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The resurrection of Jesus – the heart of Easter – reminds us right from the very beginning that we exist for a purpose: to proclaim the risen one. We do not exist for our own sake – but for mission – to do the work of God. May we pray for the grace and wisdom to nurture our relationship with the Risen Jesus. It is a treasure beyond imagining. And it is the reason why we Christians boldly proclaim “Alleluia!”

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Church Observing Holy Week

Love Jesus in all who suffer, Pope Francis says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Jesus does not ask that people only contemplate his image, but that they also recognize and love him concretely in all people who suffer like he did, Pope Francis said.

Jesus is “present in our many brothers and sisters who today endure sufferings like his own – they suffer from slave labor, from family tragedies, from diseases. They suffer from wars and terrorism, from interests that are armed and ready to strike,” the pope said April 9 as he celebrated the Palm Sunday Mass of the Lord’s Passion.

In his noon Angelus address, the pope also decried recent terrorist attacks in Sweden and Egypt, calling on “those who sow terror, violence and death,” including arms’ manufacturers and dealers, to change their ways.

At least 15 people were killed and dozens more injured April 9 in an Orthodox church north of Cairo as Coptic Christians gathered for Palm Sunday Mass; the attack in Sweden occurred two days earlier when a truck ran through a crowd outside a busy department store in central Stockholm, killing four and injuring 15 others.

The pope also prayed for all people affected by war, which he called, a “disgrace of humanity.”

Tens of thousands of people carrying palms and olive branches joined the pope during a solemn procession in St. Peter’s Square under a bright, warm sun for the beginning of Holy Week.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera celebrated a Pontifical Liturgy at 12:15 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. The Mass began in the Cathedral Prayer Garden with a blessing of palms and a Gospel reading, followed by a procession into the Cathedral.

“My brothers and sisters – no matter how tightly we clutch the palms that we carry today – our experience of Holy Week will not bring us a peace that takes away the harsh realities of life that we face each day,” the Bishop said in his homily. “But our embrace of the example of Jesus – our efforts to love selflessly and to care for the lives that God has given to us, even as we bear the burden of the crosses that rest on our shoulders, have the power to open our lives to the mystery of God’s saving grace. Only by entrusting our lives to the crucified, suffering and risen Jesus will any of us truly be able to face each day – and even death itself – with hope and peace. Therein, my friends, is the true and lasting gift of Holy Week.”



At the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, worshippers process from the Prayer Garden to the church where Bishop Bambera celebrated the Palm Sunday Mass.

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Priests serving throughout the Diocese gathered at the Cathedral on Tuesday, April 11, for the Solemn Pontifical Chrism Mass, at which the Holy Oils used during the conferral of sacraments throughout the Church year were blessed. During this Mass, priests and deacons, along with lay representatives from diocesan parishes, acknowledged the Bishop's role as the unifying symbol for Church governance and pastoral guidance. Priests renewed their ordination promises. *The Catholic Light Photo/Mike Melisky*

The Paschal Triduum Begins

The solemn observation of the Paschal Triduum, the three most sacred days of the Church's liturgical year, begins on **Holy Thursday, April 13**, with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. During the Triduum (Latin for "three days"), the Church enters more deeply into the great mysteries of our redemption: the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ that has destroyed our death and restored our life. The Paschal Triduum, which solemnly celebrates these sacred mysteries of God's love for us, is the culmination of the entire liturgical year and can be considered one great liturgy that takes place over three days.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated on **Holy Thursday**, and this first movement of the Triduum marks the occasion on which Christ gave us his Body and Blood in the Eucharist, as well as the gift of the priesthood, and the *mandatum* — his commandment to love and to serve others. **At the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, the Pontifical Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant.**

At the start of the liturgy, the tabernacle is entirely empty according to the Church's ancient tradition, and a sufficient amount of bread is consecrated on this evening for the Holy Communion of those gathered and for those who will gather on Good Friday. Christ's commandment to love others is exemplified in the rite of the Washing of Feet, which reenacts Christ washing the feet of his disciples at the Last Sup-

per. Following this Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is transferred to the place of repose. The faithful are encouraged to spend some time in quiet prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament following the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

On **Good Friday, April 14**, and the following day (up to the Easter Vigil), the Church does not celebrate the sacraments at all, except for Penance and Anointing of the Sick. Good Friday is also a day of fast and abstinence.

At the Cathedral, Morning Prayer for Good Friday will be at 8 a.m. **The Commemoration of the Passion and Death of the Lord celebrated by Bishop Bambera will begin at 12:10 p.m.**

The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on this day consists of three parts: the Liturgy of the Word, the Adoration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. During this second movement of the Paschal Triduum, the Passion according to John is proclaimed and the Solemn Intercessions are voiced for all people, including those who do not believe in Christ and those who do not believe in God, for no one can be excluded from the redeeming power of Christ's sacrifice. Through the Adoration of the Holy Cross, the faithful reverence the instrument of torture and death that became the instrument of our salvation and new life. Following the Celebration of the Lord's Passion, the Church continues to pray and to reflect on the death of the Lord. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 5 p.m.

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BISHOP BAMBERA'S EASTER MESSAGE

Dear friends,

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said."

These words from Saint Matthew's gospel, proclaimed this year during the great Vigil of Easter, confronted the first followers of Jesus on the day of his resurrection and boldly affirmed God's promise to save his people.

Yet despite such powerful words of faith that we read in the scriptures and proclaim whenever we gather for the celebration of the Eucharist, the reality of life at times can consume us with grief, pain and fear as we face upheaval in our world and disappointment and loss in our families and neighborhoods. Yet in all of these seasons of life, we are challenged to move forward in hope.

Some years ago, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI offered these profound words that speak to the hope we all seek in life and that, in so many respects, capture the heart of the Easter mysteries that we celebrate during these sacred days. "Christian hope means to know about evil and yet to go to meet the future with confidence." ... Hope for the Christian — for me and you — does not emerge, then, from the absence of suffering and pain in our lives. We know that all too well. Instead, authentic hope grows from a relationship with Jesus and our recognition of the power of God at work within him that transformed his cross and death into resurrection and life.

On Holy Saturday night, 64 catechumens from throughout the Diocese of Scranton will be baptized into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and 125 candidates will present themselves for full initiation into the Catholic Church. These catechumens and candidates — our relatives, neighbors and friends — will join with tens of thousands of catechumens and candidates from around the world to publically affirm their relationship with Jesus, to profess their hope in the power of God present in his resurrection, and to express their resolve to pattern their lives on his life of selfless service and love. In so doing, they offer a powerful witness to a world fraught with secular ideologies and godless traditions. Their very presence in our midst affirms that for so many, it is not enough to simply place our trust in the passing things of this life. Rather, for them — and for us who recommit ourselves to the promises made at our own Baptisms — life makes sense and hope emerges only when we hand our lives over to Jesus and the gospel for which he gave his life.

My friends, the Word of God is clear in reminding us that as precious as this gift of participating in the life of the risen Jesus may be, it is not a gift to be selfishly consumed. The resurrection of Jesus — the heart of Easter — reminds us right from the very beginning that we exist for a purpose: to proclaim the risen one. Indeed, in Saint Matthew's gospel account of the resurrection, the women, who go to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus only to discover that it is missing, are told first, "Do not be afraid!," and then are told to "go quickly and tell his disciples" that the Lord has been raised.

We do not exist for our own sake — but for mission — to do the work of God. We exist to gather those who are scattered and alienated from one another, themselves and God. We exist to proclaim justice and respect for creation — especially that part of creation made in the image and likeness of God. We exist to feed and clothe and heal the poor and broken. We exist to welcome the stranger, the immigrant and refugee. We exist to extend mercy and forgiveness. We exist to love and labor for peace.

As bishop of this great local church of the Diocese of Scranton, I am profoundly touched by the example of your lives. In the midst of all that life unfolds, from moments of disappointment, loss and grief to those of joy and peace, you continue to live your faith and fulfill the promises of your Baptism. You continue to serve your brothers and sisters. And you continue to derive hope from a living relationship with Jesus, risen from the dead and very much alive in our midst.

May we pray for the grace and wisdom to nurture our relationship with the Risen Jesus. It is a treasure beyond imagining. And it is the reason why we Christians boldly proclaim "Alleluia!"

Faithfully yours in the Risen Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

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



'A blessing . . . for all of us'

Mass Celebrates Consecrated Life

The annual Mass and Jubilee Celebration for Women and Men Religious was celebrated on Sunday, April 2, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera was principal celebrant for the liturgy, during which religious priests, brothers and sisters who are celebrating jubilee anniversaries of ordination or profession of vows were honored.

Collectively, the Bishop noted, our jubilarians alone represent over 3,373 years of service to the Church in Consecrated Life. "What a blessing you have been and continue to

be for all of us," he said.

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 were invited to this special event.

This year, 57 women and men Religious celebrating jubilees of 25, 50, 60, 65, 70 and 75 years in religious life were honored, including four sisters ministering in our Diocese who have achieved the milestone of 75 years.

"Today we gather in prayer to reflect upon the gift of consecrated life in the Church. We reflect upon women and men who have understood and embraced the Lord's universal call to holiness and

mission," Bishop Bambera said.

"In so many significant ways, your lives and ministry constitute those foundational building blocks upon which the Church of Jesus has been built. And you've helped to build the Church, not with bricks and mortar, but with living stones – the People of God. Because of your holiness and singular commitment to the gospel mandate to serve as Jesus did – you've not only touched the hearts of countless numbers of faithful souls, but you have revealed the face of God to a broken, struggling world."

Bishop Bambera added: "My dear sisters and brothers in consecrated life, we thank you for lighting our way on our journey of faith."



Sister M. Alexius Fitzgerald, IHM (foreground), who is in her 70th year as a Religious sister, participates in the Mass for Consecrated Life at the Cathedral of Saint Peter.



Religious sisters celebrating jubilees who attended the Mass for Consecrated Life are pictured above. Row 1: Sister Geraldine Marie Dranginis, IHM; Sister M. Alexius Fitzgerald, IHM; Sister M. Katharine Brennan, RSM; Sister Jeanne Marie McAuliffe, IHM; Sister M. Celesta Sinisi, IHM. Row 2: Sister Christine Mihelich, IHM; Sister M. Johnice Grand, IHM; Sister Marie Lourdes Vanston, IHM; Sister Maria Goretti Timperio, IHM; Sister Franziska Laudascher, IHM; Sister Christina Aldarelli, IHM; Sister Mary William Philbin, IHM; Sister Mariam Pfeifer, IHM. Row 3: Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, Vicar General of the Diocese; Sister Jane Snyder, IHM; Sister Kathleen M. Kelly, IHM; Sister Lois Buckley, IHM; Sister Elizabeth Anne Brandreth, RSM; Sister Maureen Harrison RSM; Bishop Bambera; Sister Mary Fellin, RSM; Sister Mary Augustine du St. Esprit, Isp; Sister Ann Newell, IHM; Sister Mary Ann Cody, IHM; Sister Ellen Carney, IHM.

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Reverend Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., to Serve Again as President of The University of Scranton

The University of Scranton's 24th president, Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., 'H15 will return to Scranton to serve as the Jesuit university's president again.

Father Pilarz will succeed Rev. Kevin. P. Quinn, S.J., whose term as president ends in June at the close of the 2016-17 academic year.

Father Pilarz referred to Scranton as "...a place that will always be my home, a place very close to my heart" in his 2015 undergraduate commencement address at which the University presented him with an honorary degree. The University also named an apartment and fitness center on Mulberry Street after him in 2011.



Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.

and have been privileged to serve."

Father Pilarz is president of Georgetown Preparatory School in Washington, D.C., the nation's oldest Jesuit educational institution. Before that he was president of Marquette University, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from 2011 to 2013.

Father Pilarz was the fifth longest-serving president at Scranton and third

highly selective Community Engagement Classification designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Guided by a 2005-2010 Strategic Plan – Pride, Passion, Promise: Shaping Our Jesuit Tradition, transformational capital projects included the 180,000-square-foot Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Center; the 108,000-square-foot Christopher and Margaret Condron Hall; the John and Jacquelyn Dionne Campus Green; the expansion of the Retreat Center at Chapman Lake, the 189,000-square-foot apartment and fitness complex on Mulberry Street; and the 200,000-square-foot Loyola Science Center.

Other accomplishments included dedicated support for research by new faculty, the President's Colloquy for Presidential Scholars, and five endowed chairs to attract top scholars.

The University's progress was supported by the Pride, Passion, Promise Campaign, the most ambitious capital campaign in the University's history, surpassing its \$125 million fundraising goal.

The leadership skill of Father Pilarz was recognized through his inclusion among the 38 successful individuals profiled by Ronald Shapiro in *The New York Times* bestseller "Dare to Prepare: How to Win Before You Begin."

As a scholar, Father Pilarz has delivered numerous papers at scholarly conferences on various aspects of medieval and Renaissance literature.

He has also lectured and published on topics related to Jesuit education. His book, *Robert Southwell, S.J., and the Mission of Literature 1561-1595: Writing Reconciliation*, was published by Ashgate Press.

He has received numerous awards for teaching, service and scholarship,



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

April 24-27 – Priests Convocation

May 1-2 – Pennsylvania Bishops' Meeting

May 2 – Bishop's Youth Awards, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 7:00 p.m.

May 3 – Holy Family Academy School Mass, SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, Hazleton, 10:00 a.m.

May 4 – Bishop's Youth Awards, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 7:00 p.m.

"I offer sincere congratulations to Father Scott Pilarz, SJ, to the University of Scranton and to the Jesuit Community on Father Pilarz's appointment as the University's 26th president. Father Pilarz is a respected Jesuit educator and administrator who will serve the University of Scranton well, as evidenced by his long career in higher education and particularly by his previous tenure as the University's president.

"The University of Scranton is an outstanding Catholic institution of higher learning that educates and forms young men and women as responsible citizens infused with a spirit of service. The University also enhances the quality of life in our region and contributes to the growth and vitality of our Church. I am confident that its noble heritage will continue to grow and flourish under Father Pilarz's leadership. I look forward to collaborating with him in the same spirit of cooperation that I enjoyed during his prior tenure."

– Bishop Bambera

"The University of Scranton is a place I love and believe in deeply. There's nothing in my mind more authentically Jesuit than the mission of the University and the way that mission is lived by the members of that community," said Father Pilarz. "I am returning to a University positioned well for the future. I thank Father Quinn for the great care, vision and commitment he has given to the University we both cherish

longest-serving Jesuit president. During his previous tenure, the University earned national recognition for academic quality, community engagement and student success, achieving then record admissions and undertaking the largest construction projects in its history.

He expanded international mission and service opportunities and programs to enhance its Catholic and Jesuit identity. The University also earned the

NOTICE

This notice is to inform the Christian faithful that **John J. Cordaro**, formerly a priest of the Oblates of Saint Joseph, was dismissed from the Oblates by their Superior General on August 8, 1989. He currently has no faculties whatsoever to minister in the Catholic Church. Because he has no faculties, he is forbidden to function as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church. Furthermore, the Catholic faithful should not receive the sacraments from Mr. Cordaro or attend his celebration of the sacraments, wherever they may be held.

including the John Carroll Award from Georgetown University for lifetime achievement, the highest honor bestowed by the Georgetown University Alumni Association.

He received the Ignatian Award from Scranton Preparatory School and was awarded honorary degrees from King's College, Wilkes University, Marywood University and The University of Scranton.

Father Pilarz earned a bachelor's degree in English from Georgetown University; a master's degree in philosophy from Fordham University; and a master's degree in divinity from the Weston School

of Theology, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He earned a Ph.D. in English at the City University of New York. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1981 and was ordained a priest in 1992.

Founded in 1888, The University of Scranton is a Catholic and Jesuit institution located in Pennsylvania's Pocono Northeast with an enrollment of nearly 5,500 undergraduate and graduate students.

Father Keller to Serve as Interim President

Father Pilarz will spend the next year wrapping up his service as president of Georgetown Preparatory School. Rev. Herbert Keller, S.J., will serve as interim U. of S. president from June 1 this year to June 30, 2018.

Father Keller, rector of the Scranton Jesuit community, stepped down in 2015 after an 18-year tenure as president of Scranton Prep. The longest-serving Prep president is also a member of the university's Board of Trustees, having served on the board through various terms for 17 years.

During Father Keller's time at Prep, he led the school's largest-ever capital campaign, leading to \$24 million worth of construction that transformed the Wyoming Avenue campus. The school's endowment over the period also grew from \$1 million to \$13 million.

*Pope
Francis' Prayer
for
Vocations*



God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that you inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow your will.

Send workers into your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Am I Called?

The truth is we are all called. Jesus is calling us to follow Him and be His disciple. But is He calling you to become a priest?

As a baptized man considering the Priesthood, with the right motives and the inward sense that God is calling you, you should consider this calling as an invitation from Christ. Truly, it is a gift from God. And you need to decide how to respond to this gift.

Being a priest is not easy, but then again, what way of life is? If you believe that Christ is calling you then you owe it to yourself and to all those you may someday serve to determine what exactly you are being called to do. Discernment is accomplished through prayer and spiritual guidance from a priest. Because Christ speaks to you and comes to you through His church, you will need the church to help you discern your vocation.

The question is not: "What am I to do with my life?"

The question is: "What is God calling me to do?"

These questions are posed to you to help you in finding your true happiness and fulfillment while doing the will of God.

Path to Priesthood

Two Seminarians Receive Ministries

Seminarians Robert Dogal and Jonathan Kuhar received ministries on March 22 at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. Dogal received Ministry of Lector and Kuhar received Ministry of Acolyte. Following the ceremony, family and friends joined the seminarians for a reception.

The church emphasizes the stages of the journey to Holy Orders through these ministries.

The Ministry of Lector calls men to be servants of the Living Word of God. In proclaiming the readings at liturgy, a reader does

more than simply read. Those who exercise the ministry of lector must be truly suited and carefully prepared, so that the faithful may develop a warm and living love for Sacred Scripture from listening to the sacred readings.

Acolytes are appoint-

ed to aid the deacon and to minister to the priest. It is his duty to attend to the service of the altar and to assist the deacon and the priest in liturgical celebrations, especially in the celebration of Mass. He may also distribute communion as an extraordinary minister of

Holy Communion when appropriate.

Robert is from St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston, and Jonathan is from St. Jude Parish, Mountain Top.

Please keep them in prayer as they continue in their formation for Diocesan priesthood!



Jonathan Kuhar receives the Ministry of Acolyte.



Robert Dogal (far right) with friends after receiving the Ministry of Lector.



XLT (Exalt!)

Friday, April 28, 2017

7-9 p.m. Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis Street, Scranton

Speaker: Seminarian Ryan Glenn

Music: Francis Zelinka (from Full Armor Band)

For more information, please call 570-780-2996.

"It is very exciting that the young church is getting involved in an incredibly moving and spiritually deepening experience like XLT. I look forward to these events and seeing the Diocese move in such a positive direction with our generation."

– Abbe Truschel, student at King's College



Those attending a previous XLT sing along with the musical group "Countless Wonders."

World Day of Prayer for Vocations on May 7

"There can be no promotion of vocations or Christian mission apart from the constant contemplative prayer," said Pope Francis on the upcoming occasion of the 54th Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

He continued, "The Christian life needs to be nourished by attentive listening to God's word and, above all, by the cultivation of a personal relationship with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, the privileged 'place' for our encounter with God. Parish communities, associations and the many prayer groups present in the Church, not to yield to discouragement but to continue praying that the Lord will send workers to his harvest."

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be celebrated this year on Sunday, May 7, the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The Diocesan celebration will be held at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Swoyersville, at 5:30 p.m. with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera as celebrant and homilist.

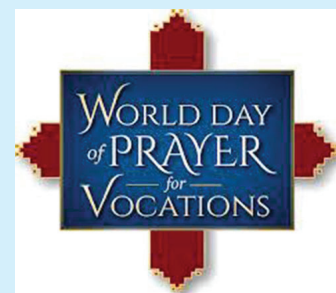
"This is our second year moving the celebration throughout the Diocese," said Father Donald Williams,

Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians. "Our hope is we will reach even more people and continue to create a culture of vocations throughout the Diocese of Scranton. All are welcome to participate."

The Diocese and vocation directors of religious communities will display materials at a light reception following the liturgy. Another special feature will be the launch of **#partnerwith-francis**, the Diocesan-wide survey of youth, college students, and working young adults in preparation for the 2018 Synod on "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment" with Pope Francis. Bishop Bambera will be part of this first listening session, which will take place during the reception.

In addition to the Diocesan celebration, parishes are encouraged to have vocation-based homilies, vocation-themed youth ministry nights, lessons in religious education programs, recitation of the rosary for vocations, and holy hours.

For more information, please contact the Vocation Office at (570) 207-1452 or email vocations@dioceseofscranton.org.



Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, may the faithful in our Diocese hear your call and follow your voice as they discern their vocations. Lead your people to heaven through the ministry of holy priests and consecrated men and women. Jesus, we trust in you! Amen.

Four hundred years ago, in France, a parish priest who would eventually be canonized as St. Vincent de Paul founded an organization of Catholic lay women volunteers to serve the corporal and spiritual needs of the poor.

Called the Ladies of Charity, the association grew globally – including in the Diocese of Scranton – and continues to fulfill its mission.

In 1850, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton established a community in Emmittsburg, Md. This community was affiliated with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and adopted the name and the gray-blue habit and white winged corvette. Emmittsburg is a site of pilgrimage for Ladies of Charity up to the present time.


The first group of Ladies of Charity in the United States began in 1857 at St. Vincent Church in St. Louis, where they still serve. In 1972 the Ladies of Charity of the United States joined associations around the

world, forming the Association of International Charities (AIC). Thus the seed sown by St. Vincent in 1615 has become a huge tree that extends its branches to 40 countries, with a worldwide membership of more than 260,000 lay volunteers.

There are currently 17,000 Ladies of Charity in the United States who volunteer in their parishes and communities. They visit hospitals, nursing homes and prisons; serve the homeless in soup kitchens and homeless shelters; read to the blind; sew and handcraft lap robes and shawls for the sick and elderly and make layettes for newborn babies. They also participate in the liturgical life of the Church in many roles; such as lectors and Eucharistic ministers.

Service in the Diocese of Scranton Spans 64 Years

A Ladies of Charities affiliate was formed by a group of volunteers serving at Catholic Social Services under the direction of Father Matthew F. Boylan. The



**Day of Enrollment
& Annual Meeting
April 22, St. Robert
Bellarmine Parish, St.
Aloysius Church, 143 West
Division St., Wilkes-Barre
Rosary 10:30, Mass and
Investiture 11 a.m.,
followed by lunch
New members welcome!
RSVP by April 17 to Evelyn
at 570-474-5192**

Charter Enrollment took place on February 1, 1953, in St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, Wilkes-Barre with an investiture by Father Boylan of the 125 women enrolled.

After nine productive years of growth and service, Father

Boylan was succeeded by Father Donald A. McAndrews, who became the Executive Director of Catholic Social Services and also the moderator of this active group. Under his direction, the Wilkes-Barre group expanded and encompassed the whole of Luzerne County.

Seven years later, another group was formed in Hazleton through the Catholic Social Services Office there. They provided significant assistance to the office's various projects and community service programs for more than 20 years before disbanding.

After many fruitful years, now-Monsignor McAndrews retired in 1992 and was succeeded by Monsignor Joseph P. Kelly. Monsignor Kelly retired in 2016 but has remained as moderator of the Ladies of Charity.

There are now more than 200 Ladies of Charity throughout the Diocese. They provide over 30,000 hours of parish and community service each year. They also engage in a Circle of

Prayer and a Spiritual Adoption of an Unborn Child Program.

For the past 64 years, the Ladies of Charity in the Diocese of Scranton have served wherever their services are needed. They derive great satisfaction from helping others and enjoy the fellowship and many spiritual blessings that ensue from being part of a worldwide sisterhood dedicated to good works.

The Ladies of Charity are having a Day of Enrollment/Annual Meeting on April 22 at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, St. Aloysius Church, 143 West Division Street, Wilkes-Barre. It begins with the Rosary at 10:30 followed by Mass celebrated by Monsignor Joseph P. Kelly, who will invest new members. The day will conclude with lunch at \$15 per person.

All current members and any women of the Diocese interested in joining the Ladies of Charity are welcome to attend. For information, call Evelyn at 570-474-5192. Those staying for lunch are asked to RSVP by April 17.

Diocese, Community Mourn Loss of Lindsay O'Rourke Doherty

Worked to secure support for Catholic schools

Lindsay O'Rourke Doherty, a member of the Diocesan Development Office, died unexpectedly shortly after completing the Scranton Half-Marathon on April 2.

Lindsay, 36, was foremost a devoted wife and mother. She also worked tirelessly to secure support for Diocesan Catholic schools and was an advocate for many charitable and civic causes in the community. She touched the hearts of countless people through her love, friendship and commitment to a life of service. Her sudden and tragic death was met with profound shock and sadness in this region and beyond.

In her role as Educational Improvement Tax Credit/ Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Coordinator for the Diocese, Lindsay collaborated with area businesses to obtain financial support for our Catholic schools, which in turn enabled many families to have the



Lindsay O'Rourke Doherty

opportunity for their children to benefit from a Catholic education.

She also contributed her time and talent to St. Clare/St. Paul School, the parish, the Sant' Andrea Society and St. Joseph's Center.

Previously, she held positions at the Association of Jesuit Col-

leges and Universities, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Bloomingdale's and Pearson Education.

As her obituary so aptly noted, Lindsay was "unfailingly kind, generous and committed to her faith . . . she brought out the best in the wide circle of family and friends who adored her. Those who loved her will remember her radiant smile and enthusiasm, her abiding care and compassion, her sense of humor and the deep joy she brought to all the lives she touched."

Her greatest achievement was the love and care she devoted to her husband of 10 years, James A. Doherty III, and their three children, James IV, Kathryn and Paige.

Also surviving are her parents, Vincent and Bonny O'Rourke of Holden, Mass., a brother, Robert O'Rourke of Groton, Mass.; brothers and sisters-in-law, Mimi Doherty of Scranton; Judy Riff and her husband, James, of Clarks Summit; Grace Hillebrand and her husband, Thomas, of Clarks Summit; Patrick Doherty of Scranton;

and Jack Doherty of New York City; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A prayer service for Lindsay was held in her parish church, St. Paul's Church in Scranton, on April 3. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated there by her pastor, Monsignor Neil Van Loon, on April 7. The Mass was concelebrated by priests of the Diocese, with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera in attendance.

In his homily, Monsignor Van Loon cited a favorite author, Jesuit Father John Farrell, who tells us that our song, our message and our love are particular to each one of us.

"Lindsay certainly sang her song – and she sang it loud and strong," Monsignor Van Loon said. "Of all the songs she could have sung, she chose the wise and selfless one and she sang her song of life perfectly, hitting all the right notes flawlessly and by design. Faith, family, friends, others – they were the high notes. They were the melody that accompanied a life well lived.

"She learned well, and I imagine from a young age, that the only thing we take with us is what we give away in this world. By that measure, she ventures from us a very wealthy woman indeed."

Monsignor also noted that Mother Teresa said: "it is not how much we do in life, but how much love we put into the doing."

"Surely, in her short life, Lindsay did a lot of doing, but what is more; she put a lot of love into the doing. To know her, was to love her . . . To live in the heart of those we love is to never die at all," Monsignor Van Loon said.

"Yes, Lindsay has sung her song, delivered her message, and imparted her love. She has finished the course; the journey of her soul finds rest. Her victory has been secured."

Interment was in St. Catherine's Cemetery, Moscow.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lindsay O'Rourke Doherty Memorial Fund, PNC Bank, P.O. Box 937, Scranton, PA 18504-9951.

Living as a People of God in Unsettled Times

A pastoral reflection from the Administrative Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Administrative Committee has issued the following pastoral reflection in solidarity with those who have been forced to flee their homes due to violence, conflict or fear in their native lands. In the statement, the bishops encourage each of us to do what we can to accompany migrants and refugees who seek a better life in the United States.

The full text of the Bishops' Administrative Committee statement:

The word of God is truly alive today. "When an alien resides with you in your land, do not mistreat such a one. You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt" (*Lev. 19:33-34*).

To live as a people of God is to live in the hope of the resurrection. To live in Christ is to draw upon the limitless love of Jesus to fortify us against the temptation of fear. Pray that our engagement in the debate over immigration and refugee issues may bring peace and comfort to those most affected by current and proposed national policy changes.

Let us not lose sight of the fact that behind every policy is the story of a person in search of a better life. They may be an immigrant or refugee family sacrificing so that their children might have a brighter future. As shepherds of a pilgrim Church, we will not tire in saying to families who have the courage to set out from their despair onto the road of hope: "We are with you." They may also be a family seeking security from an increased threat of extremist violence. It is necessary to safeguard the United States in a manner that does not cause us to lose our humanity.

Intense debate is essential to healthy democracy, but the rhetoric of fear does not serve us well. When we look at one another do we see with the heart of Jesus? Within our diverse backgrounds are found common dreams for our children. Hope in the next generation is how the nation will realize its founding motto, "out of many, one." In doing so, we will also realize God's hope for all His children: that we would see each other as valued sisters and brothers regardless of race, religion or national origin.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh (*Jn. 1:14*), strengthens us to bring our words to life. How might we, as Catholics and in our own small way, bring our words of solidarity for migrants and refugees to life?

1. **Pray** for an end to the root causes of violent hatred that force mothers and fathers to flee the only home they may have known in search of economic and physical security for their children.

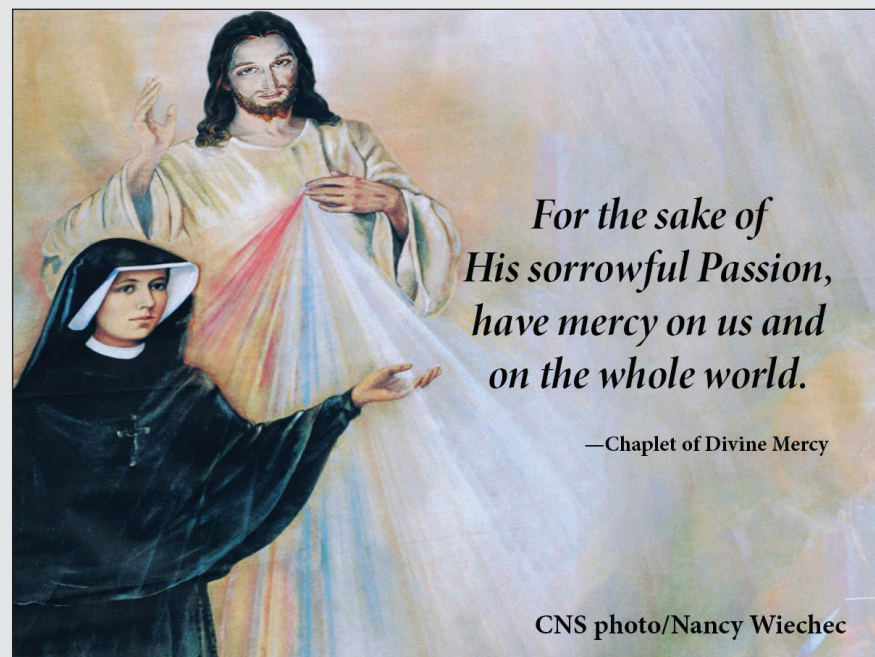
2. **Meet** with members of your parish who are newcomers, listen to their story and share your own. Hundreds of Catholic parishes across the country have programs for immigrants and refugees both to comfort them and to help them know their rights. It is also important to reach out in loving dialogue to those who may disagree with us. The more we come to understand each other's concerns the better we can serve one another. Together, we are one body in Christ.

Editor's Note: Gary L. Cangemi, the creator of "Umbert the Unborn," died on March 18 in Scranton. Through his nationally syndicated comic strip, Gary touched the hearts and minds of countless readers by illustrating, with humor and insight, the inherent humanity of the unborn child. Gary's legacy will live on through the continued publication of "Umbert the Unborn" in The Catholic Light.

Umbert the Unborn



Divine Mercy Sunday -- April 23



*For the sake of
His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us and
on the whole world.*

—Chaplet of Divine Mercy

CNS photo/Nancy Wiechec

3. **Call**, write or visit your elected representative and ask them to fix our broken immigration system in a way that safeguards both our security and our humanity through a generous opportunity for legal immigration.

As Pope Francis said, "To migrate is the expression of that inherent desire for the happiness proper to every human being, a happiness that is to be sought and pursued. For us Christians, all human life is an itinerant journey towards our heavenly homeland."



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Members of the Safe Environment Advisory Committee met recently at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Pictured in row 1, from left: Heather Betts, Martha Callahan, Kathy Bolinski, Dominick Costantino, Vickie Mulligan. Row 2: Donna Osolnick, Eileen Rishcoff, Jennifer Frye, Deacon Stephen Frye, Deacon William Behm, Geri Scaran, John Karolchyk, Christina Solt, Deacon Ed Casey, Rebecca Micca.

The Committee also includes: Margaret Adolphson, Donald Bayzick, Marilee Beyer, Leigh Bonczewski, Fran Calafut, Richard Cummings, Deacon Joseph DeVizia, Dianne Fisher, Kathleen Fossetta, Monsignor Vincent Grimalia, Tiffany Haller, Sarah Hazleton, Judi Howe, Dr. Jayne Klenner, Carol Laput, Lynette Smith, Mary Anne Malone, Carol Matz, Deacon James Meizanis, Marion Menapace, Jennifer Minnich, Pam Urbanski, Ann Walker, Father Don Williams.

Diocese Establishes Safe Environment Advisory Committee

As another component of our commitment to ensure the highest standards of safety for children, youth and vulnerable adults, the Diocese has formed a Safe Environment Advisory Committee.

Protection of these at-risk populations is the primary goal to be achieved by following the teachings of the Catholic Church and upholding the values of human dignity, integrity, mutual respect, servant leadership and accountability.

Last summer, an invitation to join the committee was sent to priests, deacons, Diocesan school principals, religious education staff, youth ministers and safe environment managers. Forty individuals representing all regions and ministries volunteered their time and expertise.

The initial meeting of the committee was held in October. At that time the committee developed a mission statement and identified short- and long-term goals. Recently, the committee convened at the Diocesan Pastoral



Center in Scranton to continue its work.

The committee will provide valuable feedback, support and recommendations on safe environment policies and practices. Through this effort, programs serving youth and vulnerable adults will be strengthened. One of the committee's first tasks is the development of a Youth Code of Conduct.

Cyber Safety Workshops This Month in Wilkes-Barre, Scranton

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, the committee is sponsoring a workshop on cyber safety. Dr. Jayne Klenner, professor of information technology at King's College and a member of the committee, will offer two educational sessions for parents and caregivers of youth. The title of the workshop is "Tips and Tricks for Keeping Kids Safe Online."

The first meeting will be held at the McGowan Building on the campus of King's College on Wednesday, April 19, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. A second session will take place at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, on Wednesday, April 26, from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

There is no cost to attend. Registration is limited to 30 individuals per session. To confirm a reservation, contact Safe Environment Coordinator Kathy Bolinski at 570-207-1453 or email kathleen-bolinski@dioceseofscranton.org

Diocese Maintains Comprehensive Child Protection Program

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

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera said, "We offer our support, compassion and assistance to help survivors of sexual abuse achieve healing. We remain vigilant and firmly committed to doing everything we can to prevent abuse within our Church, parishes, school communities, and Diocesan run facilities."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Every diocese in the U.S. undergoes an annual audit to determine if it is complying with the provisions of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The Diocese of Scranton has been in compliance with all audits conducted since inception of the audit process. We constantly assess our procedures to insure that we are following our policies.

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

Catholic Men's Conference Planned for May 6

The Organizing Committee for the Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference is planning the 3rd annual conference to be held on Saturday, May 6, at King's College in Wilkes-Barre.

The theme is "Be A Man: Mary's Call to Battle," inspired by this year's centenary celebration of Our Blessed Mother's appearances at Fatima. A trio of outstanding speakers has been booked: Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR, Steve Ray and Matt Fradd.

Registration is available via the conference website: www.BeAManconference.com. For more information or to volunteer, please call or email Michael Kilmer at 570-746-0100 or mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal Strengthens the Church at Home



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While the Church has needs around the world, she also faces challenges in our own country. In fact, almost half of the United States is considered mission territory.

Many dioceses are experiencing priest shortages, impoverished populations and limited resources, as well as difficulties due to remote geography.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal addresses these needs through grants for projects that enable these dioceses to provide spiritually for their flocks.

This collection will be taken up in the Diocese of Scranton the weekend of April 29-30.

In 2016 the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions approved \$9.2 million in grants to assist 84 dioceses and eparchies across the country. This funding supports various pastoral programs, including religious education and youth ministry, priestly and religious formation, prison ministries, and lay ministry training.

First National Bank Supports Catholic Schools



First National Bank recently contributed \$40,000 to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation. The contribution was made through Pennsylvania's Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) program and will support need-based tuition assistance for eligible families who desire a Catholic education for their children in a Diocesan school. Bank representatives are shown presenting the gift to Diocesan officials. From left are: Tiffany Kulpowicz, Treasury Management Sales Representative, First National Bank, Capital Region; Greg Conrad, Regional Banking Executive, First National Bank, Capital Region; Monsignor David L. Tressler, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education/Superintendent of Schools; Sandy Walker, Market Manager, First National Bank, Capital Region; Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for Development; and Tony Sacco, Regional Market Executive & President, Capital Region, First National Bank.

PCC Action Alert:

Contact Your State Senator

Regarding EITC & OSTC Scholarships

Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs have enabled tuition assistance for thousands of students in our Catholic schools through the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation.

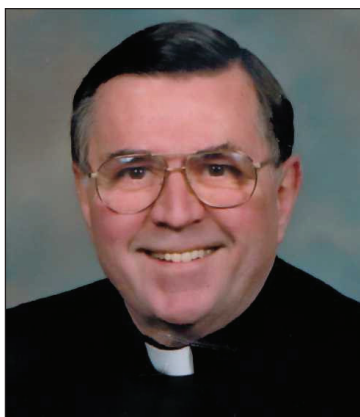
House Bill 250 proposes to increase tax credits available under the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program by \$50 million (raising it to \$175 million) and the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) program by \$25 million (raising it to \$75 million). It passed the PA House of Representatives with a strong 147-39 vote. Now it will be considered by the state Senate.

The EITC and the OSTC programs have always achieved bipartisan support and have been acclaimed as two of the best educational programs Pennsylvania offers.

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

Thank you for your support!

Father Cummings Muses About His Priestly Past with New Book 'Love, Laughter & Living Saints'



Fr. Charles Cummings

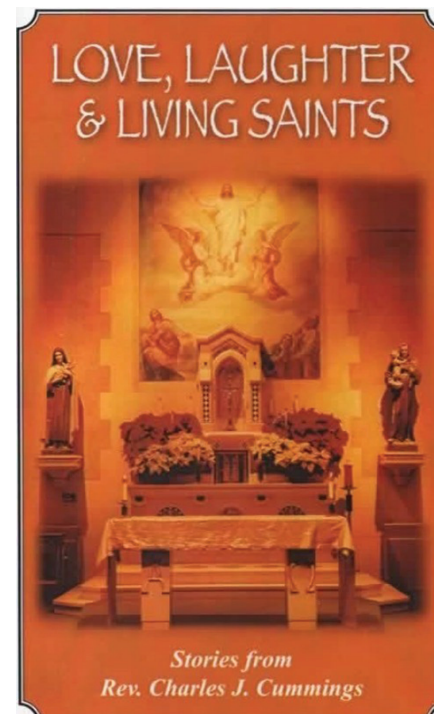
the *Williamsport Grit* newspaper, who graciously offered to edit for readability the stories contained in the nearly 70-page book.

"It took me several years to compile these stories, and with each one I was reminded of five additional stories," Father Cummings says. "It is like sitting down and watching reruns of movies or TV shows, remembering that time and place with fondness."

He emphasizes that his collection of light-hearted tales is offered as stories of inspiration and faith — not negativity or disdain. "It seems to me that there is enough ridicule and criticism written and spoken today to go around," he states.

Father Cummings recalls the early days of his priesthood when clerics were "on call" without the benefit of cell phones or beepers. "You just provided a list of phone numbers and hoped and prayed you could be reached in an emergency," he remembers.

The priest's book of reminiscences of people, places and experiences of bygone days tells of times never to be recaptured — such as producing parish bulletins



on mimeograph machines and assuring the rectory cook, "I'll eat anything but liver."

"My hope is that these stories will bring a smile to your face, gratitude for God's blessings and inspiration to your life from the simple faith of so many of our brothers and sisters," offers Father Cummings.

***Love, Laughter & Living Saints* by Rev. Charles J. Cummings is available online on Nook (Barnes and Noble) and Kindle (Amazon) for \$6.99. A hard copy of the book is currently on sale for \$10 at Otto's Book Store in Williamsport (www.ottobookstore.com)**

at parishes throughout Lycoming County.

The priest-author credits his brother and nephew as the impetus behind putting his ministerial musings to paper, or, rather, computer screen.

"(They) suggested that I begin writing the homily and family stories I had been telling for many years," Father Cummings shares. "I was aware of the work that goes into writing. I have written innumerable sermons, reports, bulletins and parish announcements; usually written with a deadline.

"What I had to learn was the discipline needed to sit down at the computer or typewriter and begin writing when there is no time or date restraint. A thousand excuses appear when it is time to write, and I have used every one of them."

He has also benefitted from the journalistic expertise of a cousin, Mike Cummings, a retired reporter, feature writer and editor of



Little Sisters Celebrate St. Joseph's Feast Day

The Little Sisters of the Poor at Holy Family Residence in Scranton hosted their annual St. Joseph's Day celebration marking the recent feast of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Mother and foster father of Jesus, who is venerated as the patron saint of the Universal Church as well as protector of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The celebration featured Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin serving as principal celebrant of the feast day Mass, concelebrated by several diocesan priests.

Following the liturgy, the priests served lunch and visited with the residents. Shown during the Little Sisters' St. Joseph celebration are Holy Family resident Loretta Culkun (seated) along with, standing from left, Bishop Timlin, Sister Laurelliya, Lsp; Father E. Francis Kelly, chaplain of Holy Family Residence; and Mother Theresa Louisa, Lsp, superior of the Little Sisters' Scranton community.



Sisters of Life Visit

Members of the Sisters of Life recently visited Villa St. Joseph in Dunmore for a Mass and Lenten Day of Recollection with Monsignor John Esseff. In addition to the liturgy, their visit to Scranton offered the opportunity for confessions and two conferences presented by Monsignor Esseff. He reminded them of their identity in Jesus, and the call every Christian has received by the grace of our Baptism, Confirmation, and reception of the Eucharist. Monsignor also spoke about the particular spiritual gifts we have received from God, and how we want to recognize them in ourselves and others, and exercise them for the building up of the Body of Christ. The Sisters expressed their gratitude for the blessings received and insights gained during this time with Monsignor Esseff.

The Sisters of Life is a contemplative/active religious community of women founded in 1991 in New York by John Cardinal O'Connor, former bishop of Scranton, dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of every human life. Their missions include caring for vulnerable pregnant women and their unborn children; retreat works; outreach to college students on three university campuses in Denver; inviting those wounded by abortion into the healing mercy of Jesus; fostering a culture of life through evangelization; and upholding the beauty of marriage and family life. For more information: www.sistersoflife.org

Cardinal William Keeler, former Harrisburg bishop, laid to rest

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Cardinal William H. Keeler, who served as bishop of Harrisburg and retired as Baltimore's 14th archbishop, died March 23 at his residence at St. Martin's Home for the Aged in Catonsville, Md. He was 86.

Pope Francis, in a papal telegram March 24, sent condolences to Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori and the archdiocese, expressing gratitude for "Cardinal Keeler's years of devoted episcopal ministry" and his "long-standing commitment to ecumenical and interreligious understanding. He called the cardinal a "wise and gentle pastor."

Cardinal Keeler was an international leader in Catholic-Jewish relations and the driving force behind the restoration of America's first cathedral.

Cardinal Keeler was the bishop of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, when he was appointed the 14th archbishop of Baltimore in 1989. Pope John Paul II made him a cardinal in 1994. He retired in 2007. As president of the U.S. bishops' conference from 1992 to 1995, he participated in a wide range of national and international issues.

As part of his work with what is now the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Cardinal Keeler developed a reputation for effectively building interfaith bonds. He

is particularly noted for his work in furthering Catholic-Jewish dialogue. He was appointed moderator of Catholic-Jewish Relations for the USCCB.

Cardinal Keeler's death leaves the College of Cardinals with 223 members, 17 of whom are from the United States. The College of Cardinals has 117 members under the age of 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave.

Cardinal Keeler was an ardent promoter of the Catholic Church's teaching on the sanctity of all human life. He twice served as chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities and testified at all levels of government on legislation ranging from abortion to euthanasia to capital punishment.

Born in San Antonio and raised in Lebanon, Pa., he was ordained a priest in Rome July 17, 1955. He served as assistant pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Marysville, Pennsylvania, before taking on other assignments as secretary to Harrisburg Bishop George L. Leech and as a "peritus," or special adviser, during Second Vatican Council meetings in Rome.

He later was named vice chancellor and vicar general of the Harrisburg Diocese and named an auxiliary bishop for the diocese in 1979. Four years later he was appointed its bishop.

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



Putting the "Pastoral" in Pastoral Ministry with Sr. Jane Connolly, IHM and Fr. Joe Evanko, May 13, 9AM-3PM at Holy Family Parish, Luzerne

Half of this workshop will look at the way encounters with parishioners about everyday human life can hold opportunities for faith-filled experiences of Jesus. Sr. Jane will explain pastoral counseling as a way to recognize the Paschal Mystery unfolding in human life and give participants an opportunity to try out this approach.

The second half of the workshop acknowledges that pastoral ministers are whole persons whose sexuality is intrinsic. A mature pastoral minister needs to appreciate his/her sexuality and channel it in creative and healthy ways. Fr. Evanko will describe how to develop these attitudes as well as how to maintain appropriate boundaries in ministry.

Sr. Jane Connolly, IHM, is a Pastoral Associate for St. Rose of Lima and Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parishes in Carbondale. She is a certified chaplain, with many years in hospital and parish ministry. Fr. Joe Evanko is a priest of the Diocese of Scranton, serving as the pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Dorrance and of St. Jude Parish in Mountaintop. He has an MS in Counseling from Marywood University.



For more information contact Kitty Scanlan at 570-207-2213, ext 1157, or kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org. To register, visit the Office for Parish Life page at www.dioceseofscranton.org

****All Parish Ministers Are Welcome to Attend!****

Paschal Triduum

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

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night is the greatest of all solemnities in the Church and is the center of the Paschal Triduum. **Bishop Bambera will be the principal celebrant and homilist of the Easter Vigil Mass at the Cathedral, beginning at 8 p.m.**

This third movement of the Triduum is arranged in four parts: the Lucernarium (a service of light) in which the new Easter fire is blessed and the paschal candle is prepared, followed by the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet); the Liturgy of the Word, in which the Church meditates on its own salvation history, trusting in God's word and promise; the Liturgy of Baptism and Confirmation in which new members of the Church are reborn and baptismal promises of current members are renewed; and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, in which the Church celebrates the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection until he comes again.

Also on this night, 189 people who have journeyed through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process will become fully initiated Catholics by the celebration of their Baptism, Confirmation, and the reception of the Eucharist. This will take place during the Easter Vigil celebrated in parishes throughout the Diocese. They join tens of thousands of other individuals throughout the world who will become members of the Church that night.

Finally, the Paschal Triduum concludes with **Easter Sunday** of the Resurrection of the Lord – the most joyous day in the liturgical year. This joy overflows into the Easter season, which leads to the celebration of Christ's Ascension into glory and culminates in his sending forth of the Holy Spirit upon the Church at Pentecost. **Bishop Bambera will celebrate a Pontifical Mass on April 16 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral. Additional Masses during the day will be at 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.**

Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and offers perfect worship to the Father through his Paschal Mystery, the Sacred Paschal Triduum shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year, and the 50 days of Easter are to be celebrated with joy and exultation for Christ has won the victory over sin and death.



The Catholic Light Photo/Mike Melisky

Priests concelebrate the Solemn Pontifical Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

CTV Airing Holy Week Services

Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton (CTV) will provide live coverage of the following Holy Week services from St. Peter's Cathedral:

Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 13, at 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday service commemorating the Lord's Passion on April 14 at 12:10 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, April 15, at 8 p.m.

CTV will also carry EWTN's coverage of the following Holy Week services from Rome and Washington, D.C.:

CHRISM MASS IN ROME with Pope Francis, Thursday, April 13, live at 3:30 a.m.

SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER FROM ROME with Pope Francis, Thursday, April 13, live at 12 p.m.; encores on Thursday, April 13, at 11:30 p.m. and Friday, April 14, at 12 a.m.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION FROM ROME with Pope Francis, Saturday, April 15, live at 12 a.m.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS FROM ROME Pope Francis presides over The Stations of the Cross, from the Coliseum in Rome, on Friday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m.; encore on Saturday, April 15, at 5:30 a.m.

EASTER VIGIL MASS FROM ROME with Pope Francis, Saturday, April 15, live at 2:30 p.m.; encore on Sunday, April 16, at 12 a.m.

SOLEMN MASS OF EASTER FROM ROME with Pope Francis, Sunday, April 16, live at 4 a.m.; encore at 7 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY MASS from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., on Sunday, April 16, at 12 p.m.

'URBI ET ORBI' — EASTER MESSAGE AND BLESSING from St. Peter's Square in Vatican City. Pope Francis gives the traditional Easter message and blessing, *Urbi et Orbi* (to the city of Rome and to the world), on Sunday, April 16, live at 6 a.m.; encores on Sunday, April 16, at 6 p.m. and Monday, April 17, at 3:30 a.m.

Good Friday Collection

Caring for Christians in the Holy Land

On Good Friday, a pontifical collection is taken up in every parish in the United States. Catholics will gather to contribute to the annual collection with the proceeds supporting ministries and works in the Holy Land, largely under the direction of the Franciscans.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection is providing humanitarian aid to Christians and others who have disrupted by the war in Syria.

Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, addressed a letter to all bishops worldwide in which he said:

"Presently, there are millions of refugees fleeing Syria and Iraq, where the roar of arms does not cease and the way of dialogue and concord seems to be completely lost. Senseless hatred seems to prevail instead, along with the helpless desperation of those who have lost everything and have been expelled from the land of their ancestors. If the Christians of the Holy Land

GOOD FRIDAY



SUPPORT CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

are encouraged to resist, to the degree possible, the understandable temptation to flee, the faithful throughout the world are asked to take their plight to heart."

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers a direct opportunity for parishioners to be witnesses of peace. Their support is a sign of Christian unity, which helps protect the Holy Places and supports Christians in the Holy Land. This annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection unites all Christians with the Holy Land.

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

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera celebrated the sacred liturgy recently with the students from three schools: **Notre Dame Elementary and Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High Schools in East Stroudsburg**, as well as **Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco**. While speaking with the students, he shared some words of wisdom as a reminder of how much God loves them and how God calls us to be His followers. "You can make a difference for good in the world. You are doing many of these things now. You feed the hungry, you give clothes to those who need them, you help other students. Every day, ask yourself, 'Is someone's life better by encountering me today?' Don't underestimate yourselves: you can be the hearts, hands and voice of Jesus in the world."



Monsignor McHugh School



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Notre Dame Elementary and High School



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Notre Dame High School



Notre Dame High School



Notre Dame Elementary School



Students, faculty and staff at **All Saints Academy in Scranton** are gearing up for a RODEO and some rootin' tootin' fun! Children ages 3-10, accompanied by an adult, are invited to attend this free event on Sunday, April 30, from 1-3 p.m. Dress like a buckaroo, ride a pony, and take a lasso challenge. Call 570-343-8114 to reserve a spot for your cowboy or cowgirl!



Seventh and 8th grade students from **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green** recently participated in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) competition, held at Wilkes University. Approximately 800 students in grades 7-12 presented their projects and 1st place winners will advance to the state competition at Penn State University's Main Campus in May. Pictured are OLP PJAS participants: Ethan Gumula, Jake Mackey, Thomas Dickinson, Angelesa DeNaples, Megan McDonald, Jordan Mackey, Molly Devine, Allie Farrell, Julia Curran, Grace Murtagh, Gianna Genco, Audrey Munley, Claire Kelly, Willa Farrell, Campbell Kelly, Avery McNulty, Dominica DeLayo, Macey Pennay, and Claudia Pritchkyk.



The students at **St. Agnes School in Towanda** recently performed "Seussical Jr." at a local theater to the delight of the audience.



The Speech and Debate Team at **Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre** sent 12 students to the Pennsylvania High School Speech League State Championship at Bloomsburg University, with six earning places in the elimination rounds. Pictured are: Sarah Liskowicz, Maddie Lewis, Lindsey Scorey, Scott Williams, Maria Strish, Kyra Krzywicki, Sean Lickers, Blaise Rowlands, Abbey Zim, Thalia Charles, Nial Vender, George Strish.



Students in Mrs. Meixel's 2nd grade class at **St. John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport** peer into their chick incubator, where they were studying 19 eggs as they progressed through the chicken life cycle. At the taking of this picture, the very first chick had hatched!



Students at **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston** partnered with the school's 5K Race Committee and presented a check to S.A.F.E. (Supporting Autism and Families Everywhere) on behalf of the Individualized Instruction (II) Class. The students also participated in a special Autism Awareness Liturgy celebrated by Father Alex Roche, where the II students were the readers and gift bearers, as well as the singers of the Communion Meditation.



Students at **St. Clare/St. Paul School in Scranton** recently held a baby donation drive with proceeds going to St. Joseph's Baby Pantry. On the same day, students and teachers also paid to participate in a pink and blue dress down day to raise awareness for SIDS and the Jude Zayac Foundation.



Students and faculty at **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton** honored the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America at a recent school Mass; all HFA students who are scouts participated in this special liturgy.



Hannah Carr, a sophomore at **Holy Cross High School in Dunmore**, won the Voice of Democracy Audio/Essay Scholarship Competition, placing 1st at both the Post Level 3474 and then at District Level #10. She then advanced to States, where she placed 6th.

Bridget Foresman, a student at **St. John Neumann High School in Williamsport**, has been named the school's Senior of the Year and was recently honored at the Williamsport Country Club at the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce's Education Celebration. An active member of the school, she is president of the National Honor Society, vice president of Student Council, overall senior chair of the Mini-Thon Committee, and a member of the LEO Club, SADD Club, Academic Decathlon team and Spirit Club.



The 4th grade students at **Epiphany School in Sayre** crafted rosaries for the residents at the Elmwood Nursing Home as part of their Lenten service projects.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion
for Pittston Area April 23 in Laflin

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

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

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

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

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



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

At 3 p.m., the “Hour of Mercy” opens with exposition of the 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 participate.

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APRIL SCHEDULE											
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY				
12:00 AM	SPECIALS	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	DAILY MASS (Encore)				Fr. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE				
1:00 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	THE JOURNEY HOME (Encore)	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY				
1:30 AM		EWTN GALLERY									
2:00 AM	YOU'RE AMAZING		EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)								
2:30 AM	CATHOLICISM		EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY				
3:00 AM	EWTN ON LOCATION	PRO LIFE WEEKLY		DEFENDING LIFE	THE CREED	BATTLE READY	WHERE GOD WEEPS				
3:30AM								BELOVED	ANGELUS FROM NAZARETH	SAINTS VS SCOUNDRELS	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOG
3:40 AM											
3:50AM											
4:00 AM	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	SUNDAY NIGHT PRIME	VOCATION BOOM	PAPAL AUDIENCE LIVE (at 3:50)	SUPER GIANTS	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	SAVORING OUR FAITH				
4:30 AM			OCTAVA DIES				FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS	WORD FOR A WOUNDED WORLD			
5:00 AM	RELIGION & CERTITUDE	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	PROPHECY IN SONG	EWTN SPECIALS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	FR. RUTLER				
5:30 AM	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	DECISION POINT	MIRACLES OF THE CROSS	EXTRAORDINARY FAITH			CATHOLICS COME HOME				
6:00 AM	ANGELUS WITH POPE FRANCIS	EWTN ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS									
6:30 AM	WHERE GOD WEEPS	EWTN CATALOG	CHURCH AND THE POOR	JOY OF MUSIC	APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION	THE CHOICES WE FACE	SAINTS vs. SCOUNDRELS				
7:00 AM	THE CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL										
7:30 AM	ROSARY FROM LOURDES	HOLY LAND ROSARY					THE HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES				
7:50 AM		LITANY OF LORETO	LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME	LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH	LITANY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD	PAPAL AUDIENCE					
8:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS (Live)	DAILY MASS (Live)									
9:00 AM	(9:10AM) ROME'S HIDDEN CHURCHES (9:20AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	SUNDAY NIGHT: PRIME (Encore)	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	THRESHOLD OF HOPE (Encore)	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	WE ARE CATHOLIC				
9:30 AM	EWTN BOOKMARK						CAT CHAT				
10:00 AM	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	LIVE WITH PASSION	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	FOCUS	NOVENA TO ST. ANN	HERMIE AND FRIENDS				
10:30 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY		FORMING FAITHFUL FAMILIES			CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY				
11:00 AM	WOMEN OF GRACE										
11:30 AM	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	THE CHOICES WE FACE	NOVENA TO ST. ANN	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	THE FRIAR	LIVE WITH PASSION	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES				
12:00 PM	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, LIVE AT 12:10 p.m. "DIOCESAN DATEBOOK" airs before and after Mass.						EWTN DAILY MASS (Encore)			
12:30 PM											
1:00 PM	(1:10PM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	DECISION POINT	LIFE ON THE ROCK (Best-of)	JOURNEY HOME (Best-of)	CALLED TO COMMUNION	JOURNEY HOME (Best-of)	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE				
1:30 PM	IN CONCERT (Concert length varies)	BATTLE READY	THRESHOLD OF HOPE (Live)	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	MIRACLES OF THE CROSS	EWTN BOOKMARK				
2:00 PM		AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY					CONVERSATIONS FROM THE WORLD OVER SHOW	YOU'RE AMAZING	CROSSING THE GOAL		
2:30 PM		LIGHT FROM LIGHT					STATIONS OF THE CROSS				
3:00 PM	THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG										
3:15 PM	REFLECTIONS	HIDDEN CHURCHES	REFLECTIONS	HIDDEN CHURCHES	REFLECTIONS	HIDDEN CHURCHES	REFLECTIONS				
3:30 PM	THE HOLY ROSARY IN STAINED GLASS	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)						ROSARY FOR LIFE			
4:00 PM	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM	THE HOLY ROSARY									
4:30 PM	CATHOLICS COME HOME	DONUT MAN	MY TIME WITH JESUS	CHILDRENS SPECIALS	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET FOR KIDS	BUG TIME ADVENTURE	EWTN PRESENTS				
5:00 PM	FOCUS	PRAYING AS A FAMILY	SUPER SAINTS	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	SAVORING OUR FAITH	DISCERNING THE WILL OF GOD	CALLED TO COMMUNION				
5:30 PM		EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHOICES WE FACE	CONVERSATIONS FROM THE WORLD OVER SHOW	YOU'RE AMAZING	CROSSING THE GOAL					
6:00 PM	CELEBRATION OF THE MASS	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)						CHURCH AND THE POOR			
6:30 PM	VATICANO	EWTN GALLERY						LENTEN JOURNEY			
7:00 PM	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (Encore)	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)						MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS			
7:30PM		THE HOLY ROSARY			POPE'S AUDIENCE	THE HOLY ROSARY					
		DIOCESAN DATEBOOK									
8:00 PM	SUNDAY NIGHT PRIME (Live)	THE JOURNEY HOME (Live)	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	EWTN LIVE	THE WORLD OVER (Live)	SPECIALS	EWTN CINEMA				
8:30 PM	CATHOLICISM	EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)		EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)							
9:00 PM											
9:30 PM	HOLY ROSARY W MOTHER ANGELICA	NOVENA TO ST. ANN	THE CHOICES WE FACE	FOCUS	LIVE WITH PASSION	FORMING FAITHFUL FAMILIES					
10:00 PM	EWTN SPECIALS	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (ENCORE)	THRESHOLD OF HOPE (Encore)	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY				
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11:00 PM	DECISION POINT	CATHOLICS COME HOME	YOU'RE AMAZING	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	DEFENDING LIFE	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	WEB OF FAITH 2.0				
11:30 PM	BATTLE READY	WOMEN OF GRACE									

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West Scranton Parishes to Conclude Divine Mercy Novena

The parish communities of St. Lucy and SS. Peter & Paul in Scranton's West Side will culminate their nine-day Divine Mercy Novena on Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Divine Mercy Novena resumes at St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., West Scranton, for its conclusion on Easter Friday, April 21, at 7 p.m.; Easter Saturday, April 22, following the 4 p.m. Mass; and on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at St. Lucy Church.

The Divine Mercy feast day celebration begins at noon 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 St. Faustina relic and anointing.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the church hall.

Divine Mercy Sunday Services

CLARKS SUMMIT

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

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

GREAT BEND

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on April 23 at St. Lawrence Church, 380 Franklin St., Great Bend.

Devotions begin at 2:45 p.m. and will include celebration of the Sunday Mass, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Praises to Divine Mercy and Rosary recitation.

St. Faustina's Litany to the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the relic of St. Faustina will also be offered.

A dinner will be served in the Trinity Parish Center to conclude the celebration. For more information, contact the St. Lawrence Parish office at (570-853-4634).



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Parish Retreat to Focus on Fatima Centennial

WYALUSING — Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish announces it will host the Second Annual Women's Retreat offered by Franciscan Father Pio Mandato.

The retreat will be held on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Saturday, May 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Wyalusing. Father Joseph Manarchuck, host pastor, will serve as concelebrant during the day.

Coinciding with the centennial celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the Blessed



Father Pio Mandato, FMHJ

Mother's first apparition to the shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal, on May 13, 1917, the retreat theme presented by Father Pio will focus on the contemplation and meditation of the prayer of Jesus, in particular with respect to the child visionaries of Fatima.

Agenda for the retreat pro-

gram will include celebration of Mass, recitation of the Rosary, Eucharistic adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a special healing blessing with one of the gloves worn by St. Padre Pio. Lunch will also be provided during the day.

The retreat day is open to all area women free of charge; however, a free-will offering will be accepted.

For more information and registration, contact the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish office at (570-746-1006).

Student Production Aims to Reduce Stigma of Mental Illness

DALLAS — Misericordia University professors of psychology and English are collaborating on a research project and public theatrical presentation designed to promote the understanding and reduce the stigma of mental illness.

Together they will present "The Voices Project: Mental Health" during April 20-22 at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, April 23, at 3 p.m. in the Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall on the Misericordia

campus. The presentations are open to the public free of charge.

Under the direction of Alicia Nordstrom, Ph.D., professor of psychology and director of the Center for Faculty Professional Development, and Amanda Caleb, Ph.D., associate professor of English, 55 Misericordia students interviewed more than 60 people with mental health conditions and their family members to learn about their lives.

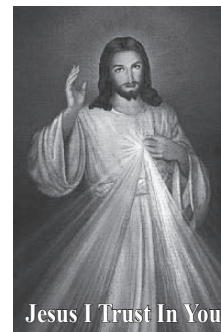
Based on their interviews, the students wrote a first-person narrative about those interviewed to share how the mental health conditions have affected their lives. The narratives were integrated to produce the theatrical program to be presented later this month.

For more information, contact Misericordia University at (570-674-6400) or visit: www.misericordia.edu.

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APRIL 23, 2017

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Rev. Sam J. Ferretti, Pastor
Rev. Alvaro de Oliveira Joaquim, O.S.J.
Deacon Carmine Mendicino
Divine Mercy Sunday Coordinator

SCHEDULE

12:00 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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ITINERARY FOR THE CELEBRATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

- All are Welcome to Attend -

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

REMINDER TO BEGIN 9 DAY DIVINE MERCY NOVENA STARTING ON GOOD FRIDAY

Mark Your Calendar — Around the Diocese

Spiritual Offerings

Weekly Novena to St. Anthony of Padua — APRIL 18-JUNE 13, 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: "The Life & Legacy of St. Junipero Serra, Patron Saint of Vocations: Ever Forward, Never Back." All faithful are welcome to attend; for more information, call (570-824-7832).

Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil — APRIL 21, sponsored by the Catholics Defending Life Prayer & Awareness Team; group resumes weekly gatherings every Friday (except on First Fridays) from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at the Pro-Life Monument located next to St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton (300 block of Wyoming Ave.). Recitation of the Rosary offered, along with pro-life meditations, Divine Mercy Chaplet

and other prayer devotions for the respect and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Pro-life signs are welcome.

Friday Holy Hour for Vocations — APRIL 21, hosted by the Little Sisters of the Poor at Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton; weekly devotion held every Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the Residence chapel. Holy Hour includes recitation of the Rosary, evening prayer (vespers) and benediction. All faithful are welcome.

Ladies of Charity Enrollment Day — APRIL 22, annual Day of Enrollment sponsored by the Ladies of Charity in the Diocese of Scranton, hosted at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Wilkes-Barre; doors open at 10 a.m. Rosary recited at 10:30 a.m., followed by celebration of Mass at 11 a.m. by Monsignor Joseph Kelly, with luncheon to follow. Luncheon cost: \$15 per person; reservations required by April 17. For more information, call Evelyn Raitter (570-474-5192). Pro-life donations will be accepted; new members always welcome.

Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry — APRIL 22 & MAY 13, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for individuals who are experiencing mental illness.

Group meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. Meetings will be approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. Participating Scranton parishes include St. Peter's; Mary, Mother of God; and Immaculate Conception. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener (Cathedral), (570-344-7231); Deacon Jan Mroz (Mary, Mother of God), (570-342-4881); or Deacon Pat McDonald (Immaculate Conception), (570-961-5211).

Evening of Prayer with the Sisters of IHM — MAY 10, sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; monthly prayer service held on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the IHM Center Chapel, 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton (top of University Ave., beyond Marywood University). All faithful are welcome. For more information, call (570-346-5404).

Centennial Celebration of the Fatima Apparitions — MAY 13, hosted on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima by Holy Name of Mary Parish, 278 South Main St., Montrose; begins at 10 a.m. in Holy Name of Mary Church. Guest presentation and music provided by the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth; includes Eucharistic adoration, Rosary, benediction, procession with the Fatima Statue, and consecration to Mary.

Prayer Requests for Priests

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

April 13, Father John Manno; April 14, Father Michael Marchetti; April 15, Jesuit Father Leonard Martin; April 16, Bishop Emeritus Joseph F. Martino; April 17, Father Joseph Matthey; April 18, Monsignor Donald McAndrews; April 19, Passionist Father Thomas McCann; April 20, Father Michael McCormick; April 21, Father Glenn McCreary,

V.E.; April 22, Father Patrick McDowell; April 23, Father James McGahagan; April 24, Monsignor James McGarry; April 25, Father Gerard McGlone; April 26, Monsignor Stephen McGough; April 27, Father John McHale; April 28, Father Connell McHugh; April 29, Jesuit Father Bernard McIlhenny; April 30, Father Leo McKernan; May 1, Pope Francis; May 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; May 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.

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Catholic Parish & Regional Happenings

Easter Egg Hunt — APRIL 15, hosted by Queen of the Apostles Parish in Avoca; begins at 9:30 a.m. on the grounds of Kiesinger Funeral Home, 225 McAlpine St., Duryea. Participants are asked to bring their own Easter basket or bag. To register for the event, call Erin at (570-654-2429).

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

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

Take-Out Roast Beef Dinner — APRIL 22, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, 624 Madison Ave., Jermyon; take-

out dinners only, available from 1 to 5:30 p.m. in the parish church basement. Meal includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and homemade desserts. Cost: adults, \$10; children (under age 12), \$5. For advance tickets, call the parish rectory (570-876-1061).

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

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

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Mission Message

Calvary Today!

By Deacon Edward T. Kelly
Diocesan Director,
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Today is Holy Thursday, the beginning of the Sacred Triduum and the end of Lent. As we enter the Sacred Triduum — the high point of the Liturgical year — we might remember how Holy Week began this past Palm Sunday with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem: the waving of palm branches and cheers of Hosanna! But just a few days later on Good Friday those cheers turned to angry shouts: “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”

In the midst of that angry crowd stood the composed Christ, with a serene face and steady eyes. The one calm person in Pilate’s court, Jesus — the first missionary sent by God the Father — was not spared humiliation, torture, and even a horrific death on the cross. What was the secret of Christ’s composure? Consider this: His composure was the accumulated consequence of many quiet hours praying and surrendering to the Father’s will.



All the readings on Good Friday focus on the arrest of Jesus, his innocence and composure, and what happened after he was bound and crowned with thorns. I suppose, from the relative safety and general abundance of living in the United States, we may just spiritualize Good Friday — until we are jolted from our complacency by accounts of human communities awash in corruption, intimidation, and torture and what that means for millions of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Like Jesus, they, too, are innocent. Oppressed and condemned, they are bound and taken away, cut off from the land of the living.

Just one year ago, four Missionaries of Charity — the order founded by Mother Teresa of Calcutta (our newest saint) — were murdered in a terroristic attack at a nursing home in Aden, the main city on the coast of southern Yemen. The nursing home was established by Saint Mother Teresa, and was marked by a large sign as **Mother Teresa’s Home**.

The Sisters were separated from the patients and bound up before they were brutally shot in

the head. They ended up surrendering their lives to pursue the pledge of their Order. The mission of the Missionaries of Charity is to quench the physical and spiritual thirst of those they serve, the least among us — the forgotten, the abandoned, those on the margins — by responding to two of the last words that Jesus spoke dying on the cross: “I Thirst.”

In response to these murders, Holy Father Pope Francis declared, “These are the martyrs of today! They are not on the front page of newspapers; they are not news. They are the people who give blood for the Church. These people are the victims of those who have murdered but also of the indifference, of this global indifference of those who do not care.”

More recently, Pope Francis has called for the world to open its eyes and hearts by appealing for humanitarian assistance to South Sudan, where famine and a devastating lack of water threatens the lives of millions of people already suffering due to a three-year civil war. In the “martyred

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First Friday Devotions Throughout the Diocese

Masses & Devotions

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

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

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

Pro-Life Rosary Vigils

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

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

Eucharistic Adorations

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

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

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

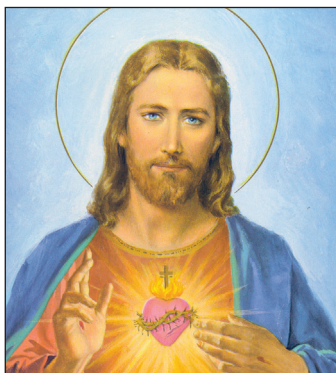
Rosary & Healing Mass

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

Healing Mass

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

Blue Army Reparation Vigil



The next monthly First Friday Reparation Vigil, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and sponsored by the Blue Army, will be held **May 5** at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, 1880 Highway 315, Laflin (Pittston).

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

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

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Victims Resource Center Fundraiser — **APRIL 25**, sponsored by the Promoting Healthy Relationships through Education and Empowerment (PHREE) peer-educator-student organization at Misericordia University, Dallas, and Mercy Leaders; fundraising event to benefit the Victims Resource Center in Wilkes-Barre will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library at Misericordia. Program begins with an educational discussion directed by Patrick Rushton,

education manager at Victims Resource Center, from 8 to 9 p.m.; followed by self-defense class from 9 to 10 p.m. offered by Master Nicholas Acri of the Jae Nam Training Academy of Korean Martial Arts in Kingston. Fundraiser cost: adults, \$10; students, \$5. For more information, contact Misericordia student Emily Gurtizen at gurtizee@misericordia.edu.

40th Annual Spaghetti Dinner — **APRIL 26 & 27**, hosted by St. Lucy Parish in west Scranton; served both days from 5 to 8 p.m. in the church auditorium, 949 Scranton St., Scranton. Take-out dinners available at 3 p.m. (containers provided). Cost: adults, \$10; children (under age 12), \$5. Tickets available at the door or the parish rectory during office hours (570-347-9421). Proceeds benefit the St. Lucy Church Restoration Fund.

Book & Bake Sale — **APRIL 27-29**, sponsored by Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood section of Hanover Township; sale hours: Thursday & Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pro-Life Flea Market — **APRIL 28 & 29**, sponsored by the Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life;

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South Sudan," the Pope said, "a fratricidal conflict is compounded by a serious food crisis, which has struck the Horn of Africa and condemns millions of people to starve to death, among them many children."

Pope Francis went on to urge governments and international organizations to "not stop at just making statements, but take concrete steps so that necessary food and water can reach the suffering population being condemned to death by hunger."

Responding to this, the Pontifical Mission Societies through MISSIO is gathering emergency support for South Sudan. This appeal for help will put resources in the hands of Catholic priests

and sisters who are reaching out to bring food and water, care and supplies, to families in desperate need.

We may say that we weren't at the original Calvary and, therefore, played no part in the historical suffering and death of Jesus. But we cannot say that Calvary does not repeat itself in one form or another in every generation, including our own, and we cannot avoid playing a part in its modern versions.

When we see today's version of the victim of Calvary (the tortured, the persecuted, the poor, the homeless, the hungry), do our eyes pass over their heads as though they were not there, or do our eyes meet theirs and answer their pain?

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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).

Aviso al Respecto de Reportar el Abuso Sexual de Un Menor de Edad

Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley.

Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley.

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Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551) o a los oficiales diocesanos incluyendo El Vicario General, Monseñor Thomas M. Muldowney, a (570-207-2269).

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Night at the Races — APRIL 29, sponsored by St. Andre 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. Admission fee: \$5 (must be at least 21 years of age to attend); includes food and beverages. For more information, call (570-823-4988).

Misericordia Open House — APRIL 29, 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 lunch, campus

Misericordia Brunch Aids Women's Program

DALLAS — Misericordia University announces its second annual Mother's Day Champagne Brunch to benefit the Endowed Scholarship Fund for the Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program on Sunday, May 14, in the university's Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall.

The Bourger Women with Children Advisory Board is hosting the event that will help provide support for student mothers in the program.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m., and the brunch, which includes a special children's buffet, begins at 11 a.m.

The event will also feature a silent auction and a "Parade of Baskets" raffle, with some baskets offering more than \$500 worth of prizes. A pre-sale of tickets for the "Parade of Baskets" will be held Friday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Max and Tillie Rosenn Concourse of Insalaco Hall.

Established in 2000, the Bourger Women with Children Program provides housing and support for academically qualified, single mothers at the poverty level and their children at three houses owned by Misericordia University.

Tickets for the brunch fundraiser are \$50 for adults and

tours, faculty session and meeting with representatives of student services, athletics and financial aid. For more information and registration, contact Misericordia at (570-675-4449 or 1-866-262-6363) or by email: admiss@misericordia.edu.

Service Auction — APRIL 30, hosted by the Church of the Resurrection, 75 Musser Lane, Muncy; auction of services donated by members and friends of the community include custom works of art and jewelry, farm experience, wine baskets, delivered homemade meals and more. Door prize drawing will conclude the auction. Doors open for lunch at 12:15 p.m.; auction bidding begins at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Charlene Otterbein (717-387-0239) or Carolyn Rheam (570-538-5708).

\$20 for children (12 to 18 years of age); children under the age of 12 are admitted free. Seating is limited and reservations are required.

For event and registration information, call Kim Caffrey, Office of Mission Integration at Misericordia, at (570-674-1877).

Holocaust Survivor's Talk Rescheduled

DALLAS — The free presentation, "The Triumph of the Human Spirit, from Auschwitz to Forgiveness" by Holocaust survivor, forgiveness advocate, and champion of human rights Eva Mozes Kor, that was scheduled for March 14 at Misericordia University has been rescheduled to Tuesday, Sept. 12, due to inclement weather. The rescheduled program will be held in the university's Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall at 7 p.m., followed by a book signing.

Misericordia will honor tickets issued for the sold-out presentation; those who wish to keep their tickets for the new date are asked to contact the Misericordia Box Office at (570) 674-6719 by April 30. The university will issue new tickets for the Sept. 12 event by late May. The tickets that are not renewed will be available to the public beginning May 1.

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

Rummage Sale — MAY 1-3, sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 113 Hughes St., Swoyersville; held in the parish's school gymnasium. Sale hours: Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday (\$2 bag day) and Wednesday (\$1 bag day), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Includes bake sale and refreshments available for purchase.

Free Community Luncheon — MAY 13, 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.

Second Annual K of C Trail Run/Walk — MAY 21, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus St. Ann's Council 12572; 8K Trail Run and 2K Walk held at

Aylesworth Park in Jermy. Race day registration begins at 8 a.m.; race begins at 9:30 a.m. Top three male and female finishers in the run and walk will receive awards. Advance registration can be obtained online at kofescranton.com. All proceeds benefit the Janet Weiss Children's Hospital in Danville.

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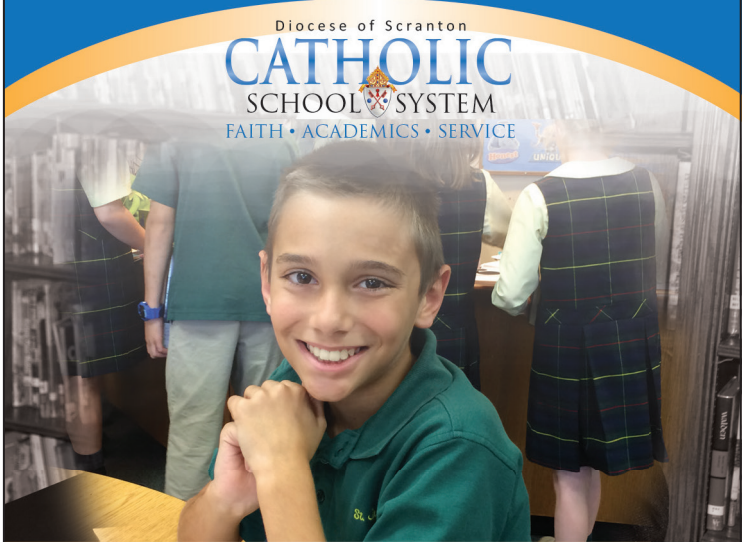
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