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Catholic leaders told joy, a sign of God's presence, is what church needs

ORLANDO, Fla. (CNS) – Catholic leaders attending the opening Mass of the “Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of The Gospel in America” were urged to reflect joy – a sign of God’s presence – and not exclusively focus on the world’s problems.

“A big part of the reason behind this promising convocation, folks, is that we, your pastors, believe with Pope Francis, that a renewal of joy is essential for a deepening of Catholic vitality and confidence today,” said New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, homilist at the July 1 Mass.

The hotel ballroom in Orlando was transformed into a spacious church for the congregation of about 3,500 delegates – invited from

dioceses around the country – who were urged to view their time at the four-day convocation as a journey, not just a conference, by Dallas Bishop Edward J. Burns in remarks before Mass.

The Mass was concelebrated by 150 bishops. Readings were in Spanish and English and prayers of the faithful were delivered in several languages. A gospel choir from St. Peter Claver Parish in Tampa, Florida, led the delegates in song.

Cardinal Dolan emphasized that during the gathering people would come to know each other better and also get to know Jesus more, which would be make them effective and joyful in their mission of spreading the Gospel message.



Prelates process during the opening Mass of the “Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America” July 1 in Orlando, Fla. Leaders from dioceses and various Catholic organizations are gathering for the July 1-4 convocation.

He said this renewal of joy was especially needed at this moment in the church.

Catholics, the cardi-

nal said, can be tempted to “concentrate on problems, worries, bad news, scandals (and) darkness” which he

said can’t be ignored but also shouldn’t dominate people’s lives.

“We can’t become, in

the folksy term of Pope Francis, ‘a church of sourpusses,’” he added.

Cardinal Dolan also noted that the convocation was starting on the feast of St. Junipero Serra, who started the Franciscan missions known for education, health care and evangelization, but also for joy, which is why people came to the new churches and stayed.

“People may claim they do not want faith, hope or love,” he said, but “rare is the person who does not crave joy.”

The crowd was already in good cheer, laughing about references to nearby Disney World and other theme parks before Mass began.

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Bishops, Catholic groups worry about consequences of partial travel ban

WASHINGTON (CNS) – The chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Migration said the country’s Catholic bishops are “deeply concerned” about the consequences of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to allow a partial ban on foreign nationals as it reviews the constitutionality of a wider ban.

“Today’s decision will have human consequences,” said Bishop Joe S. Vasquez, of Austin, Texas, following the U.S. Supreme Court’s announcement that in October it will hear a case involving President Donald Trump’s travel ban, which seeks to delay entry into the country by immigrants, including ref-



Children enjoy ice cream on a sunny Sunday at Nay Aug Park in Scranton during the Diocesan celebration of World Refugee Day on June 25. Please see report on page 3.

ugees, from six majority-Muslim countries. It also seeks to suspend, for a time, the entry of all refugees.

The court announced June 26 that until its hears the

case in the fall and weighs a decision, it would allow part of the ban to be implemented and some “foreign nationals” will be barred from entering the country.

Diocese Participates in Convocation of Catholic Leaders

A delegation from the Diocese of Scranton, led by Bishop Bambera, is among the clergy and lay leaders from throughout the country who came together July 1-4 in Orlando, Florida, to assess the pastoral challenges and opportunities of our time, particularly in the context of the Church in the United States.

The “Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America” was convened by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and was intended to discern how best to respond to Pope Francis’ 2013 apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (“The Joy of the Gospel”).

“In ‘Evangelii Gaudium,’ Pope Francis chal-



Here is the Diocesan delegation at the national “Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America.”

lenges all of us in the Church to move forward on a ‘path of pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are.’ This historic gathering of Catholic leaders from dioceses across the United States

challenges all of us to come to know Jesus more deeply, to commit ourselves to be missionary disciples and to invite others to a deeper and more authentic relationship with the Lord,” Bishop Bambera.

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This is our moment to evangelize

ORLANDO, Fla. (CNS) – Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl urged participants at the “Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of The Gospel in America” to take a look at each other in the hotel ballroom and realize that they, as lay leaders in the church, are responsible for spreading the Gospel message and they shouldn’t waste the moment.

The cardinal stressed the sense of urgency of evangelizing and inviting others to Christ, stressing that Catholics have a perfect role model for this in Pope Francis, who has continually presented the church as inviting and open.

Cardinal Wuerl also acknowledged that Catholics are not always comfortable with the idea of evangelizing but they need to be willing to step out of themselves and talk with people about their faith as part of an encounter often spoken of by Pope Francis.

An encounter is not meant to tell people “they can be as wonderful as we are,” the cardinal said. It is about telling them about Christ. He also noted that as people take this Gospel message out to the peripheries that doesn’t just mean economic peripheries either but spiritual ones as well.

People need to be asked about their faith and encouraged in it, he added.

Church landscape is changing

ORLANDO, Fla. (CNS) – The U.S. Catholic Church’s increasing diversity presents Catholics with the opportunity to accompany each other on the journey of faith Pope Francis envisions, a Boston College professor told delegates to the “Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America” in Orlando.

Hosffman Ospino, associate professor of theology and religious education at Boston College, said the changes in the landscape are a sign of strength and present new opportunities to welcome newcomers into the church family.

“It’s OK if we wrestle with diversity and pluralism,” he told the 3,500 delegates assembled for the convocation’s first plenary session July 2. “This is where we need to exercise the pastoral practice of mutual accompaniment.”

Ospino suggested that Catholics of the first decades of the 21st century might begin to understand that they can set the course of a “new Catholic moment in the U.S.” by embracing diversity.

Citing the explosive growth of Catholic communities in the American South and West, Ospino said the church is being called to respond to the needs of new immigrants so that they are welcomed and not made to feel forgotten.

The Diocesan delegation at work at the Convocation. Clockwise from left: Joseph Sudano, Catherine Jantsch Butel, Anthony Butel, Bishop Bambara, Ruthellen Shoener, Deacon Ed Shoener, Monsignor Michael Delaney, Dominick Costantino, Shannon Kowalski, Monsignor Thomas Muldowney, Sarah Rodriguez Hazleton, Alejandra Marroquin.



A Eucharistic procession was among the spiritual services at the convocation.

Serve God, others with joy

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Orlando Bishop John G. Noonan asked Cardinal Dolan where he was going after the event and the cardinal replied: “Disney World!” repeating the answer given by many Super Bowl athletes.

Clearly looking for another answer, the bishop turned to the crowd and asked them the same question and they responded, “Heaven!”

“How are we going to get there?” the bishop asked before answering his own question that they would figure out the answer during their time at the convocation and when they returned to their parishes with renewed hope.

Bishop Noonan said the cardinal called him five years ago and said he’d like to come to Orlando in July. “He just didn’t say how many he invited!” the bishop joked.

Pope Francis said in a message he hoped the days of dialogue and prayer for the delegates would enable them to return to their Catholic communities and “read the signs of the times joyfully” and follow God’s call to be missionary disciples.



Young people from the Diocese who participated in the convocation included, from left: Joseph Sudano, Sarah Rodriguez Hazleton, Alejandra Marroquin and Shannon Kowalski.

Diocese participates in convocation

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In addition to the Bishop, 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.

The Convocation, the largest gathering ever sponsored by U.S. bishops, featured workshop presentations, keynote addresses and prayer.

In addition to the diocesan delegations chosen by their bishops, other attendees included key leaders of Catholic organizations, apostolates, missions, congregations, institutions and agencies identified by the USCCB.



Our Community Observes "World Refugee Day"

"With regard to migrants, displaced persons and refugees, a common commitment is needed, one focused on offering them a dignified welcome. (Also), immigrants themselves must not forget that they have a duty to respect the laws, culture and traditions of the countries in which they are received. Migrants are persons, with their own names, stories and families. There can never be true peace as long as a single human being is violated in his or her personal identity and reduced to a mere statistic or an object of economic calculation." – **Pope Francis**

Members of our community connected with refugees from various countries who have resettled here during the second "World Refugee Day" held on June 25 at Nay Aug Park in Scranton.

World Refugee Day, established by the United Nations, commemorates the experiences and challenges of millions of refugees throughout the world. The local observance was sponsored by Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton, which administers a refugee resettlement program through the U.S. State Department. The Diocesan Office for Parish Life assisted with planning and coordinating the event.

"What a blessing for all of us to join together today to celebrate World Refugee Day," said Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. "It's humbling to be with all of you and recognize your strength, courage and resilience as you seek a better world for yourselves and your families and settle into our community."

The Bishop acknowledged that accepting refugees elicits fear and anxiety among some people and even countries. "In the face of such fears, know that the Church stands with you and will work with you as you seek to care for the lives given to you," he said.

He cited a 2003 document issued by the bishops of the United States and Mexico, *Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope*, in which five basic principles were articulated "that every one of us needs to sear into our hearts" –

- + All people have a right to find opportunity in their homeland.
- + All people have a right to migrate in order to support themselves and their families.
- + Nations have the right to control their borders.
- + Refugees and asylum seekers should be protected by the international community.
- + The dignity and human rights of undocumented migrants should be protected.

Bishop Bambera recalled that in 1912 his grandmother journeyed to northeastern Pennsylvania from Poland to seek a better life for herself, his grandfather and their family. Her accent always revealed her roots in Eastern Europe; yet, she became a proud citizen of this country who dearly loved it – who sent four of her six sons to serve in the military during WWII and the Korean Conflict – and who contributed through her own efforts and those of her 10 children to building this nation into a strong and value based country.

"You are doing the very same thing today," Bishop Bambera told the refugee families. "Your presence and the gifts that you bring reflect so powerfully the great tapestry of life that has always been the hallmark of this great region."

He continued: "We support you because like everyone who walks the face of this earth, you are made in the image and likeness of God and therefore deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. We salute your efforts to achieve a better life for yourselves and your families. We thank you for the richness of life and culture and human activity that you bring to our region. And we walk with you into what we hope and pray through the grace of God will be a bright tomorrow. God bless you!"

The celebration featured cultural music, dance, art, ethnic dress, exhibits, community conversations with refugee families, crafts and games for children, and resources from community partners.



Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

Almighty and merciful God,
Whose Son became a refugee
And had no place to call his own;
Look with mercy on those who today
Are fleeing from danger,
Homeless and hungry.
Bless those who work to bring them relief;
Inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;
And guide us towards that day
When all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice
and peace.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord,
Amen.



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Mass Honors Priests Celebrating Ordination Jubilees

Bishop Bambera was principal celebrant of a Mass to honor priests of the Diocese of Scranton who are celebrating milestone ordination anniversaries this year. This liturgy was held on June 22 in the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. Pictured after the Mass are, front row from left: Reverend Patrick L. Albert, 25 years; Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus John M. Dougherty, 60 years;



Bishop Bambera; Reverend Joseph A. Kearney, 50 years; and Reverend Joseph O. Weber, 60 years. Back row: Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, V.E., Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; Reverend E. Francis Kelly, 50 years; Reverend Michael J. Rafferty, 60 years; Reverend Edward P. Lyman, 50 years; Monsignor John J. Bendik, 50 years; Monsignor Joseph G. Rauscher, 50 years; Reverend Richard E. Fox, 25 years; and Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., Vicar General of the Diocese. Priests celebrating jubilees who were not able to attend the Mass are Reverend Alex J. Hazzouri, 60 years; Monsignor William P. Ward, 60 years; and Reverend Richard A. Zavacki, 60 years.



Feast of Corpus Christi

Bishop Bambera celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ at a Mass on June 18 at Ascension Parish, St. Joseph Church in Forest City. Also known as Corpus Christi, the Church celebrates this solemnity to commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and to emphasize the recognition of Jesus Christ's real presence in the Eucharist.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

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

Special Assignment

Reverend Alex J. Roche, S.T.L., to Chaplain, Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre, effective July 6, 2017. Father Roche will continue to serve as Pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Lake Silkworth, and Chaplain, Misericordia University, Dallas.



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

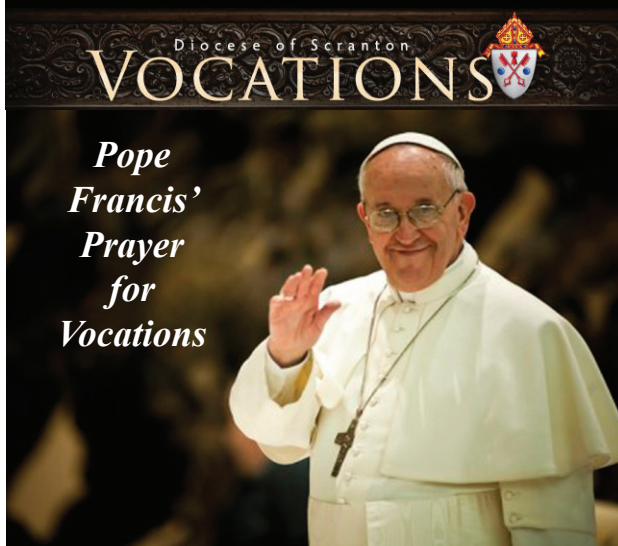
July 10 – 8th Annual Vocations Golf Tournament, Mountain Top

July 13 – Mass of Remembrance, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 7:00 p.m.

July 15 – Installation of Parish Life Coordinator – Deacon William F. Behm, St. Andrew's Church, Wilkes-Barre, 4:00 p.m.

July 16 – Installation of Parish Life Coordinator – Deacon Edward T. Kelly, St. Mary's Church, Waymart, 9:45 a.m.

July 26 – Closing Mass, St. Ann's Novena, St. Ann's Basilica, Scranton, 7:30 p.m.



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.

#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*. #PartnerwithFrancis listening sessions have been taking place throughout the Diocese. Visit www.partnerwithfrancis.org to find out about an upcoming session.

Photo: Recent Young Adult Listening Session facilitated by Father Don Williams and Catherine Butel.



Music ensemble members for the June XLT at Divine Mercy Parish in Scranton were, from left: Christine Skiro, Lauren Blazaskie, Gabe Ramos, Mia Beviglia and Stephen Dule.

Next XLT:

Friday, July 28

7-9 p.m.

**Divine Mercy Parish,
312 Davis Street, Scranton**



World Youth Day Unite

Pilgrimage for Young Adults (18-19)

Saturday, July 21- Sunday, July 22

Thousands will gather in Washington, D.C. at the Saint John Paul II Shrine for amazing worship, inspiring talks, engaging break out groups, incredible music with Audrey Assad and Tony Melendez, and more. This event, which channels the spirit and vision of the international World Youth Day celebrations, will be a moment of national unity and authentic communion for all young adults. The theme for this year's World Youth Day chosen by Pope Francis is "The Mighty One Has Done Great Things for Me and Holy is His Name." The pilgrimage will also include sightseeing in Washington, D.C.

Cost: \$150 (includes motor coach transportation, hotel, Saturday festival registration fee, breakfast two mornings, dinner two evenings)
For more information, please call 570-780-2996.

Holy Family Parish Supports Seminarians



Parishioners of Holy Family Parish, Sugar Notch, raised \$600 through a bake sale to benefit Diocesan seminarians. Presenting the check to Father Donald Williams, Director of Vocations and Seminarians, are, from left, Ann Marie Columbo; Diane Bliss; Father Joseph Kakareka, Holy Family pastor; Marlene Fedak; Father Williams; Theresa Cronauer and Stella Bobrowski.

Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry Candidates Are Commissioned

On Monday, June 19, 2017, the Office for Parish Life Team hosted a Eucharistic Liturgy at the Cathedral of Saint Peter to celebrate three candidates who recently completed the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry*. In an intimate gathering with their families and fellow participants in the certificate process, **Jacki Douglas, Dori Hurley**, both of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Brodheadsville, and **Denise Williams** of Saint Therese Parish in Shavertown, were presented to Bishop Bambera, and received a Blessing of Commissioning, to be recognized as Lay Ministers within the Diocese of Scranton.

Having already been active in their respective ministries for many years as members of their parish staff, each of these ministers brought a wealth of parish experience to their studies, complementing the theological knowledge they acquired during their participation. Mrs. Douglas currently serves as Director of Faith Formation, with Mrs. Hurley serving as Youth Minister at their parish; Mrs. Williams is the Coordinator for her parish's Religious Education program.

Over the course of three years of study, Douglas, Hurley and Williams participated in online coursework, ministry skills workshops, ongoing spiritual formation, and engaged in a culminating practicum project which corresponded with the needs of their faith community and their parish's Pastoral Plan. As they progressed through each step of their ministerial formation in the *Diocesan Certificate* process, each minister expressed a call of discipleship and a spirit of discernment for giving of their generous talents to the service of the Church.

These three women believe that the *Diocesan Certificate* program affirmed their many years of work, giving real life application



Lay Ministers are pictured with Bishop Bambera and their pastors after the Mass at which they received a Blessing of Commissioning. From left: Father Michael Quinnan, pastor, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Brodheadsville; Jacki Douglas; Dori Hurley; Bishop Bambera; Denise Williams; Father James Paisley, pastor, St. Therese's Parish, Shavertown.

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for the concepts they were learning; the courses they took also provided opportunity for them to gain fresh perspectives for growing their ministries. With the comprehensive formation they received, they will be able to continue their contribution to the vision and growth in their parishes through new and meaningful ways.

In his homily at the Commissioning Mass, Bishop Bambera acknowledged the very special achievements of these individuals who have engaged our lay ministry formation program for service to this local Church of Scranton.

"We're so very proud of each of you," he said. "You've learned a great deal. You've grown in your understanding of our faith and in your desire to give that faith a voice – and hands – and a heart – as you seek to minister to the people whom God has and will continue to entrust to your care.

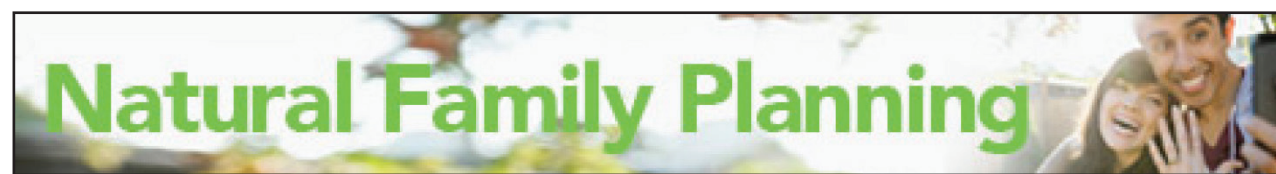
"So, my sisters and brothers, go forth and live your baptism! Use well, wisely and generously the gifts that God has given to you. And ever and always recognize that in the sacred trust that is yours, your ministry – and mine – is always to recognize and proclaim Jesus and the power of his mercy and love."

The *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* process is designed to equip and advance the servant leadership

capacities of individuals ministering 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 more! The Office for Parish Life invites your parish to learn how this ministry formation program, and other resources of "OPL," can benefit and grow the leadership of your faith community. Contact Kitty Scanlan at the Office for Parish Life by telephone, 570-207-2213, or by email at kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org for more information.



At an Evening of Reflection prior to the Mass, commissioned Ministers presented their final practicum projects with other candidates in the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry*, their pastors, and the Certificate Program team members. These ministers shared insights from engaging in their practicum experience, and discussed the overall impact of their formation on their parish ministries.



National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week Begins July 23

"It's Time! Say 'Yes' to God's Plan for Married Love" is the theme of this year's Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (July 23-29), a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God's design for married love and the gift of life, and to raise awareness of Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods. This year's theme invites a reflection on how "now" could be a very good and acceptable time to learn more about NFP and the Church's beautiful teachings about marriage and God's plan for married love.

The Catholic Church teaches that Natural Family Planning is the morally acceptable way for married couples to balance their constant openness to the procreative purpose of sex within marriage and their responsibility to bring into the world children they can responsibly nurture. NFP allows a couple to work with the woman's fertility cycle, rather than see it as an obstacle. Furthermore, NFP encourages the married couple to develop a level of intimacy that includes and goes beyond intercourse.

As the *Standards for Diocesan Natural Family Planning Ministry* explain:

Natural Family Planning is an umbrella term for certain methods used to achieve and avoid pregnancies. These methods are based on observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle. Couples using NFP to avoid pregnancy abstain from intercourse and genital contact during the fertile phase of the woman's cycle. No drugs, devices, or surgical procedures are used to avoid pregnancy.

NFP reflects the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, promotes openness to life, and recognizes the value of the child. By respecting the love-giving and life-giving natures of marriage, NFP can enrich the bond between husband and wife. (p. 23)

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Father Thomas D. McLaughlin Is Laid to Rest in Wilkes-Barre

Reverend Thomas D. McLaughlin died on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at Little Flower Manor, Wilkes-Barre.

Father McLaughlin, son of the late Thomas Gerard and Jean Marie Brannan McLaughlin, was born in Wilkes-Barre on September 6, 1950. He received his early education at Gate of Heaven Catholic School, Dallas, and St. Matthew's, East Stroudsburg. He graduated from Pocono Central Catholic High School in 1968.

Father graduated from the University of Scranton with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1972 and entered St. Bonaventure University, where he received a master's degree in 1976 and completed his studies for the priesthood at Christ the King Seminary, Olean, N.Y.

He was ordained on May 1, 1976, in St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, by the Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick, D.D., late Bishop of Scranton.

Father McLaughlin was assigned as assistant pastor at St. Gabriel's, Hazleton; St. Jude's, Mountaintop; and St. Luke's, Stroudsburg. He was appointed pastor of St. Luke's, Stroudsburg, on June 22, 1992, and remained there for 23 years until his appointment as pastor emeritus on May 11, 2015.

Father McLaughlin also served the Diocese as a member of the Priests Advisory Committee for the Bishop's Annual Appeal and then as moderator of the Bishop's Annual Appeal for three consecutive years from 1995-1997, as dean of the Monroe Country Deanery.

He was a member of the Presbyteral Council, the Consultation Committee for the Removal of Pastors from Office, chairman of the Diocesan Communications Commission and the Diocesan Finance Council. He was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Notre Dame Regional School System and the Strategic Planning Task Force for Catholic Education. He was appointed to the Administrative Board of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference and served from 2004 – 2009.

Father McLaughlin was also honored by the Notre Dame Club of the Poconos, described as a driving force in the church and community for his work. He was one of the initial founders of the Pocono Area Transitional Housing Project and the establishment of the Big Brothers/



Reverend Thomas D. McLaughlin

Big Sisters Program in Monroe County. He established the annual Thousandaire Dinner to raise money to fund the church's annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner, which was open to anyone regardless of religion, and he served on the board of Meals on Wheels and was involved with the Clergy Division of the Annual United Way Campaign.

Father McLaughlin also encouraged his parishioners to get involved in building three buildings in South America as part of the Food for the Poor Program. In his own parish he created the weekly Soup Kitchen and was the driving force behind the construction of the Father Barrett Center, which houses the St. Luke's Day Care Center, created to assist working parents in the community. He also oversaw the renovation of St. Luke's Church during his tenure.

Father McLaughlin was devoted to his family, friends and community, and deeply loved by all. He was an avid traveler and was able to reach his goal of celebrating Mass on all seven continents.

He is survived by a brother, James and his wife Rebecca, Moscow; and three sisters, Jeanne, Washington, D.C.; Ann and husband Robert Dodelin, North Potomac, Md.; Mary Ellen and husband William Harkins, Morgantown, N.C.; and several nieces, nephews and grand nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Francis McLaughlin.

A Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on June 17 at St. Luke's Church, Stroudsburg. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Wilkes-Barre.

Memorial donations can be made to Little Flower Manor, 200 South Meade St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

SOLEMN NOVENA TO SAINT ANN BEGINS JULY 17

Very Rev. Richard Burke, C.P., rector of Saint Ann's Monastery in Scranton, announces the preachers for the annual Solemn Novena to Saint Ann. These special days of prayer and preaching extend from Monday, July 17, through the Feast of Saint Ann on Wednesday, July 26.

The preachers for the novena are Father Melvin Shorter, C.P., and Father Paul Ruttle, C.P.

Father Shorter is originally from Baltimore. He professed his Passionist vows in 1982 and was ordained to the Passionist priesthood in 1986. His ministry experience includes Retreat Center team member, 12 years as pastor of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish in Atlanta, assistant pastor of Saint Joseph's Parish in Paris, France, and currently he is associate retreat director of Our Lady of Florida Retreat Center in North Palm Beach. He also has been a member of Saint Paul of the Cross Province Itinerant Preaching Ministry for many years.

Father Ruttle hails from the Boston area. He was professed as a Passionist in 1976 and ordained to the priesthood in 1980. Father has served as a member of several Retreat Center teams, including director of Bishop Malloy Retreat Center in Jamaica, N.Y. He has been a member of the Province Itinerant Preaching Ministry for many years. Most recently, Father Paul enjoyed eight years as a missionary in Jamaica, West Indies, where he was the pastor of Saint Paul of the Cross Cathedral Parish in the Diocese of Mandeville. Currently, he is a member of the Itinerant Preaching Ministry and is stationed at Saint Ann's Monastery in Scranton where he also assists with the ministries of the Basilica.

The preachers will be reflecting on the theme "Love is Ingenious." Taken from a letter of Saint Paul of the Cross, this



Father Paul Ruttle, C.P.



Father Melvin Shorter, C.P.

theme explores some of the wonder of God's love for us and our call to imitate divine love in our life and our dealings with one another. Love finds a way. Love never fails.

All are invited to come to Saint Ann's Basilica for all or part of this 10-day period of prayer and devotion. Daily services include:

8:00 AM – Mass and Novena Service (outdoors, weather permitting)

11:45 AM – Mass and Novena Services (in the Basilica)

3:30 PM – Novena Service only (in the Basilica)

5:30 PM – Mass and Novena Service (outdoors, weather permitting)

7:30 PM – Mass and Novena Service (outdoors, weather permitting)

For the benefit of all who come for spiritual enrichment during these 10 days of prayer, confession is available before and after each Mass and Novena Service.

We look forward to our journey in prayer with all who are devoted to Saint Ann and come to seek her intercession in our many needs and those of our Church and our world.

Novena on CTV

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton, will broadcast a daily Mass and Novena service Monday through Friday at 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, July 22, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, July 23, at 5:00 p.m.

The Closing Ceremony being held on Wednesday, July 26, will air on CTV on Thursday, July 27, at 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

Special Celebrations:

Tuesday, July 18, at 4:30 p.m.

Celebration of the Divine Liturgy (Eucharist) in the Byzantine Rite
(there will be no 5:30 P. M. service on this day)

Thursday, July 20, at 1:30 p.m.

Celebration of the Mass of the Anointing of the Sick.

Saturday, July 22, at 10:00 a.m.

Children's Mass and Novena prayers;
Special Blessing of families and grandparents.

Tuesday, July 25, at 9:00 p.m.

All-night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins.

Wednesday, July 26, the Solemnity of St. Ann

Mass and Novena Prayers at 4:30 a.m., 6:00 a.m., 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Devotions only at 3:30 p.m. Mass in Polish at 1:15 p.m. in the Upper Basilica; Mass in Italian at 1:30 p.m. in the Lower Basilica. **Solemn Closing Mass of St. Ann's Novena at 7:30 p.m. with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera presiding.**

Editorial Eulogy: Father Thomas D. McLaughlin

Many of us have often thought that Father Tom could have been a politician. It does seem that he did have an avocation as a travel agent! Others could see him as an investment banker, hence the choice of today's gospel of the clever steward wisely investing his master's money.

These three attributes of the resourceful servant (industrious, reliable, dependable) epitomize the life and ministry of our dear friend, brother, uncle and pastor, Tom McLaughlin, whose body we honor this morning with Christian burial.

Father Tom's obituary...speak(s) well of the impact of this good man and priest on this community of faith at Saint Luke's and in the wider community here in the Pocono Mountains. Moreover, Father's service to the bishops, priests and people of the Diocese of Scranton are not only well known but certainly went well above and beyond the ordinary.

I first met Tom while I was still in high school and he was a seminarian at Pius X in Dalton. With a few others over these many years, our relationship became one of many and varied adventures together while meeting weekly for the Thursday lunch, the almost daily phone calls and travel the world over. Tom often reflected on the fact that we were so fortunate and blessed to have been able to do and see so much in our lives. Even in these last few years, he would comment on how we were able to do and enjoy so much together.

Will anyone here at Saint Luke's ever forget the annual Memorial Day to Labor Day shtick at the end of each Mass asking the visitors to raise a hand and then find out who came the farthest? All with the vintage McLaughlin questions and comments. How many tee shirts and rulers from Saint Luke's in Stroudsburg are there the world over? Then, there was the ongoing quest for the trinkets from every trip: five different gifts — really chotski — for each of the six weekend Masses. Then there was the Christmas shopping the world over, looking for those beautiful dolls for the nieces! And the ultimate search — not for the Holy Grail — but for sugar free ice cream!

One of the things about Tom that may not be as apparent to many is how deeply committed he was to the priests of the Diocese. He felt a great bond with this fraternity and did much to foster and promote it. His many years of service on the Council of Priests were especially marked as an advocate for the priests of the diocese in the very practical matters of health care for all the priests and particularly the needs of the our retired priests. Tom made every effort and then some to attend the funeral of every priest of the Diocese regardless of the location of the funeral. This was vividly evident just a few years ago when he had a parishioner here drive him all the way to Dushore for Father Joe Hornick's funeral Mass.

Father Tom's condition began to manifest itself slowly and subtly over the past several years. That he was beginning to have a serious problem became obvious to Father Verespy and myself soon after the election of Pope Francis in March 2013. Intrigued by this new pope, we decided to go to Rome after Easter. Tom was expert at handling such arrangements. Yet it became obvious to us that something was missing in making the plans. Once there, it became quite evident to us that something was not right. Tom was just not on top of everything as he always was. Needless to say, we began to be very concerned and gradually noted the progression of what came to be recognized as the symptoms of this terrible disease.

With much help, love and support from the parish staff and parishioners, Father McLaughlin continued his very best to be the pastor of his beloved Saint Luke's. When the time came that Father needed to receive additional care and support, he was not too sure of what was going on or why this was happening. But finally and characteristically, he submitted his will to this change "if it was for the good of the church." That was always very important to him.

We all knew that Tom was a great fan of the movies. It was part of his weekly routine to see a movie, often on the day it was released. In 2015, Julianne Moore starred in a movie entitled "Still Alice" — a film based on a true story of a woman, a college professor, who begins to have difficulty with her vocabulary. The movie deals with the harsh reality of early Alzheimer's disease on Alice and her family and loved ones.

Joe and I went to see the movie knowing what it was about. For a while, at the end, we just sat there numb in silence. A week or so later, Tom mentioned that he too saw the movie. One of us sheepishly asked what he thought. Sadly he said, "It's now the story of my life."

So the past few years with Father Tom have been for many of us a vivid and sad reminder of the fate of millions of people dealing with this disease: those afflicted, their family members, loved ones and friends. Even though over the past few years so much was taken from Tom's memory and separated him from us in so many ways, nothing can or could ever separate Tom from "the love of God in Christ Jesus" as we proclaimed in the second reading today!

Despite the sadness and pain, however, despite the twilight and, yes, even the darkness of these past few years, we are gathered here this morning to remember and celebrate the life and legacy of Father Tom McLaughlin. We do so fondly and with gratitude. As in the gospel today, we acknowledge him as that industrious, reliable and dependable steward of God's many gifts. And with the Master, we too say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, come share your master's joy."

Excerpted from the homily by Monsignor Patrick J. Pratico at the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for Father Thomas D. McLaughlin on June 17 at St. Luke Church in Stroudsburg.

Prayer Requests for Priests

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

July 6, Father Christopher Sahd; July 7, Father Thomas Sarnecki; July 8, Father Arbogaste Satoun; July 9, Holy Cross Father Eric Schimmel; July 10, St. Joseph Oblate Father Daniel Schwebs; July 11, Father Kenneth Seegar; July 12, Monsignor John Sempa; July 13, Father Gerald Shantillo; July 14, St. Joseph

Oblate Father Joseph Sibilano; July 15, Father Joseph Sica; July 16, Monsignor Constantine Siconolfi; July 17, Father Robert Simon; July 18, Father Andrew Sinnott; July 19, Father Joseph Sitko; July 20, Father Phillip Sladicka; July 21, Father Casimir Stanis; July 22, Father Stephen Stavoy; July 23, Father Scott Sterowski; July 24, Jesuit Father Daniel Sweeney; July 25, St. Joseph Oblate Father Raymond Tapon; July 26, Father John Terry.



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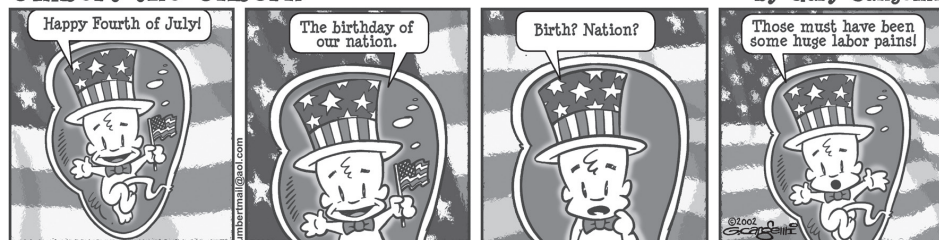
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Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



3rd Cornerstone at St. Eulalia

Bishop Bambara was principal celebrant for the 4 p.m. Mass on June 24 at St. Eulalia Church in Roaring Brook Township as the parish held a groundbreaking ceremony for its 3rd Cornerstone, a project to expand the Parish Center.

The project, which is being funded by a parish capital campaign, will include a new wing to accommodate all religious education students, new lower-level restrooms for students and teachers, a new and expanded entrance, a new lobby with gathering area, new multi-purpose meeting rooms, new and expanded restrooms, new storage areas, and renovations to the existing Parish Center.



Performing the ceremonial groundbreaking are, foreground from right to left: Jerry Mahon, director of the campaign; Bishop Bambara; Monsignor John W. Jordan, pastor; Anthony Jordan, Roaring Brook Township supervisor, and Youth Group representatives Nicholas DeScipio and Caroline Bertha.

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Architectural rendering depicts the new front entrance and gathering foyer with a Library Lounge area, new restrooms and elevator.



Catechist Camp to feature innovative approaches to promote faith formation

All DREs, catechists, youth ministry leaders, Catholic school teachers and parents are invited to join us for a day of Catechist Camp in August. In last year's Catechist Camp, we introduced the work of LifelongFaith Associates in "Re-Imagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century." This year's Catechist Camp will provide two different Innovation Labs, designed and facilitated through LifelongFaith Associates. More details will be published soon.

Choose the Camp topic which is most beneficial for you, or send a team to each topic:

- **Tuesday, August 8: Orientation/Basic Certification for New Parish Catechists and New Catholic School Teachers—Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton 9:00AM – 5:00PM**
- **Wednesday, August 9: Digitally Enabled Faith Formation Workshop—St. Ann Parish, Williamsport 9:00AM – 5:00PM**
- **Thursday, August 10: Digitally Enabled Faith Formation Workshop—St. Leo Parish, Ashley 9:00AM – 5:00PM**

- **Friday, August 11: Faith Formation for Every Adult Workshop—St. Luke Parish, Stroudsburg 9:00AM – 5:00PM**
- **Saturday, August 12: Faith Formation for Every Adult Workshop—Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton 9:00AM – 5:00PM**
- **Digitally Enabled Faith Formation: Using Digitally Enabled and Digitally Connected Tools, Methods, and Resources in Faith Formation with All Ages (presented by Jim Merhaut)**

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.

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Lighting the Fire of Faith

Hundreds of Catholic teenagers from around the Diocese participated in the 11th annual “Light the Fire” Summer Youth Rally on June 28 on the campus of Misericordia University in Dallas. They enjoyed a variety of guest presentations, inspirational and informative workshops, music, Holy Hour, fun activities and opportunities for fellowship – all designed to help them appreciate and enliven their faith.

Bishop Bambera celebrated the closing Mass, at which he drew comparisons between us and the somewhat reluctant disciples Peter and Paul: “Right now, through the power of Jesus at work within our lives and hearts, we’re being given the opportunity to become saints – believe it or not!”

Some of you, the Bishop noted, may recall that Pope Francis challenged young people like yourselves at World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, last July to “leave a mark for good in the world” by using generously the gifts that God has given you.

“The reality of all that we face every day in our lives, then, prompts a very important question. What are we going to do with the gifts that God has given to us?” Bishop Bambera said, urging that – despite all of our faults and imperfections – we can leave our mark for good in the world by following Jesus.

“This great day of gathering with the young Church of Scranton will bless our lives with meaning and peace *if only* we keep Jesus at our center – just as he was for Peter and Paul,” he said. “That’s a thought to consider, not just at this moment, but every day and in every place and situation where God calls us to be.”



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Catechist Camp workshops

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Jim Merhaut is the founder and director of Coaching to Connect, a training and coaching service offered to individuals, organizations, and couples. Jim is a professional executive and life coach. He is also a leadership consultant and trainer, writer, retreat leader and national speaker.

He is an author and co-author of nine books and dozens of other publications, including the award-winning book, *Your Catholic Family: Simple Ways to Share the Faith at Home*. Jim’s experience in digital ministry includes designing and developing all digital outreach for Coaching to Connect and digital ministry project coordination for his church clients including social media, website design and management, graphic design, video production, audio production and more.



- **Faith Formation for Every Adult in the Congregation** (presented by Sister Janet Schaeffler)

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.

A facilitator of days of reflection/retreats, parish mis-



National Natural Family Planning Awareness

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The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers a number of resources for parishes to promote NFP awareness during NFP Awareness Week. Parishes can find extensive suggested intercessions for church and government leaders as well as families at all stages, a suggested homily and articles about NFP on the USCCB website, <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family>. More information about NFP is also available on the Diocese of Scranton’s website, www.dioceseofscranton.org, on the “Office for Parish Life” page, under “Marriage and Family.”

Resources (e.g., the 2017 NFP Week poster, web banners, prayers, homily notes, bulletin inserts, etc.) can also be found on the USCCB’s NFP Program website: <http://www.usccb.org/nfp/awareness-week/index.cfm>. For more information, contact nfp@usccb.org.

Couples interested in strengthening their marriage through prayer (or parishes that wish to help them do so) will see prayers, virtual retreats and articles on www.foryourmarriage.org, a site sponsored by USCCB. Other enriching prayer resources can be located at www.vibrantfaithathome.org.

For couples looking for NFP training within the Diocese, there are several options:

In-person, individual instruction in the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP is available from certified instructors. (See the Diocesan website for more information.)

Taking an online course in the Billings Ovulation Method of NFP at www.learnNFPonline.com.

Attending a class on the Marquette Method of NFP through St. Peter’s Parish, Wellsboro. Contact the parish office at 570-724-3371 for details.

sions, workshops/presentations, author, university teacher, and facilitator of online classes for the University of Dayton and Boston College, **Sister Janet Schaeffler**, OP continues the ministry she was involved in for many years in parishes and as Director for Adult Faith Formation for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Janet created and publishes GEMS, a monthly newsletter from an ongoing international best practices study on adult faith formation. In April 2010 Janet received the Distinguished Service Award in Catechetics from NCCL (National Conference for Catechetical Leadership).

Some of her most recent books are *Deepening Faith: Adult Faith Formation in the Parish*; *Reflections and Prayers for Advent 2016* (2017 forthcoming); *The Spirituality of the Catechist*; *Teaching Kids to Care*, *Marian Prayers from our Tradition*; and *How to Talk to Children about Jesus*; *Activities for What Makes Us Catholic*.

Please complete the registration form to participate in any of these Catechist Camp workshops: <https://tinyurl.com/Catechist-Camp>

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



Students from **Holy Cross High School in Dunmore** were recognized for their scores on the National Latin exam. Latin Medal and certificate winners include: Meghan Keenan (Silver Medal – maxima cum laude), Taylor Callis (magna cum laude), Gianna Calciano (magna cum laude), Neena Beggin (cum laude), Lana Baron (magna cum laude), Tori Kovalchick (magna cum laude), Kelly Clark (magna cum laude), Claire O'Connor (magna cum laude), Alexandra Tomaine (cum laude), Leslie O'Connor (magna cum laude), Julianna Innocenti (magna cum laude), Marla Gambucci (Gold Medal – summa cum laude), Olivia Zehel (Silver Medal – maxima cum laude), Gianna Sacchetti (cum laude), Lauren Palmiter (magna cum laude), Chloe Pearce (magna cum laude), Rachel Moffit (magna cum laude), Elizabeth Cooper (cum laude), Alexandra Solimine (magna cum laude), Christina Shaffern (Gold Medal – summa cum laude), Cassandra Sporko (magna cum laude), Mary Stec (cum laude), Angelina Huffman (magna cum laude), Hannah Carr (magna cum laude), Annabelle Callis (Gold Medal – summa cum laude), Kaylee Magda (magna cum laude), Ericka Pica (Gold Medal – summa cum laude), Jacob Rasimovich (Silver Medal – maxima cum laude), Andrew Healey (magna cum laude), Patrick Galvin (magna cum laude), Ronald James (magna cum laude), Elisabeth Johnson (magna cum laude), Matthew Cerep (Silver Medal – maxima cum laude), Thomas Neimiec (Silver Medal – maxima cum laude), Joseph Lennon (magna cum laude), Meghan Healey (magna cum laude), Caroline Kranick (Gold Medal – summa cum laude), and Alexis Walsh (magna cum laude).



The 6th grade students at **St. Agnes School in Towanda** stand in front of the school's Blessed Mother statue after honoring Mary, the Mother of Jesus, during the school's annual May Crowning ceremony.



The Division 3 Odyssey of the Mind team from **St. John Neumann High School in Williamsport** placed third at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Michigan State University. The team competed against 39 other teams from across the USA and around the world, and received bronze medals and a trophy for their 3rd place victory. The team consisted of Kendra Snyder, Raena Matz, Natalie Kolczynski, Kaycie Gerrity and Kirsten Hickey.



Daniel Drost, a student at **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston**, completed his Eagle Scout service project at his school by renovating the school's music room, benefitting future GSA students. The room, which previously had no storage area for musical supplies, now has shelving and wardrobe storage along with a new paint theme and an osculating fan, to help air circulation. Dan is pictured with Mr. Micca, GSA music teacher, as well as representatives from Lowe's in Edwardsville which donated supplies for his project.



Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) students from **St. Clare/St. Paul School in Scranton** recently traveled to Penn State to compete at the state level. Pictured are Caitlin Bestrycki, Daniel Bohenek, Nora Davis, Abigail Haggerty, Maya Hemak, Gia Lettieri, Kathleen Lynott, David McIntyre, Giovanni Ramos, Lilly Reilly, Joseph Talarico, Michael Watkins, and Caroline Welby.



Students from **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green** shared their musical talents at a recent School Mass; pictured are 4th grader Nick DeLayo and 1st graders Christopher Bohn, Anthony DeLayo and Jimmy Black.



The Pre-Kindergarten students at **Epiphany School in Sayre** proudly hold their diplomas, promoting them to Kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year.



Students at **Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg** sort and clip coupons to be sent to U.S. service members for a community service project called “Troopons.”



Members of the *Students of Service* club from **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton** recently spent time preparing for summer and planted flowers in the school’s Prayer Garden.



Students at **Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco** celebrated May with their annual crowning of the school’s Blessed Mother statue; here the 2nd graders, who presented flowers during the ceremony, pose with the 8th graders as they enjoy their final May Crowning before graduation.



The Patriotic Club at **Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre** conducted school-wide drives throughout the year to collect personal care items for veterans who are guests at the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital in Plains. The club, now in its second year at the school, works to honor past and current members of the military. Shown with donated items are Father Joseph Elston, school chaplain/dean of students, Alex Larralde, Steven Langdon, Tim Cavanaugh, Ian Barchock, Benton Smith, Emily Bush, Christine Revitt, Paul Jason, Nathan Roppelt, Nicole Kerestes, Mary Grace Eckert, and Joseph Szewczyk, club advisor.



Students in grades 4 - 6 from **St. Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore** spent a spring day at the Liberty Science Center in New Jersey, conducting experiments and learning how science impacts every day life.



Third grader Avery Becker and 2nd grader Dylan Klush from **Holy Rosary School in Duryea** hold their winning coloring pages as they pose with their principal, Mrs. Lee, and Ed Ameika, Board Member and Treasurer from the Duryea American Legion Post 585, which sponsored the contest.



Jordan Molitoris, Vice President of the Student Council at **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter**, presents a check for \$211.50 to Louise Smith, a representative from the Greater Pittston Meals on Wheels. The school's Student Council recently sponsored a bake sale to benefit this organization which brings meals to individuals in their homes.



The 2nd grade class of **Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg** pose in the school's Rosary Garden after their annual May Crowning celebration.



The 2nd and 3rd grade classes at **St. Jude School in Mountain Top** recently presented "Dig It!" — a musical tale of ancient civilizations. The audience traveled back in time and joined archaeologists Taki and Tut, and their fossil friend Lucy, as they explored several ancient civilizations including Ethiopia, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Asia, and Greece. Third grade characters included skeletons, kings, builders, Confucius, Sophocles, dancers and more. The 2nd grade chorus assisted with vocal selections including "So Long Ago," "In My Tomb," "Empires of the East," "Here's to the Future" and more.

Allentown priest becomes bishop of his home diocese

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Francis has named Msgr. Alfred A. Schlert, administrator of the Diocese of Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the diocese's new bishop.

Bishop-designate Schlert, 55, succeeds Bishop John O. Barres, who in December was named bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York.

The appointment was announced in Washington June 27 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Bishop-designate Schlert's ordination and installation Mass will be celebrated Aug. 31 at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown.

"This appointment elicits in me a great realization of my own inadequacies, but with equally great gratitude to Almighty God for the grace and strength he gives," he said at a news conference the day of his appointment. "I will do my best to fulfill the responsibilities that the Holy Spirit through the Holy Father has placed upon me."

He added: "I am so proud to be a member of the clergy of the Diocese of Allentown and a native son of our local church. Everything I know about being a priest, I know from the fine examples of men who have faithfully served and are serving the Diocese of Allentown."

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera offered his congratulations and prayers to Bishop-elect Schlert with great joy. As a native of the Lehigh Valley, Bishop-elect Schlert is familiar with both the needs and opportunities present within the Diocese of Allentown, Bishop Bambera said in a statement:

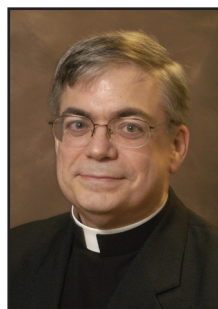
"His numerous pastoral gifts, when joined with those of the wonderful faithful entrusted to his care, will serve the Church of Allentown well. Personally, I have come to appreciate Bishop-elect Schlert's presence in the Province of Pennsylvania as Vicar General of the Diocese of Allentown, as Vice President and a member of the Administrative Board of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, and as a friend. On behalf of the Church of Scranton, I wish him

God's choicest blessings in his service to the Diocese of Allentown."

Bishop-designate Schlert is a native of Easton, Pennsylvania, born July 24, 1961, just six months after the Diocese of Allentown was formed. He studied for the priesthood at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary near Philadelphia and the Pontifical Roman Seminary and Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, earning a licentiate in canon law.

Bishop Thomas J. Welsh ordained him a priest in the Allentown cathedral Sept. 19, 1987.

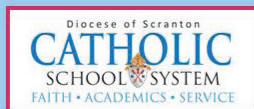
He was vice chancellor and secretary to the bishop in 1997, and was named vicar general of the Allentown Diocese in 1998.



Bishop-designate Alfred Schlert



The Christian Communities Gathering of Northeastern Pennsylvania held the third Ascension Day gathering of prayer and fellowship at First Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre. This ecumenical prayer service was another program conducted by the group to promote Christian unity and human solidarity. Principals were, front row from left: Monsignor Vincent J. Grimalia, Diocese of Scranton Coordinator for Ecumenism and Inter-Faith Affairs; Reverend William Marshall, Priest Associate, Saint Stephen's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre; Pastor Janel Wigin and Pastor Peter Kuritz, Co-Pastors of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and St. John Lutheran Church, Wilkes-Barre. Second row: Reverend David Quesenberry, Christian Church, Plymouth; Reverend Dr. Robert Zanicky, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre; Reverend Canon Maria Tjeltveit, Pastor, Church of the Mediator, Allentown; Reverend Alex Roche, Pastor, Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Hunlock Creek; Reverend Rebecca Tanner, Pastor, Ashley Presbyterian Church; Reverend Carmen Bolock, Pastor, St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church, Duryea; Very Reverend Timothy Cremeens, Dean, Holy Resurrection Orthodox Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, who was homilist for the program.



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Wyoming Area Catholic School—Exeter
St. Nicholas/St. Mary School—Wilkes-Barre
St. Jude School—Mountain Top
Holy Rosary School—Duryea
Holy Family Academy—Hazleton
Good Shepherd Academy—Kingston
Holy Redeemer High School—Wilkes-Barre

Lycoming County

St. John Neumann Elementary—Williamsport
St. John Neumann High School—Williamsport

Monroe County

Notre Dame Elementary—East Stroudsburg
Monsignor McHugh School—Cresco
Notre Dame High School—East Stroudsburg

Bradford County

St. Agnes School—Towanda
Epiphany School—Sayre

Lackawanna County

St. Mary of Mount Carmel School—Dunmore
St. Clare/St. Paul School—Scranton
Our Lady of Peace School—Clarks Green
La Salle Academy—Jessup
All Saints Academy—Scranton
Holy Cross High School—Dunmore

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Wyoming Area Catholic School students are excited to meet new classmates for the 2017-18 school year.

The 20 Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Scranton are accepting registrations for the 2017-18 school year. To learn more, visit our website www.DiocesefofScranton.org/CatholicSchools or call the Catholic Schools Office at 570-207-2251.

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Diocese's First Parish Life Coordinator Celebrating Golden Jubilee of Profession

PITTSTON — The parish community of Our Lady of the Eucharist in Pittston will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the religious profession of their Parish Life Coordinator, Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Mary Ann Cody, this Sunday, July 9.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 11 a.m. in the parish Church of St. Mary, Help of Christians, 535 N. Main St., with Father Jeffrey J. Walsh, V.E., Sacramental Minister at Our Lady of the Eucharist, as main celebrant. Father Thomas J. Maloney, pastor emeritus, will serve as the homilist. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

Sister Mary Ann, daughter of the late James and Julia



Sister Mary Ann Cody, IHM

Cody, was born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. Upon entering the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart

of Mary in September of 1964, she earned her bachelor's degree from Marywood College in Scranton, and a Master of Science in Teaching degree in mathematics education from the University of Dayton.

The golden jubilarian professed her first vows on June 26, 1967, and began her religious life by ministering in Catholic education in the Archdiocese of New York and the dioceses of Rockville Centre, N.Y., and Scranton.

On July 11, 2015, Sister Mary Ann was installed at Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish in Pittston as the first Parish Life Coordinator in the Diocese of Scranton.

BVM Ecumenical Society Plans Summer Conference at Misericordia

DALLAS — The Department of Religious Studies at Misericordia University is hosting the annual Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary, USA Summer Conference in Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall on July 12-15 for a time of study, prayer, reflection and discussion.

The program, "Mary, Disciple of the Lord: Prayer and Holiness," features eight scholarly presentations, ecumenical prayer, a panel discussion, and field trip to St. George's Orthodox Church, Taylor.

The Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary, USA is a nationwide ecumenical society

dedicated to advance the study of Mary, the Mother of Christ, through Christian biblical interpretation and theological reflection, and in the light of such study, to promote ecumenical interchange and prayer. Its aim is to show that in Mary, Christians of many traditions may find a focus in their search for unity.

The annual meeting is an opportunity to present new theological insights and developments pertaining to the Blessed Virgin from Anglican, Catholic, Evangelical, Methodist Orthodox and Presbyterian perspectives.

For more information or to register for the conference,

contact Dr. Carr, treasurer of the Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary, USA, at ccarr@misericordia.edu (write "2017 ESBVM USA Conference" in the subject line of the e-mail).

King's Director Attends Meeting with Cardinal

WILKES-BARRE — Dr. Bernard Prusak, director of the McGowan Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility at King's College, recently participated in a meeting involving the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

Hosted by Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., the prestigious gathering was attended by representatives of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, and several prominent Catholic institutions of higher

learning, including Loyola University Chicago, Fordham University, Catholic University of America, Boston College, University of Notre Dame, Marquette University and Villanova University.

Meeting sessions included a dialogue with Cardinal Peter Turkson, head of the new Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, to discuss priorities of Pope Francis and the Dicastery concerning potential collaboration with U.S. "academic centers," such as King's McGowan Center for Ethics.

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JULY SCHEDULE

	SUNDAY 7-16	MONDAY 7-17	TUESDAY 7-18	WEDNESDAY 7-19	THURSDAY 7-20	FRIDAY 7-21	SATURDAY 7-22				
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	WHERE GOD WEEPS		
3:30AM					BELOVED	EWTN GALLERY	ANGELUS FROM NAZARETH	SAINTS VS SCOUNDRELS	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOG	CATHOLICISM ON CAMPUS	
3:40 AM											
3:50AM											
4:00 AM	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	WORD FOR A WOUNDED WORLD			
5:00 AM	RELIGION & CERTITUDE	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	PROPHECY IN SONG	EWTN SPECIALS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	FR. RUTLER				
5:30 AM	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	DECISION POINT	MIRACLES OF THE CROSS	EXTRAORDINARY FAITH			CATHOLICS COME HOME				
6:00 AM	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. SCOUNDRALS				
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	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	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	FAMILY THEATER	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	THE FRIAR	LIVE WITH PASSION	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES				
12:00 PM	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN (Encore)						EWTN DAILY MASS (Encore)			
12:30 PM	(1:10PM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	DECISION POINT	LIFE ON THE ROCK (Best-of)	JOURNEY HOME (Best of)	CALLED TO COMMUNION	JOURNEY HOME (Best of)	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE				
1:30 PM		BATTLE READY					EWTN BOOKMARK				
2:00 PM		IN CONCERT (Concert length varies)	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	THRESHOLD OF HOPE (Live)	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	MIRACLES OF THE CROSS	EWTN ON LOCATION			
2:30 PM	FR. APOSTOLI	STATIONS OF THE CROSS									
3:00 PM	THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG										
3:15 PM	REFLECTIONS	HIDDEN CHURCHES	REFLECTIONS	HIDDEN CHURCHES	REFLECTIONS	HIDDEN CHURCHES	REFLECTIONS				
3:30 PM	THE HOLY ROSARY IN STAINED GLASS	SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN (Encore)						ROSARY FOR LIFE			
4:00 PM	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM							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)	SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN (Encore)						EWTN CINEMA			
7:30PM											
8:00 PM	SUNDAY NIGHT PRIME (Live)	THE JOURNEY HOME (Live)	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	EWTN LIVE	THE WORLD OVER (Live)	SPECIALS					
8:30 PM	PRIEST, PROPHET KING	EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)		EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)							
9:00 PM	HOLY ROSARY W MOTHER ANGELICA	NOVENA TO ST. ANN (Encore)	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									

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.

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JULY 23, 2017**

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NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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After 5:30 & 7:30 P.M. Masses
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**SAINT ANN'S FEAST DAY
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26**

MORNING PRAYER 4:00 AM

CONFESSIONS 4:00 AM

MASSES & DEVOTIONS 4:30 AM,
6:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM,
10:00 AM, 11:45 AM, 5:30 PM, 7:30 PM

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The Closing Ceremony being held on Wednesday evening, July 26, will air on CTV on Thursday, July 27 at 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

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Scouts Merit Catholic Badges of Honor

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera presided over a Pontifical Mass for Scouts and Parish Youth at the Cathedral of Saint Peter on Thursday, June 8. On that evening, 25 young people received awards from Bishop Bambera for their accomplishments in the Scouting Religious Emblems Programs. In addition, two adults, Gerard Babinski, Mary, Mother of God Parish, Scranton, and Francis Oquendo, St. John Parish, East Stroudsburg, received the Saint George Emblem for their significant contributions to scouting in their parishes and communities.

Award recipients served at the Mass as lector, acolytes, and gift bearers. Father Alex J. Roche, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Lake Silkworth, and chaplain of Misericordia University, Dallas, served as homilist.

Father Roche opened his homily by asking who had read the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The



Father John Victoria, pastor of St. Ann Parish, Williamsport; Bishop Bambera and Father Alex Roche, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Lake Silkworth, and homilist for this year's Scout Awards Mass, are pictured with four Scouts from St. Ann's who were among the evening's honorees. Pictured from left, Father Victoria, Matthew Adams and Zachary Kilpatrick, both of whom received the Pope Pius XII Emblem; Bishop Bambera; Angelo Fernandez, Ad Altare Dei Emblem; Zachary Geffre, Pope Pius XII Emblem; and Father Roche.

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hero of that book, the lawyer, Atticus Finch, lived his life as a hero because it was the right thing to do.

Father recalled a story about President Gerald Ford, an Eagle Scout who rose to the highest office in our land. He was accused of being too much a Boy Scout. President Ford responded with the Scout Law: a Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent. He felt that these qualities represented the best of the United States of America. He added, "If these are not the goals of

the people of the United States... either you have the wrong man or I have the wrong country, and I don't believe either is so." The qualities of scouting are also those of a good citizen, a Catholic, and a good person.

In his remarks after presenting the awards, Bishop Bambera commended the Scouts and youth for their achievements and for the values that they represent. Among those he thanked were Father Roche for his words of challenge and encouragement. "His focus

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Alisha Kravabloski, Membership Associate for the Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania Council, announces the recipients of the I Live My Faith and Mary, the First Disciple medals.

Scout Mass Gathers Youth, Families

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on what it means to be a hero resonates so much with who you are as Scouts.”

Boys of confirmation age or older were recognized for their work on the *Ad Altare Dei* (To the Altar of God) program. This award is given for study of the seven sacraments and the significance and symbolism surrounding each.

Young men of high-school age and Venture Scouts were awarded the medal representing their work on the *Pope Pius XII* program. Over a period of many months, the students were asked to look deep within their hearts

to discover their vocation in life and their responsibilities as adult Catholics.

Also awarded were the *I Live My Faith*, and *Mary, the First Disciple* (Marian) medals. Both boys and girls may work toward the reception of these awards. The *I Live My Faith* program focuses on what young people can do to make the Catholic faith visible in their everyday lives, whether that be in school, community, parish or home.

The *Marian* medal is centered on Mary, the Mother of God, as the first disciple. The work involves an intensive study of Mary's life, as students grow to be more like

Mary in their response to God.

For a complete listing of the recipients of the Catholic Religious Emblems for Scouting, please see the website of the Diocese of Scranton: www.dioceseofscranton.org.

More Scout Mass Photos Appear on Page 20



Serving as lector for the Scout Awards Mass on June 8 in St. Peter's Cathedral is Sarah Stettler, a member of St. Jude Parish, Mountain Top, who was bestowed the Mary, the First Disciple Medal.

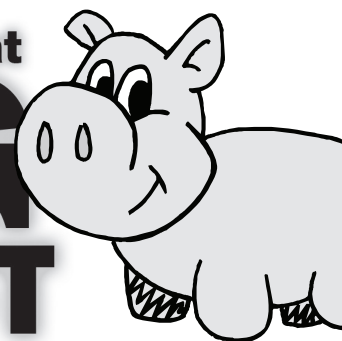


Boy Scout Lucas Helms of St. Joseph Parish, Matamoras, a recipient of the Pope Pius XII Emblem, gets his picture taken with Bishop Bambera following the recent Scout Awards Mass.

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Eagle Scout Project Enshrined in East Stroudsburg



St. Matthew Parish in East Stroudsburg is enjoying the benefit of one young parishioner's love of faith and love of Scouting. In pursuit of the Boy Scouts' coveted rank of Eagle Scout, Timothy Dobroski, 18, of Stroud Township and a member of Boy Scout Troop 86 in Stroudsburg, turned his attention to his parish church of St. Matthew, where he worships along with his parents, Matthew and Lisa Dobroski. Tim chose the creation of a Marian shrine at St. Matthew's as the crowning achievement for his Eagle Scout leadership project, which is required in attaining Boy Scouting's highest honor. Under the sponsorship and guidance of Monsignor John Bergamo, pastor emeritus of St. Matthew Parish, the decorated Scout embarked on erecting the impressive Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, which included fortifying a section of fencing, creating the waterproof display case housing the Blessed Mother's image as the centerpiece of the monument, and landscaping involving shrubbery, stepping stones and benches. Tim's Eagle Court of Honor ceremony was recently hosted at the Church of St. Luke in Stroudsburg.

Scouts, Parish Youth Achieve Honors

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Above, Claire Lenio, a parishioner at St. Jude's in Mountain Top, is awarded the Mary, the First Disciple Medal by Bishop Bambera. Below, Sean Rinkle of St. Patrick Parish, Milford, who was one of the altar servers for the June 8 Scout Awards Mass, receives the Pope Pius XII Emblem.

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Mark Your Calendar

Spiritual Offerings

Friday Holy Hour for Vocations — **JULY 7**, 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.

Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry — **JULY 8 & 22**, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. Meetings will be approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. Participating Scranton parishes include St. Peter's; Mary, Mother of God;

and Immaculate Conception. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener (Cathedral), (570-344-7231); Deacon Jan Mroz (Mary, Mother of God), (570-342-4881); or Deacon Pat McDonald (Immaculate Conception), (570-961-5211).

Sunday Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Devotion — **JULY 9**, 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.

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Williamsport Religious Education Donation



Marie Vannucci, president of the Christian Women's Organization, is shown presenting a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Jim Foran, director of religious education at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Williamsport, to benefit the parish program by helping to defray costs. The annual donation is made by the Christian Women's Organization as part of its mission to provide prayerful and financial support of the ministries of St. Joseph the Worker Parish.



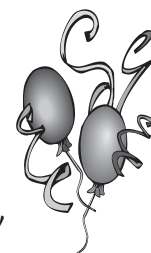
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As of October 2015, I will now meet clients either at their home, or at a location they choose and no longer require clients to meet at my office. I have decided that I would change the way I meet with people so it will be as easy and as convenient as possible for the client.

Based on my practice, which consists of estate planning and administration along with elder law, I find that clients are more comfortable discussing such matters in familiar surroundings. While I know this may seem unconventional to some, I believe I will be able to serve clients much better in this fashion. If anyone is uncomfortable with home visits, I have a few locations where I can meet in an office setting. I look forward to meeting with my existing clients and especially meeting new clients that are looking for any assistance in estate or elder law matters.



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**‘I Just Want
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**By Deacon Edward T. Kelly
Diocesan Director,
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For the past twelve years, it has been a privilege to have been an advocate for the poorest of the poor who live in the almost 1,200 mission dioceses around the world. It also has been a privilege to have written this column for those 12 years. The time has now come to pass on the baton.

Pope Francis urges us to not only reach out to the poorest of the poor but to learn the lessons they have to offer. In this last article I'd like to recall and share a few lessons that I have learned from the poorest of the poor or, as Jesus calls them, "these little ones."

I met a priest from Uganda who came to America to study at a university. I asked him what was the most difficult adjustment he had to make in coming from Africa to America. He immediately answered: "dealing with the abundance." He said that when he

first came to America he couldn't believe all the buffet-type restaurants and that he could scoop the food himself onto his plate and take as much as he wanted.

"In Uganda my mother would scoop the food onto our plates and made sure that all the children had something to eat," he said. "She would always say to us, 'I am giving you only what you need.' Living in America I started gaining weight because I kept telling myself, 'I'm going to make up for all I thought I lacked in Africa.' Then I woke up one morning and the wisdom of my mother's voice came to me: 'Just because it's there you don't have to take it — only take what you need.'"

When the priest from Uganda first came to America he was overwhelmed by all the complicated choices of abundance. It was only when he began to simplify his life, as his mother had taught him in Africa, that he lost the weight

he had gained and became more of who he really was. One of the great lessons the poor teach us is the wisdom of simplicity.

On a warm July morning, I was walking in a small slum in Piedras Negras, Mexico, with an elderly couple I had just met. They live in the slum in a shack with no electricity, no running water, and no garbage pickup. They slept in a bed outside to escape the heat inside their makeshift tin shack on a torn, stained mattress with two small discolored pillows. The legs of the bed are placed in cans filled with gasoline to keep the fire ants from biting them. Yet there is a joy in their eyes. They welcomed me — saying, "Our home is your home."

That slum in Piedras Negras, just like the Kibera and Nukuru slums I visited in Kenya, do not exist in any official capacity. The



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.

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Pro-Life Rosary Vigils

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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.

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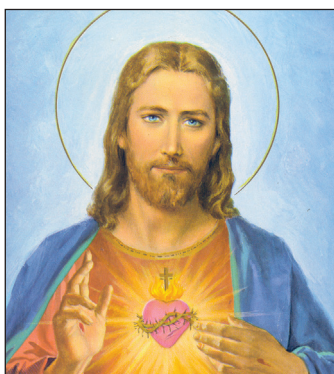
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— hosted by St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton, for all those who especially seek healing through the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary; begins with recitation of the Rosary and devotional prayers at 6:30 p.m., followed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

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

Blue Army Reparation Vigil



The next monthly First Friday Reparation Vigil, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and sponsored by the Blue Army, will be held **July 7** at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, 1880 Highway 315, Laflin (Pittston).

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

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

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Before I left that slum in Piedras Negras, I asked my new friends how they cope with the reality that they could be evicted at any time. Their answer was "rico en corazon" — which means **rich in heart**. "We have our faith. We have each other. And we have God who gives us life." Another lesson the poor teach us is that the importance of life is to be rich in what matters to God.

I met a priest from Uganda who came to America to study at a university. I asked him what was the most difficult adjustment he had to make in coming from Africa to America. He immediately answered: "dealing with the abundance."

On a Saturday morning in Kenya, in February 2011, I attended a Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Mass. There were 33,000 African kids in attendance, and the Mass lasted four hours. The Offertory alone took an hour as the young boys and girls processed to the altar sharing out of their poverty.

Before the four-hour Mass began, I met a group of Kenyan children who had to be moved to another section of the open field. Before they left, I asked the group to come back and say goodbye to me after the Mass. Four hours later, I had forgotten — but one of the children, a nine-year-old girl named Marie, tapped me on the shoulder. She said, "I just want to

say goodbye and to thank you for being here." I will never forget the lesson I received from a nine-year-old Kenyan girl.

As I think back on life and reflect on things that truly influenced me, I find that it was the simple, ordinary, yet profound, things that I witnessed very innocently. I remember hearing my Aunt Margaret's tea kettle whistling on her coal stove and watching her pour the boiling water over a used Red Rose tea bag. I would sit with her at her small kitchen table where she kept The Society for the Propagation of the Faith *Mission* magazine with an envelope next to it. My Aunt would tape two quarters inside the envelope and set it in the corner of that kitchen table, ready to be mailed. At that time I didn't realize the lasting influence this would have on my life. I believe that seemingly small donation — that sacrifice — is still making its way around the world.

As I leave this position, along with my colleague, Miriam Heverline, I want to thank all of you on behalf of the poorest of the poor for your prayers, sacrifices, and donations which makes life better for your brothers and sisters in the mission fields. I hope that this "great work" of the church helps to make our world more just, peaceful and spiritual.

And just like that nine-year-old girl from Africa, who didn't forget to say goodbye to me, I just want to say goodbye to all of you and may God bless you always.



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Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil — **JULY 14**, 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.

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.

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 Mercy 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.

PICNIC TIME

JULY

7, 8 — St. Patrick's, Scranton, parish grounds, 1400 block of Jackson St., West Scranton.

7, 8, 9 — Nativity of Our Lord, Duryea, parish picnic grounds at Sacred Heart Church, 529 Stephenson St., Duryea.

7, 8, 9 — St. Patrick's, White Haven, church grounds, 411 Allegheny St.

8 — Holy Family, Sugar Notch, church grounds, 828 Main St.

8, 9 — Good Shepherd, Drums, church grounds, 87 South Hunter Highway.

13, 14, 15 — St. Nicholas, Wilkes-Barre, church/school grounds, 226 South Washington St.

13, 14, 15 — Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Carbondale, school grounds, Farview St.

13, 14, 15 — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Swoyersville, church grounds, 116 Hughes St.

14, 15, 16 — Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lake Silkworth, church grounds, State Route 29.

14, 15, 16 — Holy Name of Jesus, West Hazleton, Transfiguration Church grounds, 213 West Green St., West Hazleton.

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

Free Community Luncheon — **JULY 8**, 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.

Villa Summer Bingo Party — **JULY 14**, hosted by St. Mary's Villa, 516 St. Mary's Villa Road, Elmhurst; held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Villa Residence. Featuring 12 games of bingo with door prizes; also includes refreshments. Requested donation of \$5 per person will benefit St. Joseph's Center of Scranton. Seating is limited, and reservations are required by July 11. Call (570-795-2810).

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Bingo — **JULY 19**, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, Jermyn; games held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the parish center, 624 Madison Ave., Jermyn. Doors open at 5 p.m.; early-bird games start 6 p.m. (regular games, 6:30). Event includes homemade foods and desserts; specialty games, refreshments, door prizes and progressive jackpot. Players attending every games party are eligible for a cash prize. Free admission; for more information, call (570-876-1061).

Sixth Annual Pig Roast — **JULY 23**, hosted by Queen of the Apostles Parish in Avoca; held from

12 noon to 4 p.m. at the parish hall and grounds, corner of Hawthorne and Spring streets, Avoca. Take-out dinners available throughout the day. Dinner features all-you-can-eat pork (pig on the spit); menu also includes picnic foods, including wimpies, hot dogs, corn on the cob, salads, desserts and beverages. Event includes cash grand prize raffle drawing, basket raffle, children's games and bake sale. Dinner cost: adults, \$20; children (age 6 to 12), \$10; tickets available in advance or at the event. For more information or advance tickets, call the parish office (570-457-3412).

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PICNIC TIME

JULY

14, 15, 16 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Hanover Township, church grounds, 420 Main St. (Buttonwood section).

20, 21, 22 — St. Eulalia's, Roaring Brook Township (Elmhurst), church grounds, 214 Blue Shutters Road.

20, 21, 22 — St. Barbara's, Exeter, St. Anthony of Padua Church grounds, Erie St., Exeter.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SEPTEMBER

2, 3 — St. Mary's, Waymart, church grounds, 242 Carbondale Road.

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



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Catholic Happenings

Gate of Heaven Summer Youth Music Camp — JULY 24-28, hosted by Gate of Heaven Parish, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas; open free of charge to children age 8 to 15. Summer camp sessions held each day from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at Gate of Heaven Church; daily schedule includes choir rehearsals, faith lesson, games and snacks. Camp concludes with special Youth Liturgy, featuring music by camp

participants, on Sunday, July 30, at 11:30 a.m. in the parish church. For more information or to register, call (570-675-2121).

Fifth Annual Lady Crusader Girls Basketball Camp — JULY 24-28, sponsored by the Lady Crusaders basketball program of Holy Cross High School in Dunmore; held at the Holy Cross High School gymnasium, Drinker St., Dunmore. Camp sessions held each day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and include instruction in all facets of basketball fundamentals and competitive games for girls entering grades 4 thru 9; instructors include high school coaches and players. Fee: \$50 per camper, includes commemorative camp T-shirt and end-of-camp pizza party. For more information, contact Coach Bob McCormack at (570-309-1635) or rmack0423@comcast.net.

Big Fundraiser for Little Sisters: "Nunsense II: The Second Coming" — AUG. 5 & 6, performances of the musical comedy presented by Our Cabaret Productions, with proceeds benefitting the Little Sisters of the Poor at Holy Family Residence; show times: Saturday at 7 p.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m., at Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton. Ticket cost: \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door; advance tickets encouraged due to limited seating. Reservations available at www.ourcabaret.com or by calling the box office toll-free (1-800-838-3006).

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,

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Bishop's Youth Awards Caption Correction



The Catholic Light's coverage of this year's Bishop's Youth Awards ceremonies, which appeared in our June 15 edition, incorrectly identified a photo taken at one of the awards Masses. The picture identifying Stephen Dule as the student speaker during the homily of the May 4 Youth Awards Mass actually depicted Zachary Miranda, a 12th-grade award recipient from Notre Dame High School in East Stroudsburg who served as a lector for the liturgy. Shown above is Stephen Dule of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish in Hanover Township, who also received the Bishop's Youth award as a senior student, speaking about his journey of faith to the congregation that evening in St. Peter's Cathedral. *The Catholic Light* regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

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Catholic Happenings

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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).

Chicken Barbecue/Car Show — **AUG. 6**, sponsored by St. Ann Basilica Parish in west Scranton; held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the basilica grounds, 1233 St. Ann St. Event also includes face-painting, raffle drawings, awards/prizes, musical entertainment by Take 3, and food vendors. Barbecue chicken dinner cost: \$10 per person (in advance only); pre-registration for car show: \$10. For more information or to purchase advance dinner tickets or car show registration, call (570-342-5166).

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).

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

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. Square-dancing entertainment provided by "Just Us" from 8 to 11 p.m.

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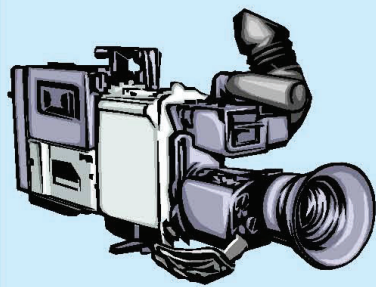
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