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Pope Francis: True faith means loving others to the extreme

Holy Father visits Egypt; encourages country's Catholics

CAIRO (CNS) – The only kind of fanaticism that is acceptable to God is being fanatical about loving and helping others, Pope Francis said on his final day of a visit to Egypt.

“True faith,” he told Catholics, “makes us more charitable, more merciful, more honest and more humane. It moves our hearts to love everyone without counting the cost.”

The pope celebrated an open-air Mass April 29 in Cairo’s Air Defense Stadium, built by the anti-aircraft branch of the Egyp-

tian armed forces. The pope celebrated with Coptic Catholic Patriarch Ibrahim Isaac Sedrak of Alexandria and leaders of the other Catholic rites in Egypt.

After spending the first day of his visit in meetings with Muslim leaders, government officials, diplomats and members of the Coptic Orthodox Church, the pope dedicated the second day of his trip to Egypt’s minority Catholic community.

Arriving at the stadium in a blue Fiat, the pope was slowly driven around the stadium’s red running track in a small and low golf cart, far from the estimated 15,000 people seated in the stands high above. Yellow balloons and



Pope Francis greets Sheik Ahmad el-Tayeb, grand imam of al-Azhar University, at a conference on international peace in Cairo. Right: The crowd reacts as Pope Francis arrives to celebrate Mass at the Air Defense Stadium in Cairo April 29.

a long chain of blue balloons tied together like a rosary were released into the sky as a military helicopter circled high above the venue.



Surrounded by security, the pope managed to personally greet only one small group of children who were dressed as pharaohs

and other traditional figures. They hugged the pope affectionately as security tightly closed in on the group.

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LIVING FAITH *Serving with Mercy*

Diocesan Annual Appeal Surpasses \$5 Million Goal



Gifts to the Appeal help the needy by supporting programs such as St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre, which serves a free daily meal. Pictured are students from Holy Redeemer High School volunteering at the Kitchen during a recent service day.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, has announced that the 2016 Diocesan Annual Appeal has raised \$5,056,000 in gifts and pledges, surpassing the goal of \$5 million. The Annual Appeal has received gifts and pledges from 31,211 donors. Seventy-five parishes surpassed their Annual Appeal parish goal.

“I am thankful for the generosity of parishioners throughout our Diocese. Your gifts to the Appeal help our Diocesan ministries respond to all those in need of God’s mercy and love in our local Church. I also appreciate the commitment of our pastors and parish staffs for the work they do each year in support of the Appeal,” said Bishop Bambera. “It is such a joy to know that together, we can have a meaningful impact on the lives of so many of our family and friends.”

Gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal support the mission of our local Church to:

+ feed the hungry, clothe and provide shelter and assistance for those most in need

+ care for our retired bishops and priests who have faithfully served, and continue to serve, the needs of the faithful in our Diocese

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Catholic Men Invited to Conference on Saturday

Catholic men from throughout the Diocese of Scranton will gather on Saturday, May 6, for a day of faith and fellowship. More than 1,000 men are expected to attend the third annual Diocesan Catholic Men’s Conference at King’s College in Wilkes-Barre.

All Catholic males – whether single, fathers, grandfathers, sons, grandsons and friends – are invited to experience inspirational talks, uplifting music, the opportunity to participate in Eucharistic adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, share meals and attend Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. Young men 13 or younger should be accompanied by an adult sponsor.

The theme is “Be A Man: Mary’s Call to Battle,” inspired by this year’s centenary celebration of Our Blessed Mother’s appearances at Fatima.

The conference will feature three outstanding speakers: Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR, an author and retreat leader who is one of the world’s foremost experts on the apparitions at Fatima; Matt Fradd, an apologist and speaker with Catholic Answers; and Steve Ray, an author, pilgrimage guide, and frequent guest on EWTN.

Registration and breakfast begin at 7:00 a.m.; the conference starts at 8:00 a.m. The closing Mass will conclude at 2:45 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$35; \$15 for students. Priests and Deacons may attend at no charge.

Registration is available via the conference website: www.BeAManconference.com or by calling the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 570-207-2213. Registration will also be accepted at the door on the day of the conference.

Appeal surpasses goal; supports many ministries in Diocese

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+ encourage and support our men who are in formation to become priests and deacons as we look to the future of our parishes and our Diocese

+ support our young people in our Catholic schools and in our parish religious education programs by helping them to prepare for fulfilling and faith-centered lives

+ renew and strengthen our parish communities by providing opportunities for all of us to more fully share their personal gifts in devoted service to God and one another

+ joyfully proclaim the message of the Gospel by informing and inspiring the faithful of our Diocese through *The Catholic Light*, CTV: Catholic Television, and the Diocesan website.

"I extend my gratitude to our Appeal regional chairs and parish representatives for their commitment to the success of this important Diocesan fundraising effort," said Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for Development. "More than 150 volunteers work in partnership with pastors and parish staffs to help coordinate Annual Appeal activities in our parishes, speak about the Appeal at Masses and invite parishioners to join us in this good work."

This year's Annual Appeal regional lay and clergy chairs were:

Bradford, Sullivan & Susquehanna Counties – Dr. Robert and Dr. Barbara Wyworski, SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Towanda, and Father David Cramer, St. Lawrence



The Appeal supports our retired clergy as well as men in formation to become priests for the Diocese. Pictured is seminarian Ryan Glenn (right) talking with seminarians Jonathan Kuhar, Andrew McCarroll and Nicholas Jennings.

Parish, Great Bend; St. Martin of Tours Parish, Jackson and St. John the Evangelist Parish, Susquehanna

Lackawanna & Wyoming Counties – Atty. Joseph and Atty. Judy Price, St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Lake Winola, and Father Christopher Sahd, Christ the King Parish, Archbald

Luzerne County – George and Karen Hayden, St. Jude Parish, Mountain Top, and Father John Lambert, SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Plains

Lycoming & Tioga Counties – John and Joan Eck, St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Williamsport, and Father John Victoria, St. Ann Parish, Williamsport

Monroe County – Pat and Joan Ross, Our Lady of

Victory Parish, Tannersville, and Father Sean Carpenter, St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Pocono Pines

Wayne & Pike Counties – Mike and Allyson Cavage, St. Mary Parish, Waymart, and Father Thomas Major, St. Ann Parish, Shohola; and St. John Neumann Parish, Lords Valley

Gifts to the 2016 Diocesan Annual Appeal will continue to be accepted until our fiscal year ends on June 30, 2017. Anyone wishing to make a donation may contact the Diocesan Development Office at Development@dioceseofscranton.org or 570-207-2250.

Please see page 3 for a report on parishes and their Appeal goals.

Pope Francis in Egypt

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"We cannot encounter God without first crucifying our narrow notions of a god who reflects only our own understanding of omnipotence and power," the pope said in his homily.

True faith "makes us see the other not as an enemy to be overcome, but a brother or sister to be loved, served and helped," he said, and it leads to dialogue and respect and the courage to defend the rights and dignity of everyone, not just oneself.

"God is pleased only by a faith that is proclaimed by our lives, for the only fanaticism believers can have is that of charity. Any other fanaticism does not come from God and is not pleasing to him," he said.

At the end of the Mass, Patriarch Sedrak thanked the pope for his visit, which, though it was brief, "has overflowed our hearts with joy and our lives with blessing."

The warm welcome Pope Francis received from so many political and religious components of Egyptian society "is a message to the world that confirms Egypt's nature" as a lover of peace that seeks to affirm peace in the Middle East and the world, the patriarch said.

Later in the day, before his departure for Rome, the pope met with about 1,500 priests, seminarians and religious men and women for a prayer service on the sports field of a Coptic Catholic seminary in Cairo.

He thanked the church workers for their witness and for the good they do in the midst of "many challenges and often few consolations."

"Although there are many reasons to be discouraged, amid many prophets of destruction and condemnation, and so many negative and despairing voices, may you be a positive force, salt and light for this society," he told them.



Pope Francis greets children dressed as pharaohs and in traditional dress as he arrives to celebrate Mass at the Air Defense Stadium in Cairo April 29. (CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano)

Expose violence masquerading as holy

Calling his visit to Egypt a journey of "unity and fraternity," Pope Francis launched a powerful call to the nation's religious leaders to expose violence masquerading as holy and condemn religiously inspired hatred as an idolatrous caricature of God.

"Peace alone, therefore, is holy, and no act of violence can be perpetrated in the name of God, for it would profane his name," the pope told Muslim and Christian leaders at an international peace conference April 28. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople was in attendance.

Pope Francis also warned of attempts to fight violence with violence, saying "every unilateral action that does not promote constructive and shared processes is, in reality, a gift to the proponents of radicalism and violence."

The pope began his two-day visit to Cairo by speaking at a gathering organized by Egypt's al-Azhar University, Sunni Islam's highest institute of learning.

He told reporters on the papal flight from Rome that the trip was significant for the fact that he was invited by the grand imam of al-Azhar, Sheik Ahmad el-Tayeb; Egyptian

President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi; Coptic Orthodox Pope Tawadros II; and Coptic Catholic Patriarch Ibrahim Isaac Sedrak of Alexandria.

Having these four leaders invite him for the trip shows it is "a trip of unity and fraternity."

Greeted with a standing ovation and a few scattered shouts of "viva il papa" (long live the pope), the pope later greeted conference participants saying, "Peace be with you" in Arabic.

He gave a 23-minute talk highlighting Egypt's great and "glorious history" as a land of civilization, wisdom and faith in God. Small olive branches symbolizing peace were among the greenery adorning the podium.

Religious leaders have a duty to respect everyone's religious identity and have "the courage to accept differences," he said in the talk that was interrupted by applause several times.

Those who belong to a different culture or religion "should not be seen or treated as enemies, but rather welcomed as fellow-travelers," he said.

The pope and Sheik el-Tayeb embraced after the sheik gave his introductory address, which emphasized that only false notions of religion, including Islam, lead to violence. The grand imam expressed gratitude for the pope's remarks in which he rejected the association of Islam with terror.

The sheik began his speech by requesting the audience stand for a minute's silence to commemorate the victims of terrorism in Egypt and globally, regardless of their religions.

"We should not hold religion accountable for the crimes of any small group of followers," he said. "For example, Islam is not a religion of terrorism" just because a small group of fanatics "ignorantly" misinterpret texts of the Quran to support their hatred.

Pope Francis emphasized that religion "is not a problem, but a part of the solution" because it helps people lift their hearts toward God "in order to learn how to build the city of man."

LUZERNE REGION

	PLEDGES	GOAL	PERCENTAGE
All Saints - Plymouth	\$33,022.00	\$40,000.00	82.56%
Annunciation - Hazleton	\$31,810.50	\$35,000.00	90.89%
Corpus Christi - West Pittston	\$34,006.00	\$32,000.00	106.27%
Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Hanover Twp.	\$18,912.00	\$16,500.00	114.62%
Gate of Heaven - Dallas	\$44,201.00	\$50,000.00	88.40%
Good Shepherd - Drums	\$28,237.50	\$26,000.00	108.61%
Holy Family - Luzerne	\$48,371.00	\$42,500.00	113.81%
Holy Family - Sugar Notch	\$20,586.00	\$20,000.00	102.93%
Holy Name of Jesus - West Hazleton	\$24,000.00	\$23,000.00	104.35%
Holy Rosary - Hazleton	\$21,941.00	\$18,000.00	121.89%
Holy Spirit - Mocanaqua	\$30,534.00	\$30,000.00	101.78%
Most Precious Blood - Hazleton	\$51,914.97	\$38,000.00	136.62%
Nativity of Our Lord - Duryea	\$37,537.23	\$42,000.00	89.37%
Our Lady Help of Christians - Wapwallopen	\$19,905.00	\$19,000.00	104.76%
Our Lady of Fatima - Wilkes-Barre	\$47,950.00	\$47,000.00	102.02%
Our Lady of Hope - Wilkes-Barre	\$43,327.00	\$43,000.00	100.76%
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Lake Silkworth	\$25,010.00	\$20,000.00	125.05%
Our Lady of the Eucharist - Pittston	\$16,248.00	\$17,000.00	95.58%
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception - Freeland	\$25,821.16	\$28,000.00	92.22%
Our Lady of Victory - Harveys Lake	\$54,107.00	\$39,000.00	138.74%
Queen of Heaven - Hazleton	\$33,290.00	\$31,000.00	107.39%
Queen of the Apostles - Avoca	\$28,250.00	\$25,000.00	113.00%
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Dupont	\$24,090.00	\$32,000.00	75.28%
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Weston	\$12,200.00	\$12,000.00	101.67%
SS Cyril & Methodius - Hazleton	\$50,952.00	\$46,000.00	110.77%
SS Peter & Paul - Plains	\$54,437.00	\$70,000.00	77.77%
St. Andre' Bessette - Wilkes-Barre	\$25,820.50	\$32,000.00	80.69%
St. Andrew - Wilkes-Barre	\$17,125.00	\$18,000.00	95.14%
St. Barbara - Exeter	\$39,928.00	\$33,000.00	120.99%
St. Benedict - Wilkes-Barre	\$20,103.00	\$22,000.00	91.38%
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Swoyersville	\$55,090.00	\$47,000.00	117.21%
St. Elizabeth - Bear Creek	\$28,577.10	\$25,500.00	112.07%
St. Faustina Kowalska - Nanticoke	\$58,768.51	\$50,000.00	117.54%
St. Frances X. Cabrini - Carverton	\$14,915.00	\$17,000.00	87.74%
St. Ignatius Loyola - Kingston	\$91,193.58	\$90,000.00	101.33%
St. John Bosco - Conyngham	\$66,502.00	\$59,000.00	112.72%
St. John the Baptist - Larksville	\$17,575.00	\$23,000.00	76.41%
St. John the Evangelist - Pittston	\$64,495.00	\$60,000.00	107.49%
St. Joseph Marelo - Pittston	\$27,522.25	\$29,000.00	94.90%
St. Jude - Mountain Top	\$93,008.50	\$84,000.00	110.72%
St. Leo - Ashley	\$23,263.00	\$35,000.00	66.47%
St. Maria Goretti - Laffin	\$30,536.50	\$45,000.00	67.86%
St. Monica - West Wyoming	\$34,805.00	\$33,000.00	105.47%
St. Nicholas - Wilkes-Barre	\$63,102.94	\$55,000.00	114.73%
St. Patrick - White Haven	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	100.00%
St. Robert Bellarmine - Wilkes-Barre	\$38,747.12	\$36,000.00	107.63%
St. Therese - Shavertown	\$90,292.00	\$70,000.00	128.99%

MONROE REGION

	PLEDGES	GOAL	PERCENTAGE
Most Holy Trinity - Cresco	\$61,773.00	\$73,000.00	84.62%
Our Lady of Victory - Tannersville	\$65,788.69	\$55,000.00	119.62%
Our Lady Queen of Peace - Brodheads ville	\$79,317.00	\$62,000.00	127.93%
St. John - E. Stroudsburg	\$60,768.00	\$61,000.00	99.62%
St. Luke - Stroudsburg	\$139,238.00	\$120,000.00	116.03%
St. Matthew - E. Stroudsburg	\$65,435.98	\$70,000.00	93.48%
St. Maximilian Kolbe - Pocono Pines	\$36,907.00	\$26,000.00	141.95%
St. Rita - Gouldsboro	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	100.00%

WAYNE-PIKE REGION

	PLEDGES	GOAL	PERCENTAGE
BVM Queen of Peace - Hawley	\$96,256.00	\$81,000.00	118.83%
St. Ann - Shohola	\$26,979.00	\$22,000.00	122.63%
St. John Neumann - Lords Valley	\$35,725.00	\$30,000.00	119.08%
St. John the Evangelist - Honesdale	\$70,951.15	\$68,000.00	104.34%
St. Joseph - Matamoras	\$28,978.00	\$40,000.00	72.45%
St. Mary - Waymart	\$33,383.00	\$16,000.00	208.64%
St. Patrick - Milford	\$31,640.00	\$35,000.00	90.40%
St. Thomas More - Lake Ariel	\$54,995.00	\$52,000.00	105.76%
St. Vincent de Paul - Milford	\$42,100.00	\$45,000.00	93.56%

LACKAWANNA-WYOMING REGION

	PLEDGES	GOAL	PERCENTAGE
Ascension - Forest City	\$33,346.00	\$27,000.00	123.50%
Blessed Sacrament - Throop	\$19,825.00	\$17,000.00	116.62%
Christ the King - Archbald	\$79,740.00	\$71,000.00	112.31%
Divine Mercy - Scranton	\$73,607.00	\$67,000.00	109.86%
Holy Cross - Olyphant	\$50,940.00	\$50,000.00	101.88%
Immaculate Conception - Scranton	\$55,055.00	\$42,000.00	131.08%
Mary, Mother of God - Scranton	\$60,115.00	\$60,000.00	100.19%
Nativity of the BVM - Tunkhannock	\$34,280.00	\$34,000.00	100.82%
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Carbondale	\$22,585.00	\$25,000.00	90.34%
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Dunmore	\$59,352.00	\$60,000.00	98.92%
Our Lady of the Abingtons - Dalton	\$14,100.00	\$17,500.00	80.57%
Our Lady of the Snows - Clarks Summit	\$101,459.00	\$92,000.00	110.28%
Prince of Peace - Old Forge	\$23,319.00	\$36,000.00	64.78%
Queen of Angels - Jessup	\$23,805.00	\$28,000.00	85.02%
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Peckville	\$44,620.25	\$44,000.00	101.41%
Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary - Jermyn	\$25,225.00	\$23,000.00	109.67%
SS Anthony & Rocco - Dunmore	\$44,870.00	\$50,000.00	89.74%
SS Peter & Paul - Scranton	\$10,095.00	\$14,000.00	72.11%
St. Ann Basilica - Scranton	\$31,226.00	\$32,000.00	97.58%
St. Catherine of Siena - Moscow	\$78,251.00	\$67,000.00	116.79%
St. Eulalia - Elmhurst	\$40,226.00	\$42,000.00	95.78%
St. Gregory - Clarks Green	\$105,075.00	\$79,000.00	133.01%
St. John Neumann - Scranton	\$49,718.50	\$55,000.00	90.40%
St. John Vianney - Scott Twp.	\$33,305.00	\$32,000.00	104.08%
St. Katharine Drexel - Pleasant Mount	\$15,820.00	\$14,000.00	113.00%
St. Lucy - Scranton	\$14,569.00	\$20,000.00	72.85%
St. Mary of the Lake - Lake Winola	\$15,225.00	\$13,000.00	117.12%
St. Michael - Scranton	\$7,658.00	\$10,000.00	76.58%
St. Patrick - Nicholson	\$8,450.00	\$10,000.00	84.50%
St. Patrick - Scranton	\$33,786.31	\$45,000.00	75.08%
St. Paul of the Cross - Scranton	\$46,404.82	\$55,000.00	84.37%
St. Paul - Scranton	\$61,376.00	\$70,000.00	87.68%
St. Peter's Cathedral - Scranton	\$98,181.00	\$75,000.00	130.91%
St. Rose - Carbondale	\$66,261.00	\$66,000.00	100.40%
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Dickson City	\$57,036.00	\$59,000.00	96.67%

LYCOMING-TIOGA REGION

	PLEDGES	GOAL	PERCENTAGE
Holy Child - Mansfield	\$30,203.00	\$30,000.00	100.68%
Immaculate Conception - Williamsport	\$23,214.00	\$28,000.00	82.91%
Our Lady of Lourdes - Montoursville	\$44,996.00	\$44,000.00	102.26%
Resurrection - Muncy	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	100.00%
St. Ann - Williamsport	\$71,766.00	\$63,000.00	113.91%
St. Boniface - Williamsport	\$62,702.12	\$68,000.00	92.21%
St. Joseph the Worker - Williamsport	\$72,595.00	\$80,000.00	90.74%
St. Lawrence - S. Williamsport	\$25,285.00	\$28,000.00	90.30%
St. Luke - Jersey Shore	\$14,010.00	\$17,000.00	82.41%
St. Peter - Wellsboro	\$56,236.00	\$46,500.00	120.94%
St. Thomas the Apostle - Elkland	\$14,188.00	\$14,000.00	101.34%

NORTHERN TIER REGION

	PLEDGES	GOAL	PERCENTAGE
Epiphany - Sayre	\$92,761.00	\$90,000.00	103.07%
Holy Name of Mary - Montrose	\$21,565.00	\$21,000.00	102.69%
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Dushore	\$38,125.00	\$41,000.00	92.99%
Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Wyalusing	\$20,850.00	\$20,000.00	104.25%
SS Peter & Paul - Towanda	\$39,845.02	\$33,000.00	120.74%
St. Brigid - Friendsville	\$31,490.00	\$24,000.00	131.21%
St. John the Evangelist - Susquehanna	\$19,614.00	\$13,000.00	150.88%
St. Lawrence - Great Bend	\$13,215.00	\$12,000.00	110.13%
St. Martin of Tours - Jackson	\$11,334.94	\$10,000.00	113.35%
St. Michael - Canton	\$17,726.00	\$13,000.00	136.35%

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

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

Pastor

Reverend David W. Bechtel, to Pastor, Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Elkland, effective May 1, 2017. Father Bechtel will remain Pastor of Saint Peter's Parish, Wellsboro.

Reverend John B. Boyle, from Pastor, Most Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco, to Pastor, Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Milford, effective June 1, 2017.

Reverend Richard J. Cirba, from Administrator, *pro tem*, Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Milford, to Pastor, Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish, Wilkes-Barre, and Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Hanover Township, effective July 6, 2017.

Reverend Gregory F. Loughney, from Parochial Vicar, Most Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco, to Pastor, Most Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco, effective June 1, 2017

Administrator

Reverend Walter E. Jenkins, C.S.C., to Administrator, Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, effective July 6, 2017. Father Jenkins will continue to serve as the Superior of the Holy Cross Congregation at King's College where he will reside.

Reverend Jackson Pinhero, O.S.J., from Assistant Pastor, Saint Joseph Mareello Parish, Pittston, to Administrator, *pro tem*, Saint Joseph Mareello Parish, Pittston, effective April 24, 2017.

Pastor Emeritus

Reverend Paul M. Mullen, from Pastor, Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Milford, to Pastor Emeritus, Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Milford, effective April 24, 2017.



Shepherd's Maternity Home Celebration

Catholic Social Services of Monroe County held its 15th Annual Valentine's Celebration for Shepherd's Maternity Home at Stroudsmoor Country Inn in Stroudsburg. This annual event supports the mission of Shepherd's Maternity Home, a non-denominational facility that provides shelter and caring for homeless, pregnant women and their babies. This year's honoree was Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.

Principals at the event included, seated from left: Ginny Sosnowski, Mary Theresa Vautrinot, Bishop Bambera, Marianne Chester, Rev. Dr. Sondria Miller. Standing: Ken Sandri, Lisa Hutchins, Father Gregory Reichlen, Terry Talbott, Leslie Homier, Jessica Dobinson, Sandy Luongo, Kirsten Smith-Doyle, Ken Gustafson, Atty. David Horvath.



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

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

May 6 - Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference, King's College, Wilkes-Barre

May 7 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations Mass, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Swoyersville, 5:30 p.m.

May 8-10 - Polish National Catholic Church-Roman Catholic Church Dialogue, Scranton

May 10 - Day of Reflection for Consecrated Life Mass, Saint Maria Goretti Church, Laflin, 5:00 p.m.

May 11 - Saint Agnes School Mass, SS. Peter & Paul Church, Towanda, 10:00 a.m.

May 14 - Mother's Day Adoption Mass, Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 10:00 a.m.

May 15 - Mass and May Procession, St. John Neumann Regional Academy High School Campus, Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Church of the Annunciation, Williamsport, 8:30 a.m.

May 15 - Confirmation, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Montoursville; Resurrection Parish, Muncy; Saint Ann's Parish, Williamsport; at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Montoursville, 5:00 p.m.

May 17 - Confirmation, Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Brodheadsville, 5:00 p.m.

May 18 - Confirmation, Saint Ann's Basilica Parish, Scranton; Prince of Peace Parish, Old Forge; Divine Mercy Parish, Scranton; at Saint Ann's Basilica, Scranton, 5:00 p.m.

May 20 - Marywood University Commencement, Mohegan Sun Arena, Wilkes-Barre, 1:00 p.m.

May 20 - Knights of Columbus State Convention Mass, Kalahari Resort, Mount Pocono, 5:00 p.m.

May 21 - King's College Commencement, Mohegan Sun Arena, Wilkes-Barre, 2:00 p.m.

May 22 - Vespers, King's College, Wilkes-Barre, 5:00 p.m.

May 27 - Diaconate Ordination Mass, Saint Matthew's Church, East Stroudsburg, 10:00 a.m.

*Pope
Francis'
Prayer
for
Vocations*



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

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

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

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



“Making Choices Based in Faith”

The Diocesan Vocation Team recently held a “Making Choices Based in Faith” retreat for the junior class of Notre Dame High School, East Stroudsburg, at Our Lady of Victory Parish, Tannersville. The retreat consisted of interactive activities/discussions, a guided meditation, vocation stories and Mass. For more information, contact the Diocesan Vocation Office at 570-207-1452.



*A call worth answering,
a commitment worth making*

Am I Called?

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

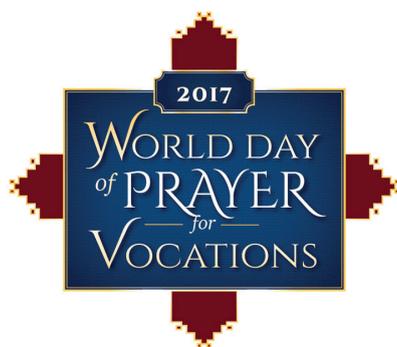
As a baptized man considering the Priesthood, with the right motives and the inward sense that God is calling you, you should consider this calling as an invitation from Christ. Truly, it is a gift from God. And you need to decide how to respond to this gift.

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

The question is not: *“What am I to do with my life?”*

The question is: *“What is God calling me to do?”*

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



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

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations Mass
Diocesan Celebration
Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, celebrant and homilist**

Sunday, May 7, 5:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish,
116 Hughes Street, Swoyersville

The Diocese and vocation directors of religious communities will display materials at a reception following in the parish hall.



Quo Vadis Days 2017 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. All participants are required to get a letter of recommendation from a priest, deacon, parish life coordinator, director of religious education, or youth minister to register.

Date: June 25-28

Location: Misericordia University

Phone: (570) 207-1452

Register Online beginning May 7:

www.scrantonvocations.org



St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen Celebrates Host-for-a-Day Campaign

The St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton thanked hundreds of supporters for enabling it to continue its mission of feeding the needy. An Appreciation Reception was held on April 26 at Genetti's in Dickson City for contributors to the Kitchen's annual Host-for-a-Day campaign. The Host-for-a-Day campaign is the primary means of financial support for the Kitchen, which serves a free daily meal to needy men, women and children, and provides other services, including weekly meals at three Lackawanna County parishes. The Kitchen has been providing this service in the community since it opened in 1978.

Several individuals were honored for outstanding support to the Kitchen. From left: Monsignor Joseph P. Kelly, executive director of the Kitchen; Michele McDade, Advisory Board president; Jay and Phil Rosenstein, representing Wm. Rosenstein & Sons, which has made generous donations of food for many years; and Deb Walton, general chair of the 2017 Host-for-a-Day campaign.

Host-for-a-Day gifts are still being accepted and can be made by calling the Kitchen at 570-342-5556, ext. 3, or online at www.stfranciskitchen.org, or mail to St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, 500 Penn Ave., Scranton PA 18509.

Reverend Daniel David Olszewski Laid to Rest

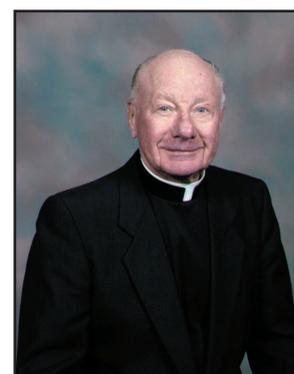
Reverend Daniel David Olszewski, 90, of Laflin, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 28, at his home.

Born in Plains Twp. on October 13, 1926, he was the son of the late Alex and Sophia (Mohelski) Olszewski.

Father received his early education at Plains Memorial High School; Wyoming Seminary, Kingston; and St. Charles College, Catonsville, Md. He entered the seminary at St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1947. Father went on to study theology at St. Mary's, where he earned his Bachelor of Sacred Theology in June of 1949 and his Licentiate in Sacred Theology in May of 1951.

He was ordained to the priesthood on May 19, 1951, in Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, by the Most Reverend William Joseph Hafey, late Bishop of Scranton.

Father Olszewski served as assistant pastor at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Tunkhannock; St. Therese Church, Shavertown; Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mayfield; Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupont;



Reverend Daniel David Olszewski

and Vicar Adjutor at St. Michael's, Glen Lyon.

He was assigned his first pastorate at Sacred Heart in Forest City on January 28, 1970, where he served until September 9, 1975, when he was appointed pastor of SS. Peter and Paul in Scranton. Father served at SS. Peter and Paul until his next appointment as pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus in Dupont on January 24, 1985, where he remained until his retirement and appointment as pastor emeritus on July 6, 1999.

Father found the most rewarding aspects of his priestly assignments to be administration of the sacraments; teaching in the parish C.C.D. program and

instructing individuals in their journey to prospective conversion to the Catholic faith. Father also spoke the Polish language, which allowed him to minister to the Polish speaking members of his congregations where language barriers were an issue.

In addition to his parents, Father Olszewski was preceded in death by his brothers; Paul Peter Olszewski and the Honorable Peter Paul Olszewski.

Father Olszewski is survived by his nieces and nephews: Attorney Peter Paul Olszewski Jr. and his wife, Attorney Melissa Scartelli; Rachel Olszewski; Paul Peter Olszewski II and his wife Lisa; Casey Olszewski; John Olszewski and his wife Jaelyn; Alec Olszewski; and Mary Olszewski Hoda and her husband Paul. Also surviving are great nieces and nephews Aaron, Ethan, and Hillary Hoda; and his caretaker Theresa Dobrowski.

A Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on May 3 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Dupont. Interment was in SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Plains.

ASCENSION DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ON MAY 25

The Christian Communities Gathering of Northeastern Pennsylvania will sponsor the third Ascension Day gathering of prayer and fellowship at First Presbyterian Church, 97 South Franklin Street Wilkes-Barre, on Thursday, May 25, at noon. Everyone is invited to the ecumenical prayer service.

The homilist for the service will be Very Rev. Father Timothy Cremeens, Ph.D., Dean of Holy Resurrection Orthodox Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre.

This year, the Ascension Thursday service of prayer and fellowship is one way of commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, and revitalizing and re-energizing efforts to promote Christian unity and human solidarity.

Cardinal Walter Kasper, writing in *Martin Luther, An Ecumenical Perspective*, stated: "Christian ecumenism is concerned with the unity of the church in service to the unity and peace of the world."

He added, "Today both churches understand themselves as...a church always in need of renewal and reform."

Cardinal Kasper further commented on the understanding of ecumenism that has developed, when he wrote: "This ecumenical expansion has led in ecumenism to the discovery that what binds us together in one baptism in Jesus Christ is more than what divides us, and that where we are still divided, we continue to learn from one another."

The Christian Communities Gathering of Northeastern Pennsylvania was formed in 1999 in response to Saint Pope John Paul II's call to prepare for the coming of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, and in particular to focus on deepening ecumenical relationships on the local level. The group has scheduled quarterly meetings ever since.

In addition to being actively involved in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity sponsored by the Diocese of Scranton at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, the group began the Ascension Thursday Prayer and Fellowship service in 2015.

On September 9, 2016, members of the Christian Communities Gathering of NEPA, Christians of

various denominations, members of clergy groups, members of the Wilkes-Barre Inter-Faith Council and representatives of various faith traditions, participated in a Diocesan-sponsored Interfaith Prayer Service for Peace at Saint Peter's Cathedral.

These prayer services and gatherings for Christian unity promote the virtue of solidarity and greater awareness of the unity of the human race through understanding and cooperation, dialogue, exchanging ideas and cooperating to address social concerns.

The Second Vatican Council issued documents promoting Ecumenism and interfaith dialogue: *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, *Decree on Ecumenism*, and *Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions*. Events like this help to educate, motivate and renew commitment to both human solidarity and Christian unity.

Everyone is welcome at this service of prayer for Christian unity because all Christians are called to pray and work for Christian unity and human solidarity.

Gathering the Voices of the Young Church in the Diocese of Scranton

In October 2018, a Synod will be held on the topic of *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*. This international gathering of Bishops will be held to discuss how the Catholic Church can better support young people on their lifelong faith journey. Leading up to the Synod, Pope Francis has asked every diocese to survey young people and the adults who work with them.

“The Church wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism,” said Pope Francis in his letter to young people on the occasion of the presentation of the preparatory document for the 2018 Synod. He continued, “Make your voice heard, let it resonate in communities and let it be heard by your shepherds of souls.”

The Diocese of Scranton will “**partner with Francis**” and listen to the young church (16-35) and those who work with them. Both those who identify as Catholic and those who do not are encouraged to participate in order to get a better understanding of life as a young person today. Discussion will include the blessings/challenges young people face today, what can the Church do to help in discerning life’s major choices, the gifts and talents young people have to offer the Church, and more.

There are many ways to get involved. Starting on May 7, there will be Diocesan listening sessions scheduled for certain age groups through the Diocese (see the schedule listed below). A special website www.partnerwithfrancis.org will include more information about the Synod, resources for parishes and schools that wish to hold their own listening sessions, and an online survey for those not able to attend a



#Partner with Francis

Diocese of Scranton



Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment

listening session.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will participate in the first listening session following the World Day of Prayer for Vocations Celebration at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Swoyersville. High school students, college-aged young adults, and working young adults were invited and encouraged to participate.

The hope is to have many individuals from throughout the Diocese participate in this initiative. The important insights will be shared with Pope Francis in preparation for the Synod, but will also help shape programming for the young church here in the Diocese of Scranton.

All who participate are encouraged to post on social media using the hashtag **#partnerwithfrancis**

to help spread the word.

For more information about this initiative and/or to register for a listening session, please contact Dominick Costantino, program coordinator for the Diocesan Vocation office, at 570-780-2996.



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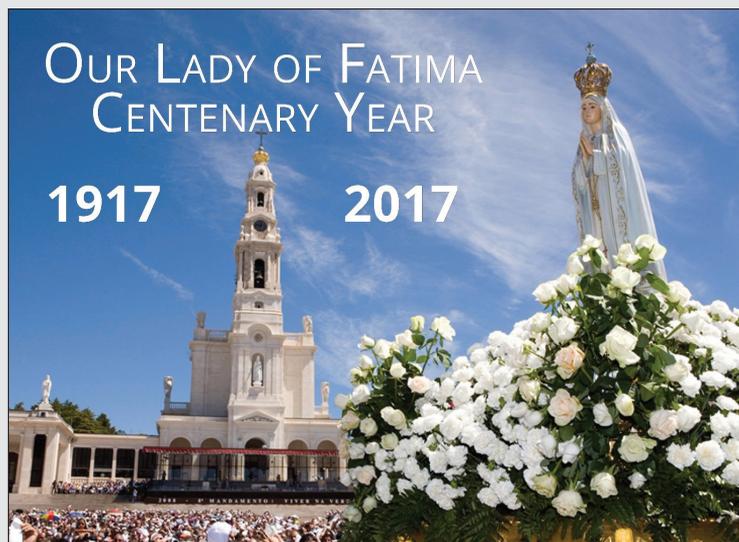
The @DioceseOfScr will [#partnerwithfrancis](https://twitter.com/partnerwithfrancis) and listen to the young church in preparation for [@Pontifex](https://twitter.com/Pontifex) [#synod18](https://twitter.com/synod18). Stay tuned!

Diocesan Listening Sessions

***Additional sessions will be scheduled.**

Date	Location	Time	High School Group (16-18)	College-Age Group (18-24)	Young Adult Group (25-35)
Sunday, May 7	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville	Following 5:30PM Mass	✓	✓	✓
Friday, May 19	St. John Neumann Parish, 633 Orchard St., Scranton	Following XLT Approx 8:45 p.m.	✓		
Thursday, June 15	St. Ann Parish, 1220 Northway Rd., Williamsport	6:30-8:30 p.m.	✓	✓	✓
Friday, June 16	St. Matthew Parish, 78 Ridgeway St., East Stroudsburg	6:30-8:30 p.m.	✓	✓	✓
Friday, June 23	Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis St., Scranton	Following XLT Approx 8:45 p.m.		✓	✓
Wednesday, June 28	Light the Fire Youth Rally Misericordia University	Breakout Session	✓		

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima -- May 13



Father Daniel D. Olszewski

I have the feeling as I stand before you at this point of the liturgy that many of you are a bit perplexed of how or why I have the honor and privilege to deliver the homily at Father Dan's funeral Mass this morning. After all, Father Dan was 40 years older than me; he was a member of the Diocesan clergy and I a member of a religious congregation; and the clincher being that I do not have a drop of Polish blood flowing through my veins! So, if you think you're shocked, I was just as shocked when our dear Father Olszewski informed me a number of years ago in no uncertain terms that I was giving the homily at his funeral and that I had no choice in the matter.

Actually this is the third time that I have the great privilege of preaching the homily of our esteemed Diocesan priests who were products from that older generation: Monsignor Gerald Burns and Father Peter Alisauskas, whom I was blessed and gifted to know and learn from since my early years of seminary and priesthood. Our beloved Father Dan, whom we commend to Almighty God this morning, is also part of this "great generation" of priests that left their mark in the history of our beloved Diocese of Scranton. I feel so honored that my early years of Priesthood were surrounded by these men of God who had a profound influence on me without them ever realizing it.

My connection to Father Dan started on the day of my priestly ordination, just over 25 years ago in Saint Anthony's Church, Exeter, when he graced me with his presence and the imposition of his hands on my head. He had already become familiar with my religious congregation of the Ob-

lates of Saint Joseph who had been assisting at this beautiful parish since the time of his predecessor, Father Leo Kozloski. We Oblates always saw it as an honor to serve such faith-filled, dedicated Polish people. Father Dan, on becoming the new pastor in 1985, continued this connection with the Oblates as we would assist whenever called upon for weekday and weekend Masses, school confessions every first Thursday of the month, Stations of the Cross during the Lenten season, and the annual solemn Forty Hours Devotions, of which he would be so kind to ask me to lead on occasion.

So, from the week after my ordination I was here assisting regularly with the Saturday evening 7:00 Mass and quite often the Sunday morning 10:45 Mass. I have to confess that at first I felt quite intimidated being around this strict Polish pastor, but who was always kind and generous to me in only the way he could express it. That would be extended with an occasional invitation over to the rectory where his dear faithful assistant, Terry, would shower us with more kindness and some delicious Polish goodies.

But Father Dan was always grateful for the assistance offered and for the utmost respect I showed him as a senior priest (not even dare the thought to call him by his first name). I was drawn to him immediately, certainly not because of any touchy, feely vibes I was getting from him, but that he was a priest who was a man's man — a serious, no nonsense pastor — whom some thought to be stern, but a priest who expected a lot first from himself, his staff and his

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The Ethics of New Age Medicine



By Father Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D.

Patients who face serious illnesses are sometimes attracted to alternative medicines, also referred to as "holistic" or "new-age" medicines. These can include treatments like homeopathy, hypnosis, "energy therapies" like Reiki, acupuncture, and herbal remedies, to name just a few.

These approaches raise various medical and ethical concerns. An important 1998 article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* sums it up this way:

"What most sets alternative medicine apart, in our view, is that it has not been scientifically tested and its advocates largely

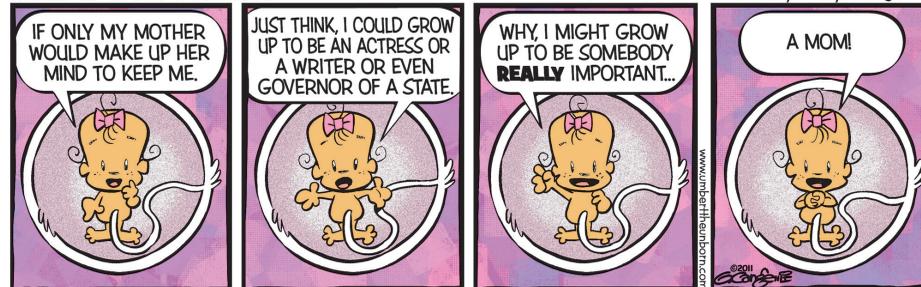
deny the need for such testing. By testing, we mean the marshaling of rigorous evidence of safety and efficacy, as required by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the approval of drugs and by the best peer-reviewed medical journals for the publication of research reports."

Beyond the fact that their clinical efficacy has not earned a passing grade using ordinary methods of scientific investigation, the basic premise behind some alternative medicines can also be highly suspect, raising

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by Gary Cangemi



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CARDINAL DOLAN CALLS PRO-ABORTION DNC PLEDGE EXTREME, DISTURBING, INTOLERANT

WASHINGTON — Cardinal Timothy Dolan, chair of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, reacted to the announcement by the Democratic National Committee's chair pledging support only for pro-abortion candidates. Calling the pledge "very disturbing," Cardinal Dolan urged party members to "challenge their leadership to recant this intolerant position."

Cardinal Dolan's statement:

"The recent pledge by the Democratic National Committee chair to support only candidates who embrace the radical unrestricted abortion license is very disturbing. The Democratic Party

platform already endorses abortion throughout the nine months of pregnancy, even forcing taxpayers to fund it; and now the DNC says that to be a Democrat — indeed to be an American — requires supporting that extreme agenda.

"True solidarity with pregnant women and their children transcends all party lines. Abortion doesn't empower women. Indeed, women deserve better than abortion.

"In the name of diversity and inclusion, pro-life and pro-choice Democrats, alike, should challenge their leadership to recant this intolerant position."

Mother's Day Adoption Mass to be Celebrated

The annual Mother's Day Adoption Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 14, at 10:00 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 Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton, the Diocesan Office for Parish Life, and St. Joseph's Center in Scranton.

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

CCR Formation Day on May 20 Marking Charismatic Movement's Golden Jubilee

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Scranton continues its celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding

of the worldwide Charismatic Renewal Movement by hosting a CCR Formation Day on Saturday, May 20.

The golden jubilee

event will be held at the Holy Family Center in Nanticoke, beginning with registration and breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m.

Theme for the day's program is "Pentecost and Beyond: The Flow of the River of the Holy Spirit," featuring guest presenter Father Timothy Cremeens, Ph.D., pastor of Holy Res-

urrection (Orthodox) Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre.

Registration fee for the Formation Day is \$25 per person and includes three meals. For more information and reserva-

tion details, contact Bob Valiante, Catholic Charismatic Renewal, P.O. Box 3306, Scranton, PA 18505-0306; phone (570-344-2214); or at ccrenewal@comcast.net.

Our Lady of Fatima Procession



Monday
May 15th
2017



Join
Bishop
Joseph C.
Bambera

Celebrate the 100 years of Our Lady of Fatima

8:40 AM Prayer Service at

St. John Neumann Regional Academy

9:15 AM Procession Departs

11:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Parish with

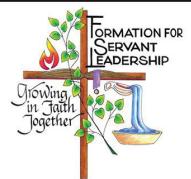
Bishop Joseph C. Bambera

Transportation provided for those unable to walk

Rain or shine

Questions Contact: (570) 323-9953 ext 204

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

Diocese of Scranton
CATHOLIC
 SCHOOL SYSTEM
 FAITH • ACADEMICS • SERVICE

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



Holy Rosary School in Duryea recently held a "Heart Healthy Day" which included a fun-filled Zumba lesson from Holy Rosary School parent and instructor Alicia Duque. Students raised \$500 to benefit The American Heart Association. Here Ainsley Lear, Ava Policare, Lukas Herbert, Madeline Witkowski, Max Taylor, Annabelle Schillinger, Farrah Talarico and Liam Peet visit with the Heart Association Lion mascot.



All Saints Academy in Scranton celebrated World Down Syndrome Day and World Autism Awareness Day with students in the school's Individualized Instruction Program.



The 1st grade classes at Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston recently took part in an Earth Day activity. Nana Balonis read a story about Earth Day and led a discussion about ways to take care of our Earth. After the discussion, the students planted their own zinnia seeds. The flowers will be kept in the classroom for a few weeks so the students can make observations and record any changes.



Holy Cross High School in Dunmore is proud to announce that four students successfully completed the requirements for Eagle Scout recognition. Shown here from left to right are Mark Kobierecki (Class of '17), Tyler Kuchwara (Class of '18), Thomas Bright (Class of '18), and John Topalanchik (Class of '17).



Spirit Club members from St. John Neumann High School in Williamsport assist with the games and activities at the SJN Elementary Campus Spring Fling.



Ashlyn Moore, Matthew Millett, Ryan Walsh, Joseph Beradelli, Chris Ramey, Will Ramey and Elizabeth Schneider, students at Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green, represented their school at the recent Odyssey of the Mind competition.



The Kindergarten students at **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton** reenact the Stations of the Cross before Easter.



Freshman Kayla Serafin from **Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre** poses with HRHS Principal Anita Sirak (left) and Mrs. Elaine Snyder as she is awarded the Scott E. Snyder Memorial Scholarship, named for a Bishop Hoban High School junior who passed away. Awarded by Scott's family, the award is based on the qualities of the National Honor Society — scholarship, service, leadership and character, as well as a commitment to the Catholic faith.



Letter "T" week was very busy for the three-year-olds at **St. Jude School in Mountain Top**. The little ones made construction paper tigers, read "Freight Train" and colored a freight train, did a project with the number ten, and covered a letter T with triangles. But the most exciting event was the Teddy Bear Tea Party, where the students, with their stuffed friends, enjoyed iced tea from a tea pot, as well as fruit and crackers while listening to "It's the Bear," a story about a bear who interrupts a son and mother picnic. Pictured are Luke Fauerbach, Calvin Schappert, Sydney Millard, Lily Peterlin, Aria Karnoski, and Richie Lont.



Students from **St. Clare/St. Paul Primary Campus in Scranton** collected Easter baskets to help children in need. All baskets went to the Progressive Center in Scranton.



The 3rd and 4th graders from **Epiphany School in Sayre** visited a One Room School House; here some of Epiphany students are dressed in similar clothing worn by children who would have attended this school.



Students, faculty and staff at **Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco** participated in the #RedTieChallenge, in support of a fellow student and all others who battle inheritable bleeding disorders.



Sixth-grade students at **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter** participated in a Seder prayer service. The primary aim of the Seder is to transmit to future generations the story of the Exodus, which is the central event in Jewish history. In the Christian tradition, the Passover Seder is also believed to be when Jesus instituted the Eucharist. Here students gather around a table sharing a ritual meal of bread, apples, eggs and grape juice, which symbolizes their faith and celebrates tradition.



The cast and crew at **Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg** were thrilled to welcome Broadway legends to their final performance of "Disaster" on Sunday, March 27. Pictured here with the cast, NDHS Director Timothy Naughton and NDHS Choreographer Naomi Naughton, are Ms. Lacretra Nicole (front, left) who played Lenora Verona in the original Broadway production, and Seth Rudetsky (center, kneeling) who wrote the play and played Professor Ted Scheider on Broadway.



Grace Castellano, Lillie Kochis, and Jenna Robertson of **St. Mary of Mt. Carmel School in Dunmore** wear their medals after placing 1st in the Diocesan Forensics competition at Holy Redeemer High School.

Thirty-nine students, grades 6 to 8, from **St. Nicholas/St. Mary's School in Wilkes-Barre** participated in an art contest sponsored by the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW). The students selected animals rescued and protected by the IFAW to create original and creative paintings and colored drawings. In addition to being eligible for prizes, students' artwork may be featured and displayed on merchandise such as T-shirts, calendars, posters, and greeting cards published by the IFAW in order to promote their cause.



Parishes enriched by initial sessions in V Encuentro process

Discerning pastoral practices and priorities for ministry among Hispanic Catholics

Parishes in the Diocese are progressing in their participation in V Encuentro, a three-year ecclesial process of missionary activity, consultation, leadership development and dialogue in parishes, dioceses and episcopal regions to discern pastoral practices and priorities to impact the quality of ministry among Hispanic Catholics.

The Diocese of Scranton began its participation in the V Encuentro process about a year ago. A core Diocesan Team had been meeting to learn and to explore different ways parishes could be encouraged to participate in V Encuentro. In early February, 10 parishes from the Diocese of Scranton agreed to participate in V Encuentro.

Once the parishes enthusiastically agreed to participate, it



was time to give them guidance and training to gather information about the hopes, dreams and best practices within the Hispanic/Latino community. The process went as follows: Diocesan Team members from each parish invited 8 to 10 people who would be facilitators. The facilitators would conduct the faith sharing for the length of five weeks. The five-week sessions were centered around the Gospel of Luke "Road to Emmaus" reading. Each parish team did their own recruiting to invite all parishioners to partic-

ipate. The Office for Parish Life Team trained all the facilitators throughout the months of February and March.

At this time most of the parishes have completed the five sessions, except for a couple who will start soon. Two weeks ago, the V Encuentro Diocesan Team met to share their experiences on the five-week process. They all agreed the process was enriching, hopeful and faith filled.

St. Nicholas Parish from Wilkes-Barre had a unique experience during the five-week session

with the youth. The parish team wanted to engage everyone, particularly the youth. It was a great opportunity to give the youth a chance to share their dreams and hopes for the Church and, according to the Parish Team, it was phenomenal to have their input.

Now the parishes are in the process of developing a Parish V Encuentro Day celebration where the parishes would have the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the five-week sessions. In addition, more information will be collected at the Parish V Encuentro

Day celebration.

Everyone who has participated has enjoyed it. The Hispanic/Latino community is grateful to the Diocese for recognizing not only the dreams and hopes but also best practices that the entire community can learn.

The conversation will continue at the Diocesan level on the Diocesan V Encuentro Celebration which will be on September 30, 2017 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center and the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. More details about this day will be published soon.

Oblates of St. Joseph to Celebrate Founder's Feast

PITTSSTON — The Oblates of St. Joseph religious congregation will host their annual celebration of the feast of their founder, St. Joseph Marello, with a Triduum (three-day) devotion to be offered during the upcoming Memorial Day weekend

The Triduum will be held daily Saturday thru Monday, May 27–29, in the chapel of St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, 1880 Route 315, Lafin.

Mass will be celebrated each evening at 7 p.m., followed by novena prayers to St. 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.

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

Serving as principal cele-

brant and homilist will be Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin. Concelebrating the feast day liturgy will be the Oblates of St. Joseph priests serving in the Diocese of Scranton.

Prayer Requests for Priests

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

May 4, Jesuit Father Ronald McKinney; May 5, Father Patrick McLaughlin; May 6, Father Thomas McLaughlin; May 7, Father John Melnick; May 8, Father Peter Menghini; May 9, Father Edward Micheli; May 10, Jesuit Father J. Patrick Mohr; May 11, Father Joseph Mosley; May 12, Father Joseph Motsay;

May 13, Monsignor Thomas Muldowney, V.G.; May 14, Father Kevin Mulhern; May 15, Father Paul Mullen; May 16, Father James Nash; May 17, Father Theodore Obaza; May 18, Father John O'Bell; May 19, Father Albert Oldfield; May 20, Father Daniel Olszewski; May 21, Father Thomas O'Malley; May 22, Father Joseph Orloski; May 23, Father Peter O'Rourke; May 24, Father James Paisley.

Evening of Reflection Series for Liturgical Ministers

The Office for Parish Life will be offering a series of Evenings of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and those involved in Music Ministry. David Baloga, Director for Worship, will lead each evening and will help liturgical ministers enter more deeply into the spirituality of their ministry through prayer, song and reflection.

+ **Tuesday, May 9 — Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

+ **Tuesday, May 16 — Lectors**

+ **Tuesday, May 23 — Music Ministers**

All sessions begin at 6:30PM and will take place at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton. There is no cost to participate. To register for one (or more) of these evenings, please complete the **Evening of Reflection form** or contact the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213. Please register no later than the Friday before that Evening of Reflection.

Catholic Choral Spring Concerts Set

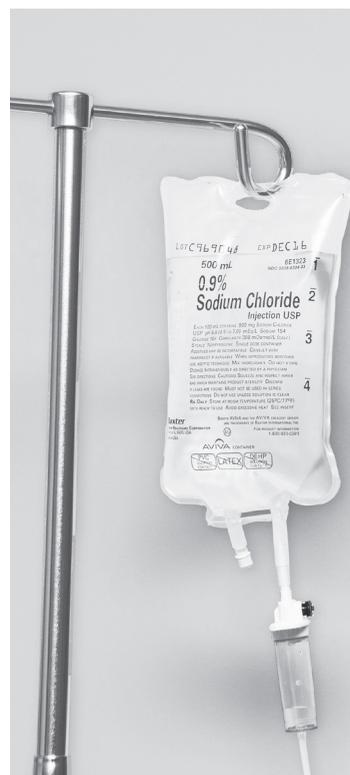
SCRANTON — The annual spring concerts of the Catholic Choral Society of Northeast PA will be presented later this month, beginning on Friday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton.

A second spring concert performance will be held on Sunday,

May 21, at 7 p.m. at St. Ignatius Church, 339 North Maple Ave., Kingston.

Admission cost for each concert performance is \$10 for adults; \$8, seniors and students; children under age 12, free of charge.

Tickets are available at the door; from society members; or by calling (570-587-2753).



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Road to Resurrection

With reverence and deep spirituality, the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Scranton participated in the solemn services of Holy Week.

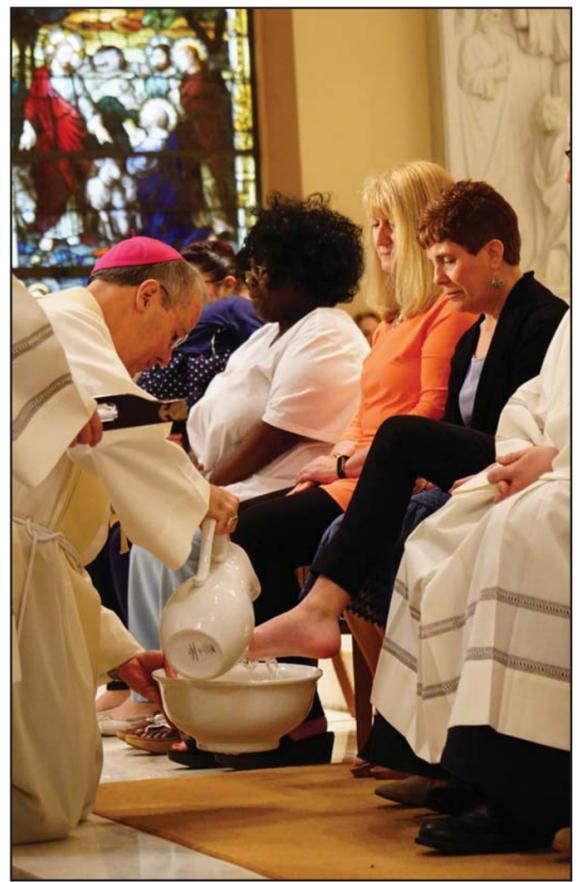
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Palm Sunday



Chrism Mass



Mass of the Lord's Supper



Via Crucis (Way of the Cross)

On Good Friday, members of area Hispanic communities led re-enactments of the Passion of the Lord. Clockwise from top: Annunciation Parish in Hazleton, Most Holy Trinity Parish in the Poconos, St. John Neumann Parish in Scranton.



Easter Vigil



Good Friday

Editorial Eulogy: Father Daniel Olszewski

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parishioners. He demanded consistency, loyalty and perfection. And, again, he was grateful for how we Oblates tried to the best of our abilities to meet his expectations as he ran a top-notch parish, impeccably clean and spotless as it has been maintained to this current day, well-organized, and of course earning the reputation for its famous “Picnic of all picnics” in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

And with these wonderful experiences in my first two years of Priesthood, thus started a privileged journey of priestly friendship over the next 25 years. We carried a special bond between us, not really expressed in words or emotional gestures, but we just knew it was there like a spiritual father & son relationship. He remained at my side as I grew up in the priesthood and was given my first parish assignment as an assistant and then four years later as a pastor.

The greatest compliment he paid to me was not with empty words but when he asked me to be his confessor once after he retired from the active ministry. I was truly humbled that a priest of his age and stature would ask me, young enough to be his son, to serve as his confessor....and he was faithful to that commitment as he would call me on the phone, ask me what I was doing, and then say, “Okay, I’ll be over in 10 minutes!” I made sure I ended each confession by me kneeling down before him

and asking for his blessing — they were always very sacred and intimate encounters with the Lord and each other.

I felt it appropriate at Father Dan’s funeral Mass this morning that we proclaim the Gospel of the calling of the first disciples by our Blessed Lord. They were rough and tough, ordinary men — fishermen — chosen to be the Master’s closest followers. Jesus did not seek out the most intelligent or the holiest of men — the aristocracy or the religious elite of His day.

The words of St. Peter in today’s Gospel can be echoed by every priest: “Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” And what does Jesus do? Does He walk away? Does He say, “Yes, Peter, you are right, let me find someone more qualified, more worthy of the calling.”? He not only does not walk away from him, but He challenges him and the others to be the first evangelizers, the first vocation directors.

Father Dan knew this spiritual journey very well, mindful of his own personal sinfulness and shortcomings, yet he was always keenly aware of the “call” from Christ in his life, and the demanding mission of what it means to be an authentic servant of Jesus Christ. For Father Dan this was not something to be taken lightly or to be done half-heartedly, but that it demands our life, our all. He was always acting “in persona Christi” — whether at the altar, in the confessional, from the pulpit, behind the desk, swinging a hammer, using a shovel or driving a plow truck. Father Dan

was one of those real men called out from the world by the Lord to be a disciple in our day.

Four years ago when I was beginning to prepare a new chapter in my priestly ministry that would take me 3,000 miles away — clear across country — away from all that is familiar and comfortable to me, Father Dan came to see me the night before my departure to say his farewell. I must say it was the first time that we both had some wetness around our eyes.... His “farewell discourse” to me was far from a discourse as he was never about a lot of talk. He offered me a firm handshake — no hug of course — wishing me success in my responsibilities by doing it well and faithfully.

Father Dan, your family, your Diocesan family and friends surround you at this sacred moment as we tearfully, yet gratefully, acknowledge your 90 years of life and over 60 years of service in the Holy Priesthood. As we celebrate in this Easter season the triumph of Christ over sin and death, it is our prayer for you that you fully enter into the joy of your Lord and Master: “Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.”

You have served the Lord well, O faithful son of the Church, as an outstanding pastor on every level, particularly as a wise and faithful steward of the church’s temporal needs, maintaining to meticulous precision this beautiful house of worship

and adjacent buildings and grounds, including the parish cemetery. I personally observed Father Dan’s pastoral style and work ethic and I can say it truly inspired me as I sought to emulate much of it when I had the privilege to serve as pastor for nine years at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Pittston. Hopefully you have inspired all of us to work hard for Christ and never to count the cost.

I feel it is only appropriate that I bring this homily to a close with the inspiring words of our great saintly Polish Pope — Saint John Paul II, who said in 1979 just a year after his election as Supreme Pontiff and following his first visit to the United States that: “The world looks to the priest, because it looks to Jesus! No one can see Christ; but everyone sees the priest, and through him they wish to catch a glimpse of the Lord! Immense is the grandeur of the Lord! Immense is the grandeur and dignity of the priest!”

Thank you, Father Dan, for allowing us to catch a glimpse of the Lord because of your faithful and dedicated service in His Holy Priesthood. May you rest in peace! Amen.

Excerpted from the homily by Very Rev. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ, at the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for Father Daniel D. Olszewski on May 3 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Dupont.

Making Sense of Bioethics: The Ethics of New Age Medicine

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concerns about superstitious viewpoints or misguided forms of spirituality motivating certain therapies.

If we consider acupuncture, this technique does appear to provide benefit in certain cases of pain control. Yet similar results have been reported using “sham” needles — tapping the skin in random places with a thin metal tube. Brain scans have demonstrated that treatment with genuine needles, as opposed to the sham needles, does cause detectable changes in the brain. But, when researchers ignored acupuncturists’ recommended “meridian placement” of needles, and instead did random placement in the skin, the same brain effects were observed. Hence, it is unclear whether the results seen from acupuncture arise mostly from the well-known “placebo effect” or not. Further research should help resolve this question.

Even if the observed effects are not placebo-related, acupuncture’s non-rational justification for its purported effectiveness remains a concern. It is based on energy

principles that neither science nor faith affirm. Glenn Braunstein, M.D., described it critically in the following way:

“Ch’i, the invisible nutritive energy that flows from the universe into the body at any one of 500 acupuncture points, is conducted through the 12 main meridians [channels] in (ideally) an unbroken circle. Meridians conduct either Yin energy (from the sun) or Yang energy (from the earth). All maladies are caused by disharmony or disturbances in the flow of energy.”

Clearly, then, some alternative therapies, beyond the basic issue about whether they work, raise serious spiritual concerns as well.

Another new-age therapy known as Reiki, developed in Japan in the late 1800s, claims that sickness can be caused by a disruption or imbalance in a patient’s “Reiki” or “life energy.” Reiki practitioners try to heal a patient by placing their hands in certain positions on the body in order to facilitate the flow of Reiki from the practitioner to the patient.

A 2009 document from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops stresses, “In terms of caring for one’s spiritual health,

there are important dangers” that can arise by turning to Reiki. The document notes that because Reiki therapy is not compatible with either Christian teaching or scientific evidence, it would be inappropriate for Catholics to put their trust in the method, because to do so would be to operate “in the realm of superstition, the no-man’s-land that is neither faith nor science.”

Scientific investigations of another new-age therapy, the popular herbal remedy known as echinacea (taken early to ward off a cold) have revealed no difference between echinacea and a placebo in controlled studies involving several hundred subjects. While some herbal remedies may be harmless and inert placebos, others may have more serious health consequences if ingested above certain dosages due to ingredients of unknown potency derived from natural substances.

Sometimes a remedy can be borrowed from Chinese, Indian or another medical tradition, but it should be chosen for its efficacy, safety, and reasonable mode of action, and not be in conflict with principles of

sound medical science or Christian teaching.

Health improvements that arise from alternative remedies may be due not only to the placebo effect, but also to the fact that patients are usually given more time, attention and focused concern by alternative practitioners than by traditional physicians. This can translate into modified habits and changed lifestyles, leading to various health benefits.

Modern medicine can be legitimately faulted for downplaying this dimension, so that, in the memorable words of pediatrician Jay Perman, “Doctors tend to end up trained in silos of specialization,” in which they are taught “to make a diagnosis, prescribe a therapy, and we’re done. But we’re not done.”

The famous Greek physician Hippocrates once noted the same point: “It is more important to know what sort of person has a disease than to know what sort of disease a person has.” Today’s physicians-in-training, fortunately, are seeking to incorporate more and more of these “patient-centric” and “holistic” aspects into their own traditional medical practices to improve patient care and outcomes.

St. Gabriel's to Host Annual Retreat for Men May 19-21



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MAY SCHEDULE

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

THE CATHOLIC LIGHT • MAY 4, 2017

SOUTH ABINGTON TWP. — The annual Men's Retreat sponsored by The Endless Mountains and Wyoming Valley men's retreat leagues will be hosted at St. Gabriel's Retreat Center, 631 Griffin Pond Road, Clarks Summit, during the weekend of May 19-21.

Serving as retreat directors for the weekend will be Franciscan Father Pio Mandato and Sister Theresa May, of the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth.

The retreat's theme is based on the Scripture verse, "Good Teacher, What Shall I Do to Inherit Eternal Life?" (March 10:17), as the guest presenters will focus on the Lord's invitation to live according to Jesus' life and his teachings.

The weekend retreat gathering begins on Friday, May 19, at 6 p.m. with supper. Departure follows the noon meal on Sunday, May 21.

A Franciscan priest living as a missionary hermit in the Diocese of Scranton since 1998, Father Pio Mandato is a native of Italy who was raised in New Jersey. He entered the Capuchin Franciscan order at the age of 17, when he began his Franciscan and priestly formation.

Father Pio was ordained a Capuchin priest in 1985 and has since served in various apostolates, including hospital chaplaincy, min-

istering to the homeless, directing spiritual retreats and presiding at healing Masses.

Sister Theresa May, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., entered the Franciscan Missionaries of the Infant Jesus in 1969 and served for two years in religious formation in Assisi, Italy, before returning the U.S. to minister in Catholic education.

In 1994, while serving in New Bedford, Mass., she helped establish a new community of religious Sisters devoted to prayer and poverty. The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth is an apostolic contemplative community currently based in Tunkhannock. The Sisters lead lives of prayer and ministry through preached retreats, parish mission work, and service to youth and young adults.

Preached retreats at St. Gabriel's consist of conferences on the spiritual life, private time for personal reflection, prayer services, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and celebration of the Eucharistic liturgy. 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.

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Catholic Colleges to Stage Spring Commencements

DALLAS — The vice chancellor of St. Mary's University in Twickenham, England, who is a former British diplomat and served as Ambassador to the Holy See for Her Majesty, will be principal speaker when Misericordia University holds its 91st annual undergraduate commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 20, at 2 p.m.

Francis Martin Campbell will deliver the keynote address to the Misericordia undergraduates at the Anderson Sports and Health Center on campus, after which the university will confer him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Misericordia will also bestow an honorary doctorate to the guest speaker for the graduate commencement ceremony — Joseph Cornelius Donnelly, the permanent delegate to the United Nations for the international Catholic organization Caritas Internationalis. Those ceremonies will be staged earlier in the day at 10 a.m. in the Anderson Center.

Also during the graduate ceremony, the Misericordia Alumni Association will present Louis



Francis M. Campbell

Maganzin, Ph.D., former professor of history at Misericordia for 32 years, with the Honorary Alumnus Award.

Commencement activities will also include a baccalaureate Mass on Friday, May 19, at 4 p.m. in Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall on campus.

Mr. Campbell has been a member of Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service since 1997. During that time his postings included the European Union, U.N. Security Council in New York, Italy, and at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) in London. He also served on the staff of Great Britain's former Prime Minister Tony Blair, first as policy adviser in the No. 10 Policy Unit and then as a private secretary for foreign affairs during 1999-2003.

Additionally, Mr. Campbell was on secondment to Amnesty International as the senior director of policy. Since 2014 he has served as vice chancellor of St. Mary's University — located ten miles outside of London — which shares in a study abroad program with Misericordia.

Marywood University

SCRANTON — More than 900 students will take part in the 99th annual commencement of Marywood University on Saturday, May 20, at 1 p.m. at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza in Wilkes-Barre Township.

Marywood's four colleges, as well as its School of Architecture, will confer degrees to the undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students hailing from 22 states and 13 countries.



Jill Dougherty

Addressing the 2017 spring graduation class of Marywood will be CNN foreign correspondent Jill Dougherty, who is also distinguished Visiting Practitioner at the University of Washington's Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, and a Global Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C.

After joining CNN in 1983 shortly after its founding, Ms. Dougherty was named the network's Moscow Bureau Chief in 1997 and served in that post for nearly a decade. She has reported from more than 50 countries, including Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, China, North Korea and Russia.

Ms. Dougherty served as CNN White House correspondent from 1991-1996 and was CNN's Foreign Affairs Correspondent, based at the network's Washington Bureau during 2009-2013. She has also served as U.S. Affairs Editor for CNN International and as CNN International's Managing Editor for the Asia-Pacific region, based at the network's regional headquarters in Hong Kong.

In 2014 she was selected as a fellow at the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. There, she conducted research on the Russia media and the Russian government international and domestic communications strategy.

During 2014-2015 she continued that work as a Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center and recently conducted field research at the International Centre for Defense and Security in Tallinn, Estonia.

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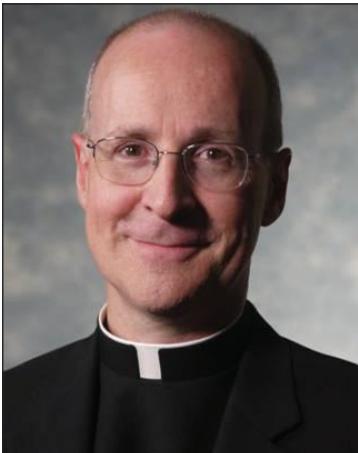
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King's College

WILKES-BARRE — The 68th annual commencement exercises of King's College in Wilkes-Barre will be staged on Sunday, May 21, at 2 p.m. at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza.

Approximately 500 graduates will receive either a bachelor's or master's degree during the spring commencement, which will feature a King's alumnus, Attorney Patrick J. Murphy, as principal speaker. He will be conferred an

honorary Doctor of Humanities degree by the college.

A 1996 graduate of King's, where he served as student body president and was an Army ROTC cadet, Atty. Murphy is also a decorated military veteran, former U.S. Congressman and, most recently, Under Secretary of the U.S. Army.

The keynote speaker earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and human resources management while at King's, and was also commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Reserves. While attending Widener University School of Law, where he received his juris doctorate in 1999, Atty. Murphy worked in the office of the Philadelphia

District Attorney and served as an Army officer in Germany.

Beginning in 2000, Atty. Murphy was on active duty with the U.S. Army, serving as a judge advocate and as an assistant professor at the U.S. Military Academy. Following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, he volunteered for overseas deployment, serving in both Bosnia and Iraq, and was awarded the Bronze Star.

In 2006, Atty. Murphy became the first veteran of the Iraq War to be elected to Congress, representing the 8th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. During his two terms, he served on the Armed Services, Selected Intelligence, and Appropriations Committee.

Following his presidential appointment, Atty. Murphy was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Under Secretary of the Army in 2015. During his year in office, he also assumed the duties as Acting Secretary of the Army for four months.

Atty. Murphy was a Visiting Fellow at the University of Chicago and has been an invited lecturer at Harvard University, Stanford University, University of Pennsylvania, and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

University of Scranton

SCRANTON — The University of Scranton announces Jesuit Father James Martin, best-selling author and editor-at-large of America magazine who has ministered to hospice patients, migrants and members of street-gangs, will

be the principal speaker at the university's undergraduate commencement on Sunday, May 28.

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WHEN: Saturday, May 13, 2017.

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Spiritual Offerings

Friday Holy Hour for Vocations — MAY 5, hosted by the Little Sisters of the Poor at Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton; weekly devotion held every Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the Residence chapel. Holy Hour includes recitation of the Rosary, evening prayer (vespers) and benediction. All faithful are welcome.

Monthly Gathering of Theresians International of Scranton — MAY 9, led by Mary Boretsky, president; group gathers at Immaculate Conception Church in the Hill section of Scranton for recitation of the Patriotic Rosary at 11:30 a.m. in the church's adoration chapel, followed by Mass celebrated at 12:10 p.m. Theresians' luncheon meeting follows at 12:45 p.m. at Cooper's Seafood House,

North Washington Ave., Scranton. Month's guest speaker: Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin.

Weekly Novena to St. Anthony of Padua — MAY 9-JUNE 13, hosted by Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre; St. Anthony Novena devotion offered on 13 consecutive Tuesday evenings, beginning each week at 5:30 p.m. in the parish church. Novena theme: "The Life & Legacy of St. Junipero Serra, Patron Saint of Vocations: Ever Forward, Never Back." All faithful are welcome to attend; for more information, call (570-824-7832).

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

Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil — MAY 12, sponsored by the Catholics Defending Life Prayer & Awareness Team; group resumes weekly gatherings every Friday (except on First Fridays) from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at the Pro-Life Monument located next to St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton (300 block of Wyoming Ave.).

Recitation of the Rosary offered, along with pro-life meditations, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayer devotions for the respect and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Pro-life signs are welcome.

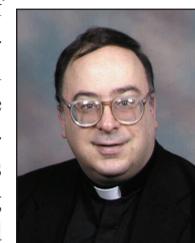
"America Needs Fatima Campaign" Rosary Rally — MAY 13, feast of Our Lady of Fatima, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Blessed Mother's first apparition to the shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917; local public Rosary Rally offering prayers for America through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held at 12 noon at Lackawanna County Courthouse Square, North Washington Ave., Scranton. Music provided by Ernie Pappa; all are welcome to participate. For more information, contact Barb (570-591-0292) or Josie (570-342-5614).

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

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Charismatic Mass, Healing Service Set

SCRANTON — Catholic Charismatic prayer groups in the Diocese of Scranton invite all faithful to participate in a Charismatic Mass and healing service hosted by Queen of the Apostles Parish in Avoca on Sunday, May 21, at St. Mary Church, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca.



Fr. August Ricciardi

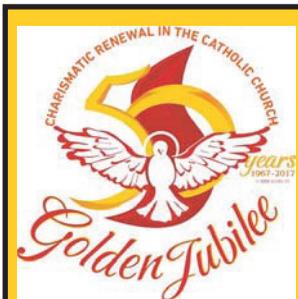
The Eucharistic liturgy will be offered at 7 p.m., preceded

by recitation of the Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

Serving as celebrant for the Mass will be Father August Ricciardi, pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Old Forge, and spiritual director of the Charismatic Renewal in the Scranton Diocese.

A healing service will follow the Mass, with Father Ricciardi and leaders from Charismatic prayer groups ministering to those who desire prayers for healing.

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adoration, Rosary, benediction, procession with the Fatima Statue, and consecration to Mary. Celebration followed by a complimentary hot lunch; reservations for lunch requested by May 8 through email at: hnm278@frontier.com, or by contacting the parish rectory at (570-278-1504).

Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry — **MAY 13 & 27**, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month in the Bish-

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

Weekly Bereavement Support Group — **MAY 17**, first of a series of meetings scheduled for five consecutive weeks, addressing topics dealing with the grief process in order for participants to find heal-

ing; 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).

Monday Night Worship — **JUNE 5**, hosted by St. Faustina Parish in Nanticoke; monthly devotion held on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the parish worship site of Holy Trinity Church, 520 South Hanover St., Nanticoke. All faithful are welcome to join together for a Holy Hour of praise and worship music. For more information, contact Paul Walters at (570-332-2963).

Catholic Happenings

Benefit Concert: "Wheels for Juliann" — **MAY 6**, sponsored by the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association Chapter at Misericordia University in Dallas; featuring Beyond Harmony, the university's female a cappella group, and the student Dance Ensemble. Concert event begins at 3 p.m. in the Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall at Misericordia; doors open at 2:30 p.m. Proceeds will go toward purchasing a Rifton adaptive tricycle for Juliann Tompkins, a Drums resident with special needs. Additional proceeds will benefit Brighter Journeys, a Luzerne County-based nonprofit organization that helps families with special-needs children. Admission cost: adults, \$5; Misericordia students, faculty, children and seniors, \$3 (in advance). Advance tickets available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Banks Student Life Center lobby on campus. All tickets sold at the door are \$5 each.

University of Scranton Performance Music Series: In Concert — **MAY 6**, featuring the University of Scranton String Orchestra, beginning at 7:30 p.m.; concert events are held in the University's Houlihan-McLean Center on campus, corner of Mulberry St. & Jefferson Ave.

Performances are open to the public free of charge.

Tenth Annual Parish Golf Tournament: St. Mary's Classic — **MAY 7**, sponsored by Queen of the Apostles Parish in Avoca; hosted at Pine Hills Country Club, 140 South Keyser Ave., Taylor. Registration begins at 7 a.m., with 8 a.m. shotgun start (captain & crew format). Cost: \$85 per golfer, include prizes and post-tournament dinner at Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall, 742 Spring St., Avoca. Sponsorships available. For more information, contact the parish office (570-457-3412), Jim McMahon at jimcmahon1@verizon.net or John Soy at johnsoy@comcast.net.

Annual St. Joseph Breakfast — **MAY 7**, hosted by the Women's Society of St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 130 North St. Frances Cabrini Ave., west Scranton; serving from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church hall (take-outs available). Breakfast menu includes ham & eggs, homemade pancakes, olives, home fries, bread, juice and hot beverages; traditional St. Joseph Bread also available for purchase. Cost: adults, \$8.50; children (age 6 to 10), \$4. Tickets sold at the

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Wounded Healers



By Deacon Edward T. Kelly
Diocesan Director,
Pontifical Mission Societies

Now that we are in the Easter Season it is a good time to reflect on the Risen Christ and the *hope* which that brings and the *faith* which it inspires.

After His death and Resurrection, Jesus appeared to many of his followers. “On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” (John 20:19).

In contrast with the disciples’ fear and the violence of the Crucifixion, Jesus’ first words are of peace. Then without wasting much time, Jesus sends the disciples on mission. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (John 20:21). He also breathes on them and says, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” (John 20:22). They will not be alone in carrying out their mission. God is with them and suddenly the fear is gone.

We can probably all sympathize with Thomas. He was not there when Jesus appeared...he



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has not seen anything...and he wants proof. Thomas finally comes to believe in and recognize the Risen Christ by putting his finger into his wounds and touching his scars. Isn’t that true in today’s world? The Risen Christ is profoundly present in the wounded and scarred.

We don’t have to live long in this world to pick up some scars. To live this life fully, to venture, to risk, and to love, is to bear deep scars. In back of every scar, there is a wound. And in back of every wound, there is a story.

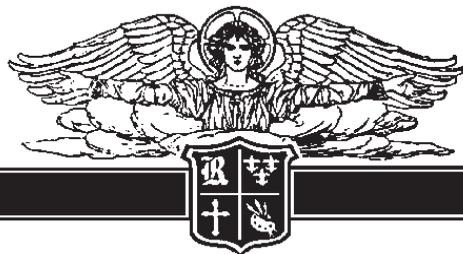
We all have our own personal stories, and perhaps our scars and wounds are the pivotal parts. To tell the stories of our scars is to have others know us more completely and understand us all the

better. For some the story may be a lost job or some financial burden; for others it may be a broken relationship or difficulty in the family; for some it may be an illness or the death of a loved one.

The point of our woundedness may prove to be God’s best opportunity to use us. Could our woundedness be the best gift we could give to others? Such is the grace and power of the Risen Christ, that not only can our wounds be healed, but our scars can become sources of healing for others. It is in uniting our scars and our wounds with those of the Risen Christ where we can find our purpose.

Through our own wounds we are able to feel the pain of others

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

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

Pro-Life Rosary Vigils

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

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

Eucharistic Adorations

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

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

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

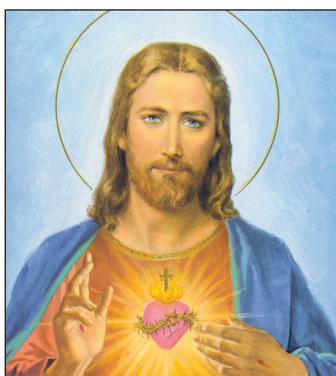
Rosary & Healing Mass

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

Healing Mass

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

Blue Army Reparation Vigil



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

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

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

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His most recent book, *Seven Last Words: An Invitation to a Deeper Friendship with Jesús*, was published in 2016, and his first novel, *The Abbey: A Story of Discovery*, was published in 2015. The acclaimed writer and author has won multiple book awards from The Christophers and the Catholic Press Association, and his articles have been published in *America* and *Catholic Digest*, in addition to many of the nation's foremost newspapers.

gang members in Chicago; and at Jesuit Refugee Service/East Africa in Nairobi, Kenya.

A native of Plymouth Meeting, Father Martin earned his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton

School of Business, and master's degrees in divinity and theology from Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass.

He was ordained to the priesthood for the Society of Jesus in June 1999.



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Catholic High School Class Alumni Meeting — MAY 9, monthly dinner gathering of the members of the 1955 class from the former Pittston Central Catholic High School; held at Valenti's Restaurant, 1180 Wyoming Ave., Exeter, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All classmates are welcome. For more information, call Ky Lazzari at (570-825-2648).

University of Scranton Performance Music Series: Pre-Commencement Concert — MAY 11, featuring the University of Scranton Symphonic Band, Singers & String Orchestra; concert event begins at 7:30 p.m. in the University's Houlihan-Mc-

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who might be going through so much more. The whole world watched our suffering brothers and sisters in Haiti, Chile, Japan, the Philippines and other mission territories who have been wounded so severely by catastrophic earthquakes, tsunamis and hurricanes. The whole world watched the heart-breaking plight of innocent people in Syria being tortured and killed or uprooted from their homeland through no fault of their own.

The world is being challenged to embrace an all-loving God — suffering in these people, calling us to be *wounded healers*. Our response transforms and connects us in compassion across borders and cultures as we struggle to give them the hope that in these losses they will eventually find their way to recover, to heal and to live again.

The Most Rev. Yves Marie Pean, CSC, Bishop of the Diocese of Gonaives in Haiti, has said: "Hope and faith are linked. It is that which gives substance to our hearts. It convinces us of things we

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Free Community Pancake Breakfast — MAY 13, sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Route 209, Gilbert (Brodheadsville), and served to those in need in portions of Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon and Monroe counties; breakfast is provided free of charge from 8 to 10 a.m. in the church's McCawley Hall. For more information, call the parish office at (610-681-6137).

Free Community Luncheon — MAY 13, sponsored by Holy Rosary Parish in Hazleton; lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the parish hall at 240 S. Poplar St., Hazleton. Meal is offered to the community free of charge. All are welcome.

cannot see... Hope is developing in the confidence of God that permits us to go over all kinds of obstacles."

Yet, many recent immigrants to the U.S. find themselves unwelcome. The challenges of living our solidarity are all around us. Just like those early disciples, there is always the risk to find ourselves behind locked doors in fear and mistrust of the other. And this can paralyze us, blind us to the needs of the other, divide us into *us* and *them*, and keep us on the sidelines.

Let us remember the Easter message of hope. Christ is Risen and Christ is here with us. We need not keep the door locked but rather celebrate that Christ is present. And Christ continues to send us "on mission" — calling us to open the door, engage in dialogue, build trust, work for justice and peace and be wounded healers both home and on a global scale.

In this Easter Season, as Jesus called forth Thomas to touch his wounds so that he might believe, Jesus is calling us to continue to touch his wounds today so as to continue his mission to the whole world.

Free Community Sunday Supper — MAY 14, sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Route 209, Gilbert (Brodheadsville), and served to those in need in the West End, Kunkletown, Kresgeville and Blakeslee areas; meals are provided free of charge from 3 to 4 p.m. in the church's McCawley Hall. For more information, call the parish office at (610-681-6137).

Gigantic Rummage Sale — MAY 18-20, sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society of Holy Family Parish, 574 Bennett St., Luzerne; sale hours: Thursday & Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday (Bag Day), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Entrance to the church hall is at the rear of the church.

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

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

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Second Annual K of C Trail Run/Walk — **MAY 21**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus St. Ann's Council 12572; 8K Trail Run and 2K Walk held at Aylesworth Park in Jermyn. Race day registration begins at 8 a.m.; race begins at 9:30 a.m. Top three male and female finishers in the run and walk will receive awards.

Healthy Eating Series Program May 18

SHAVERTOWN — The Social Justice Committee of St. Therese Parish in Shavertown will host the second of three scheduled presentations in their series, "Healthy Eating: Loving Ourselves and Our World," on Thursday, May 18, at 7 p.m.

Guest speakers for the program include Joan Hess and Don Miller from Dancing Hen Farm in Stillwater; and Carmina Chapp, representing the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker Farm in Harveys Lake.

The one-hour program will focus on the following issues:

- Community Sponsored Agriculture (CSA), organic farm-

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Sunday Buffet Breakfast — **MAY 21**, hosted by St. Eulalia Parish, 214 Blue Shutters Road, Elmhurst (Roaring Brook Twp.); serving from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the parish hall. Featuring full breakfast menu, including made-to-order eggs, home fries, ham, sausage, pancakes, rolls, toast, juice, coffee & tea. Cost: adults (age 12 to 64), \$7; seniors (age 65 & older), \$6; children (age 6-11), \$3; children age 5 & under admitted free. Public is invited; tickets at the door.

11th Annual "Play Fore the Kids" Golf Tournament — **JUNE 3**, hosted by the McGlynn Learning Center of Wilkes-Barre; held at Edgewood in the Pines Golf

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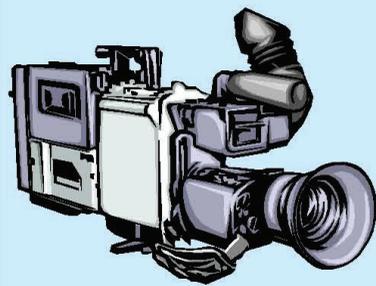
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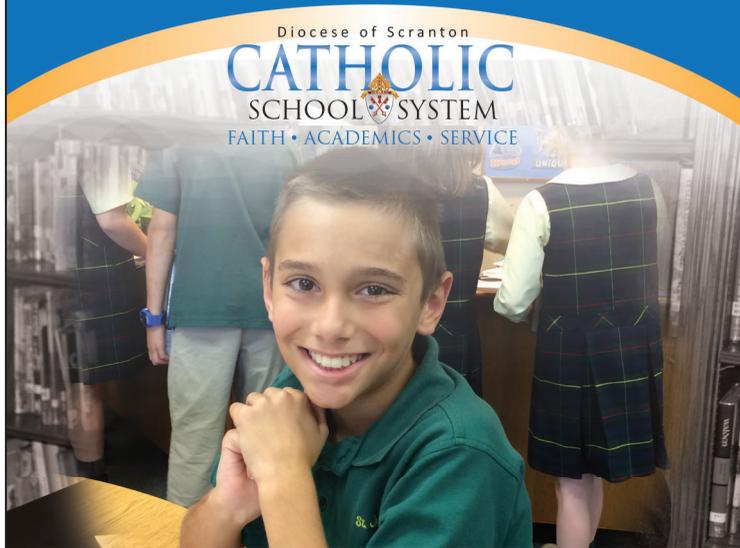
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All who wish to remember their loved ones in prayer are welcome to participate in the liturgy, which will be celebrated by Father James Paisley, pastor.

In conjunction with the Mass of Remembrance, St. Frances Cabrini Parish and its Social Committee will hold its annual Memorial Day Picnic, including bake sale and flea market, on the church grounds, 585 Mount Olivet Road, from 11:30 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 pastries. Numerous flea market items will be displayed under tents, and basket and cash raffle drawings will also be available.

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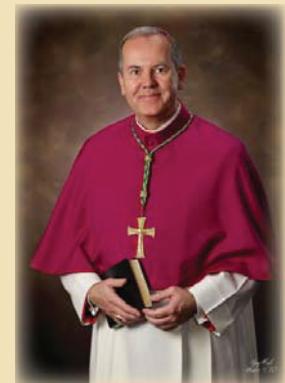
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