

Bishop Leading Pilgrimage to National Shrine in Washington

In celebration of our Sesquicentennial

Another milestone on the year-long celebration of the Diocese of Scranton's 150th Anniversary will be reached on Saturday, September 22, when Bishop Joseph C. Bambera leads a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

From the earliest days of salvation history, the Bishop noted, the sacred scriptures are replete with images of God's faithful people journeying to sacred places to worship and pray. Christians have traveled to the Holy Land to places made sacred by the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus for over two thousand years. Throughout the world, shrines memorializing the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles, Martyrs and Saints have become destinations for countless numbers of faithful

pilgrims who seek to deepen their relationship with God. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is such a destination in the United States.

"As we continue to celebrate the founding of our Diocese, I invite all to join me on a journey to this special place of worship, pilgrimage, evangelization and reconciliation," Bishop Bambera said. "It is my hope that by contemplating the work of divine grace in the life of the Blessed Mother, all the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton will be inspired anew by her example and assisted by her prayers."

National Sanctuary of Prayer and Pilgrimage

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is the largest Roman Catholic church in the United States and North America, and is one of the ten largest churches in the world.

Designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as a National Sanctuary of Prayer and Pilgrimage, the Basilica is the nation's preeminent Marian shrine, dedicated to the patroness of the United States – the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. It is oftentimes affectionately referred to as "America's Catholic Church."

Visited by Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, Saint John Paul II, and Saint Teresa of Calcutta, among others, the Basilica, though distinctly American, rivals the great sanctuaries of the world.

Byzantine-Romanesque in style, its massive, one-of-a-kind superstructure is home to over 80 chapels and oratories that relate to the peoples, cultures and traditions that are the fabric of the Catholic faith and the mosaic of our great nation. The Basilica also houses the largest

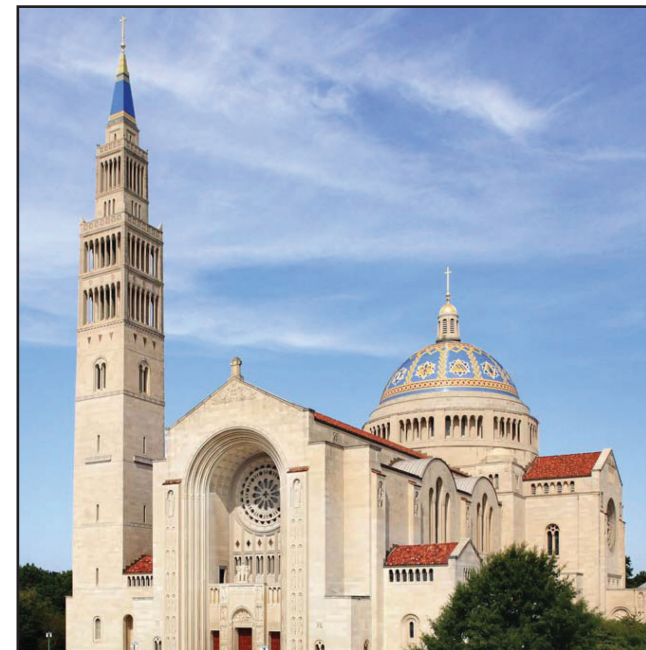
collection of contemporary ecclesiastical art on earth.

Last December, the majestic interior Trinity Dome Mosaic was dedicated, offering pilgrims another beautiful series of images to inspire their faith.

Open 365 days a year, the Basilica is host to nearly one million visitors annually, attracting pilgrims and tourists alike from across the country and around the world.

The Basilica offers six Masses and five hours of Confessions daily, as well as guided tours, a Catholic Gift Shop, a Catholic Book Store, and a cafeteria to accommodate its visitors.

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The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is a National Sanctuary of Prayer and Pilgrimage, and the nation's preeminent Marian shrine.

Diocese Mourns Tragic Loss of IHM Sister

A bright light with a huge heart... energetic and happy to serve... compassionate, patient and encouraging... a very genuine, natural, warm and friendly human being.

These are among the phrases that describe Sister Angela Miller, IHM – offered by those who collaborated with her, knew her and loved her.

People throughout the Diocese of Scranton and the region are mourning the apparent death of Sister Angela, who is believed to have been murdered in Scranton on April 28 in a domestic violence crime, committed by her nephew, that also took the life of her sister, Rosemary Smith.

"We all weave a tapestry of relationships throughout our lives and Sister Angela was a very bright thread in my tapestry," said Sis-



Sister Angela Miller, IHM

ter Loretta Mulry, IHM. They served together in the Mission Group within IHM Governance, and Sister Angela assumed various roles, including being an officer, planner and "shopper" for the annual end-of-year Jubilee Party.

"Angela was a Sister with a huge heart full of love, which she displayed with her radiant smile and love of bear hugs. She seemed happiest when being of service to

others, which seemed to fill every aspect of her life. She is deeply missed by her IHM Sisters," said Sister Loretta.

Members of the IHM Community, family, friends and caring individuals gathered at the IHM Center on May 2 to pray the Rosary for the victims and offer fond remembrances of them. Sister Kathy Kurdziel, IHM, was heartened by the many testimonials given at the service.

"As so very often happens in times of tragedy, a person's many hidden and touching actions come to light," she said. Listening to those who offered their reflections, it became clear that Sister Angela "was a very genuine, natural, warm and friendly human being. She was a woman of energy and empathy; she was fun, honest and compassionate."

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Men pray during the fourth annual Catholic Men's Conference last Saturday, May 5, at King's College in Wilkes-Barre. The event brought together men for good fellowship and a re-commitment to promoting and living out their Christian heritage in their homes, workplaces and society. See page 5.

Missionaries of Mercy inspired by Pope Francis

Diocesan priest attends gathering in Rome

Catholic News Service; Staff Report

VATICAN CITY – Hundreds of priests designated as Missionaries of Mercy by Pope Francis – including one from the Diocese of Scranton – were inspired anew when they met with the Holy Father recently in Rome.

More than 1,000 religious-order and diocesan priests from around the world received a special papal mandate to preach and teach about God's mercy during the 2015-16 Holy Year of Mercy.

Among them was Father Michael F. Quinnan, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Brodheadsville, who applied for the designation with the approval of Bishop Bambera and was one of 80 priests from the United States accepted.

Father Quinnan was among the 550 priests who attended the recent session at the Vatican, where they had the opportunity to concelebrate a Divine Mercy Sunday Mass on April 8 with Pope Francis in Saint Peter's Square. They met with the Holy Father on the Tuesday after; he greeted each one personally before concelebrating Mass with them again

in the Basilica.

"He carved out quite a lot of his time to meet with us considering his very full and hectic schedule," Father Quinnan told *The Catholic Light*, noting that Francis "wanted to share some reflections with us to give greater support to the responsibilities that he has placed in our hands. It really was a special time of renewal for us."

Pope Francis extended the term of service of the Missionaries of Mercy "for a little longer" and used these days to help them understand what he hopes they will do in this ministry.

"But we must always start from this fixed point: God treated me with mercy," the Holy Father said. "This is the key to becoming God's co-workers. One experiences mercy and becomes a minister of mercy. In short, the ministers do not place themselves above the others as if they were judges of their sinful brothers.

"A true missionary of mercy is reflected in the experience of the Apostle (Paul) – God has chosen me; God trusts me; God has put His trust in me by calling me, despite being a sinner, to be His co-worker to make it real, effec-



Pope Francis greets Father Michael Quinnan during the recent gathering in Rome for the priests designated by the Holy Father as Missionaries of Mercy.

tive and to allow His mercy to be touched by hand."

Father Quinnan explained that we must always remember that we are redeemed sinners, forgiven by God and dependent on God's merciful love.

"The experience of forgiveness, of being conscious of God's mercy allows a person to be consoled by the oxygen of God's grace," he said. "Living and breathing in God's merciful love is the consoling gift of the Holy Spirit. This realization is essential for this ministry."

Using the scripture readings of the day, Pope Francis directed

the Missionaries to serve individuals and communities: "A ministry that moves in both these directions: at the service of the people, so they may be 'reborn from above,' and at the service of the communities, so that they may live the commandment of love with joy and coherence."

Father Quinnan stressed that individual confession is invaluable for people and the Pope and other speakers spent quite a lot of time instructing on how to administer this sacrament pastorally. Communities too need to be able to encounter the Lord's grace together, be renewed

in spirit, and directed to a common life of charity and mercy. If we live as redeemed sinners, filled with joy and consolation, we will evangelize by our fraternity.

"But this lifestyle of the community was also 'contagious' to the outside: the living presence of the Risen Lord produces a force of attraction which, through the witness of the Church and through the various forms of proclamation of the Good News, tends to reach all, no-one excluded," Pope Francis said. "Dear brothers, put your specific ministry of Missionaries of Mercy at the service of this dynamism."

Missionaries of Mercy, Father Quinnan noted, have been given a task that is challenging but achievable.

"We need to live as people who are grateful to God for his merciful grace and forgiveness. Then, we share this experience or consolation with individual Christian faithful, especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation," he said. "Finally, we cultivate a leaven of mercy within communities so that it is enfolded in the daily interactions of people. Transformation and renewal happens in communities where people live together always conscious of their vocation to be merciful like the Father."

Bishop Bambera leading pilgrimage

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The rector of the Basilica, Monsignor Walter Rossi, is a priest of the Diocese of Scranton. Prior to assuming that position in 2005, he was director of pilgrimages there for eight years. Another Diocesan priest, the late Monsignor Eugene Bilski, was assistant director there from 1977 to 1981 and then director from 1981 to 1983.

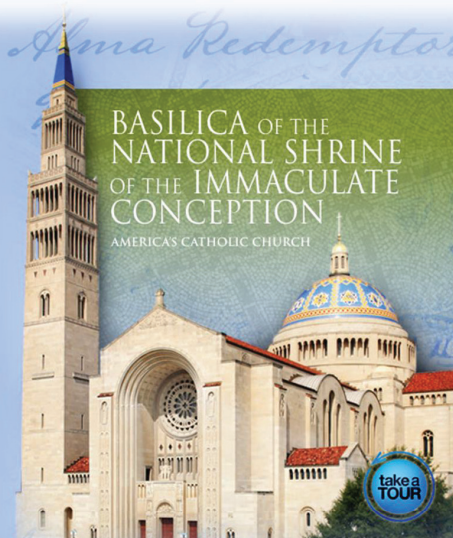
This will be the 17th Diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica. Father Andrew Hvozdovic, the Diocesan Director of Pilgrimages, in collaboration with the deans, pastors, parish life coordinators and parish pilgrimage promoters, have planned the events of the day and coordinated transportation to and from the National Shrine for all regions of the Diocese.

Parishes Taking Registrations and Bus Reservations

Information about the pilgrimage has been sent to all parishes. Each parish is asked to take its own registration and to collect the \$55 fee per person – then send their full participant list and one check to the Office for Parish Life. If a parish has at least 50 participants, a single bus will be assigned to the parish and will depart from the parish grounds. For those parishes with a smaller delegation, arrangements will be made for combined buses and multiple points of departure throughout the Diocese.

There is also an overnight option for interested parishes – the program, reservations and all arrangements for this will be made by each parish directly with John Madden of Travelworld. If interested in an overnight pilgrimage package, please contact Travelworld directly at 570-342-5790.

**DIocese OF SCRANTON 150th ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE
TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018**



BASILICA OF THE
NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
AMERICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

- 6:00 a.m. Buses begin to depart from various locations
- 9:30 a.m. Morning prayer on individual buses
- 11:00 a.m. Arrival at the Basilica of the National Shrine
- 12:00 p.m. Welcome in the Upper Church, Fr. Hvozdovic
- 12:10 p.m. Tour of Faith - Upper Church – National Shrine Director of Pilgrimages
- 12:30 p.m. Rosary for World Peace - Upper Church
- 1:00-3:00 p.m. FREE TIME for lunch, touring, private prayer
- 2:00 p.m. Confession opportunity in the Crypt Church
- 3:00 p.m. Gather in the Upper Church to prepare for Mass
- 3:15 p.m. Pontifical Mass
The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.,
Bishop of Scranton, Celebrant and Homilist
- 4:45 p.m. Buses depart National Shrine
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on individual buses
- 10:30 p.m. Approximate return time to point of departure

Pilgrimage Cost: \$55/person + lunch
Register through your parish
For more information, call:
Office for Parish Life
570-207-2213

Diocese Celebrates World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Diocesan Celebration of World Day of Prayer for Vocations was celebrated on Sunday, April 22, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, at Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Williamsport. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera was celebrant and homilist.

The Diocese and vocation directors/representatives from religious communities serving in the Diocese of Scranton were involved in the liturgy, and at a reception afterward offered materials on their ministries and were available for discussion.

For more information about Vocation Ministry, visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.



Annunciation Church in Williamsport, Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, provided a beautiful setting for the Diocesan Celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



Maria and James Glenn, parents of Deacon Ryan Glenn, spoke about supporting all their children through vocational discernment.

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David Miller*



Young adults and religious men brought forth the gifts of bread and wine.



The celebration was enhanced by a combined music ministry of parishes in the Western Pastoral Region directed by David Baloga, Diocesan Director for Worship.



Vocation directors and representatives from religious communities serving in the Diocese of Scranton at the reception following the liturgy.



XLT (Exalt!) will be held Friday, May 18, from 7-9 p.m. at Saint John Bosco Parish, 2 Charles Avenue, Conyngham. The event, sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations, will consist of Eucharistic Adoration; praise & worship music led by Roni & Sylvia Smith; a talk by Scott Williams, graduating senior, Holy Redeemer High School; reconciliation, and a social. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Dominick Costantino at 570-780-2996.

**Quo Vadis Days
June 24-27, 2018**

Misericordia University, Dallas



Quo Vadis Days 2018 is a camp for young Catholic men in High School (9-12th grade) to:

- + Deepen their faith
- + Learn more about all vocations
- + Better discern God's call in their lives

The camp will feature dynamic talks, prayer, games, sports, activities, music and more. Participants will have the opportunity to meet priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton. Register Online: www.vocations.dioceseofscranton.org For more information, call 570-207-1452.

Remembering Sister Angela



Sister Angela Miller, IHM (right) helps Sister Richard Mary Peters, IHM, prepare for a Mission Group event on April 14.

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Whole families of parents and students loved her and appreciated her loving, common sense approach to living and learning, Sister Kathy continued. Her colleagues were often awed and inspired by her vitality, availability, creativity, and capacity to get the job done, NOW! “She reached out and stuck by people in celebration, in tribulation and in tragedy. She made an impact and a difference in the lives of so many people.”

Sister Angela had served at Saint Clare/Saint Paul Elementary School and Saint Paul Parish, and more recently at Saint Joseph’s Center, all in Scranton. Rosemary Smith worked at the IHM Center in Scranton.

Carol Migliorino, who taught at Saint Clare/Saint Paul School for 46 years before retiring last June, recalled Sister Angela as an outstanding math teacher who really enjoyed being with the children and often tutored them after school. “She was a wonderful woman with a great sense of humor,” Carol added.

Roseanne Skaluba, now in her 20th year on the school faculty, first met Sister Angela when her children were in the early grades. The impression was immediate.

“She was a bright light,” Roseanne said. “A very giving person who went above and beyond to make sure her students learned. And she was a dear friend with a great smile; we are going to miss her.”

Monsignor Neil Van Loon, pastor of Saint Paul’s Parish, affirmed that Sister Angela was an integral part of the school community for years, “well known for her antics and enthusiasm for teaching the times tables to 3rd graders. While she continued to live in our convent, she also ministered to the parish as a lector and bringing the Eucharist to the homebound. All who came to know her in the parish mourn her passing.”

Rich Kane, Director of Community Support Services at Saint Joseph’s Center, hired Sister Angela as a Community Support Professional to work with individuals with intellectual disabilities, helping them to fulfill personal goals and enjoy life.

“Sister was a natural,” he said. “She always had a smile on her face and was always positive. She worked primarily with one individual for the past five years. She became like a member of their family. She took an interest in their well-being and looked out for them.”

Sister Angela was well suited to this ministry as she was a compassionate companion, patient and encouraging for each person to realize their potential, and fun-loving, according to Sister Maryalice Jacquinot, IHM, President/CEO of Saint Joseph’s Center. “She will be missed by all those with whom she interacted. We were fortunate to have Sister An-

gela as part of the Saint Joseph’s Center family. She will be held close in prayer and her example will be an inspiration for each of us.”

On behalf of the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera said: “We are deeply saddened and shocked by the senseless act of violence, which took the lives of two innocent people, including Sister Angela Miller, who served faithfully in our school and parish and was a friend and peaceful presence to so many; and her sister Rosemary. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are affected by this tragedy, especially the victims’ families and friends and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Community. We trust in God’s mercy to comfort us in such a difficult time.”

In a statement, Sister Ellen Maroney, President of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Scranton, expressed that the IHM Community is “deeply grieved at the horrific and heartbreaking situation.”

“Our hearts and prayers are joined in sorrow with Angela’s and Rose’s sisters, Theresa and Helen, and all their family members,” she said, also offering those wishes to all those who encountered Sister Angela and Rosemary in the various places where they ministered and worked.

“We deeply appreciate the outpouring of prayers, wishes, and efforts extended to us by so many in the Scranton community and beyond since this tragedy. We extend our heart-felt thanks to police and fire personnel and all public officials for their heroic efforts.”

Sister Ellen noted that for over 15 years the IHMs have participated in efforts to bring awareness to the tragedy of domestic violence by supporting the Women’s Resource Center and the “Empty Place at the Table.”

“We unite with all who refuse to be numbed by tragedy but instead use their grief energy to work for the fullness of compassion and justice,” Sister Ellen said. “Our faith in God’s mercy and love continues to sustain us and gives us strength and hope for this beautiful, yet wounded world.”

The family of the deceased includes sisters Helen Douglass and Theresa Scaccia, who vividly remembers as a child how the family would pray the Rosary on their knees every night. Their strong faith gives them the grace to carry on in the face of this tragedy and other challenges in their lives.

While her sisters Rosemary and Sister Angela were not well off by any means, Theresa noted, they had an abundance of compassion and care for others.

“They were extremely unselfish, loving, kind and generous,” she said. “They would do anything for anybody.”

Monsignor John H. Louis Laid to Rest

Monsignor John H. Louis, J.C.D., pastor emeritus of Saint Gregory’s Parish, Clarks Green, died April 26, 2018, at Holy Family Residence.

Monsignor Louis, son of the late John J. and Mildred (Kelly) Louis, was born in Scranton on May 29, 1936. Monsignor attended high school at Saint Patrick’s Parish in Scranton and college at Mount Saint Mary’s in Emmitsburg, Md. He had his seminary training at Theological College, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and North American College in Rome. Monsignor earned a Master of Arts in Philosophy from Catholic University and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology.

He was ordained to the priesthood on July 15, 1962, at the Church of the Twelve Apostles in Rome by Bishop Filippo Pocci, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Rome. After ordination, Monsignor returned to Rome to earn a doctorate in Canon Law from the Gregorian University and to serve as a Peritus during the Second Vatican Council.

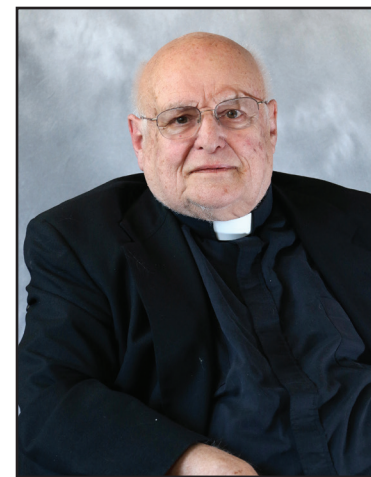
Monsignor Louis has served as assistant pastor at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Lake Silkworth; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Dunmore; Our Lady of Snows Parish, Clarks Summit; and as administrator of Saint Mark’s Parish, Inkerman.

He was appointed pastor of Saint Gregory’s Parish in Clarks Green in September of 1977, a position he held until his retirement and appointment as pastor emeritus in July 2011. He was a beloved pastor for 34 years.

He was made a Chaplain to His Holiness in September of 1973 and a Prelate of Honor in November of 1978.

Education was close to Monsignor’s heart, evidenced by the fact that during his tenure as pastor at Saint Gregory’s he educated a countless number of 8th grade students at Our Lady of Peace School.

Monsignor has also served the Diocese as a professor at Saint Pius X Seminary in Dalton, where he was also Dean of Studies. He was appointed assistant Chancellor of the Diocese in



Monsignor John H. Louis

1971. His work with the Diocesan Tribunal included positions as Pro-Synodal Judge; Defender of the Bond; Adjutant Judicial Vicar and his appointment as Vice-Officialis of the Tribunal in 1972.

In addition, Monsignor Louis served the Diocese as Dean of the Abington Deanery, a member of the Council of Priests, the Priests Education Committee, and the Priests Advisory Committee for the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

Monsignor Louis celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his ordination with a Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on June 21, 2012.

Monsignor Louis had a great love for animals. He could often be seen with one of his many canine friends on Abington Road. He also served as chaplain to the fire departments in Scranton and Clarks Summit.

Monsignor is survived by cousins Catherine (Patrick) Lannak, Thomas McAndrew (Ann Marie) and Jack Louis; and numerous second cousins.

Monsignor was preceded in death by Uncle Karl Louis, Aunt Eva Louis McAndrew, Aunt Hilda Louis Lodwick and cousin Robert Louis.

A Pontifical Mass of Christian burial was celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus John M. Dougherty on April 30, 2018 in Saint Gregory’s Church, Clarks Green. Interment was in Cathedral Cemetery, Scranton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Gregory’s Forward in Faith Building Campaign.

Conference motivates men to *'live as followers of Jesus'*

Hundreds of men from throughout the Diocese attended the fourth annual Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, May 5, at King's College in Wilkes-Barre. The event brought together men for good fellowship and a re-commitment to promoting and living out their Christian heritage in their homes, workplaces and society. The conference featured inspirational speakers, Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a concluding Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.

The Bishop told those who came that their presence is a powerful sign to our world "as we resolve to live that faith as followers of Jesus!"

He exhorted the men, "never yield to the message of those who seek to limit God's mercy and love! Jesus commands us to remain in his love. So follow where he leads, prayerfully, humbly and joyfully."

The focus of this year's conference drew attention to the presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament – the Eucharist.

"My brothers, Jesus gives us the command to love generously and unconditionally – as he has loved us. And he gives us the means to fulfill that command through the gift of the Eucharist," Bishop Bambera said. "May our prayer on this great day embody these simple words that, more than anything else, have the power to enable us to live as Christian men. ... 'As we receive Christ in the Eucharist, O God, help us, in turn, to become Christ for others.' Amen."



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"This conference was a great opportunity to participate in a Diocese-wide event that brought together men from different parishes, ages, ethnicities and who are each at different stages in their journey of faith. The entire experience provides an opportunity to genuinely reflect on our own journey of faith; to take a step back from our busy lives and re-examine our priorities as we continue our walk with Christ."

– Brian LaVacca, Saint Luke Parish, Stroudsburg

"Hearing the speakers talk about their experiences where even the smallest deeds made the biggest differences really stood out to me, and opened my eyes to the many opportunities that I may walk right past in my everyday life. This experience will help me to grow in my faith as a Catholic man because it reassured me of all the other men, younger and older, who feel the same as I do about my faith, and it really helped me be more comfortable and willing to share with others what God has shown to me through his mercy."

– Matthew Hayden, Saint Jude Parish, Mountain Top



"I decided to go, thinking as a father of three, I need some help or motivation to live out God's view of manhood and to be a good husband, father, Catholic and also to lead others to God's call. I enjoyed seeing that we all have the same path in life, and it does not matter our social status, race or color. I felt welcome."

– Luis Vega, Saints Peter & Paul Parish, Towanda





Saint John Neumann Regional School Mass

As we continue the observance of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese, Bishop Bambara is celebrating Masses in each of the four regional school systems. The Mass for the Saint John Neumann Regional System was offered on April 18 at Saint Boniface Church in Williamsport.



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CLERGY APPOINTMENT

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Reverend Christopher S. Sahd, from Pastor, Christ the King Parish, Archbald, to Leave of Absence for the discernment of a vocation to Consecrated Life, effective June 25, 2018.



BISHOP BAMBARA'S SCHEDULE

May 12 - Commencement, Misericordia University, Dallas, 2:00 p.m.

May 13 - Mother's Day - Adoption Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 10:00 a.m.

May 14 - 150th Anniversary Regional School Mass, Holy Cross System, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 10:00 a.m.

May 15 - Confirmation, St. Nicholas Parish, Wilkes-Barre, 5:00 p.m.

May 17 - Day of Reflection for Consecrated Life Mass, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, St. Joseph Mareello Parish, Pittston, 5:00 p.m.

May 19 - Commencement, Marywood University, Mohegan Sun Arena, Wilkes-Barre, 1:00 p.m.

May 20 - Pentecost Sunday Adult Confirmation, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 10:00 a.m.

May 20 - Commencement, King's College, Mohegan Sun Arena, Wilkes-Barre, 2:00 p.m.

May 21 - Vespers, King's College, Wilkes-Barre, 5:00 p.m.

May 27 - Commencement, University of Scranton, Mohegan Sun Arena, Wilkes-Barre, 12:00 noon

May 30 - Holy Redeemer High School Graduation, Kirby Center, Wilkes-Barre, 7:00 p.m.

June 1 - Holy Cross High School Graduation, Marywood University, Scranton, 7:00 p.m.

June 2 - Notre Dame High School Graduation, Notre Dame High School, East Stroudsburg, 11:00 a.m.

June 3 - 180th Anniversary Mass, Immaculate Conception Church, Bastress, 2:00 p.m.

June 5 - St. John Neumann High School Graduation, Penn College, Williamsport, 7:00 p.m.

June 9 - Priesthood Ordination, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 10:00 a.m.

Father Richard McAlear to Attend First Annual Women's Conference

By Mary Rable
Special to *The Catholic Light*

Renowned Catholic priest and healer Father Richard McAlear will be in attendance at the upcoming First Annual Catholic Women's Conference, "Refresh Your Faith." The conference takes place on June 23, 2018 at the Byron Complex on the University

of Scranton campus.

For the sick and ailing, Father McAlear offers hope and healing. For all who attend the conference, Father McAlear's presence will open their eyes and hearts to God's healing love and to a renewal of faith in a troubled world.



Father McAlear

Father McAlear, of Tewksbury, Mass., was ordained as an Oblate of Mary Immaculate in 1970. This was a time when priests were not often asked to perform a healing blessing, so it was unsurprising that many priests, including Father McAlear, were unfamiliar with the practice.

In 1972, shortly after becoming involved in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal movement, Father McAlear was celebrating Mass in Buffalo, N.Y., when he was asked to pray over a woman who was in severe back pain.

The young priest was bewildered by the request, picturing the actions of popular televangelists as they prayed over the sick, often staging performances for the sake of raising money. He chose to simply bless the woman and she was healed. Word spread quickly of the young priest and a life's work was begun.

Father McAlear is a man of deep faith who feels the emotional pain of others. He sometimes gets a sense of their physical pain with what he calls "an inner knowing." During his healing Masses, long lines form of people waiting for his prayers and blessing. Rather than feeling overwhelmed by this, Father McAlear is moved by the hope and longing for God's love that he witnesses.

In Father McAlear's book, titled *The Power of Healing Prayer*, he explains,

Refresh Your Faith

Saturday, June 23, 2018
Byron Complex
The University of Scranton
8am-4pm

Gather with women from Northeast PA & beyond to

Refresh Your Faith

at our First Annual Catholic Women's Conference. You will be inspired by passionate, faithful speakers and beautiful music, while connecting with other women of faith! The day also includes:

Mass with Bishop Joseph Bambera
Confessions, Lunch, Adoration
& shopping at our Marketplace!

\$40 early bird tickets/\$50 after June 1
\$20 students; Women Religious FREE

Speakers & Musicians:



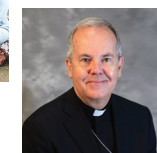
Judy Landrieu Klein



Fr. Richard McAlear



His Own



Bishop Joseph Bambera



Megan Murphy

To REGISTER, go to:
dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference



For additional information, go to:
altusforwomen.com/conference

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Select from the following options:

- Registration Fee, \$50
- Early Bird Registration Fee, \$40
- Student Registration Fee, \$20
- Religious Registration Fee, \$0

Additional Guests Names:

Total Amount Enclosed: \$

Mail the complete form and check to :

Office for Parish Life
Attn: Women's Conference
330 Wyoming Ave
Scranton, PA 18503

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"Sickness, like other forms of human suffering, is a privileged moment for prayer." Following in the footsteps of Jesus, Father McAlear is deeply cognizant that "The longing for happiness, deeply rooted in the human heart, has always been accompanied by a desire to be freed from illness and to be able to understand the meaning of sickness when it is experienced. This is a human phenomenon... where sickness is understood as a means of union with Christ and of spiritual purification."

Also in *The Power of Healing Prayer*, Father McAlear discusses health and well-being as interwoven with emotions such as anger, anxiety, fear, hate, negative self-image, resentment, and self-pity. For those involved in the healing ministry, including Father McAlear, the emotions and history of an individual must be treated with great care and respect. Healing must also embrace the beauty,

power and depth of our Catholic faith.

Father McAlear travels the world as a speaker and celebrant at Masses. He does not charge fees for his work, accepting only offerings to defray his travel costs. In his fifth decade of ministry, Father McAlear claims only to have the gift of prayer, not of healing. "We pray to God and things happen. I know it's not me; I know God is there, and I'm almost watching Him do things. It's Jesus' compassion, the love of God that is doing the healing."

The First Annual Catholic Women's Conference

takes place on Saturday, June 23, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Byron Complex at the University of Scranton. The day also includes keynote speaker Judy Landrieu Klein, music by *His Own*, Mass with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, lunch, confessions, shopping in the conference marketplace and adoration.

Tickets are \$40 prior to June 1 and \$50 after. Students pay only \$20 and Women Religious attend for free. To register, please go to www.dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference.

Mother's Day Adoption Mass

The annual Mother's Day Adoption Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 13, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. This liturgy recognizes all mothers, with a special emphasis on adoptive and foster mothers. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant.

Planning for the Mass is coordinated by the Diocesan Office for Parish Life, and Saint Joseph's Center in Scranton. All are welcome to attend. CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live.

Father Joseph M. Boles

Think for a moment about what has brought us together this morning. It is either our personal relationship with Father Joseph Boles, or a connection with him through others in our lives.

I first met Joseph Boles in September of 1957, when we began our studies at the seminary of Saint Charles in Catonsville, Maryland. It was to be the beginning of a long and close friendship that greatly impacted my life.

During the years we supported each other in our ministries. At one point we owned together a small A-frame house in the Poconos, as a get-away place. Many of you were there.

I am sure that your lives also have been impacted, either directly or indirectly, by Father Boles. And so, we have come together today with different experiences, different connections, different memories of this priest of God.

What would it be like if we could each tell the story of our relationship with Father Boles?

One truth we could probably all attest to is the fact that we probably knew what Father Boles thought about any issue. He would tell you what he thought, whether you were a bishop, priest, deacon, religious, parishioner, friend, or family member.

I certainly know that experience, first hand. Doing so, he was able to get himself into trouble, without help from anyone.

But I also know, and suspect you know as well, that behind those thoughts was a dedicated person of faith, a person of prayer, a caring person with a special outreach for those needing care, help, advice, love.

When I began to think about what Gospel to use for today's celebration, I was drawn to Saint Matthew's account of the

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Monsignor John H. Louis

On Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis ordained 16 priests in Saint Peter's Basilica. During his homily, Pope Francis told those to be ordained:

"Always have before your eyes the example of the Good Shepherd, who did not come to be served, but to serve and to seek and save what was lost."

Today in the Church of Saint Gregory we celebrate the life's work of a priest that sought to be that "Good Shepherd" who came to serve and to seek and to save.

Monsignor John Louis was ordained in Rome and returned to Rome after ordination to serve on the faculty of North American College while obtaining his J.C.D., a doctorate in Canon Law.

After eight years, Rome became a destination for many of us. An annual visit with our Italian-speaking priest was very special. Thanks to Jack, I had the privilege of celebrating Mass with Saint Pope John Paul II on two occasions.

This man of service always found time for others. While he served as the Secretary of the Tribunal, he also served as a chaplain to the Scranton Fire Company.

This Good Shepherd knew the sheep and the sheep knew him. Even as Jesus desired a personal relationship with each person, so, too, Monsignor Louis was the consummate teacher. His teaching for the seminary at the University of Scranton helped create a bond with all his students he came to serve. He also loved teaching the younger Little Sisters of the Poor.

One of the great images of the Good Shepherd is that of the Shepherd rescuing

the lost lambs and carrying it to safety over his shoulders.

Probably no other Doctor of Canon Law taught eighth-grade religion every day for over thirty years. Every child at O.L.P. (Our Lady of Peace School) knew they had a friend in Jack Louis. Life-long relationships were formed by his personal interest in every one of his students.

The people of Saint Gregory's know that he loved to serve, seek and to save. He was blessed by the support of the people of this parish, and they were blessed to have a Shepherd come to serve.

Pope Francis on Good Shepherd Sunday said: "Jesus heals through his being a Shepherd who gives life." Jesus says to each one: "Your life is so valuable to me that to save it I offer all of myself."

After retiring, when he needed the support of others and was confined to a wheelchair, Monsignor continued to serve by celebrating Mass, hearing confessions and offering the Sacrament of the Sick at Clarks Summit Senior Living. He knew every resident by name.

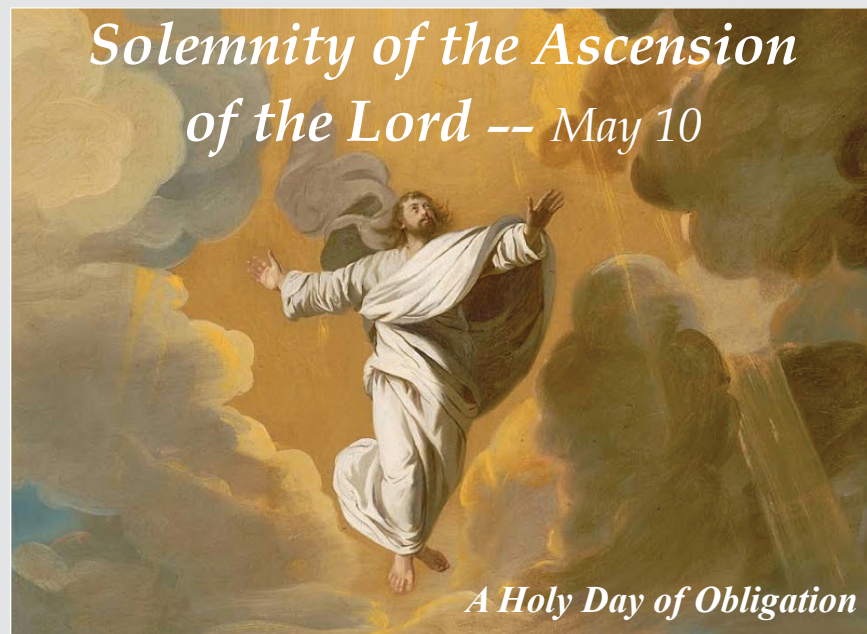
I am the good Shepherd, I know my sheep and my sheep know me. (John 10:14)

Pope Francis said, "this shows us that Jesus desires a personal relationship with each person," one which reflects "the same intimate relationship of love between Him and the Father."

Rest in peace my Dear Friend!

Excerpted from the homily by Monsignor Joseph P. Kelly at the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for Monsignor John H. Louis on April 30 at Saint Gregory Church in Clarks Green.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord -- May 10



A Holy Day of Obligation

Prayer Requests for Priests

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

May 10, Father James Paisley; May 11, Father Francis Pauselli; May 12, Holy Cross Father Stephen Pepper; May 13, Father Carmen Perry; May 14, Father Thomas Petro; May 15, Father William Petruska; May 16, Father Michael Piccola; May 17, Father William Pickard; May 18, Father Jean-Pierre Pilon; May 19, St. Joseph Oblate Father Jackson Pinhero; May 20, Father Joseph Pisaneschi; May 21, Father John Polednak, V.E.; May 22, Father

Richard Polmouter; May 23, Father John Poplawski; May 24, Monsignor Patrick Pratico; May 25, Passionist Father James Price; May 26, Monsignor Joseph Quinn; May 27, Father Michael Quinnan; May 28, Father Cyril Rable; May 29, Father Michael Rafferty; May 30, Monsignor Joseph Rauscher; May 31, Father Philip Rayappan; June 1, Pope Francis; June 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; June 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; June 4, Father Gregory Reichlen; June 5, Father Jaime Perez Restrepo; June 6, Father August Ricciardi.



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Pennsylvania Primary Election is May 15

In keeping with its mission, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) aims to educate and inform Catholics about a wide range of issues.

To that end, we have compiled a series of resources to help to educate you about some of the issues and topics that are important to Catholics. The PCC neither supports nor opposes any candidate for public office.

As you review these resources, please also consider this excerpt from the U.S. Bishops' *Living the Gospel of Life*:

“Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issues of racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing, and health care. Therefore, Catholics should eagerly involve themselves as advocates for the weak and marginalized in all these areas...*But being ‘right’ in such matters*

can never excuse a wrong choice regarding direct attacks on innocent human life. Indeed, the failure to protect and defend life in its most vulnerable stages renders suspect any claims to the ‘rightness’ of positions in other matters affecting the poorest and least powerful of the human community. If we understand the human person as the ‘temple of the Holy Spirit’ — the living house of God — then these latter issues fall logically into place as the crossbeams and walls of that house. *All direct attacks on innocent human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, strike at the house’s foundation.* These directly and immediately violate the human person’s most fundamental right – the right to life.” From *Living the Gospel of Life*, No. 22 with original emphasis (Pastoral Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1998).

Candidates Asked To Indicate Positions on Key Issues

In conjunction with the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC), *The Catholic Light* is participating in a statewide effort to educate people about candidates and their positions on issues important to Catholic voters. Candidates in the 2018 Primary Election were sent a questionnaire to give them the opportunity to make their positions known on key issues. The answers they provided are listed here for educational purposes only; the PCC and *The Catholic Light* do not endorse or oppose candidates for political office.

Pennsylvania Catholic Conference

Governor	Lieutenant Governor	
Thomas W. Wolf (D)	Michael J. Stack (D)	Jeffrey A. Bartos (R)
--	John K. Fetterman (D)	Marguerite A. “Peg” Luksik (R)
Scott R. Wagner (R)	Raymond Sosa (D)	Diana Irely Vaughan (R)
Paul Mango (R)	Kathleen M. Cozzone (D)	Kathleen Ann Coder (R)
Laura Ellsworth (R)	Nilofer Nina Ahmad (D)	

Candidates who did not respond to the survey: For Governor - Thomas W. Wolf (D), Scott R. Wagner (R), and Laura Ellsworth (R); For Lieutenant Governor - Michael J. Stack (D), John K. Fetterman (D), Raymond Sosa (D), Kathleen M. Cozzone (D), Nilofer Nina Ahmad (D), Jeffrey A. Bartos (R), Kathleen Ann Coder (R)

What is your position on legislation that would provide direct grants to parents to choose the schools that they believe are best suited for their children, including non-public schools?

MANGO (R) SUPPORT

IREY VAUGHAN (R) SUPPORT

LUKSIK (R) SUPPORT

Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- a) I support legalized abortion.
- b) I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.
- c) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.

MANGO (R) c.*

IREY VAUGHAN (R) b.

LUKSIK (R) c.*

What is your position on legislation that would add state restrictions to existing federal prohibitions concerning the hiring of undocumented immigrants or providing healthcare or government services to the undocumented immigrant?

MANGO (R) SUPPORT*

IREY VAUGHAN (R) SUPPORT

LUKSIK (R) SUPPORT*

Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- a) Pennsylvania should cut public spending on health and human services programs and provide greater incentives for private non-profit organizations to meet local needs.
- b) The state government should provide more funding for public-private partnerships that provide health and human services programs.
- c) Pennsylvania’s state and local governments should assume more responsibility for providing health and human services to people in need.

MANGO (R) a.*

IREY VAUGHAN (R) a.

LUKSIK (R) a.*

Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- a) Pennsylvania’s anti-discrimination laws for housing, employment and public accommodation should include “sexual orientation” and “gender identity or expression” as protected classes, no exceptions.
- b) Pennsylvania’s anti-discrimination laws for housing, employment and public accommodation should include “sexual orientation” and “gender identity or expression” as protected classes, but should contain exceptions in narrow circumstances to protect religious institutions.
- c) Pennsylvania’s anti-discrimination laws for housing, employment and public accommodation should include “sexual orientation” and “gender identity or expression” as protected classes, but should contain exceptions in narrow circumstances to protect religious conscience for business owners.
- d) Pennsylvania should not amend its anti-discrimination laws to add “sexual orientation” and “gender identity and expression” as protected classes at this time.

MANGO (R) d.*

IREY VAUGHAN (R) d.*

LUKSIK (R) d.*

Assuming there is money in the state budget, what is your position on increasing funding for textbooks and instructional materials for non-public school students at the same rate as increases in subsidies for public school students?

MANGO (R) SUPPORT*

IREY VAUGHAN (R) SUPPORT

LUKSIK (R) DID NOT INDICATE*

Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- a) U.S. Congress should maintain federal funding for the Medicaid program to strengthen it as a safety-net for low-income, elderly and disabled people.
- b) U.S. Congress should cap federal funding and issue block grants for Medicaid giving more responsibility to the states.

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United States Senate

On *Tuesday, May 15, 2018*, the members of PA's two major political parties will choose their candidates to vie for U.S. Senate in the fall. Here are the responses from **Robert P. Casey, Jr. (D)** and **Louis J. Barletta (R)**. James J. Christiana, III (R) did not respond. Joseph Vodvarka withdrew from the race.

What is your position on providing a federal tax credit to businesses that donate to scholarship organizations that provide scholarships for middle and low-income students at private and religious schools in grades kindergarten through 12?

CASEY (D) OPPOSE* I do not support such a tax credit. Businesses can already deduct charitable contributions.

BARLETTA (R) SUPPORT

Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- a) I support legalized abortion.
- b) I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.
- c) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.

CASEY (D) c.* I am a pro-life Democrat, which means I am in favor of policies that support women and children before and after birth. This means making a commitment to protect programs like WIC, Pregnant Women Support Act, SNAP, Medicaid, and the Nurse-Family Partnership.

BARLETTA (R) c.

What is your position on legislation that would permit undocumented immigrants who have lived in the United States for a number of years, have worked and built a life in our country, and who do not have criminal records to register with the government and take steps to earn legal status?

CASEY (D) SUPPORT

BARLETTA (R) DID NOT INDICATE* Before we discuss what to do with people in our country illegally we must secure our borders, end the diversity visa lottery, end chain migration, and prove to the American people that this problem will not happen again.

What is your position on efforts to pass legislation (i.e., the Federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act) that would make sexual orientation and gender identity or expression protected classes that are equivalent to other protected classes (e.g., race, religion, sex, etc.)?

CASEY (D) SUPPORT

BARLETTA (R) OPPOSE

Candidates for Governor

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MANGO (R) b.*

IREY VAUGHAN (R) b.

LUKSIK (R) b.*

What is your position on the death penalty?

MANGO (R) SUPPORT*

IREY VAUGHAN (R) SUPPORT

LUKSIK (R) DID NOT INDICATE*

Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- a) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should be subject to government review of educational content.
- b) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.
- c) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should be free from government regulation.

MANGO (R) b.*

IREY VAUGHAN (R) c.

LUKSIK (R) c.*

*Indicates comments were provided. Due to space constraints, the comments are omitted here. Full responses are available at www.pacatholic.org.

Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- a) Congress should maintain federal funding for the Medicaid program to strengthen it as a safety-net for low-income, elderly and disabled people.
- b) Congress should cap federal funding and issue block grants for Medicaid giving more responsibility to the states.

CASEY (D) a.

BARLETTA (R) b.* I support an improved Medicaid program that gives states the flexibility to provide better quality care for those in need.

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Bob Casey for Senate

bobcasey.com

Lou Barletta for U.S. Senate

www.loubarletta.com

Jim Christiana for U.S. Senate

jimchristiana.org

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United States Representative

No response from following: Dean Browning (R-7); Matthew Cartwright (D-8); Richard Daugherty (D-7); Gregory Edwards (D-7); Marc Friedenberg (D-12); Judith Herschel (D-12); Thomas Marino (R-12); Daniel Meuser (R-9); Martin Nothstein (R-7); Susan Quick (D-9); Roger Ruggles (D-7); Gary Wegman (D-9); Susan Ellis Wild (D-7); Dennis Wolff (D-9)

What is your position on providing a federal tax credit to businesses that donate to scholarship organizations that provide scholarships for middle- and low-income students at private and religious schools in grades kindergarten through 12?

John Chrin (R-8) Support.

David Clark (D-7) Support.

George Halcovage, Jr. (R-9) Support.

Robert Kuniege (R-8) Support.

Douglas McLinko (R-12) Support.

John Morganelli (D-7) Support.

Joseph Peters (R-8) Support.

Scott Uehlinger (R-9) Support. School choice and alternate education must be supported; families have a right to choose the best system for their child.

Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

A) I support legalized abortion.

B) I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.

C) I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.

John Chrin (R-8) **C**

David Clark (D-7) **A** I am against Republicans putting road blocks to have an abortion which is pushing pregnancy into later trimesters. I support Planned Parenthood because they have done well to remove the need for an abortion.

George Halcovage, Jr. (R-9) **B** I am involved with the ultrasound initiative for crisis pregnancy centers.

Robert Kuniege (R-8) **C** I believe that life begins at conception; this is a scientific fact. Inert objects do not grow. For me, this issue does not stand alone from the death penalty and a person's choice to end one's own life when all hope of quality in living has disappeared. Society can only gain respect for life if we engage in meaningful discussions, not silly debates where opposing factions refuse to listen to the other side's position about which position has more merit.

Douglas McLinko (R-12) **B**

John Morganelli (D-7) **C** I would also add the exception of cases of extreme fetal deformity.

Joseph Peters (R-8) **C**

Scott Uehlinger (R-9) **C** Life is sacred and a gift from God. I will support any legislation that continues to chip away at abortion.

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United States Representative

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What is your position on legislation that would permit undocumented immigrants who have lived in the United States for a number of years, have worked and built a life in our country, and who do not have criminal records to register with the government and take steps to earn legal status?

John Chrin (R-8); Oppose. Robust and thorough border security is necessary first.

David Clark (D-7) Support. They should be given a path to citizenship.

George Halcovage, Jr. (R-9) Support.

Robert Kuniege (R-8) Support. If they are not involved in government assistance programs, and if illegal entry into the United States stops now. Any program that promotes more illegal entry into the United States should not be promoted.

Douglas McLinko (R-12) Oppose. I have proudly sponsored a family through the naturalization process. We need to streamline the immigration process; however, we should not reward those who broke our laws and violated our current immigration policies.

John Morganelli (D-7) Not sure – I would have to see specific legislation.

Joseph Peters (R-8) Support. I support Dreamers and give them special status, but not a pathway to citizenship.

Scott Uehlinger (R-9) Oppose. I would be willing to consider this if, and only if, construction is authorized for a border wall. As the husband and stepfather of legal immigrants, I believe in ending the visa lottery, chain migration, and support the wall!

What is your position on efforts to pass legislation (i.e., the Federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act) that would make sexual orientation and gender identity or expression protected classes that are equivalent to other protected classes (e.g., race, religion, sex, etc.)?

John Chrin (R-8); Oppose.

David Clark (D-7) Support.

George Halcovage, Jr. (R-9) Oppose.

Robert Kuniege (R-8) Oppose. There is one class under the U.S. Constitution when it comes to God-given rights and protection of we the people. When we create special classes, it opens the door to discrimination because someone will always create another group that wants special treatment. We need less laws and equal treatment for all.

Douglas McLinko (R-12) Oppose. We should treat each other with respect; but, we do not need to assign special status to individuals on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

John Morganelli (D-7) Support.

Joseph Peters (R-8) Oppose.

Scott Uehlinger (R-9) Oppose. This trend toward “open” sexual orientation is nothing less than an attack on our Christian faith and traditional values. I will fight legislation that takes the prerogatives of the parents away and gives them to the schools.

Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

A) Congress should maintain federal funding for the Medicaid program to strengthen it as a safety-net for low-income, elderly and disabled people.

B) Congress should cap federal funding and issue block grants for Medicaid giving more responsibility to the states.

John Chrin (R-8) **B**

David Clark (D-7) **A** This issue would be mute if we passed universal health care.

George Halcovage, Jr. (R-9) **B** It is the state’s obligation to provide for the elderly, disabled and qualified low income citizens.

Robert Kuniege (R-8) **B** The U.S. constitution requires that the government help those in need. This is the correct thing to do. States are closer to the problem so the state can better administer the allocation of money. Part of the basic problem is that dependency on government programs creates more dependency and less charity on the local level.

Douglas McLinko (R-12) **B**

John Morganelli (D-7) **A**

Joseph Peters (R-8) **B**

Scott Uehlinger (R-9) **B** I am a strong believer in federalism – state government by its nature is more responsive to the people!

Pennsylvania State Representative

No response from following: Elisabeth Baker (R-20); Justin Behrens (R-119); John Blake (D-22); Karen Boback (R-117); Rosemary Brown (R-189); Christa Caceres (D-189); Thomas Carlucci (D-112); Randy Castellani (D-112); Robert Castellani (D-112); Martin Flynn (D-113); Tia-Marie Fritz (D-176); Mark Hamilton (R-68); Carrie Heath (D-68); Donna Iannone (D-110); Aaron Kaufer (R-120); Michael Kavulich (D-114); Rebecca Kinney (D-111); Ernest Lemoncelli (R-112); Maureen Madden (D-115); Orlando Marrero (D-139); Gerald Mullery (D-119); Kyle Mullins (D-112); Clinton Owlett (R-68); Airmezer Page-Delahaye (D-83); Edwin Pashinski (D-121); Michael Peifer (R-139); Tina Pickett (R-110); Tarah Probst (D-40); Jack Rader, Jr. (R-176); Adam Rodriguez (D-189); Mario Scavello (R-40); Tarah Toohil (R-116); Dennis Weaver (R-68); Jeff Wheeland (R-83); Claudette Williams (D-176); Gregory Wolovich, Jr. (R-121); John Yudichak (D-14)

What is your position on legislation that would provide direct grants to parents to choose the schools that they believe are best suited for their children, including non-public schools?

Mike Carroll (D-118) Oppose.

Garth Everett (R-84) Support.

Jonathan Fritz (R-111) Support.

Francis McHale (D-112) Oppose.

David Parker (R-115) Oppose.

Frank Scavo (R-22) Support. Vouchers etc. Parental and student choice will help drive performance in education.

Linda Kay Sosniak (D-84) Oppose.

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Mike Carroll (D-118) **C**

Garth Everett (R-84) **C**

Jonathan Fritz (R-111) **C**

Francis McHale (D-112) **B** When the mother’s life is in danger, saving her is better than allowing both mother and unborn child to die. If the indirect effect is that the unborn child dies, it is not morally objectionable.

David Parker (R-115) **C**

Frank Scavo (R-22) **C**

Linda Kay Sosniak (D-84) **A** A woman should be supported in making her health and family decisions.

What is your position on legislation that would add state restrictions to existing federal prohibitions concerning the hiring of undocumented immigrants or providing healthcare or government services to the undocumented immigrant?

Mike Carroll (D-118) Oppose.

Garth Everett (R-84) Support.

Jonathan Fritz (R-111) Support.

Francis McHale (D-112) Oppose.

David Parker (R-115) Oppose.

Frank Scavo (R-22) Support. America first – legal help to legal persons, U.S. law.

Linda Kay Sosniak (D-84) Oppose.

Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

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B) The state government should provide more funding for public-private partnerships that provide health and human services programs.

C) Pennsylvania’s state and local governments should assume more responsibility for providing health and human services to people in need.

Mike Carroll (D-118) **C**

Garth Everett (R-84) Did not indicate.

Jonathan Fritz (R-111) **B**

Francis McHale (D-112) **C**

David Parker (R-115) **B**

Frank Scavo (R-22) **A** Bureaucracy has too high of an administrative cost.

Linda Kay Sosniak (D-84) **C**

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Pennsylvania State Representative

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C) Pennsylvania's anti-discrimination laws for housing, employment and public accommodation should include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression" as protected classes, but should contain exceptions in narrow circumstances to protect religious conscience for business owners.

D) Pennsylvania should not amend its anti-discrimination laws to add "sexual orientation" and "gender identity and expression" as protected classes at this time.

Mike Carroll (D-118) **B**

Garth Everett (R-84) **D**

Jonathan Fritz (R-111) **D**

Francis McHale (D-112) **B**

David Parker (R-115) **D**

Frank Scavo (R-22) **D** All persons are equal and can take legal action without adding more classes.

Linda Kay Sosniak (D-84) **A**

Assuming there is money in the state budget, what is your position on increasing funding for textbooks and instructional materials for non-public school students at the same rate as increases in subsidies for public school students?

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Mike Carroll (D-118) **A**

Garth Everett (R-84) **B**

Jonathan Fritz (R-111) **A**

Francis McHale (D-112) **A**

David Parker (R-115) **A**

Frank Scavo (R-22) **B** This will lower administrative costs and help those that need it, reaching more people in need.

Linda Kay Sosniak (D-84) **A**

What is your position on the death penalty?

Mike Carroll (D-118) Oppose.

Garth Everett (R-84) Support. Only for a very limited number of heinous crimes.

Jonathan Fritz (R-111) Support. I support the death penalty for acts of pure and unfathomable evil.

Francis McHale (D-112) Oppose.

David Parker (R-115) Support.

Frank Scavo (R-22) Support. For serious non-redemption crimes.

Linda Kay Sosniak (D-84) Oppose.

Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

A) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should be subject to government review of educational content.

B) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.

C) Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should be free from government regulation.

Mike Carroll (D-118) **B**

Garth Everett (R-84) **B**

Jonathan Fritz (R-111) **B**

Francis McHale (D-112) **B**

David Parker (R-115) **B**

Frank Scavo (R-22) **B** Minimum state regulations for worker background checks and for education center conditions.

Linda Kay Sosniak (D-84) **A**



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Through Internet, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. This collection will be taken up in the Diocese of Scranton the weekend of May 12-13. Half of all donations to the CCC collected in each diocese stay in that diocese to support local communications needs, such as radio and television programming and diocesan publications.

In the Diocese of Scranton, these include *The Catholic Light* newspaper that is mailed to more than 50,000 readers; CTV: Catholic Television, which has a potential audience of 250,000 households; the Diocesan website; *News Briefing* electronic newsletter; social media such as Facebook and Twitter; and interaction with public media.

This campaign supports global, national and local communication efforts. For example, the Catholic Communication Campaign collection supports projects in developing nations where the local Church lacks resources to spread the Gospel message.

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On May 1, the 6th grade class at Saint Agnes School in Towanda led the student body in the May Crowning ceremony at the grotto on the school lawn.



Epiphany School in Sayre recently hosted their annual Father/Daughter Dance; here Dr. Silviu Marica poses with his two princesses: 1st grader Sorana and 3rd grader Sofia.



Students at Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco performed "Aladdin, Jr." as this year's Spring Musical.



DaLina Lehman, a senior at Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg, presents her graduation project to a faculty panel using SMART technology.



Fourteen students from Holy Cross High School in Dunmore will be participating in our GIFTS Program (Growing in Faith Through Service) this summer to work with the Saint Bernard Parish (SBP) Organization.



Seven students from **Holy Rosary School in Duryea** placed in the Regional National History Day Competition at Misericordia University and will now advance to the State Competition in Carlisle. Pictured are: Danilo Giordina, 3rd place exhibit category; Paul Stevenson, 2nd place group performance; James Mattucci, 2nd place group performance; Andrew Francis, 2nd place individual performance; Molly Houston, 2nd place exhibit category; Abigail Miller, 2nd place group performance; and Angelina Corridoni, 2nd place group performance.



Marc Kolendowicz and Emily Blaum, students at **Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre**, were named 2018 Prom King and Queen at the school's prom on April 28.



The Primary Campus students from **Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton** enjoyed the warmer weather and most especially having the chance to make slime in their outdoor art classes.



The 2nd grade class at **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton** has been diligently sacrificing for others and has raised over \$600 for the Missions.



Students at **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston** honored Our Blessed Mother at their annual May Crowning. Eva Szura was the May Queen and her attendants were Lizzy Neville and Shawn Carey. Bryce Zoranski was the pillow bearer and the 2nd grade students served as Honor Guard. Aubrey Curley and Charles Floryan were readers and Isabelle Romano served as the Leader of Song.



Students in grades 4–8 from **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter** recently participated in a Space Convention. Students learned about a variety of space topics, including creating a lunar module, solar systems models, star constellations, model of the space shuttle, and astronaut biographies. Pictured are the 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and honorable mention winners.



Celebrating Earth Day, Mrs. Papciak's Pre-K students with their 8th grade buddies from **Saint Jude School in Mountain Top** designed Bubble Snakes made out of recycled plastic bottles and old socks.



All Saints Academy in Scranton recently held "Race for Education" and a dance-a-thon to benefit the Maeve McAliney Scholarship. Thanks to generous donations, the school will continue to develop and expand its STREAM (Science-Technology-Religion-Engineering-Arts-Math) program and offer financial assistance to students in the Individualized Instruction Program.



The 5th grade class of **Saint John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport** visited the High School Campus for Step-Up day, and all received SJN gym bags.



National Junior Honor Society inductions were recently held for 7th grade students at **La Salle Academy in Jessup**. Pictured are the newest members along with the current 8th grade members.

Oblates of Saint Joseph to Celebrate Founder's Feast Day

PITTSTON — The Oblates of Saint Joseph religious congregation will host their annual celebration for the feast of their founder, Saint Joseph Marello, with a Triduum (three-day) devotion beginning on the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

The Triduum will be held daily Sunday thru Tuesday, May 27–29, in the chapel of Saint Joseph's Oblate Seminary, 1880 Route 315, Laffin.

Mass will be celebrated each evening at 7 p.m., followed by novena prayers to Saint Joseph Marello and individual blessing with the first-class relic of the saint. Prior to the evening liturgies, Confessions will be heard and the Rosary will be recited.



Saint Joseph Marello

The Feast of Saint Joseph Marello will be solemnly celebrated on Wednesday, May 30, with a Mass offered at 7 p.m. in the seminary chapel.

Serving as principal celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin. Concelebrating the feast day liturgy will be the Oblates of Saint Joseph priests serving in the Diocese of Scranton.

Following the Mass celebration, an outdoor reception will be offered on the seminary

grounds, hosted by the members of the Josephite-Marellian Lay Association.

Saint Joseph Marello (1844–1895) was a priest of the Diocese of Asti in the Piedmont region of Italy, and founded the Oblates of Saint Joseph in 1878.

He served as bishop in the nearby Diocese of Acqui from 1889 until his death on May 30, 1895.

Saint John Paul II beatified Bishop Marello in 1993 in the saint's native city of Asti and then canonized him in 2001 at Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, Rome.

All faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend the Triduum and feast day celebration.

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Beatitudes. I was led there also by Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation: "Rejoice and Be Glad," on *The Call to Holiness in Today's World*. It is a reminder to all of us of the universal call to holiness, a call that Father Boles was aware of, and strove to respond to.

In explaining holiness Pope Francis wrote: *Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy when he gave us the Beatitudes. So if anyone asks: "What must one do to be a good Christian?" the answer is clear. We have to do, each in our own way, what Jesus told us in the Sermon on the Mount.*

In the Beatitudes, we find a portrait of the Master, which we are called to reflect in our daily lives. The word "happy" or "blessed" thus becomes a synonym for "holy." It expresses the fact that those faithful to God and his word, by their self-giving, gain true happiness.

Our reflections today are not attempts to canonize Joe Boles. I suspect there are days when that would be the last thing we would consider. However, our reflections are ways of looking at how God is calling us to live, and on how Father Boles responded to God's word.

One Beatitude says: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Pope Francis writes: *We need to train ourselves to be indifferent in our attitude to all created things . . . so that we do not set our hearts on good health rather than bad, riches rather than poverty, honor rather than dishonor. . .*

For over 40 years of his priestly ministry, Father Boles suffered from multiple sclerosis. He was able to accept that reality, and to serve God's people fully, in spite of it.

Last night someone reminded us of a time when Joe decided he wanted to roller skate. At the rink, he was told that he had to wear socks with the skates that he rented. The rink would loan him socks from their supply. Reluctantly, he agreed to wear them. One day he concluded that the socks were the cause of his MS.

Another beatitude says: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Pope Francis writes: *The cross can never be absent. A person who sees things as they truly are, and sympathizes with pain and sorrow, is capable of touching life's depths and finding authentic happiness. He or she is consoled, not by the world but by Jesus.*

Such persons are unafraid to share in the suffering of others; they do not flee from painful situations.

I suspect that many of you who mourn have experienced the

comfort of God brought to you through the ministry of Father Boles. Certainly, you, the members of his family, have been touched by his sympathetic presence in the many deaths you have experienced.

But let us not forget the rejoicing with Father Joe for baptisms and weddings and graduations and the ordinary celebrations of family life.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

Again, Pope Francis has written: *Meekness is yet another expression of the interior poverty of those who put their trust in God alone. In every situation, the meek put their hope in the Lord, and those who hope for him shall possess the land... and enjoy the fullness of peace.*

When I came to this Beatitude I began to wonder how I was going to approach it. As I thought about Joe, what sometimes seemed like stubbornness, hid a true meekness.

When he came to realize that he wasn't able to continue to function in a pastoral and administrative way, in a spirit of meekness he admitted the proper choice for him was to retire, so that the people would be cared for as they should.

As stated in his obituary, "While residing at the Villa of St. Joseph, he devoted much of his time assisting and caring for his brother priests, in spite of his own physical limitations."



Diocese of Scranton Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education

The Diocese of Scranton is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education. This senior management position serves as the chief administrative officer of the Diocesan Catholic educational system and will be responsible for providing visionary and transformational leadership of the Catholic education system along with its effective management, sustainability and strategic direction. Primarily, the Diocesan Secretary will focus on the areas of school fundraising and development, financial management, marketing, public relations, enrollment and fostering positive relationships with parishes and other school system stakeholders. The successful candidate must be a team player with excellent communication skills who embraces the teachings of the Catholic Church and possesses an appreciation and commitment to Catholic education.

To review a comprehensive job description, interested individuals are encouraged to visit the diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org. Applicants are respectfully requested to submit a cover letter with salary requirement and a complete resume with a minimum of three (3) references **by no later than June 1, 2018** to:

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Joe found ways in which he could be of service to those with whom he was living. He began to minister where someone needed a ride to the doctors, or a prescription picked up, or to help with setting up their TV and/or computers. He was there for someone who needed to talk, an ear to listen. He was very conscience of the dedication of those who served in the kitchen staff and housekeeping.

All that was done in a spirit of meekness, whereby he was doing what might seem like trivial tasks, which were extremely helpful to those who needed help. For as long as he could, even somewhat recently, he offered his services.

Once again from his obituary, "Through his life, his faith never wavered; to the end, he carried on his calling as a parish priest, providing spiritual guidance, advice, encouragement and clarity to his many parishioners, friends and family. He will truly be missed by those whose lives he touched."

These are just a few ways in which Joseph Boles faithfully lived according to the Beatitudes, and is now blessed by our loving God.

We, too, receive the blessings of the Beatitudes. We have reason to be glad and rejoice that a reward awaits us in heaven where we shall one day join Joe and all our loved ones. In the midst of our sorrow we have hope and consolation.

These words should have a special meaning for you, Joe's family. You were at the heart of his life. He so often spoke about you, your kindness and love, your care and support. There is no doubt how he cared for you, was proud of you, and loved you.

Together we praise our God who so richly blesses us in life, in death, and forever. And we are encouraged with the words from Saint Matthew: *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*

So, rest in peace faithful priest of God. You deserve your reward.

Excerpted from the homily by Father Thomas J. Maloney at the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for Father Joseph M. Boles on April 20 at Saint Paul Church in Scranton.

Diocesan Cemeteries Offer Burial Options

In addition to traditional burial plots, mausoleum and columbarium niche spaces are available at Diocesan cemeteries. This year a new mausoleum is being built at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Carverton. It will contain 200 crypts and 128 niches for above-ground entombment. Reservations are being taken now and pre-construction discounts and finance options are available. Mausoleum interment costs are comparable or less than traditional burials. For more information call the Cathedral Cemetery Office at 570-347-9251, or visit: www.DiocesEOFScranton.org.

The six Catholic cemeteries operated by the Diocese will be hosting Memorial Day Masses on May 28. All are welcome to participate in these liturgies that honor the deceased, especially those who have served our country in the military. (See the schedule below.) New flags have been placed at the gravesites of veterans at the Diocesan cemeteries. Once again the flags were provided and placed through the generosity of local Veterans Affairs offices, veterans groups and volunteers.

In addition to the six Diocesan cemeteries, there are also many Catholic cemeteries operated by parishes throughout the 11 counties of the Diocese.

Pictured at right: veterans once again volunteer to place new flags at gravesites of veterans at Cathedral Cemetery in Scranton and other cemeteries in the Diocese.



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The beautiful Mount Olivet Cemetery of the Diocese of Scranton will begin construction on a new Mausoleum in Carverton this spring to offer additional space for those who wish to be entombed in an above-ground setting. The building of granite and marble will accommodate caskets and remains, providing a final resting place in pleasant landscaped surroundings easily accessible to family and friends.

The Mount Olivet Mausoleum will also feature companion crypts which accommodate placement of two caskets with one plaque for engraving of both names of the deceased interred therein.

One of life's most difficult decisions should be made before the need arises - while those concerned are able to consult and discuss options together. The Mausoleum at Mount Olivet may provide an appropriate, attractive and affordable memorial for your family's needs.

- Mausoleum entombment eliminates many expenses associated with traditional in-ground burials.
- Options may be available to exchange existing plots for crypts.
- Individuals of all faiths are welcome to be interred at Diocesan cemeteries.
- Burial plots and remain niches are also available.

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The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Scranton offer complete and compassionate service and are prepared to provide for all your burial needs. It is our privilege to assist you in planning the final resting place for your loved ones.

Memorial Day Masses will be celebrated at each Diocesan Cemetery on Monday, May 28, 2018. All are welcome to participate in these liturgies to pray for and remember the faithfully departed, especially our veterans.



MEMORIAL DAY MASSES, MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018

CALVARY CEMETERY • 10AM Route 309, Drums 570-788-2150 at Good Shepherd Church	CATHEDRAL CEMETERY • 10AM 1708 Oram St., Scranton 570-347-9251 Crypt Chapel at rear of cemetery	HOLY CROSS CEMETERY • 9AM at St. Mary's Church, Prince of Peace Parish, Old Forge 570-347-9251
MOUNT OLIVET CEMETERY • 11AM 612 Mt. Olivet Rd., Carverton 570-696-3636 at St. Frances X. Cabrini Church	ST. CATHERINE'S CEMETERY • 10AM Main St., Route 435, Moscow 570-842-8411 Outside Altar (Weather Permitting)	RESURRECTION CEMETERY • 10AM 4323 Lycoming Mall Drive • Montoursville 570-368-2727

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MAY SCHEDULE

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

Immaculate Conception Parish in Bastress to Celebrate 180th Anniversary of Founding



Historic Church of the Immaculate Conception

BASTRESS — Immaculate Conception Parish, whose long and storied roots have gained for it the venerable recognition as the mother church of Catholicism in Lycoming County, will observe the 180th anniversary of its founding on Sunday, June 3.

Father Bert Kozen, current pastor of Immaculate Conception — the oldest Catholic parish in the county — announces the milestone jubilee celebration will begin with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 2 p.m., with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera serving as principal celebrant. All faithful are welcome.

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Father Bryant to Celebrate 40th Anniversary of Ordination

SCRANTON — The parish community of Saint John Neumann will host a celebration marking the 40th anniversary of ordination of their pastor, Father Michael Bryant, on Sunday, June 3.

Father Bryant will serve as principal celebrant of a concelebrated Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving at 11 a.m. at the parish's Nativity of Our Lord Church in south Scranton. Following the liturgy, a reception honoring the jubilarian will be held in the former Nativity School.

Born in Wellsboro to William and Lucille Mitchell Bryant, Father Bryant received his early education in Wellsboro public schools. He began his preparatory studies for the priesthood for the Diocese of Scranton as a seminarian at Saint Pius X Seminary in Dalton and earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Scranton.

Upon completing his priestly formation and theological training at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton, Mass., Father Bryant was ordained to the priesthood



Father Michael Bryant

for the Diocese on May 6, 1978, in the Cathedral of Saint Peter by Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, sixth bishop of Scranton.

Following ordination, the jubilarian served as an assistant pastor at Saint Jude Parish in Mountain Top, where he was also an eighth-grade religion teacher in the parish elementary school.

For ten years, Father Bryant served in retreat ministry for youth, adults and families at the Diocese's Fatima Renewal Center, which was originally founded in Elmhurst and later relocated to Dalton. During this time he also served for several years as Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry.

He subsequently was assigned

to Misericordia University in Dallas, where he served as director of campus ministry and chaplain for 17 years.

While at Misericordia, Father Bryant served on the board of the Ethics Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania for 15 years, and, as an adjunct professor, taught courses in religious studies, including a six-week service-learning component in Guyana, South America, and one-week component in Jamaica.

The jubilarian eventually was appointed as pastor of Saint John Neumann, which was formed through a consolidation of the former area parishes of Nativity of Our Lord, Saint Mary of the Assumption, and Holy Name of Jesus, with Holy Name Church providing an additional worship site for Saint John Neumann Parish.

Prior to being assigned to his current position, Father Bryant participated in a year-long sabbatical of studies at the North American College in Rome and the International Theological Institute in Gaming, Austria.

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Catholic Colleges Slate Spring Commencement Exercises

DALLAS TOWNSHIP — Sandra Rossi Kurtinitis, Ph.D., a native of Wilkes-Barre and current president of the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC), will serve as keynote speaker when Misericordia University holds its 92nd annual undergraduate commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 12, at 2 p.m. in the Anderson Sports and Health Center on campus.

Mary Jo Leddy, Ph.D., founding director of the Romero House Community for Refugees in Toronto, Canada, and founding editor of the *Catholic News Times*, an independent Canadian Catholic newspaper, will be the guest speaker for the graduate commencement ceremony earlier in the day at 10 a.m. in the Anderson Center.

Commencement activities also include a baccalaureate Mass on Friday, May 11, at 4 p.m. in Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall. Misericordia will present Drs. Kurtinitis and Leddy with honorary Doctor of Humane Letters during the ceremonies.

Dr. Kurtinitis has been the president of CCBC since 2005 and is currently the chair-elect of the American Association of Community Colleges Board of Directors



Dr. Sandra Kurtinitis

and serves on the boards of directors of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges and the Community College Humanities Association.

A graduate of Wilkes-Barre's GAR Memorial High School and Misericordia, where she received her bachelor's degree, the commencement speaker earned her Master of Arts from the University of Maryland and her doctorate from George Washington University. Prior to joining CCBC, Dr. Kurtinitis was the president of Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester, Mass., from 1995-2005.

Marywood Planning 100th Commencement

Nearly 900 graduates will receive their degrees during the historic 100th annual commencement ceremony of Marywood University in Scranton on Saturday, May 19, at 1 p.m. at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza in Wilkes-Barre Twp.

Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn, J.D., J.C.L., pastor of Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Clarks Summit and chair of the Diocese of Scranton's 150th Anniversary Committee this year, will deliver the principal address for the milestone graduation event, during which he will receive an honorary doctorate from Marywood.

Monsignor Quinn began his professional career as a lawyer and served as a law clerk to Chief Judge William J. Nealon. At the age of 25, he was appointed as the Federal Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania — the youngest person in the country to serve in that position. At age 30, he resigned from his public office and entered the seminary to pursue preparatory studies for the priest-



Monsignor Joseph Quinn

hood for the Scranton Diocese.

A graduate of Scranton Preparatory School, the University of Scranton, and Seton Hall University School of Law, Monsignor Quinn completed his priestly studies at the North America College in Rome, where he earned graduate degrees in theology from the Gregorian University and Angelicum University.

Following ordination, he received dual degrees in Canon Law from the University of Ottawa and Saint Paul's University in Ottawa. In 1998, he was named a Prelate of Honor by Pope Saint John Paul II.

Monsignor Quinn has served in several Diocesan capacities, including a 16-year tenure as the rector of Saint Peter's Cathedral. In 2009, he became the first non-Jesuit Vice President for Mission and Ministry at Fordham University in New York City. He returned to his home Diocese in 2015 to assume the pastorate of Our Lady of the Snows.

A Marywood Presidential Scholarship was named in Monsignor Quinn's honor in 1995, and the priest served as master of ceremonies when Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Mary Persico was inaugurated as the 12th president of Marywood University in 2016.

King's Grads to Hear Former President

Holy Cross Father Thomas O'Hara, former president of King's College and outgoing provincial superior of the United States Province of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, will provide the principal address for King's 69th annual commencement on Sunday, May 20, at 2 p.m. at Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre Twp.

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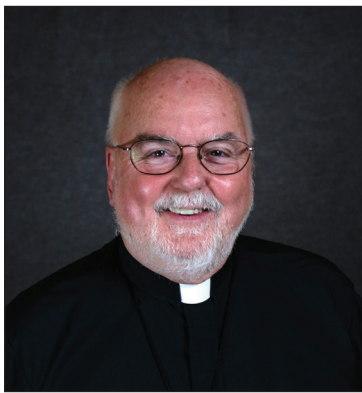
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On Saturday, May 26, Peter Danchak, a 1984 graduate of the University of Scranton and regional president of PNC Bank, Northeast Pennsylvania, will deliver the keynote address for the university's graduate commencement. During the ceremony, which will begin at 10:45 a.m. at the Byron Recreation Complex on the U of S campus, Mr. Danchak will also be conferred an honorary degree.

Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown since 2007, Bishop Murry currently serves as chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee Against Racism, formed last August. He previously served as bishop of Saint Thomas in the Virgin Islands and auxiliary bishop of Chicago.

During the preceding 20 years, the U.S. prelate ministered as a teacher and administrator in Catholic education, serving as associate vice president for academic affairs at the University of Detroit-Mercy, president of Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, D.C., assistant professor of American studies at Georgetown University, and as a faculty member and dean of stu-



Bishop George Murry, S.J.

dent activities at Gonzaga College High School in Washington.

A native of Camden, N.J., Bishop Murry attended Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia; Saint Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, Conn.; and Saint Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, where he earned his bachelor's degree.

The bishop entered the Society of Jesus in 1972 and was ordained for the Jesuits' Maryland Province in 1979. He received his Master of Divinity degree from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley and a doctorate in American cultural history from George Washington University.

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'Eucharist Miracles' Exhibit in Williamsport

WILLIAMSPORT — Saint Ann Parish will host the "Vatican International Exhibition: Eucharistic Miracles of the World" on Thursday, May 31, at the Church of Saint Ann, 1220 Northway Road, Williamsport.

The one-day exhibit program will begin in prayer with a Holy Hour in the church from 6 to 6:45 p.m., during which time Confessions will be heard. Litany of the Blessed Sacrament will offered at 6:45 p.m., followed by benediction at 7 p.m.

Presentations on the history of Eucharistic miracles around the world and viewing of the exhibition will begin at 7:15 p.m. in the parish hall below Saint Ann Church.

Light refreshments will be served following the program.

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This past Saturday, hundreds of men from throughout our Diocese converged on King's College, Wilkes-Barre, for the fourth annual Men's Conference. On Saturday, June 23, The University of Scranton will serve as the venue of the first annual Women's Conference. From June 24-28, high school-aged men from our area will meet for Quo Vadis Days to explore God's call to marriage and the holy priesthood, and from July 9-12, young men and women from our 11 counties will gather for the International Student Leadership Institute Retreat.

I know, this sounds an awful lot like a commercial, right? Not quite. Far from it actually. This is a testament to a Diocese and a people who are committed — or who certainly want to be more deeply committed — to embracing the mission of the Church, to more fervently embracing the call to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

As I gathered with the men of our Church this past Saturday,

I experienced a flood of spiritual emotion as I witnessed their depth of faith, their eagerness to learn more about our faith, and the spark — or perhaps the flame — that has been lit for them to live their faith more profoundly and with holy zeal. No doubt, this will be the disposition of the hundreds of women who will gather in June and certainly will be so of the men at Quo Vadis and the scores of young people who will gather once again this summer for ISLI.

Each of these unique groups — beautifully different in so many ways — share one singular desire, to be an instrument for the Lord in bringing about a culture of life, justice and peace. Each of them desiring so deeply to have a life-long relationship with Jesus Christ.

So often, we can be cynical and look at the life of our parishes and think, as one priest once put it, that we're God's "frozen chosen." Perhaps we feel we've reached the plateau of our life with God and our practice of the faith. Perhaps we experience a sense of spiritual malaise and ponder what we, as one seemingly insignificant person, can do to affect positive change in our wounded world. Perhaps we feel that there's nothing out there, or heaven forbid, no *one* out there

to fan the flame of faith for us. Nonsense!

The Church of Scranton is very much alive for Mission. The people of our Diocese are very much alive and ready to embrace the Mission of Jesus Christ, even if we're sometimes a bit spiritually lethargic. This is so evident in the people of God organizing themselves to start these days of prayer and study in the men's and women's conferences.

It's beautifully apparent in the young people who, despite occasional suspicious thoughts and glances of their peers and others, publicly commit themselves to participate in youth retreats and days of service, where without shame they proclaim that they are disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are a people who believe that our God is with us always (cf. Mt. 28:20) and has called us to go forth into the world to share the Good News. We are a people who are alive and who recognize that we have not chosen Christ, but rather **HE** has chosen us (cf. John 15:16).

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Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil — **MAY 11**, sponsored by the Catholics Defending Life Prayer & Awareness Team; group gathers every Friday (except on First Fridays) from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at the Pro-Life Monument next to St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton (weather permitting; if not, in Cathedral). 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.

Weekly Queen of Our Hearts Rosary Prayer Service — **MAY 12**, hosted every Saturday morning at Good Shepherd Church in Drums; group gathers weekly beginning at 11 a.m. Devotion includes recitation of the Chaplet of the Infant of Prague, the Holy Rosary, and Chaplet of the Divine

Mercy. Prayer petitions may be submitted at the church.

Evening of Marian Devotion — **MAY 13**, hosted by the Diocesan Legion of Mary in response to the Blessed Mother's request at Fatima for prayers for world peace; devotion begins at 6 p.m. at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church, Chestnut St., Dunmore. Prayer service will include recitation of the Rosary, Fatima prayers, hymns and newly composed music for the Scriptural mysteries, led by Ernie Pappa. All are invited to attend and offer devotional prayers to Mary for peace throughout the world.

Sunday Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Devotion — **MAY 13**, hosted by St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton; devotion held every Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the church or at the outdoor grotto (weather permitting) through the first week of December. Includes recitation of the 15 decades of the Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries) and additional prayers offered for the special intentions of world

peace, an increase in vocations to the priesthood/religious life, and an end to abortion.

Annual 13-Week Novena to St. Anthony of Padua — **MAY 15-JUNE 12**, hosted by Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre; St. Anthony Novena devotion offered on 13 consecutive Tuesday evenings, beginning each week at 5:30 p.m. in the parish church. Novena theme: "Patron Saints of the Hopeless: St. Damien of Molokai and St. Marianne Cope." All faithful are welcome to attend; for more information, call (570-824-7832).

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Enthronement Guild to Host Celebration for Feast of the Sacred Heart on June 7

SCRANTON — The Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild in the Diocese announces its annual Eucharistic celebration commemorating the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on the vigil of the Sacred Heart feast, Thursday, June 7, at 5 p.m. in the IHM Center at Marywood University.



Father Pio Mandato, F.M.H.J.

Serving as principal celebrant will be Father Daniel Toomey, spiritual moderator of the Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild.

Concelebrating the liturgy will be guest homilist Father Pio Mandato, a Franciscan priest ministering as a missionary hermit in the Diocese of Scranton since 1998, and Saint Joseph Oblate Father Joseph Sibilano, director of Saint Joseph's Oblate Seminary in Laffin.

celebration will be provided by the Sacred Heart Singers, directed by Ernie Pappa and Jennifer Sagan Michel. A musical prelude will begin at 4:30 p.m.

A dinner reception in the IHM Center will follow the Mass. Stephen Englot, Enthronement Guild board president, and Patrick Williams, vice president, will serve as masters of ceremonies.

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart apostolate enables families and individuals to consecrate their homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Homes that have been enthroned become an extension of the liturgy, whereby faithful can follow up their Eucharistic devotion in church with prayerful devotion in their own private settings.

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Weekly Bible Study — **MAY 16**, hosted by Prince of Peace Parish in Old Forge; weekly sessions offered on Wednesdays from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room at St. Lawrence Church, Main St., Old Forge. Guest facilitator: JoAnn Wilbur. All faithful are welcome; refreshments will be provided. For more information, call (570-881-9916).

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration — **MAY 16**, hosted at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laffin; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. in the seminary chapel. Includes recitation of the Rosary and opportunity for confessions. Mass celebrated at 7 p.m., followed by Novena prayers to St. Joseph and St. Joseph Marelo, founder of the Oblates of St. Joseph religious congregation. For more information, contact the OSJ seminary at (570-654-7542).

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Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration — **MAY 16**, hosted by Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Tunkhannock; exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament offered on Wednesday until Pentecost Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. in Nativity BVM Church, 99 East Tioga St., Tunkhannock. All faithful are welcome.

Weekly Bereavement Support Group — **MAY 16-JUNE 6**, series of four consecutive weekly meetings, addressing topics dealing with the grief process in order for participants to find healing; Bereavement Support Group meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton (across from St. Peter's Cathedral). Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact the Cathedral Parish office at (570-344-7231).

Day of Reflection — **MAY 19**, hosted by the Legion of Mary of the Scranton Diocese; to be held at the Basilica of the National

Shrine of St. Ann in west Scranton. Day begins celebration of Mass at 8:30 a.m. and recitation of the Rosary; program also includes two spiritual talks, Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions), Eucharistic adoration, and refreshments. Guest presenter: Passionist Father Lee Havey. Registration cost: \$22 per person. For more information and reservations, call Theresa at (570-687-5329) or Dorie at (570-343-7373). All are welcome.

Meeting of Lay Carmelites — **MAY 19**, hosted by Our Lady of the Mountains Lay Carmelite Chapter; meetings held on the third Saturday of each month at Little Flower Manor, 200 S. Meade St., Wilkes-Barre. For more information, contact Rose Bordi at (570-445-5457).

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Nanticoke Church to Host Shroud of Turin Replica Display May 14-28

NANTICOKE — A full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin will be on display for two weeks this month at Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church, Hanover section of Nanticoke, from May 14 thru May 28.

Piously believed and revered around the world as the authentic burial cloth of Jesus, the original Shroud is preserved in the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Turin, northern Italy.

The traveling exhibit features a life-sized replica of the original Shroud, measuring 14.5 feet long and nearly four feet wide, which has been custom printed utilizing the highest resolution digital scans available.

The public is welcome for visitation and prayer at the church during open times over the course of the display. Information on the history and scientific study of the Shroud of Turin will be shared with visitors.

A presentation on the Shroud will be given on Monday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m., following Ves-

pers (evening prayer) at Transfiguration Ukrainian Church at 6:30 p.m.

In addition to the weekend Divine Liturgies on Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 10:30 a.m., the church will be open for visitation on weekdays during May 15-27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m., with recitation of the Rosary at 4:30 p.m.

On Saturdays, May 19 and 26, visitation hours will be offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

A detailed daily schedule for the Shroud of Turin exhibit is available on the church's website, www.transfigurationucc.org.

Groups who are interested in a private presentation on the Shroud, as well as those unable to attend the program on May 14, are welcome to schedule a visit by contacting Father Walter Pasicznyk, host pastor, at (570-735-2262).

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Bereavement Support Gatherings — **MAY 20 & JUNE 6**, hosted by Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Clarks Summit;

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

Padre Pio Prayer Ministry — **JUNE 6**, hosted by St. Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke; begins with celebration of Mass at 6 p.m. in the parish worship site of Holy Trinity Church, 520 South Hanover St., Nanticoke, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sac-

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

Sacred Heart Feast Day Mass — **JUNE 8**, hosted by the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, Route 315, Laflin; Eucharistic liturgy celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus begins at 7 p.m. in the seminary chapel. Principal celebrant: St. Joseph Oblate Father Joseph Sibilano, seminary director. Music

*Continued on Page 27***Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor**

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

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

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Monthly Gathering of Theresians International of Scranton — JUNE 12; group gathers at Immaculate Conception Church in the Hill section of

Scranton. Recitation of the Patriotic Rosary begins at 11:30 a.m. in the church's adoration chapel, followed by Mass celebrated at 12:10 p.m. Theresians' luncheon meeting follows at 12:45 p.m. at Cooper's Seafood House, Scranton. Month's guest speaker: Father James Paisley, chaplain.

Guest Presentation: "An Evening with Steve Angrisano" — JUNE 15, co-sponsored by the parishes of St. Rita, Gouldsboro,

and St. Elizabeth, Bear Creek; begins at 7 p.m. at St. Mark Church, 1952 Bear Lake Road, Thornhurst. Event features the music and storytelling of Steve Angrisano, popular Catholic Church ministry leader and program presenter. All are welcome free of charge; a free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, contact Anthony Butel at tbutel51@gmail.com or (570-687-5390).

Catholic Happenings

Free Community Luncheon — MAY 12, 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.

Third Annual Mother's Day Champagne Brunch Benefit — MAY 13, hosted by Misericordia University in Dallas to benefit the student mothers of the Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program at the univer-

sity; held in Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall on campus. Doors open at 10:30 a.m.; seating begins at 11 a.m. Fundraiser event also includes a silent auction and "Parade of Baskets" raffle; pre-sale tickets for the basket raffle held on May 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the lobby of Insalaco Hall. Cost: \$50 per adult; \$20 for children (ages 12 to 18); younger children are welcome free of charge. For more details and registration information, call Kim Caffrey at Misericordia (570-674-1877).

Excursion to Sight & Sound Theatre Show: "Jesus" — MAY 15, sponsored by the Little Sisters of the Poor; bus departs Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton, at 7:30 a.m. and returns at 7 p.m. Cost: \$105 per person, includes transportation, light refreshments and balcony section admission ticket. Lunch stop scheduled for return trip. For more information/reservations, contact Jackie Galvin at (570-

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Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Bingo — **MAY 16 & JUNE 6**, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, Jermyn; games held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the parish center, 624 Madison Ave., Jermyn. Doors open at 5 p.m.; early-bird games start 6 p.m. (regular games, 6:30). Event includes homemade foods and desserts; specialty games, refreshments, door prizes and progressive jackpot. Free admission; for more information, call (570-876-1061).

Night at the Races — **MAY 19**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Abington Council 6611; hosted at St. Patrick's Parish center, Main St., Nicholson. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; races start at 7 p.m. Admission fee: \$10 per person, includes beer, soda and refreshments (must be at least 21 years old to attend). For more information, call Bob at (570-878-7210).

Senior Support Services Event — **MAY 19**, sponsored by St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Moscow; hosted from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Moffat Estate, 20 Moffat Drive, Covington Township. Program for senior adults, families and caregivers offers direct access

to support resources, including screenings for bone density, blood pressure, diabetes, depression, cholesterol, hearing, and fall prevention; information also provided for local transportation services and estate planning. Event also includes raffle drawings and prizes. Open to the public free of charge.

Parish Rummage Sale Fundraiser — **MAY 19**, sponsored by Visitation of the BVM Parish in Dickson City; held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the former St. Mary's Visitation School, 625 Dundaff St., Dickson City. Drop-off times for donated items include: April 28 & May 12, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and May 5, 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. For information on acceptable donations and restrictions, call the parish office at (570-489-2091).

Third Annual K of C Trail Run & Walk — **MAY 20**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus St. Ann's Council 12572; 8K Trail Run and 5K Walk held at Aylesworth Park in Jermyn. Race day registration begins at 8 a.m.; race begins at 9:30 a.m. Awards for top three male and female runners in each category and top three walkers. Advance registration can be obtained online at kofcscranton.com. For more information, contact Steve Dondero at trailrun@scrantonknights.com or call (570-449-6882). All proceeds from

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Serving as retreat directors for the weekend will be Franciscan Father Pio Mandato, who has been ministering in the Diocese as a missionary hermit since 1998, and Sister Theresa May, a member of the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth.

The guest presenters will preach on the retreat's theme, "The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell," focusing on the religious beliefs of the afterlife.

The weekend retreat gathering begins on Friday, June 1, at 6 p.m. with supper. Departure follows the noon meal on Sunday, June 3.

Preached retreats at Saint Gabriel's consist of conferences on the spiritual life, private time for personal reflection, prayer services, opportunity for Confessions, and celebration of Mass. Weekend retreats require a deposit.

For more information and reservations, contact the Endless Mountains Men's Retreat League through Chris Ciprich (570-290-4464) or chris.ciprich@gmail.com; or the Wyoming Valley Men's Retreat League, Ed Bezdziecki (570-899-0551) or bez226@yahoo.com.

Bishop's Youth Award Recognizes Natural Servant Leaders

SCRANTON — Bishop Joseph C. Bambera presented the Bishop's Youth Award to 670 eighth- and 12th-grade students representing parishes and Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Scranton during Masses at the Cathedral of Saint Peter on Tuesday, April 17, and Thursday, April 19.

Since 1996, the Bishop's Youth award has recognized young people of the Diocese of Scranton for their commitment to faith and service in their parishes and schools. Nominated by their pastors, parish life coordinators, principals, directors of religious education and/or youth ministers, these young people have been described as devoted to the parish, natural servant-leaders and excellent examples to their peers and others.

The Bishop's Youth Award recipients are young people who serve their parishes and schools as altar servers, lectors, music ministers and cantors. Many are actively involved in parish youth groups. They are integral to the life of the parish, volunteering for mis-

sionary service, guiding younger students who are preparing for Confirmation, and assisting in such activities as Vacation Bible School and summer picnics. They serve the poor in many ways and touch the lives of those around them.

Homilist for the Bishop's Youth Award Mass on April 17 was Father Bert Kozen, V.F., pastor of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Bastress, and of Saint Luke Parish, Jersey Shore, who also serves as chaplain for Saint John Neumann Regional Academy High School, Williamsport.

Speaking about the early martyrs of the Church — with the word "martyr" meaning witness — he asserted that the young people honored with the Bishop's Youth Award have borne witness to the Risen Lord. Father Kozen challenged them to continue to proclaim and witness to the faith, to remain vigilant and to remain strong in the faith. They are to "continue to bear the cross in the footsteps of Jesus, who will be present in our midst and present



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in those you encounter," he said.

Monsignor John Bergamo, pastor emeritus of Saint Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg, and chaplain of Notre Dame High School, East Stroudsburg, was the homilist at the Mass on April 19. Monsignor Bergamo spoke of the first community of disciples who were frightened until the Holy Spirit descended on them. Then, after Pentecost, they were living witnesses. "That same Holy Spirit is empowering us to be witnesses to Jesus to bring his message of love to our part of the world," he said.

Monsignor Bergamo reminded everyone that young men and women have been called throughout salvation history, citing Samuel, David, Jeremiah, Mary of Nazareth and Joan of Arc as selflessly responding to God's call. He continued by quoting Pope Francis' message to young people in his Palm Sunday homily: "You have it in you to shout! I ask you, will you

cry out?" Monsignor Bergamo encouraged the young people to "let your voices be heard" and continue the "everyday giving of yourselves in loving service."

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Offering his faith testimony during this year's Bishop's Youth Award Mass and presentation on April 17 in Saint Peter's Cathedral is Conor Nealon, who was nominated for the 2018 award by both his parish, Nativity of Our Lord in Duryea, and high school, Holy Cross in Dunmore.

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Catholic Happenings

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the event will benefit the Florida Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School victims and families.

Fourth Annual Barbecue Chicken Dinner — MAY 20, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, Christian Women's Organization, and Social Concerns Committee of St. Barbara Parish in Exeter; featuring Kundla's barbecue chicken and includes side dishes, salad, roll and dessert. Sit-down dinners served from 12 noon to 3 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. Anthony Church, 28 Memorial St., Exeter (center is accessible through the church parking lot on Erie St.); take-out dinners available at 11 a.m. Cost: \$10 per dinner. All dinners must be preordered in advance; for more information and ticket reservations, contact St. Barbara Parish Rectory at (570-654-2103).

Country-Style Ham & Turkey Dinner — MAY 20, hosted by Immaculate Conception Church, 5973 Jacks Hollow Road, Williamsport; all-you-can-eat dinner served from 12 noon to 6 p.m. in the parish hall. Cost: adults, \$9; children (ages 4 to 12), \$4. Tickets available at the door.

Knights of Columbus Baseball Trip to Baltimore & Inner Harbor — JUNE 2, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 10729, Jessup-Peckville; motorcoach excursion for Baltimore Orioles-New York Yankees baseball game at 4 p.m. at Camden Yards, preceded by

visit to Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Bus departs Jessup Hose Company No. 2 at 8 a.m.; return trip follows the game. Cost: \$95 per person, including round-trip transportation and game ticket. For more information and reservations, contact John Bogdanovicz (570-489-0023) or Bob Wasilchak (570-383-0347).

12th Annual Golf Tournament — JUNE 9, sponsored by the Little Sisters of the Poor at Holy Family Residence, Scranton; at Scranton Municipal Golf Course, Mount Cobb. Event begins with registration/pre-tournament reception at 12 noon, followed by 1 p.m. shotgun start (captain & crew format). Cost: \$100 per golfer, includes refreshments, green fees (w/riding cart), complimentary tournament golf shirt, gift bag and awards dinner at course clubhouse. Tournament sponsorships and advertising available. For information, contact Jackie Galvin at Holy Family Residence (570-343-4065 ext. 3144) or scdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org. To register online, visit: www.littlesistersofthepoorscranton.org.

Flea Market & Craft Fair Extravaganza — JUNE 22-24, sponsored by Our Lady Queen of

Peace Parish in Brodheads ville; held rain or shine on the parish church grounds, Route 209 & Weir Lake Road, Brodheads ville. Market hours: Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday (Bag Day & Half-Off Sale), 1 to 5 p.m. Featuring a wide variety of flea market items, silent auction and Bargain Tent area, basket raffle drawings, bake sale, food and refreshments; vendors welcome. For more information, contact the parish at (610-681-6137) or www.qopchurch.org.

Sixth Annual Lady Crusader Girls Basketball Camp — JULY 23-27, sponsored by the Lady Crusaders basketball program of Holy Cross High School in Dunmore; held at the Holy Cross High School gymnasium, Drinker St., Dunmore. Open to girls entering grades 4 thru 9. Camp sessions held each day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and include instruction in all facets of basketball fundamentals and competitive games; instructors include high school coaches and players. Fee: \$60 per camper, includes commemorative camp T-shirt and end-of-camp pizza party. For more information, contact Coach Bob McCormack at (570-309-1635) or rmack0423@comcast.net.

PICNIC TIME

JUNE

7, 8, 9 — Divine Mercy, Scranton, parish grounds, 312 Davis St. (Minooka section).

21, 22, 23 — St. Leo's/Holy Rosary, Ashley, parish grounds, 33 Manhattan St.

Memorial Day Mass, Picnic in Carverton

CARVERTON — A Memorial Day Mass in remembrance of all deceased will be celebrated at Saint Frances X. Cabrini Church in Carverton (Wyoming) on Monday, May 28, at 11 a.m.

All who wish to remember their loved ones in prayer are welcome to participate in the liturgy, which will be celebrated by Father James Paisley, host pastor.

In conjunction with the Mass of Remembrance, Saint Frances Cabrini Parish and its Social Committee will hold its annual Memorial Day Picnic, including

bake sale and vendor flea market, on the church grounds, 585 Mount Olivet Road, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (rain or shine).

Picnic food items and beverages will be available for purchase, and the bake sale will include homemade breads, cookies and desserts. Numerous flea market items will be displayed under tents, and basket and cash raffle drawings will also be offered.

A special "early bird" event including the bake sale and basket raffle will be held on Sunday, May 27, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.



Corrin Dagostin, a member of Saint John Bosco Parish in Conyngham, gives her testimony of faith at the Bishop's Youth Awards Mass on April 19 in Saint Peter's Cathedral.

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Immediately before the awards were handed out, two students came forward, one on each night, to offer testimony of their faith. Conor Nealon, of Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Duryea, and a senior at Holy Cross High School, spoke on April 17 saying that from a young age he had a hunger for service in helping others. Conor credited his family, teachers, coaches and other school leaders with helping him to build on his strong faith foundation.

During high school, he became involved in student council, service club, God-Squad, Quo Vadis, and the Diocesan Day of Service, and last summer Conor took part in a week-long mission trip with Coastal New Jersey Habitat for Humanity. These experiences have taught him that "there are people in need everywhere and

there is always someone who can use a helping hand." Conor challenged everyone to "use the gifts and talents that God has given us to go into the world and make a difference. Life is always beautiful when we choose to live it fully and when we choose to leave a mark."

On April 19, Corrin Dagostin, of Saint John Bosco Parish, Conyngham, and a senior at Marian Catholic High School, Tamaqua, offered her faith testimony. Corrin spoke of her Catholic faith as a gift from her parents, growing up attending Mass and becoming a part of the life of the parish through youth choir and serving at Mass. In high school, she felt the "happiness of living in the life of Christ" and she found that she "couldn't contain it!" Her joy was apparent to those around her. Corrin continues to discern God's plan for her life always asking, "Who is God calling me to be?"

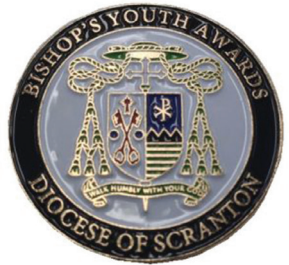


Francesca Kalie of Saint Nicholas Parish and Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre, who served on the altar for the Bishop's Youth Awards liturgy on April 17, receives her award from Bishop Bambera.

In his closing remarks, Bishop Bambera pointed out that the Diocese of Scranton is celebrating the 150th year of its founding. He emphasized that in every age, and despite many hardships, young men and women have always given of themselves to the life of the Church. As he congratulated the Bishop's Youth Award recipients, he remarked enthusiastically, "We are here today because of people like you!"

The Bishop's Youth Award was developed by the Office for Parish Life and the Office for Catholic Schools. This award is the highest recognition offered to Catholic youth of the Diocese of Scranton.

The complete list of recipients of the 2018 Bishop's Youth Award can be found linked to the webpage of the Office for Parish Life: <http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Award-Recipients-2018.pdf>



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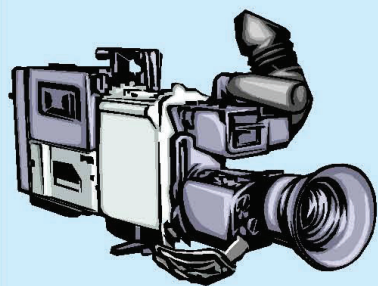
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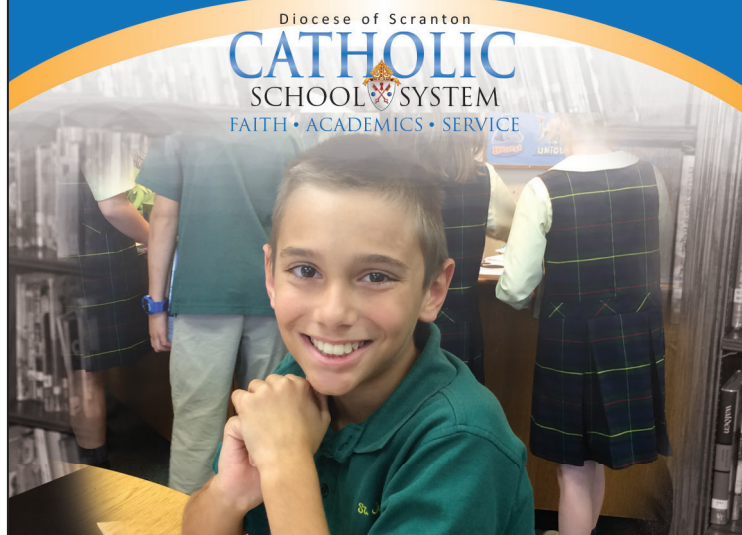
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