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Pope, Trump speak of hopes for peace

VATICAN CITY (CNS)

- Pope Francis and U.S. President Donald Trump spent 30 minutes speaking privately in the library of the Apostolic Palace May 24, and as the president left, he told the pope, "I won't forget what you said."

Pope Francis gave Trump a split medallion held together by an olive tree, which his interpreter told Trump is "a symbol of peace."

The pope told Trump, "I am giving you this because I hope you may be this olive tree to make peace."

The president responded, "We can use peace."

Pope Francis also gave the president a copy of his



Pope Francis greets U.S. President Donald Trump during a private audience at the Vatican May 24.

message for World Peace Day 2017 and told him, "I signed it personally for you." In addition, he gave Trump copies of three of his documents: *The Joy of the Gospel*; *Amoris Laetitia*, on the family; and *Laudato Si*, on the environment.

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Love and Commitment

Couples celebrating their 25th or 50th year of marriage in 2017 renewed their marriage vows at the Wedding Anniversary Mass last Sunday in the Cathedral of Saint Peter. In foreground are Joan M. and Robert J. Warhola from St. Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale, married 50 years. In the next pew are Carol and Patrick Padula, SS. Anthony & Rocco Parish, Dunmore, married 25 years. *See page 2*.

Ryan P. Glenn Ordained a Transitional Deacon

Seminarian Ryan P. Glenn continued on his path to Diocesan priesthood when he was ordained a transitional deacon at a Mass on Saturday, May 27, in the Church of Saint Matthew, East Stroudsburg.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera was principal celebrant and ordaining prelate at the liturgy, witnessed by family, friends and members of the parish community where Ryan has been serving a pastoral year.

Ryan, the son of Maria and James Glenn, is a member of Saint Jude Parish, Mountain Top.

Bishop Bambera described the celebration as a day that truly bears the fruit of the risen Jesus in our midst.

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Path to Priesthood



Bishop Bambera lays his hands on seminarian Ryan P. Glenn during his ordination as a transitional deacon on May 27.

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Congrats to Our Grads!

Our salute to Catholic High School graduates as well as this year's Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Scholars begins on page 10.

Pope meets with President Trump

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Knowing that Pope Francis frequently has quoted the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Trump presented Pope Francis with a large gift box containing five of the slain civil rights leader's books, including a signed copy of *The Strength to Love*.

"I think you will enjoy them," Trump told the pope. "I hope you do." The Vatican described the president's meetings with both the pope

and with top Vatican diplomats as consisting of "cordial discussions," with both sides appreciating "the good existing bilateral relations between the Holy See and the United States of America, as well as the joint commitment in favor of life, and freedom of religion and of conscience."

"It is hoped that there may be serene collaboration between the state and the Catholic Church in the United States, engaged in service to the people in the fields of health care, education and assistance to immigrants," the Vatican said.

The discussions also included "an exchange of views" on international affairs and on "the promotion of peace in the world through political negotiation and interreligious dialogue, with particular reference to the situation in the Middle East and the protection of Christian communities."

Although the president and Pope Francis are known to have serious differences on issues such as immigration, economic policy and climate change, the pope told reporters 11 days before the meeting that he would look first for common ground with the U.S. leader.

"There are always doors that are not closed," the pope told reporters May 13. "We have to find doors that are at least a little open in order to go in and speak about things we have in common and go forward."

U.S. decision to abandon climate accord disappoints Catholic organizations

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Catholic leaders said President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris climate change agreement snubs the needs of impoverished people around the world and eschews responsibility to begin addressing the causes of global warming.

They joined a broad cross section of U.S. society and world leaders and organizations in decrying the June 1 announcement.

The leaders focused their concerns on the needs of communities around the world that they say contribute least to climate change but suffer the most from it. They pointed to impoverished people who have been forced to migrate to other lands to make a living because of drought, changing weather patterns or rising sea levels.

Many organizations pointed to Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, on *Care for Our Common Home*, in which he called all people to respect God's creation and remember that the welfare of each person is integral to human life and future of the planet.

Bishop Oscar Cantu of Las Cruces, New Mexico, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace, called Trump's decision "deeply troubling."

"The Scriptures affirm the value of caring for creation and caring for each other in solidarity. The Paris agreement is an international accord that promotes these values," Bishop Cantu said in a statement released shortly after the president made his announcement in the White House Rose Garden.

"President Trump's decision will harm the people of the United States and the world, especially the poorest, most vulnerable communities," the bishop said.

"The impacts of climate change are already being experienced in sea level rise, glacial melts, intensified storms and more frequent droughts," Bishop Cantu said. "I can only hope that the president will propose concrete ways to address global climate change and promote environmental stewardship."

A statement from the leaders of 11 organizations asked Trump to reconsider his action. The leaders said Catholic teaching maintains that climate change is a "grave moral issue" that threatens commitments to protect human life, health, dignity and security, promote the common good, exercise a preferential option for the poor, living in solidarity with future generations, realize peace and care for creation.

Vows of

Love and Commitment

The Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Bambera last Sunday in the Cathedral of Saint Peter was an occasion to recognize the role married couples play in the Church's mission to bring God's faithful love into the world. Couples celebrating their 25th or 50th year of marriage in 2017 had the opportunity to renew their marriage vows.

"In the living together as husband and wife, we find a fertile environment for living out the Gospel in an authentic manner," the Bishop said.

How providential that on a day in which the Church celebrates the loving, relational nature of God in this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we also celebrate one of the most powerful

manifestations of that love as evidenced in your lives through the Sacrament of Marriage, he noted. Indeed, in the marriage ritual, the relationship of a husband and wife is described as a reflection of the love that God, in Jesus, has for his people. Christian marriage is described as "so holy a mystery that it symbolizes the marriage of Christ and his Church," an image of the covenant between God and his people.

"Marriage – your marriage – has endured because you have come to see it as part of something much bigger than yourselves," Bishop Bambera said. You have come to see your marriage as something of a mystery – the mystery of God's love woven into creation – embraced in your lives – and lived through God's grace – in your relationship with each other."





Helen and Richard Gohsler, Mary, Mother of God Parish, Scranton, are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary today, June 15.



Pictured above are Cesira and Joseph F. Berardelli, Mary, Mother of God Parish, Scranton, married 50 years.

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In front pew, from left: Briget A. and William J. Ford, St. Nicholas Parish, Wilkes-Barre, married 25 years; Kathryn A. and Thomas J. Madigan, Our Lady of Hope Parish, Wilkes-Barre, married 25 years.

Path to Priesthood

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"What a blessing this day is for Ryan, for all of us, and particularly for those of you who have been entrusted with the care and formation of our brother throughout the many years of his journey of life that brings him to this faith-filled moment," he said. "To Ryan's entire family and especially his parents, Jim and Maria, thank you for your commitment, your example, your support and the gift of your son to the Church."

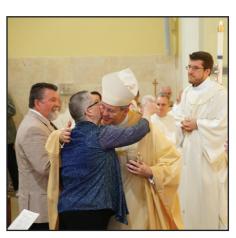
The Bishop noted that a great deal of time and effort has been expended by Ryan and so many others who have helped him to discern the will of God and his call to be a co-worker with your fellow deacons, with the priests of this local Church and with me, your bishop.

"In short, to be an authentic disciple of Jesus means to put ourselves in the humble, demanding role of servant to others and to intentionally seek the happiness and fulfillment of those we love regardless of the cost to ourselves," he said. "So if you want your ministry as a deacon to be fruitful, Ryan, you *must* root yourself in Jesus' life and love."

Bishop Bambera cited Pope Francis, who has often reminded the bishops, priests and deacons of our Church, you must cultivate in your heart "the virtues of courage, humility and generosity" and surrender yourself to Jesus Christ and His Body, the Church, in order to serve as an authentic and effective minister for the sake of those entrusted to your pastoral care.

"And so, with great joy, Ryan, the Diocese of Scranton calls you forth for the sacrament of Holy Orders," Bishop Bambera said. "Although you indeed possess tremendous gifts and talents, we pray that you will always rely upon the grace of God to fill up whatever may be lacking in you to carry out fully the ministry of the Diaconate that will be entrusted to you this day."





Bishop Bambera accepts offertory gifts from Ryan's parents, Maria and James Glenn.

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The ordination was witnessed by a joyful assembly of family, friends and members of the St. Matthew parish community, where Ryan has been serving a pastoral year.



Among the principals at the ordination were, 1st row from left: Monsignor Thomas Muldowney, Vicar General of the Diocese; Reverend Mr. Ryan Glenn; Bishop Bambera; Monsignor David Bohr, Diocesan Secretary for Clergy Formation; Reverend Donald Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians. 2nd row: Reverend Joseph Evanko, pastor of St Jude's Parish, Mountain Top (Ryan's home parish); Reverend Joseph Mosley, assistant pastor, St. Matthew's Parish, East Stroudsburg. 3rd row: Reverend Jerry Shantillo, pastor of St. Matthew's **Parish and an Assistant Vocation** Director; Reverend Jeffrey Walsh, V.E., **Episcopal Vicar for Clergy. 4th row:** Reverend Shane Kirby, V.E., S.T.L., J.C.L., Chancellor of the Diocese; and Reverend Scott Detisch, associate professor of Systematic Theology, St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

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

PASTOR

Reverend Joseph P. Elston, from Chaplain and Dean of Students, Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre, and Sacramental Minister, Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, to Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston, and St. Joseph Marello Parish, Pittston, effective June 26, 2017. Father Elston will continue to serve as Chaplain to Marywood University and Chaplain of the Diocesan Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities.

Father Simon Harkins, F.S.S.P., to Pastor, St. Michael's Parish, Scranton, effective July 1, 2017.

Reverend Andrew Kurovsky, from Senior Priest, St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston, to Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Peckville, effective September 20, 2017.

Reverend Leo J. McKernan, from Senior Priest, Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston, to Pastor, St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston, effective June 26, 2017.

PASTOR EMERITUS

Monsignor John J. Bendik, from Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston, to Pastor Emeritus, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston, effective June 26, 2017.

Monsignor Peter P. Madus, from Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Peckville, to Pastor Emeritus, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Peckville, effective September 20, 2017.

Reverend James E. McGahagan, from Pastor, St. Andrew's Parish, Wilkes-Barre, to Pastor Emeritus, St. Andrew's Parish, Wilkes-Barre, effective July 6, 2017.

Reverend Joseph S. Sitko, from Pastor, St. Mary's Parish, Waymart, to Pastor Emeritus, St. Mary's Parish, Waymart, effective July 6, 2017.

ASSISTANT PASTOR

Reverend Jackson Pinhero, OS.J., from Administrator, St. Joseph Marello Parish, Pittston, to Assistant Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston, and St. Joseph Marello Parish, Pittston, effective June 26, 2017.

PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR

Deacon Edward T. Kelly, from Diaconal Ministry, Christ the King Parish, Archbald, and Director, Pontifical Mission Societies, to Parish Life Coordinator, St. Mary's Parish, Waymart. As Parish Life Coordinator, Deacon Kelly will provide on-site pastoral care in the absence of a pastor. **Reverend Joseph S. Sitko** will serve as Sacramental Minister, providing Mass and the other sacraments on a regular basis. **Reverend Richard E. Czachor, V.E.**, Episcopal Regional Vicar for the Eastern Pastoral Region, will serve as Priest Moderator. Effective July 6, 2017.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Reverend Brian J.T. Clarke, to Director, Pontifical Mission Societies, effective July 6, 2017. Father Clarke will continue to serve as Pastor, Ascension Parish, Forest City, and St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Pleasant Mount.

Father José Zepeda, F.S.S.P., from Pastor, St. Michael's Parish, Scranton, to ministry within the Fraternity's new Apostolate in the Diocese of Fresno, at the direction of his North American District Superior, effective July 1, 2017.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Reverend John J. Chmil, from Pastor, St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston, to Leave of Absence, effective June 1, 2017.



King's College recently celebrated its 68th Annual Commencement exercises May 21 at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza. Approximately 450 students received either a master's or bachelor's degree. Pictured are members of the stage party, from left: Thomas R. Smith, a 1977 graduate of King's and chair of the College's Board of Directors; Bishop Bambera; Reverend John J. Ryan, C.S.C., King's president; Patrick Murphy, 1996 King's graduate, former U.S. Congressman, former Undersecretary of the U.S. Army, honorary doctorate recipient and commencement speaker; Rose Marie Panzitta, local resident and honorary degree recipient; and Robert Mulligan, who accepted honorary degree for his brother William.



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

June 13-16 – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Spring General Meeting

June 18 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Mass, St. James Church, Forest City, 11:00 a.m.

June 19 – Commissioning of Lay Ministry Candidates Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 7:00 p.m.

June 20 – Diocesan Priest & Elder Religious 40th Anniversary Mass, Misericordia University, Dallas, 4:00 p.m.

June 22 – Priest Jubilarians' Mass, St. Peter 's Cathedral, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.

June 22 – Sacred Heart Vigil Mass, IHM Center, Marywood University, Scranton, 5:00 p.m.

June 24 – Mass & Groundbreaking Ceremony, St. Eulalia's Church, Roaring Brook Township, 4:00 p.m.

June 27 – *Quo Vadis* Vocations Program, Misericordia University, Dallas, 4:00 p.m.

June 28 – Light the Fire Youth Rally Closing, Mass Misericordia University, Dallas, 7:00 p.m.

June 30-July 8 – Convocation of Catholic Leaders Conference, Orlando, Fla.

Transition Occurring in Pontifical Mission Societies Office 💈

Mission education coordinator retiring; director assuming parish leadership position

The Diocese of Scranton Office of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the U.S., which has been recognized nationally for its work to promote a mission spirituality among the faithful of this local Church, is undergoing a leadership transition with the retirement of its mission education coordinator and a new assignment for its director.

On June 30, Miriam Heverline, who has served as mission education coordinator for 30 years, will retire. On July 6, Deacon Ed Kelly, who has been director of the office for the past 12 years, will assume the role of Parish Life Coordinator for Saint Mary's Parish in Waymart.

"It is with great pride and deep gratitude that we recognize Ed and Miriam for their dedication to the work of the missions. They have helped all of us here in the Diocese of Scranton to appreciate a greater understanding of what it means to 'go forth' and bring the Good News of the Gospel to the ends of the earth," said Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.

"Pope Francis has said that 'Mission is a passion for Jesus and at the same time a passion for his people.' Miriam and Ed embody that spirit of evangelization and care for people from every land and culture."

The Pontifical Mission Societies are based in Rome and have a national headquarters in New York City. Each diocese has an office under the supervision of local bishop.

The Pontifical Mission Societies is a group of four interrelated societies: the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Missionary Childhood Association, the Society of St. Peter the Apostle, and the Missionary Union of Priests, Religious & Laity.

The principal aim of these societies is to promote a mission spirituality and global vision in the hearts and minds of the faithful. This is accomplished through an increase of education, prayer, material and financial support, and local missionary involvement among the religious and laity in spreading the good news of Jesus around the world.

Through activities such as



Miriam Heverline, mission education coordinator, and Deacon Ed Kelly, director, pictured in the Diocesan Office of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

World Mission Sunday; visits to schools and parishes; mission trips; and hosting priests and religious from missionary countries, the office raises awareness of the needs of the local churches in Third World countries and encourages financial support as they evangelize our poorer brothers

Over the years, our Diocesan Mission Office has received multiple First- and Second-Place and Honorable Mention awards in the annual Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Journalism Award for outstanding promotion of World Mission News coverage, and promotion of World Mission Sunday. The awards cite reporting of mission activities in *The Catholic Light*.

The Mission Office has been guided by the steady hand of Deacon Kelly for the past 12 years. Ordained to the permanent diaconate in November 2004, he became the first deacon to lead the office when he was appointed to the position in the spring of 2005, and also was the first deacon assigned to the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

During his time as mission director, he has preached in almost every parish in the Diocese and in every Catholic elementary and high school. He participated as co-leader/spiritual director on 10 mission trips for high school juniors and on adult mission trips to Haiti, Africa, Mexico and South America.

Readers of *The Catholic Light* enjoyed a virtual ride on these journeys and a first-hand account of the missionary experience via the nearly 200 "Mission Mes-

sage" columns he wrote for the newspaper.

Deacon Kelly has been a member of the National Pontifi-

cal Mission Societies Board and Council since 2011. And for the past nine years he has served as deacon at Christ the King Parish in Archbald/Eynon.

He has been married to Patricia A. Kelly 33 years. She was the coordinator of the Wives Program for the Diaconate from 2010-2015.

"Serving the missionary Church has been both rewarding and spiritually fulfilling. I have learned many lessons from the poorest of the poor, and I hope my service to the mission dioceses brought the love of Jesus and some good to the world," Deacon Kelly said.

He also expressed his "heart-felt gratitude" to our Diocesan Mission Board and all his co-workers in various diocesan offices, parishes and schools for their collaboration and cooperation in

promoting the World Mission message in our Diocese and beyond.

Much of the office's progress throughout the past three decades is due to the dedicated work of Ms. Heverline, who began her tenure as mission education coordinator in 1987 under then-director Monsignor John Esseff.

Together they developed a plan to acquaint our Catholic school students with the call to help their sisters and brothers in distant lands. Ms. Heverline also participated in numerous mission trips with other pilgrims to offer presence and assistance to countless people from Haiti to Mexico to Thailand to areas in the U.S. such as Arizona.

This process set the foundation for the office's endeavors in subsequent years.

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Bishop Appoints New Mission Office Director

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera has appointed Reverend Brian J.T. Clarke as director of the Diocesan Office of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

Father Clarke will assume the position on July 6. He will remain pastor of Ascension Parish, Forest City, and Saint Katharine Drexel Parish, Pleasant Mount; and continue to serve as an Assistant Vocation Director.

"Father Clarke's devotion to mission-oriented service and his experience ministering to our young people in various roles will serve him well in this position," Bishop Bambera said. "I am grateful to him for accepting this additional responsibility and carrying forth the important work of our Mission Office."

Father Clarke previously was chaplain at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre and later Holy Cross High School in Dunmore.

He has been on mission in Guyana, South America, and for the past three summers led groups of young people to West Virginia to serve with Habitat for Humanity. He will be leading another group this summer to areas in New Jersey still affected by Hurricane Sandy, also with Habitat.

Father Clarke, who was ordained on June 30, 2007, was assistant pastor of Saint Thom-



Father Brian J.T. Clarke

as Aquinas, Archbald and Saint Mary of Czestochowa, Eynon; administrator of Our Lady of Victory Parish in Harveys Lake; administrator of Blessed Sacrament, Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint John the Baptist parishes in Wilkes-Barre; and administrator of the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

He also served as Master of Ceremonies for Bishop Bambera for four years.

Father Clarke is the son of James Clarke, Sr. of Ashley and the late Kathryn Clarke. After graduating from Hanover Area Jr./Sr. High School, he entered the University of Scranton and the former St. Pius X Seminary in Dalton. He continued his studies for the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore and St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia. He also attended the

Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University.

Father Clarke was asked to pursue further theological studies at The Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, and graduate work at The Pontifical John Paul II Institute at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. While in Washington he celebrated Mass, served as a retreat master, and helped in other capacities for the Missionaries of Charity.

"I am humbled by Bishop Bambera's invitation to serve as director of the Pontifical Mission Societies for the Diocese," Father Clarke said. "I look forward to guiding the efforts of the generous and selfless hearts of the faithful of the Diocese who continue to serve the poor, disadvantaged and vulnerable throughout the world.

"Under the inspired leadership of Monsignor John Esseff, Miriam Heverline and most recently Deacon Ed Kelly, the Scranton Mission Office has a storied past which has taken our young people and other faithful men and women to all corners of our world to preach the Gospel in word and deed and to lift the burdens of those most in need. I know that where I am lacking God will provide and I ask for prayers as I assume this ministry in the Diocese."

FULFILLING THE VISION FOR PARISH RENEWAL MOVES FORWARD IN ACTION PLANS

In February of this year, Bishop Bambera communicated with all pastors and Pastoral Councils, extending an invitation titled "Fulfilling the Vision: Diocesan Consultation on Renewing Parishes." In his message, Bishop expressed its purpose in this way: "While continuing the visioning efforts already underway in individual parishes, and maintaining a focus on the particular pastoral leadership approach needed when a change of pastor is imminent, it is apparent to me that there are additional questions to ponder in the process of renewing our parishes. For us to continue to grow in vibrancy, we must empower our parish communities even more broadly and begin – proactively – to consider new ways of doing so, ways that engage all generations of the faithful."

To this end, the Diocesan Consultation on Renewing Parishes has been extended to all of the parishes for your active participation. Bishop's questions about immediate priorities and future hopes were discussed in Pastoral Council meetings during February through April, and responses from 95 parishes have been received to date in the Office for Parish Life. All parishes are still welcome to respond and to participate in the workshops which are now being offered precisely to provide the requested resources.

Based on the local parish process and feedback, rich toolkits have been created for each of the priority areas for parish renewal. At this time all parishes are urged to send a team to one or more of the workshops shown below. This will be a "hands-on" interactive workshop allowing your team to begin right away to put the toolkit to good use. The first parishes taking part in this "pilot" round of workshops will also help to refine and improve the tools for additional workshop opportunities in the future.

Each workshop will be conducted twice this summer – allowing parish teams a choice of date and location. Consider a combination of your most dedicated volunteers and some team members who will be brand new to this area of parish ministry.

ENERGIZING PARISH-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS

- o June 13 6-9pm—Our Lady of Victory Parish, Tannersville
- o June 15 6-9pm—Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Plains

ENGAGEMENT: CALLING FORTH THE GIFTS OF THE COMMUNITY

- o June 14, 6-9pm—Immaculate Conception Parish, Freeland
- o June 20, 6-9pm—St. Maria Goretti Parish, Laflin

CREATING A CULTURE OF WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY

- o June 22, 6-9pm—St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Wilkes-Barre
- June 26, 6-9pm—Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Montoursville

DEVELOPING AN EVANGELIZATION LENS FOR ALL OF PARISH LIFE

- o June 19, 6-9pm—St. John Parish, Susquehanna
- o June 27, 6-9pm—St. John Parish, Larksville

DISCERNING AND ORIENTING COUNCIL MEMBERS; INITIAL STAGES OF PASTORAL PLANNING

- o Sept. 6—St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Pocono Pines
- o Sept. 13—St. Lawrence Parish, Williamsport

BUILDING, RENEWING RCIA TEAM AND PARISH APPROACH

- Deacon Course open to all parish RCIA Directors and Teams: August 25 26, and September 8-9 Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton
- Ministry Formation Skills Workshop September 16, St. Catherine's, Moscow

FORMING PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY AND SERVICE TEAM

- Sept. 23—Service Convocation for Ministries of Justice, Charity and Peacemaking
- o Parish or Cluster of Parishes—Local Workshop by request

To reserve a spot for your parish team for any of these workshops, please complete the form at: http://tinyurl.com/fulfillingthevision

All parishes, and especially those whose target priority is in some area of **Faith Formation**, will also want to plan for the August "Catechist Camp" – a full week of formation opportunities for persons in all dimensions of catechetical ministry. All DREs, catechists, youth ministry leaders, Catholic school teachers and parents are invited to join us for a day of Catechist Camp in August. In last year's Catechist Camp, we introduced the work of LifelongFaith Associates in "Re-Imagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century." This year's Catechist Camp will provide two different Innovation Labs, designed and facilitated through LifelongFaith Associates. More details will be published soon.

PARISHES PREPARE FOR CHANGING PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

The ongoing work of parish pastoral planning and renewal is critical for achieving the mission entrusted to the Church. The involvement of Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils in this consultative process, along with the whole parish community, is also essential in order to prepare parishes for the challenges of changing pastoral leadership. All of the work of "Fulfilling the Vision," described in the article on this page, is necessary for creating stability and the capacity to collaborate which is needed for the leadership models being introduced in new ways in nine parishes of the Diocese this summer:

Newly Linked Parishes:

- St. Peter, Wellsboro, with St. Thomas, Elkland
- Ss. Peter and Paul, Plains, with St. Benedict, Wilkes-Barre
- St. John the Evangelist, Pittston, with St. Joseph Marello, Pittston

Newly Appointed Parish Life Coordinators:

- St. Andrew, Wilkes-Barre
- St. Mary, Waymart

Parish served by Religious Order Priest

• Holy Family, Luzerne

In each parish, when the need arises for a change of pastoral leadership, the current parish plan and circumstances are reviewed, with consultation, in order to discern the approach which will serve both the needs of the parish and the needs of the whole Diocese. Each decision is made with a view to maximizing the ministry of the clergy and mobilizing the gifts of all the baptized in the service of the gospel mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ.

"Parishes motivated to achieve ongoing renewal and vitality," proposes Bishop Bambera, "will not only recognize more fully their particular strengths, but also what they can contribute to partnerships with other parishes, to leadership support within their own parish, and to parish sustainability into the future."

Hartford Archdiocese's pastoral plan calls for parish closings, mergers

BLOOMFIELD, Conn. (CNS) – The new pastoral plan that the Archdiocese of Hartford announced May 7 involves a number of parish closings and mergers.

The changes, announced during a news conference at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, will leave the archdiocese with 127 parishes, down from its current total of 212. It also calls for 144 parishes to merge into 59 newly named parishes and for 68 parishes to remain unchanged, said Father James Shanley, vicar of the Office of Pastoral Planning.

Church officials cited the changing demographics, lower Mass attendance and fewer priests as drivers for the new plan. They also said change brings an opportunity to breathe new life into the practice of the faith.

"This is ultimately not a question simply of resources and

material concerns," Hartford Archbishop Leonard P. Blair said. "This is a question about the church's mission. We have always said that the hope here is for a revitalized, more vibrant church life."

The plan is the result of a twoyear consultative pastoral planning process that involved meeting with priests and parishioners to respond to their needs and concerns and to incorporate them into the final plan.

Some of the merged parishes will involve the union of two to six parishes. Many of the newly formed parishes will also maintain multiple worship sites.

By the end of June, 186 church buildings will remain open. Another 26 church buildings will close, meaning they will no longer have regularly scheduled Masses.

Additionally, more than 40 priests are also being reassigned, the archbishop said.

Vocations Golf Classic to Benefit Seminarians

The Diocese of Scranton will host the Eighth Annual Vocations Golf Classic on Monday, July 10, at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, Mountain Top, to benefit the St. John Vianney Endowment, which helps to foster vocations and support seminarians in formation for the Diocesan priesthood. St. John Vianney is the patron of parish priests.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera is honorary chair and will be golfing in the captain and crew tournament on the 27-hole course. The day begins with lunch at 11 a.m., shotgun start at 12 noon and reception and awards dinner immediately following play. The Rev. Donald J. Williams, diocesan director of vocations and director of seminarians, is event chair.

"I am grateful for the faithful parishioners and friends throughout the 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton who continue to attend and support this annual event which raises needed funds to foster vocations and assist future priests on their journey to serve our local Church," said Bishop Bambera.

"As a Diocese, we are blessed with

good men in seminarian formation today," said Reverend Williams. "With the support of our priests, religious and parishioners, we're identifying a significant number of potential candidates who may one day be of service to the Diocese."

"I join with our Bishop and the golf committee in urging everyone to consider making a donation honoring a friend or loved one," the vocations director added. "All gifts in support of our seminarians are appreciated. The tournament provides an opportunity for golfers, sponsors and seminarians to meet informally and enjoy a relaxing day outdoors."

Donations of any amount are welcome. Hole sponsorships are \$100. Golfer packages are \$250 and include cart and green fees, lunch, dinner and reception. Donations may be made by texting 51-555 and typing Priest. Information is available by calling the Diocesan development office at 570-207-2250 or on-line at DioceseofScranton. org (Giving tab).



Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston conducted its annual Memorial Day program that featured pre-school 3-year-olds through 4th graders, including the Junior Choir, performing patriotic songs for more than 800 family and friends. Pictured in front of the school's Wall of Heroes, which honors relatives of students who have served our country in the military, are from left: Principal James Jones; Mrs. Lynn Prociak, Pre-K 4 teacher; students Dean Clark, Shepard Smith, Hadley Glynn and Julia Valenti; Mrs. Joanne Stiles, instructional aide; and Monsignor Thomas Muldowney, Vicar General of the Diocese, keynote speaker for the program.



The Diocese of Scranton will host the Eighth Annual Vocations Golf Classic to be held Monday, July 10, at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, Mountain Top. Proceeds help foster vocations to the Diocesan priesthood and support seminarians in formation. All donations and sponsorships welcome. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera is honorary chair. Committee members planning the event in conjunction with the Diocesan Office of Development are, seated from left: Marilouise Agnone Ruane, Director of Stewardship, co-chair; Monsignor Donald McAndrews: Reverend Donald Williams, Director of Vocations and Seminarians, chair; and Monsignor David Secretary for Clergy Formation. Standing: Christopher DiMattio, Tom Considine, Dominic Rinaldi, Reverend Jeffrey Walsh, Reverend David Cappelloni, Michael P. Brown and Jim Bebla, Secretary for Development. The committee also includes: John Callahan, Karen Clifford, Reverend Joseph Evanko, Deacon Frank Hine, Michele Long, Scott Lynett, Thomas Medico, Attorney Joseph O'Brien, Kathy Oven, Frank Orlando, and Mark Soprano. The captain and crew tournament begins with lunch at 11 a.m. and shotgun start at noon. A reception and awards dinner follows play. To donate or register online visit www.DioceseofScranton.org and click the "Giving" tab - Vocations Golf; or call the Diocesan Development Office at 570-207-2250.

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"I am forever grateful for having had the opportunity to work with dedicated priests, religious sisters, seminarians and lay persons who have accompanied me on 23 mission trips for high school students going into their senior year, and on the many adult mission journeys to the poorest country in our hemisphere, Haiti," she said.

Ms. Heverline was chosen to lead a delegation of young adults from around the U.S. to a World Mission Congress in Rome; was honored with a Founder's Award for enhancing the work of the Holy Childhood Association, which helps impoverished children around the world; and was the first woman to sit on the national board of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the U.S.

"After 30 years of missionary outreach to children and adults through the Pontifical Mission Societies, I have mixed feelings of both excitement and sadness," she said. "Although I will no longer be an 'active' participant in the 'Great Works' of the missions, I look forward to pursuing other activities in my personal life that have been on the 'back burner' so to speak for all these years."

Surely those activities will include time with her five children, 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren as well as involvement with her parish family, Good Shepherd in Drums. A book is also a possibility.



Bishop Celebrates Mass for Knights of Columbus State Convention

Bishop Bambera celebrated the Mass for the Knights of Columbus state convention on May 20 at the Kalahari Resort in Mount Pocono. More than 530 Knights from across the state attended. Pictured with the Bishop are state officers and family members.

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Doping Athletes



By Father Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D.

The use of performance-enhancing drugs by professional athletes not only leads to serious challenges in maintaining a level playing field in competitive sports but also raises broader ethical issues and concerns.

Some of these concerns were highlighted in 2015 when the former world number one tennis star Maria Sharapova was banned from competitive play for two years by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) after she tested positive for the banned substance meldonium. The Court of Arbitration for Sport subsequently reduced her sentence to 15 months. Meldonium, an over-the-counter Latvian drug known to dilate blood vessels and increase the flow of blood, may contribute to improving an athlete's physical endurance.

Her case was made more complicated by her claim that she was taking the drug for health reasons, a claim viewed with skepticism among other athletes and ultimately rejected by the Independent Tribunal appointed by the ITF to review the case. Former British Olympic sprinter and world championship bronze medalist Craig Pickering described the real pressure that top athletes can face:

"I would bet my life savings that Sharapova was taking this medication because of its purported performance enhancing effects... Athletes are always going to push the boundaries in order to have a chance at success. That is what happens when you introduce competition."

In competitive athletics, the supposition is that competitors are beginning *on a par* with each other, which means that no one has an "unfair" or "unjust" advantage over another going into the competition. At the starting line, they arrive as equals in the sense that they arrive with whatever they were endowed with at birth, and whatever they may have managed to become through practice, hard work, and discipline.

Cheating through doping involves an attempt to step outside these rules and suppositions, and play a different game, one that circumvents or removes the "on a par" assumption without revealing the fact. In this sense, cheating through doping is wrong because it is a form of lying, a form of presenting one's initial endowment as if it were "natural," and the result of athletic discipline, even though it really may not be so at all.

Several of Sharapova's opponents ex-

pressed frustration at what they took to be a further injustice, namely, that in April 2017, she was given a wild card re-entry into World Tennis Association (WTA) tournament play in Germany. They insisted that she should, at a minimum, have to work her way back up from whatever her ranking had declined to after more than a year of tournament inactivity. Others, such as fellow player Eugenie Bouchard, perceived the doping transgression as even more serious, and argued that Sharapova should be banned from playing for life:

"She's a cheater and so to me... I don't think a cheater in any sport should be allowed to play that sport again. It's so unfair to all the other players who do it the right way and are true. So, I think from the WTA it sends the wrong message to young kids — cheat and we'll welcome you back with open arms."

Some commentators have noted how event organizers typically like to include big name draws like Sharapova in their line ups, and former number one player Caroline Wozniacki opined that, "obviously the rules are twisted and turned in favor of who wants to do what." Others have expressed concerns about corporate sponsors and advertisers continuing to promote high profile sports personalities after they have been suspended for doping, individuals who may already be among the wealthiest athletes in the world. It seems fair to conclude that doping constitutes a form of cheating not only of one's competitors, but also one's fans, oneself, and the integrity of the sporting activity itself.

Through an honest pursuit of the athletic crown, meanwhile, we encounter the possibility of transcending who we are in limited, but important ways. The self-directed training and preparation of the athlete helps develop and hone a host of important personal qualities: strength, coordination, endurance, drive, agility, discipline, quickness, vigilance, cleverness, vision, and daring. This draws us towards an authentic perfecting of our bodies, our character and ourselves — an inwardly-directed order and discipline that arises from deep within — and forms us in such a way that we reach beyond where we ever thought we could reach, and through that personal stretching and growth, come to experience a true measure of human fulfillment. That's something that doping athletes sadly cheat themselves from fully experiencing.

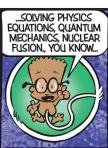
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Confirmed on Pentecost Sunday – As Bishop Bambera conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation upon 26 individuals from 13 parishes at a Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, he reminded them that they are "part of a communion – a unique relationship with God and his people."

The confirmation candidates were Catholic young persons and adults from throughout the Diocese who have been prepared by their parish priests or through involvement in other parish catechetical programs.

The Bishop noted that when the Church welcomes new members into its ranks and brings them into full initiation in the Church with the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is done in a public manner – and that is intentional.

"While we all have our own individual stories of faith and relate to God very intimately in the quiet of our hearts, we are baptized into Jesus' body, the Church. As Christians, we become part of a communion – a unique relationship with God and his people," he said.

"So when we speak of the transforming power of the Holy Spirit given to us in the Pentecost event, we speak of the love of God poured into our hearts – we speak of a love that calls us to look beyond ourselves – and we speak of a love that has the power to open our hearts to mission and the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ in and through our service of our brothers and sisters. The key for the unfolding of this love, however, is our openness to the Spirit."

STATEMENT REGARDING FATHER JOHN CHMIL Saint Ignatius Parish, Kingston

In late May, 2017, upon receiving notice of a routine financial review of Saint Ignatius Parish by the Diocese of Scranton Finance Office, Father John Chmil, pastor, notified diocesan officials that he had misused funds from the parish's Saint Vincent DePaul account, a fund established within the parish for charitable purposes with discretionary use by the pastor, and from parish savings. Although the misused funds, amounting to approximately \$130,000.00, were earmarked for charitable purposes according to Father Chmil, they exceeded the maximum threshold for disbursement of discretionary funds as well as for the use of parish savings without diocesan permission and consultation with and approval by the parish Finance Council.

As a result of this breach of trust with the Parish Community and a failure to comply with the particular law of the Diocese of Scranton regarding the use of parish funds, discretionary and otherwise, Father Chmil has resigned as Pastor of Saint Ignatius Parish. A new pastor will be appointed to serve the parish in the near future.

Following numerous directives implementing parish internal fiscal controls, in an effort to further safeguard funds donated to the Church, in 2014, the Diocese of Scranton began the practice of regularly conducting financial reviews of each of its 120 parishes. These reviews have resulted in the implementation and enforcement of strengthened policies, controls and guidelines to enhance fiscal oversight on the part of pastors, administrators and Parish Finance Council members and ultimately led to the revelation of the misused funds.

As inquiry into the matter continues by diocesan officials and law enforcement, efforts are being made by Father Chmil to fully restore the misused funds to the parish.



Members of the St. Eulalia Parish Pastoral Council met recently to plan for the 3rd Cornerstone groundbreaking ceremony that is scheduled for June 24 at the church in Roaring Brook Township. Bishop Bambera will celebrate the 4 p.m. Mass, followed by the groundbreaking for an expanded and renovated Parish Center, and concluding with a tour and light refreshments. Pictured from left: Monsignor John Jordan, pastor, Lisa Cummings, Karen Clifford, Ken Kochis, Nancy Pinto, Jerry Mahon, Liz Strasburger, Walter Serowinski, Joe DeScipio, Dan Santaniello, Ryan Wilson.



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Diocese of Scranton Catholic High Schools -- Class of 2017

Notre Dame High School



Mira Hartshorn

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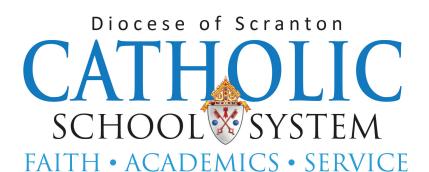
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EAST STROUDSBURG — Commencement exercises were held June 3 for Notre Dame High School in East Stroudsburg, during which 52 graduates received their diplomas from Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who also offered the principal address and closing benediction.

Also respresenting the Diocese of Scranton was Monsignor David L. Tressler, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education/Superintendent of Schools.

The school theater provided the setting for the graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2017 at Notre Dame, where Jeffrey N. Lyons serves as principal.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated May 31 in the school's theater by Monsignor John Bergamo, chaplain of Notre Dame High School.



This year's Notre Dame graduating class includes co-valedictorians — Mira Hartshorn, daughter of Gary and Joselyn Hartshorn, of East Stroudsburg; and Krista Kissell, daughter of Scott and Carol Kissell, of Cresco. Class salutatorian is Kailey Jackett, daughter of Marc and Theresa Jackett, Henryville.

Nearly the entire 2017 Notre Dame senior class will continue their education at the university/college level, including eight students who will be attending Catholic institutions of higher learning. The class received a total of 133 scholarship awards valued at more than \$9.6 million.



Kailey Jackett

Holy Redeemer High School

WILKES-BARRE — Holy Redeemer High School was the first Diocesan secondary school to hold spring commencement exercises when graduation ceremonies were staged on May 31 at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

A total of 138 Holy Redeemer seniors, led by Principal Anita M. Sirak, were conferred their diplomas by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who also addressed the graduates and offered benediction. Also in attendance was Monsignor David L. Tressler, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education/Superintendent of Schools.

The class' Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated May 30 at St. Nicholas Church in Wilkes-Barre. Serving as principal celebrant and homilist was Father Joseph P. Elston, school chaplain and dean of students at Holy Redeemer.

The 2017 Holy Redeemer class valedictorian is James Kosik Jr., son of Dr. James and JoAnn Kosik, of Laflin.

This year's Holy Redeemer salutatorian is Charlotte Maria, daughter of Jay and Alyssa Maria, who reside in Wyoming.

Of the total number of graduates, 134 will be enrolling in colleges or universities to further their education, including 60 who will be attending Catholic institutions of higher learning. The 2017 Holy Redeemer senior class merited more than 420 scholarship awards worth nearly \$18 million.



James Kosik Jr.



Charlotte Maria

Diocese of Scramton Catholic High Schools -- Class of 2017

Holy Cross High School



Meghan Healey

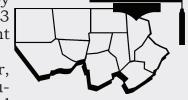
DUNMORE — The Sette LaVerghetta Center on the campus of Marywood University provided the setting for the annual commencement of Holy Cross High School in Dunmore.

Graduation ceremonies for the 89 members of the 2017 Holy Cross senior class were held on June 2, led by school Principal Benjamin D. Tolerico, who was joined by Monsignor David L. Tressler, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education/ Superintendent of Schools.

Presiding over the commencement exercises and conferring the high school diplomas was Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who addressed the Holy Cross graduates and gave the benediction.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated June 1 at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton, with Father Cyril D. Edwards, school chaplain, serving as principal celebrant and homilist.

he four Catholic high schools operated by the Diocese of Scranton graduated a total of 293 young men and women in spring commencement exercises conducted in May and June.



According to Monsignor David L. Tressler, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education/Superintendent of Schools, 96 percent of the total number of graduates comprising the Class of 2017 will continue their

education at the college or university level. Of that number, almost 40 percent will attend Catholic institutions of higher learning.

The four Diocesan Catholic high schools reported that, cumulatively, their graduates merited nearly 1,000 scholarship awards — worth a total of more than \$45 million.

The 2017 Holy Cross valedictorian is Meghan Healey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Healey, of Scranton. Class salutatorian is Hannah Gilhooley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Gilhooley, of Olyphant.

Nearly 95 percent of the Holy Cross graduation class will be attending institutions of higher learning, with 39 graduates planning to enroll at Catholic colleges or universities. As a whole, the class earned 358 post-secondary scholarship awards totaling nearly \$17 million.



Hannah Gilhooley

St. John Neumann Regional Academy

WILLIAMSPORT — Graduation ceremonies were conducted for the St. John Neumann Regional Academy Class of 2017 on June 5 in the Klump Academic Center at the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport.

St. John Neumann Principal Richard Cummings presided over the presentation of diplomas to the 14 members of this year's graduating class, which were conferred by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who also offered remarks and the closing benediction. Bishop Bambera was joined by Monsignor David L. Tressler, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education/Superintendent of Schools.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated June 4 at the Church of St. Luke in Jersey Shore, with Father Bert Kozen, host pastor and chaplain of St. John Neumann Academy, as principal celebrant and homilist.

This year's St. John Neumann valedictorian is Bridget Foresman, daughter of Brian and Julie Foresman, of Muncy. Salutatorian honors were bestowed upon Natalie Kolczynski, daughter of Gary and Pamela Kolczynski, Williamsport.

Nearly all of the 2017 St. John Neumann graduates will be pursuing further education on the university/college level. As a class, the St. John Neumann seniors amassed 77 academic scholarships worth \$1.25 million.

Natalie Kolczynski



Bridget Foresman

As their families and friends witnessed with pride and joy, the graduates of the four Diocesan Catholic high schools celebrated their commencements and embarked on their futures prepared by their education and fortified by their faith.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera congratulated the graduates and thanked all those who support each institution and their students.

The Bishop recalled his pilgrimage last July when Pope Francis gathered together two million young people from around the world – including some 25 representatives of the Diocese of Scranton – for World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland.

"I was privileged to participate in that gathering," he said. "One of the most memorable messages that the Pope shared included these words, 'Young people – leave a mark for good in the world. Don't just leave a mark on the couch. Use the many gifts that God has given you to leave a mark for good in the world.""





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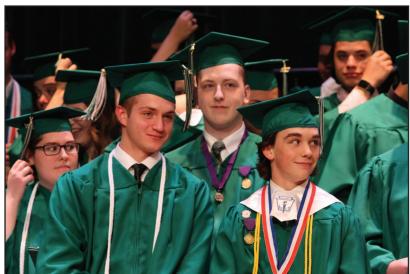


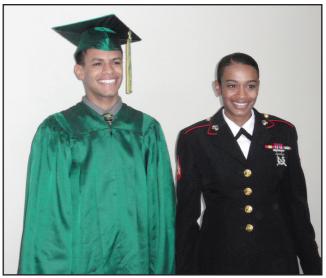


















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The Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools Office recognizes these Seton Award winners for their achievement on the high school entrance examination and their enrollment in a Diocesan high school for the 2017-2018 school year. Families of these individuals are commended for their commitment to Catholic education, and the students are congratulated for this distinguished honor. For these students and for all young people in our Catholic schools, Catholic education impacts their formation by incorporating a strong emphasis on the spiritual that is evident in all components of the learning process. Our vision for these students is to provide them an educational experience that promotes a lifelong learning in the faith, and one that prepared them to be responsible, competent, and confident persons as citizens of our country and world. In addition, our schools are dedicated to providing a loving, safe and nurturing environment where the young learn respect for themselves and for all persons.

> To the students who have benefited from a Catholic education, and to those who continue their educational journey in a Catholic environment, we salute you and pray that God, through the intercession of

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Bishop's Youth Award Recognizes Those with Hearts for Jesus

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera presented the Bishop's Youth Award to more than 700 8th-and 12th-grade students representing parishes and Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Scranton during Masses at the Cathedral of Saint Peter on Tuesday, May 2, and Thursday, May 4.

The Bishop's Youth Award recognizes young people for their exemplary practice of faith and their authentic commitment to service in their parishes and in their schools. Nominated by their pastors, parish life coordinators, principals, directors of religious education and/or youth ministers, these young people have been described as being born leaders and excellent examples to their peers and others, as well as having joyful, loving spirits and hearts for Jesus.



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Meghan Healey, representing Holy Cross High School, Dunmore, and St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Scranton, was joined by William Walsh (right), a member of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Moscow, as the student speakers who shared their witness of faith at the Bishop's Youth Awards Mass celebrated on May 2 at St. Peter's Cathedral.

The Bishop's Youth Award recipients are young people who serve their parishes and schools as altar servers, lectors, music ministers and cantors. Many are actively involved in parish youth groups. They are fundamental to the life of the parish, volunteering for missionary service, guiding younger students who are preparing for Confirmation, and assisting in such activities as Vacation Bible School and summer picnics. They serve the poor in many ways and touch the lives of those around them.

Homilist for the Bishop's Youth Award Mass on May 2 was Father Cyril Edwards, pastor of Mary, Mother of God Parish, Scranton, and chaplain for Holy Cross High School in Dunmore. Father Edwards asserted that the young people receiving the award are those who are answering the question "Who is Jesus?" They are saying that Jesus is important to them when they say "yes" to the needs of their parish or school. He trusted that the award would be "an acknowledgement of what vou have done and an incentive for what we pray you will continue to do."

During his homily, Father Edwards introduced two students who spoke of their love of the faith. Meghan Healey, nominated by Holy Cross High School and St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Scranton, spoke about her parents and their influence in her Catholic upbringing. Meghan has been an altar server and lector who loves to participate fully in the Mass.

William Walsh, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Moscow, spoke of his struggle following a serious football injury. When he returned to school after four months of recovery at home, he found his old friends drifting away, not certain of his injuries and state of mind. When an acquaintance invited him to youth group, he agreed to go, not sure what it was all about. This invitation led to Bill's participation in a variety of youth activities including I.S.L.I. and the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). He credited this invitation, his mother's faith and the influence of his youth minister as crucial to the maturation of his faith.

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Award Acknowledges Young Servant Leaders

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Father Joseph Elston, chaplain for Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre, spoke about Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati in his homily on May 4. Called "The Man of the Eight Beatitudes" by Pope St. John Paul II, Pier Giorgio is remembered for his short and simple life and his love for his fellow brothers and sisters, especially the poor. Stating that Pier was not looking for recognition in his care for the poor, Father Elston ventured to say that today's Bishop's Youth Award recipients did not serve just to receive an award.

He quoted Pope Francis, saying, "Are you looking for empty thrills in life or do you want to feel a power that can give you a lasting sense of life and fulfillment? Empty thrills or the power of grace?



To find fulfillment, to gain new strength, there is a way. It is not a thing or an object, but a person and he is alive in you. His name is Jesus Christ."

Father Elston introduced Stephen Dule, a student from Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Hanover Township. Stephen spoke of his faith journey and his atten-

dance at NCYC in Indianapolis, where he witnessed the entire Lucas Oil Stadium filled with young people in silent prayer and adoration. This reminded Stephen of the power that people of faith have together. As Father Elston concluded his homily, he thanked the students before him for their service as they "embody the gospel and bring it to life every day."

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Sharing his faith journey at the May 4 Bishop's Youth Awards Mass and ceremony was high school senior and Exaltation of the Holy Cross parishioner Stephen Dule.



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Bishop's Award Honors Young Catholics



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In his closing remarks, Bishop Bambera recalled his pilgrimage to Poland in 2016 for World Youth Day, and Pope Francis' challenging message to young people, "Leave a mark for good in Jesus' name." Bishop Bambera assured the students that "you are making lives better because your life has been touched by Jesus."

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

The complete list of recipients of the 2017 Bishop's Youth Award can be found linked to the webpage of the Office for Parish Life: Bishop's Youth Award Recipients or http:// www.dioceseofscranton.org/ wp-content/uploads/2017/05/ Award-Recipients.pdf



Bishop Bambera bestows this year's youth award to Michael Branley, an eighth-grade student who belongs to St. Joseph Marello Parish in Pittston. The Catholic Light Photos/Rich Banick



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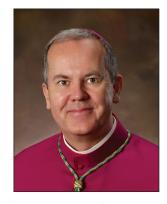


Amanda Curcio of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Wilkes-Barre, who was an altar server for the Bishop's Youth Award Mass on May 4 in St. Peter's Cathedral, receives her award as a senior student from Bishop Bambera.

Bishop Bambera to Celebrate Mass for Feast of the Sacred Heart June 22

SCRANTON — The Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild in the Diocese of Scranton announces its annual Eucharistic celebration commemorating the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on the vigil of the Sacred Heart feast, Thursday, June 22, at 5 p.m. in the IHM Center at Marywood University.

Serving as principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass of the Sacred Heart will be Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who will also offer special prayers to renew the Sacred Heart Enthronement in the Diocese.



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera

Concelebrating the liturgy will be Father Daniel Toomey, spiritual moderator of the Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild, and St. Joseph Oblate Father Joseph Sibilano, director of the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary in Laflin.

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

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

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DALLAS — Hundreds of Catholic teenagers are expected to participate in the 11th annual Light the Fire Summer Youth Rally to be held on Wednesday, June 28, on the campus of Misericordia University in Dallas.

The event will include a closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.

Rally coordinators include youth ministers and high school students from throughout the Diocese of Scranton who invite teenagers from all Catholic parishes to join them for the event. The daylong program also includes a variety of guest presentations, inspirational and informative workshops, music, Holy Hour, fun activities and new opportunities for fellowship.

This summer's Catholic youth rally for high school teens will feature dynamic youth minister Noelle Garcia, who has performed at the National Catholic Youth Conference and World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia.

The 11th Light the Fire Rally will also include a special guest appearance by well-known Catholic speaker/presenter Will Smith, who for years has entertained young Catholics at workshops and retreats for youth and young adults by incorporating music, multi-media, humor and storytelling into his popular presentations.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Full Armor, the wellknown contemporary Christian band.

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St. Padre Pio Group to Gather Sunday

HONESDALE — The St. Padre Pio Prayer Group invites all faithful to their devotional gathering on Sunday, June 18, at St. Mary Magdalen Church, 416 Church St., Honesdale, beginning with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2 p.m.

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

A reading from sacred Scripture will be followed by a spiritual reflection by Father Langan.

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



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

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be chanted at 3 p.m., followed by Liturgy of the Hours (vespers), benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, a closing hymn to the Blessed Mother and individual blessing with the St. Pio relic.

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This past Sunday was the Feast of The Holy Trinity — One God in Three Divine Persons. Unity built of diversity. Our faith tells us that the creation of the universe is the reflection of the Creator. God is revealed in the complexity, interconnectedness, interdependence, simplicity, and unity of all creation.

Our identity as human beings is that we are created in the image and likeness of the Triune God. The Trinity says that God



is relationship — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — and the basis of that relationship is love. And we are made in that image. No wonder, then, that we are at our best, our most moral, our most human, our most fulfilled when we, too, are in loving relationships.

Of course, on the other side, we are least ourselves when we are out of relationship, out of sync with the Trinity in whose image we are made. Just as we can see the Holy Trinity reflected in the interconnectedness and interdependence of all creation, we also see the absence of God — sin reflected in the divisions and walls that we build, in the differences that we exaggerate and use against each other.

Each time that we abuse creation or each other, we injure ourselves and weaken the connectedness of all life that is revealed so clearly in the Holy Trinity. Each time that we rail against the diversity that God continues to create, we turn our back on God and we cut ourselves

off from each other and from the source of life.

The doctrine and image of the Holy Trinity manifests the force of love that cannot be contained but flows out in the Son and Holy Spirit and through all of creation. We are called to oneness with that force of love, to go beyond ourselves and deepen our connectedness with one another and with the cosmos.

During my years in the Mission Office, I have been privileged to travel to mission dioceses and walk among people of many different cultures. I have visited the poorest of the poor, and I live among those who are better off. I have lived among people of faith and people who are desperately searching for something to fill the void.

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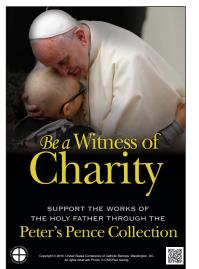
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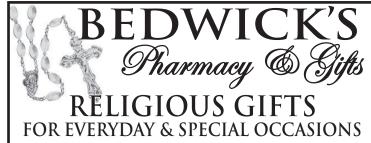
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in the eye deeply and steadily we can see a bit of ourselves in each other. We may detect a spark of divinity infused from the beginning in each of us.

Allowing ourselves to be gripped by the love manifested in the Holy Trinity is not simply an ideal, not simply a pious thought. It has clear and serious implications for how we live each day as well as for the structures and institutions that we have a part in creating and maintaining. Pope Francis puts it this way: "Whether believers or not, we are agreed today that the earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone."

I suppose it is easy for any

of us to forget that everything we have and are is a gift from God. What we do or fail to do affects others. We have a choice. We can use the resources of our earth for ourselves alone or we can work out new ways of sharing our water, our food, our care for the earth. We can build connections and grow in God's mission of love that overflows from the Holy Trinity, or we can build up walls and cut ourselves off from each other and our God. We can care for the parts of creation that have been entrusted to us, or we can abuse and deface creation for our own egotistical purposes. We can work for unity in our diversity or we can retreat into a deadening uniformity.

As we meditate on the Holy Trinity, we are called to welcome the other, the stranger, and to see our reflection in their being. We are called to be inclusive, to invite others in rather than shut them out. We are called to care for creation rather than dominate it. We are called to live in the force of the divine love that constantly flows forth from the Holy Trinity. If we could only recognize and live out this call, the world would truly be a better place.

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Spiritual Offerings

Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil — JUNE 16, sponsored by the Catholics Defending Life Prayer & Awareness Team; group resumes weekly gatherings every Friday (except on First Fridays) from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at the Pro-Life Monument located next to St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton (300 block of Wyoming Ave.). Recitation of the Rosary offered, along with pro-life meditations, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayer devotions for the respect and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Pro-life signs are welcome.

Friday Holy Hour for Vocations — JUNE 16, 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.

Sunday Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Devotion — JUNE 18, hosted by St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton; devotion held every Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the church or at the outdoor grotto (weather permitting) through the first week of December. Includes recitation of the 15 decades of the Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries)

and additional prayers offered for the special intentions of world peace, an increase in vocations to the religious life, and an end to

Sacred Heart Feast Day *Mass* — JUNE 23, hosted by the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, Route 315, Laflin; Eucharistic liturgy celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus begins at 7 p.m. in the seminary chapel. Principal celebrant: St. Joseph Oblate Father Joseph Sibilano, seminary director. Music ministry provided by the Sacred Heart Singers, under the direction of Ernie Pappa and Jennifer Michel; prelude of contemporary selections will begin at 6:30 p.m. Fellowship and refreshments in the dining area will conclude the gathering following the Mass. All faithful are welcome.

Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry Mother of God; and Immaculate

— JUNE 24 & JULY 8, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. Meetings will be approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. Participating Scranton parishes include St. Peter's; Mary,

Day of Reflection June 17 at St. Ann's

SCRANTON — The Legion of Mary in the Diocese will host a Day of Reflection on Saturday, June 17, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Ann in west Scranton.

The day's program will begin at 9 a.m. with refreshments and fellowship and conclude with the celebration of Mass at 3 p.m.

Highlighting the spiritual offering will be two reflections presented by Passionist Father Siby John, assistant pastor at St. Ann's: "Life — A Voyage with

God" (morning) and "Rejoice in the Lord Always" (afternoon).

The Day of Reflection will also include recitation of the Rosary, time for private prayer, lunch. Eucharistic adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Open to all men and women, event cost is \$22 per person and registration is required.

Registration forms are available at the St. Ann Shrine Gift Shop or by contacting Dori (570-343-7373), Sandy (570-947-2095) or Rose Mary (570-347-1075).

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).

Monday Night Worship — JULY 3, hosted by St. Faustina Parish in Nanticoke; monthly devotion held on the first Monday of each 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).

Rosary Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Blessed Mother's Apparitions at Fatima — JULY 13. hosted at the Fatima Grotto on the grounds of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church, 322 Chestnut St., Dunmore. Ro-

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

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

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

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Rosary Recitation — **JULY 28**, hosted by Holy Rosary Parish in Hazleton; Rosary prayers will

be recited beginning at 3 p.m. in the Parish Grotto. All faithful are welcome

Pilgrimage for Peace: "Transfigured by Peace" — AUG. 6, hosted at Holy Dormition Byzantine Franciscan Friary, 712 State Route 93, Sybertsville; held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Day's program begins with Matins at 10 a.m. and also includes Holy Anointing

for Healing at 11:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy at 1 p.m.; confessions and prayer; children's activity, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; spiritual presentation, 4 to 4:30 p.m.; and closing vespers at 5 p.m. For more information and registration, call (570-788-1212) or email: holydormition@gmail.com.

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PICNIC TIME

JUNE

- **15, 16, 17** Mary, Mother of God, Scranton, Holy Rosary Center & grounds, Wayne & West Market streets, North Scranton (Providence section).
- **22, 23, 24** St. Leo's/Holy Rosary, Ashley, parish grounds, 33 Manhattan St.
- **23, 24** Resurrection, Muncy, church grounds, Musser Lane & Main St.
- **23**, **24**, **25** St. Faustina, Nanticoke, St. Faustina Parish Grove, 141 Old Newport St., Sheatown.
- **24, 25** St. Mary's (Our Lady, Help of Christians), Dorrance, church grounds, 3529 St. Mary's Road.

JULY

- **7,8** St. Patrick's, Scranton, parish grounds, 1400 block of Jackson St., West Scranton.
- **7, 8, 9** Nativity of Our Lord, Duryea, parish picnic grounds at Sacred Heart Church, 529 Stephenson St., Duryea.
- **8** Holy Family, Sugar Notch, church grounds, 828 Main St.
- **8,9** Good Shepherd, Drums, church grounds, 87 South Hunter Highway.
- **13, 14, 15** Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Carbondale, school grounds, Farview St.
- 13, 14, 15 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Swoyersville, church grounds, 116 Hughes St.
- **14, 15, 16** Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lake Silkworth, church grounds, State Route 29.
- **14, 15, 16** Holy Name of Jesus, West Hazleton, Transfiguration Church grounds, 213 West Green St., West Hazleton.
- **14, 15, 16** Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Hanover Township, church grounds, 420 Main St. (Buttonwood section).
- **28, 29** Holy Rosary, Hazleton, parish grounds, 240 South Poplar St.

AUGUST

3, 4, 5 — Our Lady of the Snows, Clarks Summit, St. Benedict Church grounds, 1849 Newton Ransom Blvd., Clarks Summit.

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Sunday Buffet Breakfast — JUNE 18, 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.

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Bingo — JUNE 21 & JULY 5, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, Jermyn; games held on the first and third

Wednesdays of the month in the parish center, 624 Madison Ave., Jermyn. Doors open at 5 p.m.; early-bird games start 6 p.m. (regular games, 6:30). Event includes homemade foods and desserts; specialty games, refreshments, door prizes and progressive jackpot. Players attending every games party are eligible for a cash prize. Free admission; for more information, call (570-876-1061).

Annual Parish Flea Market

— JUNE 23-25, sponsored by
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Pre-Picnic Flea Market — JULY 6, hosted by Nativity of Our Lord Parish in Duryea; flea market open from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Upper Hall, 529 Stephenson St., Duryea. All are welcome.

Villa Summer Bingo Party
— JULY 14, hosted by St. Mary's
Villa, 516 St. Mary's Villa Road,
Elmhurst; held from 1:30 to 3:30
p.m. at St. Mary's Villa Residence.
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PICNIC TIME

AUGUST

- **3, 4, 5** St. Robert Bellarmine, Wilkes-Barre, St. Aloysius Church grounds, Barney & Division streets, Wilkes-Barre.
- **10, 11, 12** St. John the Evangelist, Pittston, church grounds, Church & Broad streets.
- 11, 12, 13 SS. Anthony & Rocco, Dunmore, St. Rocco Church grounds, 122 Kurtz St., Dunmore (Bunker Hill section).
- 11, 12, 13 St. Matthew's, East Stroudsburg, church grounds, 78 Ridgeway St.
- 11, 12, 13 St. John the Baptist, Larksville, church picnic grounds.
- **12** St. John Vianney, Montdale, St. Pius X Church grounds, 3615 State Route 106, Royal (Clifford Township).
- **17, 18, 19** St. John Neumann, Scranton, Nativity of Our Lord Church grounds, 633 Orchard St., South Scranton.
- **18, 19, 20** Blessed Sacrament, Throop, parish grounds & hall.
- 19 St. Juliana's, Rock Lake, church grounds, Route 247-North (Creamton Drive).
- 19, 20 Queen of Heaven (St. Mauro Festival), Hazleton, parish grounds, 750 North Vine St., Hazleton.

SEPTEMBER

15, 16, 17 — St. Paul's, Scranton, church grounds, 1510 Penn Ave., Green Ridge section.



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per person will benefit St. Joseph's Center of Scranton. Seating is limited, and reservations are required by July 11. Call (570-795-2810).

Sixth Annual Pig Roast — JULY 23, hosted by Queen of the Apostles Parish in Avoca; held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the parish hall and grounds, corner of Hawthorne and Spring streets, Avoca. Take-out dinners available throughout the day. Dinner features all-you-can-eat pork (pig on the spit); menu also includes picnic foods, desserts and beverages. Event includes cash grand prize raffle drawing, basket raffle, children's games and bake sale. Dinner cost: adults, \$20; children (age 6 to 12), \$10; tickets available in advance or at the event. For more information or advance tickets, call the parish office (570-457-3412).

Gate of Heaven Summer Youth Music Camp — JULY **24-28**, hosted by Gate of Heaven Parish, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas; open free of charge to children age 8 to 15. Summer camp sessions held each day from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at Gate of Heaven Church; daily schedule includes choir rehearsals, faith lesson, games and snacks. Camp concludes with special Youth Liturgy, featuring music by camp participants, on Sunday, July 30, at 11:30 a.m. in the parish church. For more information or to register, call (570-675-2121).

Chicken Barbecue — AUG. 6, sponsored by Holy Cross Parish, 200 Delaware Ave., Olyphant; held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Dinner includes half chicken, potatoes, green beans and dessert; children's meal includes chicken nuggets, fries, dessert and drink. Other menu items available for purchase include hot dogs, ice cream/sodas,

and fries. Event also features bingo games, bake sale, cash & basket raffles, music and children's games. Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance. Cost: adults, \$10; children, \$5. For more information and advance tickets, contact the parish office, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at (570-489-0752).

of Holy Cross High School
— AUG. 12, beginning with celebration of Mass at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Holy Cross High School, 501 East Drinker St., Dunmore; reception follows from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at The Colonnade, 401 Jefferson Ave., Scranton. Reservations: \$25 per person, includes food and refreshments; deadline is July 31. Contact Holy Cross High School at (570-346-7541) or www.hchspa.org. Space is limited.

"Holy Cow" Flop Fundraiser & Barbecue — AUG. 12, sponsored by St. John Vianney Parish, Montdale, at St. Pius X Church grounds, 3615 State Route 106, Clifford Township (Royal); held from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Featuring Kundla's barbecue chicken dinners (\$10 each) and a variety of foods and refreshments, live music, bake sale, basket raffles, games and prizes for all ages. For advance tickets or more information, call (570-254-9502).

Annual Festival for the Intellectually Disabled — AUG. 20, sponsored by the local Alhamar Caravan (No. 4) of Alhambra, an international Catholic group of men and women dedicated to serving persons with special needs; held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Plains American Veterans Pavilion in the Wilkes-Barre area. For more information and to inquire about festival donations and advertising sponsorships, contact Kathy Kennedy, Alhamar Grand Commander, at (570-825-3272).

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Evening of Reflection for Women and Men Religious Held in Laflin



Women and Men Religious recently gathered for an Evening of Reflection at St. Maria Goretti Church in Laflin. Bishop Bambera was principal celebrant of the Mass. The program included dinner and a conference led by Very Reverend Paul A. McDonnell, O.S.J., Provincial Superior of the Oblates of Saint Joseph, USA Province (pictured above). For more photos, please see www. facebook.com/DioceseOfScranton



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June 15, Jesuit Father Kevin Quinn; June 16, Father Michael Quinnan; June 17, Father Cyril Rable; June 18, Father Michael Rafferty; June 19, Monsignor Joseph Rauscher; June 20, Father Philip Rayappan; June 21, Father Gregory Reichlen; June 22, Father August Ricciardi; June 23, Jesuit Father Thomas Roach; June 24, Father Alex Roche; June 25, Father Richard Rojas; June 26, Monsignor Walter Rossi; June 27, Monsignor Dale Rupert; June 28, Father John Ruth; June 29, Passionist Father Paul Ruttle; June 30, Holy Cross Father John Ryan; July 1, Pope Francis; July 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; July 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; July 4, Jesuit Father Thomas Sable; July 5, St. Peter Priestly Fraternity Father Gerard Saguto.

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The Diocese of Scranton Congratulates the 2017 High School Graduates of Marian Catholic and Scranton Prep

Marian Catholic High School



Edward Kolonsky



Anthony Collevechio

TAMAQUA — Commencement ceremonies were held recently for the 2017 Class of Marian Catholic High School in Schuylkill County, Diocese of Allentown, where a number of students from the Scranton Diocese attend high school.

Marian's graduation took place on June 3 at the Catholic high school in Tamaqua, with 96 seniors receiving their diplomas — 26 of whom reside in lower Luzerne County in the Diocese of Scranton.

Marian Catholic Principal Jean Susko also announced that Baccalaureate ceremonies were conducted on June 2 at the school. Serving as principal celebrant for the Mass was Father Robert T. Finlan of the Allentown Diocese.

Garnering top academic honors as this year's Marian Catholic valedictorian is Edward Kolonsky, son of Dr. Edward and Johanna Kolonsky, Shenandoah. The class salutatorian is Anthony Collevechio, son of Robert and Mary Jean Collevechio, of Summit Hill.

Scranton Preparatory School

SCRANTON — The Jesuitrun Scranton Preparatory School in downtown Scranton conferred diplomas to 173 seniors at commencement ceremonies June 4 in Scranton Prep's St. Francis Xavier Center. The graduation exercises were led by Principal Matthew R. Bernard.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated June 3 in the St. Francis Xavier Center. Serving as main celebrant was Jesuit Father Ryan J. Maher, school president.

Scranton Prep's 2017 valedictorian is Emily Mazur, daughter of Jan and Mary Theresa Mazur, of Old Forge. The salutatorian is Jeffrey Heim, son of Jeffrey and Lisa Heim, who reside in Scranton.

All members of the Scranton Prep Class of '17 will go on to further education, with 172 graduates attending Catholic colleges or universities.



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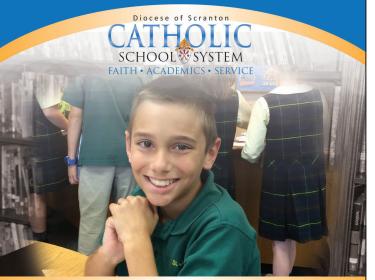


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