

Way of the Cross

Young people write meditations for Good Friday

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – During this year dedicated to the younger generations, Pope Francis asked that the meditations for his Good Friday service be written by young people.

Twelve young women and three young men between the ages of 16 and 28 wrote the reflections and prayers that will be read March 30 during the Stations of the Cross at Rome’s Colosseum – an event attended by the pope and thousands of pilgrims, and one seen by potentially millions of television and online viewers.

The pope is giving more than a voice to the voiceless; he’s giving them an actual world stage.

This unique opportunity shows just how much importance the pope places on having young people’s voices be heard, said Agnese Brunetti, 17.

Sofia Russo, 18, said they had never written a meditation for prayerful reflection before and “there are people much more qualified to do it.”

“But,” she said, “perhaps the pope wanted to show that the church is also made up of simple people like us” and that it isn’t always necessary to be a theologian, rather, “it’s enough to have experienced Jesus’ love.”

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Shout ‘hosanna’ in the world!

Pope Francis exhorts youth at Palm Sunday Mass

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Celebrating Palm Sunday Mass with thousands of young people, Pope Francis urged them to continue singing and shouting “hosanna” in the world, proclaiming the lordship of Jesus and following his example of outreach to the poor and suffering.

The crowd that shouted “hosanna” as Jesus entered Jerusalem included all those for whom Jesus was a source of joy, those he healed and forgave, and those he welcomed after they had been excluded from society, the pope said in his homily March 25.

But others were irritated by Jesus and tried to silence his followers, the pope said. In the same way, people today will try to silence young people who continue to follow Jesus, because “a joyful young person is hard to manipulate.”

“There are many ways to silence young people and make them invisible,” the pope said. There are “many ways to anesthetize them, to make them keep quiet, ask nothing, question nothing. There are many ways to sedate them, to keep them from getting involved, to make their dreams flat and dreary, petty and plaintive.”

Pope Francis asked the young people “not to keep quiet. Even if others keep quiet, if we older people and leaders keep quiet, if the whole world keeps quiet and loses its joy, I ask you: Will you cry out?”

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Christians carry palm branches March 25 while walking the traditional path that Jesus took on his last entry into Jerusalem during the Palm Sunday Procession on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.



Pope Francis blesses the faithful with holy water during Palm Sunday Mass in Saint Peter’s Square at the Vatican. In his homily, the Holy Father said that this liturgy, which begins with the singing of “hosanna” and then moves to the reading of Jesus’ passion, combines “stories of joy and suffering, mistakes and successes, which are part of our daily lives as disciples.”

Left: Bishop Bambera incenses a cross during the Palm Sunday Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter. See page 2 for the Bishop’s Easter Message, and page 3 for information about the Paschal Triduum.

Dear friends,

Since the earliest days of a Catholic presence in the wilderness of northeastern and north central Pennsylvania – from the French refugee colony in Bradford County in 1793 to the building of the first church, Saint Augustine at Silver Lake in Susquehanna County in 1825 while the region was still under the care of the Bishop of the expansive Diocese of Philadelphia – the faithful have celebrated the glory of Easter. On April 12, 1868, they celebrated Easter Sunday for the first time as members of the newly established Diocese of Scranton.

While a few of these worshippers arrived at their churches in horse-drawn carriages, most did so on foot, walking for miles in order to participate in the celebration of Easter Sunday Mass. These strong and determined souls, dressed in the best clothes they owned, offered praise and thanks to God for carrying them through the challenges of life and for giving them the opportunity to worship freely and without fear. Later on in the day, these same families feasted on traditional Easter fare that recreated what they experienced in their countries of origin. In most instances, these celebrations were the result of much sacrifice and effort on the part of those who prepared them: poor immigrants who were attempting to carve out a new life for themselves and their families.

For all of these hard-working and dedicated believers, Easter was a moment to pause, to give thanks, to celebrate family and most especially to acknowledge their belief in the resurrection and its power to sustain them in this world and to carry them into the eternal life promised by the risen Jesus.

Much has changed in 150 years. Yet, for all of the incidental elements of the celebration of Easter that are vastly different from what would have been experienced at the time of the founding of the Diocese of Scranton, trust in the power of faith and belief in the living presence of Jesus among his people have remained constant.

In the midst of life's struggles, the same gospel passage from Saint Mark, the evangelist, which provided hope to the first Christians and to faithful souls who have been a part of this local Church for its 150 years, speaks to us as well. "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here." ... The same life of the risen Lord received from the altars of our earliest churches is offered to us today in the Sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood – the Eucharist. ... And the same mandate proclaimed to the women who are first to witness the empty tomb to go forth and share the good news of Jesus' resurrection is given to me and to you.

During his first Easter homily as Pope, preached five years ago this very month, our Holy Father, Francis, reminded us of the hope that is ours through the resurrection of Jesus. "Let us not be closed to the newness that God wants to bring into our lives! Are we often weary, disheartened and sad? Do we feel weighed down by our sins? Do we think that we won't be able to cope? Let us not close our hearts, let us not lose confidence, let us never give up: there are no situations which God cannot change, there is no sin which he cannot forgive if only we open ourselves to him."

This blessed power of the risen Jesus to heal hearts and change lives will be most evident on Holy Saturday night during the great Vigil of Easter when 68 catechumens from throughout the Diocese of Scranton will be baptized into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and 89 candidates will present themselves for full initiation into the Catholic Church. In so doing, as believers have done for 150 years in this portion of God's kingdom, they will offer a powerful witness to our Church and especially to our world. Their very presence affirms that it is not enough to simply place our trust in the passing things of this life. Rather, for them and for us, life only makes sense when we hand ourselves over to the power of God manifested in the resurrection of Jesus and the gospel for which he gave his life.

My sisters and brothers, like countless numbers of faithful souls who have called this Diocese of Scranton their spiritual home since its founding in 1868, may we be renewed during this Easter season to continually embrace our mission as a Church. May we proclaim, in tangible and convincing ways, the life and love of the risen Jesus. And despite all of the challenges that will unfold in our world, in our Church and in our lives, may we find consolation in the words of the risen Jesus that will soon be proclaimed on Ascension Thursday, "I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Faithfully yours in the Risen Christ,

+ *Joseph C. Bambera*

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



Queridos amigos,

Desde los primeros días de una presencia católica en el noreste y el norte de Pensilvania, desde la colonia de refugiados franceses en el condado de Bradford en 1793 hasta la construcción de la primera iglesia, San Agustín en Silver Lake en el condado de Susquehanna en 1825, mientras la región estaba todavía bajo el cuidado del obispo de la expansiva Diócesis de Filadelfia: los fieles han celebrado la gloria de la Pascua. El 12 de abril de 1868, celebraron el Domingo de Pascua por primera vez como miembros de la recién establecida Diócesis de Scranton. Mientras que algunos de estos feligreses llegaban a sus iglesias en carruajes jalados por caballos, la mayoría lo hicieron a pie, caminando kilómetros para participar en la celebración de la Misa del Domingo de Pascua. Estas almas fuertes y decididas, vestidas con la mejor ropa que poseían, le ofrecieron alabanzas y agradecimientos a Dios por acompañarlos a través de los desafíos de la vida y por darles la oportunidad de rendir culto a Dios libremente y sin temor. Más tarde en el día, estas mismas familias se deleitaron con la tradicional comida de Pascua para estar en sintonía con lo que experimentaron en sus países de origen. En la mayoría de los casos, estas celebraciones fueron el resultado de mucho sacrificio y esfuerzo por parte de quienes las prepararon: inmigrantes pobres que intentaban moldear una nueva vida para ellos y sus familias. Para todos estos creyentes dedicados y trabajadores, la Pascua fue un momento para hacer una pausa, para dar gracias, para celebrar la familia y especialmente para reconocer su creencia en la resurrección y su poder para sostenerlos en este mundo y llevarlos a la vida eterna prometida por el Jesús resucitado. Mucho ha cambiado en 150 años. Todos los elementos incidentales de la celebración de Pascua seguramente fueron inmensamente diferentes en el momento de la fundación de la Diócesis de Scranton. Sin embargo hay elementos fundamentales que se han mantenido constantemente; confiar en el poder de la fe y la creencia en la presencia viva de Jesús entre su gente.



The Resurrection is depicted in this stained glass window at Saint Aloysius Church in Wilkes-Barre.

La Resurrección está representada en este vitral de la iglesia de San Aloysius en Wilkes-Barre.

La misma vida del Señor resucitado recibida de los altares de nuestras iglesias más antiguas se nos ofrece hoy en el Sacramento del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús: la Eucaristía. ... Y el mismo mandato proclamado a las mujeres, primeros testigos de la tumba vacía para salir y compartir las buenas nuevas de la resurrección de Jesús, nos es dado a mí y a ustedes.

Durante su primera homilía de Pascua como Papa, nuestro Santo Padre, Francisco, hace cinco años en este mismo mes, nos recordó la esperanza que tenemos por medio de la resurrección de Jesús. "¡No estemos cerrados a la novedad que Dios quiere traer a nuestras vidas! ¿Estamos a menudo cansados, desanimados y tristes? ¿Nos sentimos abrumados por nuestros pecados? ¿Pensamos que no podremos hacer frente? No cerremos nuestros corazones, no perdamos la confianza, nunca nos rindamos: no hay situaciones que Dios no pueda cambiar, no hay pecado que no pueda ser perdonado si de veras nos abrimos a él".

Este bendito poder de Jesús resucitado para sanar corazones y cambiar vidas será más evidente en la noche del Sábado Santo durante la gran Vigilia de Pascua cuando 68 catecúmenos de toda la Diócesis de Scranton serán bautizados en la vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesús, y 89 candidatos se presentarán para completar su iniciación cristiana en la Iglesia Católica. Al hacerlo, como lo han hecho los creyentes durante 150 años en esta porción del reino de Dios, ofrecerán un poderoso testimonio a nuestra Iglesia y especialmente a nuestro mundo. Su sola presencia afirma que no es suficiente simplemente depositar nuestra confianza en las cosas pasajeras de este mundo. Más bien, para ellos y para nosotros, la vida solo tiene sentido cuando nos entregamos al poder de Dios manifestado en la resurrección de Jesús y en el evangelio por el cual dio su vida.

Mis queridas hermanas y hermanos, así como innumerables almas fieles que han llamado a la Diócesis de Scranton su hogar espiritual desde su fundación en 1868, podamos ser renovados durante este tiempo de Pascua para asumir nuestra misión como Iglesia continuamente. Que proclamemos, de manera tangible y convincente, la vida y el amor de Jesús resucitado. Y a pesar de todos los desafíos que se sucedan en nuestro mundo, en nuestra Iglesia y en nuestras vidas, podemos encontrar consuelo en las palabras del Jesús resucitado que pronto será proclamada el Jueves de la Ascensión: "Yo siempre estaré con ustedes, hasta el fin del mundo".

Fielmente suyo en Cristo resucitado,

+ *Joseph C. Bambera*

Reverendísimo Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Obispo de Scranton





Priests serving throughout the Diocese gathered at the Cathedral on Tuesday, March 27, 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 were blessed.

The Catholic Light Photos/Mike Melisky

CTV Airing Holy Week Services

Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton (CTV) will provide live coverage of the following Holy Week services at the Cathedral of Saint Peter:

Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 29, at 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday service commemorating the Lord's Passion on March 30 at 12:10 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, March 31, at 8 p.m.

CTV will also carry EWTN's coverage of:

CHRISM MASS IN ROME with Pope Francis, Thursday, March 29, live at 3:30 a.m.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION FROM ROME with Pope Francis, Saturday, March 31, live at 12 midnight.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS FROM ROME – Pope Francis presides over The Stations of the Cross, from the Coliseum in Rome, on Friday, March 30, live at 6:30 p.m.; encore on Saturday, March 31, at 5:30 a.m.

EASTER VIGIL MASS FROM ROME with Pope Francis, Saturday, March 31, live at 2:30 p.m.; encore on Sunday, April 1, at 12 midnight.

SOLEMN MASS OF EASTER FROM ROME with Pope Francis, Sunday, April 1, live at 4 a.m.; encore at 7 p.m.

'URBI ET ORBI' — EASTER MESSAGE AND BLESSING

From Saint Peter's Square in Vatican City, Pope Francis gives the traditional Easter message and blessing, on Sunday, April 1, live at 6 a.m.; encores at 6 p.m. and Monday, April 2, at 3:20 p.m.

Paschal Triduum Begins

Holy Thursday, March 29: At the Cathedral, the Pontifical Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. Bishop Bambera 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 10 p.m., when Night Prayer will be celebrated.

Good Friday, March 30: Commemoration of the Passion and Death of the Lord celebrated by Bishop Bambera will begin at 12:10 p.m. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 5 p.m. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Holy Saturday, March 31: 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. Bishop Bambera will be the principal celebrant and homilist of the Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 1: Bishop Bambera will celebrate a Pontifical Mass at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral. Additional Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Good Friday Collection

Providing Care to Christians in the Holy Land

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them during this special day in the Church and our life of faith.

The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. It is vital that we care for the Christians living in the Holy Land in order to maintain a Christian presence in a land that is filled with a majority Islamic and Jewish population.

Holy Land Franciscans staff and maintain the Holy places and shrines. This enables those who live in the Holy Land and the pilgrims who visit to deepen their faith and their spiritual and cultural connection to Salvation history.

In order to assist Christians to remain in the Holy Land, including the poor and young couples, the Custody builds thousands of residential units. Additionally, they build senior care facilities. Medical assistance is provided for the needy.

The Franciscans operate and support schools open to all, regardless of religion or nationality. They provide scholarships for students to prepare them to get jobs and remain in the Holy Land as part of living Catholic communities. Funds are distributed to young men studying to become Franciscan priests or brothers. Finally, Franciscan archaeologists pursue ongoing research at the Holy Places discovering historical artifacts.

The Franciscans provide pastoral care in 29 parishes in the Holy Land offering worship, Christian formation, youth and family programs.

The Franciscan Media Center tells the story of the Holy Land through multimedia distributed throughout the world in more than seven languages. The friars organize liturgical celebrations for the local Christians and pilgrims and share with other Christian communities in the Holy Land in ongoing ecumenical cooperation.



Youths carry palm fronds in procession at the start of Palm Sunday Mass celebrated by Pope Francis in Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican March 25. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

Pope: 'no one can repress the joy of the Gospel'

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Gabriella Zuniga, 16, and her sister Valentina Zuniga, 15, were among the thousands in St. Peter's Square. The sisters, students at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, had participated March 24 in the local Rome "March for Our Lives," calling for gun control.

The Palm Sunday Mass marked the local celebration of World Youth Day and included the more than 300 young adults who, at the Vatican's invitation, had spent a week discussing the hopes, desires and challenges facing the world's young people and ways the Catholic Church should respond.

At the end of the Mass, they formally presented their final document to the pope; it will be used, along with input from the world's bishops' conferences, in drafting the working document for the Synod of Bishops in October, which will focus on young people, faith and vocational discernment.

Holding five-foot tall palm branches, the young adults led the procession to the obelisk in the center of St. Peter's Square. They were joined by others carrying olive branches and by bishops and cardinals holding "palmurelli," which are intricately woven palm fronds.

In his homily, Pope Francis said that the Palm Sunday Mass, which begins with the singing of "hosanna" and then moves to the reading of Jesus' passion, combines "stories of joy and suffering, mistakes and successes, which are part of our daily lives as disciples."

The acclamation of the crowd praising Jesus as he enters Jerusalem gives way to the shouts of "crucify him" as Jesus' suffering and death draw near, the pope noted. "It somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love, but also for great hatred; the capacity for courageous self-sacrifice, but also the ability to 'wash our hands.'"

The Gospel also demonstrates how the joy Jesus

awakened in some is "a source of anger and irritation for others," Pope Francis said, and the same is true today.

Joy is seen in all those "who had followed Jesus because they felt his compassion for their pain and misery," the pope said. "How could they not praise the one who had restored their dignity and hope? There is the joy of so many forgiven sinners who are able to trust and hope once again."

But others in Jerusalem, "those who consider themselves righteous and 'faithful' to the law and its ritual precepts" and "those who have forgotten the many chances they themselves had been given" find such joy intolerable, the pope said.

"How hard it is for the comfortable and the self-righteous to understand the joy and the celebration of God's mercy," he said. "How hard it is for those who trust only in themselves, and look down on others, to share in this joy."

The shouts of "crucify him" did not begin spontaneously, the pope said, but were incited by those who slandered and gave false witness against Jesus, "spinning" facts and painting them such that they disfigure the face of Jesus and turn him into a "criminal."

Theirs, he said, was "the voice of those who twist reality and invent stories for their own benefit, without concern for the good name of others" and "the cry of those who have no problem in seeking ways to gain power and to silence dissonant voices."

Pope Francis told the young people gathered in the square that in the face of such attempts to demolish hope, kill dreams and suppress joy, Christians must look to Christ's cross and "let ourselves be challenged by his final cry. He died crying out his love for each of us: young and old, saints and sinners, the people of his times and of our own."

"We have been saved by his cross, and no one can repress the joy of the Gospel," he said. "No one, in any situation whatsoever, is far from the Father's merciful gaze."

Reverend Robert J. Kelleher Is Laid to Rest

Reverend Robert J. Kelleher, Lake Winola, died on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at the Jewish Home, Scranton. He was the widower of the late Eileen Rattigan Kelleher, who died December 11, 1998.

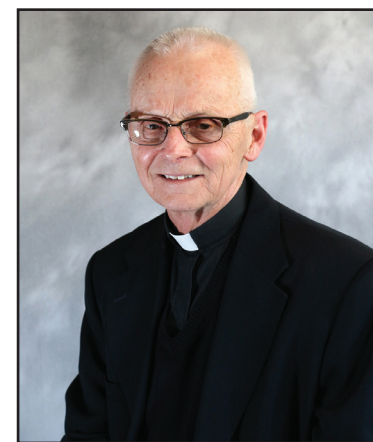
Father Kelleher, son of the late Gerald and Elizabeth Boland Kelleher, was born in Scranton on April 25, 1940. He received his early education at Saint Paul's in Scranton and graduated from Scranton Preparatory School. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from Fordham University, New York, in 1963. He did graduate work at Fordham and Georgetown Universities and earned his M.A. in English from the University of Scranton in 1968.

He taught English and Philosophy at Luzerne County Community College for 33 years. In addition to teaching, he was an organist and director of music at a number of churches in the Diocese of Scranton.

Father Kelleher enjoyed spending time at Lake Winola where he was a resident since the age of seven. He enjoyed swimming, running and reading, and most of all spending time with his family.

Upon the loss of his wife Eileen after 27 happy years of marriage, he chose to follow a calling into the priesthood.

Father Kelleher received his seminary education at Blessed John XXIII National Seminary, earning his Master's of Divinity in May of 2006. He was ordained a deacon at Saint Mary of the Lake, Lake Winola, on May 28, 2005 by Auxiliary Bishop John M. Dougherty. Father was ordained a priest at Saint



Reverend Robert J. Kelleher

Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, on June 24, 2006, by Bishop Joseph F. Martino.

Father Kelleher served as assistant pastor at Saint Ignatius Parish, Kingston, from 2006 to 2008, and pastor of All Saints Parish, Plymouth, from 2008 until his retirement in 2015.

Father Kelleher was a loving father, grandfather and brother. He is survived by three children, Chris and wife Melissa, Clarks Summit; Katie Peruto and husband Dave, West Chester; David and wife Nicole, Clinton, N.J. His seven grandchildren are Brandon, Matthew, Christopher and Henry Kelleher; Ava, Abby and Ben Peruto. Also surviving are his brother Jerry Kelleher and wife Rosalie, Sun City, Fla; and sister Ann Lattanzi and husband Frank, Vienna, Va; and several nieces and nephews.

A Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin on March 20 in Saint Mary of the Lake Church, Lake Winola. Interment was in Pieta Cemetery, Tunkhannock.

Memorial contributions can be made to Saint Francis Free Clothing Store – Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, 500 Penn Ave., Scranton, PA 18503.

Refresh Your Faith

Woman, wife, mother, daughter, friend, colleague. Women wear all of these job titles, often many or all at the same time. Life becomes a constant juggling act, a daily prioritizing of the needs of others over the needs of the individual.

The Diocese of Scranton has partnered with Altus For Women



Judy Landrieu Klein

to create the first Annual Catholic Women's Conference, "Refresh Your

Faith," to be held on June 23, 2018 in the Byron Complex located on the University of Scranton campus.

This day-long conference is a spiritual makeover for the hearts and souls of women. The nurturer will be nurtured, the caregiver will be cared for. Women of all ages, from all faiths and walks

Judy Landrieu Klein keynote speaker for inaugural Women's Conference

of life, are welcome to re-energize their faith and refresh their relationship with God, rediscovering the joy of true faith.

Renowned author, speaker, radio and television personality, Judy Landrieu Klein, the conference keynote speaker, will share first-hand the joys and sorrows that have shaped her relationship with God – from her husband's near-death experience and deathbed conversion to Catholicism to discovering that we must embrace who we are called to be to truly experience God's love for us.

She brings a message of hope, healing and encouragement to those

who are suffering.

Musical trio, *His Own*, strives to inspire women to become all that God has created them to be through their music. Formed by three friends who wanted to combine their love for Jesus, passion for music and desire to proclaim the joy of the feminine heart, *His Own* hopes to inspire women, to encounter His unique love for them, and to be reminded of the eternal measure of their feminine dignity and worth.

Father Richard McAlear's ministry offers hope, healing, love and peace to people around the world. His teachings and his gift of healing are

powerful signs of the healing love of Jesus Christ in today's fractured world.

Megan Murphy, Catholic teacher, speaker, and evangelist, will guide participants through the events of the day with her characteristic warmth, grace, and gentle humor.

The day also includes a special Mass with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, confessions, lunch, adoration, and time for shopping in the conference marketplace.

To register, visit dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference. Tickets are \$40; \$50 after June 1. Students pay only \$20. Women Religious attend for free.

Young people asked to reflect on Christ's passion

For Good Friday Service with Francis in Rome

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The man coordinating the unusual papal assignment was Andrea Monda, a high school religion teacher in Rome, who had the group sit down together and read all four Gospel accounts of Christ's passion. He then asked them to visualize and feel part of each scene, and whichever of the 14 stations affected them the most would be the one they were assigned.

Greta Sandri, 18, said she was struck by the 11th station – Jesus is crucified – because an infuriated crowd had condemned him. Today's social networks often see similar tragedies play out, she said in her mediation, with people "nailing other people's every mistake without a chance of being pardoned."

She prayed, in her meditation, for God to help "to free me from all the fears that, like nails, paralyze me and keep me away from the life that you wished and prepared for us."

Francesco Porceddu, 17, who wrote the seventh station, said that when Jesus falls for the second time, he gets back up with love, not haughty pride.

Jesus knows "that at the end of the struggle there is paradise; you get back up to guide us there, to open the doors to your kingdom," he wrote. His prayer was for all young people to hear Jesus' message of humility and be guided by Jesus and his love.

"Teach us to help those who suffer and fall near us, to dry their sweat and put out our hand to pick them back up," he wrote.

Maria Tagliaferri, who is studying nursing, and Margherita Di Marco, a sophomore philosophy major in college, wrote the second station together – Jesus takes up his cross.

They said they were only a few years younger than Jesus, who today, they wrote, would still be considered a young man. And yet, he was able to take what life had to offer seriously and stick things out, knowing there was a "hidden and surprising" meaning behind it all, they wrote.

For them, on the other hand, "how many times have I rebelled against and gotten angry at the responsibilities I received, that I felt were burdensome or unjust? You don't do that," they wrote, praying they, like Jesus, could learn to embrace their crosses and discover resurrection and glory in pain and suffering.

Russo, who wrote the eighth station – Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem – said Jesus interacting with the least, the marginalized and those, like women at the time, not deemed worthy of being addressed, made him "truly revolutionary."

Jesus knew what suffering awaited the world, and his frank and direct warning to the women "hit me," she wrote.

Today, so much effort is put into twisting words with a "a cold hypocrisy that hides and filters what we really want to say. Warnings are increasingly avoided and one prefers to leave others to their fate, not taking care to urge their well-being," Russo wrote.

Jesus, she added, speaks like a father whose intention is "correction, not judgment."

For the 10th station – Jesus is stripped of his garments – Greta Giglio saw in Jesus, "a young migrant, his body destroyed, arriving in a too often cruel place," exploited by people ready to strip away everything he has for their own benefit.

Celebrating 150 Years of the Diocese of Scranton

The Journey Makes Us ONE

Watch the documentary produced by WVIA Public Media, in partnership with the Diocese of Scranton, sponsored in part by Grimm Construction, Inc., Waymart.

WVIA:

Thursday, March 29, 10:00pm

Friday, March 30, 9:00pm

Saturday, March 31, 6:00pm & 8:00pm

Sunday, April 1, 3:00pm

CTV: Catholic Television:

Tuesday, April 3, 8:00pm

Wednesday, April 4, 10:00am

Monday, April 9, 9:00am

Thursday, April 12, 2:00pm

Friday, April 13, 8:00pm

The documentary can also be viewed on the Diocesan website: www.dioceseofscranton.org. See the 150th Anniversary page.



Feast of Saint Joseph



Bishop Bambera celebrated a Mass for the Feast of Saint Joseph on March 19 at the Oblates of Saint Joseph Seminary in Laflin.



The Catholic Light Photos/Mike Melisky



Feast of Saint Patrick

Bishop Bambera celebrated a Mass for the Feast of Saint Patrick on March 17 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

The Bishop accepted an award given to the Diocese by the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick of Lackawanna County in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese. He is pictured at the dinner with Attorney Timothy M. Doherty, Friendly Sons outgoing president.



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

- March 29** – Mass of the Lord's Supper, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 5:30 p.m.
- March 30** – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.
- March 31** – Easter Vigil Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 8:00 p.m.
- April 1** – Easter Sunday Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 10:00 a.m.
- April 8** – Consecrated Life Sunday Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 12:15 p.m.
- April 9-12** – Priests' Convocation
- April 16-17** – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, National Workshop for Christian Unity, Silver Spring, MD
- April 17** – Bishop's Youth Awards, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 7:00 p.m.
- April 18** – 150th Anniversary Regional Mass for St. John Neumann School System, St. Boniface Church, Williamsport, 10:00 a.m.
- April 19** – Bishop's Youth Awards, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 7:00 p.m.

Mass on April 8 to Celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life

Women and Men Religious Jubilarians will be honored

The Diocese of Scranton celebration of the 2018 World Day for Consecrated Life will be commemorated with a Pontifical liturgy the week after Easter on Divine Mercy Sunday.

The annual Mass and

Jubilee Celebration for Women and Men Religious will be offered on Sunday, April 8, 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 jubilee 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, 53 women and men Religious jubilarians serving in the Diocese will be honored.

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 2018 are listed below:

WOMEN RELIGIOUS

75 Years

Sister Paula Mary Aumen, R.S.M.

Sister Ave Maria Foley, I.H.M.

Sister Mary Canisia Hockensmith, R.S.M.

Sister M. Priscilla Kolbarchik, I.H.M.

Sister M. Romaine Krug, I.H.M.

Sister M. Leonore McAllister, I.H.M.

Sister M. Stephanie Olek, R.S.M.

Sister Jeanne d'Arc Toolan, I.H.M.

70 Years

Sister M. Janice Barry, I.H.M.

Sister Paulette Berrang, R.S.M.

Sister M. Monica Byrne, I.H.M.

Sister Anne Fleming, R.S.M.

Sister Mary Laetitia Gillis, R.S.M.

Sister M. Michel Keenan, I.H.M.

Sister Caritas Kennedy, R.S.M.

Sister M. Chrysta Lerhinan, I.H.M.

Sister Linus Loesch, R.S.M.

Sister Maria Voorneveld, I.H.M.

65 Years

Sister Mary Frances Ambs, I.H.M.

Sister M. Carleen Boehlert, I.H.M.

Sister M. Josaire Brady, I.H.M.

Sister Maureen Cryan, I.H.M.

Sister M. Anysia Donohue, I.H.M.

Sister Theresa Fitzgerald, I.H.M.

Sister Dorothy Haney, I.H.M.

Sister M. Anine Hopkins, I.H.M.

Sister Mary Edward Loftus, I.H.M.

Sister M. Jamesella Mawhinney, I.H.M.

Sister Mary Joy O'Neill, I.H.M.

Sister M. St. Kenneth Polley, I.H.M.

Sister Mary Rassley, I.H.M.

Sister M. Mercille Schneider, I.H.M.

Sister M. Francis Regis Vagt, I.H.M.

60 Years

Sister Jacquelyn Donohue, I.H.M.

Sister Margaret Gannon, I.H.M.

Sister Mary Martha Gardiner, I.H.M.

Sister Marie Therese Marques, R.S.M.

Sister M. Martin de Porres McHale, I.H.M.

Sister Loretta Mulry, I.H.M.

Sister Marilyn Muro, I.H.M.

Sister Rita Ann Naughton, I.H.M.

Sister Jeanne d'Arc Salinger, R.S.M.

Sister Mary Clare Stopper, S.C.C.

Sister Eileen Marie Toole, R.S.M.

50 Years

Sister Mary Frances Conrad, R.S.M.

Sister Jean Coughlin, I.H.M.

Sister Rosemary Goulet, I.H.M.

Sister Patricia Hauser, I.H.M.

Sister M. John Michele Southwick, I.H.M.

Sister Mary Denise Thomas, I.H.M.

Sister Ann Walsh, I.H.M.

25 Years

Sister Martina Hanrahan, SS.C.M.

MEN RELIGIOUS

50 Years

Brother Stephen LaMendola, C.S.C.

Sister Patricia Kelly, Diocese Native, Bestowed Papal Honor

PHILADELPHIA — Sister Patricia Kelly, a member of the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity and native daughter of Dunmore, has been awarded the Cross *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* — among the highest honors the Holy Father can bestow on an individual.

Following the example of his predecessors as Supreme Pontiff, Pope Francis confers this recognition in gratitude for sustained and exceptional service to Holy Mother Church and her people.

The honor imparted by the Holy See not only rewards past service but is also an invitation from His Holiness to continue a life of exemplary Christian witness.

Sister Patricia was bestowed the Papal Cross during a Vespers



Sister Patricia Kelly, MSBT

service held earlier this year at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, where she currently ministers at Blessed Trinity Motherhouse in the city.

Having received her early education at Saint Mary of Mount

Carmel Elementary School in Dunmore, Sister Patricia graduated from Marywood Seminary and Marywood College in Scranton.

She earned her master's degree from the National Catholic School of Social Services at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Sister Patricia considers the coveted honor as a tribute to her religious community — the Missionary Sisters of the Most Blessed Trinity — for their tireless efforts, especially in the Catholic social work arena, as the congregation celebrates its centennial year in 2018.

The papal award honoree is the sister of John and James Kelly, both parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Dunmore.

Father Robert J. Kelleher

“The Father will honor whoever serves me” (John 12:20-28)

I have known Father Bob for 60 years. During that time he has always been an example and a role model. Some of the words used to describe him throughout his life would include: intelligent, kind, gentle, generous and prayerful. I would suggest that the quality which has influenced me the most is “a man for others.”

Father Bob has always been there for others. In high school he was a friend to all. While he was first in our class, he was always willing to give time to support the needs of the younger guys. He tutored those having difficulty with Latin and still found time to be on the debate team, a leader in the sodality and attend all the basketball games.

No one was surprised that he entered the Jesuits after graduation.

When he left the Jesuits, his desire to serve others led him to 33 years as an English and Philosophy teacher at Luzerne County Community College. Countless young men and women were guided by the gentle and kind teacher.

While serving as a husband, father and teacher, Bob made time to serve as an organist and director of music at a number of churches and Saint Pius X Seminary.

His marriage to Eileen for 27 years gave him the joy of his life. Katie, Chris and David, he has always been so proud of each of you and his grandchildren. Sometimes when he was bragging about his kids, I would ask him if they were perfect? He would pause and say, “Well, no, but almost.”

Of course in his eyes his grandchildren were perfect.

The painful death of Eileen never completely left his memory and her picture always was at his side. I am sure that their happy reunion in Heaven is a joyous occasion.

After Eileen’s death, Bob entered the Diocesan seminary, thanks to Bishop Timlin. Once again Bob was willing to give up retirement in order that he might be of service to others.

While his priesthood only expanded ten years at Saint Ignatius in Kingston and All Saints in Plymouth, it was a time of service that changed people’s lives. He loved hearing confessions and celebrating Mass at the prison in Dallas. He was so impressed by the men who struggled to get their lives back on track.

There is a story told of a homeless man who sat across from an artist’s studio in the winter sunlight. From his window, the artist sketched the poor man’s face. Completing the sketch, he began to add color. The unfortunate man’s face began to change. Into the eyes, the artist put the glint of an inspired dreamer. He brightened the skin to give the impression of health. He painted the hair so it looked clean and neat.

When the work was finished, the artist called the man into see it. “Who’s the man in the painting?” the homeless man asked. “Is it me? Can it be me?” “Yes,” replied the artist. “That’s how I see you.” The man squared his shoulders, stood up straight and said, “Then that’s the person I’ll be.”

Father Bob, you have changed the lives of the rich and poor. You have given a legacy of **SERVICE** to your children, grandchildren and to all of us privileged to know you and love you.

The journey is over, may you rest in peace!

Excerpted from the homily by Monsignor Joseph P. Kelly at the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for Father Robert J. Kelleher on March 20 at Saint Mary of the Lake Church in Lake Winola.

Prayer Requests for Priests

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

March 29, Father Michael Marchetti; March 30, Jesuit Father Leonard Martin; March 31, Bishop Emeritus Joseph F. Martino; April 1, Pope Francis; April 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; April 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; April 4, Father Joseph Matthey; April 5, Monsignor Donald McAndrews; April 6, Passionist Father

Thomas McCann; April 7, Father Michael McCormick; April 8, Father Glenn McCreary, V.E.; April 9, Father Patrick McDowell; April 10, Father James McGahagan; April 11, Monsignor James McGarry; April 12, Father Gerard McGlone; April 13, Monsignor Stephen McGough; April 14, Father John McHale; April 15, Father Connell McHugh; April 16, Jesuit Father Bernard McIlhenny; April 17, Father Leo McKernan; April 18, Jesuit Father Ronald McKinney.

Sunday of Divine Mercy

-- April 8

DIVINE MERCY

“He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart.”

Saint Maria Faustina Diary 390



Apostleship of Prayer

Papal Intention for April 2018

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That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.



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Vocations Golf Tournament Planned for July 9

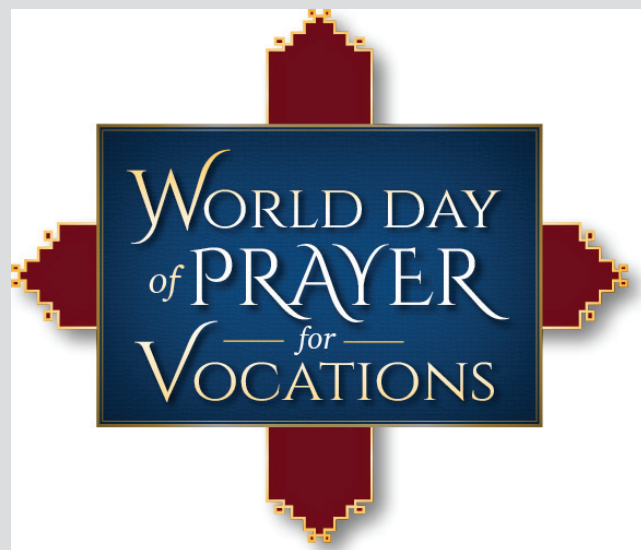


The Ninth Annual Vocations Golf Classic will be held on Monday, July 9, at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, Mountain Top. Proceeds foster vocations to the Diocesan priesthood and support seminarians in formation. Donations and sponsorships are welcome in any amount and may be made in memory of friends and family. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera is honorary chair.

Committee members planning the tournament in conjunction with the Diocesan Office of Development are, seated from left: Karen Clifford; Kathy Oven; Mark Soprano; Marilouise Agnone Ruane, Director of Stewardship, co-chair; Father Donald Williams, Director of Vocations and Seminarians, chair; Monsignor David Bohr, Secretary for Clergy Formation; Father Jeffrey Walsh, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; and Michele Long.

Standing are: Michael P. Brown; Paul Woelkers; Father David Cappelloni; Christopher DiMattio; Jim Bebla, Secretary for Development; Attorney Joseph O'Brien; Monsignor Donald McAndrews; Scott Lynett, Dominic Rinaldi; Thomas Considine and Father Joseph Evanko. Also serving on the committee are Deacon Frank Hine, Thomas Medico and Frank Orlando.

The captain and crew tournament begins with lunch at 11 a.m. and shotgun start at noon. A reception and awards dinner follows play. To donate or register for golf, call the Diocesan Development Office at 570-207-2250, email Development@DioceseofScranton.org or obtain a brochure and form online at www.DioceseofScranton.org.



Sunday, April 22, 2018

Diocesan Celebration

**Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, 702 West Fourth St., Williamsport
5PM Mass with Bishop Bambera as principal celebrant and homilist**

A social will follow in the parish hall

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
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APRIL 6TH & 7TH 2018

@ the Diocesan Pastoral Center

WHO:

Any student under the age of 21 who has been an ISLI student team member

WHAT:

An overnight fun ISLI refresher! We'll take a look at current ISLI tasks, share facilitating stories, explore new tasks & pray together.

Registration fee is \$20

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Marywood University students connect at the social.



Praise & Worship was led by the band Countless Wonders.

XLT (Exalt!) Celebrates First Birthday!

Marian Chapel on the campus of Marywood University served as the setting for the “First Birthday” party for XLT (Exalt!) — celebrating the one-year anniversary of the Diocesan Launch for the unique and popular program for Catholic youth and young adults. Depicted are scenes from the milestone celebration.



Monsignor Michael Delaney, pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Olyphant, and Blessed Sacrament Parish, Throop, served as presider and homilist.

Dunmore Holy Name Society Communion Breakfast



The Holy Name Society of Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish in Dunmore recently held its 61st annual Communion Breakfast at La Buona Vita banquet hall in the borough. The event began with the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Saint Anthony of Padua Church, celebrated by Father David Cappelloni, pastor. Serving as principal speaker for the breakfast program was Scranton City firefighter Ryan Robeson, who co-chairs the “Family to Family” Thanksgiving Food Basket Program for area needy. During the program, Mr. Robeson was also presented with the society’s Pio Ferrario Christian Witness Award, bestowed annually by the Dunmore parish’s Catholic men. Pictured are the HNS breakfast principals. Seated from left, Louis Ingargiola, toastmaster; Father Cappelloni, Ryan Robeson, and Paris Alunni, Holy Name Society president. Standing, same order, breakfast committee members Michael Colangelo and Rick Sabato, general chairman.

XLT (Exalt!) Upcoming Schedule:

- Friday, April 27 Saint Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg
- Friday, May 18 Saint John Bosco Parish, Conyngham
- Friday, June 8 Immaculate Conception Parish, Scranton

All programs are held from 7 to 9 p.m.
For more information, call 570-780-2996

Father Michael Gaitley to Address Catholic Men's Conference

Father Michael E. Gaitley, MIC, an acclaimed author and speaker, will be one of the featured guests at the Diocese of Scranton Catholic Men's Conference scheduled for May 5 at King's College in Wilkes-Barre.

The priest is director of evangelization for the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception and director of formation for the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy.

Fathey Michael is the author of the bestselling books *33 Days to Morning Glory*, *Consoling the*



Father Michael E. Gaitley, MIC

Heart of Jesus, and the new book *33 Days to Merciful*

Love. He lives and works on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Mass., home of the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy.

The conference will feature other inspirational speakers, Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a concluding Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. Many ministries will be represented, and a variety of books, CDs and other material will be available.

The Catholic Men's Conference will bring together hundreds of Catholic men for good fellowship and

a re-commitment to promoting and living out our Christian heritage in our homes, workplaces and society.

You can register on line at www.beamanconference.com or call the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 570-207-2213. For more in-

formation or to volunteer, please call or email Michael Kilmer at 570-746-0100 or mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com.

Good relations with lawmakers key to 'vocation' as lobbyist

By Lou Baldwin

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When Dr. Robert J. (Bob) O'Hara Jr. retires from his position as executive director of the Harrisburg-based Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) in the coming months, he will close out a distinguished 21-year run as leader of the Catholic Church in Pennsylvania's official presence in the civic arena, especially in its dealings with state government.

"We represent the bishops and the church's concerns in the public square and we try to bring Gospel values to the public square," O'Hara said during an interview with *CatholicPhilly.com*. "I'm not a priest or a deacon. My expertise is dealing with legislation and with politicians and I have a little bit of administrative ability. The goals and directions come from the bishops. We try to actualize their direction."

O'Hara came to the



Robert J. O'Hara, a Scranton native, is retiring after 21 years as executive director of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference.

PCC in 1997 after the death of the founding executive director, Howard Fetterhoff, who served for 27 years. He was chosen from a pool of more than 100 applicants and he brought with him extensive experience as a lobbyist in Harrisburg and Washington.

O'Hara served in that role successfully for almost two decades with Pennsylvania Power and Light, rising to the position of director of state public affairs. He was looking for a change of pace, and the PCC represented an opportunity to combine work and faith.

Perhaps the thesis of his doctoral dissertation, a degree he earned at Lehigh University during his years at PP&L, gives a clue into his thinking. It was titled, "The Rising Cost of Energy and the Inability of the Poor to Pay." The church, he said, "has a preferential option for the poor."

Originally from Scranton, O'Hara is a graduate of Scranton Preparatory High School and earned his undergraduate degree in psychology with a minor in sociology from Villanova University.

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Christ is Here! Come and See!

4th Annual Diocese of Scranton Be a Man Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, 8 am - 3:00 pm
May 5, 2018
King's College
Scandlon Physical Education Center
149 North Main St.
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Jesus Himself is here, alive, and eagerly waiting for each of us. You live because of Him, and will live more abundantly when you draw closer to the Way, the Truth, and the Life. You will experience how Jesus dwells in you and you in Him. He loves us — what a beautiful consoling thought.

\$35 (Early Bird \$30 until 4/16/18), Student \$15, Priest/Deacon FREE
 Light breakfast & box lunch included



Bishop Joseph Bambera



Fr. Michael Gaitley

Author of best-selling books, including "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" and "33 Days to Morning Glory." He launched "Hearts Afire: Parish-based Programs for the New Evangelization." He frequently appears on EWTN, speaks at conferences and retreats throughout the country.



Tom Peterson

Founder of Catholics Come Home Inc. and VirtueMedia Inc., apostolates dedicated to promoting Catholic evangelization and the sanctity of human life. He encourages others to seek God's plan for their lives, and to help change our world for the better. Author of the book "Catholics, Come Home"



Jesse Romero

A former USA middleweight kickboxing champion and retired sheriff, Jesse is an award winning author, bilingual in English & Spanish. He leads retreats and parish revivals, and energetically shares Catholic teachings that fortify attendees with a deeper love for God.

Information & Registration: 570-207-2213 www.BeAManConference.com



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2018 "Be A Man" Catholic Men's Conference

Mail the completed form with your check or money order to:

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Diocese of Scranton
330 Wyoming Ave
Scranton, PA. 18503

Attn: Men's Conference on memo line of the check

First name _____ Last Name _____

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Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Registration includes continental breakfast & lunch.

If registering more than one person, please provide the additional information on a separate sheet.

- Registration Fee: \$35 each
- Early Bird \$30 until 4/16/17
- Student \$15
- Priest/Deacon/Seminarian FREE

Amount enclosed \$ _____

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Fourth-grade students from **La Salle Academy in Jessup** hosted Mass during the third week of Lent. Pictured with the students are the celebrant, Father Paul Fontanella, and their teacher, Mrs. Scott.



Jack Daoud and Kaylee Kotsko, students at **Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre**, won 1st and 2nd places respectively in the Fine Arts Fiesta poster contest.



Three students from **Holy Cross High School in Dunmore** have been named to the 2018 *Times-Tribune* Scholastic Superstar team, picked by a panel that is not aware of the student's school. Matthew Cerep, Allison McGee and Christina Shaffern join 22 other students selected from 34 school districts.



Seventh-graders from **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter** recently researched individuals who fought for human dignity and became a Human Rights Champion. The project required students to create cereal boxes, displaying biographical information, "ingredients" or characteristics of each individual, a game and a prize reflecting the cause of the person studied. Additionally, students gave an oral presentation telling their classmates about the accomplishments of their Human Rights Champion.



Caitlyn Roever, Jenna Robertson, Julia Bergman and Mary McHugh, students at **Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore**, gather the soup donated by their school community for Saint Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen.



Leah Hartzler, Eremi Racine, Drishti Matta, Michael Onorato and Thandwie Ramone, students at **Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco**, represented the school at the Russell C. Hughes Monroe County Spelling Championships on Tuesday, March 20.



Monsignor Joseph Quinn, pastor of Our Lady of the Snows Parish, poses with the 2nd grade students at **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green**, and all the non-perishable food items collected for the OLS Food Pantry. Also pictured are their teachers, Mrs. Rubano and Mrs. DeLayo, and OLP Principal Colleen Jumper.



Thanks to the generosity of the school's PTG program, **Saint Jude School in Mountain Top** recently hosted the West African Dance and Drum. Pictured with the troupe are: Kersey Mooney, Elizabeth Bilbow, Quintin Sartori, Miles McShea, Rhea Mascarenhas and Collin Brenner.



Fifth and 6th grade students from **Epiphany School in Sayre** worked in small groups to design and build a ziggurat (an ancient Sumerian temple) using popsicle sticks, glue, a ruler, and of course their imaginations. The structure had to contain a marble run track, could not be taller than two feet, could not be more than 20 inches wide, and had to include two temples (levels).



The Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) Team from **Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton** pose with their advisor and teacher, Mrs. Lisa Owens, after their performance at the regional competition. Of the 14 participants, 10 placed in first and four placed in second. They now move on the State-level competition in May.



An Autism Awareness Mass was held with the students, faculty and community of **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston**. Students from the school's Individual Instruction program participated as cantors, gift-bearers, readers and altar servers.



Because of all the snow days and early dismissals, the 2nd grade students at **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton** were a little behind on their art projects. They decided to combine a couple of holidays into a single project, so their snowmen creations were decorated with shamrocks and Easter eggs.



Students and faculty from **Holy Rosary School in Duryea** recently prepared and served vegetable soup, homemade bread, and desserts for the residents of the Crossin Towers. Here 7th graders Hailey Sebastian, Paige Skibitsky, Hailey Halagarda, Sarah Lyons, Carsyn Cole, Paige Kryptovich and Gloria Tabone show all the great food to Connie Appel, a Crossin Towers resident.



London's West End sensation "Loserville" was recently staged at **Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg**. Students Christian Peeney and Liam Naughton (pictured front and center) had leading roles playing Michael Dork and Lucas Lloyd.

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O'Hara continued on at West Chester University for his master's in psychology in government.

In his working career O'Hara was employed in the Psychology Department of Graterford Prison and then was director of the Allentown Community Service Center for the State Bureau of Corrections.

He moved on to PP&L because "I enjoyed the administrative and political side of things more than the psychological community part," he said.

In his personal life he and his wife Cynthia are the parents of two grown sons, Robert III and James, and members of Saint Ann Parish, Emmaus. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus in his parish and most years he comes down to the Philadelphia area for a stay at Malvern Retreat House.

Coming into the PCC, his many years as a lobbyist with PPL were helpful because whether it is lobbying for a corporation or representing the church, relationships mean a lot, and over the years he had already established good relations with many of the legislators in Harrisburg.

Maybe there was one difference. "This sounds more like

a vocation," he remarked to one bishop. "It is," was the reply.

During his tenure at the PCC, one of the most successful programs has been endeavors to promote state assistance to nonpublic schools of which Catholic schools are a huge component. An initial program to provide direct assistance to the school was passed but did not survive challenge in the courts.

When the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program was originally passed in 2001 it was capped at \$30 million, but by 2016 it stood at \$175 million, including out-of-school-time programs.

Through EITC, corporations and businesses receive tax credits for donations to scholarship organizations and educational improvement organizations, which in turn make grants to the schools.

"This is not just a Republican issue, many Democrats support it also," O'Hara said. "I didn't have to convince people that Catholic schools are good schools. People know this and they are not a difficult product to sell."

Other issues of concern to the PCC are social concerns, the health field, pro-life issues and the ability of religious organizations to operate according to their beliefs

without government interference.

Some of the issues the PCC supports really have come from other sources, including a current push to ban abortions performed because of Down syndrome.

As he leaves the PCC, O'Hara is confident the work will go on.

"Everything we did was done by the team and by the team that went before us," he said.

As for the future, "I won't be sitting around watching TV," he said. "I'll find some way perhaps to help my diocese and my parish. It won't be full-time. I want to

spend more time with my wife, my sons, my daughters-in-law and my grandchildren. And of course golf."

Information about the search for the next executive director of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference can be found on page 23.

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World Youth Day Pilgrimage Information Night
Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 6:30-8:00PM
Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton



Images shown above: Gerard Wazeter, Saint Frances X. Cabrini Parish, Carverton, gives reading at Cathedral Mass, 2018. | Parish lay leaders participate in groundbreaking for newest Diocesan Church, Saint Jude Church in Mountain Top, 2016. | Tony Butel, newly installed Parish Life Coordinator, greets parishioners at Saint Elizabeth in Bear Creek, 2016. | Cantors at the Mass for Musicians, Cathedral of Saint Peter, 2016.

The People of God

LAITY AS SERVANT LEADERS IN THE CHURCH

The faith of the early settlers in what would later become the Diocese of Scranton was a keystone of its founding in 1868. Before church buildings and full-time pastors, the laity modeled discipleship through their service to others. In each corner of Northeastern and North Central Pennsylvania, they showed dedication and determination in strengthening their spiritual homes in many meaningful ways.

Early parishioners across the Diocese helped build church structures and bring their communities together. For example, from 1854-1864, Patrick and Margaret Dugan of Crock's Feed Mill hosted their neighbors for periodic celebrations of Liturgy in their home near Nicholson. Later, new opportunities for families to become involved in church life through religious instruction, Altar and Rosary Societies, Holy Name Societies, Knights of Columbus, and other parish groups developed.

For Carol Salva, a retired Pastoral Associate from Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Clarks Summit, lay ministry was as natural as caring for her family, helping wherever she was needed. As a child, she watched her mother and grandmother serve the homeless at their door. Being a registered nurse for 30 years, Carol also received rich formation through a theology degree from Marywood University, completing the Liturgy Certificate and other Diocesan programs.

“One of the greatest challenges facing the Church in this generation is to foster in all the faithful a sense of personal responsibility for the Church’s mission, and to enable them to fulfill that responsibility as missionary disciples, as a leaven of the Gospel in the world.”

Pope Francis

These offerings broke open Vatican II concepts regarding laity’s “fully active, and conscious participation,” including the increase in the number of women in ministry.

Bishop John J. O’Connor, believing “lay involvement was essential” to the Church, established the Religious Education Institute (REI), and called for Diocesan Synod II to invigorate the laity. Bishop James C. Timlin, in his pastoral letter “The Welcoming Church,” requested the formation of parish councils as prayerful, discerning people of parish communities. Parish Pastoral Councils encouraged laity to share a diversity

of gifts within the community, to build up the Body of Christ.

During his episcopacy, Bishop Joseph F. Martino called on the laity to collaborate in the planning that addressed the challenging issue of demographic shifts and how parishes could be restructured to respond to this reality.

As consolidated parish communities took shape, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera initiated formation programs to prepare laypersons to be servant-leaders who can assume active roles in their parishes in a variety of ministries and in living out their Catholic faith.

On the shoulders of the REI, the Pastoral Formation Institute, and other Adult Faith Formation efforts, the Diocese now offers enrichment such as ‘Echoes of Faith’ for Catechists; a Master’s Degree in partnership with the Loyola Institute for Ministry (LIMEX). For the third time, the Diocese has engaged in processes from RENEW International such as *ARISE Together in Christ*. In order to address ministry needs in Word, Worship, Community, and Service, the Office for Parish Life designed the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry*, which began May of 2014. This certificate in lay ministry has provided parishioners across 11 counties of the Diocese a chance to grow spiritually and advance their ministerial competencies. Men and women in all



Shown with Bishop Bambera, Father Michael Quinnan and Father James Paisley are Jacki Douglas, Dori Hurley and Denise Williams – the first three Commissioned Ministers to complete the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* in June of 2017.

four pastoral regions are enthusiastically answering their baptismal call to holiness. In June of 2017, the first three Commissioned Ministers completed the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry*. A second group of candidates will receive their commissioning from Bishop Bambera this summer.

With the introduction of the role of Parish Life Coordinator, lay leadership has been creatively approached in order to serve the mission of all the baptized. Bishop Bambera has called upon qualified lay women and men to meet new pastoral realities in the Church of Scranton, alongside their fellow members of the faithful. Each Parish Life Coordinator has partnered with Sacramental Ministers (clergy), to “provide both sacramental and administrative leadership in viable communities,” caring for each congregation they serve.

Lay participation is also growing in vibrancy among youth and young adults. Several hundred

members of the “young church” across the Diocese of Scranton have taken up Pope Francis’ challenge to “leave a mark” for good in the world. The *#leaveamark* initiative – begun in 2016 to commemorate National Vocation Awareness Week – has engaged the “young church” in ‘Partner with Francis’ listening sessions before the 2018 *Synod on Young People*, retreat and pilgrimage experiences, nationally and internationally, and local days of service.

The Diocese of Scranton has a rich history of contributions from laity within community outreach organizations like Catholic Social Services, Pontifical Missions Society, Friends of the Poor, as well as groups that engage in spiritual outreach, like the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and the Cursillo Movement.

The daily Gospel witness of lay leaders within the Diocese will continue to guide and strengthen the Church well into the future.

FAITH FACTS:

- 1864: Patrick and Margaret Dugan deeded 106 square rods of land to Bishop James Wood (Philadelphia) for \$1.00, in order to establish Saint Patrick’s Parish in Nicholson, named in honor of the Irish immigrants who assisted in its building.
- 1908: John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers, is baptized into the Catholic Church at Saint Thomas Parish in Archbald. Previously, Mr. Mitchell served as an advocate for worker’s rights in conducting negotiations with local clergy like Father John Curran and President Theodore Roosevelt, to resolve the 1902 miner’s strike in the Scranton area.
- 1980: “Follow Christ!” initiative, a four-phase process for parish renewal is begun with laity and priests across the Diocese collaborating to revitalize catechesis, family life, youth and young adult ministry, liturgy, community and spiritual outreach.
- 1985: Concluding a two-year listening process, a Diocesan Synod celebration was held at the University of Scranton together with members of the laity, in addition to clergy and religious, to collect declarations from the People of God on their hopes, desires, and needs from the Church of Scranton in order to address their lived experiences of faith.
- 2007: Lay leaders organize the first annual “Light the Fire” Youth Rally in order to enhance ministry to youth and young adults throughout the Diocese.

NEXT ISSUE:
Consecrated Life

1902
Scranton - Marywood Seminary Ladies received music instrument instruction.

1963
Towanda - Saints Peter and Paul Junior Catholic Daughters of America.

1993
Stroudsburg - Bishop Timlin led more than 800 people in a pro-life prayer vigil.

2006
Peckville - Knights of Columbus with Sacred Heart of Jesus parishioners lead rosary procession through the community.

2017
Scranton - Students display their Respect for Life posters.





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APRIL SCHEDULE

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
12:00 AM	THIRST FOR TRUTH	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	DAILY MASS (Encore)				Fr. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	
1:00 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	(1:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	THE JOURNEY HOME (Encore)	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	
1:30 AM	PRAYING AS A FAMILY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)				THE BIBLE & VIRGIN MARY	
2:00 AM	TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THRU MARY		EWTN GALLERY					
2:30 AM	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	
3:00 AM	EWTN ON LOCATION			REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	LIFE ON THE ROCK	BATTLE READY	LONG RIDE HOME W/ BEAR WOZNICK	
3:30 AM		DEFENDING LIFE	REGINA CAELI FROM NAZARETH	SAINTS VS SCOUNDRELS	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOG	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN		
3:40 AM	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	SUNDAY NIGHT PRIME	WHERE GOD WEEPS	PAPAL AUDIENCE LIVE (at 3:50)	BOB AND PENNY LORD PRESENT	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	SAVORING OUR FAITH	
3:50 AM		THE BEATITUDES	FOURTH RUPTURE	GENESIS TO JESUS	EWTN SPECIALS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	MATTHEWS TESTIMONY TO JESUS	
4:00 AM	BEAUTY TRUTH & GOODNESS	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL					AUTHENTICALLY FREE AT LAST
4:30 AM	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	A FORCE FOR GOOD	APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION	HE DARED SPEAK THE TRUTH			CATHOLICS COME HOME	
5:00 AM	REGINA CAELI WITH POPE FRANCIS	EWTN ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS						
6:30 AM	OUR FAITH IN ACTION	EWTN CATALOG	CHURCH AND THE POOR	MATTHEW'S TESTIMONY TO JESUS	THE WILD GOOSE	THE CHOICES WE FACE	SAINTS vs. SCOUNDRELS	
7:00 AM	THE CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL						STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
7:30 AM	HOLY LAND ROSARY						THE HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	
7:50 AM	ROSARY FROM LOURDES	LITANY OF LORETO	LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME	LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH	LITANY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD	PAPAL AUDIENCE		
8:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS (Live)	DAILY MASS (Live)						
9:00 AM	(9:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	SUNDAY NIGHT: PRIME (Encore)	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	ROAMIN' CATHOLIC	
9:30 AM	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM	LIVE WITH PASSION	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	FOCUS	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	HERMIE & FRIENDS	
10:00 AM	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS			FAMILY THEATER	FOCUS	FOCUS	THE FRIAR
10:30 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	WOMEN OF GRACE						
11:00 AM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT						
11:30 AM	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	THE CHOICES WE FACE	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	MASTERPIECE DONUT SHOP	LIVE WITH PASSION	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	
12:00 PM	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, LIVE AT 12:10 p.m.						
12:30 PM		"DIOCESAN DATEBOOK" airs before and after Mass.						
1:00 PM	(1:10PM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	PRAYING AS A FAMILY	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE	
1:30 PM	IN CONCERT	THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY	HAIL HOLY QUEEN	OUR LADY IN SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION	KNOWING MARY THROUGH THE BIBLE	TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THRU MARY	EWTN BOOKMARK	
2:00 PM		CALLED TO COMMUNION	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	THE JOURNEY HOME	SPECIALS	EWTN ON LOCATION	
2:30 PM	THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG							
3:00 PM	REFLECTIONS							
3:15 PM	THE HOLY ROSARY IN STAINED GLASS	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)						ROSARY FOR LIFE
4:00 PM	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM	THE HOLY ROSARY						CALLED TO COMMUNION
4:30 PM	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	DIOCESAN DATEBOOK						
5:00 PM	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	HERMIE & FRIENDS	ROAMIN' CATHOLIC	CHILDRENS SPECIALS	CAT CHAT	WAY OF THE CROSS FOR KIDS		
5:30 PM	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHOICES WE FACE	CONVERSATIONS FROM THE WORLD OVER SHOW	BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT	LIFE ON THE ROCK	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE	
5:30 PM	SAINTS VERSUS SCOUNDRELS	SPECIALS						THE FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM
6:00 PM	PASSIONIST SUNDAY MASS	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)						OUR FAITH IN ACTION
6:30 PM	VATICANO	CATHOLICS COME HOME	REAL LIFE CATHOLICS	CHURCH UNIVERSAL	TBA		CHURCH AND POOR	
7:00 PM	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)							
7:30 PM	THE JOURNEY HOME	THE HOLY ROSARY		POPE'S AUDIENCE	THE HOLY ROSARY		DAILY MASS	
8:00 PM	SUNDAY NIGHT PRIME (Live)	DIOCESAN DATEBOOK						
8:30 PM	CATHOLICS COME HOME	THE JOURNEY HOME (Live)	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	EWTN LIVE	THE WORLD OVER (Live)	SPECIALS	EWTN CINEMA	
9:00 PM	LIFE ON THE ROCK	EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)		EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)				
9:30 PM	HOLY ROSARY W MOTHER ANGELICA	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	THE CHOICES WE FACE	FOCUS	LIVE WITH PASSION	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN		
10:00 PM	EWTN SPECIALS	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (ENCORE)	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	PRO-LIFE WEEKLY	A FORCE FOR GOOD	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	
10:30 PM		BATTLE READY	LONG RIDE HOME	CROSSING THE GOAL	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	YOU'RE AMAZING	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	
11:00 PM	DEFENDING LIFE	WOMEN OF GRACE						
11:30 PM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN							

Kingston Parish to Host Regional Divine Mercy Devotion April 8

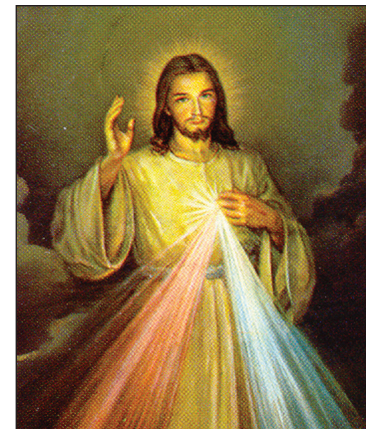
KINGSTON — Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish in Kingston will host the 12th annual regional celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, which was previously held in Lafin in the Greater Pittston area.

The 2018 Divine Mercy Sunday celebration will be held on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 8, at Saint Ignatius Church, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston.

Principal celebrant and homilist for the Divine Mercy feast day devotion will be Father Pio Mandato, a member of the Franciscan Missionary Hermits, who resides and ministers in the Diocese of Scranton.

Concelebrating the Divine Mercy liturgy will be Father Leo McKernan, host pastor of Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish.

The devotional service will begin at 1 p.m. with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and recitation of the Holy Rosary. 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 Blessed 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 attend.

For more information, contact Cathy Mack, feast day coordinator and Cenacle leader of the Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy, at (570-654-6063).

Divine Mercy Sunday Services

IN CLARKS SUMMIT

Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Clarks Summit will host feast day devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 8 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 Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Eucharistic adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation and benediction.

IN GREAT BEND

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on April 8 at Saint Lawrence Church, 380 Franklin St., Great Bend.

Prior to the Divine Mercy service, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered with confessions being heard from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m.

Devotions begin at 3 p.m. and will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied by recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and the litany of Saint Faustina.

Benediction will conclude the service, and fellowship with light refreshments will follow in the Trinity Parish Center.

IN HANOVER TOWNSHIP

The Music Ministry of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood section of Hanover Township, will present a Divine Mercy Musical Celebration on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, beginning at 3 p.m.

The feast day celebration event will include the sung Divine Mercy Chaplet, homily by host pastor Father Richard Cirba, Easter music selections by the parish's youth, teen and adult choirs, Polish hymns, and benediction.

A social will follow in the church hall. For more information, call (570-706-6951).

Altus for Women Announces Faith Sessions for Spring

Altus for Women, a Catholic women's ministry in partnership with the Diocese of Scranton Office for Parish Life, announces a group meeting of six sessions spanning the spring season.

The Altus Group meeting's sessions will be hosted at Saint Mary's Villa Residence, 1 Pioneer Place, Elmhurst Township, begin-

ning on Sunday, April 22, at 1 p.m.

The meeting series will continue through Sunday, May 20, when the final session will be held at Saint Mary's Villa.

To culminate the spiritual offerings for women, a Tea Party finale will take place on Wednesday, May 23, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton.

Registration fee for participants is \$20 (plus the cost of the book that will be used). Online registration is now available at: www.altusforwomen.com.

For more information, contact Addie Rocco, director of Mission Integration & Spiritual Care, at (570-795-2808) or at: arocco@stmarysvilla.com.

Holy Cross' Delaney Scholarship to Honor Teacher's Memory

The Noreen Delaney Scholarship Committee will host a kick-off fundraiser on Saturday, April 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Andy Gavin's Eatery & Pub, 1392 North Washington Street, Scranton.

The scholarship honors the legacy of Noreen Delaney, former English teacher at Bishop O'Hara High School and Holy Cross High School, Dunmore, who passed away on December 23, 2017. The scholarship was founded in tribute

to Mrs. Delaney's dedication to Catholic education with the goal of assisting future students reach their highest potential at Holy Cross High School.

Mrs. Delaney dedicated 33 years to teaching English at Bishop O'Hara High School and Holy Cross High School, where she also served as the chair of the English Department. She inspired countless students through her passion for literature and her com-

mitment to excellence through education.

Donations to the Noreen Delaney Scholarship Fund will be accepted at the kick-off fundraiser. Checks can be made out to Holy Cross High School and mailed to the Noreen Delaney Scholarship Fund in care of: Holy Cross High School, 501 E. Drinker Street, Dunmore, PA 18512.

Ladies of Charity Enrollment Day

WILKES-BARRE — The Ladies of Charity of the Diocese of Scranton will host their Annual Day of Enrollment on Saturday, April 7, at Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish in Wilkes-Barre.

Mass will be celebrated in the parish's Saint Aloysius Church, 143 W. Division St., at 11 a.m. by Monsignor Joseph P. Kelly, who serves as spiritual moderator for the Ladies of Charity. Doors open at 10 a.m. and the Rosary will be recited prior to the liturgy at 10:30 a.m.

Following the liturgy, a luncheon reception will be held in the cafeteria next door to the church. During the day, a collection basket for pro-life donations will be available.

Cost for the luncheon is \$15, and reservations are requested as soon as possible. New members are always welcome.

Checks made payable to "Ladies of Charity" may be forwarded to Barb Thoma, 665 Nuangola Road, Mountain Top, PA 18707. For more information, contact Barb Thoma at (570-474-5531).

Saint Padre Pio Group Plans Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion

HONESDALE — The Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group invites all faithful to their devotional gathering on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, at Saint Mary Magdalen Church, 416 Church St., Honesdale, beginning with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2 p.m.

Father William Langan, host pastor and group spiritual director, will lead the faithful in prayers offered for all priests, followed by recitation of the Rosary.

A reading from sacred Scripture will be followed by

a spiritual reflection by Father Langan.

The Book of Special Intentions invoking the intercession of Saint Padre Pio will be presented, and prayers and petitions for other special intentions will be offered.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered to those who are seriously ill or about to undergo surgery.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be chanted at 3 p.m., followed by an individual blessing with the relic of Saint Faustina.

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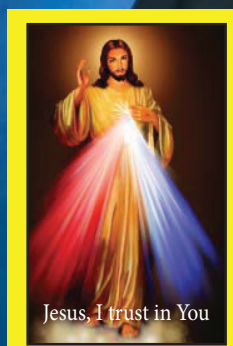
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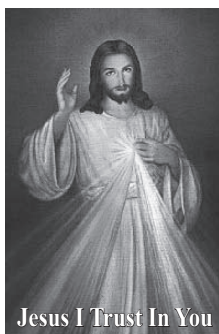
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Rev. Alvaro de Oliveira Joaquim, O.S.J.
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Divine Mercy Sunday Coordinator

SCHEDULE

- 12:30 PM – Rosary and Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 2:00 PM – Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- 3:00 PM – Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Solemn Benediction
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Mark Your Calendar — Around the Diocese

Spiritual Offerings

Weekly Queen of Our Hearts Rosary Prayer Service — **MARCH 31**, hosted every Saturday morning at Good Shepherd Church in Drums; group gathers weekly beginning at 11 a.m. Devotion includes recitation of the Chaplet of the Infant of Prague, the Holy Rosary, and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Prayer petitions may be submitted at the church. All faithful are welcome. 570-788-3141

Monthly Monday Night Worship — **APRIL 2**, hosted by St. Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke; monthly devotion begins at 7 p.m. at the parish worship site of Holy Trinity Church, 520 South Hanover St., Nanticoke. All faithful are welcome to join together for a Holy Hour of praise and worship with word and music; includes Eucharistic adoration. For more information, contact Paul Walters at (570-332-2963).

Annual 13-Week Novena to St. Anthony of Padua — **APRIL 3-JUNE 12**, hosted by Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre; St. Anthony Novena devotion offered on 13 consecutive Tuesday evenings, beginning each week at 5:30 p.m. in the parish church. Novena theme: "Patron

Saints of the Hopeless: St. Damien of Molokai and St. Marianne Cope." All faithful are welcome to attend; for more information, call (570-824-7832).

Padre Pio Prayer Ministry — **APRIL 4**, hosted by St. Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke; begins with celebration of Mass at 6 p.m. in the parish worship site of Holy Trinity Church, 520 South Hanover St., Nanticoke, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, intercessory prayers to St. Padre Pio, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and benediction. All faithful are welcome.

Weekly Bible Study — **APRIL 4**, hosted by Prince of Peace Parish in Old Forge; weekly sessions offered on Wednesdays from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room at St. Lawrence Church, Main St., Old Forge. Guest facilitator: JoAnn Wilbur. All faithful are welcome; refreshments will be provided. For more information, call (570-881-9916).

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration — **APRIL 4**, hosted at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laflin; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. in the seminary chapel. Includes recitation of the Rosary and opportunity for confessions.

Mass celebrated at 7 p.m., followed by Novena prayers to St. Joseph and St. Joseph Marello, founder of the Oblates of St. Joseph religious congregation. For more information, contact the OSJ seminary at (570-654-7542).

Weekly Divine Mercy Devotion — **APRIL 4**, hosted by St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend; Hour of Mercy devotion held every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in St. Lawrence Church. All faithful are welcome.

Scranton Mental Health Ministry: Spiritual Support Group for Family & Friends — **APRIL 5**, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for parents, family members and friends of individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. Meetings will be approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. Participating Scranton parishes include St. Peter's; Mary, Mother of God; and Immaculate Conception. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener (Cathedral), (570-344-7231); Deacon Jan Mroz (Mary, Mother of God), (570-342-4881); or Deacon Pat McDonald (Immaculate Conception), (570-961-5211).

West Scranton Parishes Hosting Nine-Day Divine Mercy Novena

The parish communities of Saint Lucy and Saints Peter & Paul in Scranton's West Side will continue to host their nine-day Divine Mercy Novena, which began during the Lenten season and culminates during Divine Mercy Sunday weekend on the Second Sunday of Easter.

The Divine Mercy Novena was offered during the Fridays of Lent at Saint Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., West Scranton.

The Novena resumes for its conclusion on Easter Friday, April 6, at 7 p.m.; Easter Saturday, April

7, following the 4 p.m. Mass; and on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Saint Lucy Church.

The Divine Mercy feast day celebration opens with recitation of the Rosary and Sacrament of Reconciliation, followed by Sunday Mass celebrated at 2 p.m.

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be recited at 3 p.m., followed by solemn benediction, individual blessing with the Saint Faustina relic and anointing.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the church hall.

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Spiritual Offerings

Friday Holy Hour for Vocations — **APRIL 6**, 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.

Weekly Bible Study — **APRIL 6**, hosted by St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend; held every Friday at 7 p.m. in the Trinity Center, adjacent to St. Lawrence Church. All are welcome.

Monthly Ladies Afternoon of Recollection — **APRIL 7**, hosted by the Ladies Society of St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 130 North St. Frances Cabrini Ave., west Scranton; gatherings are held on the first Saturday of the month beginning at 1 p.m. Centered around the theme of prayer, sessions are offered for the spiritu-

al enrichment of its members and the larger community; meetings end at approximately 2:15 p.m. and are followed by fellowship in the church hall. Anyone interested in attending may receive handout materials and Scripture readings in advance by emailing: melkite.scranton@gmail.com.

Catholic Charismatic Regional Prayer Meeting — **APRIL 9**, sponsored by local Charismatic prayer groups; begins at 7:30 p.m. in Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca. Gathering includes songs, praise, spiritual gifts, teaching and witness; fellowship with refreshments will conclude the meeting. All faithful are welcome.

Evening of Prayer with the Sisters of IHM — **APRIL 11**, sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; monthly

prayer service held on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel at the IHM Center Chapel, 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton (top of University Ave., beyond Marywood University). For more information, call (570-346-5404).

Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil — **APRIL 13**, 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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- 1:00 PM • Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Rosary
- 2:00 PM • Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy followed by Holy Mass
- 3:00 PM • Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament • The Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song
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Jesus stated in fourteen revelations to St. Faustina that the Sunday after Easter is to be the **Feast of Mercy**. St. John Paul II announced on April 30, 2000 at St. Faustina's canonization, "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes 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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from all others for a particular purpose or end.

So, as *holy* people set apart by God for His purposes and His design, how will we celebrate this Holy Week, this week which is set apart from every day or week of the year? I believe the question is partially answered in the words of Jesus from John's Gospel, the Gospel proclaimed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

Traditionally, Holy Thursday is referred to as Maundy Thursday, a name derived from the Latin word *mandare* — essentially, the command or mandate given by Jesus at the Last Supper to “wash one another's feet” (John 13:14). Now, the command to wash the feet of another is not literal in the sense of stooping down to pour water over the feet of someone — that act of literal washing is optional (much to the relief of many!).

However, the act of stooping down and pouring ourselves out in mercy and love in acts of service is not at all optional, especially for disciples of Jesus Christ. The mandate Jesus presents to the Church is reminiscent of His sacrifice on the Cross. His stooping down to wash the feet of His disciples points to His ultimate gift of self on Calvary.

Jesus commands us to sacrifice our lives in many ways to help those in need. “No one has greater

“If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet.”

— John 13:14

love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends” (John 15:13). We are set apart to serve friend and stranger alike, much like the example of the humble hero of Trèbes, France, Colonel Arnaud Beltrame who, after he asked to trade places with a hostage in a standoff with a gunman, was shot and later died. Colonel Beltrame, a faithful Catholic who was married to his fiancée on his deathbed, laid down his life for others is an extraordinary way.

Thankfully, most of us will never have to face any situation or circumstance as dramatic as that of Colonel Beltrame. Nevertheless, his example spurs us on — perhaps realizing that we're missing opportunities to do something simple for another who is in need. We need not always concern ourselves with engaging in extraordinary acts of service and sacrifice, but to be on guard for the very ordinary ways our Lord is calling us to “wash one another's feet.”

So, how are we emptying ourselves to those in need? To the physically poor but also those who are poor in spirit, those that are sick in mind, body or spirit? Those who are alone? To those who mourn?

Jesus sets us apart to labor with Him in this world to lift burdens and carry the load with others. This is what sets this week apart. This is what sets us apart. This is what makes the Church and each of us holy.

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Sunday Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Devotion

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

Religious Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg, Maryland

— **APRIL 18**, sponsored by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Swoyersville; one-day excursion includes visits to the Lourdes Grotto and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Basilica in Emmitsburg. Cost: \$45 per person; bus departure from the parish's Holy Trinity Church, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville. For more information and reservations, contact Chris Calore at (570-824-5621).

"Amazing Grace" Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat

— **APRIL 21**, hosted by Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Brodheadsville; Marian devotion will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 1402 Route 209, Brodheadsville. All faithful are welcome.

Meeting of Lay Carmelites

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

Parish Speaker: Catholic Evangelist Tim Staples

— **APRIL 28**, hosted by St. Luke Parish, 818 Main St., Stroudsburg; daylong program includes three presentations. Schedule: 9:30 a.m., "Jimmy Swaggart Made Me Catholic"; 11 a.m., "Now That We are Catholic"; and 2 p.m., "Teen Apologetics." Light refreshments served be-

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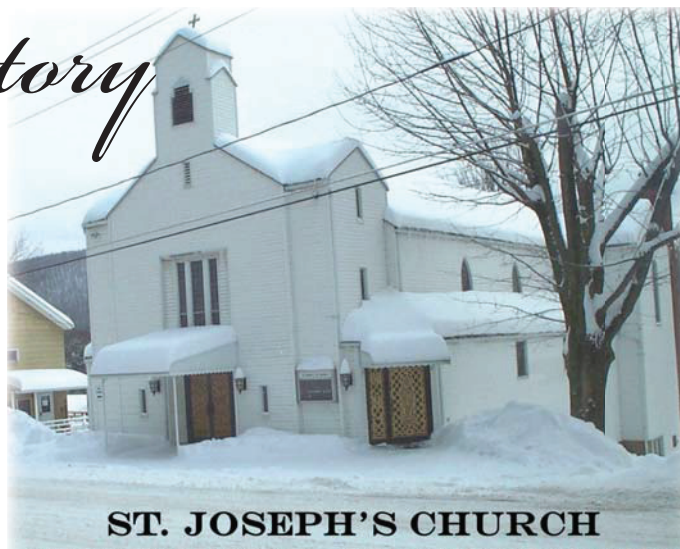
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Bereavement Support Gatherings — APRIL 4 & 15, hosted by Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Clarks Summit; support group meetings held in the Gathering Room (lower level) of Our Lady of the Snows Church, 301 South State St., Clarks Summit, on the first Wednesday of the month, at 10 a.m., and the third Sunday of the month, at 2 p.m. All are welcome; no registration is required.

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Bingo — APRIL 4 & 18, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, Jermyn; games held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the parish center, 624 Madison Ave., Jermyn. Doors open at 5 p.m.; early-bird games start 6 p.m. (regular games, 6:30). Event includes homemade foods and desserts; specialty games, refreshments, door prizes and progressive jack-

pot. Free admission; for more information, call (570-876-1061).

Fourth Annual Benefit Concert — APRIL 8, sponsored by the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association (NSSLHA) at Misericordia University in Dallas; begins at 3 p.m. in the Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall on the Misericordia campus (doors open at 2:30 p.m.). Concert features the university's female a cappella group, Beyond Harmony, and Misericordia's student Dance Ensemble. All proceeds benefit individuals with special needs who receive speech, occupational or physical therapy at St. Joseph's Center in Scranton. Advance tickets available April 3-6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Banks Student Life Center at Misericordia; cost: adults, \$5; Misericordia students, faculty, children and senior citizens, \$3. All tickets sold at the door on the day of the event are \$5. For more information, contact NSSLHA Chapter President Jenna Reed at: reedjl@miseriordia.edu.

Used Book Sale — APRIL 6-8, sponsored by Holy Name of Jesus Parish in West Hazleton; held in the school building's lower level auditorium. Sale hours: Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and following the 4 p.m. Mass until 6 p.m.; and Sunday (Bag Day), 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Books are presorted according to content; sale also includes CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes and cassettes at reduced prices. All proceeds benefit the Capital Campaign to

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"Soup for the Souls" Soup Sale — APRIL 12, sponsored by the Soup for the Souls Committee at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood section of Hanover Township; sale held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the church hall (take-out orders only). Cost: \$8 per quart. Featured soup of the month: tortellini. Pre-orders requested. For more information or to place orders, call (570-825-6370).

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Essay submissions will be showcased and contest winners an-

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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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Free Community Luncheon — **APRIL 14**, 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.

University of Scranton Performance Music Series: 35th Annual World Premiere Composition Series Concert — **APRIL 14**, featuring the premieres of two new works by guest composer/conductor Brandon Lee, performed by the University of Scranton Concert Band & Concert Choir; 7:30 p.m. in the University's Houlihan-McLean Center on campus, corner of Mulberry St. & Jefferson Ave. Performance is open to the public free of charge.

Cash Bingo — **APRIL 15**, sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Women of Holy Family Parish, 828 Main St., Sugar Notch; held in the parish hall. Doors open

at 12 noon; games begin at 1 p.m. Homemade food and refreshments will be sold. Admission fee: \$5. Tickets available at the door.

Variety Prize Bingo — **APRIL 15**, 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 noon; games begin at 1 p.m. Event also includes basket raffle and games; lunch menu, refreshments and bake sale will be available. Admission cost: \$10, includes three cards for each 15 regular games and ten specials.

O.F.F.: Opioid Fact Forum — **APRIL 19**, presented by the heritage Knights of Columbus, President John F. Kennedy Council 372 and Assembly 948 of Greater Pittston; held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Pittston Memorial Library. Open to the public free of charge; light refreshments will be served.

University of Scranton Performance Music Series: In Concert — **APRIL 21**, featuring the University of Scranton Jazz Band with guest soloist Frank Vignola on guitar; 7:30 p.m. in the University's Houlihan-McLean Center on campus, corner of Mulberry St. & Jefferson Ave. Performance is open to the public free of charge.

Bingo & Basket Raffle — **APRIL 22**, sponsored by All Saints Parish in Plymouth; hosted in the Holy Child Faith Formation Center, 119 Willow St., Plymouth.

Doors open at 12 noon; games begin at 1 p.m. with cash prizes. Event includes 15 regular games and several specials. Admission cost: \$5, includes three cards for any regular game; additional regular and special game cards will be sold. Basket raffle tickets and refreshments available for purchase. Early reservations encouraged; limited tickets available at the door. For more information and advance tickets, call (570-332-1176).

Rummage Sale — **APRIL 23 & 24**, sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville; held in the parish's school gymnasium. Sale hours: Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday (\$2 bag day), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Includes sale of baked goods, refreshments and food items.

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Catholic Marriage Program in Reading

A Catholic parish in the Diocese of Allentown announces an upcoming spirituality program on the vocation of marriage as part of Together in Holiness, a marriage conference series that inspires and empowers Catholic couples to grow together in holiness.

Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish in Reading will host the series offering on Saturday, April 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sponsored by the Saint John Paul II Foundation, Together in

Holiness — "Where Spouses Discover God's Plan for Their Family" — provides conference themes based on Saint John Paul's teachings on marriage and family life.

Pre-registration for couples and individuals is required, and limited child care is available.

For more information and to register, visit togetherinholiness.org or contact Foundation Conference Coordinator, Aubrie Miller, at aubrie@forlifeandfamily.org or (832-779-1070).

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Night at the Races — **APRIL 28**, sponsored by St. André Besette Parish in Wilkes-Barre; hosted at St. Mary's Byzantine

Social Hall, 522 Madison St., Wilkes-Barre. Doors open at 6 p.m.; races start at 7 p.m. Includes food and beverages. Admission fee: \$5 (must be at least 21 years of age to attend). For more information, call (570-823-4988).

Misericordia Open House — **APRIL 28**, open house event sponsored by Misericordia University in Dallas (Back Mountain section of Luzerne County); for high school students and their parents. Program begins with registration at 9 a.m. in the Anderson Sports and Health Center, followed by "Meet the Coaches" session from 9 to 10 a.m. Open house held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; includes campus tours, faculty session and lunch, and meeting with representatives of student services, athletics and financial aid. For more information and registration, contact the Misericordia Admissions Office at (570-675-4449 or 1-866-262-6363) or by email: admiss@misericordia.edu.

Excursion to Sight & Sound Theatre Show: "Jesus" — **MAY 15**, sponsored by the Little Sisters of the Poor; bus departs Holy

Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton, at 7:30 a.m. and returns at 7 p.m. Cost: \$105 per person, includes transportation, light refreshments and balcony section admission ticket. Lunch stop scheduled for return trip. For more information/reservations, contact Jackie Galvin at (570-343-4065) or scdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org. Reservations available online at: www.littlesistersofthepoorscranton.org. Deadline is Tuesday, April 17.

Parish Group Tour: Historic/Religious Sites of Baltimore & Washington, D.C. — **MAY 29-31**, sponsored by Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Dickson City; motorcoach excursion (three days and two nights) includes tour of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption (America's first cathedral) in Baltimore, and celebration of Mass at the Basilica of the National

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Archdiocese Offering Marriage Conference

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia will host "Matrimony: Rediscovering Its Truth," a conference on Catholic marriage, on Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. at the archdiocese's Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 18th St. and Benjamin Franklin Parkway in downtown Philadelphia.

Conference presenters will include Father Gerald Murray, a New York City pastor and frequent commentator for EWTN, and Father Gerald Dennis Gill, director of the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Office for Divine Worship and

rector of the Cathedral Basilica. Sponsored by the Saint John Neumann Chapter of Catholics United for the Faith, the conference will conclude with a closing Mass at 5:15 p.m. Serving as principal celebrant will be His Eminence, Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke, prefect emeritus of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura in Rome.

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For more information, contact Rita Ferrance, 573 Orchard St., Askam, PA 18706. Phone: (570-706-6867).

'Undy Sunday' Collection Held in Nanticoke



The Youth Ministry of Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke is proud to announce a huge success for their annual "Undy Sunday" fundraiser held earlier this year. Conducted at the parish church during Masses over the designated weekend, the charitable project had youth ministry members collect an assortment of new undergarments for those in need. Boxes of donations were amassed for distribution at Mary's Closet, an apostolate operated by the parish to serve area underprivileged. Mary's Closet is located in the basement of the Saint Faustina Cultural Center at 38 W. Church St. in Nanticoke.

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

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

Pro-Life Rosary Vigils

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

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

Eucharistic Adorations

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

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

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

Healing Mass

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



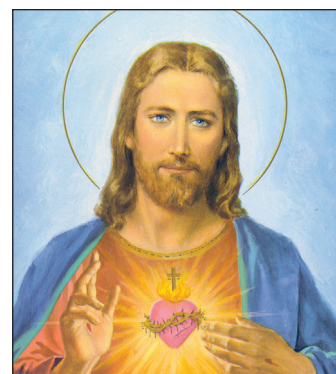
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Devotions begin Friday evening at 8 p.m. with recitation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, during which time confessions are heard. Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated at 8:55 p.m., followed by benediction, litany and consecration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

Death Claims Prominent IHM Sister Marianne Addy

SCRANTON — A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 5 at Our Lady of Peace Residence for Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Marianne Addy, former director of public relations for the Diocese of Scranton who served in other key roles in Catholic education and parish life in the Diocese.

Sister Marianne died Jan. 31 at Our Lady of Peace, where she was residing and serving in the prayer ministry. Following her retirement from active ministry in 2003, she took up residence and served as a prayer minister at the former Marian Convent in Scranton.

Born Dolores Addy on July 15, 1922, in Brooklyn, N.Y., daughter of the late Henry and Anna Campbell Addy, Sister Marianne entered the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Sept. 8, 1941, and made her final profession of vows Aug. 2, 1947.

She received both her bachelor's degree in English/art and



Sister Marianne Addy, IHM

master's degree in religious education from Marywood College, and a master's in English from the University of Scranton.

During her religious life, Sister Marianne ministered primarily in Catholic education, serving in the Scranton Diocese on the faculties of Saint Matthew Elementary School in Stroudsburg; South Scranton Catholic High School; and Saint Patrick High School in Scranton.

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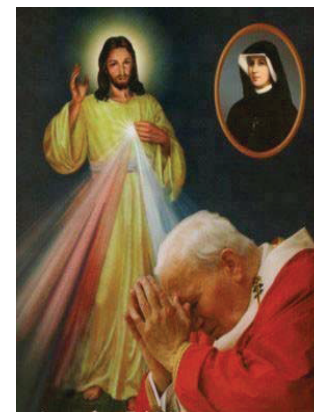
ministrators in the Diocese, Sister Marianne served as principal of Marywood Seminary High School, Scranton, and Sacred Heart High School, Carbondale. She also taught at Catholic schools in Raleigh and Washington, N.C., and Uniondale, N.Y.

During 1988-2002, Sister Marianne served as Diocesan director of public relations. She previously ministered at Corpus Christi Parish in Montdale; served as CCD coordinator for Sacred Heart Parish in Mayfield; and was director of development at the former Bishop Hoban High School in Wilkes-Barre.

She also served on various Diocesan boards and those of other non-profit institutions in the region.

Surviving is a niece, Ruth Ann Iwersen, Farmingville, N.Y. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert, and sister, Annmarie Hydell.

Interment was held at Saint Catherine's Cemetery in Moscow.



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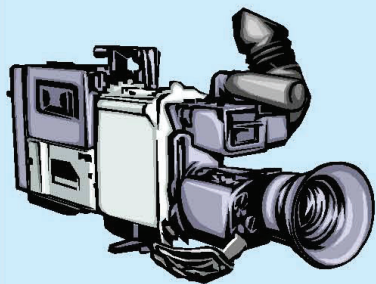
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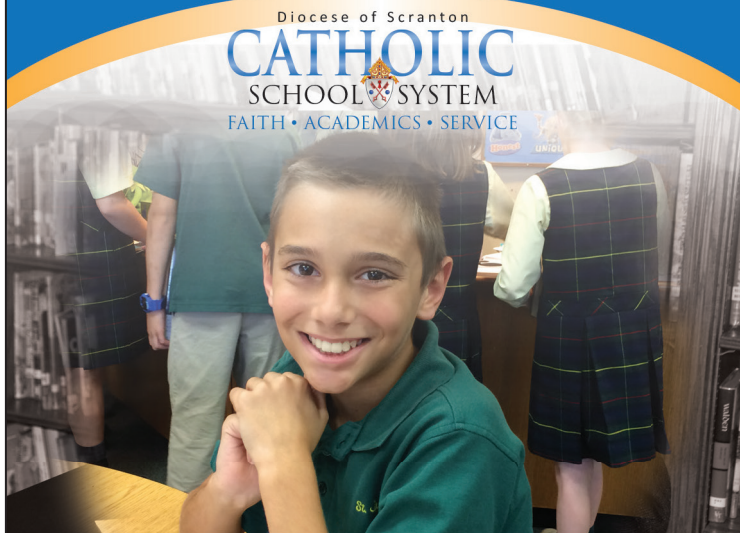
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