enrolled at the Josephinum Pontifical College and Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, where he completed his studies for the priesthood. Monsignor Demuth was ordained to the priesthood there on March 10, 1946, by Archbishop Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolate Delegate to the United States at the time.

Following ordination, Monsignor Demuth served as assistant pastor at Saint Bon-



**Monsignor George R. Demuth**

iface, Williamsport, and Saint Nicholas, Wilkes-Barre. He was named administrator of Ascension Parish, Williamsport, on March 3, 1967. On September 9, 1970, he was named to his first and only pastorate at his home parish, Saint Mary of the Assumption Church in Scranton, where he remained for 26 years, until his retirement and appointment as pastor emeritus on July 8, 1996.

Monsignor Demuth was named a Prelate of Honor by his Holiness Pope John Paul II on March 17, 1983, and given the title Monsignor.

Monsignor Demuth also served as the spiritual director of the Williamsport Special Religious Education Program; the Junior Holy Name; the Knights of Saint George and its auxiliary; the Legion of Mary; Apostleship of Prayer and the Catholic Women's Union; and taught religion at St. Nicholas School, Wilkes-Barre, and College Misericordia, Dallas.

He is survived by a sister, Marion Kelly, and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Jean Skaluba. Special thanks to the Little Sisters of the Poor and staff at Holy Family Residence for years of loving care.

A Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambara on October 28 in Holy Family Residence Chapel, Scranton. Interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Scranton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Avenue, Scranton, PA 18509-1515.





Principals at the event included, from left: Father Michael S. Drevitch, assistant pastor; committee members Kate Gabb, Frank Sudol, Barbara Sudol and Jack Hendrick; Bishop Bambara; chairpersons Mary Jo Cooley, Dorothy Bertany and Pat Reid; and Father Andrew S. HvozdoVIC, pastor.



### *Saint Jude Novena*

Bishop Bambara celebrated the 60th Annual Novena to Saint Jude at Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish, Pittston. Next to Bishop Bambara is Father Jeffrey Walsh, V.E., who serves as the parish Sacramental Minister.

Bishop Bambara celebrated a Mass at Epiphany Church in Sayre on October 28 in observance of 25 years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at the parish. This devotion in the parish was initiated by the late Jack Langan, assisted by his wife Renee and a number of enthusiastic parishioners, supported by their pastors. A small chapel within the church was set aside, remodeled and furnished, and perpetual adoration began on Holy Saturday, April 18, 1992. Under the leadership of the adoration quadrant coordinators Dorothy Bertany, Mary Jo Cooley, Pat Reid, and an adoration committee, there are currently over 160 Epiphany parishioners who typically spend an hour each week in adoration, contemplation and prayer in the Adoration Chapel. Dedicated adorers come and worship from communities in both Pennsylvania and New York.

## CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

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

### PASTOR

**Monsignor David L. Tressler**, from Sacramental Minister, Saint Rita's Parish, Gouldsboro, to Pastor, Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, Jermyn, effective October 30, 2017. Monsignor Tressler will continue to serve as Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Schools, Superintendent of Schools.

### ASSISTANT PASTOR

**Reverend Michael S. Drevitch**, from Assistant Pastor, Epiphany Parish, Sayre, to Assistant Pastor, Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish, Dorrance, and Saint Jude Parish, Mountain Top, effective November 25, 2017.

### RETIREMENT

**Reverend Kevin P. Mulhern** from Senior Priest, Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish, Dorrance, and Saint Jude Parish, Mountain Top, to Early Retirement for Reasons of Health, effective November 25, 2017.

### SACRAMENTAL MINISTER

**Reverend Kevin P. Mulhern** will serve as Sacramental Minister, Saint Rita Parish, Gouldsboro, effective November 25, 2017.



## BISHOP BAMBARA'S SCHEDULE

**November 11-16** – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Meeting, Baltimore, Md.

**November 21** – 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner Blessing, Scranton Cultural Center, 6:00 p.m.

**November 22** – Family to Family Food Basket Blessing, Scranton Cultural Center, 9:00 a.m.

**November 25** – Permanent Diaconate Ordination, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 10:00 a.m.

**November 26** – Feast of Christ the King Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 10:00 a.m.

**November 30** – Advent Day of Reflection for Priests, Diocesan Pastoral Center



## Diocesan Annual Appeal at 61% of Goal; Text-to-Give Giving Option Expanded

The **2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal: Walk Together in the Light of Christ** has raised more than \$3 million in gifts and pledges, bringing the campaign to 61% of the \$5 million goal. Twenty-eight parishes have reached at least 75% of their goal and St. Ann Parish, Shohola; St. Mary Parish, Waymart; and SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Towanda, are the first parishes to surpass their parish goal for the Appeal.

"I am grateful to all who have made a gift to this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal," said Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. "We are blessed to have so many generous parishioners and friends who support our Diocesan ministries each year."

More than 17,000 parishioners have pledged a gift to the Appeal so far in response to a gift request letter that was mailed to past donors in September and through the In-Pew Commitment Weekend collection that was recently held in parishes throughout the Diocese. An expanded Text-to-Give giving option for the Annual Appeal is being presented in parishes

during the month of November.

"We have improved the Text-to-Give program for this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal based on wonderful input we received from parish representatives at our Annual Appeal Regional Committee meetings in August and September," said Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for Development.

This year there are two Text-to-Give giving options using cell phones. The first option is a simple one-step process that gives parishioners the opportunity to donate \$10 by texting the word LIGHT and their parish name and city to 50555. This option does not require the donor to submit contact or credit card information. The donation will appear on the donor's next cell phone bill. If donors prefer to make a gift of a different amount or a pledge over several months, they can text the word APPEAL to 50555 and the donor will be sent directly to the Annual Appeal online giving site where they can make a credit card gift.

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## Catholic Media Nourishes and Unites the Faithful

*Editor's note: This is the third in a series on ministries funded by the Diocesan Annual Appeal.*

*"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4).*

Joan Frantz of Scranton finds her spiritual nourishment in the Daily Mass broadcast from the Cathedral of Saint Peter by CTV: Catholic Television, and she is happy to share that good news.

"I love the 7 p.m. Mass," said Mrs. Frantz, a parishioner at Saint Paul Parish, Scranton. "I don't drive. My (late) husband patiently drove me everywhere. I planned to go to Mass every morning when I retired, but there's no daily Mass within walking distance."

While Mrs. Frantz was employed in downtown Scranton, she said she and her friends often walked to the 12:10 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral. Now she tunes in on her television.



**The Grill family enjoys Catholic media together online, including Facebook and The Catholic Light, in their West Scranton home. Viewing photos from their school, All Saints Academy, are from left, Priscilla Grill, R.N., Grady and Cilla.**

"When I watch the Mass, I relax. I settle back and think of how God has blessed me in so many ways and I listen to the words of the priests, Monsignor (Dale) Rupert, Father (Jeffrey) Walsh, and of course, Bishop (Joseph) Bambera, all of them are wonderful... I have 12 grandchildren and

they all say, 'Don't call Grandmother at 7 p.m. because she won't answer the phone when the Mass is on.'"

Mrs. Frantz also enjoys another Diocesan communication medium: "Oh and I love *The Catholic Light*," she says, excitedly.

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**Bishop Bambera with Wayne and Pike counties Regional Chairs Katie and R. Thomas Bright, and Father Stephen J. Stavoy.**

Katie and R. Thomas Bright, South Canaan, accepted Bishop Bambera's invitation to serve as Regional Lay Chairs for Wayne and Pike counties for the 2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Father Stephen J. Stavoy, pastor of Saint Thomas More Parish, Lake Ariel, agreed to serve as Regional Clergy Chair.

Katie and Thomas are originally from Texas. Thomas was a military "brat" until age 10 when his family settled in a small Catholic community in north central Texas. Katie comes from the Texas Panhandle.

The Brights are active parishioners of Saint Mary's Parish, Waymart, and grateful for the friendships they have made there. Said Mrs. Bright, "You never know when a visitor in your parish is searching for answers and the kindness and welcoming spirit extended could open the door for them to want to learn more about the Catholic faith — this is what I experienced, as a visitor back in 2009, at Saint Mary's Parish."

A retired Marine Corps rifleman, Thomas works with a commercial design-build firm. He is also pursuing a Master of Theology degree through the Catholic Distance University. Katie is Hospitality Desk & Special Events Coordinator and Trainer at the Salvation Army's Ladore Retreat & Conference Center, Waymart.

The Brights are parents of two sons. Keith Wright and his wife, Mishon, live in Canyon, Texas, with their three children. Thomas Logan is a senior at Holy Cross High School, Dunmore.

"Saint John Chrysostom teaches, 'Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother's progress and you will immediately give glory to God,' said Mr. Bright. "The Annual Appeal is a privileged opportunity for the baptized person to give glory to God by making an offering, however large or small, to lift up those less fortunate or to provide for the education and care for those called to propagate the faith."

"I did not know my move to Northeastern Pennsylvania would lead to my journey home in the Catholic faith five years later. So many of the services supported by the Scranton Diocese helped me on this journey and I will be forever thankful," explains Mrs. Bright. "What a comfort to know we do not need to solve all the problems in our area as one individual, but together, as one body in Christ, each using the talents, gifts, and financial resources God has given us."

Father Stephen Stavoy looks at the Annual Appeal from "a selfish viewpoint, a pastor's view. I get help from the Diocese in all the various ways that support our parish. Meaning, I get help with religious education, finances, liturgy, annulments, and I also recognize all of the support the Annual Appeal brings to Catholic Social Services, our seminarians, and our retired priests. The parish wins, everyone benefits. Whatever we're able to contribute comes back to us."

A native of Williamsport, Father Stavoy has served as pastor of Saint Thomas More Parish since January, 2014. He is a retired U.S. Navy chaplain.



# Text-to-Give Giving Option Expanded

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Parishioners are invited to a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the Annual Appeal that will be celebrated by Bishop Bambera at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, on Sunday, November 26, at 10:00 a.m. All prayer intentions submitted during the recent In-Pew Commitment Weekend in parishes will be remembered at this Mass. Everyone is also invited to attend a reception following the Mass in the Diocesan Pastoral Center adjacent to the Chancery.

For information on the Diocesan programs supported by gifts to the Annual Appeal, to view Bishop Bambera's video Appeal message or to make a donation online, visit [www.annualappeal.org](http://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.



## Share your blessings...

### To give \$10 as a one-time gift

Charged to your cell phone bill

Text To: **50555**

(Type Message)

**LIGHT Parish Name City**

Example  
**LIGHT St. Peter's Scranton**



### To make a Gift of any amount

or a Pledge over time

Text **APPEAL** to **50555**

to charge to your  
credit card

### Other Ways to Give

Go online at [www.AnnualAppeal.org/donate-now/](http://www.AnnualAppeal.org/donate-now/)

Call 570-207-2250 to make a credit card gift or

Send your check to Diocesan Annual Appeal, 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503

## Faith is nourished by Catholic media

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"I have a sister and brother living locally and they call me, asking 'Did you see this article?' I also like reading about the Bishop's schedule and where he will be speaking. We read the newspaper from cover to cover."

Mrs. Frantz is the mother of Dr. Bryan Frantz, who along with his wife, Dr. Linda Frantz, are serving as Lackawanna-Wyoming County Regional Lay Chairs for the 2017 Appeal. "When my son told me about the Bishop's invitation to help the Appeal, I said, 'You have to do a really good job at this Bryan so you can keep the Mass on TV and we can keep receiving *The Catholic Light*.'"

The Grill family of West Scranton also enjoys the opportunity to keep up with news in the Diocese through various Diocesan media.



**Joan Frantz finds her spiritual nourishment in the Daily Mass broadcast from the Cathedral of Saint Peter by CTV: Catholic Television, made possible by gifts to the Annual Appeal.**

Priscilla Grill, R.N., makes time to read *The Catholic Light* online and peruse the Diocesan Facebook page with her children, who are students at All Saints Academy, Scranton. Cilla is in grade 8 and looking forward

to going to Holy Cross High School next year. Grady is in grade four.

"We like it because it lets everyone know what goes in our community," said Mrs. Grill. "We learn about the good work our students are doing, such as special collections for the food pantry and for veterans, but it's also fun to read about the student activities and to see the many photos on the Schools pages in the *Light* and online."

*The Catholic Light*, Catholic Television, the website ([www.DioceseofScranton.org](http://www.DioceseofScranton.org)) and the Diocesan Facebook and Twitter pages receive funding through gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Helping everyone stay connected to the faith, Diocesan media play an important role in uniting the 120 parishes in 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton as one faith community.

## Office for Parish Life

### Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry Program, 2018

The Office for Parish Life encourages parish leaders to consider application for the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry for January 2018!

The Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry is a ministry formation program designed to equip and advance the servant leadership capacities of individuals serving their parish in areas such as:

- Pastoral Council
- Director of Religious Education and Catechist
- Liturgical Coordinator
- Parish Staff
- Volunteer Ministry teams
- and others!

Through independent online study with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), as well as regional skills workshops and opportunities for prayer and reflection, Diocesan Certificate candidates enrich their knowledge base, while also learning practical tools for effective parish ministry in their faith communities.

The Office for Parish Life anticipates welcoming new candidates into the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry program in the New Year.

Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact Kitty Scanlan, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, at 570-207-2213, or by email at [Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org) for application information, materials, and application submissions.

### ARISE Together in Christ

Parishes recently began Season 5 of their faith-sharing process in small groups. Please keep them in prayer! We invite parishes who are interested in learning more about ARISE, to take part in a RENEW program during the upcoming Advent season. Discerning ARISE parish members can join with a neighboring parish to explore the process this Fall, to reflect on growing in missionary discipleship! To learn more about the benefits of this experience of awakening and deepening faith, call the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.



**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.*

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**To register, visit the Office for Parish Life page**  
**at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)**





# #Leaveamark17

## Young church gathers for faith, fellowship and commitment to serve

Several hundred members of the “young church” from throughout the Diocese of Scranton gathered to share faith and fellowship last Sunday evening. They participated in a Mass celebrated by Bishop Bambera in the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a reception in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. This event responded to Pope Francis’ challenge to young people to “leave a mark” for good in the world, and it kicked off National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese.

The gathering brought together public and Catholic high school students, college chaplains and students, young adults, families, women and men religious, priests, and youth ministers to affirm their commitment to live intentionally as missionary disciples.

The seeds of this initiative were planted in the summer of 2016 at World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, where Pope Francis urged the 2 million people there – including a contingent from the Diocese led by Bishop Bambera – to eschew an easy life on a comfortable couch to instead “leave a mark. ... God expects something from you. God wants something from you. ... Life is always beautiful when we choose to live it fully,

when we choose to leave a mark.”

Bishop Bambera noted that during the past year, “so, so many of you have responded in an amazing way to the Holy Father’s challenge. You’ve sought to give life to your faith and to our beliefs as Catholic Christians in a far more authentic manner than ever before – on the college campuses where you live – in your work places – and among your family and friends. In mid-September, over 250 of you participated in a Day of Service in the Diocese of Scranton in direct response to Pope Francis’ call for us to “leave a mark” for good in our world. From a walk-a-thon to benefit hurricane victims – to feeding the hungry at Saint Francis Kitchen – to raising awareness for finding permanent homes for children in foster care – you’ve touched our corner of the world with the hope and love of Jesus in ways that you can only begin to imagine.

“Today, we recommit ourselves to embracing Pope Francis’ challenge – which ultimately is the essence of what it means to be an authentic disciple and follower of Jesus.”

For more photos from the event, please see [www.facebook.com/DioceseofScranton](http://www.facebook.com/DioceseofScranton).

**Gift bearers: Dennis Mundt, Jesuit Volunteer Corps; Denise Gonzalez, Faith on Fire young adult group member; Elizabeth McGill, IHM affiliate; and Ellen Weber, Wilkes University student.**



Bishop Bambera’s view during the #Leaveamark17 Mass in the Cathedral of Saint Peter.



A combined music ministry included singers and instrumentalists from Marywood University; Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Duryea; the University of Scranton; and young adults from across the Diocese. Right: Praise and worship music was led by Francis Zelinka from the Full Armor Band.



Young adults enjoy nachos and conversation at the #Leaveamark17 reception.



### XLT (Exalt!)

**Eucharistic Adoration – Praise & Worship  
Music by Billy Walsh – 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**

**Presider and preacher:  
Father Robert Simon**

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



How will you leave a mark on the world?



Planning committee members gravitate to the photo booth.



# Editorial Eulogy for Monsignor George R. Demuth

On behalf of Bishop Timlin, Bishop Dougherty, the priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful of the Church of Scranton, I extend to Monsignor's sister Marion, to his nieces and nephews, to his family and dear friends and to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Father Kelly and the staff of Holy Family Residence our sympathy and prayers. You lost a very important part of your lives and we lost not only the oldest priest of the Diocese of Scranton, but a gentleman and a priest who simply was one of the finest to ever serve this local church.

My relationship with Monsignor Demuth began on November 8, 1983, three days after I was ordained and assigned by then-Bishop O'Connor to serve as Monsignor's assistant pastor at Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish in South Scranton. To say that we were opposite personality types would probably be an understatement. When coupled with an age difference of 37 years — suffice it to say that the 1981 Broadway Show entitled *Mass Appeal* that chronicled the relationship of an older, well-established pastor and his young, unseasoned assistant had nothing on us! Yet, we grew to appreciate and respect each other deeply over the years. In fact, when I was informed of his passing, I said to Monsignor Muldowney, our Vicar General, that given Monsignor Demuth's age, if he requested someone to preach his homily who might not be in a position to do so, I would be honored to preach. In response, Monsignor Muldowney stated, "Monsignor Demuth beat you to the punch. He already has you listed as the homilist." And I am honored and humbled to fulfill this role.

I will leave the treasured work of remembering the countless numbers of stories that involved so many of you and Monsignor to your personal reflections during the course of this day. For my part, while my initial experiences of Monsignor Demuth evoke memories of closed circuit TV cameras — well ahead of their time, alarms and buzzers and gadgets, not to mention "all things German," the priest and friend I came to know for the past thirty-four years taught me and, I'm certain, all of you so much more ... about life, about the gift of the priesthood, about aging with grace and gratitude, and most especially about what it means to be a person of faith.

We all know that Monsignor would hardly be thrilled to be held up as an example of faith for us today. Yet, in so many simple ways he challenged us to see God in the midst of our lives, didn't he? Therefore, what better place to look than his life, to see how one man, one Christian, one priest lived the faith, and gives us hope in our efforts to do the same.

Today's gospel — St. Matthew's version of the Beatitudes — is a perfect starting point. This familiar and beloved gospel passage challenges us to abandon our desire for control in life and to recognize our utter dependence upon God and upon each other. To be a people of the Beatitudes is to embrace the spirit of humility that begins with valuing life as a gift from God, a gift we have received on through God's love, not through anything we have done to deserve it — and a gift that will carry us through this world to God's eternity of life and peace if we but open our hearts to his presence through faith

Blest are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. ... This beatitude sets the tone for the entire gospel passage. Do you know what it means to be poor in spirit? It means that we are humble enough to acknowledge our need for God and our dependence upon him. It means that we are not too proud to say that it's God who is the source of our life; it's God who carries even the strongest of us through each day. It's God who is the focus of all that we do and all that we are.

For twenty-six years, Monsignor served as pastor of his beloved Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish in South Scranton. While he oversaw the building of the rectory and the remodeling of the church, his efforts were never about pointing to himself but were always focused on the pastoral care, the wellbeing and the safety of the people entrusted to his care. ... When the time came for him to retire after serving the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton for 77 years, he left Saint Mary's with a grateful heart, never looking back, never criticizing, never suggesting that his approach might have been better than those who followed after him. ... His ministry was about the one whom he proclaimed — Jesus — and not himself. ... Blest are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blest too are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. ... Life is the greatest gift we receive from God — so precious a gift that we grieve when life is lost — as we do today.

Like all of us, Monsignor grieved the loss of those he loved: his mother and father, his dear sister, Jean, and countless numbers of parishioners and friends. But his belief in the resurrection was so deep and so profound that it sustained him and enabled him to help others face their grief and loss. ... Blest are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled.

Blest are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ... Do you know what another word for mercy is? Love. Blest are they who love generously, by the witness of their lives and not merely the words that they share. Blest are they who give of their time, who

sacrifice, who work hard for those entrusted to their care, who are grateful for all that they have been given.

I couldn't begin to count the number of times during the four years that I served with Monsignor at Saint Mary's that he would thank me for the things that I did at the parish — whether it was planning a special liturgical celebration or cooking a less than stellar meal. He was a gentle and kind priest who, in his own quiet way, loved generously. ... Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest too the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. ... What a gift it is to be blessed with peace and to work to create an environment of peace in which we hold fast to our values and live with respect for one another. Monsignor's example during the past few years, his acceptance of the diminishment that comes with aging, his graciousness amid physical struggles and his peaceful demeanor are testimony of the abiding peace of Jesus at the center of his life.

Blest are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. ... Doesn't this beatitude speak to the man whose memory we hold so dearly today. He preached and lived the Gospel of Jesus with deep conviction. He never rationalized away the message nor did he fear the opinions of those who maintained that the Gospel was outdated and out of touch with the world in which we live. Would that we all were as committed to the Gospel message.

As we reflect during these blessed moments upon Monsignor Demuth's life through the framework of the Beatitudes of Jesus, we see so much, don't we? ... We see the blessings of a long and full life and how God was woven into every step of the journey. ... We see the gift of the priesthood and its power to touch and change hearts to God. ... We see that a life given in service has every reason to expect the resurrection. ... And we especially see a pattern of life and love and service that every one of us as followers of Jesus — like our brother George — is called to embrace in our lives — a pattern of life, love, service *and faith* that ultimately give us hope and the promise of resurrection and peace.

So we give thanks this day for the life of our brother, our uncle, our pastor and our friend, Monsignor George Demuth. ... We give thanks for 71 years of priestly life and ministry. ... We give thanks for his example to us of what it means to be a faithful disciple and follower of Jesus. ... And we affirm in hope the Word of God proclaimed this day in Saint Matthew's gospel to all who seek to embrace the life of Jesus as their own: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great."

*Excerpted from the homily by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera at the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for Monsignor George R. Demuth on October 28 at the Holy Family Residence Chapel in Scranton.*



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# Eleven permanent deacons to be ordained

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Since 2007, Mr. Cruikshank has been retired from Verizon Communications, having been employed for 35 years in the areas of accounting, inside communications and the Coin Department.

He is married to his wife Beverly for 14 years and they are the parents of two children.

**Andrew A. Fazio Sr.**, 63, is a resident of Dunmore and a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in the borough.

A 1972 graduate of Dunmore High School, Mr. Fazio has received extensive training in automobile mechanics, completing courses at the Lackawanna County Vocational Technical School, Johnson School of Technology and the Chrysler/Dodge Motor Company.

Since 1977, the deacon-candidate has served as a state-certified inspection mechanic for light/medium and heavy-duty vehicles and licensed/certified small-engine mechanic.

Self-employed for 38 years as owner of Andy's Service Center, Towing and Power Equipment in Dunmore, he and his wife Ann Marie are married for 40 years and have four children.

**Maxime E. Francois**, 54, a resident of Bushkill, is a parishioner at St. John Parish in East Stroudsburg.

He is a 1982 graduate of Montclair High School in Montclair, N.J., and earned his bachelor's degree in biology, with a concentration in chemistry, from Fairleigh Dickinson University at its Teaneck-Hackensack Campus in Teaneck, N.J.

Mr. Francois is currently employed at Cartridge Actuated Devices Inc. in Fairfield, N.J., as manager of the Reactive Materials Department and Testing.

The ordinand and his wife of 25 years, Violette, are the parents of two children.

**Michael M. Golubiewski**, 47, resides in Nanticoke, where he is a parishioner of St. Faustina Kowalska Parish.

A 1988 graduate of Greater Nanticoke Area High School, he received his bachelor's degree in English and Spanish from King's College in Wilkes-Barre in 1992.

Currently, the ordinand serves in the Student Central Office at Keystone College in La Plume as a consultant for financial aid, registration and student accounts.

Mr. Golubiewski previously taught Spanish, English as a Second Language, and writing at Luzerne County Community College, and served on the faculty as a Spanish teacher in the Greater Nanticoke Area School District.

He has also been employed for 21 years at *The Times Leader* and *Weekender* newspapers in Wilkes-Barre as a graphic artist, production editor and community columnist.

**Leonard Jinselli Jr.**, 61, of East Stroudsburg is a member of St. Matthew Parish in East Stroudsburg.

He is a 1974 graduate of Booton High School in Boonton, N.J., and during 1983-84, the deacon-candidate completed training at the Academy of Advance Traffic Management, which was located at One World Trade Center in lower Manhattan in New York City.

Having received certification from the academy in traffic management and ICC regulations, Mr. Jinselli had a 30-year career in information technology consulting before his retirement.

The ordinand has been married to his wife Nancy for 36 years, and the couple has four children.

**Ronald D. Maida**, 64, lives in Hallstead and attends St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend.

After graduating from Bishop Reilly High School in Fresh Meadows, N.Y., in 1970, Mr. Maida attended Baruch College in the City University of New York (CUNY) system.

He later graduated from the ECPI Technical School in New York City as a computer programmer.

The deacon-candidate is currently employed by the United States Postal Service as a database mail clerk.

Mr. Maida and his wife of 30 years, Dorota, are the parents of two children.

**John P. Musyt**, 64, resides in Olyphant and serves his home Parish of Holy Cross, Olyphant, as director of religious education.

A 1971 graduate of Dunmore Central Catholic High School, the ordinand received his bachelor's degree in educational psychology in 1974 from the University of Scranton, where he also earned his master's degree in secondary school counseling in 1976.

In 1987, he received certification in elementary school counseling from Marywood University.

Mr. Musyt currently serves students in the Diocese of Scranton's Notre Dame Catholic School System, having begun his career in education as a school counselor/teacher at Notre Dame Jr.-Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg. He was also employed for 20 years by the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 as a nonpublic school counselor.

The deacon-candidate and his wife Jacqueline have been married for 41 years and are the parents of two children.

**James M. Rebarchick**, 65, resides in Hazleton and is a member of Holy Rosary Parish in the city.

He graduated from the former St. Gabriel's High School in Hazleton in 1970 and earned his degree in management engineering from the State University of New York (SUNY) Fashion Institute of Technology, New York City, in 1974.

The ordinand also received certification in cellular/lean manufacturing from Clemson University (1980) and computer aided design from Penn State University, Hazleton (2014).

Mr. Rebarchick is a senior consultant in operations for Enterprise Systems Partners, Inc. in Bethlehem, Pa., where he is also treasurer and founding partner. He previously served as an industry consultant for Enterprise Systems Center at Lehigh University and in various other positions in industrial engineering, plant management and manufacturing.

He and his wife of 44 years, Sally, have two children.

**Robert J. Warnock**, 59, is a resident of Honesdale and a parishioner of St. Thomas More Parish in Lake Ariel.

After his graduation from Western Wayne High School in South Canaan in 1977, the candidate for diaconate ordination enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served until 1981.

For the past 35 years, Mr. Warnock has been employed by PPL Electric Utilities as a field supervisor.

The ordinand has been married to his wife Jean for 36 years, and the couple has five children.

## BISHOP JOSEPH C. BAMBERA'S STATEMENT ON CHANGES WITHIN CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Throughout nearly a century in the Diocese, Catholic Social Services has done its best to respond to the needs of our communities with dedication and compassion, with our mission and our work rooted in the Gospel and the principles of Catholic social teaching.

Human services programs, however, are labor-intensive and often underfunded. In the last year, despite generous support from the people of the Diocese, it has become apparent that Catholic Social Services' fiscal resources are increasingly strained. The operational deficit is rising and funding at the local, state, and federal levels is shrinking. Good stewardship demands that we re-examine how Catholic Social Services' resources can be rebalanced to achieve greater stability, and that all programs and services be examined to determine whether sufficient funding and volume exist to sustain them. This includes looking at volume and resources, whether a program has sufficient operating revenue, and whether other capable providers are available to deliver a particular service. As a result of this rigorous self-examination, in addition to significant administrative reductions, we have made the difficult decision to discontinue several programs.

For decades, Catholic Social Services has been a trusted resource for those who seek to adopt a child. Catholic Social Services has also provided extensive services to identify and support foster and resource families through Children, Youth, and Family Services departments in Northeastern Pennsylvania counties. It has been a blessing and honor to have helped to place so many infants and children in loving adoptive or foster homes.

Over the last few years, however, Catholic Social Services has seen a decline in its adoption and foster care programs. This is not unique to Northeastern Pennsylvania; adoption is declining nationwide, and the number of children in foster care has declined as well. Given the resource demands of these two programs, the decision has been made to discontinue them and Catholic Social Services' affiliation with the Statewide Adoption Network (SWAN). Every effort will be made to assure a smooth, professional, and compassionate transition as these programs are phased out.

Because adoption is so closely aligned with Catholic Social Services' mission and Catholic social teaching, this is a particularly painful step to take; however, the resources of St. Joseph's Center, headquartered in the Diocese of Scranton, are available for Catholic families wishing to adopt. A sponsored mission of the Congregation of Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for more than a century, St. Joseph's is also a SWAN affiliate.

The Children, Youth and Family Services departments in the region will continue to have resources available for foster care to assist children and families in need.

These two programs have served most of the Diocese and for the last few years have been headquartered in Hazleton. Catholic Social Services' presence in Hazleton, where there is a growing need for programs to shelter and assist the homeless and feed the hungry, is a good example of how services are evolving. In the last two years, Catholic Social Services has responded to the critical needs of the area's homeless population as a founding partner in the development of Divine Providence emergency shelter in Hazleton, and is now working toward establishing a permanent home for the shelter. Catholic Social Services continues to operate St. Joseph's Pantry, as well as other such initiatives, and is actively developing a plan for a more direct needs-based use of Catholic Social Services' Hazleton facility.

In Monroe County, where Catholic Social Services operates Shepherd's Maternity House, permanent supportive housing sites, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters, two programs are being discontinued: a drug and alcohol treatment program and an information and referral service that has operated in partnership with the Federation of Latinos for Information About Cultures of Hispanic America (FLECHA). Because other drug and alcohol treatment providers serve the Stroudsburg area, there should be no gap in services. The Diocese continues its ongoing efforts to develop a more comprehensive response to the growing needs of our Hispanic population through the Office of Parish Life.

The Diocese and Catholic Social Services are deeply grateful to all those who have worked so faithfully to provide care and support for their clients through these programs, and to the many individuals and families who have utilized and benefitted from these services.

The Diocese remains committed to responding to the needs of the community in cases where resources and programs best align to provide people with assistance and hope.



# Diocese Celebrates World Mission Sunday

*"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."*

These words of Saint Teresa of Ávila were cited by Father Brian J.T. Clarke as he began his homily for the Mass celebrating World Mission Sunday on October 22 in the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

According to Father Clarke, Diocesan Director of Pontifical Mission Societies in Scranton, the words Saint Teresa used to inspire her novices speak to us as loudly and as relevantly today as they did over 400 years ago.

"They are timeless in their relevance because it is Christ Himself who has chosen us, His Church, to imitate His example of love," Father Clarke said. "He has chosen the young people of our Catholic schools and parishes who gather

together today and serve as a visible reminder to us all that our Church is vibrant, it is young, and it is powerful. He has chosen immigrants, migrants, refugees, and the poor as His own to be Christ to us, and we are called to be Christ to them."

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera was principal celebrant for the Mass, which emphasizes our baptismal call to be missionaries of faith, supporting the work of the Church in 1,150 mission dioceses throughout the world.

This year's celebration also affirmed the Church's solidarity with migrants, refugees and people from all lands and cultures as we "Share the Journey" with them.

A special welcome and prayer were offered by Mary Theresa Vautrinot, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Human Services and Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Social Services, which provides assistance to migrants and refugees being resettled in our community.

The annual local celebration is sponsored by The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Pontifical Mission Societies, Diocese of Scranton.



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## Reformation anniversary encourages Catholics, Lutherans to work for reconciliation

EWTN/CNA – The Reformation anniversary gives us a renewed impetus to work for reconciliation, said a statement released jointly by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Lutheran World Federation.

"We recognize that while the past cannot be changed, its influence upon us today can be transformed to become a stimulus for growing communion, and a sign of hope for the world to overcome division and fragmentation," it said Oct. 31. "Again, it has become clear that what we have in common is far more than that which still divides us."

The statement was released to mark the end of the year of

common commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity is the Roman Curia's office for ecumenism, while the Lutheran World Federation is the largest communion of Lutheran ecclesial communities. In the U.S., the Lutheran World Federation includes the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, but neither the Missouri nor Wisconsin Synods.

The common commemoration was opened last year with an ecumenical prayer service between Lutherans and Catholics at the Lutheran cathedral in Lund, Sweden during Pope Francis' Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2016 visit.

During the service, Catholics and Lutherans read out five joint ecumenical commitments, including the commitment to always begin from a perspective of unity.

Pope Francis and Munib Younan, then-president of the Lutheran World Federation and Lutheran bishop of Jordan and the Holy Land, also signed a joint statement.

Quoting the 2016 declaration between Pope Francis and Younan, this year's statement acknowledged the pain of disunity, particularly that caused by the inability to share in the Eucharist.

"We acknowledge our joint pastoral responsibility to respond to the spiritual thirst and hunger of our people

to be one in Christ. We long for this wound in the Body of Christ to be healed. This is the goal of our ecumenical endeavors, which we wish to advance, also by renewing our commitment to theological dialogue," the statement declared.

The new statement also emphasized the commitment to continue this journey toward unity "guided by God's Spirit... according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ."

With God's help, we hope to continue to seek "substantial consensus" on issues pertaining to the Church, Eucharist, and ministry, it said.

"With deep joy and gratitude we trust 'that He who has begun a good work in [us] will

complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.'"

They gave thanksgiving for the spiritual and theological gifts received through the Reformation, as well as the need to ask forgiveness for failures and the ways in which "Christians have wounded the Body of Christ and offended each other" over the past 500 years.

One positive effect of the past year's common commemoration has been viewing the Reformation with an ecumenical perspective for the first time, it concluded.

"In the face of so many blessings along the way, we raise our hearts in praise of the Triune God for the mercy we receive."



# St. John the Evangelist Celebrates 175th Anniversary of Founding

HONESDALE — St. John the Evangelist Parish commemorated the 175th anniversary of its establishment with a Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving on Oct. 29.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera served as principal celebrant and homilist for the concelebrated Eucharistic liturgy offered in St. John the Evangelist Church.

A parish anniversary celebration followed the jubilee Mass at the Bryn Mawr Conference Center in Honesdale.

Following is a brief history of St. John the Evangelist Parish:

## Early Years

The origins of St. John the Evangelist Parish date back to 1826 when Irish families were attracted to Honesdale for the activities on the Delaware and Hudson Canal. The construction of the Delaware and Hudson Canal for the purposes of transporting coal from the Anthracite region, along with growth of its supporting industries, propelled the central Wayne County area from a one-cabin wilderness in 1826 to a Borough of approximately 2,250 by mid-century.

It was the enlargement of the Canal that brought Catholics of sufficient number to warrant the care of missionary priests —



**Church of St. John the Evangelist in Honesdale**

zealous men who came from such distant centers as Troy, Utica, and Buffalo, N.Y., to minister to the religious needs of faithful.

During the period from 1835 to 1840, the growth of the Church in New York State necessitated the presence of their missionary priests back home. Consequently, priests from Philadelphia, Easton, and Friendsville began their ministry to Wayne County. In these various centers exist records of the baptisms and marriages performed

by the visiting missionaries.

In 1836, as the result of his own pioneering missionary circuits into northeastern Pennsylvania, the Most Rev. Francis Patrick Kendrick, bishop of Philadelphia, decided to send a resident pastor to the area, designating Carbondale as the center, and assigning one Sunday in the month to Honesdale and other Catholic settlements in Wayne County.

The first pastor assigned to Wayne County was Father Henry

Fitzsimmons, a native of Ireland, who had been appointed to Carbondale just three weeks after his ordination in 1836.

In 1842, Father Fitzsimmons erected the first Catholic church in Honesdale, St. John the Evangelist. The wooden church stood on the grass lot located behind today's church and faced the present-day Vine Street.

Construction of the present-day St. John Church began in 1876 and the cornerstone was laid October 13, 1878, with Bishop William O'Hara, first bishop of Scranton, officiating.

Church Street in 1873, which eventually had both elementary and high school classes.

Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, sixth bishop of Scranton, envisioned the establishment of a single parish with one pastor and two assistants, with St. John's Parish House to serve as the rectory. St. Mary Magdalen Church was to be maintained as a mission church.

St. John Parish celebrated the centennial of the present church on May 16, 1976 (100 years from the laying of the cornerstone), and extensive renovations of St. John and St. Mary Magdalen churches were



**Young representatives of the parish youth group process up the main aisle of St. John Church for the start of the Jubilee Anniversary Mass.**

## The 20th Century

In 1950, following extensive renovations, St. John the Evangelist Church was rededicated with a solemn Pontifical Mass with Bishop William Hafey, fourth bishop of Scranton, as principal celebrant.

The year 1968 marked a turning point in the Catholic tradition of Honesdale. Until then the Catholics of Honesdale had maintained two parishes separated by national heritage. The descendants of the early Irish settlers, many of them canal workers, belonged to St. John Parish. Four generations of Germans, who had received their first pastorate in 1853, maintained St. Mary Magdalen Parish.

St. Mary Magdalen was at the forefront of Catholic education in northeastern Pennsylvania, starting with a classroom attached to their church in 1858, and then a separate brick building at 510

completed, mindful of post-Vatican II liturgical specifications.

## Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

On May 1, 1990, St. John's began a program of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Parishioners and friends from nearby parishes spend one specific hour each week with the Blessed Sacrament at the Eucharistic Chapel located in the Parish Center on Church Street.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration continues today. At the heart of this devotion is the belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. St. John Neumann, founder of St. Mary Magdalen Parish, was intensely devoted to the Eucharist. He introduced Forty Hours to the Philadelphia Diocese



**Bishop Bambera and concelebrants for the liturgy distribute Holy Communion during the 175th anniversary celebration of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Honesdale.**



# Primus Technologies Contributes \$300,000 to Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation

Primus Technologies is once again supporting tuition assistance for students at St. John Neumann Regional Academy, Williamsport, and at other Diocesan Catholic schools. Primus Technologies Corp., a leading Electronics Manufacturing Services (EMS) provider headquartered in Williamsport, recently donated \$300,000 to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Scholarship Tax Credit Program.

"It is our pleasure to contribute to such a worthy cause," said Chris Sullivan, Chairman and CEO of Primus Technologies. "Primus is grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Diocese of Scranton in its efforts to offer a quality education to its Catholic school students in Williamsport and throughout the Diocese."

Primus Technologies has contributed nearly \$1.8 million since 2008 to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation.

"On behalf of our Catholic School families, I extend our sincere appreciation to Chris Sullivan and everyone at Primus Technologies for their continued generosity

to our Diocesan Scholarship Foundation," said Monsignor David L. Tressler, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education and Superintendent of Schools.

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs provide significant tax credits to businesses in Pennsylvania that contribute to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation. For more information on making a gift through the tax credit program, kindly contact Jim Bebla, Diocesan Director of Development, at (570) 207-2250 or [Jim-Bebla@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Jim-Bebla@dioceseofscranton.org).

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**Pictured at the presentation of the donation from Primus Technologies Corp. are, from left: Monsignor David L. Tressler, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education and Superintendent of Schools; Richard Cummings, Acting Principal, St. John Neumann Regional Academy High School; Chris Sullivan, Chairman and CEO, Primus Technologies Corp.; Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; Steve Stone, President, Primus Technologies Corp.; Susan Kaiser, Principal, St. John Neumann Regional Academy Elementary School; Paul Rooney, Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System board member; and Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for Development.**

## St. John the Evangelist in Honesdale Celebrates 175 Years

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and arranged for its celebration every week throughout the year in one church or another in the Diocese. How appropriate that Honesdale's faithful, so influenced by St. Neumann, expresses love of the Eucharist by spending 24 hours a day in adoration.

In the early 1990s, plans began in earnest for the 150th anniversary celebration of St. John the Evangelist Parish.

On October 11, 1992, the Sesquicentennial Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated with Bishop James C. Timlin, eighth bishop of Scranton, presiding.

Today's resident pastor of St. John the Evangelist, Father William J.P. Langan, arrived at the parish to begin shepherding the Honesdale flock on July 17, 2009.

Father Langan led parishioners in the joyful celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Parish in May 2015. The Eucharistic Chapel underwent a complete renovation in preparation for the occasion.

One of the hallmarks of Father Langan's tenure is the introduction of special devotions, as faithful from the parish and beyond now participate in devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Padre Pio.

*(Excerpted from an updated version of the history of St. John the Evangelist written by Mary Heaton for the 150th anniversary of the parish in 1992.)*



**The St. John the Evangelist Choir is in full concert as they sing joyfully during the recent 175th Anniversary Mass celebration — watched over by the parish's Patron Saint luminously depicted in the magnificent stained-glass window adorning the front of St. John Church.**

## Pennsylvania Catholic Conference

### ACTION ALERT: Education Funding Bill Needs to be Signed into Law

As part of Pennsylvania 2017-18 state budget, lawmakers approved a \$10 million increase for the expansion of the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. That is great news; however, Governor Wolf has yet to sign the bill into law. In fact, he has threatened to veto the legislation that would provide for the increase.

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference has sent a letter to the governor urging him to sign the education funding bill into law, noting that this bill would allow for more scholarships for students to attend the school that is best for them. The EITC program has enabled many students in our Diocese to obtain a Catholic education.

You too can send a letter to Governor Wolf urging him to sign the education funding bill into law today! Please go to [www.pacatholic.org](http://www.pacatholic.org) and see the notice on the home page.



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Bishop Bambera celebrated the All Saints Day Liturgy at **Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre** and blessed the refurbished McCarthy Auditorium.



From left are Michael Reese, HRHS Principal; Mrs. Anita Sirak, retired HRHS Principal; Msgr. David L. Tressler, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education/Superintendent of Schools; Bishop Bambera; Mrs. CeCe McCarthy; Mrs. Katie McCarthy Lambert; Ms. Mary Kate Lambert; Timothy Lambert.



Students at **Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco** recently elected their 2017-18 representatives to Student Council, giving those students an opportunity to develop leadership by organizing and carrying out school activities and service projects.



The 4th grade students at **St. Nicholas/St. Mary School in Wilkes-Barre** pose after All Saints Day Mass. Students dressed as their patron saint and read a short biography of their saint to the congregation.



The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at **St. Jude School in Mountain Top** take a moment to pose as they enjoy Trunk or Treat at the church's picnic grove, located next to the school.



Molly Foresman, a junior at **St. John Neumann High School in Williamsport**, works on a hat as part of the school's National Art Honor Society; members are requesting donations of yarn so that they could knit hats for local cancer patients.





Students at **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter** celebrated All Saints Day at a Mass at St. Cecilia's Church in Exeter. The school community also commemorated their loved ones who have entered into eternal life. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class led the school community in prayer; shown are Lily Kasa, Samara Bellas, Katie Morgan, Stephen Renfer, Liam O'Malley, Michael Weiss, Father Peter Tomczak (pastor of St. Monica's in West Wyoming), Allie Mozeleski, Michael Oncay, Ian Harris, Abby Butler, Brooke Kryptovich, Kendall Morris, and Mrs. Josephine Toomey, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.



Father Charles Cummings and Shawn Moore, SJNRA Director of Religious Formation, pose with members of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class from **St. John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport** as they prepare for the Feast of All Saints' Day Mass at St. Boniface Church.



Generations came together for some Halloween fun as the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students of **All Saints Academy in Scranton** visited with the residents of the Scranton Health Care Center. Costumes, games, and treats made for a spook-tacular day!



Students at **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green** are nominated by their teachers for their outstanding behavior in and out of the classroom, using time wisely, completing all assignments, and displaying excellent character. These students have all been awarded certificates as "Soaring Falcons" after the All Saints Mass at St. Gregory's Church.



Students from **St. Clare/St. Paul School in Scranton** attended the Mission Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton. Pictured are Nico Mancuso, Nicholas Esposito, Chloe Mancuso, James Stallman, Luca Boles, Andrew Cimini, Sarah Giacobbe and Grace Stallman.



Miss Blade's 5<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish class at **St. Agnes School in Towanda** participated in a special Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) lesson with guests Larissa Vega and Maximiliano Vega.





Using iPads, 5th and 6th grade students at **Epiphany School in Sayre** review for their science quiz, using an online game-based learning platform, Kahoot.



**Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston** recently welcomed four Maasai herdsmen and warriors and two Maasai women from Kenya for a special performance. The Maasai performed traditional songs and dances from their homeland and spoke about their people's great need for clean water. Students had the opportunity to ask questions, learn a Maasai song, and participate in a celebratory jumping dance. Pictured are students, performers, and coordinators after the assembly: Daniel Kamuas Nchororoe, Yousef Ramadan, Jack Riley, Elijah Simintei Olkopai, Sergei Parmari Kamayet, Isabelle Romano, Lydia Simaloi Kinkirri, Elizabeth Neville, Selina Yiapoyo Ene, John Kuderka, Emily Williams, Joseph Ole Sunguyia, Raphael Micca, and Michael Stretanski.



The Pro-Life Club at **Holy Cross High School in Dunmore** created more than 187 bags of sandwiches, fruit and drink to be donated to St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen as part of World Food Day. Pictured are some of the Pro-Life Club members: Juliana Innocenti, Kayla Stelma, William Hanna, Isabel Lopez, Harleigh Davis and Kalley Kovaleski.



Second grade students from **St. Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore** have a little Halloween fun with Principal Mrs. Cathy Sosnowski. The extra eyes let them know when it was time to trick or treat!



Students at **Holy Rosary School in Duryea** were recently treated to The NED Show, which is an innovative character education assembly that uses humor, storytelling, audience participation and amazing object lessons including yo-yo tricks. Students learn through the adventures of NED, a character whose name is an acronym for **N**ever Give Up, **E**ncourage Others, and **D**o Your Best. Pictured are Angelo DiMauro, Andrew Chase, Luciano Pugliese, HRS Principal Mrs. Melissa Skutack, Molly Houston, Dino Di Mauro, NED presenter Alex Eltzroth, and Olivia DeSena.



As part of National Drug Prevention Month, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from **Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg** entered the 21st Annual Drug-Free Calendar Contest. Pictured are the top three posters from the class, as voted on by the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade teachers — John Siciliano, Blain Assegid and Antonella Gencarelli.



# Thanksgiving Community Program in Full Swing Under New Leader

## Donations, Volunteers Needed to Feed Less Fortunate during Upcoming Holiday



**Linda Robeson is pictured at the Scranton Cultural Center with the newlywed couple — son Ryan and his wife Mary Christine.**

because I realize that poverty — extreme poverty — exists in our own backyards. This position offers the unique opportunity to work with Sister Ann Walsh, who had been the CEO for seven years. My vision is simply to continue meeting the unmet needs of our community.”

The annual Thanksgiving Community Program is one of the largest seasonal endeavors, involving dozens of different organizations and hundreds of volunteers. The end result is feeding about 1,500 underprivileged at a sit-down holiday dinner two nights before Thanksgiving and providing twice as many Thanksgiving food baskets for families

to take home and prepare through the Family to Family Food Basket Project.

This year, Meghan will lead the Friends of the Poor associates and volunteers in serving the traditional Thanksgiving dinner to local elderly, lonely and less fortunate on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. at Scranton’s Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple.

The following day, Linda Robeson and her son Ryan — for the third year — will commandeer the Family to Family food basket giveaway at the Cultural Center,

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### How You Can Be a Holiday Helper

- In addition to donations to help pay the Family-to-Family food bill, the Robesons are in need of volunteers to help pack and distribute food baskets throughout the day at the Scranton Cultural Center on Nov. 22, beginning at 9 a.m. Monetary donations may be sent to: Family to Family Program, P.O. Box 13, Scranton, PA 18501.

- The Friends of the Poor Tuesday night Thanksgiving dinner is in need of chefs, servers, table-setters, clean-up workers and donations of food items and supplies. Contact the Friends of the Poor office at (570-348-4429). Cash donations can be sent to: Thanksgiving Community Dinner, Friends of the Poor, 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton, PA 18505.

*Father James J. Walsh and the Parish Community Cordially invite All*

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## NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
12:00 AM	SPECIALS	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	DAILY MASS (Encore)				Fr. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	
1:00 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	(1:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	THE JOURNEY HOME (Encore)	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	
1:30 AM		EWTN GALLERY						EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)
2:00 AM	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC							
2:30 AM	SPECIALS			EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	
3:00 AM	EWTN ON LOCATION			PRO LIFE WEEKLY	DEFENDING LIFE	LIFE ON THE ROCK	BATTLE READY	LONG RIDE HOME W/ BEAR WOZNICK
3:30AM		VOICE OF THE BRIDEGROOM	EWTN GALLERY	ANGELUS FROM NAZARETH	SAINTS VS SCOUNDRELS	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOG	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	
3:40 AM								
3:50AM								
4:00 AM	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	SUNDAY NIGHT PRIME	YOU'RE AMAZING	PAPAL AUDIENCE LIVE (at 3:50)	SUPER SAINTS	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	SAVORING OUR FAITH	
4:30 AM			OCTAVA DIES		DISCERNING THE WILL OF GOD		PRIESTS & DEACONS: MINISTERS OF MERCY	
5:00 AM	RISE & FALL OF ANCIENT ISRAEL	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	LORD HAVE MERCY	EWTN SPECIALS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	FR. RUTLER	
5:30 AM	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	A FORCE FOR GOOD	THE MARTYRS: THEY DIED FOR CHRIST	HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES		CATHOLICS COME HOME		
6:00 AM	ANGELUS WITH POPE FRANCIS	EWTN ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS						
6:30 AM	LONG RIDE HOME W/ BEAR WOZNICK	EWTN CATALOG	CHURCH AND THE POOR	JOY OF MUSIC	APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION	THE CHOICES WE FACE	SAINTS vs. SCOUNDRELS	
7:00 AM	THE CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL							
7:30 AM	ROSARY FROM LOURDES	HOLY LAND ROSARY					THE HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	
7:50 AM		LITANY OF LORETO	LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME	LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH	LITANY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD	PAPAL AUDIENCE		
8:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS (Live)	DAILY MASS (Live)						
9:00 AM	(9:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	SUNDAY NIGHT: PRIME (Encore)	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	THRESHOLD OF HOPE (Encore)	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	MASTERPIECE DONUT SHOP	
9:30 AM	EWTN BOOKMARK						HERMIE AND FRIENDS	
10:00 AM	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	LIVE WITH PASSION	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	FOCUS	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	THE FRIAR	
10:30 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY		SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN		CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	FOCUS	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	
11:00 AM	WOMEN OF GRACE							
11:30 AM	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	THE CHOICES WE FACE	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	THE FRIAR	LIVE WITH PASSION	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	
12:00 PM	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, LIVE AT 12:10 p.m.						
12:30 PM		"DIOCESAN DATEBOOK" airs before and after Mass.						EWTN DAILY MASS (Encore)
1:00 PM	(1:10PM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	LORD HAVE MERCY	A FORCE FOR GOOD	JOURNEY HOME (Best of)	CALLED TO COMMUNION	JOURNEY HOME (Best of)	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE	
1:30 PM	IN CONCERT (Concert length varies)	CROSSING THE GOAL	BATTLE READY				EWTN BOOKMARK	
2:00 PM			AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	THRESHOLD OF HOPE (Live)	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	THE MARTYRS: THEY DIED FOR CHRIST	EWTN ON LOCATION
2:30 PM	FR. APOSTOLI					STATIONS OF THE CROSS		
3:00 PM	THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG							MESSAGE OF FATIMA
3:15 PM	REFLECTIONS	HIDDEN CHURCHES	REFLECTIONS	HIDDEN CHURCHES	REFLECTIONS	HIDDEN CHURCHES		
3:30 PM	THE HOLY ROSARY IN STAINED GLASS	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)						ROSARY FOR LIFE
4:00 PM	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM	THE HOLY ROSARY DIOCESAN DATEBOOK						
4:30 PM	PRAYING AS A FAMILY	MASTERPIECE DONUT SHOP	ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE BIBLE	CHILDRENS SPECIALS	THE FRIAR	WAY OF THE CROSS FOR KIDS	EWTN PRESENTS	
5:00 PM	FOCUS	PRAYING AS A FAMILY	SUPER SAINTS	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	LIFE ON THE ROCK	SAVORING OUR FAITH	CALLED TO COMMUNION	
5:30 PM		EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHOICES WE FACE	CONVERSATIONS FROM THE WORLD OVER SHOW	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	EVANGELIZING THE CULTURE		
6:00 PM	CELEBRATION OF THE MASS	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)						LONG RIDE HOME W/ BEAR WOZNICK
6:30 PM	VATICANO	EWTN GALLERY						CHURCH AND THE POOR
7:00 PM	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (Encore)	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)						MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS
7:30PM		THE HOLY ROSARY			POPE'S AUDIENCE DIOCESAN DATEBOOK	THE HOLY ROSARY		
8:00 PM	SUNDAY NIGHT PRIME (Live)	THE JOURNEY HOME (Live)	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	EWTN LIVE	THE WORLD OVER (Live)	SPECIALS	EWTN CINEMA	
8:30 PM	LIFE ON THE ROCK	EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)		EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)				
9:00 PM	HOLY ROSARY W MOTHER ANGELICA	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	THE CHOICES WE FACE	FOCUS	LIVE WITH PASSION	SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	
10:00 PM	EWTN SPECIALS	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (ENCORE)	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	PRO-LIFE WEEKLY	A FORCE FOR GOOD		
10:30 PM					THRESHOLD OF HOPE (Encore)	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOG		LORD HAVE MERCY
11:00 PM	LONG RIDE HOME WITH BEAR WOZNICK	CATHOLICS COME HOME		THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	VATICANO	DEFENDING LIFE		WEB OF FAITH 2.0
11:30 PM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	WOMEN OF GRACE						

## Thanksgiving Program Planners Need Help

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where about 3,000 packages will be disbursed to needy families who will have all the ingredients to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner in the comfort of their own homes.

The Robeson family has a most-welcomed addition to the their ranks to help in carrying out the 2017 mission — Ryan’s wife, Mary Christine, who joined the clan (and the daunting Family to Family annual effort) when the young couple was married recently.

“Since the wedding, Mary Christine has fully embraced Family to Family and its mission by taking over the social media aspect on Facebook and by creating an Instagram,” explains Linda. “Though hesitant, she has even participated in filming our commercials and radio interviews. She is excited to participate in the program for the first time and really get to experience this community event and looks forward to being part of it in the future.”

Linda’s son and her new daughter-in-law have also organized a new fundraiser/awareness event aimed at their peers, which will be held on Thursday, Nov. 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Backyard

Ale House in downtown Scranton.

Donations for the Family to Family program go toward covering the cost of preparing the Thanksgiving food baskets. Contributions from area families benefit those families in need — thus creating the family-to-family chain.

The Robesons have already ordered more than \$130,000 in food items, including 3,000 turkeys with all the trimmings.

According to Linda, to feed a family of 1-3 people, the approximate cost is \$30; family of 4-6, \$40; and a family of seven or more, \$45.

“This is the 31st year for the Family to Family Program,” says Linda. “Our goal this year was to bring more awareness of the program to the community and to try and raise enough money to help Friends of the Poor supply dinners for Christmas and Easter as well.

“We have a wonderful group of volunteers that have donated time, money and resources to ensure a successful campaign. With the community’s continued generosity we hope that the Family to Family Food Basket Program continues to grow and will be here as long as there is a need.”

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### Thanksgiving Community Program 2017



**Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm**

**Interfaith Prayer Service – Temple Hesed**  
1 Knox Road  
Scranton, PA 18505

sponsored by  
**Scranton Area Ministerium**

**Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00 pm**

**Doors open at 5:00 pm**  
**Thanksgiving Dinner:**

For Senior Citizens & Adults  
sponsored by  
**Friends of the Poor**

**Scranton Cultural Center**  
420 North Washington Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18503



**Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 9:00 am**

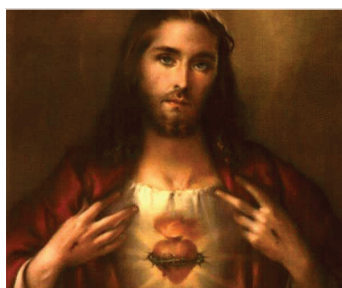
**Family to Family Program:**  
Turkey and Food Basket  
(On-site registration, Proof of income/family size)

**Scranton Cultural Center**  
420 North Washington Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18503





# St. Ann Basilica to Host SH Enthronement Mass



SCRANTON — A Mass of Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be hosted by St. Ann Basilica Parish in west Scranton on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Offered by the Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild of the Diocese of Scranton, the liturgy will be celebrated at 7 p.m. in the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Ann, with a prelude of musical selections by the Sacred Heart Singers, under the direction of Ernie Pappa, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Concelebrated by Father Daniel Toomey, spiritual moderator of the Enthronement Guild, and

Passionist Father Francis Landry, pastor of St. Ann's, the Mass will provide an opportunity for individuals and families to enthrone their homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart apostolate brings awareness to Catholic faithful regarding enthronements, which enables them to offer devotion and seek the protection of Jesus and Mary in their home environment.

All are invited to attend the special Enthronement celebration, which is being coordinated by Steve Englot, Enthronement Guild president, and Mr. Pappa. Refreshments will be provided in the parish hall following the Mass.

For more information and reservations for Enthronement at the liturgy, contact Maria Pappa, Enthronement Guild coordinator, at (570-587-0805).



**Father Dan Toomey**

## Thanksgiving Community Program

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The annual Community Thanksgiving Program is three-fold in nature, beginning in prayer. The traditional Interfaith Prayer Service sponsored by

the Scranton Area Ministerium, under the direction of the Reverend Jack Munley, will be held on Friday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at Temple Hesed, 1 Knox Road, Scranton.

All are welcome to attend.

## Family-to-Family Day to Include Coat Giveaway

In conjunction with the Family-to-Family food basket program on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 22, at the Scranton Cultural Center, the 10th annual winter coat drive for area needy will also be held that day at the center.

The coat drive is being spearheaded by St. Joseph's Center Junior Auxiliary, under the direction of coordinators Tracy Bannon and Kathy Terrery.

Donations may be dropped off on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 20 & 21, at the Cultural Center.

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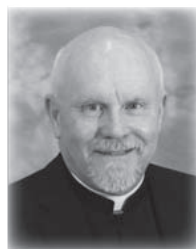
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## Spiritual Offerings

**Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil — NOV. 10**, 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 — NOV. 10**, 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 — NOV. 10**, 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.

**Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry — NOV. 11 & 25**, 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 Ave. Meetings will be approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. Participating Scranton parishes include St. Peter's; Mary, Mother of God; and Immaculate Conception. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener (Cathedral), (570-344-7231); Deacon Jan Mroz (Mary, Mother of God), (570-342-4881); or Deacon Pat McDonald (Immaculate Conception), (570-961-5211).

**Patriotic Rosary Recitation — NOV. 12**, sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society of Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace

Parish in Hawley; Rosary fostering love for God and country will be recited following the 11:30 a.m. Mass in BVM Queen of Peace Church, 314 Chestnut St., Hawley. Patriotic Rosary is offered for Divine protection and mercy in reparation for sins, for all government leaders, and in appreciation of the sacrifices of U.S. military personnel in preserving freedom in America and around the world. Rosary devotion will be followed by refreshments in the parish hall; all faithful are welcome.

**Sunday Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Devotion — NOV. 12**, 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.

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## Wyoming Valley PHL Annual Respect Life Banquet Nov. 13

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, an internet pro-life news service established in 1993.

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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## Spiritual Offerings

**Evening of Marian Devotion** — NOV. 13, hosted by the Diocesan Legion of Mary, in response to the Blessed Mother's request at Fatima for prayers for world peace; begins at 6 p.m. at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church, Chestnut St., Dunmore. Prayer service includes recitation of the Rosary, Fatima prayers, and hymns led by Ernie Pappa. All faithful are welcome to join in praying for peace in America and around the world.

**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.

**Monthly Gathering of Theresians International of Scranton** — NOV. 14, led by Mary Boretsky, president; group gathers at Immaculate Conception Church in the Hill section of Scranton. Recitation of the Patriotic Rosary begins at 11:30 a.m. in the church's adoration chapel, followed by Mass celebrated at 12:10 p.m. Theresians' luncheon meeting follows at 12:45 p.m. at Cooper's Seafood House, North Washington Ave., Scranton. Month's guest speaker: Franciscan Father Pio Mandato, a member of the Franciscan Missionary Hermits of St. Joseph.

**Weekly Novena to St. Anthony of Padua** — NOV. 14-DEC. 18, hosted by Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre; St. Anthony Novena devotion offered on nine consecutive Tuesday evenings, beginning each week at 5:30 p.m.

in the parish church. Novena theme: "Patron Saints of the Outcasts: St. Damien of Molokai and St. Marianne Cope." All faithful are welcome to attend; for more information, call (570-824-7832).

**Weekly Divine Mercy Devotion** — NOV. 15, 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.

**Bereavement Support: "A Sacred Journey from Grief to Healing"** — NOV. 15, sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry of

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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.catholicchoralsociety.org](http://www.catholicchoralsociety.org).



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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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*“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”*

— Matthew 22:37-40

The words of Jesus reflected in the Gospel from St. Matthew were part of our reflection a few weeks ago at Sunday Mass. The stunning reply of Jesus to yet another attempt by the Pharisees to entrap Him in speech echoes still in our hearts today: “You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself.”

It is so important that this command of Jesus not be seen as a clever compromise by Jesus in the face of a tough question of what is the greatest commandment. More than anything, this law is

consistent with the themes of the Old Testament law to love God and neighbor.

Essentially, while Jesus speaks clearly and poignantly to the Pharisees and their myopic approach to daily life, there’s nothing earth-shattering about our Lord’s insistence that love of neighbor is intimately connected to love of God.

In the very early passages of Scripture — in the presentation of the Ten Commandments by Moses — we receive and are called to embrace a sincere love of our neighbor.

For example, the latter seven of the Ten Commandments focus on the love of neighbor. The book of Leviticus puts forth, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (cf. Leviticus 19). Love of God and love of neighbor seem to serve as a hinge by which the door of charity opens.

No doubt, the challenge to love our neighbor seems far more challenging than loving God. We accept and hopefully welcome the command that we must love God. Our neighbors, however, well that’s a case by case basis, right?

To be sure, it’s quite the opposite. We are called to love like God. So often we think that it’s impossible for us to be like God or to love like Him. Perhaps we think it’s even blasphemous. But Jesus

is commanding so clearly that we can love like Him; after all, have we not been “created in God’s image and likeness” (Genesis 3)?

If we are serious about loving God, then we must be serious about loving what God loves and loving those God loves. God says to you and me, “love what I love; love those I love!” It’s not an impossible task to love like God. The very fact that God loves us and that we are strengthened by the sacraments is the means by which we can indeed love more and love more like our God.

The notion that we are to love “with all [our] heart, soul and mind” engenders in us a deeper understanding that our whole being is taken up in the pursuit and the living out of love. When we don’t love as God intends, we are fractured, divided, and unholy.

Please join me in praying that we will love more all those God has placed in our midst, especially the poor and most in need: “O Lord God, I love you above all things and I love my neighbor for your sake because you are the highest, infinite and perfect good, worthy of all my love. In this love I intend to live and die. Amen.”

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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. Support gathering held 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).

**Evening of Prayer with the Sisters of IHM — NOV. 15**, sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; monthly prayer service held on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel at the IHM Center Chapel, 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton.

## Catholic Happenings

**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.

**Misericordia Open House — NOV. 11**, open house event for high school students and their families at Misericordia University in Dallas (Back Mountain); begins with registration at 9 a.m. in the Anderson Sports and Health Center on campus. "Meet the Coaches" session held from 9 to 10 a.m.; followed by open house program until 3 p.m., including campus tours, faculty session, lunch, and meetings with university representatives of student services, athletics and financial aid.

**Bereavement Support Presentation: "Surviving the Holidays After Loss" — NOV. 17**, hosted by Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Clarks Summit; program begins at 2 p.m. in the Gathering Room of Our Lady of the Snows Church, 301 South State St., Clarks Summit. All are welcome to attend free of charge; registration is required for supplies and refreshments. To register, call (570-586-1741).

**Meeting of Lay Carmelites — NOV. 18**, 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).

For more information or to register, contact the Misericordia Admissions Office at (1-866-262-6363) or email: [admiss@misericordia.edu](mailto:admiss@misericordia.edu).

**St. Lucy Holiday Bingo Bash — NOV. 12**, sponsored by St. Lucy Parish in west Scranton; held in the St. Lucy Church hall. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for light lunch menu; early-bird games run from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m., and regular bingo starts at 2 p.m. Prizes include turkeys, cash winnings, gift certificates, baskets and specials; door prizes will be awarded. Homemade baked goods will be available for purchase. Admission cost: \$5, includes two boards; seating is limited. Tickets available after weekend Masses or by contacting Jack at (570-344-1672).

**Weekly Bingo — NOV. 13**, hosted by Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Dickson City; bingo games held every Monday evening, with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. Early bird games begin at 6:40 p.m.; regular games start at 7 p.m. Admission fee includes 20 games; progressive jackpot

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**Mass Celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King — NOV. 26**, hosted by the Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild; Christ the King Sunday Mass celebrated in the chapel of St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laflin, beginning at 3 p.m. Principal celebrant: St. Joseph Oblate Father Joseph Sibilano, seminary director. A prelude of contemporary music begins at 2:30 p.m., provided by the Sacred Heart Singers under the direction of Ernie Pappa; religious items will be displayed and offered free of charge by the Enthronement Guild.

**Advent Evening of Prayer with the Sisters of IHM — DEC. 6**, sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; Advent prayer service held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel at the IHM Center, 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton (top of University Ave., beyond Marywood University). All faithful are welcome. For more information, call (570-346-5404).

**Scranton Mental Health Ministry: Spiritual Support Group for Family & Friends — DEC. 7**, 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 approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. Participating Scranton parishes include St. Peter's; Mary, Mother of God; and Immaculate Conception. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener (Cathedral), (570-344-7231); Deacon Jan Mroz (Mary, Mother of God), (570-342-4881); or Deacon Pat McDonald (Immaculate Conception), (570-961-5211).

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## Day of Remembrance for Aborted Babies

The fifth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children was observed in the Diocese of Scranton recently at the memorial site of the Tomb of the Unborn located at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Carverton. Presiding at the solemn prayer service was Father Jim McGahagan, who led the faithful in attendance in recitation of the Rosary for all aborted babies. Those who participated in the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children are pictured. Foreground, Carmen Steven. First row from left, Joseph Contardi, Jacob Contardi, Sarah Contardi, Father McGahagan and Rose Karas. Second row, Sherrie Contardi, Anne Jake, Maureen Roughsedge, Sharon Yale, Paul Mengak, Theresa Lambert, Mia Contardi, Diane Magni, George Yatison, Catherine Ann Podczaski-Suraci, Ada Magni, and Knight of Columbus Patrick Umbra. Third row, Brian Lambert, Denise Mengak, Joselyn Contardi, Leonard Krispin, Ralph Rostock and Frank Suraci.

## Prayer Requests for Priests

The Daily Prayer Request for Priests schedule for the next three weeks is as follows:

November 9, Father David Cappelloni; November 10, Father Thomas Cappelloni; November 11, Father Sean Carpenter; November 12, Father Eugene Carr; November 13, Father John Chmil; November 14, Father Joseph Cipriano; November 15, Father Richard Cirba; November 16, Father Brian J.T. Clarke; November 17, Father Brian J.W. Clarke; November 18, Father Charles Connor; November 19,

Passionist Father John Connor; November 20, Father Patrick Cortese; November 21, Father David Cramer; November 22, Father William Culnane; November 23, Father Charles Cummings; November 24, Father Richard Czachor, V.E.; November 25, Father Tien Dung (Joseph) Dang; November 26, Father Vincent Dang; November 27, Monsignor Michael Delaney; November 28, St. Joseph Oblate Father Alvaro DeOliveria; November 29, Father Raymond Deviney.

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**Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Bingo — NOV. 15 & DEC. 6**, 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).

**Free Speech Forum: "Food for Thought" — NOV. 16**, presented by the Living Philosophy Project and the Department of Philosophy at Misericordia University in Dallas to encourage a philosophical discussion on the topic of free speech; held in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library on the Misericordia campus. Program begins with a reception at 4:30 p.m., followed by the forum from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Open to the public free of charge. For reservations, contact Rita Molino at [rmolino@misericordia.edu](mailto:rmolino@misericordia.edu) or by calling (570-674-8184).

**"Spirited Art" Party Fundraiser — NOV. 17**, to benefit the Little Sisters of the Poor at Holy Family Residence in Scranton; event held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the residence, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton. "Spirited Art" gatherings provide individuals and groups an opportunity to create paintings while sampling drinks and light foods. Cost: \$35 per person, includes instructor-led class, paints, smocks, brushes, easels and canvases. Little Sisters will provide snacks and non-alcoholic beverages; patrons may bring their own beverages and snacks.

Seating is limited; reservations are required by Nov. 13. Contact Jackie Galvin, director of development and communications, or Lisa Blaker, activities director and volunteer coordinator, at (570-343-4065).

**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.

**Holiday Bazaar — NOV. 18**, hosted by St. Joseph Parish in Matamoras; held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the hall of St. Joseph Church, 307 Avenue F, Matamoras. Featuring holiday arts & crafts on display for sale by numerous vendors and cash raffle drawings; breakfast and lunch concession items available for purchase. Interested vendors may inquire for more information by contacting Maureen Farr at (845-856-8549).

**Turkey Bingo — NOV. 19**, sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Parish, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley; held in the church hall. Doors open at 12 noon; games begin at 1 p.m. Games will feature specials and door prizes. Admission fee: \$3, includes two small cards. Food items will be available for purchase, including soups, halushki and hot dogs.

**Sunday Buffet Breakfast — NOV. 19**, hosted by St. Eulalia Parish, 214 Blue Shutters Road, Elmhurst (Roaring Brook Twp.); serving from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the parish hall. Cost: adults (age 12 to 64), \$7; seniors (age 65 & older), \$6; children (age 6-11), \$3; children age 5 & under admitted free. Public is invited; tickets at the door.

**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.

**19th Annual Brunch with Santa — DEC. 2**, sponsored by the Alumni Association at Misericordia University in Dallas; held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall on the Misericordia campus. Event includes festive holiday brunch for children and families, with visit from Santa; individual photos and photo packages will be available for purchase. Cost: adults, \$15; children (ages 5 to 12), \$8. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Ticket reservations may be obtained by contacting the Misericordia Alumni Box Office (570-674-6764) or [alumni@misericordia.edu](mailto:alumni@misericordia.edu).

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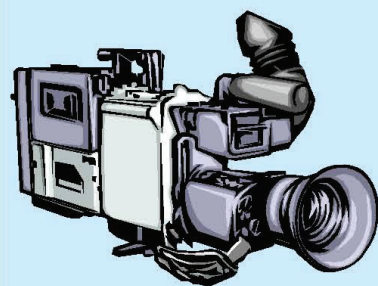
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