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## *‘God calls all of us . . . to be his followers’*

On the first Sunday of Lent, 190 persons from throughout the Diocese affirmed their “yes!” to the Lord’s invitation by participating in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion celebrated by Bishop Bambera at the Cathedral of Saint Peter. These individuals of all ages acknowledged their intention to receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) at the coming Easter Vigil. *Please see page 2.*



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## *Reaching for the Heavens*

The new church for St. Jude in Mountaintop is taking shape on the parish grounds. The building will increase worship space and parking for the growing parish community. *Please see page 3.*

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# The Church Welcomes You

## Diocese Celebrates Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

The Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion, the ritual at which 190 persons acknowledged their intention to receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) at the coming Easter Vigil, was celebrated on Sunday, March 5, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera presided.

The first part of the ceremony involved those who will be received into the Church through Baptism, known as catechumens, at the Easter Vigil. During the Rite of Election, the Church ratified the catechumens' readiness for the sacraments of initiation, and after inscribing their names in the Book of the Elect, the catechumens, now called "the elect," manifested their desire to receive these sacraments before the Bishop.

During the celebration of the Call to Continuing Conversion, which immediately followed the Rite of Election, those already baptized in the Christian faith in another denomination, and now seeking full communion with the Catholic Church, presented themselves to the Bishop, and, after having their readiness for the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist affirmed by their sponsors, were invited by the Bishop to join with the Church during Lent in a spirit of repentance and renewed fidelity to their baptismal covenant, so that they will be prepared for the joyous reception of the holy sacraments.

Those adults who were baptized Catholic but never confirmed, who have been preparing for the reception of the sacrament of confirmation at the Easter Vigil, were invited to participate in the ceremony by standing with the candidates for full communion.

During the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion, Bishop Bambera asked those godparents and sponsors assembled to affirm that the catechumens and candidates have been faithful to prayer, study and living the tenets of the Catholic faith during

the past year. The ceremony was witnessed by families, sponsors, pastors and parishioners who have been supporting the catechumens and candidates throughout their period of preparation.

Bishop Bambera told the assembly that God calls all of us – out of the ordinariness of our lives, as we are, to be his followers and what a wonderful blessing that is.

Addressing the participants in the ceremony, he said: "Your presence here today proclaims to all of us that you've heard that call and have chosen to respond. And today, my sisters and brothers, and especially you, our catechumens and candidates, know that God is speaking to you. He's calling your name today. He's saying that your life – with all of its struggles and joys, with all of its blessings and challenges – has a unique place and role to play within his plan.

"This day, as never before, hear the words of Jesus that come to us from Saint John's Gospel on the very night before he died, 'It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.'"

The scriptures, the Bishop noted, are filled with reminders of how God has worked in creation – always engaging his people in and through the events of their lives – never giving up on his creation – always faithful, ever present. Before the world began, the scriptures tell us, God chose a people to be his own – the people of Israel. And then, through his Son, Jesus, God chose all peoples to be loved, to be adopted daughters and sons, to be forgiven their sins and to inherit eternal life through Jesus' cross and resurrection.

"My friends, today, *you* are called by God. *Your* name will be spoken. *Your* name will be heard. And *your* name will be written in the Book of the Elect," he said. "My sisters and brothers – dear catechumens and candidates – as he has done since the beginning of creation, God places his hand on *your* shoulders today and chooses



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**A young boy who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil signs the Book of Elect for his parish.**

*you* to participate in his Kingdom. Through the touch of your godparents and through the affirmation of the Church gathered around you in this sacred cathedral, God calls you forth to walk with him in faith. The initiative is God's. The necessary response is yours.

"You, in turn, do today what all who have pledged their lives to Christ have done through the ages. You begin a journey of faith. In response to God's call, you say yes to Christ. But in so doing, you not only affirm his presence in your life. You commit yourself to embrace his example of service and selfless love."

Bishop Bambera conceded that, as it was for Jesus, the journey that you begin today will likewise have its challenges. Yet, one thing is certain. Your election this day to become a part of the Church – to call yourself a Catholic Christian – does not merely result in membership in an association that seeks to promote a certain cause. To the contrary, it is a reason to celebrate. As Pope Francis has said so often, being a Christian leads to "joy ... the joy of faith, the joy of having encountered Jesus, the joy that only Jesus gives us, the joy that gives peace."

"May each of us, in whatever place along the journey of faith we find ourselves, give thanks to God this day for the gift of Jesus and his saving grace," Bishop Bambera said. "May you, our candidates for full communion in the Church, open your hearts to the Holy Spirit and to the power of Jesus



**Candidates preparing for the sacraments of initiation stand with their sponsors during the Call to Continuing Conversion.**

who will fill your life through the Eucharist. And may you, the Elect in our midst, boldly proclaim your faith in Jesus as you inscribe your names in the Book of the Elect and take your place with all of your sisters and brothers – young and old – rich and poor – saints and sinners, who have been called by God and chosen as his own this day."

This process will reach its culmination when catechumens and candidates receive the sacraments of initiation, but will continue, especially for the newly baptized,

through a period during the Easter season called *Mystagogy* when the newly initiated share in theological reflection about the meaning of the mysteries celebrated at the Easter Vigil, and are warmly encouraged by members of the community to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church.

All of the faithful of the Diocese are encouraged to pray for these catechumens and candidates as they enter into this period of spiritual preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation.

*"In response to God's call, you say yes to Christ. But in so doing, you not only affirm his presence in your life. You commit yourself to embrace his example of service and selfless love."*

**– Bishop Bambera**



# Progress Continues on New Church for St. Jude Parish

As one day unfolds into the next, parishioners and passersby can see more of the new church being built to serve St. Jude in Mountain Top. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera recently toured the site after celebrating Mass for the St. Jude Elementary School community.

According to St. Jude pastor Father Joseph Evanko, the current church building is 60 years old and in need of repairs and improvements. It seats approximately 550 people. The new building will seat 830 worshippers. When the new church is completed, the existing building will be razed and the space used for parking. The increased seating and parking are needed to accommodate the growth of the parish.



A view of the sanctuary.



Above: interior view of narthex looking up at the exposed trusses.

Father Joseph Evanko, St. Jude pastor (right) points out a feature of the new church. With him, from left, are Jonathan Reif, vice president of Sordoni Construction Services; Bishop Bambera; Joe Yusinski, project manager for Sordoni Construction Services; and Tom Gercak, from Hemmler + Camayd Architects.



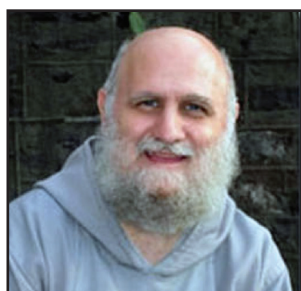
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## Catholic Men's Conference to Feature Spirituality, Dynamic Speakers

May 6 in Wilkes-Barre

The third annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, May 6, at King's College in Wilkes-Barre. The theme is "Be A Man: Mary's Call to Battle," inspired by this year's centenary celebration of Our Blessed Mother's appearances at Fatima.

More than 1,000 men from throughout the Diocese are expected to attend. They will have the opportunity to participate in Eucharistic adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, share meals and fellowship, attend Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, and listen



Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR



Matt Fradd



Steve Ray

to a trio of outstanding speakers: Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR, Steve Ray and Matt Fradd.

**Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR**

Father Apostoli is a founding member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, and has been teaching and preaching retreats and parish mis-

sions for several decades. He is considered one of the world's foremost experts on the apparitions at Fatima.

He is the author of numerous books, including *Following Mary to Jesus* and *Walk Humbly With Your God*.

Father Apostoli is the vice-postulator for the cause for the can-

onization of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. A frequent presence on EWTN television, he hosted the TV special "Our Lady of Fatima and the First Saturday Devotion." He also hosted a three-part series on Fatima on Catholic TV. Learn more about his community by visiting [franciscanfriars.com](http://franciscanfriars.com)

**Matt Fradd**

After experiencing a profound conversion at World Youth Day in Rome in 2000, Matt Fradd committed himself to inviting others to know Jesus Christ and the Church He founded. Matt has been a missionary in Canada and Ireland, proclaiming the Gospel to over 10,000 teens and young adults, and has been a guest on the BBC, EWTN, ABC and "Catholic Answers Live."

Matt currently lives (and surfs) in Southern California with his wife and three children where he currently works as an apologist and speaker with Catholic Answers. Learn

more about Matt by visiting [mattfradd.com](http://mattfradd.com).

**Steve Ray**

Steve is a Catholic speaker, author, pilgrimage guide, and frequent guest on EWTN. The proud father of four, Steve lives with his wife Janet in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Learn more about Steve at [CatholicConvert.com](http://CatholicConvert.com)

Registration is available via the conference website: [www.BeAMan-conference.com](http://www.BeAMan-conference.com). For more information or to volunteer, please call or email Michael Kilmer at 570-746-0100 or [mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com](mailto:mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com).





## Bishop Blesses New F.S.S.P. Headquarters

On February 22, 2017, the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Bishop Bambera blessed the North American District Headquarters of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter at their new location in South Abington Township. Priests from both the Diocese of Scranton and the Fraternity attended the blessing which was followed by a light reception. Pictured here with Bishop Bambera is the staff of the Fraternity's North American Headquarters, from left: Father Zachary Akers, F.S.S.P.; Father Simon Harkins, F.S.S.P.; Michele Fitzgerald; Joe Gardner; Theresa Pitino; Mark Giumento; Todd Drain (in back); Lisa Davis (in front); Patricia McGovern; Karen Cunningham; Bishop Bambera; Nancy LaRoza; Father Gerard Saguto, F.S.S.P.; Jerry Getz. The Fraternity recently moved from its previous location in Elmhurst to a smaller property and more modern building on the campus of Clarks Summit University.



**Bishop Bambera celebrated the annual Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral preceding the St. Patrick Parade in Scranton.**



**Bishop Bambera joined students from Holy Redeemer High School for their Day of Service at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre.**



## BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

**March 16-19** – U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops National Advisory Council Committee Meeting, Baltimore

**March 20** – Mass for Feast of St. Joseph, Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, Pittston, 11:00 a.m.

**March 25** – Mass for 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Church of St. Ann, Williamsport, 5:30 p.m.

**March 28** – Confirmation, Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit; Nativity of the BVM Parish, Tunkhannock; St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Lake Winola; at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 7:00 p.m.

**March 29** – Notre Dame School Mass, Notre Dame High School, East Stroudsburg, 10:00 a.m.

**March 30** – Lenten Day of Reflection for Priests, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton, 12:00 noon

**April 1** – Lenten Day of Reflection for Deacons and Wives, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton, 8:30 a.m.

**April 2** – World Day for Consecrated Life Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 12:15 p.m.

**April 3** – Confirmation, Christ the King Parish, Archbald; Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, Jermyn; at Christ the King Parish, Archbald, 5:00 p.m.

**April 5** – Monsignor McHugh School Mass, Monsignor McHugh Elementary School, Cresco, 10:00 a.m.

**April 9** – Palm Sunday Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 12:15 p.m.

**April 11** – Chrism Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 4:00 p.m.

**April 13** – Mass of the Lord's Supper, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 5:30 p.m.

**April 14** – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.

**April 15** – Easter Vigil Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 8:00 p.m.

**April 16** – Easter Sunday Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 10:00 a.m.



# Young People Plan, Invite Their Peers to *XLT (Exalt!)*

The Vocation Office is spearheading the launch of a Diocesan-wide XLT (Exalt!). The event, which originated in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, consists of praise and worship music, a dynamic speaker, Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation, and a social.

High school students, college students, and working young adults have enjoyed this powerful event while attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), World Youth Day and local parishes.

“One of the greatest parts of NCYC was XLT,” said Jacob Kwiatkowski, a student leader at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Hanover Township. “The powerful and moving music, amazing speaker, and the silence in the arena during adoration were all breath-taking. I’m so glad we are able to bring something we enjoyed so much in Indianapolis back to the Diocese of Scranton.”

Brainstorming sessions were held in February to solicit ideas and feedback for the three XLTs being held in the spring. High school students, college students, and working



High school students discuss their past XLT experiences.

## Upcoming XLTs

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

**Friday, March 24 – High School  
Friday, April 28 – College/Young Adults  
7-9 p.m. Divine Mercy Parish,  
312 Davis Street, Scranton**

**Friday, May 19 – High School  
7-9 p.m. St. John Neumann Parish,  
633 Orchard Street, Scranton**

young adults spent time coming up with music that speaks to them and helps them to live as intentional disciples, what topics are of interest, who the speakers should be, locations, and what type of socials should be held.

“It was a great opportunity to connect with other young adults from throughout the Diocese of Scranton at the brainstorming session,” said Alyssa Stencavage, a young adult from Saint Jude Parish, Mountain Top. “We came up with a lot of great ideas between all the small groups to help launch XLT.”

“After feedback at #leaveamark16, national conferences, World Youth Day, and the two brainstorming sessions we held, it is clear that there is much energy and enthusiasm around this particular event,” said Dominick Costantino, program coordinator for the Diocesan Vocation Office. “We hope the young church and all those who attend will have a powerful and prayerful experience.”

The first XLT will take place on Friday, March 24 at



Above and below: College students and working young adults brainstorm about the upcoming XLTs.



Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis Street in Scranton from 7-9 p.m. Praise and worship music will be led by Countless Wonders. The speaker for the evening will be Shannon Kowalski, youth minister at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Moscow. All are welcome to attend, but the speaker’s talk will be geared towards high school students. For more information, please call 570-207-1452.

## ‘Come and See’ Weekend Retreat: Learning About Discerning

The annual “Come and See” weekend retreat was held recently at the Villa of Our Lady Retreat House in Mount Pocono. The retreat enabled participants to pray, talk with seminarians and Diocesan priests, and listen to presentations on discernment and seminary life. Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin joined the group for lunch and informal conversation.

“The ‘Come and See’ weekend retreat was a great experience. It helped me to get to know the seminarians and others who are discerning a vocation to Diocesan priesthood. One thing that really stood out to me was the visit from Bishop Timlin. It was heartwarming to hear him tell his vocation story and his life as a priest and Bishop. Towards the end of his talk, he started to get emotional. He showed all of us that the priesthood is not just a career, but a way of life.”

– Christopher

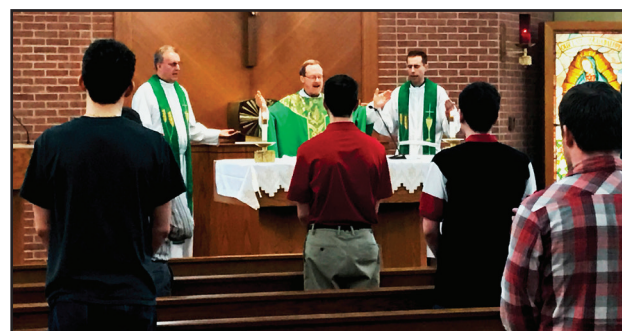
“The weekend was a refreshing and humbling experience. Being able to talk to discerners from all different parts of

the Diocese helped me to reflect on my own discernment and know that there are plenty of men in the Church of Scranton that are more than willing to serve the Church in any path that God has planned for them.”

– Andrew McCarroll, seminarian

“This weekend is one of the most important initiatives we offer in the Diocesan Vocation Office. Young men aged 18-35 have the opportunity to really ‘retreat’ and step away from their busy lives to give God a chance to speak to their hearts in a very special way. Support from our seminarians, Assistant Vocation Directors, and other discerners allows them to relax, pray, and ask questions that can appear frightening and overwhelming. The experience of the seminarians, who have made this selfless commitment to God, provides discerners the opportunity to clarify any misconceptions and enables them to stay open and available.”

– Father Don Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians



Father Jeffrey Walsh (center), Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, celebrates Mass at the “Come and See” weekend.



Seminarian Ryan Glenn leads a session and discussion on the ‘Rich Young Man’ at the “Come and See” weekend.



# ‘God of the Gathering’

# Lay Ministry Certificate Candidates Take Part in Annual Overnight Retreat

Twenty candidates in the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* program took part in their annual Overnight Retreat experience, held this year March 3-4 at the Villa of Our Lady Retreat House in Mount Pocono. Coming together to begin the Lenten season in prayer as a community of leaders, the retreat participants who gathered represented 16 parishes from all four pastoral regions – across 8 of the Diocese’s 11 counties.

The theme of this year’s retreat, “God of the Gathering,” focused on discernment – both in one’s personal prayer life and in communal settings which call for attention to the movement of the Holy Spirit in planning on behalf of the parish. During the course of the weekend, members of the Office for Parish Life team led retreatants in prayer experiences, individually as well as in the larger group, and guided candidates in discussion and reflective activities.

Central to the retreat design was this Scriptural verse: “The Spirit is given to each of us for the good of all of us.” (1 Cor 12:7) Participants renewed their understanding of the diversity of gifts bound together in the one Spirit. The group applied the philosophy of Sharing Wisdom, a consensus approach to group decision-making, to the real situations of their respective parishes and areas of ministry.

Some of the candidates expressed these reflections at the close of the retreat:

Kay Price, Queen of Apostles, Avoca: “This retreat was inspiring! People’s professional skills were brought to light...food for thought for *all*. God in the Gathering!”



Judi Albury, Our Lady of Victory, Tannersville: “This retreat was a perfect way to start off my Lenten season. A moment to stop, reflect, and allow the Holy Spirit to re-light my ‘pilot light.’ We should do this more often!!!”

Elizabeth Potito, Most Holy Trinity: “I had a wonderful time at the retreat. The information on leadership techniques will be helpful, not just in parish life, but also in ministry, work and at home.... the talk on ‘Praying in Color’ adds such a great new technique to my prayer life.”

Michele Cohen, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Brodheads ville: “It [was] a joy attending a retreat hosted by the Office for Parish Life staff! I felt immersed in a sacred space created for reflection on God’s presence and action in my life. I benefitted from the wisdom

shared on how to be more attuned to God’s presence in my life and learned useful tools for personal and group discernment. I appreciate the opportunity for reflection, prayer, and praise through music with others who want to grow closer to God.”

Sarah Hazelton, Holy Child, Mansfield: “The Lay Ministry retreat was a wonderful opportunity to refuel and recharge, while enjoying a time of fellowship with the other candidates. I came away with tools that I can use to enrich both my parish ministry and my spiritual life.”

The *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* process is designed to equip and advance the servant leadership capacities of individuals ministering in areas such as: Parish Pastoral Councils, Directors of Religious Education and Catechists, Liturgical Coordinators, Parish Staff, as well as members of Volunteer Ministry teams, and more!

The Office for Parish Life invites your parish to learn how this ministry formation program, and other resources of “OPL,” can benefit and grow the leadership of your faith community. Contact Kitty Scanlan at the Office for Parish Life by telephone, 570-207-2213, or by email at [kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org) for more information.



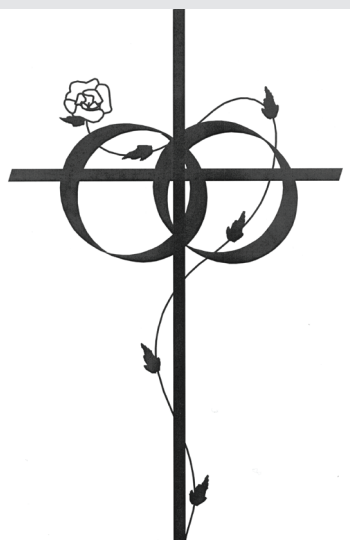
## Couples Invited to Participate in Wedding Anniversary Celebration

**On June 11, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate the Wedding Anniversary Mass at 2:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, for couples celebrating their 25th or 50th year of marriage in 2017.**

**This is an occasion to recognize the role married couples play in the Church’s mission to bring God’s faithful love into the world. Couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage vows.**

**A reception will follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, where anniversary couples will be able to have their picture taken with the Bishop.**

**Eligible couples should give their names and an April mailing address to their parish office before March 13. Parish lists are due to the Office for Parish Life by March 20.**



## NPM – Workshop for Clergy and Musicians on the Order of Celebrating Matrimony

The Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians will hold a Workshop for Clergy and Musicians on the Order of Celebrating Matrimony on Monday, April 24, 2017 beginning at 6:00PM at St. Nicholas Parish, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre.

The mandatory use date for the new *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* has already come and gone, but the priests and parish musicians still have questions on this new edition and how music can best serve the rite. David Baloga, Director for Worship in the Office for Parish Life, will give an overview of what’s new and what’s not, offer musical suggestions to accommodate the new rite, and provide recom-

mendations for a collaborative approach between clergy and musicians in the celebration of Matrimony.

The meeting begins with dinner at 6:00PM, followed by the presentation at 7:00PM, and concludes with Night Prayer. All priests, deacons, parish music directors, cantors and anyone else involved with the preparation of wedding liturgies are encouraged to attend. There is no cost for the event, but a free-will offering will be taken up to help offset the cost of dinner. To register, please contact David Baloga, NPM Scranton Chapter Program Director at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158 or at [David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org) by Wednesday, April 19, 2017.





## Living Your Strengths Evening Retreat

Thursday, March 30, 5:30-9:00PM  
St. Ignatius Parish  
339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston

With the coming of Spring and the promise of new life in Easter, Lent prompts us to cultivate life-giving practices and attitudes. One such practice is to acknowledge the goodness God has created in each us. *Living Your Strengths* is a time to reflect on our unique talents, so we can see the particular call God has for us in the Church and world. We can also appreciate our need for one another as we each fulfill a different role in the Body of Christ. This Lent, grow into the unique and wonderful gifts God has given you!

- ✦ Presenter: Bernadette Rudolph, Director for Family and Community Development
- ✦ Cost: \$10 for dinner. Also you need to get a code from the book, *StrengthsFinder 2.0* by Tom Rath. You can purchase a hard copy from [Amazon](http://Amazon)—making sure it is new so you get an unused code—or an e-book directly from [Gallup](http://Gallup).
- ✦ Please take the *StrengthsFinder2.0* survey and bring the results with you March 30.
- ✦ Contact Jennifer at 570-207-2213 or [oplgeneral@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:oplgeneral@dioceseofscranton.org) to register.

**LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS**  
Discover Your God-Given Talents

## NPM – A Lenten Taizé Experience

The Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, combined with St. John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston, will offer a Lenten Taizé Experience on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St., Pittston.

The evening begins with dinner at 6:00PM and a brief overview of Taizé prayer. At 7:00PM, Cantores Christi Regis from King's College, Wilkes-Barre, will lead participants in this form of meditative worship. All are welcome. A free will offering will be collected to offset the cost of dinner and as a donation for Cantores Christi Regis.

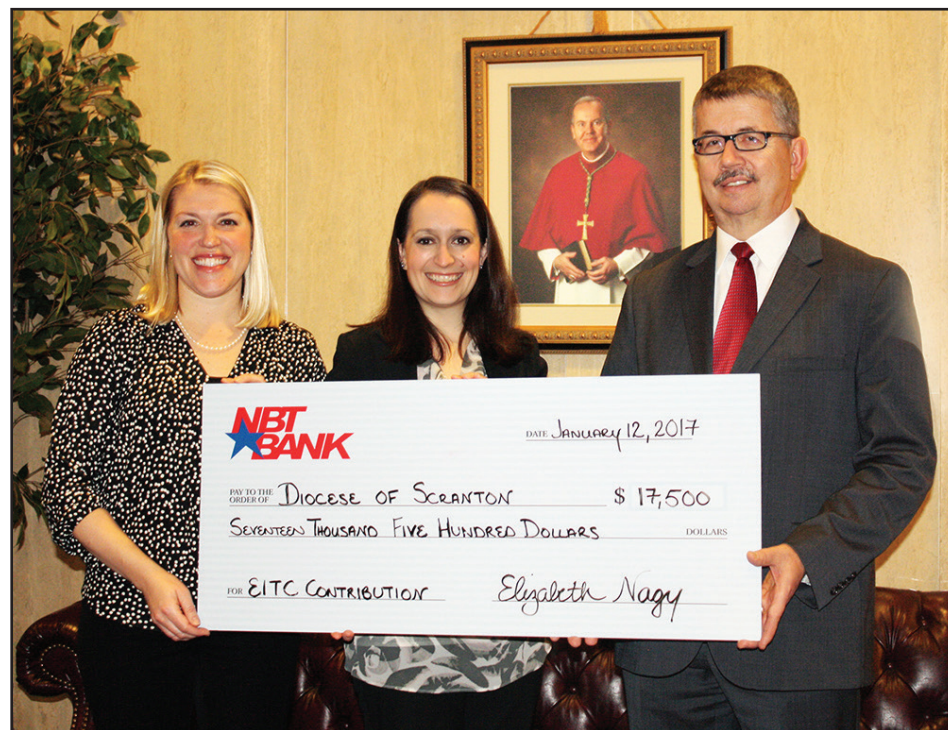
To register, please contact David Baloga, NPM Program Director, at 570-207-2213, or register online at [www.scrantonNPM.com](http://www.scrantonNPM.com).



## Holy Family Parish Supports Vocations

Holy Family Parish, Sugar Notch, recently held a bake sale before and after weekend Masses to raise money for the St. John Vianney Endowment, which supports education for Diocesan seminarians and programs to foster vocations. A check for \$600 was presented to Rev. Donald J. Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians. At the check presentation are, from left: Ann Marie Columbo; Diane Bliss; Rev. Joseph Kakareka, pastor; Marlene Fedak; Father Williams; Theresa Cronauer and Stella Bobrowski.

## NBT Bank Supports Catholic Schools



NBT Bank recently made a \$17,500 contribution to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation through Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. Pictured from left are Lindsay Doherty, EITC/OSTC Coordinator; Elizabeth Nagy, AVP, Marketing and Communications Manager for NBT Bank; and Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for Development. This generous contribution will provide much needed tuition assistance to many Catholic School families throughout northeastern Pennsylvania.

## Pennsylvania Catholic Conference

### Action Alert:

## Invest in Success: Expand EITC & OSTC Scholarships

Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs have enabled tuition assistance for thousands of students in our Catholic schools through the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation. Now the state House of Representatives, under the leadership of Speaker of the House Mike Turzai (R-Allegheny), is considering **House Bill 250**, which proposes to increase the amount of tax credits available under the EITC program by \$50 million (raising it to \$175 million) and the OSTC program by \$25 million (raising it to \$75 million).

This would provide even more opportunities for students to go to the school that best meets their needs. The EITC and the OSTC programs have always achieved bipartisan support and have been acclaimed as two of the best educational programs Pennsylvania offers.

Please urge your state Representative to invest in success and support the expansion of the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs by voting YES on HB 250. **Go to [www.pacatholic.org](http://www.pacatholic.org) and see Current Alerts -> Invest in Success: Expand EITC & OSTC Scholarships.**

*Thank you for your support!*



## Feast of St. Joseph -- March 20

*Saint Joseph,  
patron of the  
universal Church,  
watch over the Church  
as carefully as you  
watched over Jesus,  
help protect it and guide it  
as you did with your  
adopted son.  
Amen*



## Cathedral Announces Holy Week Services

The solemn observances of Holy Week, which recall the passion and death of Jesus Christ, begin on Palm Sunday, April 9. The Masses on Palm Sunday will include the blessing and distribution of palm branches, which play a symbolic role on this day since they were first used to commemorate the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into the city of Jerusalem. The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, will celebrate a Pontifical Liturgy at 12:15 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton. Weather permitting, this Mass will begin in the Cathedral Prayer Garden with a blessing of palms and a Gospel reading, followed by a procession into the Cathedral.

Palm Sunday Masses at the Cathedral will also be celebrated at 4 p.m. on Saturday and 6:30 a.m., 10 a.m., and 5 p.m. on Sunday. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6 p.m., followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6:30 p.m.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, Masses at the Cathedral will be celebrated at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., and 12:10 p.m.

Confessions will be heard Monday, April 10, 7:30 to 7:50 a.m., and 5:30 to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 to 7:50 a.m.; Wednesday, April 12, 7:30 to 7:50 a.m.; Good Friday, April 14, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and Holy Saturday, April 15, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Priests serving throughout the Diocese will gather at the Cathedral on Tuesday, April 11, at 4 p.m. for the Solemn Pontifical Chrism Mass, at which the Holy Oils used during the conferral of sacraments throughout the Church year will be blessed. Bishop Bambera will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin and Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus John M. Dougherty will concelebrate the Mass along with all priests from the Diocese.

During this Mass, priests and deacons, along with lay representatives from diocesan parishes, acknowledge the Bishop's role as the unifying symbol for Church governance and pastoral guidance. Priests will renew their ordination promises. After Mass, they will receive the Sacred Chrism, Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens, which are used in the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, the Anointing of the Sick, and the Rites of the Catechuminate. The deacons of the Diocese will assist in the blessing of the holy oils.

The three most sacred days of the Church's liturgical year, known as the Sacred Paschal Triduum, begin on Holy Thursday, April 13, with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. During the Triduum (Latin for "three days"), the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our

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## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DISPENSATION

During the penitential season of Lent, all Catholics are obliged to abstain from meat on Fridays. This ecclesiastical law helps us to commemorate as a community the Passion and Death of the Lord and to practice the self-restraint called for by this holy season.

Nevertheless, this remains an ecclesiastical law, and thus, the Bishop is able to dispense from this requirement for the spiritual good of the people entrusted to his care.

Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, 2017, occurs on a Friday in Lent, which is normally a day of abstinence for Catholics. Bishop Bambera acknowledges that celebrations honoring the Apostle of Ireland contribute to the spiritual good of the faithful in the Diocese of Scranton, and for this reason, he has dispensed all Catholics belonging to the Diocese of Scranton who partake in special celebrations in honor of Saint Patrick on March 17, 2017, from the required abstinence from meat in their celebratory meals. This applies to celebrations in parishes, fraternal organizations and families. This dispensation does not apply to other celebrations of Saint Patrick which take place on other Fridays in Lent. All the faithful who take advantage of this dispensation are encouraged to perform an act of service, prayer or sacrifice in keeping with the character of the Lenten season.

### Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



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# Consecrated Life Mass Celebration Planned for April 2

## Women and Men Religious Jubilarians in Diocese To Be Honored

The Diocese of Scranton celebration of the 2017 World Day for Consecrated Life will be commemorated with a Pontifical liturgy next month. The annual Mass and Jubilee Celebration for Women and Men Religious will be offered

on Sunday, April 2, at 12:15 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will serve as principal celebrant for the Mass, during which Religious priests, brothers and sisters who are celebrating jubi-

lee anniversaries of ordination or profession of vows will be honored. All women and men Religious and members of those various forms of Consecrated Life who offer service to the Church as members of secular

institutes, have been invited to this special event. This year, 57 women and men Religious jubilarians serving in the Diocese will be honored. A reception will be held following the Mass. All are

welcome to participate in this celebration. CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese will broadcast the Mass live. The women and men Religious jubilarians for 2017 are listed below:

WOMEN RELIGIOUS	Sister Maureen Harrison, RSM	Sister Mary Howard Krotzer, IHM	Sister Maureen Dailey, IHM	Sister Mary Augustine du St. Esprit, lsp
75 Years	Sister Helen Louise McHale, RSM	Sister M. Francis Borgia O'Donnell, IHM	Sister Ester Marie de la Trinite, lsp	Sister M. Johnice Grand, IHM
Sister Miriam Rita Biter, RSM	Sister Margaretta Phillips, RSM	Sister Jacquelin Servick, IHM	Sister Vincentia Dorsey, IHM	Sister Geralyn Haggerty, SCC
Sister Marionette Coll, IHM	Sister M. Celesta Sinisi, IHM	Sister Maria Goretti Timperio, IHM	Sister Clare Joseph Farabaugh, RSM	Sister Carlita Jones, SCC
Sister M. Lisbeth Hartnett, IHM	68 Years	Sister M. St. Mel Wright, IHM	Sister Lillain Marie Farrell, IHM	Sister Kathleen M. Kelly, IHM
Sister M. Daniela McCarthy, IHM	Sister Theodosia Alishofski, OSBM	60 Years	Sister Mary Fellin, RSM	Sister Franziska Laudascher, IHM
70 Years	65 Years	Sister Regina Adams, OSBM	Sister Catherine Ann Gilvary, IHM	Sister Jean Leonard, IHM
Sister Mary Carmel DeSantis, RSM	Sister Mary Elizabeth Costello, IHM	Sister Christina Aldarelli, IHM	Sister Mary Glennon, RSM	Sister Eleanor Mary Marconi, IHM
Sister Eleanor Desaulniers, IHM	Sister Geraldine Marie Dranginis, IHM	Sister Elizabeth Anne Brandreth, RSM	Sister Ann Newell, IHM	Sister Jeanne Marie McAuliffe, IHM
Sister M. Alexius Fitzgerald, IHM	Sister M. Francis Xavier Grieb, IHM	Sister M. Katharine Brennan, RSM	Sister Margaret Anne O'Connor, RSM	Sister Christine Milhelich, IHM
Sister M. Fidelis Flannery, IHM		Sister Lois Buckley, IHM	Sister Mariam Pfeifer, IHM	Sister Mary William Philbin, IHM
Sister Aileen Mary Flynn, RSM			Sister Marie Lourdes Vanston, IHM	Sister Jane Snyder, IHM
			Sister Louise Marie Verchick, IHM	MEN RELIGIOUS

### Dallas Knights Support Seminarian



The Knights of Columbus Council in Dallas, Luzerne County, has been providing financial assistance to help further the priestly vocation of Andrew McCarroll, an area seminarian studying for the Diocese of Scranton. Dallas Knights of Columbus are shown during a recent check presentation to the seminarian. Pictured, from left, Grand Knight Jim O'Donnell; Father Daniel Toomey, K of C chaplain; Mr. McCarroll; Past Grand Knight Walter Knorr; and Past Grand Knight Robert Lukas.

Sister Regina Marie Wilson, IHM	60 Years
50 Years	Reverend J. Patrick Mohr, SJ
Sister Ellen Carney, IHM	25 Years
Sister Mary Ann Cody, IHM	Reverend Patrick D. Rogers, SJ

### Apostleship of Prayer

#### Papal Intention for April 2017

*Young People* —

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.



# Holy Week at The Cathedral

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redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of the Lord, crucified, buried and risen.

Holy Thursday marks the day on which Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist and the priestly Order and gave us the commandment concerning fraternal charity. At the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Morning Prayer will be at 8 a.m. The Pontifical Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. Bishop Bambara will be the principal celebrant and homilist. During the Mass, there will be the rite of the Washing of Feet, which re-enacts Christ's washing of the feet of his apostles at the Last Supper. Following this Mass there will be the transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament to the place of repose. Adoration will continue until 9 p.m., when Night Prayer will be celebrated.

On Good Friday, April 14, and the following day (up to the Easter Vigil Mass), by a most ancient tradition, the Church does not celebrate the sacraments at all, except for Penance and Anointing of the Sick. At the Cathedral, Morning Prayer for Good Friday will be at 8 a.m. The Commemoration of the Passion and Death of the Lord celebrated by Bishop Bambara will begin at 12:10 p.m. This solemn liturgy consists of three parts: the Liturgy of the Word, the Adoration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. In addition, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 5 p.m. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Holy Saturday, April 15, is the day that the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer, meditating on his passion and death and on his descent into hell, and awaiting his resurrection. Morning Prayer will be at 8 a.m. at the Cathedral, followed by a retreat for those preparing to be brought into full communion with the Catholic Church and to receive the Easter Sacraments. The blessing of Easter Baskets will take place at 1 p.m. in the Cathedral.

The Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter is the night of keeping vigil for the Lord (*Exodus* 12:42), in which following the Gospel admonition (*Luke* 12:35-37), the faithful, carrying lighted lamps in their hands, should be like those looking for the Lord when he returns, so that at his coming he may find them awake and have them at his table. This night's vigil is the greatest and most noble of all solemnities in the Church. Although celebrated entirely at night, this Mass of the Vigil is the first Mass of the Sunday of the Resurrection, and it is the center of the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

Bishop Bambara will be the principal celebrant and homilist of the Easter Vigil Mass at the Cathedral, beginning at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 15. This liturgy is arranged in four parts: 1) the Lucernarium (a service of light) and Easter Proclamation; 2) the Liturgy of the Word, in which the Church meditates on the wonders God has done for his people from the beginning, trusting in his word and promise; 3) the Liturgy of Baptism and Confirmation in which new members of the Church are reborn; and 4) the Liturgy of the Eucharist, in which the Church is called to the table the Lord has prepared for his people, the memorial of his death and resurrection until he comes again.

On the Holy Night of Easter, 190 people who have participated in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will become fully initiated Catholics by the celebration of their Baptism, Confirmation, and reception of the Eucharist for the first time. This will take place during Easter Vigil Masses celebrated in parishes throughout the Diocese. They join tens of thousands of other individuals throughout the world who will become members of the Church that night.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord is the most joyous day in the Church year. This joy overflows into the 50 days of the Easter season, which concludes on Pentecost Sunday. On Easter Day, April 16, Bishop Bambara will celebrate a Pontifical Mass at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral. Additional Masses during the day will be at 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and of the perfect glorification of God through his Paschal Mystery, in which by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life, the Sacred Paschal Triduum shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. Therefore the preeminence that Sunday has in the week, the Solemnity of Easter has in the entire year.

## King's Reginas Aids Scholarship Fund



**The Reginas of King's College in Wilkes-Barre recently presented a check donation to Holy Cross Father Jack Ryan, president of King's, for the Rev. Clement J. Podskoch Scholarship Fund benefiting local King's students. Proceeds from the Reginas' annual Penny Auction are donated to support the scholarships. Shown, first row from left, Maria Ida Margalis, Dolores McGeehan, Father Ryan, Gloria Flynn and Dolores Mirro. Second row, Jean Dougherty, Ann Chaump, Eileen Eustice, Maureen Finnerty, Loretta Joyce and Holy Cross Father Charles Kocielek, Reginas moderator. This year's Penny Auction will be held on Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m. on the King's campus. Admission is \$2.**

## Catholic Choral Society Offering Lenten Concerts

Continuing a 68-year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through sacred music, the Catholic Choral Society will present its

### Conyngham Parish Lenten Retreat Set

St. John Bosco Parish in Conyngham will host a Lenten Parish Retreat April 1-5.

Serving as retreat presenters will be Franciscan Father Pio Mandato and Sister Theresa May of the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth, who will provide the music ministry.

A noted retreat master, Father Mandato will preach at the April 1-2 weekend Masses at St. John Bosco Church to introduce the retreat.

Eucharistic adoration will begin following the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 2. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude at 6 p.m. with a brief service of the Word and solemn benediction.

During April 3-5, Mass will be celebrated daily, with guest homily, at 8 a.m., and retreat presentations will be offered at 7 p.m.

A Lenten Penance Service will be held on Tuesday, April 4, with a number of priests available for confessions. The retreat will conclude with an evening Mass on Wednesday, April 5.

annual concerts during the season of Lent, which will be hosted this year at churches in Wilkes-Barre and Harford.

The first Lenten concert will be performed on Sunday, March 26, at 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 97 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, where John Vaida serves as music minister and organist.

Hosting the second concert in Lent on the following Sunday, April 3, at 3 p.m. will be the First Congregational Church of Harford UCC, 5016 Creek Road, Harford. Will Hagenbuch will serve as host pastor.

The seasonal performances

are open to the public free of charge; a good-will offering will be accepted.

Celebrating its 68th season, the Catholic Choral Society is a 60-voice ensemble representing Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties, who will perform the inspirational music in the Lenten tradition.

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

For more information, call (570-575-1040) or visit: [www.catholicchoralsociety.org](http://www.catholicchoralsociety.org).

## Prayer Requests for Priests

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

March 16, Monsignor Alexander Kulik; March 17, Father Andrew Kurovsky; March 18, Father Joseph Kutch; March 19, Father John Lambert; March 20, Passionist Father Francis Landry; March 21, Father Vincent Langan; March 22, Father William Langan; March 23, Father John Lapera; March 24, St. Joseph Oblate Father Victor Leon; March 25, Father Albert Leonard; March 26, Jesuit Father John Levko; March 27, Father Michael Litcheck; March

28, Holy Cross Father Joseph Long; March 29, Holy Cross Father Thomas Looney; March 30, Father Gregory Loughney; March 31, Monsignor John Louis; April 1, Pope Francis; April 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; April 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambara; April 4, Holy Cross Father Robert Lozinski; April 5, Father Edward Lyman; April 6, Monsignor Peter Madus; April 7, Jesuit Father Ryan Maher; April 8, Father Thomas Major; April 9, Jesuit Father Richard Malloy; April 10, Father Thomas Maloney; April 11, Father Joseph Manarchuck; April 12, Franciscan Father Pio Mandato.



# Diocesan Catholic Schools Reap Support Via #GivingTuesday

Catholic schools of the Diocese of Scranton raised nearly \$19,000 in a #GivingTuesday online campaign to fund special projects.

#GivingTuesday, which takes place the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, is a national movement that celebrates and supports the community giving back to charities and non-profits.

All 20 Diocesan Catholic schools participated with 14 schools meeting or exceeding their \$1,000 goal.

The range of projects showcased the diversity of our schools and highlighted students' various interests. Projects included STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) curriculum; funding for music, arts, and theater needs; as well as technology upgrades.

John Anthony Farkas Jr., manager of Development and Alumni Relations for Catholic Schools, and Danielle Rake, director of enrollment and marketing for Catholic Schools, worked together with school principals and staff to promote the project.

Principal Jeff Lyons of Notre Dame Jr.-Sr. High School, which raised over \$1,100 for STEM curriculum, said of his experience, "Giving Tuesday bore much fruit. This opportunity caused us to evaluate what items we might need but for which we just couldn't find the funds. We had to see if the Notre Dame community would validate our choice by donating



**The Holy Cross High School choir, under the direction of music teacher Jillian Rojek, performs at a school Mass. Their #GivingTuesday funds will be used for new hymnals.**

to our cause. We were surprised and elated that a mixture of faculty, parents, alumni, and organizations contributed to this project. Many of our stakeholders donated and we were thrilled that our goal was met. The opportunity turned out to be a resounding success and I thank the Diocese for their presentation, guidance, and follow-up for 'Giving Tuesday.'"

The two schools that received the most donations for this project were St. Agnes Elementary School, Towanda, raising \$1,785; and St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Elementary School, Dunmore, with \$1,600.

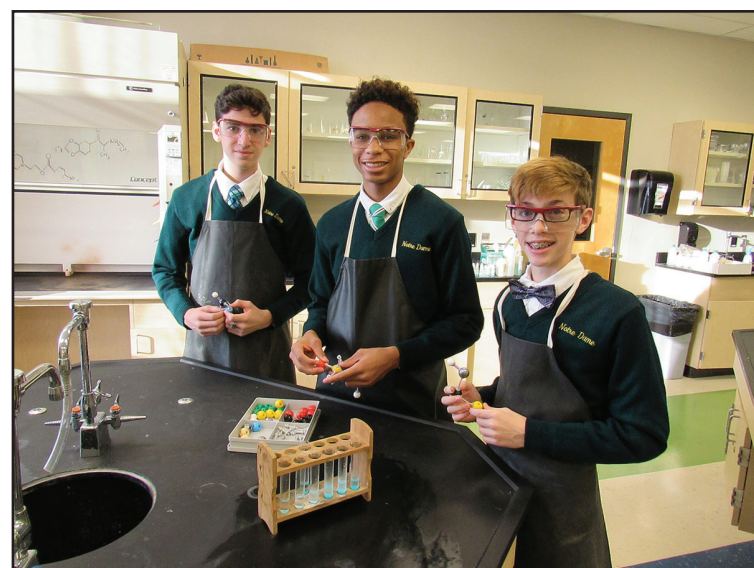
Said St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Principal Kathy Hubert, "We found it very heartwarming to

have so many people of all ages contribute to this initiative. Some were alumni and past students of mine. Some contributions were from teachers and parents. From the comments that people wrote, it is evident that Catholic Education continues to make a lasting impact on young lives."

"The Diocesan Development and Catholic Schools Offices will be coordinating the event again for next year's #GivingTuesday and are excited to see the new types of projects our schools identify. We continue to be grateful to all of those who supported this project through donations and helping to get the word out!" Mr. Farkas said.



**St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Elementary School students Katerina Morris, left, and Leah Otasevic use an iPad in the classroom. Their #GivingTuesday funds will go towards STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) curriculum materials.**



**Notre Dame Jr.-Sr. High School students James Gregory, Dylan Parris and Noah Wickenheiser, left to right, participate in a science exercise. Their #GivingTuesday funds will go towards STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) curriculum materials.**

## Cardinal Dolan urges passage of nationwide school choice bill

NEW YORK (CNS) – Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York urged President Donald Trump to follow through on a recent call for legislation that funds school choice for disadvantaged youth nationwide.

Writing in a column for The Wall Street Journal March 9, Cardinal Dolan said he hoped that the president would "push Congress to make scholarship tax credits available to working-class families."

The cardinal called for rapid action in Congress so that families can benefit as soon as possible from having a choice on where to send their children to school.

Seventeen states already have scholarship tax credit programs and Cardinal Dolan said children in the remaining

states "deserve the same opportunities."

Under a nationwide tax credit program parents can opt to send their children to private schools, the cardinal wrote, noting that 97 percent of Catholic high school students in the Archdiocese of New York graduate in four years and 95 percent attend college.

The column cited the benefits of one such program, the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship program, for 300 students who attend St. Andrew Catholic School in Orlando, Florida, which Trump visited March 3 to announce his support for school choice. Statewide, nearly 98,000 children from low-income families attend parochial or private schools under the program.

Cardinal Dolan wrote that scholarship tax credits "help advance educational and economic justice. They strengthen society by creating opportunity for those who might not otherwise have it."

He also cited a report in the Peabody Journal of Education in 2016, which reviewed 21 studies on the effect of school choice on test scores of students not participating in such a program. The authors found that in 20 of the studies, the competition from private schools led to improved test results for students in public schools.

The column concluded that taxpayers save money under school choice programs because school overcrowding and costs are reduced.



# 12 Rev. Joseph Allan Panuska, S.J., University of Scranton's 22nd President, Laid to Rest

The Rev. Joseph Allan Panuska, S.J., the longest-serving president in the history of The University of Scranton and the University's first President Emeritus, died on Feb. 28 in Philadelphia. He was 89.

Father Panuska became the University's 22nd president on July 1, 1982, succeeding the Rev. William J. Byron, S.J. He served as Scranton's president until July 1, 1998.

Affectionately known as "Papa Bear," Father Panuska's devotion to students was legendary as was the University's growth under his leadership. During his 16-year tenure as president, Father Panuska is credited not only with a construction boom that added 15 buildings to the campus, but with significantly increasing student applications and faculty head count.



**Rev. Joseph Allan Panuska, S.J.**

Center for the Literary and Performing Arts, with its main theater modeled after Shakespeare's Globe Theater.

Father Panuska also became known for buying and renovating local churches. During Father Panuska's tenure, the University acquired three churches: the Episcopalian Assembly of God Church, which became Rock Hall and the home of Madonna della Strada Chapel in 1983; Immanuel Baptist Church, which became the

ees renamed one of the University's colleges in his honor — the J.A. Panuska, S.J., College of Professional Studies.

Father Panuska's tenure was marked not only by buildings and symbols that remain to this day but academic improvements that paid off in the form of Fulbright Scholarships and other prestigious opportunities for students. Admissions applications continued to rise, as did average Scholastic Aptitude Test scores of incoming students, and *U.S. News & World Report* recognized the school among the nation's best universities. Many other accolades and rankings followed.

The University's endowment and annual giving also increased dramatically during Father Panuska's tenure. Father Panuska's presidency ended at the close of the 1997-98 academic year.

After Scranton, the seven-state Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus assigned him to become rector of its Jesuit Center, or mother house, in Wernersville. In 2004, Father Panuska returned to The University of Scranton's Campus Ministries Office, devoting particular attention to providing spiritual direction and programming for University staff.

Father Panuska taught biology at Georgetown University for 10 years and also served as rector of the Jesuit Community there. After Georgetown, he served as Provincial of the seven-state Maryland Province of the Jesuits. He served as academic vice president and dean of faculties at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, prior to becoming the University's 22nd president on July 1, 1982.

A Funeral Mass for Father Panuska was celebrated on March 3 at St. Matthias Church in Bala Cynwyd. Interment was in the Jesuit Cemetery, Wernersville.



## *U of S Breaks Ground on South Side Athletics Campus*

The University of Scranton recently broke ground on a new \$14 million South Side Athletics Campus that will include NCAA regulation baseball and softball fields and a multipurpose field that meets NCAA standards for soccer, lacrosse and field hockey, in addition a community basketball court, a children's play area, field house, bleacher seating and parking.

The 11-acre athletics campus, located along Broadway Street in Scranton, will be developed on property already owned by the University. The athletics campus will help the University to address long-standing needs for additional space for athletics, intramural and recreational sports, as well as complement the region's ongoing revitalization efforts by upgrading recreational facilities at that location and beautifying the neighborhood. The expected completion date for the project is this fall.

*"It is well known and surely evident that Father Panuska built so much of the magnificent campus of the University of Scranton. Beyond what is visible, he was a passionate and caring leader who enhanced the lives of so many people who participated in the educational experience at this outstanding Catholic institution. Furthermore, he was a priest who served with zeal and supported the Church in the Diocese of Scranton and the community at large. We were blessed to have him in our midst for so many years."*

**– Bishop Bambera**

He displayed a strong commitment to local students, even as he expanded the University's reach and appeal to several states.

Francis and Elizabeth Redington Hall, the University's first suite-style residence, built in 1985, was Father Panuska's first major addition to campus. Redington Hall was followed quickly by the William J. Byron Recreation Complex in 1986, and Gavigan Hall, then a pioneering, residential-college concept, in 1989. The five-story, 70,000-square-foot Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Memorial Library followed in 1992. In 1993, the first students entered the McDade

Houlihan-McLean Center for the Performing Arts in 1986; and the John Raymond Memorial Universalist Church, which was used for classes in fine arts and later housed Facilities Operations and became Smurfit Hall in 1987.

Campion Hall, the Jesuit residence, was finished in 1987 and paid for by the Jesuits. In addition to six new student residences, two classroom buildings, Kathryn and Bernard Hyland Hall, which opened in 1988, and McGurkin Hall, which opened in 1998 were added to campus.

In recognition of his service, the Board of Trust-

## *60th Dunmore HNS Breakfast Honors Coach*



The Holy Name Society of SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish in Dunmore recently held its 60th annual Communion Breakfast at La Buona Vita banquet hall in the borough. The event began with the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church, celebrated by Father David Cappelloni, pastor. Serving as principal speaker for the breakfast program was John Marichak, superintendent of the Dunmore School District, and Attorney Bruce Coyer was the toastmaster. During the program, Jack HENZES, the longtime head football coach at Dunmore High School, was presented with the society's Pio Ferrario Christian Witness Award. Holy Name Society President Paris Alunni offered opening remarks. Pictured are the HNS breakfast principals and officers. Seated from left, Mr. Marichak, Coach HENZES and Attorney Coyer. Standing, same order, Dennis Lalley, event co-chairman; Father Cappelloni, Mr. Alunni and Attorney Bob McCormack.



## ‘Gorzkie Zale’ Polish Lenten Service March 26

The parish community of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood section of Hanover Township, invites all faithful to participate in a Polish Lenten service on Sunday, March 26, the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

The “Gorzkie Zale” (Bitter Lamentations), a moving Lenten service over 300 years old, will be offered in the church, beginning at 3 p.m. The devotion will conclude with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The service, which recounts the Passion of Jesus — from his arrest in the Garden of Gethse-

mane to his redeeming death on the cross — will be conducted by the following Scranton Diocesan priests: Father John Albosta, Father James McGahagan and Father Richard Zavacki.

Musical accompaniment will be provided by Dominick Costantino Jr., the music ministry of Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and singers from throughout the Diocese.

Incorporating prose and verse, chant and reading, prayer and meditation, the inspirational devotion reflects on the mystery of Christian redemption.

The Lamentations highlight the emotional nature of Polish spirituality, inviting all to share in the Lord’s Passion as seen through the eyes of his mother Mary.

The devotional service can be experienced by all through the use of bilingual booklets, with both Polish and English lyrics. A light social will follow the devotion.

Anyone wishing to participate in the choir may contact Mr. Costantino at (570-706-6951). For more information, call (570-823-6242).

## Eastern Catholic Churches to Offer Lenten Mission

SCRANTON — Eastern Catholic Churches in the Scranton area will sponsor their annual Lenten Mission during the week of March 20-24.

Theme for the mission experience is: “Thou Shalt Keep Holy the Sabbath Day: The Meaning & Practice of the Lord’s Day.”

Serving as guest preacher for each of the evening services will be Father Christopher Manuele.

The nightly mission begins

with Confessions being heard at 6 p.m., followed by the Lenten service at 6:30 p.m. and speaker’s presentation at 7 p.m. Light refreshments and opportunity for discussion will conclude the evening gatherings.

Mission schedule at the hosting Eastern Catholic churches is as follows:

Monday, March 20 — St. Joseph Melkite Church, 130 St. Frances Cabrini Ave., Scranton; Tuesday, March 21 — St. Mary

Church, 700 Oak St., Taylor; Wednesday, March 22 — St. John the Baptist Church, 310 Broadway, Scranton; Thursday, March 23 — St. Joseph Melkite Church, 130 St. Frances Cabrini Ave., Scranton; and Friday, March 24 — St. Mary Church, 310 Mifflin Ave., Scranton.

All faithful are invited to attend the five-night mission retreat. For more information, contact St. Joseph Parish at (570-343-6092).

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## ‘Road to Resurrection’ Series in Pittston Area

PITTSTON — The Greater Pittston Catholic parishes’ longtime tradition of hosting the “Road to Resurrection” spirituality series during the season of Lent is underway.

The annual Lenten journey of faith and prayer will continue during the Wednesdays of Lent. All Masses are celebrated at 7 p.m. at the hosting parishes.

The remainder of the weekly series schedule is as follows:

**March 22 — Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Dupont; Father Thomas Petro, homilist; March 29 — St. Monica Parish, West Wyoming; Holy Cross Father Chase Pepper, homilist; and April 5 — St. John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston; Father Joseph Mosley, homilist.**

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Bishop Joseph Bambera recently celebrated Mass at three Diocesan Schools — **St. Nicholas/St. Mary School in Wilkes-Barre**, **St. Jude School in Mountain Top**, and **Holy Cross High School in Dunmore**. During his time with the students, the Bishop reminded them of God's love for them and all of humankind and how He wishes for everyone to help build his Kingdom by loving one another as He loves us.



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The Pre-Kindergarten students at **St. Agnes School in Towanda** visited the Guthrie Towanda Personal Care Home on Dr. Seuss' birthday so they made very special hats to show the residents.



Jack Orr, Jade Pilarcik, and Cameron Calogero, 1<sup>st</sup> grade students at **Holy Rosary School in Duryea**, are all smiles as they enjoy their favorite Dr. Seuss books, during the school's "Read Across America" celebration.



Meredith Baker, Keira Lalli, Maria Terescavage, Gavin Turel, Lucy Bergman and Nicolle Carvallho, 1<sup>st</sup> grade students at **St. Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore**, celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and the annual "Read Across America" event by wearing their pajamas to school and eating green eggs and ham with their principal, Mrs. Kathy Hubert.



Father Brian Van Fossen, pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, visits with Pre-K-3 students at **St. John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport** during a special Shrove Tuesday celebration. In preparation for Lent, the students dressed in their pajamas and made donuts on Fat Tuesday.



Deacon-candidate and School Guidance Counselor John Musyt distributes ashes to freshman Christopher Persaud during the Ash Wednesday Liturgy at **Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg**.





The students and faculty at **All Saints Academy in Scranton** celebrate “Read Across America” with guest reader Casey DeSmith, goaltender of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.



Students from the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green** recently visited the Jewish Home of Eastern PA to perform songs as well as present handmade lap robes to the 2nd floor residents.



Father Joseph Sibilano, O.S.J., rector of the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary in Pittston, gives ashes to Ethan Matechak, a 1<sup>st</sup> grade student at **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter**, during the school’s liturgy at St. Cecilia Church.



All the teachers at **Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg** were lucky recipients of The Cellular Connections’ (TCC) “Teachers Rock Giveaway,” where TCC, in partnership with Verizon Wireless, donates supplies to be used in the classroom. Some of the Montessori Pre-Kindergarten students pose with a sample of the supplies, including glue, pencils, pens, markers, erasers, paper, tissue boxes and more.



The 6th grade class at **St. Clare/St. Paul School in Scranton** is studying the Almanac in Library with Sister Rosella. Pictured are the “Almaniacs”: Patrick Conway, Cecelia Kennedy, Brian Walsh, Liza Giannone and Bianca Talarico.



## Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion April 23 at Laflin Parish

PITTSTON — The 11th annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday in the Greater Pittston area will be hosted by St. Maria Goretti Parish in Laflin.

The 2017 Divine Mercy Sunday celebration will be held on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 23, in St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin Road, Laflin.

Principal celebrant and homilist for the Divine Mercy feast day devotion will be Father Thomas Petro, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Dupont.

Concelebrating the Divine Mercy liturgy will be Father Daniel Toomey, pastor of the parishes of Gate of Heaven, Dallas, and Our Lady of Victory, Harveys Lake; and Father Anthony Urban,

The devotional service will begin at 1 p.m. with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, recitation of the Rosary led by the Legion of Mary, and remarks offered by Cathy Mack, feast day coordinator and



cenacle leader of the Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy.

Veneration and blessing of the Divine Mercy image and celebration of the Sunday Mass will follow at 2 p.m.

At 3 p.m., the "Hour of Mercy" opens with exposition of the Bless-

ed Sacrament and recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song. Benediction and blessing with the first-class relic of St. Faustina will conclude the day's devotion.

All faithful are welcome to participate.

### ***Our Lady of the Snows, Clarks Summit, Divine Mercy Celebration***

Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Clarks Summit will host feast day devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 23 from 3 to 4 p.m. at Our Lady of the Snows Church, located at 301 South State St., Clarks Summit.

Presided over by Monsignor Joseph Quinn, host pastor, who will serve as celebrant and homilist, the Divine Mercy celebration will include singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation and benediction.

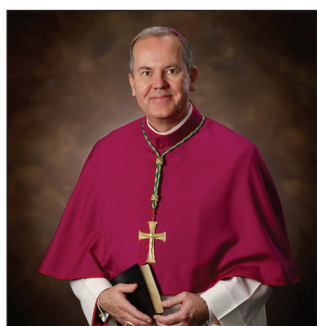
## Bishop to Preside at Oblates' St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration on March 20

PITTSTON — Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will serve as principal celebrant and homilist for the feast day celebration of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, on Monday, March 20, at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary in Laflin.

The Solemn Mass commemorating the feast will culminate the annual Solemn Novena to St. Joseph currently being hosted by the Oblates of St. Joseph religious congregation based in Pittston.

Begun on March 10, the Oblates' nine-day Novena honoring their patron saint will continue through Sunday, March 19, the traditional feast day of St. Joseph, which this year was transferred to March 20 since the solemnity fell on the Third Sunday of Lent.

During the Novena offered at the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary Chapel, located on Route 315, Laflin, Masses are celebrated daily at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., followed by Novena prayers and individual blessing with the first-class relic of St. Joseph Marello, founder of the OSJ religious order.



***Bishop Bambera***

Each Novena liturgy is preceded by an opportunity for Confessions and recitation of the Holy Rosary.

Bishop Bambera will preside at the St. Joseph feast day Mass on March 20 at 11 a.m. Concelebrants for the liturgy will include Oblate priests and invited clergy of the Diocese. At the conclusion of the Mass, special St. Joseph bookmarks will be blessed and distributed to the faithful in attendance.

A second Mass celebrating the feast of St. Joseph will be offered later in the day at the seminary chapel at 7 p.m. All are welcome to participate in the St. Joseph Novena and feast day celebrations.

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### Spiritual Offerings

**“40 Days for Life” Pro-Life Life Gathering — MARCH 16-APRIL 7**, offered for the special intention of ending abortion; Rosary is prayed each weekday, Monday thru Friday, at 9 a.m. in front of the offices of Planned Parenthood, 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. Pro-life campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer & fasting, constant vigil, and com-

munity outreach. For more information, visit: [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).

**Friday Holy Hour for Vocations — MARCH 17**, 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.

**Cathedral Sacred Concert Series: “Credo” — MARCH 18**, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton, featuring the Lyric Consort; performance begins at 8 p.m. Program of wide-ranging spiritual hymns combined with traditional and modern prayers and creeds for Lenten meditation. Admission is free of charge; free-will offering will be taken.

**Monthly Afternoon of Recollection for Women — MARCH 18**, hosted on the third Saturday of the month by St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 130 North St. Frances Cabrini Ave., Scranton; afternoon of reflection and discussion of

topics of interest and Scripture begins at 2:30 p.m. in the church. Recollection concludes at 3:45 p.m. in the church hall with refreshments and chapter review of the book “Three Steps to Sanctity” by Father Albert Shamon. Guest presiding priest for March: Franciscan Father Pio Mandato, well-known retreat master who ministers from his hermitage in Laceyville. All women are welcome. For more information, contact the rectory office at (570-343-6092) or [melkite.scranton@gmail.com](mailto:melkite.scranton@gmail.com).

**Eucharistic Adoration — MARCH 20**, hosted by the Youth Ministry of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood, Hanover Township; held from 6 to 7 p.m. Praise and Worship music will start at 6:30 p.m.; coffee social follows in the church hall. For more information, call (570-706-6951).

**Weekly Novena to St. Anthony of Padua — MARCH 21-JUNE 13**, hosted by Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre; St. Anthony Novena

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**Icon Workshop Retreat: “The Mother of God — Undoer of Knots” — MARCH 23-26**, offered during the season of Lent at Holy Dormition Monastery in Sybertsville (near Hazleton); workshop retreat will be directed by well-known iconographer Peter Pearson, who will lead participants in creating the featured icon through a centuries-old process. No previous experience is required. For more information, contact Father Jerome, OFM, at Holy Dormition Monastery (570-788-1212).

**Autism and Disabilities Awareness Mass — APRIL 2**, hosted by St. John the Apostle Parish in East Stroudsburg; celebrated at 3 p.m. in St. John Church, 5171 Milford Road, East Stroudsburg. Principal celebrant: Father Gregory Reichlen, host pastor. Refreshments will follow; all faithful are welcome.

**Monday Night Worship — APRIL 3**, hosted by St. Faustina Parish in Nanticoke; monthly devotion held on Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the parish worship site of Holy Trinity Church, 520 South Hanover St., Nanticoke. All faithful are welcome to join together for a Holy Hour of praise and worship music. For more information, contact Paul Walters at (570-332-2963).

**Padre Pio Prayer Ministry — APRIL 5**, hosted by St. Faustina Parish in Nanticoke; begins with celebration of Mass at 6 p.m. in the parish’s Holy Trinity Church, 520 South Hanover St., Nanticoke, followed by exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament, intercessory prayers to St. Padre Pio, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and benediction. All faithful are welcome.

**Evening of Prayer with the Sisters of IHM — APRIL 5**, 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 the IHM Center Chapel, 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton (top of University Ave., beyond Marywood University). All faithful are welcome. For more information, call (570-346-5404).


**Passion Play 2017: “Angels in Portraits of the Passion” — APRIL 7**, presented by St. John the Baptist Parish in Larksville; performance begins at 7:30 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church, 126 Nesbitt St., Larksville. Dramatic presentation tells of an art exhibit and a meditative journey of Angels in Jesus’ Passion threatened by two thieves. Original script written and directed by Father Gerald Gurka, host pastor. All are welcome; refreshments and fellowship follow in the church hall. For more information, call (570-779-9620).

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration — APRIL 7**, hosted at St. Joseph Church, 1625 North Main Ave., Scranton; continuous exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from Friday at 4:30 p.m. until Saturday at 4:30 p.m. Begins with First Friday Holy Hour from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., followed by Evening Prayer and benediction. All faithful are welcome. For more information, call (570-343-0634).

**Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry — APRIL 8 & 22**, 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).

**Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil — APRIL 21**, 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.



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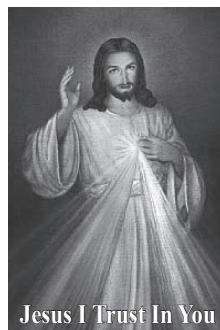
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**Lenten Food Sale — MARCH 17–APRIL 7**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Carbondale Council 329; held every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) at St. Rose Family Center in Carbondale. Meatless food items for sale include homemade cabbage & noodles and Manhattan clam chowder. Cost: quart containers, \$6 each; pint containers, \$3. Sale is take-out only.

**Lenten Weekend Food Sale — MARCH 18–APRIL 9**, sponsored by SS. Peter & Paul Parish,

1309 W. Locust St., west Scranton; pierogi and clam chowder sold throughout Lent before and after all weekend Masses (Saturday, 4 p.m. & Sunday, 11 a.m.). Cost: pierogi, \$7 per dozen; clam chowder, \$7 per quart. To place orders, call the rectory office at (570-343-7015). Bake sale will be held at Masses during Palm Sunday weekend, April 8 & 9; basket raffle will be held on Palm Sunday following the 11 a.m. Mass.

**Spring Chicken Dinner — MARCH 19**, sponsored by Queen of the Apostles Parish in Avoca; serving from 12 noon to 4 p.m. in the parish hall (former St. Mary's School auditorium), 742 Spring St., Avoca. Event will also feature cash and theme basket raffles. Dinner includes half chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, vegetable, cole slaw, dinner rolls, homemade dessert and beverages; take-out orders available from 11 a.m. Dinner cost: adults, \$12; children (age 12 & under), \$8. Advance tickets may be purchased by contacting the parish office (570-457-3412). Tickets will also be available at the door.

**University of Scranton Performance Music Series: In Recital — MARCH 24**, featuring David Whitwell, bass trombone, and Carl Bolleia, organ, beginning at 7:30 p.m.; concert events are held in the University's Houlihan-McLean Center on campus, corner of Mulberry St. & Jefferson Ave. Performances are open to the public free of charge.

**Take-Out Pasta Dinner — MARCH 28**, sponsored by Mary, Mother of God Parish in north Scranton; dinner orders are take-out only, held from 4 to 7 p.m. at Natale's Restaurant, 1016 Tripp Place, Scranton. Dinner includes pasta, salad, bread and dessert. Cost: adults, \$10; children (under age 10), \$5. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the parish rectory or following weekend Masses. For more information, contact the parish office at (570-342-4881).

**Presentation on Autism — MARCH 28**, sponsored by the Autism Center at Misericordia University, Dallas, in collaboration with Geisinger Health System; presentation will be hosted by Misericordia at 7 p.m. at the Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall on campus. Guest presenters: Jon Donvan and Carin Zucker, journalists and autism experts who co-authored the critically acclaimed and bestselling book, "In a Different Key: The Story of Autism." Presentation is open to the public free of charge; reservations are required due to limited seating. To reserve tickets, call Misericordia at (570-674-6719).

**70th Annual Authentic Italian Spaghetti Dinner — MARCH 29**, hosted by St. Luke Church, 120 Kendall Ave., Jersey Shore; all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper served for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Take-out orders available all day. Includes homemade meatballs, tossed salad, Italian bread, dessert and beverage. Cost: adults, \$9 (in advance) or \$9.50 (at door); children (ages 6 to 12), \$3.50. For advance tickets, call (570-398-0352 or 570-745-3301) or the parish office.

**University of Scranton Performance Music Series: In Concert — APRIL 1**, featuring the University of Scranton Jazz Ensemble, beginning at 7:30 p.m.; concert events are held in the University's Houlihan-McLean Center on campus, corner of Mulberry St. & Jefferson Ave. Performances are open to the public free of charge.

**"Soup for the Souls" Soup Sale — APRIL 6**, sponsored by Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood section of Hanover Township; held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Featured soup of the month: "piggie" soup. Cost: \$8 each; pre-orders requested. For more information, call (570-825-6370 or 570-899-5080).

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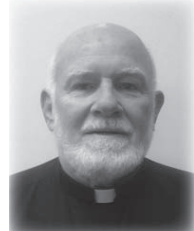
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## Parish & Regional Happenings

**Free Community Luncheon** — **APRIL 8**, 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.

**Free Community Pancake Breakfast** — **APRIL 8**, sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Route 209, Gilbert (Brodheadsville), and served to those in need in portions of Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon and Monroe counties; breakfast is provided free of charge from 8 to 10 a.m. in the church's McCawley Hall. For more information, call the parish office at (610-681-6137).

**University of Scranton Performance Music Series: In Concert** — **APRIL 9**, featuring a joint concert performance by the Manhattan School of Music Brass Orchestra and the University of Scranton Singers, beginning at 7:30 p.m.; concert events are held 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 Sunday Suppers** — **APRIL 9 & 23**, sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Route 209, Gilbert (Brodheadsville), and served to those in need in the West End, Kunkletown, Kresgeville and Blakeslee areas; meal is provided free of charge from 3 to 4 p.m. in the church's McCawley Hall. For more information, call the parish office at (610-681-6137).

**In Concert: Brass Quintet** — **APRIL 18**, featuring the award-winning Canadian Brass; hosted by Misericordia University in Dallas. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall on the Misericordia campus. Cost for premium seating is \$30, including a wine and cheese reception prior to the performance; \$20 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Misericordia Box Office at (570-674-6719) or online at: [www.misericordia.edu/theartsandmore](http://www.misericordia.edu/theartsandmore).

## Pittston Parish Men Lenten Gathering

**PITTSTON** — The longtime pastor of a Pittston Catholic parish who is celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination this year will be the featured speaker at the annual men's Lenten gathering at nearby St. Joseph Mareello Parish next month.

The Holy Name Society of St. Joseph Mareello's announces Monsignor John Bendik will deliver the keynote address for the parish men's event on Sunday, April 2, at 6 p.m. at the Mount Carmel Center, William St., Pittston.

Monsignor Bendik has been serving as pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, located at the lower end of William St. in the city, since 1996.

A Kingston native son, he was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Scranton on May 27, 1967, by Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, late bishop of Scranton.

Serving as toastmaster for the Holy Name Society men's social will be Peter J. Adonizio of Adonizio Funeral Home, Pittston. Musical entertainment will be provided by Danny Argo and Frankie G (Frank Galoardi).



**Msgr. John Bendik**

St. Joseph Mareello HNS

President Joe McCulloch invites men of all ages from the parish and surrounding area to the annual affair of fraternal fellowship, which includes refreshments, dinner and program.

Early reservations are encouraged. Tickets may be obtained by contacting the parish rectory office or Jim Murphy, event chairman, at (570-654-4929).

**College Lecture: Russian Religious Liberty** — **APRIL 19**, co-sponsored by the McGowan Center for Ethics and Responsibility and the Public Policy and Research Institute at King's College in Wilkes-Barre; presentation hosted by King's at 7 p.m. in the Burke Auditorium of the William G. McGowan School of Business, North River Street. Guest lecturer: Catherine Cosman, retired senior policy analyst for the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom; topic: "An (Un) Orthodox View: Religions and Politics in Russia Today." Lecture is open free to the public. For more information, call (570-208-5900 ext. 5689).

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## Who makes house calls?

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

Based on my practice, which consists of estate planning and administration along with elder law, I find that clients are more comfortable discussing such matters in familiar surroundings. While I know this may seem unconventional to some, I believe I will be able to serve clients much better in this fashion.

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This past Sunday, the second Sunday of Lent, we heard from the Book of Genesis this passage: “Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.”

It must have been extremely difficult for Abraham in his old age to pick up and leave his native land and his people to go to some unknown place. Abraham had to change his plans, let go of his fears, and completely trust in God.

Refugees around the world can easily identify with the sacrifice that Abraham made because they too have strong attachments to their homelands. Land keeps the members of an ethnic group together. Land is security; it is wealth; it is home.

Too often today good faithful people are challenged by poverty, hatred, violence, oppression, and



persecution and find themselves leaving the land they love. Although displaced and forced to flee from their home, they still have another “home” — the Church. People who are hungry or who have no place to lay their head find comfort in the Church.

Missionaries supported by the Pontifical Mission Societies reach out to help feed them, to bring them basic health care, to provide temporary shelter; in short, to bring the love of Jesus to them, reminding them that they are not alone. While we assist them in their needs, they remind us that we are all members of God’s family. The prayer we pray at every Mass — the “Our Father” — comes alive, and as we pray for them they pray for us. Pope Francis observes in *Evangelii Gaudium*:

“The great danger in today’s world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor.

**God’s voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades.”**

The blessing embodied in the Abrahamic mission, is also our blessing. When we pay attention to the whole world, we come to see those who might otherwise be overlooked and we respond. Our eyes and our hands are opened. And our hearts are filled. We become a blessing and, in turn, are blessed.

That’s mission! Mission teaches us things that we cannot learn at school. What the missionary St. Columban taught is true: “A life unlike your own can be your teacher.”

As we move through the holy season of Lent, let us recall both how much we are blessed and how we bless others. If there is a failure to bless, Lent is the time to repent and promise to do better. God called Abraham to abandon the familiar for the unknown. Abraham had room for a new call, a new place, and a new relationship with God. God blessed him and he became a blessing.

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— April 7 —

## Masses & Devotions

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

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

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

## Pro-Life Rosary Vigil

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

## Eucharistic Adorations

— hosted by Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 1101 Willow St., Peckville; exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins following the celebration of the 6:50 a.m. Mass and continues until 12 noon. For more information, call the parish office (570-383-3244 ext. 2).

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

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

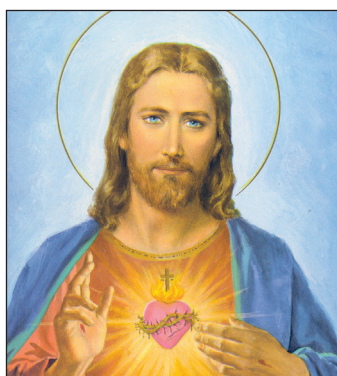
## Rosary & Healing Mass

— hosted by St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton, for all those who especially seek healing through the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary; begins with recitation of the Rosary and devotional prayers at 6:30 p.m., followed by celebration of Healing Mass at 7 p.m. Music for the evening is led by Sacred Heart Singers Ernie Pappa and Jennifer Michel.

## Healing Mass

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

## Blue Army Reparation Vigil



The next monthly First Friday Reparation Vigil, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and sponsored by the Blue Army, will be held **April 7** at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, 1880 Highway 315, Laflin (Pittston).

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

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

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

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## Parish & Regional Happenings

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**Variety Prize Bingo** — **APRIL 23**, sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville; held in the parish's school gymnasium. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.; games begin at 1:30 p.m. Event also includes basket raffle and door prizes; lunch menu, refreshments and bake sale will be available. Admission cost: \$5.

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**"Taste of Italy" Dinner** — **APRIL 30**, sponsored by Our Lady's Guild of Our Lady of Victory Parish in Tannersville; served from 12 noon to 5 p.m. in the parish hall. Dinner includes freshly made baked ziti with homemade meatballs, full salad bar, homemade desserts and beverages; Italian music provided for dining pleasure. Cost: adults, \$9; children (ages 5 to 12), \$5. Raffle prize drawing will also be held. For more information, call (570-629-4572).

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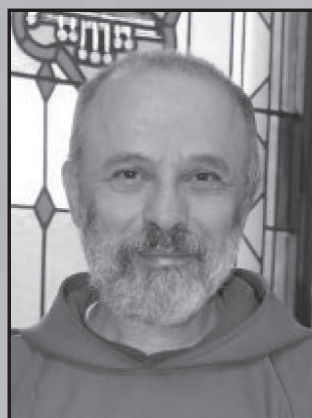
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## Mission Message: To Be A Blessing

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It is hard to let go of the familiar — the comfortable — even for the hope of something better, isn't it? God knows our needs for a secure place and familiar surroundings. But sometimes God calls us to leave the comfortable in order to make room for what he wants to give us.

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**APRIL 23, 2017**

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St. Maria Goretti Church in Laflin PA will host the eleventh annual celebration of Divine Mercy on Sunday April 23, 2017.

We are honored to have as this year's principal celebrant and homilist, Rev. Thomas Petro, JCL, Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Dupont, PA. Rev. Daniel Toomey, Pastor of Gate of Heaven-Our Lady of Victory and Rev. Anthony Urban will be concelebrants.

### ITINERARY FOR THE CELEBRATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

1:00 –Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Holy Rosary recited by Legion of Mary and remarks by Cathy Mack, coordinator and EADM cenacle leader will take place at this time.

2:00 –Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy, followed by Holy Mass.

3:00 –Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet in song, benediction and blessing with first class relics of St. Faustina.

**- All are Welcome to Attend -**

Jesus stated in fourteen revelations to St. Faustina, that the Sunday after Easter be celebrated as the Feast of Mercy. On April 30, 2000, the canonization of St. Faustina, Blessed John Paul II said, "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on the Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called "DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY".

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# King's Lecture to Focus on Catholic, Muslim Scripture

WILKES-BARRE — Religion scholar and historian Dr. Gabriel Said Reynolds, professor of Islamic studies and theology at the University of Notre Dame, will deliver the annual Donald Grimes Lecture on Monday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in the Burke Auditorium at King's College.

Titled "The Bible and the Qur'an," the free public lecture is co-sponsored by the McGowan Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility and Honors Program at King's.

Having earned his doctorate in Islamic Studies at Yale University, Dr. Reynolds currently researches the Qur'an and Muslim-Christian relations and is the author of "The Qur'an and its Biblical Subtext"

and "The Emergence of Islam."

Dr. Reynolds is a fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies in Nantes, France, and chair of the Executive Board of the International Qur'anic Studies Association. At Notre Dame, he teaches courses in theology, Muslim/Christian Relations and Islamic Origins.

The annual Donald Grimes Lecture was instituted at King's in 2006 to honor the late Holy Cross Father Donald Grimes, who was the college's vice president for academic affairs when he died in 2005. He also served King's as a professor, counselor and administrator.

The Burke Auditorium is located in the William G. McGowan

School of Business on North River Streets. Parking is available in on-campus lots. For more information, contact Dr. Bernard Prusak, director, McGowan Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility, at (570-208-5900 ext. 5689).

## McGlynn Center to Honor the Borlands

WILKES-BARRE — The McGlynn Learning Center established by the Religious Sisters of Mercy and based in Wilkes-Barre will host a recognition reception on Thursday, March 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Best Western Genetti Hotel and Conference Center, 77 East Market St., Wilkes-Barre.

This year's honorees for the recognition reception are attorneys Ruth and Kim Borland, who have served area children and families for decades through the Valley Santa Holiday Gift Program. The mission of Valley Santa is to provide toys to underprivileged children in Luzerne County during the Christmas holiday season.

Today, more than 4,000 children are served on an annual basis, many of whom are beneficiaries of McGlynn Learning Center programming and instruction.

Founded by the Sisters of Mercy through the leadership of Mercy Sister Miriam Stadulis,

the McGlynn Learning Center facilities are provided by the Wilkes-Barre Housing Authority at both Boulevard Townhomes and Mineral Springs Village.

Each year, the Learning Center serves approximately 150 children and teens through programs providing school tutoring, including reading and computer skills; life skills; a teen program; and a summer academic and enrichment program.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Eleace King, Ed.D., currently serves as executive director.

Suggested contribution to attend the recognition reception is \$35 per person, which includes complimentary refreshments. A basket raffle and Garden of Hope sponsorship opportunity will also be offered as part of the celebration.

For more information and reservations, contact the McGlynn Learning Center at (570-824-8891).

## Healing Mass to Celebrate 'ARISE'

SHAVERTOWN — Monsignor John Esseff will serve as principal celebrant for a Healing Mass that will conclude Season Four of "ARISE Together in Christ" at St. Therese Parish.

The Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, April 2, at 7 p.m. at St. Therese Church, 64 Davis St., Shavertown.

Confessions will be heard one hour prior to the start of the liturgy; a social will follow in the parish hall.

Father James Paisley serves as pastor of St. Therese's, and Denise Williams is the ARISE coordinator for the parish.

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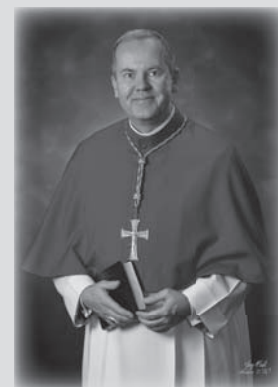
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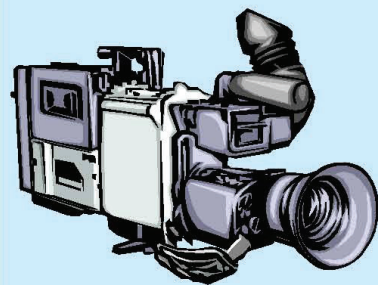
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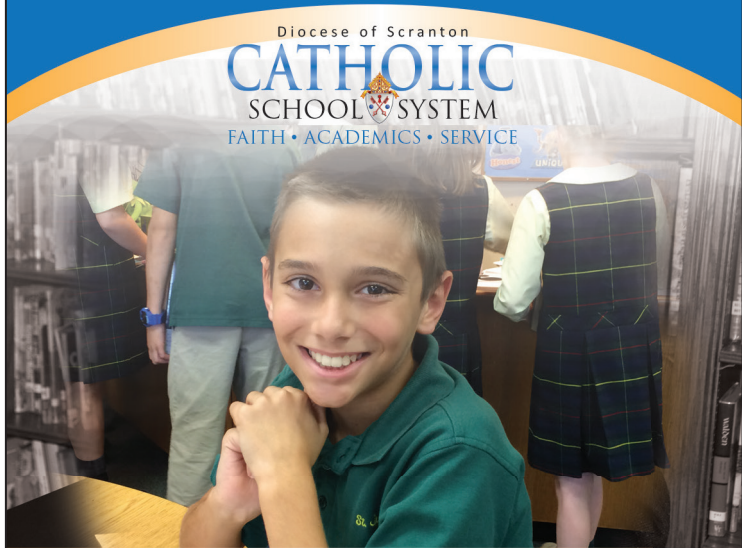
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