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Pope prays for dialogue, reconciliation in Jerusalem

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Pope Francis called on Muslims and Jews in the Holy Land to “moderation and dialogue” as tensions continued around a key site in Jerusalem that is sacred to members of both faiths.

After reciting the Angelus July 23, the pope asked people gathered in St. Peter’s Square for the midday prayer to join him in asking the Lord to inspire reconciliation and peace in the region.

Tensions in Jerusalem have been high since July 14 when three Israeli Arabs armed with knives and guns killed two Israeli police officers at an entrance to the site the Jews call Temple Mount and the Muslims call Haram al-Sharif. The site includes the Western Wall and Al Aqsa mosque.

In his main Angelus talk,



Pope Francis invites us to join him in asking the Lord to inspire reconciliation and peace in the region.

Pope Francis spoke about the parable of the weeds among the wheat from the Sunday Gospel reading.

The farmer in the parable from the Gospel of Matthew tells his workers not to pull up all the weeds because they might uproot the wheat, but to wait until the harvest when the wheat and weeds can be separated.

“With this image, Jesus tells us that in this world

good and evil are so intertwined that it is impossible to separate them and eradicate all the evil – only God can do that,” the pope said.

Human beings are called to the “difficult exercise of discernment” in choosing between good and what is evil, he said, and when they fail – which all people do sometimes – the church stands ready to help with the grace of baptism and of confession.

Like the farmer in the parable, the pope said, God calls Christians to be patient as they await the harvest.

“Patience means preferring a church that is leaven in the dough, that is not afraid of getting its hands dirty washing the clothes of its children, rather than being a church of the ‘pure,’ who insist on judging beforehand who is in the kingdom of God and who isn’t.”

U.S. bishop urges Senate to remedy health care after vote to proceed

WASHINGTON (CNS) – After the Senate voted July 25 to proceed with the health care debate, Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, urged senators of both parties to “work together to advance changes that serve the common good.”

The statement from Bishop Dewane, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, said the health care reform proposals currently under consideration would “harm millions of struggling Americans by leaving too many at risk of losing adequate health coverage and continue to exclude too many people, including immigrants.”

“We are grateful for the efforts to include protec-

tions for the unborn, however, any final bill must include full Hyde Amendment provisions and add much-needed conscience protections. The current proposals are simply unacceptable as written, and any attempts to repeal the ACA (Affordable Care Act) without a concurrent replacement is also unacceptable,” he said in a July 25 statement.

The vote to debate health care legislation took place after months of ongoing discussion and leaves Senate Republicans with a few options, including completely replacing the health care law, or voting for what has been described



People hold signs during a prayer vigil on Capitol Hill in Washington. The vigil focused on preserving Medicaid and was organized as the U.S. Senate debated its health care reform bill.

as a “skinny” repeal that would remove parts of the Affordable Care Act.

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Quo Vadis Days



Men of high school age who are committed to their Catholic faith and actively involved in the life of their parishes participated recently in the third annual Quo Vadis Days summer camp. Hosted by the Diocesan Vocation Office on the campus of Misericordia University, the experience offered an opportunity for young people from across the Diocese to gather, pray and grow as disciples of Jesus. *Please see page 3.*

Catholic convocation inspires leaders to set new course for church

ORLANDO, Fla. (CNS) – From July 1-4 the main floor of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Orlando was transformed into a huge parish hall with places for worship, prayer and discussion during the “Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America.”

At the convocation, 3,500 church leaders – men and women religious, bishops and laypeople – gathered to set a new course for the U.S. Catholic Church.

Following a retreat format, each day started and ended with group prayer. Mass was celebrated each day in the hotel ballroom, and there were plenty of scheduled times for the sacrament of reconciliation and private prayer in a large room turned into an adoration chapel.

Many of the keynote sessions took the form of pep talks encouraging delegates to share their faith boldly with the world at large and within their own families and parishes. The numerous breakout sessions provided the working aspect of the gathering: closely examining what the church is doing and where it can do more.

More than 155 bishops attended the gathering, sitting with their delegations for meals and breakout sessions. Cardinals and bishops who spoke at keynote sessions or in Mass homilies encouraged participants that this was their time, their moment, stressing the urgency to bring God’s message of love to a divided world.

Throughout the convocation Pope Francis was pointed out as a model for modern Catholics to follow in inviting others, especially those on the peripheries, to Christ. Speakers also were quick to quote his 2013 apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (“The Joy of the Gospel”), which lays out a vision of the church dedicated to evangelization – or missionary discipleship – in a positive way, with a focus on society’s poorest and most vulnerable, including the aged, unborn and forgotten.

In his address, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin of Newark



Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, processes with other prelates during the closing Mass July 4 at the “Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America” in Orlando, Fla. Leaders from dioceses and various Catholic organizations gathered for the July 1-4 convocation. (CNS photo/Bob Roller)



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– Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin of Newark

posed several questions:

As missionary disciples, we might ask ourselves, what do we see as we look around? How good is our peripheral vision? Where is God opening a door and beckoning us to enter? What pierces our hearts and leads us to weep?

In *The Joy of the Gospel*, according to Cardinal Tobin, Pope Francis insists the fundamental conversion needed today is a missionary conversion, a revaluation of everything about the Church and everything about us, the structures and activities, so that missionary outreach to people in the love of Jesus clearly is the first priority.

“All of us are called to offer to others an explicit witness to the saving love of our Lord,” Cardinal

Tobin said. “The Gospel tells us constantly to run the risk of a face-to-face encounter with others.”

True faith in the Son of God, the Cardinal said, “is inseparable from self-giving, from membership in the community, from service, from reconciliation with others. The Son of God become flesh summoned us to a revolution of tenderness. *The Joy of the Gospel* insists that our response of love to Jesus’ love for us, and our willingness to share that love with others, is the most important reality of our lives.”

At the final Mass, described as a “Mass of Sending,” Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston said the church is called to achieve great things in the

face of the impossible – to unite people together by going to the peripheries of society and sharing the good news of Jesus through action rooted in faith.

“Sisters and brothers, we are in a very, very significant time in our church in this country,” said Cardinal DiNardo, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and he urged the delegates to receive God’s grace for the work ahead.

None of the homilists or keynote speakers sugarcoated the challenges for the modern church and more than once speakers pointed out that Catholics are leaving the church in greater numbers, particularly young adults, than those joining the church.

Delegates from Diocese Encouraged to Embrace Missionary Discipleship

The delegates from the Diocese of Scranton who participated in the recent Convocation of Catholic Leaders in Orlando were fortified in their commitment as missionary disciples and inspired to ignite a spirit of evangelization among all in our local church.

The Diocesan group, led by Bishop Bambera, was among the clergy and lay leaders from throughout the country who came together July 1-4 to assess the pastoral challenges and opportunities of our time, particularly in the context of the Church in the United States.

Convened by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the convocation was focused on how best to respond to Pope Francis’ 2013 apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (“The Joy of the Gospel”).

Our Diocesan delegation huddled on the final day to share their experiences and thoughts on how to fortify others in their baptismal call to missionary discipleship.

As a whole, our group was very grateful for the Bishop’s invitation to participate in this unprecedented gathering of the U.S. Catholic Church, and felt affirmed both in their own particular area of ministry as well as the challenges and opportunities offered in the current reality of the Diocese of Scranton.

They were especially encouraged that the church is taking this kind of dialogue seriously, and is listening to a broad spectrum of voices – in particular from young people – as we discern together how we are being guided by the Holy Spirit.

The interaction fostered by the gathering gave participants the confidence that, in the midst of challenges, they were part of a supportive faith community that consisted of people of all ages and backgrounds.

Delegates described the experience as not just informational, but “formational,” some saying it was an eye-opener about evangelization and “my” role in it and how “my” particular gifts were given for a purpose.

They expressed a renewed sense of hope that the Church is indeed moving forward, and we must be “radically welcoming” and actively invite those on the periphery, accompanying them on their journey to the Lord.

The convocation is a component of a multi-year process, and in the coming years the Diocese will begin to address how the insights gained will be applied to various areas of ministry.

In addition to Bishop Bambera, the Diocesan delegation included Monsignor Thomas Muldowney, Vicar General of the Diocese; Monsignor Michael Delaney, pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Olyphant and Blessed Sacrament Parish in Throop; Deacon Ed Shoener, St. Peter’s Cathedral Parish, and his wife Ruthellen; Alejandra Marroquin, V Encuentro Hispanic Ministry; Sarah Rodriguez Hazleton, director of religious education and youth ministry at Holy Child Parish in Mansfield; Joseph Sudano, director of campus and youth ministry at St. Matthew Parish in East Stroudsburg and director of religious education at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Milford; Dominick Costantino, Vocation Office program coordinator; Shannon Kowalski, youth minister at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Moscow; Anthony Butel, parish life coordinator at the parishes of St. Elizabeth in Bear Creek and St. Rita in Gouldsboro; and Catherine Jantsch Butel, Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life.

*Pope
Francis'
Prayer
for
Vocations*



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

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

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

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Am I Called?

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

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

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

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

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

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

High school youth gather for *Quo Vadis Days*

The Diocesan Vocation Office once again hosted *Quo Vadis Days* at Misericordia University June 25-28. The camp brought together men of high school age who are committed to their Catholic faith and actively involved in the life of their parishes.

"This was our third year for *Quo Vadis Days*," said Father Don Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians. "It was a great opportunity for young people from across the Diocese of Scranton to gather, pray and grow as disciples of Jesus."

The name *Quo Vadis* (Where are you going?) poses the question that every person faces as their life unfolds and they make decisions about their vocation, be it as a single or married person, or someone called to serve as a priest or religious.

Quo Vadis brought together over 30 young men plus seminarians, young adult volunteers, assistant vocation directors, and priests from around the Diocese of Scranton. The camp offered participants an opportunity to reflect on and deepen their faith, learn more about all vocations, and better discern the God's call in their lives through dynamic talks,



Bishop Bambera participates in a question & answer session.

games, prayer, sports, activities, music, liturgy and much more.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera visited on Tuesday for a special question and answer session with participants. After the session, the Bishop presided at evening prayer.

"We are looking forward to our gatherings throughout the year to keep the spirit alive," said Father Don Williams. "Each of the participants is encouraged to invite a friend or friends. Before you know it, it'll be time for our vocation camp once again next June."

For more information about the *Quo Vadis* program, please call 570-207-1452.



Campers were able to enjoy various recreational activities that fostered fellowship and teamwork.



Seminarian Mark Watrucki leads a session on prayer.

Renewal of the Enthronement of the Sacred Hearts

The Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild gathered at the IHM Center on the evening of June 22 for the celebration of the Eucharist in honor of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Bishop Bambara was the main celebrant. Monsignor John Esseff, Father Joseph Sibiliano, OSJ, Father Lee Havey, CP and Father Daniel Toomey, spiritual moderator of the Guild, concelebrated. During the liturgy Bishop Bambara renewed the Enthronement of the Sacred Hearts for the Diocese of Scranton. The celebration began with a musical prelude by the Sacred Heart Singers under the direction of Ernie Pappa and Jennifer Michel. The Sacred Heart Singers also provided the music for the Eucharistic liturgy.

Following the liturgy, dinner was served in the Theresa Max-ice Conference Center. The dinner program included the crowning of the statues of Jesus and Mary. Sister M. Celesta Sinisi, IHM, former moderator of the Guild now serving as IHM liaison to the Guild, welcomed more than 150 Guild members and their guests. Steve Englot, president of the Guild, and Patrick Williams, vice president, served as the toastmasters. Ernie Pappa, communications director, and Monsignor John, previous spiritual moderator offered remarks. The benediction was offered by Father Daniel Toomey, Spiritual Moderator of the Guild.

The Enthronement of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary was established at Marywood College in 1945 by Bishop William Hafey. Father Edward Collins served as the first diocesan director and Sister Ethelbert Gilroy, IHM, was the first moderator. Sister Romaine Krug, IHM succeeded Sister Ethelbert. Sister Celesta Sinisi, IHM succeeded Sister Romaine and served as moderator for 20 years. Maria Pappa has served as the coordinator for the past three years.

Pictured above are participants in the renewal celebration. Seated from left: Reverend Joseph Sibiliano, OSJ, Monsignor John Esseff, Bishop Bambara, Reverend Daniel Toomey, Reverend Lee Havey, CP. Middle: Kay Price, Maria Englot, Stephen Englot, Patrick Williams, Jane O'Neill, Sister Patricia Hauser, IHM, Kim Lastauskas, Sister Romaine Krug, IHM and Sister Celesta Sinisi, IHM. Standing: Chester Montante, Maria Montante, Sister Maria Rose Kelly, IHM, Bill Orner, Maria Pappa, Michelle Ryman, Marion Clauss, Debbie Orner.



Bishop Bambara celebrated the Mass at the 40th annual Elder Religious & Diocesan Priests Workshop held recently at Misericordia University.

Bishop Bambara celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ at a Mass on June 18 at St. Katharine Drexel Parish, St. James Church in Pleasant Mount. In the photo published in the July 6 edition, the location of the celebration was incorrectly identified. *The Catholic Light* regrets the error.



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

July 27-28 – Installation of Bishop Charles C. Thompson, Diocese of Indianapolis

August 6 – Closing Mass, Catholic Charismatic Conference, University of Scranton, 1:30 p.m.

August 9 – Clergy Gathering – Diocesan Annual Appeal, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 12:30 p.m.

Bishop Installs Parish Life Coordinators in Wilkes-Barre and Waymart

Bishop Bambera recently installed two new Parish Life Coordinators: Deacon William F. Behm for St. Andrew Parish in Wilkes-Barre and Deacon Edward T. Kelly for St. Mary Parish in Waymart.

When there exists an insufficient number of priests to serve every parish individually, Church law allows a Bishop to appoint a person other than a priest to provide the primary leadership in a parish and to attend to the pastoral care of the community, making daily decisions for the parish, and managing parish operations and finances. A deacon, vowed religious or lay person can be appointed as a Parish Life Coordinator, while a priest is also appointed to serve as the Sacramental Minister to celebrate Sunday

Masses, weddings, funerals and the sacraments, and to work collaboratively with the Parish Life Coordinator. In addition, a Priest Moderator is appointed to supervise the pastoral care and also serve as the Bishop's direct representative to the parish.

At St. Andrew Parish, Reverend Joseph A. Kearney serves as Sacramental Minister and Reverend John V. Polednak, V.E., Episcopal Regional Vicar for the Southern Pastoral Region, serves as Priest Moderator.

At St. Mary Parish, Reverend Joseph S. Sitko serves as Sacramental Minister and Reverend Richard E. Czachor, V.E., Episcopal Regional Vicar for the Eastern Pastoral Region, serves as Priest Moderator.



Deacon William F. Behm greets St. Andrew parishioners following his installation as Parish Life Coordinator.



Deacon Edward T. Kelly gives communion during his installation Mass at St. Mary.

The Catholic Light Photos/Mike Melisky



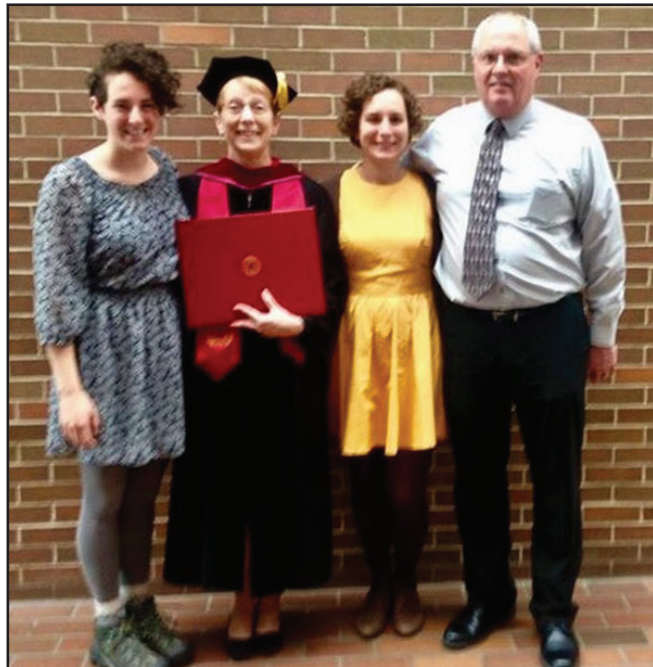
Still Time to apply! — Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry Program, Fall 2017

The Office for Parish Life is **accepting applications for the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* for August 2017!** The *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* is a ministry formation program designed to equip and advance the servant leadership capacities of individuals serving in areas such as: Parish Pastoral Councils, Directors of Religious Education and Catechists, Liturgical Coordinators, Parish Staff, as well as members of Volunteer Ministry teams, and others. Through independent online study with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), as well as regional skills workshops and opportunities for prayer and reflection, *Diocesan Certificate* candidates enrich their knowledge base, while also learning practical tools for effective parish ministry in serving their local faith communities.

The Office for Parish Life looks forward to welcoming new candidates into the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* program in the Fall. **Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact Kitty Scanlan, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, at 570-207-2213, or by email at Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org for application information, materials, and application submissions.**



The work that has begun on the exterior of the Cathedral of Saint Peter is normal maintenance that includes painting of architectural elements and cleaning of masonry along with various repairs. Similar work will also be done at the adjacent Cathedral Rectory. These exercises are being undertaken due to the fact that maintenance on the exterior of the Cathedral was last carried out approximately 25 years ago while exterior maintenance on the rectory was last completed over 40 years ago.



Catherine Jantsch Butel, Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life, with her family after the graduation ceremony at which she received a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Graduate Theological Foundation. From left: daughters Teresa and Angela, and Catherine's husband, Tony.

Bishops urge fair health care bill

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The senators also could pass a measure that would repeal the current law without implementing a replacement.

In his July 25 statement, Bishop Dewane said, "There is much work to be done to remedy the ACA's shortcomings" and he called on the Senate to make the necessary changes.

He also stressed that "current and impending barriers to access and affordability under the ACA must be removed, particularly for those most in need. Such changes can be made with narrower reforms that do not jeopardize the access to health care that millions currently receive," he added.

In earlier statements, Bishop Dewane said U.S. senators must reject any bill that would replace the Affordable Care Act unless such a measure "protects poor and vulnerable people, including immigrants, safeguards the unborn and supports conscience rights."

The House passed its bill to repeal and replace the ACA health care law May 4 with a close vote of 217 to 213. The Senate's version collapsed July 17 after four Republican senators said they couldn't support it, leaving

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, short of the 50 votes needed to bring the bill to the floor for a debate.

"In the face of difficulties passing these proposals, the appropriate response is not to create greater uncertainty, especially for those who can bear it least, by repealing the ACA without a replacement," Bishop Dewane said in a July 20 letter to U.S. senators.

He referred back to a Jan. 18 letter in which the U.S. bishops "encouraged Congress to work in a bipartisan fashion to protect vulnerable Americans and preserve important gains in health care coverage and access."

That letter reiterated principles he said the bishops laid out when the ACA was being debated in early 2010. "All people need and should have access to comprehensive, quality health care that they can afford, and it should not depend on their stage of life, where or whether they or their parents work, how much they earn, where they live, or where they were born," the bishops said at the time. "The bishops' conference believes health care should be truly universal and it should be genuinely affordable."

Catherine Butel Earns Doctor of Ministry Degree

Catherine Jantsch Butel, Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life for the past five years, has earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Graduate Theological Foundation.

She has been engaged in this course of study for two years, in an online learning format. The degree was conferred during the institution's Days of Convocation held in South Bend, Ind.

Catherine's studies concentrated on Pastoral Planning and Church Management, in order to bring additional resource to the needs of the Diocese. Her hope and intent is to continue collaborating with Diocesan and parish leaders to build on current initiatives with parishes in pastoral planning, bringing the plans to life, and assisting parishes currently in transition to various pastoral leadership team models.

The specific topics in the course of study included such things as: Fundamentals of Strategic Pastoral Planning; Pastoral Diagnostics – Understanding and Evaluating Pastoral Systems and Church Dynamics; Task, Role and Authority – The Building Blocks of

Effective Church Governance and Planning; Pastoral Leadership and Pastoral Management; The Church Unconscious – The Hidden Motives and Expectations of Congregations; and Planning Implications for Multiple Parish Pastoring, Clustering and Reorganizing Churches.

A residential intensive institute on Transformational Leadership provided Catherine an opportunity for personal reflection and synthesis of the coursework, leading to her more formal thesis entitled: "The Loving Acceptance of Mystery and Its Unpredictable Disposal of Us – A Study of the Unfolding of Transformative Servant Leadership in the Church of Scranton."

Joining Catherine for the graduation celebration were her husband, Tony, who also serves in the Diocese of Scranton as Parish Life Coordinator in the parishes of St. Elizabeth in Bear Creek and St. Rita in Gouldsboro, and their daughters Angela and Teresa, both currently residing in Minnesota's Twin Cities.

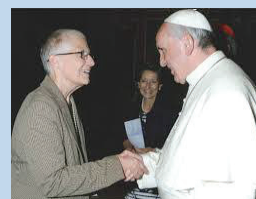
SERVICE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS CONVOCATION

"Make me a channel of your peace!"

Please be sure to mark your calendar

Saturday, September 23rd from 9:30am – 4pm

as we gather at the Diocesan Pastoral Center for the Service and Social Concerns Convocation featuring, **Marie Dennis**, of Pax Christi International, the global Catholic peace movement.



Marie was one of the primary organizers of the April 2016 Conference on *Nonviolence and Just Peace* that was cosponsored by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and Pax Christi International which helped to bring us **Pope Francis' World Day of Peace message**. *The Catholic Nonviolence Initiative*, a project of **Pax Christi International**, affirms that active nonviolence is at the heart of the vision and message of Jesus, the life of the Catholic Church, and the long-term vocation of healing and reconciling both people and the planet.

In 2016 Marie received the Public Peace Prize and was named Person of the Year by the National Catholic Reporter. We are so very honored to have her in our Diocese.

PLEASE join us as we focus on this 3rd ASPECT of a vibrant and well-balanced **Parish Social Ministry**: charity, justice and PEACEMAKING! Let this powerful and poignant *message* from our Pope inspire you to mark your calendar now and attend this gathering in the Fall!

For more information please contact Richard-DeBona@dioceseofscranton.org
570-207-2213 ext. 1130



We will remember in a very special way Fr. Stanley Rother – killed in Guatemala on July 28, 1981. In December 2016, Pope Francis officially acknowledged Fr. Rother's martyrdom, making him the first recognized martyr to have been born in the United States. He will be beatified in Oklahoma City as we gather on Sept. 23, 2017.

- ❖ Representatives from the following organizations will be present to help parishes respond to THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT:
- ❖ **Catholic Relief Services**
- ❖ **Ignatian Volunteer Corps of NEPA** for parish volunteers 50+
- ❖ **Catholic Social Services** of our diocese
- ❖ Friends from Bethlehem, Palestine will be with us selling rosaries, crosses, figures made from olive wood. Just in time for Feast of St. Francis. Check out their website – [Little Bethlehem](http://www.littlebethlehem.org)



We invite all DREs, catechists, Catholic school teachers and parents to join us for a day of Catechist Camp in August. In last year's Catechist Camp, we introduced the work of LifelongFaith Associates in "Re-Imagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century." This year's Catechist Camp will provide two different Innovation Labs, designed and facilitated through LifelongFaith Associates. Choose the Camp topic which will be most beneficial for you:

Digitally Enabled Faith Formation Workshop. Presenter: Jim Merhaut. Using Digitally Enabled and Digitally Connected Tools, Methods, and Resources in Faith Formation with All Ages. This workshop selects and presents the best approaches for integrating digital strategies into faith formation. Learn how to use digital tools, methods and resources that are best suited for faith formation with all ages and generations. Discover where you can find great digital tools and curate digital

faith formation resources. Each participant will design and implement new or enhanced programming that utilizes digital tools and methods.

Faith Formation for Every Adult in the Congregation Workshop. Presenter: Sister Janet Schaeffler, OP. It's possible today to provide vibrant faith formation for all adults – young adults, midlife adults, mature adults, and older adults – in a congregation by building a digital platform, using digital tools and methods, and curating great resources. The abundance of high-quality digital media for adults, and the new online and digital tools and technologies, makes it possible to develop adult faith formation that engages every adult around their interests, concerns, questions, and spiritual and faith journeys. This workshop explores how to develop an adult faith formation plan for the stages of adulthood and for the diverse spiritual and religious of adults today.

Time Frame: 9:00AM – 5:00PM each day

Tuesday, August 8: Orientation/Basic Certification for New Parish Catechists and New Catholic School Teachers – Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton

Wednesday, August 9: Digitally Enabled Faith Formation Workshop – St. Ann Parish, Williamsport

Thursday, August 10: Digitally Enabled Faith Formation Workshop – St. Leo Parish, Ashley

Friday, August 11: Faith Formation for Every Adult Workshop – St. Luke Parish, Stroudsburg

Saturday, August 12: Faith Formation for Every Adult Workshop – Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton

To register for any of these workshops please go to <http://www.dioceseofscranton.org> and see the Catechist Camp slide on the homepage.

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

HELP
Jesus
IN DISGUISE



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The Catholic Relief Services Collection, which will be taken up in the Diocese of Scranton July 29-30, supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts.

Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

In keeping with the theme "Help Jesus in Disguise," the funds collected through the CRS Collection support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Administrative Committee is responsible for grant-making from this national collection. Entities within the USCCB that receive support include: the **Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**, and the **Department of Justice Peace and Human Development** and the Department of **Migration and Refugee Services**. Other Catholic Church organizations that receive funds are: **Catholic Relief Services**, **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.**, and the Holy Father's Relief Fund.

NEWS BRIEFS

Scranton NPM Summer Gathering

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians Scranton Chapter Summer Gathering will be held on Monday, August 7, beginning at 6:00PM at Exaltation of the Holy Cross in Hanover Township. It will begin with a informal cookout with hotdogs, hamburgers and beverages provided, but we are asking those attending to bring a covered dish to share. Afterwards, we will listen to the insights and experiences of those from our Diocese who attended the NPM National Convention in Cincinnati. To register, please visit the following link or contact Nancy Valtos at 570-207-2213, ext. 1119 by Thursday, August 3.

Annual Musicians' Mass

Mark your calendars now and invite all members of your parish music ministry to join us on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter for the annual Musicians' Mass celebrated by Bishop Bambera. This gathering would be a great way to begin a new season of music ministry in your parish by having choir members, cantors, instrumentalists, organists, pianists, and choir directors renew their commitment and be commissioned for their ministry. Please plan on joining us!

Grief Support Ministry Training

Sister Jane Connolly, IHM, pastoral associate at St. Rose & Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Carbondale, will conduct a workshop at St. John Bosco Parish for those who wish to become grief support ministers, as well as those who would like to develop further their abilities to walk with the grieving. Topics will include the grief process, common emotions in grieving, complications and grief history, and listening skills. Sister Jane will also provide an outline for a five-session grief support group. Date: Saturday, August 5, 10AM-noon. Please call Marie Guza, 570-455-3874, to register. The workshop is free.



State Budget Round Up for 2017-2018

By A.B. Hill
Communications Director,
Pennsylvania Catholic Conference

Commonwealth's constitution requires governments to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens

Governor Tom Wolf announced his decision to let the General Assembly's \$32 billion FY 2017-2018 spending plan become law without his signature, despite the legislature's unresolved negotiations for the revenue to back it up. The governor said he hopes that lawmakers "will come together to pass a responsible solution to balance our books."

The legislature is considering different revenue options including borrowing from other dedicated funds and expanding gambling, but holding the line on sales and personal income taxes. They must find a way to close the \$2.2 billion gap.

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) and the Pennsylvania Catholic Health Association (PCHA) tracks many elements of the budget debate, especially those line items that help families and assist the poor.

Education

Thanks to a strong expression of grassroots support, many more students could get scholarships to attend the school of their choice next year. The number of tax credits available for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program in the spending plan will increase by \$20 million. The companion program, Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credits (OSTC), which gives the same kind of scholarships to students who live in underperforming school districts, remained the same with no cuts. When the legislature passes the school code bill, the increased tax credits will be authorized.

The tax credit scholarships have been an investment that has paid dividends for students seeking a Catholic or other private education in Pennsylvania. Every Catholic school in all corners of this great Commonwealth benefits from the EITC or OSTC programs.

Each year more than 40,000 families get a scholarship that permits the parents to send their children to a school that best meets their needs. It gives these families a true choice in the right educational path for their children.

Social Concerns

The state constitution requires the state and local governments to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens, especially the poor such as "mothers having dependent children and aged persons without adequate means of support." (PA Constitution, Article III, §29)

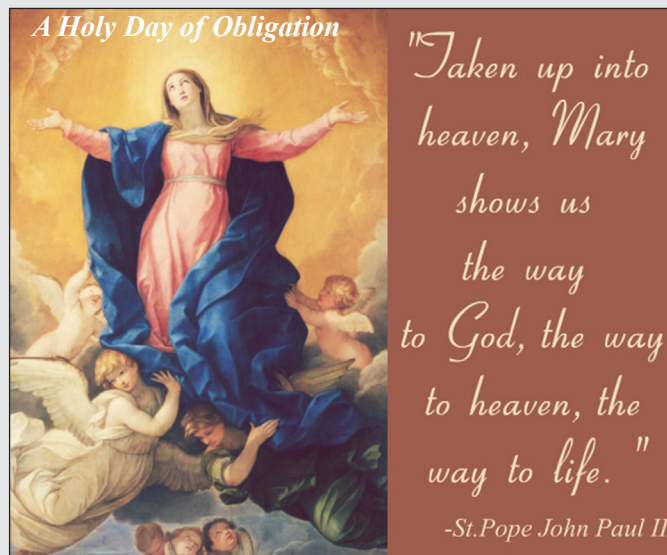
Funding for these human services was cut in some areas, but for the most part it was kept at the same level as last year. Catholic charities and social service agencies often partner with local governments to deliver these services to people in need. For example, local crisis pregnancy centers administer the state's alternative to abortion program that supports women through their pregnancy and up to the first year of their child's life. This state-funded program has helped thousands of mothers choose life for their babies.

Health Care

Line items that fund Pennsylvania's obstetrical/neonatal services, burn and trauma centers, and critical access hospitals remained the same; this is welcome news to PCHA and the Hospital & Health System Association of PA (HAP). The overall impact of the state budget on health care can be complicated. Questions about Medicaid and health care access for the poor remain unanswered as the debate in Washington, DC, continues.

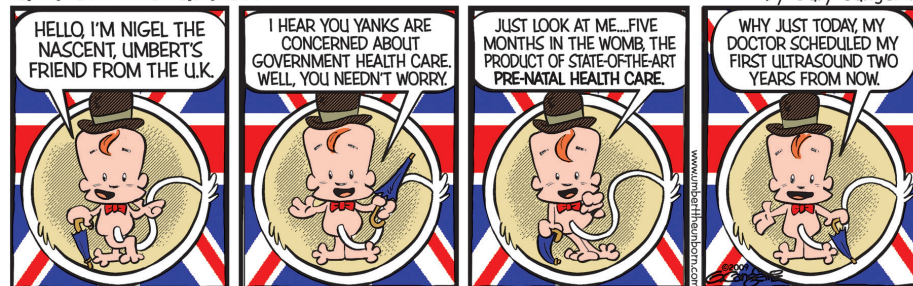
The PCC and PCHA track and monitor many bills and proposed regulations in addition to the state budget. Stay up to date on all issues by visiting www.pacatholic.org, or lend your voice to the debate by sending a message through the Catholic Advocacy Network.

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Umbert the Unborn

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#PartnerwithFrancis

The Diocese of Scranton continues to #PartnerwithFrancis to gather the voices of the young Church (16-35) and those who work with them in preparation for Pope Francis' 2018 Synod on *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*. To get involved:

- + Participate in a Diocesan Listening Session www.partnerwithfrancis.org/listeningsessions
- + Complete an online survey at www.partnerwithfrancis.org/onlineurvey

For more information and/or to register for a listening session, please call 570-780-2996.



A recent #PartnerwithFrancis Listening Session was held at Saint Mary's in Dorrance. Pictured are participants, first row from left: Katie Sklarosky, Liz Katulka, and George Strish. Second row: Dominick Costantino, program coordinator, Diocesan Vocation Office; Pam Urbanski, youth minister, Saint Jude Parish, Mountain Top; Megan Culkin, Anthony Strish, Randie Kuhar, and Molly Mendofik, youth minister, Saint Mary Parish, Dorrance.

XLT (Exalt!)

XLT (Exalt!) will be held Friday, July 28, from 7-9 p.m. at Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis Street, Scranton. The event, sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations, will consist of Eucharistic Adoration; praise & worship music led by Francis Zelinka (from the Full Armor Band); a talk by Jimmy Lipko; reconciliation; and a social. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Dominick Costantino at 570-780-2996.

Bold Choices (Young Adult Retreat)

Finding Your Passion and Living It Fully

The Diocesan Vocation Office is sponsoring this retreat for young adults (18 and over) at Saint Gabriel's Retreat Center, 631 Griffin Pond Road, Clarks Summit August 18-19. The 24-hour retreat will include presentations and interactive sessions on prayer, making choices based in faith, finding your passion, the art of discernment, small group discussion & more.

Cost is \$65. For more information and/or to register, visit www.scrantonvocations.org or call 570-207-1452.



Pilgrims from the Diocese of Scranton were at the World Youth Day Unite event in D.C.

Young adults from the Diocese of Scranton joined others from around the country for **World Youth Day Unite** at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. The event consisted of keynotes by Bishop Nelson Perez of Rockville Centre and Bishop Frank Caggiano of Bridgeport, prayer at the Hour of Mercy, Mass in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception celebrated by Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington, a pilgrimage unity walk with Our Lady, Undoer of Knots led by Bishop Mark Brennan, a concert featuring Tony Melendez, walk through of the exhibit *A Gift of Love: The Life of Saint John Paul II*, and Eucharistic Adoration with Bishop Caggiano accompanied by the music of Audrey Assad. In addition to the World Youth Day Unite events, our pilgrimage also consisted of sightseeing in Washington, D.C. and a special visit to the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Md.



Mia Woloszyn and Bridget Barnic after the Mary, Undoer of Knots prayer service.



Praying at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Donations Reach Record High for Vocations Classic

The Eighth Annual Vocations Golf Classic held July 10 at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, Mountain Top, grossed a record high of \$109,724.00 for the St. John Vianney Endowment. The tournament attracted more than 250 sponsors and 156 golfers in a captain and crew format. The endowment, named for the patron of parish priests, supports seminary education and programs fostering vocations in the Diocese of Scranton.

"I'm especially grateful, as bishop of this local Church, to see lay people, businesses, parishes, priests and religious, all coming together to assist our seminarians through this annual event," said Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, honorary golf chair. "Because of the contributions of so many throughout the Diocese, we had our best tournament ever!

you'll be in a position to be generous to somebody else...That's the law of generosity."

"My friends, right now, through your generous financial and prayerful support, you are modeling for us seminarians this law of generosity... And God willing, when some of us are ordained, we will be generous to others through our ministry. We truly appreciate all that you do for us. May God bless you!"

Seminarians assisting at the day-long event included Bernard Gardzalla, a member of St. Faustina Parish, Nanticoke, and one of five men who will begin formation in the fall.

"It was humbling to see so many industry, community and spiritual leaders getting together in competition and fellowship to further the cause of vocations in our Diocese," said Bernie. "On the golf course you could see hundreds of hole signs with logos and messages from such a diverse group. We appreciate just how much the Diocese supports us in our discernment and preparation for what hopefully will one day be our ministry."

The Vocations Classic is a collaborative effort of the Diocesan Vocations and Development offices. Proceeds help underwrite seminary education but also provide direct support to seminarians so that any

man contemplating the priesthood would not be deterred by financial obligation. Last year, the tournament grossed \$83,000.00. The highest year prior was 2014 totaling \$94,000.

"Through the tournament, as a Church, we say 'thank you' to these men who have committed their lives to priestly service," said Father Donald J. Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians and event chair. "The tournament also gives seminarians a chance to actually say 'thank you' to the golf committee, the golfers and the sponsors on a personal level. The more people get to know our seminarians, the more comfortable they will feel inviting other young men to consider priesthood."

"For me the best part of the day is the opportunity to meet these men studying for the priesthood.



Championship Flight winners with a score of 59 were the SS Peter and Paul Parish, Plains, foursome, from left: Tom Salus, Don Prescavage, Paul Dreabitt and Stan Staskiel.



Golfing in the Vocations Classic for the first time was a foursome from Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Jermyn. Shown with Bishop Bambera are from left, Kevin R. Kyczak, Sean Pittack, Father Shane Kirby, Episcopal Vicar for Canonical Affairs and pastor at Sacred Hearts, and Daniel Pittack.

"The number of sponsors and golfers returning to the event year after year affirms an ever growing culture of vocations in our Diocese," added Bishop Bambera. "Offering spiritual and financial support for our men in formation and encouraging vocations is a priority we all share. Contributors to the Golf Classic know that one day, these seminarians will proclaim the Word of God and bring the presence of Christ to all people."

Ryan P. Glenn, a transitional deacon and candidate for ordination next June, addressed the golfers during dinner. Rev. Mr. Glenn recounted a lesson he learned while assigned with Father Paul Mullen at St. Vincent Parish, Dingmans Ferry. "That summer, Father Paul paid for meals and bought all the things I needed. He refused to let me pay. 'Right now,' he said, 'I'm in a position to help you. And one day,

It's so inspiring," explains Mark Soprano, executive director of the Wyoming Valley CYC and a golfer who has served on the committee since its inception. "In most cases you don't see those who benefit from your donations."

"Our seminarians are living icons of what every Catholic is suppose to be doing," said Father Williams, "and that is keeping Jesus at the center of our lives, asking Him, 'What do you want me to do for you?,' and responding, no matter what the cost or sacrifice, in order to proclaim the Gospel and build the Kingdom of God...I think they're great."



Assisting with the Golf Classic registration were, seated from left, Carole Paswinski, Irene Bambera, mother of Bishop Bambera, and Kiernan Williams, mother of Father Donald J. Williams. Standing, Father Williams, director of Vocations and Seminarians and event chair; Susan Ruane, administrative assistant, Office of Clergy Formation; John Farkas, manager of Development and Alumni Relations; Marilouise Agnone Ruane, director of Stewardship and Donor Relations and event co-chair; and Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary of Development.



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Seminarians attending and assisting at the Golf Classic shown with Bishop Joseph Bambara are, kneeling from left, Christopher Kircher, David Sebolka, Andrew McCarroll, William Asinari and Rev. Mr. Ryan Glenn. Standing: Robert Dogal, Bernard Gardzalla, Jan Carlo Perez, Mark DeCelles, Mark Watrucki and Shawn Simchock. Not pictured are Jonathan Kuhar, Kevin Miller and Marc Phillips.

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Championship Flight runners-up with a score of 60 were the SS Anthony and Rocco foursome, from left, Mark Belenski, Michael DaSanto, and Gary Fronzoni. Not pictured was fourth player, Keith Adamski.



Angel sponsor Midori Yamanouchi, center, talks with Father Williams, and Monsignor David Bohr, Diocesan Secretary for Clergy Formation, before golf dinner.



Attorneys Tim Foley and Paul Paterson ready for play on the 27-hole Blue Ridge Trail course.



Foursome members Frank Orlando, left, and Tom Medico relax in the lineup.

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Movie-goers Driven to Join 'Cars 3' Race Chase



The Circle Drive-In, Dickson City, was the scene where more than 260 families celebrated the first night of summer during the Second Annual Catholic Schools Movie Night. Michael Delfino, proprietor, hosted the event featuring the new Disney-Pixar film "Cars 3." Proceeds from the evening will benefit the Tuition Assistance program for Diocesan Catholic Schools.



Relaxing in the bed of their family pick-up are, from left, Madison Czaja, 10, Gavin Czaja, 11, Gemma Worobey, 5 and Ella Worobey 9.



Diocesan officials, Circle Drive-in management and volunteers gather prior to show-time. Kneeling, from left, are Holy Cross High School student volunteers Grace Okrepkie, Lauren Palmiter and Elizabeth Arbie. Standing same order, Dave Castelli, Circle Drive-In General Manager; Monsignor David Tressler, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education and Superintendent of Schools; Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for Development; Michael Delfino, proprietor of The Circle Drive-In; John Anthony Farkas Jr., Manager of Development & Alumni Relations for Catholic Schools; Kathleen Gilmartin, Assistant Superintendent, and Michele Long, Assistant Superintendent.



Traveling from Mountain Top to enjoy movie night are, from left to right, Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary of Development, and his wife Renée, and members of the Lenio family, Claire, 13, Scott, 12, Annika, 7, and parents Julie and Scott Lenio.



Father Cyril Edwards, pastor of Holy Mary Mother of God Parish, Scranton, and Chaplain at Holy Cross High School, makes coins appear from thin air to amazement of Dunmore children, from left, Logan Mordente, 2, Brody Mordente, 3, Cameron Genovese, and Jason Genovese, 8.



Preparing the complimentary popcorn boxes given to each child attending the movie are Holy Cross volunteers, from left, Hannah Carr, Lauren Palmiter, Elizabeth Arbie, Grace Okrepkie and Megan Farrell.

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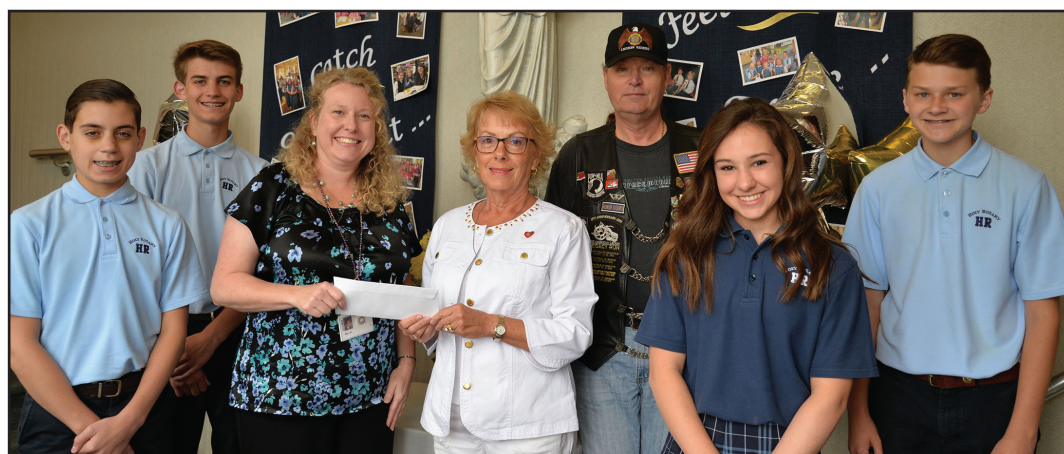
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Gabi Horn, Joseph Casey, Brennah Piasecki, and Donald Ligorio, students at **All Saints Academy in Scranton**, are this year's recipients of the Maeve McAliney Scholarship. Myles and Maureen McAliney award this annual scholarship in memory of their daughter, Maeve, to students in the All Saints Academy Individualized Instruction Program.



Student Council officers from **Holy Rosary School in Duryea** graciously accepted a \$2,250 donation from The CPL Dale Kridlo Memorial Run held in May. Corporal Kridlo was a 1991 graduate of Holy Rosary School who was killed in Afghanistan in 2010 defending our country; he received numerous awards including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Pictured are: Matthew Johnson, Max Rosen, school Principal Mrs. Candice Lee, Michele Dale (mother of Corporal Kridlo), Rich Craig (organizer of the Memorial Run from Post 665 Dickson City American Legion Riders), Gracie Giordina, and Will Aldrich.



Sister Kathleen Kelly, principal of **Epiphany School in Sayre**, congratulates her students who completed the most laps in the school's annual Race for Education challenge.



Students in the 6th grade at **St. Agnes School in Towanda** completed a year-long international research project culminating with an international luncheon, which consists of food made by the students from their respective countries. Parents are invited to attend and sample the dishes from around the world that their students had crafted.



The Class of 2017 at **La Salle Academy in Jessup** gave back to the school and its community with a Uniform Exchange and Spirit Wear Sale. Uniforms were freely exchanged while spirit wear was offered for a freewill donation with proceeds benefitting the Bread Basket of NEPA Food Bank. Pictured are students Nicole Nicholas, Olivia Christian, Alice Jones, and Billy Sweeny.

Twenty students at **Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre** were recognized for their achievements in the 2017 National Spanish Examination, administered by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP). The exam measures achievement in the areas of vocabulary, grammar, and interpretive communication. Over 75,000 students nationwide took the Spanish Level II and Level III exam this year. Freshmen Anarose Davidson and Sarah Liskowicz won gold medals on the Spanish II level, while Melina Yaber and Abigail Zim took the bronze medal. A number of students earned the Scholar's Medal on both levels.



The award winners pictured with HRHS Principal Mrs. Anita Sirak and Spanish teachers John Barno and Dr. Richard Barno include: Jenna Poor, Thalia Charles, Abigail Zim, Grace Dacey, Annarose Davidson, Lindsey Chepalonis, Mary Strunk, Isabella Greer, Jacob Rokosz, Paul Seasock, George Strish, Kevin Bradigan, Maria Gereda, Emily Thomas, Sarah Liskowicz, Katelyn Vols, John Turosky, and Christa Gumbavage.



Izabela Filpvoski, Trevor Hardy, Aaron Bailey, and Jordan Pansy, students at **Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco**, pose with their principal, Virgilio Ogando, after being presented with athletic awards.



The Kindergarten students from **St. Nicholas/St. Mary School in Wilkes-Barre** celebrated the 101st day of school with the theme 101 Dalmatians. The students dressed in black and white clothing and had black and white treats for snack. They also brought in 101 items from home and practiced counting to 101. They ended their day by watching the movie *101 Dalmatians* while snacking on popcorn. Pictured are: Nathan Rybak, Carter Posten, Mackenzie Ayala, Coley Comparetta, Samantha Maciolek, Isabella Huynh, Ryan Pugh, Dominic Donato, Rhyland Rushton, Noah Boshek, Anthony Ruzzano, Elliot Rigol, Jazlin Amigon, Teagan Carey, Nina Lombardi, Sabria Mitchell, Matthew Williams, Patrick Vargo, and Nikolaus Schultz.



Students from **St. Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore** finish the year by participating in the school's 3rd Annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, with proceeds benefitting St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



Raena Matz and Bianca Lilley, seniors at **St. John Neumann High School in Williamsport**, have been named LEOs for the 3rd and 4th quarter of the school year. The school's LEO Club is affiliated with the Williamsport Lions Club and extends service to area parishes and the community at large.



Second graders at **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston** recently visited the Kingston Fire Department, bringing coffee and donuts as an expression of gratitude and appreciation for all the fire department does for the community and the school. Pictured with some of the firemen are: Barry Holloman, Cole Kablick, A.J. Stout, Blake Mirabelle, Christopher Lockavich, Jack McCue, Ella Prawak, Natalie Smith, Allie Desciak, Olivia Dutko, Carter Guido, Noah Hummel, David Lampman, Kevin Osipower, Charlie Schaffer, Evan Dubaskas, Riley Brady, Breanna Leon, Giuseppe Bellia, Hailey Pius, Lindsey Donlick, Erin Kresesfsky, Alex Derolf-Siene, Olivia Evans, Dawson Gula, Adelynn Brill, Simon Pollard, Colin Prawak, Ian Kilbourn, Cole Ricko, Irelyn Curley, and Ella Stambaugh.



Twenty members of the Class of 2017 from **Holy Cross High School in Dunmore** will continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Some of the student athletes include: Madison Ware, Mark Kobierecki, James Tressler, Timothy Murphy, Dean Angeloni, Malachi Phillips, John Topalanchik, Grant Brogenski, Carly Tomaine, John Iacobacci, Grace Perechinsky, Abigail Anderson, Ashley Walsh, Abigail Corrigan, Miranda Piwowarski, Amanda Ross, Matthew Nelson, Morgan Kriefski, Giovanni Vega, and Leah Pawluck.



Twenty-five students from **St. Jude School in Mountain Top** qualified to advance to the 83rd annual state level of competition of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science held at Penn State University Main Campus in State College. At the state finals, 19 students earned First Place ratings, with three of them achieving a Perfect Score. Six students earned Second Place Awards. First Place winners with Perfect Scores are shown from left in row 1 – Sarah Stettler, Aaliyah Sayed, Ashleigh Button, and Mrs. Marilyn Baran, moderator. Other First Place winners in row 2 are Christopher Papciak, Dominic Alberti, Emily Mahler, Thomas Mayernik, Chase Pugh, Michael Nicotera, Anthony Strish, and William Wolfgang. Row 3 – Colin Wills, Raymond Sabatini, Ethan Stoltz, Jordyn Chepolis, Kathryn McIngvale, Sophia Bere, and Daryl Boich. Second Place - row 4 – Kyra Hayden, Aubrey Jumper, Zachary Kehoe, Chloe Pugh, Edward Patrick, and Matthew Banford.



Emma Cuck, a student at **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green**, shows great coordination and has no trouble maneuvering through the tires while participating in the school's annual Mission Day activities.



The 7th grade class at **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter** built a vegetable garden for their newly created S.T.E.M. garden project which will be an ongoing curriculum project next year and beyond. Students worked with Jeremy Connors, teacher and garden designer, to create garden boxes which will produce green beans, cucumbers, eggplant, tomatoes, pumpkins, kale, peppers and zucchini over the summer months.



Freshman Vanesha Henderson of **Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg** presents the gift of bread to school Chaplain, Monsignor John Bergamo, during the school's annual end-of-the-year liturgy.

Holy Family Residence Chaplain Father Kelly Celebrates Golden Jubilee

SCRANTON — Father E. Francis Kelly, longtime chaplain of the Little Sisters of the Poor Holy Family Residence in Scranton, was honored recently at two Eucharistic liturgies in the residence's chapel celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

Father Kelly served as principal celebrant for the Golden Jubilee Masses of Thanksgiving, which were concelebrated by priest-friends and members of the jubilarian's Diocesan ordination class.

Following the liturgical celebration held in May, the Little Sisters hosted a luncheon in Father Kelly's honor with several guests, including fellow clergy, Holy Family residents and their families, Jeanne Jugan Associates, and staff. The Jubilee Mass celebrated in early July was followed by a reception for family and friends at La Buona Vita in Dunmore.

Born in Scranton and a native son of the former St. John the Evangelist Parish in the city's South Side, the golden jubilarian is a graduate of St. Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology in Indiana and was ordained on May 27, 1967, by Bishop J. Carroll McCormick,



Father E. Francis Kelly, chaplain, is pictured following a Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination at Holy Family Residence, Scranton, with Mother Theresa Louisa Wooching, superior of the Little Sisters of the Poor Scranton community, and his cousin, Frances Norton.

sixth bishop of Scranton.

Following ordination, Father Kelly served as assistant pastor at the churches of St. Vincent de Paul, Plymouth; St. Patrick, Scranton;

St. Rose of Lima, Carbondale, and St. Thomas Aquinas, Archbald, and as chaplain of the former St. Joseph's Hospital, Carbondale.

Prior to being assigned as chaplain of Holy Family Res-

idence in 2009, the jubilarian served as pastor of the parishes of St. Ann, Freeland; St. Francis of Assisi, West Hazleton; Holy Saviour, Wilkes-Barre; and Our Lady of Victory, Harveys Lake.

Little Sisters' Night at PNC Field

SCRANTON — The Little Sisters of the Poor at Holy Family Residence invite the community to join them for an evening enjoying professional baseball as they celebrate "Little Sisters of the Poor Night" on Tuesday, Aug. 15, at PNC Field in Moosic.

The night's game will feature the host team, the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders — Triple A affiliate club of the New York Yankees — taking on the Gwinnett

Braves at PNC Field, beginning at 7:05.

Tickets are \$13 each for seats in the stadium's field reserved section. Little Sisters of the Poor T-shirts will be available for \$10 each.

To reserve a ticket and/or a T-shirt, contact Jackie Galvin, director of development and communications, at (570) 343-4065 ext. 3144 or scdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org by Aug. 1.

Catholic Women Hosting Day of Reflection August 2

The Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will sponsor a Retreat Day of Reflection on Wednesday, Aug. 2, at The Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, 245 Meadowside Road, Mount Pocono.

The retreat day, which begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 3 p.m., will be led by Monsignor Vincent Grimalia, chaplain of St. Luke's Villa, Wilkes-Barre, and Diocesan Coordinator for Ecumenism and Inter-Faith Affairs, who will present two program sessions: "The Eucharist and the Works of Mercy" and "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and its Meaning for Our Life."

All Catholic women of the Diocese are invited to attend. Cost is \$35 per person and includes a continental breakfast and luncheon.

Deadline for reservations is July 28 and may be secured by forwarding payment to: Helen Oravec, 814 Theresa St., Peckville, PA 18452.

For more information, contact Helen Oravec at (570-489-5231) or Judy Poltanis at (570-470-1536).

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Forgotten Deceased Laid to Rest in Williamsport



The Catholic Church's corporal work of mercy "to bury the dead" was extended to the unclaimed remains of nine persons in Lycoming County recently. Through the efforts of Father John Victoria, pastor, and the Parish of St. Ann in Williamsport, the forgotten deceased were remembered and brought to their final resting place at Assumption Cemetery in Cascade Township. Father Victoria, who coordinated with local offices and organizations to properly inter the remains of the nine who died in the county, presided at the burial service. A local funeral home donated its services along with a child-size casket for the interment, and the St. Ann Social Concerns Committee covered the cost of the committal.

Pocono Parish Announces Retreat

BRODHEADSVILLE — Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish will host a four-day parish mission retreat in September, featuring Father Larry Richards, well-known conference speaker and mission leader who serves as a parish pastor in Erie.

Father Richards will lead the mission offering Monday thru Thursday, Sept. 18-21, each evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 1402 Route 209, Brodheadsville. The spiritual retreat provides faithful with the opportunity to grow in their love of God and discern hope and direction in their daily lives.

A prolific retreat and Catholic conference presenter, Father Richards is the founder of The

Reason for Our Hope Foundation and his media presentations distributed around the world include such topics as "The Truth," "The Mass Explained" and "Confession."

The Pocono parish mission experience will feature different nightly themes: Monday (Knowing God's Love and Practical Information on How to Pray); Tuesday, (The Gift of the Mass and the Importance of Family); Wednesday, (Passion of Jesus Christ and How it Provides Freedom from and Forgiveness of Our Sins); and Thursday, (Healing Service and a New Life of Discipleship).

All faithful are welcome, and a free-will offering will be accepted on the last night of the mission.



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Holy Cross HS Celebrating Tenth Anniversary

Holy Cross High School officials, alumni and families will hold a 10th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, August 12, with a Mass at 5:30 p.m. at the school in Dunmore, followed by a reception at The Colonnade in downtown Scranton from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The anniversary celebration committee pictured includes, from left, Katie VonBergen, administrative staff; Ben Tolerico, Holy Cross High School principal; Jennifer Stonikinis, English faculty; Kristina Toolan, art faculty; Jillian Rojek, music and science faculty; and John Anthony Farkas Jr., manager of development and alumni relations for Diocesan Catholic schools. The committee also includes Laura Hudak, English faculty. The Colonnade reception will include food and age-appropriate beverages. Tickets for the reception are \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance. The celebration is open to friends, family and alumni of Holy Cross High School. For more information, or to make your reservation, call Holy Cross High School at (570-346-7541).

Passionist Nuns to Host Two Fall Retreats at St. Gabriel's

CLARKS SUMMIT — The Passionist Sisters of St. Gabriel's Retreat Center will host two fall weekend retreat experiences, beginning with a Women's Retreat scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 8-10.

The second retreat weekend offering, "The Passion of Jesus Christ," will begin on Oct. 20, the feast day of St. Paul of the Cross, founder the Congregation of the Passion religious order. Open to both men and women, this retreat is designed to provide a more silent spiritual experience.

Serving as retreat directors/preachers will be Passionist Father Richard Nalepa of St. Paul's Monastery in Pittsburgh, who will lead the September retreat for women; and Passionist Brother Andre Mathieu, a member of the Passionist community at the Ba-

silica of the National Shrine of St. Ann in west Scranton, who will be the spiritual guide for the men and women's retreat during the weekend of Oct. 20-22.

Both retreats will begin on Friday at 7 p.m. and conclude following the noon meal on Sunday. No meals are provided by St. Gabriel's on Friday evening.

Preached retreats consist of conferences on the spiritual life, time for personal meditation/reflection, prayer service, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and celebration of the Eucharistic liturgy.

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Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil — **JULY 28**, sponsored by the Catholics Defending Life Prayer & Awareness Team; group resumes weekly gatherings every Friday (except on First Fridays) from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at the Pro-Life Monument located next to St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton (300 block of Wyoming Ave.). Recitation of the Rosary offered, along with pro-life meditations, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayer devotions for the respect and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Pro-life signs are welcome.

Friday Holy Hour for Vocations — **JULY 28**, hosted by the Little Sisters of the Poor at Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton; weekly devotion held every Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the Residence chapel. Holy Hour includes recitation of the Rosary, evening prayer (vespers) and benediction. All faithful are welcome.

Rosary Recitation — **JULY 28**, hosted by Holy Rosary Parish in Hazleton; Rosary prayers will be recited beginning at 3 p.m. in the Parish Grotto. All faithful are welcome.

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

Padre Pio Prayer Ministry — **AUG. 2**, hosted by St. Faustina Parish in Nanticoke; begins with celebration of Mass at 6 p.m. in the parish worship site of Holy Trinity Church, 520 South Hanover St., Nanticoke, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, intercessory prayers to St. Padre Pio, recitation of the Divine Mer-

cy Chaplet, and benediction. All faithful are welcome.

Pilgrimage for Peace: "Transfigured by Peace" — **AUG. 6**, hosted at Holy Dormition Byzantine Franciscan Friary, 712 State Route 93, Sybertsville; held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Day's program begins with Matins at 10 a.m. and also includes Holy Anointing for Healing at 11:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy at 1 p.m.; confessions and prayer; children's activity, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; spiritual presentation, 4 to 4:30 p.m.; and closing vespers at 5 p.m. For more information and registration, call (570-788-1212) or email: holydormition@gmail.com.

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

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Mark Your Calendar

Spiritual Offerings

Rosary Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Blessed Mother's Apparitions at Fatima — **AUG. 13**, hosted at the Fatima Grotto on the grounds of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church, 322 Chestnut St., Dunmore. Rosary gathering will be held on the 13th of each month through October. All faithful are welcome. In case of inclement weather, the prayer service will be held inside the church.

Bible Study Series: "The Book of Joshua" — **SEPT. 5**, hosted by St. Ann's Shrine Basilica, west Scranton; weekly presentations begin at 7 p.m. at St. Ann's. For more information, call (570-347-5691). Same program series will also be offered on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m., beginning Sept. 2, at St. Gabriel's Retreat House, Clarks Summit. For more information, call (570-586-2791). Registration fee is \$5 per session.

Ethics Program on End-of-Life Issues and Health Care Providers

DALLAS — The Ethics Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania at Misericordia University is offering the special presentation, "Ethical Considerations for End-of-Life Communication Between Health Care Providers," by Mercy Sister Patricia Talone, Ph.D., in recognition of the institute's 30th anniversary and in honor of the institute's late founder, Mercy Sister Siena Finley.

The program on Monday, Sept. 18, begins with a reception in the Heritage Lobby of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library at 5 p.m.

The presentation by Sister Talone begins at 6 p.m. in the McGowan Room of the library. The program also includes displays and a slideshow documenting key events and accomplishments of the institute.

The event is open, free to the public. For more information about the program, call (570) 674-6209.

Fall Preached Retreat for Women — **SEPT. 8-10**, hosted by St. Gabriel's Retreat Center in Clarks Summit; retreat begins on Friday evening at 7 p.m. (no meal served) and concludes following the noon meal on Sunday. Retreat director: Passionist Father Richard Nalepa of St. Paul's Monastery in Pittsburgh. For more information and reservations, call (570-586-4957) or email: kporter@epix.net. Deposit is required.

Fall Preached Retreat: "The Passion of Jesus Christ" — **OCT. 20-22**, hosted by St. Gabriel's Retreat Center in Clarks Summit; open to both men and women. Retreat begins on Friday evening at 7 p.m. (no meal served) and concludes following the noon meal on Sunday. Retreat director: Passionist Brother André Mathieu of St. Ann's Shrine Basilica in Scranton. For more information and reservations, call (570-586-4957) or email: kporter@epix.net. Deposit is required.

The program is part of Mercy Week activities on campus during the week of Sept. 17. For a list of programming, log on to: www.Misericordia.edu/mercyweek2017.

A theological ethicist, Sister Talone serves as a consultant, lecturer and writer in the areas of mission, ethics and formation. She was vice president of mission services at the Catholic Health Association of the United States from 2003-16.

Sister earned her doctorate in theological ethics from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisc., and received a master's degree in religious studies from St. Charles Seminary in Overbrook.

The late Mercy Sister Siena Finley and a group of community leaders and professionals established the Ethics Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania at Misericordia in 1987 in order to foster more dialogue on ethical issues.

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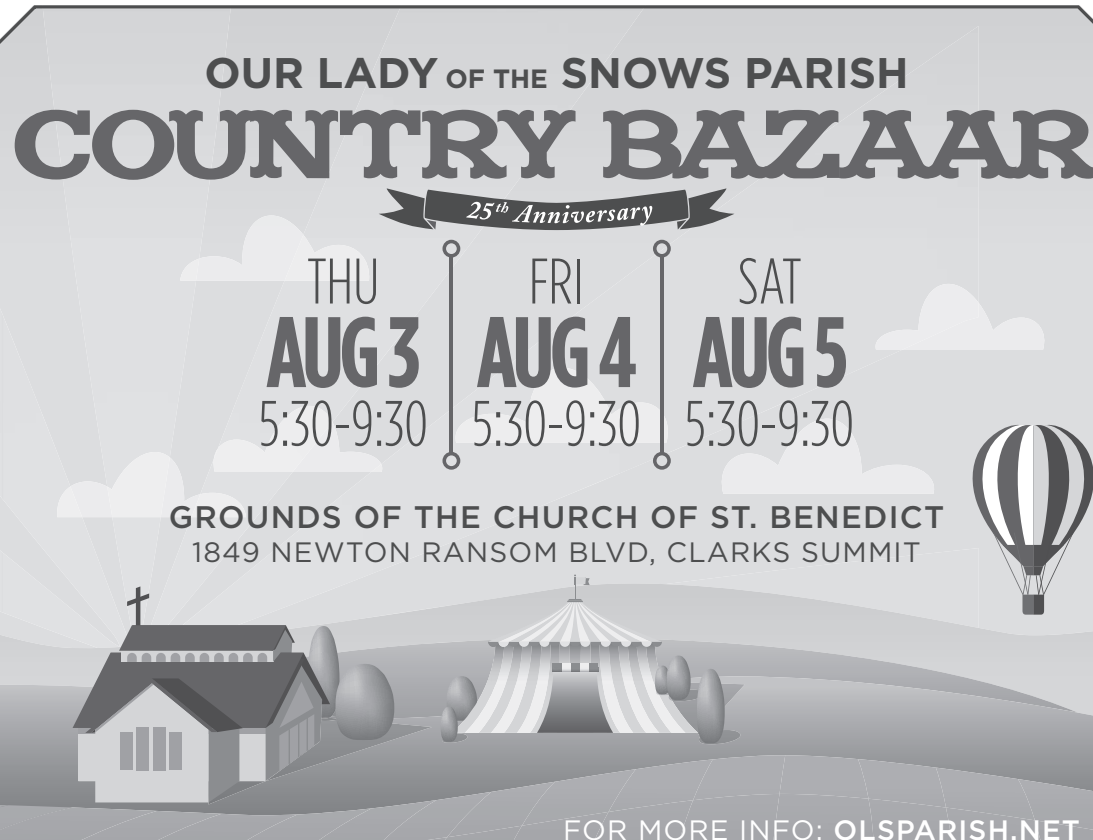
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Mission Message

**Go
Forth**

**By Father Brian J.T. Clarke
Diocesan Director,
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Ite missa est! This Latin phrase serves as the words of dismissal of Mass in the Roman Rite. The words translate simply, “go, it is sent.”

What is this “it”? Scholars and inquisitive minds have pondered this question not simply from a grammatical perspective but also to determine the theological meaning of these simple words that dismiss the congregation from Mass.

It is sometimes argued that it’s a grammatical stretch in Latin to assert that this word *missa* means anything other than a literal dismissal. However, I have frequently reflected on these words in my personal prayer and have often used them as a topic in homilies at Mass to encourage folks not simply to see these words as an indication that Mass is now over and we’re given permission to go home.



The “it” of the dismissal seems to indicate that the congregation is being sent, not sent home, but sent out into the world to bring the message of the Gospel to our homes, our workplaces, our schools, and our places of leisure.

Pope Benedict spoke about this notion in his Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*. He reflected therein of the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Church’s life and beautifully offers the following on the “*ite missa est*”: “In antiquity, *missa* simply meant ‘dismissal.’ In Christian usage, however, it gradually took on a deeper meaning. The word ‘dismissal’ has come to imply a ‘mission.’ These few words succinctly express the missionary nature of the Church” (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 51).

As I reflect on this new opportunity to serve the Church in the Mission Office, I hope each of us will reconsider the call we have received: The call we have received from Baptism and the call we receive when we receive the Eucharist and are sent forth

strengthened and nourished by Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and by the Scriptures; both given to us to ensure we have the means to preach the Gospel well and to serve the poor with love and devotion.

Ite missa est — go, it is sent. The Church is sent into the world. You are sent into the world. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you,” Jesus charges the early apostles (John 20:21). Jesus charges you and me to the same call of being “apostolic” — of being sent forth into the world to be missionaries. We do not need to go far to take the message of the Gospel seriously; we need faithful, loving, and zealous missionaries here in the 11 counties of this Diocese we love and serve.

As we respond “thanks be to God” each time at Mass as we are “dismissed,” may we pause in prayer and in faith to recommit ourselves to the missionary work of the Church and to proclaim the kingdom of God. Then, let us go forth.

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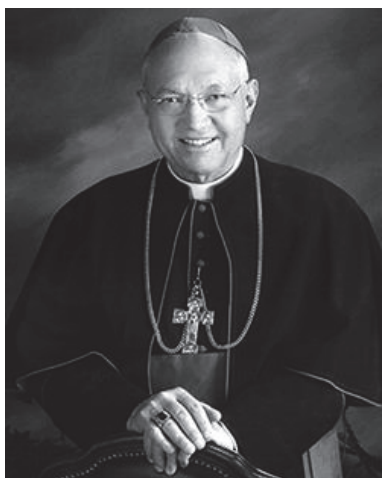
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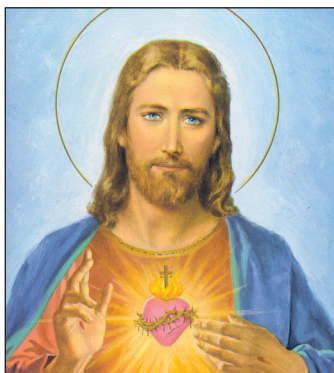
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The vigil continues with the crowning of the Blue Army Pilgrim Virgin Statue, the Blue Army Pledge, Fatima prayers and Marian hymns, followed by litany and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The vigil concludes with scapular enrollment at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

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Chicken Barbecue — **AUG. 6**, sponsored by Holy Cross Parish, 200 Delaware Ave., Olyphant; held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Dinner includes half chicken, potatoes, green beans and dessert; children's meal includes chicken nuggets, fries, dessert and drink. Other menu items available for purchase include hot dogs, ice cream/sodas, and fries. Event also features bingo games, bake sale, cash & basket raffles, music and children's games. Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance. Cost: adults, \$10; children, \$5. For more information and advance tickets, contact the parish office, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at (570-489-0752).

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10th Anniversary Celebration of Holy Cross High School — AUG. 12, beginning with celebration of Mass at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Holy Cross High School, 501 East Drinker St., Dunmore; reception follows from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at The Colonnade, 401 Jefferson Ave., Scranton. Reservations: \$25 per person, includes food and refreshments; deadline is July 31. Contact Holy Cross High School at (570-346-7541) or www.hchspa.org. Space is limited.

“Holy Cow” Flop Fundraiser & Barbecue — AUG. 12, sponsored by St. John Vianney Parish, Montdale, at St. Pius X Church grounds, 3615 State Route 106,

Clifford Township (Royal); held from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Featuring Kundla’s barbecue chicken dinners (\$10 each) and a variety of foods and refreshments, live music, bake sale, basket raffles, games and prizes for all ages. For advance tickets or more information, call (570-254-9502).

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

Chicken Barbecue & Basket Raffle — AUG. 13, sponsored by Prince of Peace Parish in Old Forge; held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of Arcaro and Genell Restaurant, located on Main St., Old Forge. Take-out dinners available, with limited outside seating. Dinner includes half of barbecued chicken, pasta salad, corn on the cob, roll and dessert. Tickets may be purchased in

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

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advance thru Aug. 1 by calling the parish rectory at (570-457-5900). Walk-ins are limited.

Red Cross Blood Drive —

AUG. 17, sponsored by the Valley Blood Council of the Lackawanna Chapter of American Red Cross; held from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at LaSalle Hall of Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church, First Ave., Jessup. Blood drive is being hosted to honor the memory of Monsignor John Sekellick, longtime pastor of Holy Ghost Byzantine Church and board member of the Valley Blood Council. Donors will receive complimentary refresh-

ments, including hot dogs, pizza, and beverages, and will be entered into a raffle drawing for a \$25 gas card. For appointments to donate blood, visit redcrossblood.org or call (1-800-733-2767).

Misericordia Open House —

AUG. 19, open house event for high school students and their families at Misericordia University in Dallas (Back Mountain); begins with registration at 9 a.m. in the Anderson Sports and Health Center on campus. "Meet the Coaches" session held from 9 to 10 a.m.; followed by open house program until 3 p.m., including campus tours, faculty

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ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

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PICNIC TIME

JULY

28, 29 — Holy Rosary, Hazleton, parish grounds, 240 South Poplar St.

28, 29, 30 — St. Maria Goretti, Laflin, church grounds, Laflin Road.

28, 29, 30 — Christ the King, Archbald, St. Mary of Czestochowa Church grounds, Betty & Main streets, Eynon.

29, 30 — St. Luke's, Stroudsburg, church grounds, 818 Main St.

AUGUST

3, 4, 5 — Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupont, church grounds, 215 Lackawanna Ave.

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

3, 4, 5 — St. Robert Bellarmine, Wilkes-Barre, St. Aloysius Church grounds, Barney & Division streets, Wilkes-Barre.

4, 5, 6 — St. Mary's Byzantine, Wilkes-Barre, parish social hall/grounds, 522 Madison St., Wilkes-Barre.

6 — St. Augustine's, St. Brigid Parish at Neumann Hall, Route 267, Choconut.

10, 11, 12 — St. John the Evangelist, Pittston, church grounds, Church & Broad streets.

11, 12, 13 — SS. Anthony & Rocco, Dunmore, St. Rocco Church grounds, 122 Kurtz St., Dunmore (Bunker Hill section).

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session, lunch, and meetings with university representatives of student services, athletics and financial aid. For more information or to register, contact the Misericordia Admissions Office at (570-675-4449 or 1-866-262-6363) or email: admiss@misericordia.edu.

St. Juliana's Rock Lake Picnic — **AUG. 19**, sponsored by St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Pleasant Mount; held on the grounds of St. Juliana Church, Route 247-North (Creamton Drive), Rock Lake. Featuring family-style ham & turkey dinner served from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (take-out orders available until 3 p.m.); supper served at 5

p.m. Mass will be celebrated in the church at 6:30 p.m. Picnic also includes giant flea market, bingo, games & prizes. Square-dancing entertainment provided by "Just Us" from 8 to 11 p.m.

Parish Church 140th Anniversary Celebration — **AUG. 20**, commemorating the 140th anniversary of the founding of St. Mary Church in Ledgedale, a mission church of St. Thomas More Parish in Lake Ariel; Father Stephen Stavoy, host pastor. Outdoor Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on the church grounds, located on St. Mary's Church Road, at 11 a.m., with Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin serving as principal

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PICNIC TIME

AUGUST

11, 12, 13 — St. Matthew's, East Stroudsburg, church grounds, 78 Ridgeway St.

11, 12, 13 — St. John the Baptist, Larksville, church picnic grounds.

11, 12, 13 — St. Jude's, Mountain Top, St. Jude Grove on the parish grounds, 420 South Mountain Blvd.

11, 12, 13 — St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic, Scranton, church grounds, 130 North St. Frances Cabrini Ave., West Scranton.

12 — St. John Vianney, Montdale, St. Pius X Church grounds, 3615 State Route 106, Royal (Clifford Township).

17, 18, 19 — St. John Neumann, Scranton, Nativity of Our Lord Church grounds, 633 Orchard St., South Scranton.

18, 19, 20 — Blessed Sacrament, Throop, parish grounds & hall.

19 — St. Juliana's, Rock Lake, church grounds, Route 247-North (Creamton Drive).

19, 20 — Queen of Heaven (St. Mauro Festival), Hazleton, parish grounds, 750 North Vine St., Hazleton.

SEPTEMBER

1, 2 — St. Mary's, Waymart, church grounds, 242 Carbondale Road.

2, 3 — Holy Spirit Parish/St. Mary Church, Mocanaqua, St. Mary's picnic grounds, Lee Road (Main St.).

9, 10 — Our Lady of the Abingtons, Dalton, church grounds, 237 Seminary Road.

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

17 — St. Patrick's, Nicholson, church grounds, 205 Main St.

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PRESENTER: BOB VALIANTE

Bob was baptized in the Holy Spirit 46 years ago. Bishop Joseph Bambera appointed Bob as overall coordinator of the Charismatic Renewal for the Diocese of Scranton and the Liaison to the Bishop. He is a founding member and coordinator of annual Catholic Charismatic Conference which is celebrating its 35th year. He has spoken at numerous retreats and conferences throughout the USA. Shalom World Ministries frequently engages Bob for both live presentations as well as pre-recorded/televised programs.

Attendees may come and stay overnight on Friday or commute for part of the two day retreat.

First Friday Devotions Throughout the Diocese of Scranton

Masses & Devotions

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

— sponsored by the Men of the Sacred Heart; held at St. Stanislaus worship site, 666 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Confessions are heard beginning at 6 p.m., followed by recitation of the Rosary and Litany

of the Sacred Heart at 6:30 p.m. Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated at 7 p.m.

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

Pro-Life Rosary Vigils

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

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

Eucharistic Adorations

— hosted by Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 1101 Willow St., Peckville; exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins following the celebration of the 6:50 a.m. Mass and continues until 8 p.m. For more information, call the parish office (570-383-3244 ext. 2).

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

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

Rosary & Healing Mass

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

Healing Mass

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

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celebrant. Reception and festivities will follow, including refreshments, pie contest, children's art contest, hay rides, music and fun-filled activities. All are welcome.

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

Sunday Buffet Breakfast — **AUG. 20**, hosted by St. Eulalia Parish, 214 Blue Shutters Road, Elmhurst (Roaring Brook Twp.); serving from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the parish hall. Featuring full breakfast menu, including made-to-order eggs, home fries, ham, sausage, pancakes, rolls, toast, juice, coffee & tea. Cost: adults (age 12 to 64), \$7; seniors (age 65 & older), \$6; children (age 6-11), \$3; children age 5 & under admitted free. Public is invited; tickets at the door.

Designer Purse Bingo Fundraiser — **SEPT. 16**, sponsored by Visitation of the BVM Parish in Dickson City to benefit the Wiktor family in helping to defray medical expenses; bingo fundraiser will be hosted at St. Mary's Visitation Parish Center (in the school), 625 Dundaff St., Dickson City. Doors open at 3:30 p.m.; games begin at 5:30 p.m. Admission cost: \$25, includes 20 games. Event also includes specials, cash and basket raffles, food and beverages. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the parish office at 1090 Carmalt St., Dickson City, or call (570-489-2091).

Seventh Annual Take-Out Pasta & Meatball Dinner — **SEPT. 21**, hosted by St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton; take-out dinners only, served from 3 to 7 p.m. Dinner includes penne rigate w/meatballs, salad, Italian bread & biscotti. Orders may be picked up in the church auditorium; drive-thru service also available in the church parking lot (containers provided). Dinner cost: \$10 per order. Tickets available by contacting St. Lucy Rectory (570-347-9421), Jack (570-344-1672), or Joe (570-955-7469), or at the drive-thru entrance. All proceeds benefit the St. Lucy Church Restoration Fund.

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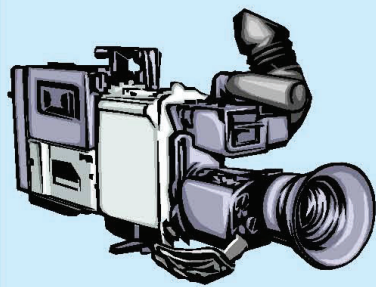


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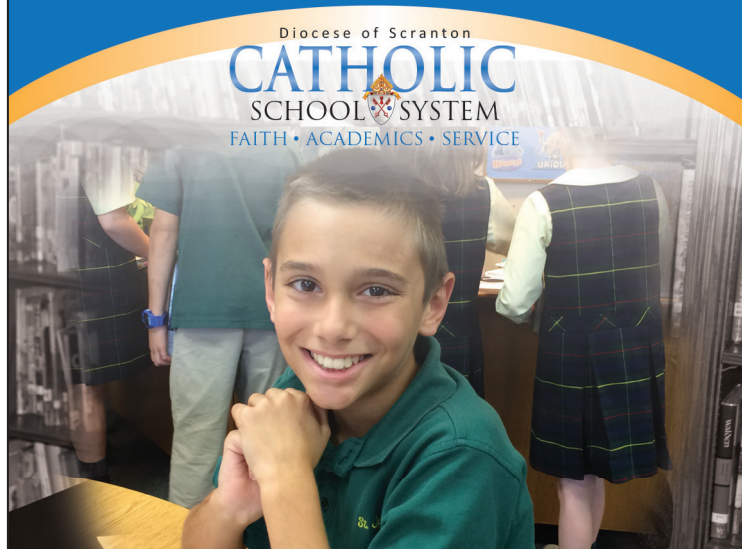
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