

Bishop Bambera to Ordain Two Men to the Priesthood on June 9

Reverend Mr. Edward J. Casey, 65, of Archbald, and Reverend Mr. Ryan P. Glenn, 29, of Mountain Top, will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Scranton this Saturday, June 9, at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will serve as principal celebrant and ordaining prelate for the morning ceremony, during which he will confer the Sacrament of Holy Orders on the two ordinandi.

Principal concelebrants for the Mass of Ordination will include Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin; Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus John M. Dougherty; Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., Vicar General of the Diocese; Monsignor David Bohr, Diocesan Secretary for Clergy Formation; Father Jeffrey J. Walsh, V.E., Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; Sulpician Father Philip Brown, of Saint Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, Md., and Very



Reverend Mr. Edward J. Casey

Rev. Brian Kiely, of Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, Mass., representing the seminaries attended by Reverend Mr. Glenn and Reverend Mr. Casey, respectively;



Reverend Mr. Ryan P. Glenn

priest-friends of the ordinandi and other priests of the Diocese.

Concelebrating the liturgy as assisting priest will be Father Donald J. Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians.

Monsignor Donald A. McAndrews will vest Father Casey as a newly ordained priest. Serving as the vesting priest for the newly ordained Father Glenn will be Father Williams.

All are invited and encouraged to participate in the Ordination Mass. CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the ceremonies live.

Reverend Mr. Casey

Reverend Mr. Edward J. Casey was born June 19, 1952, son of the late Edward Sr. and Marcella Rita Jones Casey.

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Seek Christ in 'abandoned tabernacles' of the poor, the lonely, says Pope Francis

ROME (CNS) – As he did with his disciples at Passover, Jesus asks all Christians to prepare a place for him, not in “exclusive, selective places” but rather in uncomfortable places that are “untouched by love, untouched by hope,” Pope Francis said.

“How many persons lack dignified housing or food to eat! All of us know people who are lonely, troubled and in need: they are abandoned tabernacles. We, who receive from Jesus our own room and board, are here to prepare a place and a meal for these, our brothers and sisters in need,” the pope said in his homily during Mass June 3, the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Pope Francis celebrated the feast day Mass not in Rome, as had been the tradition since 1979, but in the seaside town of Ostia,



Pope Francis greets the crowd after leading Benediction in observance of the feast of Corpus Christi in Ostia, a suburb of Rome, June 3. Also pictured is Archbishop Angelo De Donatis, papal vicar for the Diocese of Rome.

about 16 miles west. Ostia was where Saint Monica, the mother of Saint Augustine, died in 387 on a journey back to Africa after Saint Augustine's conversion to Christianity.

During his pontificate, Blessed Paul VI celebrated the

feast day in different neighborhoods in and around Rome, including in Ostia in 1968.

Pope Francis' evening Mass outside Saint Monica Church was followed by a Corpus Christi procession through the streets of Ostia.

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Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving

The choir offered joyful music at the Mass celebrating the 180th anniversary of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Bastress last Sunday, June 3. Bishop Bambera joined with the parish community for the momentous occasion. *Please see page 3.*

Ordination for two men Saturday at Cathedral of Saint Peter

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A native son of Christ the King Parish in Archbald, the ordinand has been serving as a Deacon at Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Carbondale since his ordination to the Permanent Diaconate in 1989.

He received his early education at Saint Thomas Aquinas School, Archbald, and is a graduate of Scranton Preparatory School.

Following his graduation in 1974 from the University of Scranton, where he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology, Deacon Casey began a long career with Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton, which spanned more than 40 years until his retirement from the agency in 2015.

He began his preparatory studies for the priesthood for the Diocese at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, N.Y., where he received a Master of Divinity degree, and recently completed his theological training as a seminarian at Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Mass.

Father Casey will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in Saint Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale, on Sunday, June 10, at 11:15 a.m. Serving as homilist will be Passionist Father James Price, host pastor.

Reverend Mr. Ryan Glenn

Born July 6, 1988, Reverend Mr. Ryan P. Glenn is the son of James and Maria DeRoja Glenn of Mountain Top, where the family belongs to Saint Jude Parish.

The ordinand received his early education in local public elementary schools and graduated from Crestwood High School in 2007. He later enrolled at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, earning bachelor's degrees in theology and philosophy in 2011.

As a seminarian for the Scranton Diocese, Reverend Mr. Glenn received his Master of Divinity degree in 2014 from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

He completed his preparatory studies for the priesthood at Saint Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, where he recently graduated with a Licentiate in Sacred Theology.

Father Glenn will serve as principal celebrant of a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving to be offered on Sunday, June 10, at 3 p.m. in his home parish Church of Saint Jude, Mountain Top. Father Joseph Evanko, host pastor, will deliver the homily for the newly ordained priest.



A large group participated in Quo Vadis Days last year. Registration is open for this year's camp June 24-27 at Misericordia University.

Quo Vadis Days June 24-27, 2018 Misericordia University, Dallas



The Diocesan Vocation Office is gearing up for *Quo Vadis Days 2018* at Misericordia University in Dallas June 24-27.

The camp is designed for Catholic men in high school to deepen their faith, learn more about all vocations, and better discern God's call in their lives. It will feature dynamic talks, prayer, games, sports, activities and music.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet Bishop Bambera, priests, college students and young adults serving on the leadership team, and seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton.

Father Don Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians, is looking forward to the camp once again this year.

"This is the fourth year our office is sponsoring *Quo Vadis Days*," he said. "Because of our gatherings throughout the year and other programs we have been sponsoring,

we are anticipating an increase in attendance this year. We know this will be possible with the help of priests, deacons, sisters, parish life coordinators, directors of religious education, and youth ministers."

Participants can register online at vocations.dioceseofscranton.org. For more information, please call 570-207-1452.



Special June XLT (Exalt!) for Ordinandi

All are welcome to attend a special XLT (Exalt!) on Friday, June 8, at Immaculate Conception Parish, 801 Taylor Avenue, Scranton, as we pray with and for Deacon Ed Casey and Deacon Ryan Glenn the night before their ordination to the priesthood. The evening, which will begin at 7 p.m., will consist of Eucharistic adoration, praise & worship music, reconciliation, and a reception. For more information, please call/text 570-780-2996.

Holy Father challenges us to imitate Jesus by serving others

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Before the benediction, the pope stood before the Blessed Sacrament, head bowed in silent prayer, while the choir sang "Tantum Ergo," the medieval Eucharistic hymn composed by Saint Thomas Aquinas.

In his homily, the pope reflected on the Gospel reading in which Jesus instructs his disciples to find a place to celebrate the Passover.

Although the disciples were supposed to prepare the place, the pope noted, they discover a large room that is "furnished and ready."

"Jesus prepares for us and asks us to be prepared," the pope said. "What does he prepare for us? A place and a meal. A place much more worthy than the 'large furnished room' of the Gospel."

"That place here on earth, the pope said, is the church

"where there is, and must be, room for everyone."

The Eucharist, he added, "is the beating heart of the church" and strengthens all men and women who partake in it.

When receiving Jesus' body and blood, Christians are not only given their "reservation" to the heavenly banquet, but also nourished with the "bread of heaven," which is "the only matter on earth that tastes of eternity," he said.

All men and women, he continued, have a hunger to be loved and are never fully satisfied, even when receiving "the most pleasing compliments, the finest gifts and the most advanced technologies."

Instead, by receiving Communion and worshipping Christ in the tabernacle, Christians "encounter Jesus" and feel his love.

"Dear brothers and sisters, let us choose this food of

life! Let us make Mass our priority!" he exclaimed. "Let us rediscover Eucharistic adoration in our communities! Let us implore the grace to hunger for God, with an insatiable desire to receive what he has prepared for us."

Pope Francis said that by giving themselves in service to others, Christians live "eucharistically" and imitate Jesus who "became bread broken for our sake."

Like the disciples, who were instructed by Jesus to go out to the city to make preparations, Christians also are called to prepare for Jesus' coming "not by keeping our distance but by entering our cities" and tearing down "the walls of indifference and silent collusion."

"The Eucharist invites to let ourselves be carried along by the wave of Jesus, to not remain grounded on the beach in the hope that something may come along, but to cast into the deep — free, courageous and united," the pope said.

BASTRESS — As the Diocese of Scranton celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding in 2018, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in the far-western reaches of the Diocese is making history of its own this year.

Commemorating its 180th anniversary last Sunday, the venerable mother church of Catholicism in Lycoming County recalled the parish's birth some 30 years before the Diocese — nearly two centuries ago in 1838.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera served as principal celebrant for the Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated June 3 in Immaculate Conception BVM Church, under the spiritual care of its current pastor, Father Bert Kozen.

Immaculate Conception not only holds the distinction of being the oldest parish in Lycoming County, but was also the first German-Catholic parish established in the Diocese.

Early Beginnings in Bastress

The year was 1838. Martin Van Buren, the eighth president of the United States, was in office and the Reverend Nicholas Steinbacher, S.J., a Jesuit missionary and assistant pastor at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Churchville (present-day Bally) in Berks County, was assigned to minister to the Catholics in northcentral and northeastern Pennsylvania — under the auspices of the Diocese of Philadelphia.

Father Steinbacher began his ministry in the Nippenose Valley circa 1836/1837, at a time when there were just three German-Catholic families living in the area. The permanent Catholic



Bishop Bambera presides at the 180th Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving for Immaculate Conception of the BVM Parish in Bastress on Sunday.

presence was cemented on April 14, 1838, when he purchased — as is recorded in a deed in the Lycoming County Courthouse — nearly 415 acres of land known as “Stanhope,” in what was then Limestone Township.

Soon after the purchase of the land a church, the first one dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, was constructed on the grounds. The church built by Father Steinbacher was erected slightly south of the present rectory. While the exact date is unknown, it could be presumed that construction of the first church began shortly after the priest purchased the property in 1838.

Eventually, Father Steinbacher deeded 20 acres to Bishop (now Saint) John Neumann of Philadelphia on Aug. 9, 1853, for use by the parish. The first and second churches and the cemetery were located on this parcel.

The Diocese of Philadelphia was growing so rapidly due to the emigration of German and Irish Catholics that between 1830 and 1850 its number of churches in-

creased from 22 to 92, priests from 35 to 101, and the Catholic population from 35,000 to 170,000.

By 1842, Immaculate Conception Parish was made up of 70 families, nearly all of whom were German or of German descent. This number increased rapidly until it reached over 196 families in 1876, then reduced to about 100 by 1892 due to western emigration.

Second & Present Churches

With the congregation rapidly growing during Father Steinbacher's tenure, it was soon apparent that a more substantial house of worship would be needed. The pastor, being of academic renown, intended to establish a college for the Society of Jesus in the valley. Central to his dream would be a grand church building, and his vision started to take shape with the blessing of the cornerstone of the second church in May of 1842.

A monument erected on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother on Dec. 8, 2007, commemorates the location of the second church and marks the corners of its foundation.

Although Father Steinbacher had designed this second church with plans to enlarge it, new assignments took him far from the Valley and his dream of a new Jesuit College with a grand church never materialized. As early as 1855, then-pastor Father Grundner began making plans for the third and present church. However, Father Grundner was reassigned before the work of building began in earnest in 1859.

In 1860, the present church of the parish, with its steeple soaring to a height of approximately 101



Pastors of Bastress

- Rev. Nicholas Steinbacher, S.J., 1838-1847 (built first & second churches)
- Rev. Rudolf Etthofer, Nov. 1, 1847-May 25, 1849
- Rev. Francis X. Treyer, 1849-1853
- Rev. Antonius M. Grundner, O.F.S.M., Oct. 1854-Sept. 1858
- Rev. Joseph Hamm, 1858-1861 (built third church)
- Rev. M. Muehlberger, 1861-1863
- Rev. John H. Lenfert, June 1863-May 13, 1903 (built present rectory)
- Rev. John W. Balta, J.U.D., June 1903-September 1903
- Rev. Carl Von Weldon, Sept. 1903-July 1907
- Rev. Louis C. Schmitt, Aug. 1907-1912 (first American-born pastor)
- Rev. George T. Schmidt, 1912-Aug. 6, 1923 (built Marian grotto)
- Rev. John B. Meyer, Aug. 8, 1923-July 4, 1961 (built parish school & founded the May Devotions)
- Rev. Joseph F. Fox, Oct. 12, 1961-June 20, 1991
- Rev. Robert Busteed, July 8, 1991-July 6, 2006
- Rev. Thomas Petro, J.C.L., July 6, 2006-July 8, 2008
- Rev. Charles J. Cummings, July 8, 2008-Nov. 12, 2009
- Msgr. Neil Van Loon, V.E., (Administrator) Nov. 12, 2009-July 2010
- Rev. Bert S. Kozen, V.F., July 2010-present

feet, was completed and dedicated under the direction of Father Joseph Hamm. After the present church was completed, the second church was then used as a school.

In 1872, under the pastorate of Father John Lenfert, the present brick rectory was constructed. It could be assumed that the first church building which was being used as a rectory was demolished shortly thereafter.

The sacristy and original vestibule were added onto the church sometime before 1908, according

to dated photographs, and the stained-glass windows were later added to the vestibule in 1918.

The vestibule was removed and a new narthex with a columned portico was built at the main entrance to the church under Father Robert Busteed in 1997. The original vestibule stained-glass windows were reused in this new narthex that includes a confessional and restroom, as well as a handicap entrance at the north side and an electric lift to make the church easily accessible to everyone.



Immaculate Conception pastor Father Bert Kozen gives Holy Communion to a member of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard.





Restoration of Cathedral Interior About to Begin

In conjunction with the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton, further enhancements to the Cathedral of Saint Peter are being made.

Refurbishment of the exterior of the structure was completed last fall. This work included cleaning of the masonry, needed repairs, and restoration of the pediment, bell towers and domes.

Now the second and final phase is about to begin, which will focus on restoration and refurbishment of some aspects of the interior of the Cathedral.

These enhancements include a new baptismal font to be installed in the nave of the church just beyond the vestibule, a nine-foot wooden crucifix to be suspended over the altar, a new altar, tabernacle, cathedra and ambo. All of the new sanctuary furnishings will be crafted in the style of the current Saint Joseph Altar located near the entrance to the sacristy. This altar is the only remaining piece of furnishing original to Saint Peter's when it was consecrated as the Cathedral for the Diocese of Scranton in 1884.

In addition, a new ambry to display the holy oils blessed during the Chrism Mass, and a new presider's chair with side chair will be installed. All of the new furnishings are designed to create a reverent liturgical space and visually restore the original architectural style of the sanctuary of the Cathedral.

In addition, the lighting system throughout the Cathedral will be updated and enhanced to include energy efficient LED lighting. A new and improved sound system will be installed. A handicapped accessible restroom will be constructed adjacent to the vestibule at the Wyoming Avenue entrance of the Cathedral as well as handicapped access to the sanctuary area. As a result of these important additions, the Cathedral will now be completely handicapped accessible for all parishioners and visitors.

"As we prepared to address much needed repairs and improvements, along with provisions for the handicapped, we thought it would also be appropriate to mark the celebration of our Sesquicentennial by restoring the focal points for our worship to the original architectural style of the Cathedral. It is my hope that in addition to creating a welcoming environment for all worshippers, these enhancements will prompt a renewed sense of commitment to our faith and an appreciation for the beauty of this cherished sacred space dedicated to glorify God," said Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.

Current Furnishings To Be Used in Cresco Parish

The current altar, ambo and baptismal font, as well as other items from the Cathedral, are being given to Most Holy Trinity Parish in Cresco, which is in the initial stages of constructing a new church.

"These furnishings will contribute greatly to the aesthetic and sacredness of the new church, and will be weaved seamlessly into its worship space," noted the pastor, Father Gregory Loughney.

"Incorporating these furnishings not only preserves their beauty and sacred function, but also remind us of our unity with the Mother Church of our Diocese," he said. "We are most grateful to Bishop Bambera for his thoughtfulness and continued support of us here at Most Holy Trinity. This gift will help us significantly reduce the expenses of our new church building."

"We are pleased that these sacred furnishings will continue to be used in a parish church in our Diocese," the Bishop said.

Campaign To Support Restoration

In support of the restoration project, the Diocese and the Cathedral of Saint Peter Parish are conducting a fundraising campaign. Naming opportunities are available to those who wish to provide for any of the new sanctuary furnishings, sound system, lighting enhancements and handicapped provisions.

Anyone interested in supporting the Cathedral restoration project may contact Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for Development, at Jim-Bebla@dioceseofscranton.org or 570-207-2250, for more information.



Giving Thanks to Our Mothers

The annual Mother's Day Adoption Mass was celebrated on Sunday, May 13, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. This liturgy recognizes all mothers, with a special emphasis on adoptive and foster mothers.

Noting the celebration occurring during the latter days of the Easter season, Bishop Bambera said it is fitting that we reflect on Jesus' invitation to holiness and mission. "Today we celebrate and give thanks for those women – our mothers – who have accepted that challenge and sought to live it authentically: Mothers who have given us life – mothers, who, though unable to care for the lives they bore, for love of God and life itself, entrusted those precious gifts to the care of others – mothers who opened their hearts to children desperately in need of a loving and nurturing home – grandmothers – foster mothers – and all who have nurtured and cared for life."



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Dear Birthmother,

It is with profound gratitude that I thank you for making me a mother. I love your son with all my heart, and not a day goes by that I don't thank God for him or for you. You are always in my prayers for the great love and sacrifice you showed by placing him for adoption. He is one remarkable kid and delights us every single day. I remember you on this Mother's Day and ask God to especially bless you always in all ways.

***With love and gratitude,
Adoptive mom***

Masses at Diocesan Pastoral Center During Restoration Work

The restoration project will commence on Monday, June 11, and continue through early fall.

During the restoration period, the daily and weekend Masses that are held in the Cathedral will be celebrated in the auditorium of the Diocesan Pastoral Center, the former Bishop Hannan High School building across the street at 330 Wyoming Avenue.

This will begin on Monday, June 11. The 6:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral, and then the 8 a.m. Mass and all Masses thereafter will be celebrated in the Pastoral Center.

The auditorium is air-conditioned and has sufficient seating. Signage will guide worshippers to access the building. Entrance for the daily Masses will be through the parking lot side doors. Weekend Masses can be accessed through both the main and side doors of the building.

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will broadcast the daily Masses and Pontifical Masses as usual.

FREEHOLD, N. J. (CNS) – Looking to Jesus’ rapport with the Apostles as an example, hundreds of faithful came together as missionary disciples in an effort to grow Hispanic ministry in the U.S. church.

“Knowing Jesus is a two-way relationship, not only to encounter Jesus, but allowing Jesus to encounter us and know us as we really are,” said Andres Arango, national representative for Region III of the V Encuentro.

Delegates from the Diocese of Scranton were among about 350 from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, which make up the region, who gathered at Saint Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral in Freehold recently to participate in a Regional Encuentro, one of 14 nationwide leading to the V Encuentro Sept. 20-23 in Grapevine, Texas.

Parishes of the Diocese of Scranton have been participating in the V Encuentro process for more than a year now. Eight parishes sponsored the parish-based small group dialogue process in the spring of 2017, from which

input was gathered and compiled in a Diocesan working document. The Diocesan Encuentro Day last September gathered 200 adult participants who studied the working document and generated priorities for pastoral response in the local Hispanic/Latino communities.

Delegates from this day were participants in the Regional Encuentro in New Jersey and provided input into the assessment of best practices and the recommendations which have now been forwarded to the National Encuentro to contribute to the National Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry in the United States.

Bishop David M. O’Connell of Trenton, New Jersey, called the gathering a “wonderful event” for his diocese.

“The Hispanic and Portuguese population is growing leaps and bounds so an occasion like this gives us a chance as a diocese to lift up our Hispanic people to make sure that they feel welcome and an important part of our growing diocese,” he said.

Throughout the re-



Region III Diocese of Scranton delegates with Bishop Bambera, in front from left: Carlos Aroche, Jasselis Suzy Pozo Guzman, Maria Morales. Standing: Quirino and Elegia Ponce, Ana Maria Becerril, Catalina Valladares, the Bishop, Luis Rivera, Catherine Butel, Gladys Guardia.

gional process, dialogue is essential, said Sister Ruth Bolarte, director of the Office for Cultural Diversity Ministries in the Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey.

“Many times we are just waiting for the top to make decisions, but the

Encuentro process starts on the level of the people, the base. We are planning with the people, not for the people,” said Sister Ruth, a member of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Supporting the delegates in their work, bishops

and archbishops from the region joined discussions and talked with the faithful one on one.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera was among the bishops who concelebrated Mass for the delegates. The group included Bishop

O’Connell, Bishop James F. Checchio of Metuchen, New Jersey; Bishop Manuel A. Cruz, auxiliary bishop of Newark, New Jersey; Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan of Camden, New Jersey; and Bishop Edward M. Deliman, auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, archbishop of Newark, was principal celebrant and homilist.

“The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of those who meet Jesus,” Cardinal Tobin said in his homily, which he preached in Spanish. “The V Encuentro should be fundamentally an encounter with Christ, an encounter that fills us with joy, an encounter that invites us to a new time of evangelization, marked by that joy, and that guides the church in the coming years.”

He continued. “If we have everything, if we have Christ, because the father is in him and he is in the father, what more do we need to live deeply and know his salvation? Faith needs patience and meekness to be able to take root, little by little.”

‘Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit’

Bishop Bambera administered the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults at a Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. The confirmation candidates were Catholic young persons and adults from throughout the Diocese who were prepared by their parish priests or through involvement in other parish catechetical programs.



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Holy Cross System Regional School Mass

As we continue the observance of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese, Bishop Bambara is celebrating Masses in each of the four regional school systems. The Mass for the Holy Cross Regional System was offered on May 14 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.



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CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

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

PASTOR

Reverend William D. Corcoran, to Pastor, Saint Lawrence Parish, South Williamsport, and Saint Boniface Parish, Williamsport, effective June 25, 2018.

Reverend Paul C. Fontanella, from Assistant Pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale, to Pastor, Christ the King Parish, Archbald, effective June 25, 2018.

PASTOR EMERITUS

Monsignor Stephen D. McGough, from Pastor, Saint Lawrence Parish, South Williamsport, and Saint Boniface Parish, Williamsport, to Pastor Emeritus, Saint Lawrence Parish, South Williamsport, and Saint Boniface Parish, Williamsport, effective June 25, 2018.

RETIREMENT

Reverend Michael J. Zipay, from Senior Priest, Saint Lawrence Parish, South Williamsport, and Saint Boniface Parish, Williamsport, to Retirement, effective June 25, 2018.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Reverend Alfred J. Vito, from Pastor, Saint Joseph Parish, Matamoras, and Saint Patrick Parish, Milford, to Leave of Absence for reasons of health *pro tem*, effective June 25, 2018.



BISHOP BAMBARA'S SCHEDULE

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

June 10 - Wedding Anniversary Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 2:30 p.m.

June 18 - Jubilarians' Mass, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.

Mass, King's College, Wilkes-Barre, 5:00 p.m.

June 23 - Diocesan Women's Conference Mass, University of Scranton, 8:30 a.m.

June 24 - Mass, SCI Muncy, 7:00 p.m.

June 25 - Quo Vadis, Misericordia University, Dallas, 5:30 p.m.

June 27 - Light the Fire Mass, Misericordia University, Dallas, 7:00 p.m.

Musical Group 'His Own' to Perform at Women's Conference

By Mary Rable
Special to *The Catholic Light*

The upcoming First Annual Catholic Women's Conference "Refresh Your Faith" takes place on June 23, 2018 at the Byron Complex on the University of Scranton Campus. The conference will be abundant with inspiring speakers and faith but would be incom-

plete without music. The musical trio "His Own" will fill that void with their rich, resonant voices and inspirational songs celebrating the unconditional love of Christ.

The three friends formed their musical trio to combine their love for Jesus, passion for music

and desire to proclaim the joy of the feminine heart. In a world where women are exploited, misused, and misguided, they desire that their music and ministry will inspire women to come before the Lord as they are, to encounter His unique love for them and to be reminded of the eternal measure of their feminine dignity and worth.

Kara Klein, daughter of Judy Landrieu Klein and her late husband Bernie, was born on Christmas Eve 1985 in New Orleans, Louisiana. She began singing and writing music at the age of 9, and released her first original album, *A Touch of Your Grace*, at the age of 18.

From the time her music ministry first began, Kara has appeared on four international television programs, has sung beside other widely acclaimed artists such as Aaron Neville and Matt Maher, and at venues such as Carnegie Hall and World Youth Day. In the last five years, Kara has won six Unity Awards by the United Catholic Music and Video Association, including "Best Female Vocalist of the Year" in 2008.

Kara currently lives in Nashville and is most passionate about spreading the messages of chastity, true femininity, and authentic joy of life in Christ. She hopes that her love for God will encourage others to say yes to Jesus, trust radically in His mercy, and believe wholeheartedly that He can and will work all things for our good.

Maria Spears was born in Kentucky and began singing, playing piano and writing music by the age of six. In college she led worship for venues such as Steubenville conferences and World Youth Days,

Refresh Your Faith

Saturday, June 23, 2018

Byron Complex
The University of Scranton
8am-4pm

Gather with women from Northeast PA & beyond to

Refresh Your Faith

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

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

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

To REGISTER, go to:

dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference



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

Speakers & Musicians:



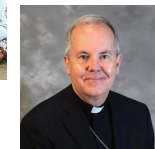
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His Own



Bishop Joseph Bambera



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and traveled internationally playing a variety of genres including jazz, classical, country and classic rock. Maria has always been passionate about health and wellness, and when she discovered the teachings of Saint John Paul the Great's "Theology of the Body," she became ever more passionate about sharing the dignity, worth and beauty of the human person.

Christine Simpson is proud to be a native of Nashville and the fourth of ten

children. After college, she began singing at faith rallies, Youth 2000s, Ignite Your Torch and Glory Nights in Nashville, but felt a call to do a ministry where women would be uplifted, inspired and affirmed in their femininity. Through understanding the gift that we are as women, she felt like she has found a joy to living — and longs to share it!

The First Annual Catholic Women's Conference takes place on Saturday, June 23, from 8 a.m. to 4

p.m. in the Byron Complex at the University of Scranton. In addition to music by *His Own*, the day also includes globally renowned teacher and healer Father Richard McAlear, Mass with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, lunch, confessions, shopping in the conference marketplace and adoration. Tickets are \$50. Students pay only \$20 and women Religious attend for free. To register, please go to dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference.



His Own

Religious Freedom Week

Religious Freedom Week will take place from June 22–29. It begins with the feast day of Saint Thomas More and Saint John Fisher, includes the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, and ends with the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

The theme for this year is “Serving Others in God’s Love.” Religious freedom is necessary if the Church is to have the space to continue to serve in areas like education, adoption and foster care, health care, and migration and refugee services. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has produced resources for prayer and action on these issues, and information is being sent to our parishes. Please check www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek for updates.

We encourage Christians to reflect on the importance of religious freedom and we also invite Christians to pray for our brothers and sisters who face intense persecution in other parts of the world.



**Serving Others
in God's Love**
Religious Freedom Week
June 22–29, 2018

Religious Freedom Week succeeds the Fortnight for Freedom, and this particular week centers around the feast days of saints who bore particular witness to religious liberty. Although the Fortnight sought to raise awareness of several religious freedom issues, it was associated in many people’s minds with the HHS contraceptive mandate. To be sure, the HHS mandate is still a live issue and still being challenged in several courts, but awareness needs to be raised concerning other important religious freedom issues as well, including legal and policy challenges facing our adoption and foster care services, our migration and refugee services, and other charitable works of the Church.

Through prayer, education, and public action during Religious Freedom Week, we will promote the importance of preserving the essential right of religious freedom, for now and the future, for Catholics and for those of *all* faiths.

pro-life issues and the ability of religious organizations to operate according to their beliefs without government interference.

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference was established in 1960 to give witness to spiritual values in public affairs and to provide an agency for corporate Catholic service to the statewide community. It serves as the public affairs agency of Pennsylvania’s Catholic bishops and the Catholic dioceses of Pennsylvania. Its mission is to formulate positions on public policy issues, officially represent the Church before state government, and to foster a public understanding of the Church’s teaching and concern about morality, health, welfare, human rights, education and the common good.

The PCC gets involved with a wide variety of issues that span across the political spectrum. Visit www.pacatholic.org for the latest news and legislative updates, to lend your voice to advancing the Church’s position in the State Capitol through the **PA Catholic Advocacy Network**.

*Solemnity
of the
Sacred Heart
of Jesus*
— June 8



Prayer Requests for Priests

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

June 7, Father Alex Roche; June 8, Jesuit Father Patrick Rogers; June 9, Father Richard Rojas; June 10, Monsignor Walter Rossi; June 11, Monsignor Dale Rupert; June 12, Father John Ruth; June 13, Passionist Father Paul Ruttler; June 14, Holy Cross Father John Ryan; June 15, Saint Peter Priestly Fraternity Father Gerard Saguto; June

16, Father Christopher Sahd; June 17, Father Thomas Sarnecki; June 18, Father Arbogaste Satoun; June 19, Holy Cross Father Eric Schimmel; June 20, Saint Joseph Oblate Father Daniel Schwebs; June 21, Father Kenneth Seegar; June 22, Monsignor John Sempa; June 23, Father Gerald Shantillo; June 24, Saint Joseph Oblate Father Joseph Sibilano; June 25, Father Joseph Sica; June 26, Monsignor Constantine Siconolfi; June 27, Father Robert Simon.

Executive Change at the PCC

Eric A. Failing is the new executive director of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference. He assumed the role June 1 upon the retirement of Robert J. O’Hara Jr. after his 21 years as executive director.

Failing had been serving as the PCC social concerns director. Previously, he was vice president of sales, marketing and development for Pennsylvania Legislative Services. In his year since joining the PCC team, he has spearheaded efforts to pass bills that would ban the practice of abortion for a Down syndrome diagnosis in the womb, expand services to the poor, address the crisis of drug addiction, and other issues.

When he announced his plans to retire in March, Dr. O’Hara told *CatholicPhilly.com* that he counts programs that benefit Catholic school families, namely expanding the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC), among his proudest accomplishments. He has also worked tirelessly to promote social concerns, access to health care for the poor,



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Little Sisters of the Poor to withdraw from Holy Family Residence, Scranton

On May 30 the Little Sisters of the Poor announced with sadness, that they will be withdrawing from the Holy Family Residence in Scranton. The day of the announcement the Sisters met with the Residents, their families, lay Associates, staff and volunteers sharing their decision.

The Little Sisters have served in the Diocese of Scranton continuously since 1908 when they began their ministry at the Maloney Home, the first Catholic Home dedicated to the care of the elderly poor of Scranton. In September 1976 Holy Family Residence, built on the same property, replaced the Maloney Home.

In making the announcement, Mother Alice Marie, the Little Sisters' provincial superior, explained: "As part of a strategic plan aimed at strengthening our ministry and bolstering the quality of our religious and community life, we Little Sisters of the Poor have recognized the need to withdraw from a certain number of homes in the United States, while at the same time dedicating our resources to much needed upgrades and reconstruction projects in several others."

The Little Sisters of the Poor are actively seeking a buyer for the Home with the hope of finding another mission-driven sponsor. They announced that they will provide periodic updates as the transition process proceeds.

In letters to the Residents and their family members, Mother Theresa Louisa,

Superior of Holy Family Residence, also offered the Residents the possibility of moving to another Home sponsored by the Little Sister of the Poor. "Know that if you wish to go to any of our other Homes so that you can continue to be part of the Little Sisters' family, you will be welcomed with open arms."

Mother Alice Marie concluded the announcement by thanking all those who have supported Holy Family Residence and the Little Sisters of the Poor for so many years. In a special way she thanked the Diocese of Scranton for its leadership in promoting and

"For more than 100 years, the Little Sisters of the Poor have provided compassionate, loving care to countless numbers of elderly and infirmed residents from throughout the Diocese of Scranton.

Although Holy Family Residence is not a Diocesan facility, the Little Sisters have tirelessly fulfilled the mission of the Church by providing for those in need of their care with a particular commitment to serving the poor in an atmosphere of respect, dignity, and love.

While there is sadness that the Sisters will no longer be able to continue their ministry in the Diocese of Scranton, we give thanks for their witness and dedicated service to the people of our region."

– Bishop Bambera



After years of planning and with the commitment of many sisters, friends, and professional advisors, the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate heart of Mary dedicated the Welcoming Space at the IHM Center in Scranton on Thursday evening, April 19, 2018. Over 150 attended the blessing. Enhanced by the Land Reclamation Project, which was funded by private donors and various grants, the new space will offer a setting of peace and natural beauty with its emphasis on conservation and the sacredness of Planet Earth. Rain gardens and natural species of flora and fauna grace the outdoor space. Inside at the IHM Center, meeting areas are available as well as the Chapel for times of prayer. In their current direction statement, the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary call for others to "join them in bringing about God's dream for this beautiful, yet wounded world." The dedication was followed by a concert performed by Joyce Rouse, "Earth Mama," whose vision claims that "Everything from the universe is a blessing." Pictured from left are: Sister Donna Korba, IHM, Jan Novotka, Sister Jean Louise Bachetti, IHM, and Joyce Rouse.



A Day of Reflection for women and men in Consecrated Life, including a Mass celebrated by Bishop Bambera, was held recently at Saint Joseph Marelo Parish in Pittston.
The Catholic Light Photo/Mike Melisky

Catholic sisters play vital roles in region

Religious sisters have toiled relentlessly to make this region better. They regularly served as a community's backbone, always in the shadows — almost literally thanks to the black habits, and figuratively thanks to deep humility and a society that in the past wouldn't acknowledge their accomplishments even if they had spoken up because, well, they were women.

They founded and maintained hospitals, nursing homes and colleges. For decades, they made the Catholic school system in the Diocese of Scranton possible and affordable by forming the core of the teaching staff while asking for little or no compensation. When government safety net programs were few to none, they fed the hungry, nursed the sick, clothed the poor and cared for the elderly or abandoned.

They numbered in the thousands and helped millions, always focusing on those who had nowhere else to turn. By establishing and teaching in schools and colleges, they carved a path to the middle class for immigrants, coal miners and factory workers.

In fact, at a time when women had few options beyond domestic servitude or the sewing mill, sisterhood was itself a path to education, a way out of abject poverty for women who became nurses and teachers. Though they belonged to a patriarchal church, in that way they were — perhaps paradoxically — a precursor to the women's rights movement.

If you've lived in this area for any time at all you know someone educated by an institution of higher learning founded or once staffed by religious sisters. At the very least, you or an acquaintance were tended by a nurse trained at Misericordia (Sisters of Mercy) or Marywood (Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary) universities.

Someone you know attended a Catholic school, existing or defunct, supported for decades by sisters, including Wilkes-Barre's St. Nicholas/St. Mary (Sisters of Christian Charity), or the former Transfiguration School in West Hazleton (Bernardine Sisters).

Someone you know has a loved one, or knows someone who has a loved one, residing in a sister-founded or sister-staffed nursing home such as Little Flower Manor (Carmelite Sisters), or Scranton's Holy Family Residence (Little Sisters of the Poor).

This week that last one became both symbol of how much religious sisters have given the region and how much we have been losing as their numbers dwindle. For more than a century, the Little Sisters of the Poor ran Holy Family residence. They recently announced they will be leaving that service, their ranks too diminished to continue.

The saga for the Catholic Church is well documented. Nationally, according to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University, religious sisters have declined from 179,954 in 1965 to 45,056 in 2017.

What should not be lost — what *cannot* be lost — in those numbers is the millions of local lives made better in ways tangible and intangible by the lifelong service from these selfless sisters.

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Ninth Vocations Golf Classic Tees Off July 9 to Assist Seminarians

"We are continually encouraged by faithful parishioners and friends throughout the 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton who each year support the Vocations Golf Classic. This tournament raises needed funds to foster vocations and assist future priests on their journey to serve the people of our Diocese," said Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who is honorary chair for the Ninth Annual Vocations Golf Classic to be held Monday, July 9, at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, Mountain Top.

The tournament features a captain and crew format on the 27-hole course. The day begins with lunch at 11 a.m., 12 noon start and reception and dinner immediately following. Reverend Donald J. Williams, Director of Vocations and Seminarians, is event chair.

Identifying men to consider Diocesan priesthood and guiding each through a discernment process is part of the vital work of the Vocation Office, explained Father Williams. It is also a concern that any man contemplating the priesthood would not be deterred by prior financial obligations.

"As a Diocese, we are blessed with good men in seminarian formation. We're also engaging a significant number of potential candidates who may one day be of priestly service to the Diocese," said Father Williams.

"I join with our Bishop and the golf committee in inviting everyone to make a donation in memory of a friend or loved one," the vocations director added. "All gifts supporting seminarian education are appreciated. The tournament also provides an opportunity for golfers, sponsors and seminarians to meet informally and enjoy a relaxing day outdoors."

Donations of any amount are welcome. Golfer packages at \$250 include cart and green fees, lunch, dinner and reception. Hole sponsorships are \$100. For credit card donations, reservations or information call the Diocesan Development Office at 570-207-2250 or visit DiocesefofScranton.org (Giving tab).

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- Bishop Bambera



That Championship Team

Members of the 1968 Cathedral High School basketball team gathered recently at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton to reminisce about their success on the court. The team played in three straight state Catholic league championships and won twice, in 1967 and 1968. Pictured in first row are, from left: Tom Deleo, Coach Jerry Burke and Paul Biko. Second row: Jack Lyons, Marty Wolff and Pat Lyons.

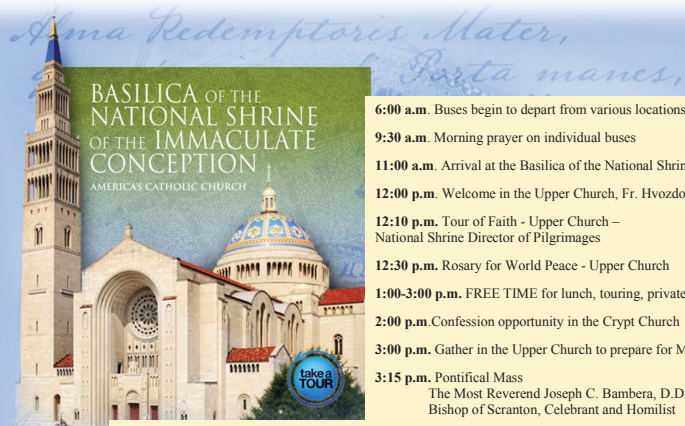


An Opioid Fact Forum was sponsored by the Heritage Knights of Columbus President John F. Kennedy #372 Council #948 Assembly and the Jacquelines Auxiliary on April 19 at the John P. Cosgrove Center in the Pittston Memorial Library. The forum consisted of a panel that included Luzerne County Coroner Bill Lisman, Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas Judge Michael Vough, and Advocate Carol Coolbaugh, who shared their stories. The panel was moderated by Carmen Ambrosino, a 45-year addiction specialist and former CEO of Wyoming Valley Drug and Alcohol Services.

Citizens who attended learned about the dangers of opioid addiction. Discussions on the impact those drugs and other drugs have on families and loved ones were held, with stories shared by those who have experienced the effects first hand.

Principals at the forum included, front row from left: panel member Carol Coolbaugh, Sir Knight Blaise Dente, moderator Carmen Ambrosino. Second row, Luzerne County Coroner William Lisman, Sir Knight Leonard Pribula Jr., blog editor and 4th Degree member David Yonki, Judge Michael Vough, former Grand Knight and Choir member Richard Korpusik, and current Grand Knight of Council #372 Dennis Palladino.

DIocese OF SCRANTON 150TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE
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- 6:00 a.m. Buses begin to depart from various locations
- 9:30 a.m. Morning prayer on individual buses
- 11:00 a.m. Arrival at the Basilica of the National Shrine
- 12:00 p.m. Welcome in the Upper Church, Fr. Hvozdovic
- 12:10 p.m. Tour of Faith - Upper Church - National Shrine Director of Pilgrimages
- 12:30 p.m. Rosary for World Peace - Upper Church
- 1:00-3:00 p.m. FREE TIME for lunch, touring, private prayer
- 2:00 p.m. Confession opportunity in the Crypt Church
- 3:00 p.m. Gather in the Upper Church to prepare for Mass
- 3:15 p.m. Pontifical Mass
The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.,
Bishop of Scranton, Celebrant and Homilist
- 4:45 p.m. Buses depart National Shrine
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on individual buses
- 10:30 p.m. Approximate return time to point of departure

Pilgrimage Cost: \$55/person + lunch
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Saint Barbara's Parish in Exeter recently held a women's tea and one table was decorated to honor the Diocese and its 150th anniversary.

Saint Matthew's Plans Community Day to Help Those Who Care for Addicted

The Social Concerns Committee at Saint Matthew's Parish in East Stroudsburg is hosting a Community Day on Saturday, June 16, to mark the one-year anniversary of a program that aims to help those who may be caring for someone who is challenged by an addiction.

The Community Day will be held on the parish grounds from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will feature representatives from agencies and organizations that provide services to people battling addictions, and their family members and caretakers. According to Deacon Kevin L. Scheirer, the goal of the program is to increase awareness and offer resources to enable people to effectively care for their addicted loved ones without enabling their addiction.

The Community Day is open to the public. Food and beverages will be available at no cost. Agencies are being recruited to participate.

For more information, contact Deacon Kevin L. Scheirer at 570-350-7723 or deaconstmatthewschurch@gmail.com.

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



Emily Romanski and Thomas Niemiec, students at **Holy Cross High School in Dunmore**, watch as Father Cyril Edwards, HCHS Chaplain, blesses the crown during the school's annual May Crowning Mass.



May crowning was recently celebrated at **Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg**. Pictured is the school's May Queen, Aisling O'Gallagher, who was assisted by Isabella and Gianna Adorno.



Students celebrate the Blessed Mother with their annual May Crowning at **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter**. Molly Moran was the May Queen, attended by Jordan Molitoris, while the remainder of the 8th grade class served as honor guards.



Students from **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton** recently attended the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's "Chorus Fest" at the Greater Nanticoke High School.



Students from **Saint John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport** recently enjoyed their Annual Field Day, which included face painting.



The 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade students of **Holy Rosary School in Duryea** and several veterans from the American Legion Post 585 assisted in the replacement of over 500 American flags at the Holy Rosary Cemetery, Duryea. Pictured are the students with Ed Ameika, Al Echalk, Bob Johnson and John Galuska.



Ruth Young, a 3rd grade student at **Saint Nicholas/Saint Mary School in Wilkes-Barre**, was recently named First Place Winner in the Pennsylvania Dental Association's 2018 National Children's Dental Health Month Statewide Poster Contest. Ruth's winning entry depicts a Candy Land type game with the theme, "There are no shortcuts to a beautiful smile." She received a framed copy of her poster as well as a monetary prize. Pictured are: Christopher Tighe, SNSM principal; Elizabeth Joseph, DMD, from the Pennsylvania Dental Association; Michael Young, parent; Ruth Young; Rachel Young, parent; Cathryn Evans, teacher; and Samantha Abod, DMD, from the Pennsylvania Dental Association.



Students from **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston** recently competed at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science at Penn State University. Eva Szura, Emily Williams, Jaden Evanoski, Michael Fino and Jillian DelBalso received First Place Awards. Lucas Dwyer and Izzy Romano received Second Place Awards. Pictured holding their certificates are Eva Szura, Emily Williams, Lucas Dwyer, Izzy Romano, Jenna Skibitsky, Charles Floryan, Jaden Evanoski, Michael Fino, Jillian DelBalso and Matthew White.



Students at **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green** celebrated Mission Day, enjoying a sunny day of outdoor events while raising money for the Missions.



Third and 4th grade students at **Epiphany School in Sayre** created PowerPoint presentations on U.S. National Parks including Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, and the Smoky Mountains. The program, which was presented to parents, grandparents, and friends, began with the singing of "This Land Is Your Land," followed by individual presentations.



The 5th grade students from **Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton** spent the day at “work” at “BIZ Town” as part of their Social Studies curriculum. They participated in a “hands on” experience learning about businesses and the economy.



The 5th grade DARE graduates from **La Salle Academy in Jessup** pose with Lackawanna County District Attorney Shane Scanlon; Detective Butkiewicz and his canine, Riggs; teacher Mrs. Ayres; Principal Mrs. Murphy; and Officer Laguzzi.



Twenty-six students from **Saint Jude School in Mountain Top** competed in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science state competition at Penn State University; 18 students received First Place awards and 8 students received Second Place awards. One student, 7th grader Gemma Alberti, received a perfect score. First Place awards were earned by: Gemma Alberti, Taylor Bayley, Sophia Bere, Delaney Curley, Kyra Hayden, Hillary Hoda, Molly Jameson, Aubrey Jumper, Sydney Kozden, Thomas Mayernik, Kathryn McIngvale, Anthony Nicotera, Christopher Papciak, Caden Sparich, Michael Tomczyk, Joshua VanPelt, William Wolfgang and James Young. Students earning Second Place awards were: Matthew Banford, Katelyn Bozinko, Daryl Boich, Jordyn Chepolis, Veronica Gorka, Edward Patrick, Shreya Rupareliya and



Freshman Matthew Albrecht from **Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre** poses with Mrs. Elaine Snyder and HRHS Principal Michael Reese as he is awarded the Scott E. Snyder Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is in honor of 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.



The students, faculty, and families at **All Saints Academy in Scranton** recognized local heroes — police, fire, and other first responders — by celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving and hosting a special reception for them at the school.



Students from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades at **Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore** all enjoyed a fun-filled field day at The Crayola Factory.

share artist's vision

A Roman artist, Gonippo Raggi, was commissioned in November, 1935, to design and paint the elaborate murals arrangement on the bare walls and dome of the Marywood University Rotunda, as well as finish the 24 structural steel columns, gallery, and floor.

The artist had been widely acclaimed locally for his execution of murals in the 1934 renovation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. When he died in 1959, at age 84, the *New York Times* obituary noted that he had decorated over 100 churches on three continents, and had been honored for his work by Pope Pius XI and Pope Pius XII, and by the kings of Italy, Spain, and Belgium.

The upper row is an intricate frieze of blue, green, rose, and floriated patterns, alternated with round medallions bearing portraits of

four popes and four Scranton bishops – all significant to the flourishing of Marywood and the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary religious order. Using as a convenient focus point the north side of the Rotunda, over the building's entrance, the ordering runs clockwise: Pope Leo XIII, Bishop Michael J. Hoban, Pope Saint Pius X, Bishop Thomas C. O'Reilly, Pope Pius XI, Bishop Saint John Neumann, Pope Blessed Pius IX, and Bishop William O'Hara.

The actual historical order begins with Saint John Neumann (1811-1860), who as bishop of Philadelphia was the shepherd of Catholics in this area until the Diocese of Scranton was established in 1868. Bishop Neumann's order, the Redemptorists, had supplied Father Gillet and the founding rule for the I.H.M. order. And it was



Bishop Neumann who invited the I.H.M. Sisters to come from Monroe, Michigan, to minister in Pennsylvania. As a "circuit rider" bishop, Bishop Neumann visited this area occasionally to dedicate churches. Saint John Neumann was canonized in 1977.

Next in order is Pope Blessed Pius IX, who served from 1846-1878, longer than any other pope until Pope Saint John Paul II. The pontificate of Pius IX began just after the founding of the I.H.M. congregation in 1845. In 1854, he proclaimed the infallible dogma of the Immaculate Conception, the order's principal affinity with the Virgin Mary.

The Sisters initially established ministries in the Scranton Diocese under its



The upper row of the Marywood University Rotunda is an intricate frieze of blue, green, rose, and floriated patterns, alternated with round medallions bearing portraits of four popes and four bishops who served the Diocese of Scranton – Bishop Saint John Neumann, Bishop William O'Hara, Bishop Michael J. Hoban and Bishop Thomas C. O'Reilly. The artist, Gonippo Raggi, also painted murals in the 1934 renovation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

first Bishop, William O'Hara (serving 1868-1899), who is next in the row, followed by the medallion of Pope Leo XIII. During his pontificate (1878-1903), Pope Leo fostered principles of Catholic education, especially the primacy of the Scholastic philosophy of Saint Thomas Aquinas, who is honored in his own frieze below this row and also in a wall painting.

The next medallion heralds the 20th century, with the portrait of Bishop Michael J. Hoban, second Bishop of Scranton, from 1899-1926. Marywood was founded



in 1915 during his tenure, and Bishop Hoban saw the completion of the Liberal Arts Center itself. The next person in the grouping, Pope Saint Pius X, was canonized (1954) after the Rotunda murals were installed. Saint Pius X served from 1903-1914, as the then-college was being organized, and also fostered Thomistic philosophy as well as modernizing Church law.

Bishop Thomas O'Reilly completes the series of patronal bishops, serving Scranton from 1928-1938, thus being the overseer of



the Rotunda's completion.

Mother Josepha consulted him often, for he and his predecessor bishops favored Marywood with both material and artistic gifts and spiritual guidance, and a close relationship exists to this day with the Diocese of Scranton. (Regina Hall residence originally opened in 1928 as O'Reilly Hall, in that new bishop's honor.)

(Excerpted from an article by Reverend Leo M. Manglaviti, S.J., Ph.D., that was originally published during the 75th anniversary year of Marywood University in 1990, in the Spring 1990 issue of Marywood Impressions, and in the July 21, 1990, issue of the Scranton Times. At the time, the author was a professor of English at Marywood.)



King's College recently celebrated the end of its 72nd academic year with Commencement exercises held at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza. Approximately 410 students received either a master's or bachelor's degree. Pictured are members of the stage party. Shown, from left, is Dr. Thomas Curran, a 1986 King's graduate and current member of the King's Board of Directors who accepted an honorary doctorate for his father Daniel Curran, Ph.D., a former King's faculty member; James O'Hara, Esq., a 1958 graduate of King's and honorary doctorate recipient; Father Thomas O'Hara, C.S.C., Ph.D., Commencement speaker, honorary doctorate recipient, outgoing Provincial Superior of the United States Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and former King's president; Father John J. Ryan, C.S.C., Ph.D., King's President; Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who offered remarks at the ceremony; and Thomas R. Smith, a 1977 graduate of King's and the chair of the College's Board of Directors.



The University of Scranton conferred nearly 900 degrees at its undergraduate commencement on May 27 at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza in Wilkes-Barre. From left: Reverend Herbert B. Keller, S.J., interim president of The University of Scranton, and honorary degree recipients Sister Ann Walsh, I.H.M., former CEO and current assistant director of Friends of the Poor; Very Reverend Timothy P. Kesicki, S.J., president of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States, who read the remarks of the principal speaker Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J., Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown, who was unable to attend the ceremony and who also received an honorary degree in absentia; William Whitaker, founding president of the Washington Jesuit Academy, Washington, D.C.; Cecelia Lynett Haggerty, Times-Shamrock Communications and former University trustee; and Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.



Images shown above: Sister M. Immaculata, I.H.M., the first Dean of Marywood College from 1915-1943. | In 1942, the first Jesuits arrived to take on the administration of the University of Scranton. | June 3, 1921, Bishop Hoban with Mother M. Mercedes McHale at the ground breaking for Villa Saint Teresa where College Misericordia had its beginnings. | The Congregation of Holy Cross administers King's College in Wilkes-Barre.

Catholic Higher Education

DEVELOPING MINDS AND HEARTS

The importance of Catholic education, and specifically higher education, is deeply rooted in the rich history of the Diocese of Scranton. In the mid-1800s, an energetic missionary, Father John O'Reilly, founded the region's first Catholic college, even before the formal establishment of the Diocese. The early diocesan bishops were educators who recognized the importance of higher learning, and they felt a duty to provide an educational foundation to the community. Their efforts to incorporate the morals and values of the Catholic faith in the classroom were essential in developing the minds and spirits of college-age students throughout the Diocese.

The Diocese of Scranton has grown and evolved since its founding, and a lasting dedication to education remains. The University of Scranton, Marywood University, Misericordia University, and King's College provide high-quality Catholic higher education throughout the Diocese today.

SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Father O'Reilly's unwavering dedication to the development of Catholic education in northeastern and north central Pennsylvania was exemplified in Susquehanna County when he founded Saint Joseph's College for men in 1852. He opened an academy for young women just four years later. Father O'Reilly invited priests and nuns from the Congregation of Holy Cross to oversee the newly-opened institutions.

Father O'Reilly faced major setbacks when the Holy Cross Fathers and Holy Cross Sisters withdrew from both institutions only a few years later, in 1858. Yet, he

was not discouraged, and he continued operations with priests from the Philadelphia Diocese and laymen serving as instructors. Father O'Reilly began to search for a new order to replace the Holy Cross Sisters at the academy, and welcomed the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary into the region that same year.

Tragically, Saint Joseph's College was consumed by fire in January of 1864 and was never rebuilt. No lives were lost, but everything, including the extensive library, was destroyed by the flames. With Saint Joseph's College gone, the student population in Susquehanna County declined. Eventually, the academy was also closed, but both institutions laid the foundation for higher learning in the Catholic education system in our region.

SAINT THOMAS COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

Saint Thomas College, which is now the University of Scranton, was founded in 1888. Bishop William O'Hara, the first bishop of the Diocese of Scranton, recognized the importance of Catholic education. His primary goal was to provide young men in northeastern Pennsylvania with an opportunity for higher learning. The College finally opened its doors in 1892 on Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, and was originally staffed by priests and seminarians from the Diocese of Scranton.

The Christian Brothers took over administrative and teaching duties at Saint Thomas in 1897, and continued to operate the institution for the next 45 years. In 1938, Saint Thomas College officially became the University

of Scranton. The university was entrusted to the Society of Jesus in 1942, which had a vision for expansion and further development of the school.

The university flourished under the Jesuits' leadership. The continued efforts of the school to improve the education of students in the Catholic tradition are integrated across its numerous undergraduate, graduate and nontraditional programs. Today, the University of Scranton is a nationally ranked institution with almost 50,000 alumni worldwide. In recent years the university has invested more than \$245 million in campus improvements, which include student housing, the Loyola Science Center, and a newly dedicated athletics complex in the Bellevue section of the city.

MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY

The second bishop of the Diocese of Scranton, Bishop Michael Hoban, was as committed to higher education as his predecessor. During his tenure, Marywood College opened its doors in 1915 under the direction of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It was the first Catholic women's college in Pennsylvania. Thirty-four young women were enrolled at Marywood for its inaugural year. Many early graduates went on to pursue careers as teachers, strengthening the community by continuing the legacy of Catholic education in the area.

Marywood prospered, enjoying times of growth and expansion, and eventually gained university status in 1993. Today, the university is co-educational and motivated by a progressive spirit that incorporates



Sister M. Gabriel Kane, I.H.M. and other sisters and students at Marywood College.

the Catholic values upon which it was founded. Marywood fosters leadership in the I.H.M. tradition through academic excellence and service to others. Over 3,000 students are enrolled in an array of undergraduate and graduate programs at the scenic 115-acre campus.

MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY

The Religious Sisters of Mercy recognized a need for Catholic education in the coal mining regions of the Wyoming Valley in the early 1900s. The Sisters vowed to be of service to the impoverished, sick, and uneducated, and purchased 100 acres of land in Dallas in 1914 to build an institution of higher education. More than 2,500 people witnessed the dedication of College Misericordia ten years later in September, 1924. The Sisters established Luzerne County's first four-year institution of higher learning with the intent of providing women, particularly the daughters of miners who could not afford to be sent away to college, with a Catholic education.

Misericordia University has been co-educational since the 1970s and encourages an inclusive community where all are welcome. Today, the university continues its educational mission as a

Catholic institution in accord with the spirit and heritage of the Sisters of Mercy. The core values of mercy, service, justice, and hospitality are embodied throughout the Misericordia community and its 37 academic programs.

KING'S COLLEGE

While Misericordia provided higher education for the women of Luzerne County, opportunities for Catholic men in the area were limited. King's College was founded in 1946 by the Congregation of Holy Cross at the invitation of Bishop William Hafey, as a four-year college for coal miners' sons and young men returning from war. King's College served as a counterpart to College Misericordia in Luzerne County before both institutions became co-educational.

As the college entered the 21st century, it continued its mission to prepare students for meaningful and purposeful lives. King's is a nationally recognized institution that offers an academic and professional programs built upon a strong liberal-arts core and the Catholic intellectual tradition. The campus spans 50 acres in downtown Wilkes-Barre today.

FAITH FACTS:

- In August 1888, with few resources at hand, Bishop William G. O'Hara, D.D. blessed a single block of granite as a cornerstone for Saint Thomas College's Old Main, which is preserved in the wall of St. Thomas Hall today. The College, which is now the University of Scranton, opened with 72 students four years later in 1892.
- The anti-Catholic Ku Klux Klan was opposed to the Sisters of Mercy establishing their motherhouse at College Misericordia in 1924, and attempted to scare the Sisters away by burning a giant cross just outside of their Dallas property. The burnings were repeated several times, and eventually ceased. Father Thomas Carmody, first Chaplain of Misericordia, was known to have special permission to carry a gun in the rural territory of Luzerne County.
- In 1941, the Scranton family dedicated their iconic residential property to the University of Scranton. Referred to as "The Estate," it still stands today as a central feature on the university's campus.
- The Holy Cross Congregation had been absent in the Diocese of Scranton for almost 90 years before returning to the area to establish King's College with Bishop Hafey in 1946.
- The motherhouse of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was devastated by a fire in 1971, along with Marywood Seminary, a high school for girls located on campus. Many sisters were injured escaping the flames. The loss of Marywood Seminary led the Scranton Preparatory School to become the first of the 46 Jesuit High Schools to be co-ed.

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and Vocations



1852

Susquehanna County - Saint Joseph's College is founded by Father John O'Reilly.



1888

Scranton - Saint Thomas College, now the University of Scranton, is founded.



1915

Lackawanna County - Marywood University was founded by Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



1924

Luzerne County - College Misericordia was founded by the Sisters of Mercy.



1946

Wilkes-Barre - King's College is founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross.





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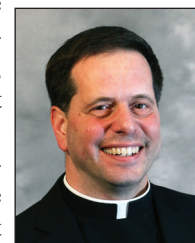
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
12:00 AM	EWTN SPECIALS	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	DAILY MASS (Encore)				Fr. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	
1:00 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	(11:00AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	THE JOURNEY HOME (Encore)	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD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

SH Mass Set for Freeland

A Mass of Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be offered at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Freeland on Tuesday, June 26, at 7 p.m.

A prelude of music selections by the Sacred Heart Singers, directed by Ernie Pappa and Jennifer Michel, will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Concelebrants for the Enthronement Mass will be Father Daniel Toomey, spiritual moderator of the Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild in the Scranton Diocese, and Father Michael Kloton, host pastor of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish.



Father Dan Toomey

Packets will also be available at the Enthronement Mass on June 26 for those who unable to pre-register. Refreshments will be provided in the parish hall following the Mass.

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

Further information and reservations for an Enthronement during the upcoming Mass may be obtained by contacting Maria Pappa, Enthronement Guild coordinator, at (570-587-0805).

Sacred Heart Feast Mass Tonight

Individuals and families who desire to enthrone their homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will have the opportunity to do so during the liturgical celebration.

The evening is being organized by Ernie Pappa and Steve Englot, Enthronement Guild president. During the June 16-17 weekend Masses at the parish, Mr. Pappa will speak on home Enthronements, and those interested can register after each liturgy to receive an Enthronement packet.

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

Musical prelude will begin at 4:30 p.m. and a dinner reception will follow.

All faithful are welcome.

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Light the Fire Youth Rally June 27 at Misericordia

DALLAS — Hundreds of Catholic teenagers are expected to participate in the 12th annual Light the Fire Summer Youth Rally to be held on Wednesday, June 27, 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 day-long program also includes a variety of guest presentations, inspirational and informative workshops, music, Holy Hour, fun activities and new opportunities for fellowship.

“Be Strong and Courageous,” the theme for the 2018 Catholic youth rally, draws from Pope Francis’ message on the occasion of the 33rd World Youth Day, in which he challenges young people to celebrate their Catholic faith proudly and courageously.

This summer’s annual



gathering for youth and young adults will feature dynamic national speaker and worship leader Cooper Ray, who employs music, humor and audience participation in leading groups of all ages to a greater awareness of their Catholic Christianity.

The 12th Light the Fire Rally will also include as master of ceremonies and workshop presenter, well-known speaker Will Smith, who for years has entertained young Catholics at youth gatherings and retreats by incorporating music, multi-media, humor and storytelling

into his popular presentations.

Musical ministry throughout the day will be provided by Full Armor, well-known contemporary Christian band.

Registration for the rally opens at 8 a.m. and the closing liturgy is scheduled for 7 p.m.

For more information about the 2018 Light the Fire Summer Youth Rally, including more event details and registration guidelines, visit: www.Light-the-Fire.org.

For further inquiries, contact Pam Urbanski (570-262-3015) or Steve Wallo (570-764-2531).

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Scranton Mental Health Ministry: Spiritual Support Group for Family & Friends — JUNE 7, hosted by St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for parents, family and friends of individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. Meetings are approximately 90 minutes. 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).

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

Weekly Bible Study — JUNE 8, hosted by St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend; held every Friday at 7 p.m. in the Trinity Center,

adjacent to St. Lawrence Church. All are welcome.

Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil — JUNE 8, sponsored by the Catholics Defending Life Prayer & Awareness Team; group gathers every Friday (except on First Fridays) from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at the Pro-Life Monument next to St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton (weather permitting; if not, in Cathedral). Recitation of the Rosary offered, along with pro-life meditations, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayer devotions for the respect and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Pro-life signs are welcome.

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Pittston Church Hosting 'Celebrate America!' Concert July 2

To commemorate the upcoming Independence Day holiday, members of the Pennsylvania Northeast Chapter of the American Guild of Organists are planning a "Celebrate America!" concert of patriotic music on Monday, July 2, at 7 p.m. at Saint John the Evange-

list Church in Pittston. The concert will include music for organ, brass, and percussion.

Chapter members are planning to form a combined choir with representatives from several religious denominations singing the National Anthem, several patriotic

hymns, and one patriotic choral work that can be easily learned and sung as part of the concert.

The choir will be under the direction of Raphael Micca, chapter dean and newly appointed music director at Saint Joseph Marelo Parish, Pittston, and accompanied by organists Michael Sowa, music director at Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish, Pittston, and Carl Ruck.

Other organ selections will be performed by Vincent Contardi, Mark Laubach and Mark Pall. The "Celebrate America!" Brass Quartet and Percussion will feature Paul Chmil and Steve Saive on trumpets, Todd Hunter and Chuck Smith on trombones, and Monica Spischock, timpani/percussion.

Guest musicians for the concert will be brothers Ethan and Evan Licari on piano, Ed Sankus on guitar, and Mary Scheller as flautist and vocal soloist for "God Bless America."

Veterans of the United States armed services will be recognized during the concert. A free-will offering will be accepted.

All are invited to take part in this musical celebration of America's independence. Rehearsals will be held at Saint John Church on Monday, June 18, and Monday, June 25, at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact Mike Sowa at mso wa126@gmail.com or by phone: (570-881-2301).



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Spiritual Offerings

Weekly Queen of Our Hearts

Rosary Prayer Service — JUNE 9, hosted every Saturday morning at Good Shepherd Church in Drums; group gathers weekly beginning at 11 a.m. Devotion includes recitation of the Chaplet of the Infant of Prague, the Holy Rosary, and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Prayer petitions may be submitted at the church. All faithful are welcome.

Spiritual Support Group:

Scranton Mental Health Ministry — JUNE 9 & 23, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. Meetings will be approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. Participating Scranton parishes include St. Peter's; Mary, Mother of God; and Immaculate Conception. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener (Cathedral), (570-344-7231); Deacon Jan Mroz (Mary, Mother of God), (570-342-4881); or Deacon Pat McDonald (Immaculate Conception), (570-961-5211).

Carbondale YMCA to Honor Monsignor

CARBONDALE — Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn, pastor of Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Clarks Summit and chair of the 2018 Diocese of Scranton's 150th Anniversary Committee, will be among the four "super supporters" to be honored by the Greater Carbondale YMCA at its Pioneer Heroes Awards program on Wednesday, June 27, at the Hotel Anthracite.

Guests are invited to gather to salute the group, each of whom will receive special tribute for donating their time, talent and treasure to reinvigorate the 130-year-old local YMCA.

During 2005-2009, the foursome came together each week to spearhead the 21st Century Capital Campaign, which raised more than \$10 million to vastly improve the Greater Carbondale YMCA and its mission well into the future.

Annual Community Memorial

Event: "A Butterfly to Remember" — JUNE 10, sponsored by AseraCare Hospice; hosted at St. Gabriel's Monastery, 631 Griffin Pond Road, South Abington Township, beginning at 3 p.m. Special gathering of remembrance will include reflections, music, refreshments and butterfly release to honor the memory of deceased loved ones. All are welcome.

Sunday Our Lady of

Guadalupe Rosary Devotion — JUNE 10, hosted by St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton; devotion held every Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the church or at the outdoor grotto (weather permitting) through the first week of December. Includes recitation of the 15 decades of the Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries) and additional prayers offered for the special intentions of world peace, an increase in vocations to the priesthood/religious life, and an end to abortion.

Annual 13-Week Novena

to St. Anthony of Padua — JUNE 12, hosted by Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre; St. Anthony Novena

devotion offered on 13 consecutive Tuesday evenings, beginning each week at 5:30 p.m. in the parish church. Novena theme: "Patron Saints of the Hopeless: St. Damien of Molokai and St. Marianne Cope." All faithful are welcome to attend; for more information, call (570-824-7832).

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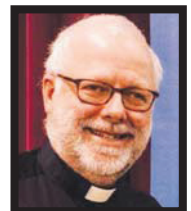
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Have you ever heard of “blockchain”? Well, up until a few weeks ago, neither had I. Blockchain is a chain of personal records secured using cryptography. All is clear now, right? Probably not. Believe me, I’m with you.

Imagine for a moment that for whatever reason, you have been rather quickly and unexpectedly ushered out of your home, from your street, your village, and even your country. Consider further that you’ve had no time to gather personal effects to take with you: no wallet, purse, pictures, or even your passport.

This is quite literally the plight of hundreds of thousands of refugees throughout our world, particularly in Syria where families are either evacuated or otherwise forced from their homes with little or no time to even consider what they need to take along or leave behind.

Start to reflect upon what happens when you’re with your family — hopefully they’ve made this

unplanned journey with you safely — in a refugee camp hundreds of miles away from your once lively and stable existence. You have no money, no proof of any collateral, no means of even identifying yourself. You need food and other necessities to survive.

Blockchain is a technology that enables these refugees to reclaim their existence and some semblance of livelihood. Blockchain uses biotechnology (meaning that in this case a computer scans your eye and identifies you) to acquire your personal details, particularly your citizenship and your bank accounts so that you can travel and, in particular, buy food for your family. What a relief this must be for so many who have lost everything and might have otherwise also lost their identity as well.

I’m certainly not endorsing a particular technology here, but am decrying the unfortunate circumstance of our brothers and sisters, while also applauding the efforts of others who daily find ways to assist them with reclaiming their dignity. Too often, the refugee crisis is politicized and various groups engage in rhetorical warfare, often claiming to have the best interest of refugees and countries of asylum in mind.

Meanwhile, others are working on solutions to combat the many obstacles in the way of these families being able to live

a fulfilling, dignified existence. Few of these refugees chose to leave their homes and many — like us if we were in their shoes — would want nothing more than to return to their true homes, their homelands that so often have been ravaged by war and violence. They want the same peace and serenity that each of us desire and deserve.

We continue as the Church to pray and offer sacrifices for those whose lives have been so dramatically altered in the wake of political and cultural upheaval. Saint Paul reminds us: “Bear one another’s burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ” (Gal. 6:2). It’s hard to fathom how you and I, who live thousands of miles away, can bear the burdens of our brothers and sisters who have been forcibly displaced from their homes and await resettlement.

One small way that I have sought to bear this burden is by humanizing these so-often anonymous situations. I have to ask myself: “who are these people,” “what are they escaping,” “what are their hopes and desires.” We are their brothers and sisters and they need us to pray, to sacrifice, to welcome them. What more can I do to bear their burdens; what more can you do?

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Fourth- and fifth-grade teams consisting of young parishioners from Saint Gregory Parish in Clarks Green recently participated in this year's edition of "Odyssey of the Mind" — an international creative problem-solving competition for grades Kindergarten through 12 that emphasizes teamwork and results in eight-minute presentations by students who are urged to "think outside of the box." Representing the Diocese of Scranton, the two groups of students from Saint Gregory's participated in a regional competition involving more than 100 teams from 11 counties. For their "solution production," the parish fourth-graders created an intergalactic "Stellar Hangout," where aliens from different worlds gather socially and display their talents while on a quest for space treasure. The Saint Gregory's fifth-grade team placed second in their problem and age division — qualifying them for the state competition — with their performance of a "mockumentary" on the classic book *Treasure Island* that humorously presented actual and fictional characters. The young teammates ultimately earned a third-place finish at the state level. Fourth-grade student team members pictured in the foreground are, from left, Ben Walsh, Aiden Straw, Lucy Abrahamsen, Emma Cuck, Josh Cuck, Anna Millett and Jason Casper. Members of the award-winning fifth-grade team from Saint Gregory's are, shown standing from left, Elizabeth Schneider, Ashlyn Moore, Chris Ramey, Ryan Walsh, Will Ramey, Joe Berardelli and Matt Millett.



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Weekly Bible Study

— **JUNE 13**, hosted by Prince of Peace Parish in Old Forge; weekly sessions offered on Wednesdays from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room at St. Lawrence Church, Main St., Old Forge. Guest facilitator: JoAnn Wilbur. All faithful are welcome; refreshments will be provided. For more information, call (570-881-9916).

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration

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ny Butel at tbutel51@gmail.com or (570-687-5390).

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Monthly Evening of Marian Devotion — **JUNE 18**, hosted by the Oblates of St. Joseph, Diocesan Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild, and the Legion of Mary; devotion begins at 6 p.m. in the chapel of St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laffin (Pittston). Prayer ser-

vice will include recitation of the Rosary, Fatima prayers, hymns, and newly composed music for the Scriptural mysteries led by Ernie Pappa, who will facilitate the evening. All are invited to attend and offer devotional prayers to Mary for world peace.

Charismatic Mass & Healing Service — **JUNE 21**, hosted by St. John Bosco Parish in Conyngham; 7 p.m. in St. John Bosco Church. Music ministry by Sue Shaw begins at 6:45 p.m. Guest celebrant: Father August Ricciardi, spiritual director of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Scranton. Light refreshments will follow the Mass and healing service. All faithful are welcome.

Evening of Marian Devotion & First Friday Healing Mass — **JULY 6**, hosted by the Diocesan Legion of Mary in response to the Blessed Mother's request at Fatima for prayers for world peace; devotion begins at 6 p.m. at St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton. Prayer service will include recitation of the Rosary, Fatima prayers, hymns and newly composed music for the Scriptural mysteries, led by Ernie Pappa. Regularly scheduled First Friday Healing Mass will follow at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend and offer devotional prayers to Mary for world peace.

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

21, 22, 23 — Mary, Mother of God, Scranton, Holy Rosary Center & grounds, Wayne & West Market streets, North Scranton (Providence section).

22, 23 — Resurrection, Muncy, church grounds, Musser Lane & Main St.

22, 23, 24 — St. Faustina, Nanticoke, St. Faustina Parish Grove, 141 Old Newport St., Sheatown section.

23, 24 — St. Mary's (Our Lady, Help of Christians), Dorrance, church grounds, 3529 St. Mary's Road.

JULY

6, 7, 8 — Nativity of Our Lord, Duryea, parish picnic grounds at Sacred Heart Church, 529 Stephenson St., Duryea.

13, 14 — St. Patrick's, Scranton, parish grounds, 1403 Jackson St., West Scranton.

13, 14, 15 — Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lake Silkworth, church grounds, State Route 29.

14 — Holy Family, Sugar Notch, parish grounds, 828 Main St., Sugar Notch.

14, 15, 16 — Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Carbondale, school grounds, Farview St.

14, 15, 16 — St. Eulalia's, Roaring Brook Township (Elmhurst), church grounds, 214 Blue Shutters Road.

20, 21, 22 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Hanover Township, church grounds, 420 Main St. (Buttonwood).

27, 28, 29 — Christ the King, Archbald, St. Mary of Czestochowa Church grounds, Betty & Main streets, Eynon.

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Catholic Happenings

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

Free Community Luncheon — JUNE 9, 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.

Weekly Bingo — JUNE 11, hosted by Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Dickson City; bingo games held every Monday evening, with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. Early bird games begin at 6:40 p.m.; regular games start at 7 p.m. Admission fee includes 20 games; progressive jackpot each week. Homemade food sold before the bingo; homemade pizza available during the games and for take-out. Return coupon for new players; door prizes awarded each week. Van shuttle service provided free of charge from Carbondale and Scranton. For more information, call (570-489-2091).

Catholic High School Class Alumni Meeting — JUNE 12, 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 5:30 p.m. All classmates are welcome. For more information, call Cataldo "Ky" Lazzari at (570-825-2648).

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Catholic Happenings

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Bingo — **JUNE 20**, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, Jermyn; games held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the parish center, 624 Madison Ave., Jermyn. Doors open at 5 p.m.; early-bird games start 6 p.m. (regular games, 6:30). Event includes homemade foods and desserts; specialty games, refreshments, door prizes and progressive jackpot. Free admission; for more information, call (570-876-1061).

Flea Market & Craft Fair Extravaganza — **JUNE 22-24**, sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Brodheadsville; held rain or shine at the parish church grounds, located on Route 209 & Weir Lake Road, Brodheadsville. Market hours: Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday (Bag Day & Half-Off Sale), 1 to 5 p.m. Featuring a wide variety of flea market items, including furniture, jewelry, electronics, tools, clothing, sporting goods, toys, arts & crafts, household and holiday items. Includes large silent auction and Bargain Tent area, basket raffle drawings, bake sale, food and refreshments; vendors welcome. For more information, contact the parish at (610-681-6137) or www.qopchurch.org.

Pre-Picnic Flea Market — **JULY 5**, 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.

Annual Pig Roast — **JULY 8**, hosted by Queen of the Apostles Parish in Avoca; held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the parish hall and grounds, 742 Spring St., Avoca. Take-out dinners available throughout the day. Dinner features all-you-can-eat pork (pig on the spit). Event includes cash grand prize raffle drawing, basket raffle, children's games and bake sale. Dinner cost: adults, \$20; children (ages 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).

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

Gate of Heaven Summer Youth Music Camp — **AUG. 6-10**, hosted by Gate of Heaven Parish, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas; open free of charge to children ages 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, Aug. 12, at 11:30 a.m. For more information and registration, call (570-675-2121).

Chicken Barbecue & Cash Raffle — **AUG. 11**, sponsored by St. John Vianney Parish, Montdale; hosted from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at St. Pius X Church, 3615 State Route 106, Clifford Township. Featuring Kundla's chicken and 50/50 cash raffle prize. Dinner cost: \$10 per person; raffle tickets cost \$10 each. Event also includes live music, basket raffle drawings, games, refreshments and bake sale. Tickets available at the door. For advance tickets, call Tina at (570-254-0502).

16th Annual Parish Golf Classic — **AUG. 25**, sponsored by St. John Bosco Parish in Conyngham; hosted at Sugarloaf Golf Course in lower Luzerne County. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; followed by tournament play with 9 a.m. shotgun start. Individual, foursome and partial team registrations accepted. Cost: \$85 per golfer (\$340/foursome), includes refreshments and awards banquet. For more information and registration, contact Tom Lagana or Pat Raico by calling the parish office (570-788-1997 ext. 3).



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9, 10, 11 — St. John the Evangelist, Pittston, church grounds, Church & Broad streets.

17, 18, 19 — Blessed Sacrament, Throop, parish grounds & hall, 215 Rebecca St., Throop.

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Father Manarchuck Celebrates 40th Ordination Anniversary



Father Joseph Manarchuck, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Wyalusing, where he shepherds Saint Mary of the Assumption Church in Meshoppen, recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood for the Diocese of Scranton.

The jubilarian served as principal celebrant of a Mass of Thanksgiving at Saint Mary's Church, followed by a reception in his honor at the parish hall. Nearly 200 family members and friends were on hand to celebrate Father Manarchuck's priestly milestone.

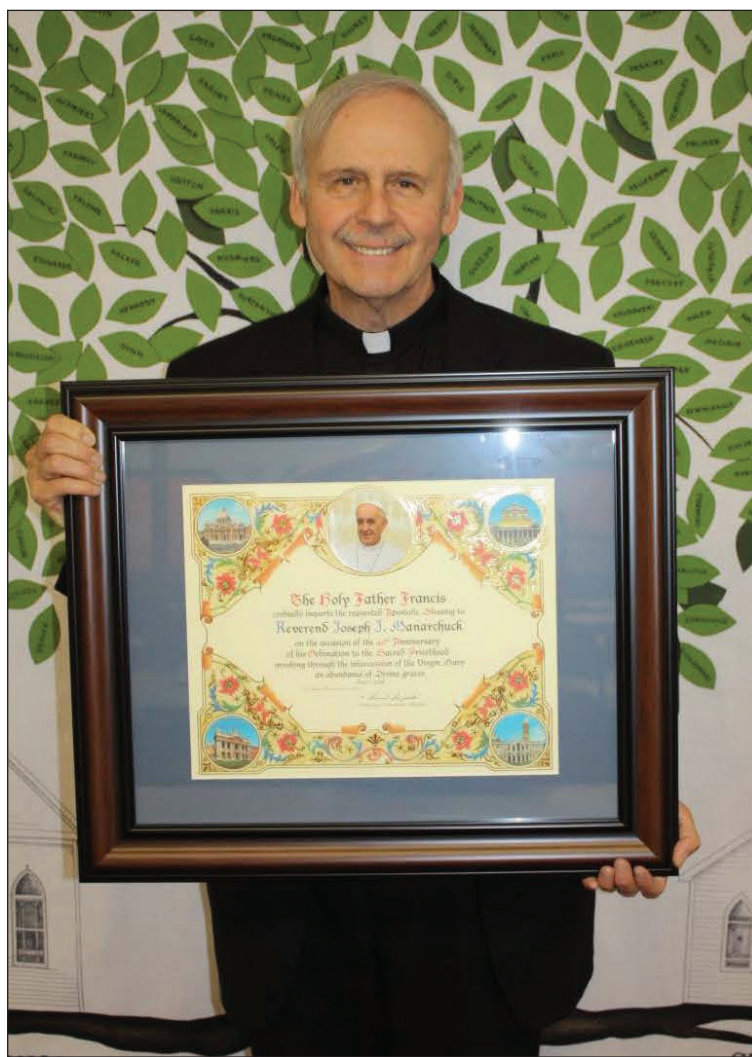
The program for the jubilee event, chaired by Geraldine Zionkowski, was led by master of ceremonies Michael Kilmer, who read a letter of congratulations to the priest-jubilarian by

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. Father Manarchuck was also presented with a Papal Blessing from Pope Francis in Rome (which he is pictured displaying below) and gifted with a statue of Saint Michael the Archangel.

The dinner celebration was accentuated by entertainment provided by cellist/vocalist Stephan Poost and dessert cakes — dec-

orated with Scripture verses — created by Father's niece, Nellie Connolly.

Shown in the accompanying photo is Father Manarchuck's family following the Jubilee Mass at Saint Mary's. Pictured foreground center is the jubilarian's mother, Nellie Manarchuck, who celebrated her 90th birthday a week later on Mother's Day, May 13.



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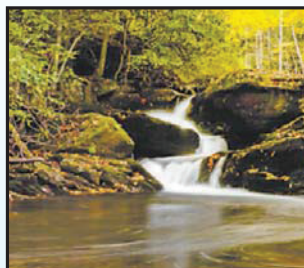
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