

## Bishops call for diplomacy to ease U.S.-North Korea differences

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Diplomacy and political engagement are necessary to resolve the differences between the United States and North Korea and avoid a military conflict, the chairman of a U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops committee said in a letter to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

Writing Aug. 10, Bishop Oscar Cantu of Las Cruces, New Mexico, chairman of the bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace, echoed a recent call from the Korean bishops' conference to support talks to secure the peaceful future of the Korean Peninsula.

Bishop Cantu acknowledged that the escalating threat of violence from North Korea's leaders cannot be "underestimated or ignored," but that the "high certainty of catastrophic death and destruction from any military action must prompt the United States to work with others in the international community for a diplomatic and political solution based on dialogue."

The letter followed days of back-and-forth threats between President Donald Trump and North Korea's leader, Kim Jong Un. Trump has threatened to unleash "fire and fury like the world has never seen" in response to Kim's warnings of imminent attacks on the U.S. Meanwhile, Kim has said his country was preparing to fire missiles into waters around Guam, a U.S. territory in the western Pacific Ocean with two military bases.

The angry talk between the leaders has escalated since the Aug. 5 passage at the United Nations of new economic sanctions threatening to cut off a third of North Korea's exports. Russia and China, two of Pyongyang's few economic trading partners, supported the sanctions. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations also adopted a statement expressing "grave concern" over North Korea's actions related to the development of nuclear weapons and missile delivery systems.

Bishop Cantu's letter said his committee agreed with the stance of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Korea in its support for South Korean President Moon Jae-in's proposal for humanitarian and military talks with North Korea.

"In solidarity with the Catholic Church in Korea and the efforts of the South Korean government, we urge the United States to encourage and support these talks," he wrote. *Continued on page 2* 

## PRAISE GOD, LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

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Faith and friendship overflowed at the recent Catholic Charismatic Conference held Aug. 4-6 at the University of Scranton. Conducted by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Scranton, the event drew more than 2,200 people from this area and beyond for several days of worship and inspirational presentations. *Please see page 5.* 



Catholics on the island of Guam pray during Mass at Santa Barbara Church Aug. 13. (CNS photo/Erik De Castro, Reuters)

# *Aftermath:* Church reacts to violent Virginia rally

WASHINGTON (CNS) – In the aftermath of a chaos- and hatefilled weekend in Virginia, Catholic bishops and groups throughout the nation called for peace after three people died and several others were injured following clashes between pacifists, protesters and white supremacists in Charlottesville, Virginia, Aug. 11 and 12.

A 32-year-old paralegal, Heather D. Heyer, was killed when a car plowed into a group in Charlottesville Aug. 12. The driver was identified as James Alex Fields, who allegedly told his mother he was attending a rally for President Donald Trump. Reports say the car allegedly driven by Fields plowed into a crowd during a white nationalist rally and a counter-rally the afternoon of Aug. 12.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said early Aug. 14 the "evil attack" meets the legal definition of domestic terrorism and suggested pending federal charges for Fields, who was arrested and was being held without bail. Fields was formally charged Aug. 14 by a Charlottesville judge with second-degree murder, three counts of malicious wounding and failure to stop in an accident that resulted in death.

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## Deadly rally in Virginia prompts outcry against racism, hate

Continued from page 1 Outside the Charlottesville courthouse where Judge Robert Downer handed down the charges and Fields appeared via video link from jail, white supremacists and counter-protesters clashed, but there were no arrests. The same day, anti-racism rallies were held in several cities.

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but there were no arrests. The same day, anti-racism rallies were held in several cities. The bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Virginia, was one of the first to call for peace following the violence in Charlottesville late Aug. 11, which only became worse the following day.

"In the last 24 hours, hatred and violence have been on display in the city of Charlottesville," said Richmond Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo, former auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Scranton, in a statement on the afternoon of Aug. 12. Charlottesville is in Bishop DiLorenzo's diocese.

"Only the light of Christ can quench the torches of hatred and violence. Let us pray for peace," said Bishop DiLorenzo "I pray that those men and women on



A photograph of victim Heather Heyer is seen Aug. 14 among flowers where the car attack on a group of white nationalist counter-protesters took place Aug. 12. Heyer was killed when a car was driven into the crowd. (CNS photo/Justin Ide, Reuters)

both sides can talk and seek solutions to their differences respectfully."

Cardinal Daniel N. Di-Nardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, called the events "abhorrent acts of hatred" in an Aug. 12 statement. He said they were an "attack on the unity of our nation." On Aug. 13, Cardinal DiNardo, along with Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, issued a statement saying: "We stand against the evil of racism, white supremacy and neo-Nazism. We stand with our sisters and brothers united in the sacrifice of Jesus, by which love's victory over every form of evil is assured."

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia called racism the "poison of the soul," and said in a statement that it was the United States' "original sin" and one that "never fully healed."



Nuclear war protesters demonstrate outside the White House in Washington Aug. 9. Church officials called for dialogue to ease U.S.-North Korea tensions. (CNS photo/Tyler Orsburn)

peaceful co-existence of both countries, Lopez said. "So how do we get there?" he asked.

Bishop Cantu's letter reminded Tillerson that "this crisis reminds us that nuclear deterrence and mutually assured destruction do not ensure security or peace. Instead, they exacerbate tensions and produce arms races as countries acquire more weapons of mass destruction in an attempt to intimidate or threaten other nations."

#### Nations should eliminate nuclear weapons

The bishop also cited a call in July by agencies of the U.S. and European Catholic bishops for all nations to develop a plan to eliminate nuclear weapons from their military arsenals.

A joint declaration released by the USCCB and the Conference of European Justice and Peace Commissions

He added that, "blending it with the Nazi salute, the relic of a regime that murdered millions, compounds the obscenity."

On the evening of Aug. 11, The Associated Press and other news outlets reported a rally of hundreds of men and women, identified as white nationalists, carrying lit torches on the campus of the University of Virginia. Counter-protesters also were present during the rally and clashes were reported.

The following day, at least 20 were injured and the mayor of Charlottesville confirmed Heyer's death later that afternoon via Twitter after the car allegedly driven by Fields rammed into the crowd of marchers. Two Virginia State Police troopers also died when a helicopter they were in crashed while trying to help with the violent events on the ground. CNN reported that 19 others were injured and remained hospitalized Aug. 14 but were listed in good condition.

Virginia's governor declared a state of emergency Aug. 12 when violence erupted during the "Unite the Right" white nationalist protest against the removal of a statue of a Confederate general, Gen. Robert E. Lee. But the trouble already had started the night before with the lit torches and chants of anti-Semitic slogans on the grounds of the University of Virginia.

"Racism is evil," President Trump said in an Aug. 14 statement. "And those who cause violence in its name are criminals and thugs, including the KKK, neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and other hate groups that are repugnant to everything we hold dear as Americans. ... As I said on Saturday (Aug. 12), we condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry, and violence. It has no place in America."

Trump was criticized by many across the country for his Aug. 12 statement, because he condemned hatred, bigotry and violence "on many sides" in Charlottesville and did not specifically target white supremacists.

called upon the U.S. and European nations to work with other nations to "map out a credible, verifiable and enforceable strategy for the total elimination of nuclear weapons."

Bishop Cantu and Archbishop Jean-Claude Hollerich of Luxembourg, conference president, signed the statement.

"The indiscriminate and disproportionate nature of nuclear weapons compel the world to move beyond nuclear deterrence," the declaration said.

Titled "Nuclear Disarmament: Seeking Human Security," the declaration was released a day ahead of the July 7 conclusion of a second U.N. conference discussing a treaty to prohibit nuclear weapons altogether.

"The teaching of our church, from the catechism to St. Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis, about the urgent need for nuclear disarmament is clear," Bishop Cantu said in a statement accompanying the declaration's release. "It is time for us to heed this moral imperative and promote human security both within the United States and Europe and globally."

The declaration cited Pope Francis, who during his papacy has repeatedly called for the elimination of nuclear weapons, most recently in a message to the United Nations' opening conference on a treaty to ban such weapons in March.

In his message to the U.N., the Holy Father asked: "How sustainable is a stability based on fear, when it actually increases fear and undermines relationships of trust between peoples?"

The U.S. and most European nations have sat on the sidelines during the U.N. meetings discussing a weapons ban, preferring to focus on the need for broader security measures to allow for strategic stability on the road to verifiable reductions in nuclear arsenals.

### Diplomacy urged for U.S., North Korea

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"This avenue, unlike most others, offers the Korean Peninsula a future free from military conflicts or crises, which could simultaneously threaten entire nations and millions of lives in the region," Bishop Cantu continued.

A former Vatican diplomat supported such talks.

In an interview with Vatican Radio Aug. 9, Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi, former Vatican representative to U.N. agencies in Geneva, said that "instead of building walls and creating dissidence or admitting the possibility of recourse to violence," both countries must have a constructive approach that benefits the people.

A former member of the U.N. Panel of Experts tasked with monitoring and implementing North Korea sanctions also called for calm and a negotiated solution to the differences between the two countries.

George A. Lopez, chair emeritus of peace studies at the University of Notre Dame, told Catholic News Service Aug. 10 the interests of both countries can be addressed at the negotiating table.

"We need somebody to talk about what are the underlying security needs of both North Korea and the United States and is there a forum to talk about that," Lopez said. "If the U.S. issued a simple pledge that we seek no first use against North Koreans, we seek some way to bargain this out, you'd get some response to that."

Asian nations want stability rather than uncertainty and that will require that talks get underway to assure the



## *Time to reflect and relax* **Summer Gathering for Seminarians**

The annual summer gathering for Diocesan seminarians was held last week at the Jesuit Retreat Center at Chapman Lake in Scott Township. It brought together our current seminarians, as well as those who will begin formation this fall.

Over the course of three days, the men were able to pray together, have conversation and enjoy some relaxation after a busy summer.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera led evening prayer on the last night of the gathering with family members, friends and potential candidates in attendance.

In addition to Eucharistic liturgies, the seminarians shared about their summer experiences and the Institute for Priestly Formation. All seminarians had the opportunity to participate in a listening session for **#Partnerwith-Francis**, the Diocese of Scranton's initiative to gather the voices of the young Church and those who work with them in preparation for Pope Francis' 2018 Synod on *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*.



Bishop Bambera leads evening prayer and talks to those attending the summer gathering.



Please continue to pray for our seminarians as they start a new semester of seminary formation.





Current seminarians at the summer gathering pictured with Bishop Bambera. Front from left: Deacon Ryan Glenn, Bishop Bambera and Bernie Gardzalla. Second row: Jan Carlo Perez, Marc Phillips, Christopher Kircher, Mark DeCelles, David Sebolka and Jonathan Kuhar. Third row: Kevin Miller, Shawn Simchock, Andrew McCarroll, William Asinari and Mark Watrucki. The Catholic Light Photos/Mike Melisky

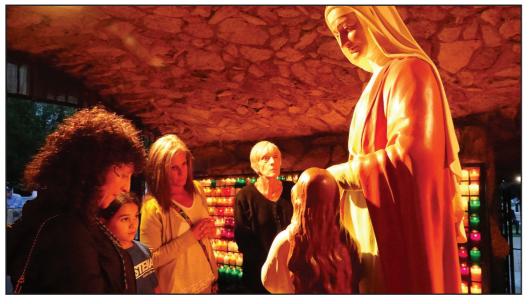


## Feast of Saint Ann

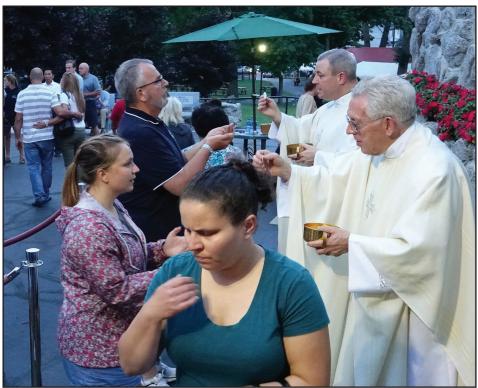
Pilgrims once again flocked to the monastery on the hill, the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Ann in west Scranton, for the annual Solemn Novena to Saint Ann, the grandmother of Jesus. Bishop Bambera celebrated the closing Mass on July 26, the Feast of Saint Ann.



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### **BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE**

**August** 27– Mass - 50th Anniversary of Our Lady of the Abingtons Parish, Dalton, 2:00 p.m.

**August 30–** Mass - Feast of Saint Jeanne Jugan, Holy Family Residence Chapel, Scranton, 10:30 a.m.

**August 31–** Installation of Bishop Alfred A. Schlert, Diocese of Allentown, 2:00 p.m.

**September 7-10**– U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' National Advisory Council Meeting, Baltimore







(*The Catholic Light* Photos Mary Beth Roberts)

## PRAISE GOD!



## Catholic Charismatic Conference Draws Thousands from Near and Far

More than 2,200 people from this area, 13 states and Canada, Trinidad and Nigeria gathered August 4-6 for the 35th annual conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Scranton. Hosted at the University of Scranton, the conference was part of celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the worldwide Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Attendees heard inspiring talks by three internationally-known Charismatic Renewal speakers, and special tracks for high school youth and children were offered.

Scranton's three bishops participated, with Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus John M. Dougherty welcoming everyone to the conference, Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin celebrating the Saturday Mass (and his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!), and Bishop Joseph C. Bambera celebrating the closing Mass on Sunday afternoon.



Bishop Bambera's liaison to the local Charismatic Renewal, Bob Valiante from Moosic, offers a presentation at the conference.



Bishop Bambera greets attendees after the closing Mass.

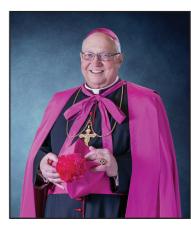
## Bishop Morlino to Celebrate Mass in Italian September 3 at Cathedral

A native son and bishop will return to his hometown for the annual Mass in Italian to be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 3, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. All are welcome to attend.

The liturgy is celebrated in conjunction with La Festa Italiana, which occurs over the Labor Day weekend, Friday through Monday, September 1-4, on Courthouse Square, one block from the Cathedral.

This year's principal celebrant and guest homilist is the Most Reverend Robert C. Morlino, D.D., J.C.L. a Dunmore native who is Bishop of the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin. Bishop Morlino was raised in SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish in Dunmore.

Reverend David P. Cappelloni,



**Bishop Robert C. Morlino** 

La Festa chaplain, and priests of the Diocese will concelebrate.

Bishop Morlino is a graduate of Scranton Preparatory School. He entered seminary for the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus, and was ordained to the priesthood for that Jesuit Province on June 1, 1974.

In 1981, he became a priest of the Diocese of Kalamazoo and served there as Vicar for Spiritual Development, Executive Assistant and Theological Consultant to the Bishop, as Moderator of the Curia, and as the Promoter of Justice in the Diocesan Tribunal. He served as administrator of a number of parishes, and as rector of St. Augustine Cathedral in Kalamazoo.

On July 6, 1999, St. Pope John Paul II appointed him the Ninth Bishop of Helena, Montana. He was appointed the Fourth Bishop of Madison on May 23, 2003.

Bishop Morlino has served as chairman of two committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) – the Bishops' Committee on the Diaconate, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Health Care Issues and the Church. He has also served on the USCCB Bishops' and Presidents' Committee, which seeks to encourage the Catholic identity of institutions of higher education. He is former chairman of the Board of Directors of The National Catholic Bioethics Center.

In 2006, the national Alliance for Marriage joined with the Congress of Racial Equality to present Bishop Morlino with their Lifetime Achievement Award, for his promotion of the fundamental rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion. In 2008, for his work in defense of the dignity of the human person, Bishop Morlino was awarded Human Life International's Cardinal von Galen Award. He also received the St. Edmund's Medal of Honor, awarded to Catholics who have used their God-given talents in promoting the common good.

UNICO National, the Italian-American service organization, presented him with its 2010 Special Presidential Award for his efforts to promote human dignity, human rights, freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

Music ministry for the Italian Mass will be provided by the choirs of SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish, Dunmore; Holy Family Parish, Luzerne; and UNICO Scranton Chapter.

The Mass will be broadcast live by CTV: Catholic Television and will be rebroadcast on Tuesday, September 5, at 8 p.m., and Wednesday, September 6, at 10 a.m.



## 90 Years Young!

Diocesan staff gathered recently at the Pastoral Center in Scranton to celebrate Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and to express gratitude for his many years of continuing service to the Church. On July 16, Bishop Timlin observed his 66th anniversary of priestly ordination, and he turned 90 on August 5. He retired in 2003, and continues to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, celebrate Masses in the Diocese, and represent Bishop Bambera at various liturgies and events as needed.

## "RCIA's Witness, Community & Journey: The Model for Sacramental Preparation"

September 16, 2017; 9AM-3PM St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Moscow



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

In *The Shape of Baptism*, theologian Aidan Kavanagh wrote that the importance of RCIA lies "less in its ceremonial details than in its strategic vision of the church local and universal." RCIA sees initiation as a process of conversion and the church as a community whose members witness to one another. RCIA respects the journey of the person entering the church and provides him/

her with the tools and companionship to continue the journey throughout life. In the light of Vatican II, the Church revived the rite, noting it should be normative for baptism and confirmation. Fr. Simon will unpack the principles of the RCIA as well as the process. Of equal importance, he will show how the vision of the RCIA provides a lens through which to understand all catechesis and sacramental ministry in parish life.

Fr. Bob Simon is a priest of the Diocese of Scranton and pastor of St. Catherine Parish, Moscow. He has an MA in Liturgical Studies from Notre Dame.

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





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

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

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

## SERVICE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS CONVOCATION "Make me a channel of your peace."

Please be sure to mark your calendar **Saturday, September 23rd from 9:30am – 4pm** as we gather at the Diocesan Pastoral Center for the Service and Social Concerns Convocation featuring, **Marie Dennis**, of Pax Christi International, the global Catholic peace movement.



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

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

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

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



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

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

## Shannon Kowalski Hired as Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

The Diocese welcomes Shannon E. Kowalski as Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

In this position within the Office for Parish Life, she will support parishes and help parish leaders design and implement effective parish-based or regional programs in youth and young adult ministry, and will be available upon request for class, retreat and workshop facilitation.

She will continue to coordinate special activities designed for youth and young adults such as the National Catholic Youth Conference, the International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI) and Up & Over retreats, as well as World Youth Day.



Shannon Kowalski

be working to implement new retreat programs and service opportunities, reviving the regional youth ministry networking structures, and providing consistent training and continuing education opportunities for youth ministry workers.

"I am very much look-Additionally, she will ing forward to first meeting with and listening to those already on the 'front lines' of youth ministry in the Diocese of Scranton," Shannon said. "I grew up in youth ministry in the Diocese and know that there is already a wealth of knowledge and experienced ministers who have been making good things happen for a long time. One of my goals is to make others aware of this wonderful ministry and empower them to be a part of it.

"We are going to continue our already successful retreat programs, while also exploring additional ways we can engage the youth in parish life and the life of the Diocese as a whole."

Shannon has extensive experience in youth ministry, including facilitating vouth-oriented workshops,

forming high school and junior high school youth groups, organizing parish delegations to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference, coordinating the biannual 'Up & Over' Diocesan team-building retreat for middle school students and the biannual International Student Leadership Institute for high school students, focusing on leadership through faith and community involvement.

She has led multiple Confirmation retreats and participated in international service trips to Jamaica, Peru, Brazil, and Guatemala - often leading service sites and end of the day group process or reflection.

From July 2012 to the present, she has served as

> Diocese of Scranton Office for Parish Life Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Youth Minister at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Moscow, where she directed and maintained the high school and junior high school youth groups; conducted weekly spiritual, social, and service meetings; collaborated with local churches and organizations to assist with social justice issues, including food drives and fundraising events throughout the year; arranged youth travel experiences including a March for Life pilgrimage, Habitat for Humanity service trip in West Virginia, and faith-building at NCYC.

For the previous five years she was a youth retreat volunteer. In that capacity she presented a collaborative youth ministry workshop at the yearly Catechist Convocation, was an Up & Over Junior High Retreat coordinator, served as an adult-team member for the International Student Leadership Institute, and was a board member for the Diocesan Pontifical Mission Societies Office.

She was Assistant Youth Director at Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke for three years, and prior to that was associated with Misericordia University Campus Ministry, where she was the Spring Break Service Trip Student Coordinator.

Shannon, a native of Glen Lyon, is a Misericordia graduate, earning a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Religious Studies/Social Work.

## #Leaveamark17 **Diocesan Day of Service** Young Church 16-35 and adult chaperones

Prayer-Service-Reflection-Mass

Saturday, September 16, 2017

There will be service sites available throughout the Diocese.

For more information, call 570-780-2996.

#### **Discerning & Orienting Pastoral Councils Members: Initial Stages of Pastoral Planning**

Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 6:00-9:00 PM at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Pocono Pines Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 6:00-9:00 PM at St. Lawrence Parish, Williamsport

This three-hour presentation was created to assist both new Pastoral Council members and current members who desire to expand their knowledge of their role and responsibility as a council member.

It will assist you to appreciate your gifts from God (qualities and characteristics) that can guide you to discern if this leadership ministry best utilizes your skills and talents.

The presentation will share information in the following areas:

- Who Serves as a Pastoral Council Member
- What a Parish Pastoral Council is and What it is Not
- Why does a Parish Need a Pastoral Council
- How the Pastoral Council Works (Meetings, Leadership, Consensus)
  - The Purpose and Function of a Pastoral Council
  - An Overview of the Pastoral Planning Process
  - The Development of a Three- to Five-Year Pastoral Plan

To register, please contact the Office for Parish Life @ 570-207-2213

# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT LISTENING SESSION

Calling all youth and young adults, and those who work in youth or young adult ministry - we want to hear from YOU! Come share your experiences with us as we plan for the future of youth & young adult ministry in the Diocese of Scranton

Thursday, August 31st 6:00pm

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## The 'Expendable Children'



#### By Father Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D.

Couples who struggle to get pregnant are turning with greater frequency to the in vitro fertilization (IVF) industry for assistance. In some cases, they can end up feeling they are "too pregnant" when twins, triplets or quads arise. This occurs from the practice of implanting more than one embryo at a time to improve pregnancy success rates. A multiplet pregnancy can involve significant risk, both for the children *in utero*, and for the mother. Because of these risks, the pregnant mother will sometimes be advised to opt for a "selective reduction," where potassium chloride is injected into one or two of the growing babies, to cause their hearts to seize, followed by death and the gradual re-absorption of their bodies during the remainder of the pregnancy. This can allow the one or more remaining brothers or sisters to grow more safely and avoid further complications during the pregnancy. Given the incredible effort expended by the couple to become pregnant in the first place, these lethal practices often draw gasps of disbelief from others.

A New York Times Magazine article from 2011 chronicled the saga of a woman who selectively reduced her pregnancy from twins to a single. Even though she tried to not think too much about the two ultrasound shadows within her, she was forthright about her justification for doing it: "If I had conceived these twins naturally, I wouldn't have reduced this pregnancy, because you feel like if there's a natural order, then you don't want to disturb it. But we created this child in such an artificial manner — in a test tube, choosing an egg donor, having the embryo placed in me — and somehow, making a decision about how many to carry seemed to be just another choice. The pregnancy was all so consumerish to begin with, and this became yet another thing we could control."

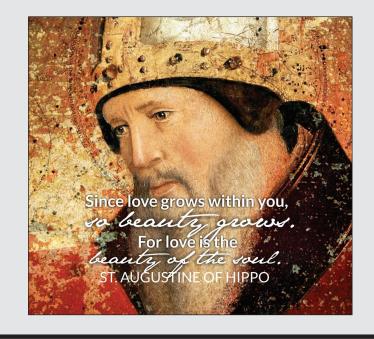
Her devastatingly honest appraisal of IVF and the way it devalues the lives of children offers an important opportunity for reflection. When we take it upon ourselves to manufacture new human life in test tubes, it indeed becomes another "thing we can control," an object for our own willful manipulation, another means to realize our own goals. This "command and control mentality" over procreation sets up a glide path for us to begin treating our own offspring like raw material, even tempting us to exercise an absolute, death-dealing dominion over them. As they are produced in the laboratory and transferred to the womb, our children can become an abstraction, mere pawns to be played in the end game of seeking what we want.

This attitude of seeing our offspring as expendable is becoming more widely accepted not only among IVF customers, but also among biomedical researchers themselves. In August, a highly troubling report was published describing the first successful editing of DNA in human embryos. The experiments were carried out in the laboratory of Shoukhrat Mitalipov at the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) and involved the generation of many dozens of embryos by IVF. The experiments utilized a new and highly precise DNA-editing technology called CRISPR-Cas9 to fix a defective, disease-causing gene that some of the embryos carried. While research into understanding and eliminating serious diseases is certainly good and praiseworthy as a goal, the techniques we employ as we pursue good research goals need to be good as well. Doing evil that good may accrue, is, after all, still doing evil.

These research experiments performed on human embryos at OHSU were morally objectionable on a number of counts. If such genetically modified embryos had been allowed to grow up, there may well have been unintended effects from modifying their genes, unanticipated defects that they and future generations would bear. The problems and risks associated with this kind of "germ-line therapy" raise such serious concerns as to make it doubtful it should ever be attempted in humans. Even more distressing from the moral point of view is the fact that very young humans were treated not as ends, but as mere means to achieve particular investigative goals. They were created in laboratory glassware, experimented upon, their genes were tinkered with and they were killed and dispatched as research fodder into biohazard waste containers. The purported darkness of medieval times was never as dark as the remarkable ethical blackness that is descending upon contemporary "enlightened" man as he exploits and destroys his own offspring.

Vigilance and care are required when dealing with vulnerable research subjects, and human embryos are among the most vulnerable of God's creatures, entrusted to us as our children, calling for stringent measures to ensure their protection and safeguard their human dignity.

## Memorial of St. Augustine -- August 28



#### **Umbert the Unborn**





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#### **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe will be taken up in the Diocese of Scranton on the weekend of August 26-27. A portion of this collection will be sent in support of the following collections which annually were taken up in Lithuanian, Slovak and Polish parishes:

- + The Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid
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With the theme "Restore the Church, Build the Future," the collection supports pastoral, evangelization, and construction projects, as well as scholarships in Central and Eastern Europe, and Central Asia. In 2016, the U.S. Bishops' Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe awarded over \$7 million through more than 200 grants. Projects supported by the collection assist a broad range of needs focused on providing pastoral care and developing resources in countries of the former Soviet Union and who have struggled to rebuild faith communities in a post-communist society.

The people in this region of the world still have great need, and participating in this collection enables us to help those who have made great sacrifices to keep the faith alive in their communities, and who share a legacy of faith with us through the many immigrants who came to America from these lands.

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## Viva Saint Rocco!

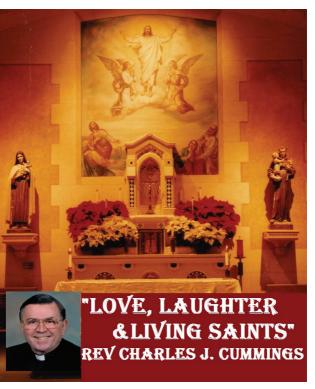
The Feast of Saint Rocco was celebrated last Sunday, August 13, by the community of SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish in Dunmore. Father David Cappelloni, pastor, celebrated the Mass at Saint Rocco's Church, and afterward led the traditional Procession of the Saints as statues of the Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph, Saint Rocco and Saint Anthony were carried through the streets of Bunker Hill. Parishioners, residents of the neighborhood and visitors venerated the saints. The celebration was part of the parish's annual Italian festival.

# Father Cummings to sign his book at new gift shop

Rev. Charles J. Cummings, who has recounted stories about his many years as a priest in a recently published book, will be signing copies of it on Friday, September 1, from 5-9 p.m. at the new Heaven and Earth gift shop that now occupies the space of the former Guild store at 400 Wyoming Avenue in Scranton.

The book signing coincides with First Friday activities in the city and the opening of La Festa Italiana on nearby Courthouse Square. Patrons can bring copies of the book for Father Cummings to sign; the book will also be available for purchase that evening.

In Love, Laughter and Living Saints, the 75-year-old retired priest



offers a variety of short peo stories about his experiences in ministry and the C

people he encountered along the way. *Continued on page 10* 

## Diabetes Wellness Program serves clients at St. Francis Food Pantry

#### *By Alan K. Stout Special to The Catholic Light*

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In recent months, people with diabetes who have visited the St. Francis Client Choice Food Pantry in Scranton have been eating better and feeling better. And if all goes according to plan, the healthy trend should continue for years to come.

Last fall, the CEO Weinberg Regional Food Bank began a ninemonth Diabetes Wellness Program at the Pantry. The program assisted clients by initially offering hemoglobin A1c screenings (HbA1c) to those with pre-existing diabetic conditions. These screenings helped CEO nutrition educators determine the baseline of the clients' blood/sugar levels.

The program then helped clients with their special dietary needs by providing boxes of healthy foods, twice each month, and by monitoring improvements in their health. Funded by an AllOne Foundation grant, the program served 50 clients throughout four counties and St. Francis was one of five food pantries served.

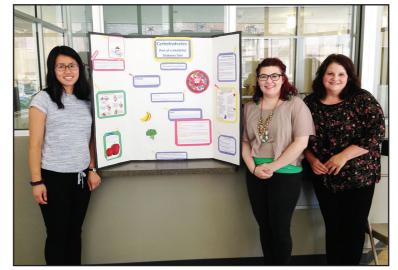
"We began in September and determined who would be in the program," says Mary Kay D'Elia, a registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator with CEO. "In October, they started picking up their boxes of healthy foods. Each box featured a recipe, focused on the foods provided that month, and a pantry staple, and condiment to be utilized in that recipe. The monthly box also contained handouts about nutrition, food safety, and information on diabetes self-management. And in addition to the monthly box of non-perishables, clients also received fresh produce, milk, eggs, and frozen meat."

In addition to improving clients' health, D'Elia says she hoped that those participating in the program would find it to be empowering.

"With diabetes, it's always better to teach people to learn to cook at home rather than to eat at fast-food restaurants," she says. "That will lower their blood sugar and keep them in control."

Though the program ended on June 30, D'Elia says that in many ways, it will continue.

"We provided exit counsel-



The CEO Weinberg Regional Food Bank recently concluded its nine-month Diabetes Wellness Program at the St. Francis Food Pantry in Scranton. Shown, from left: Panache Lim, nutrition education intern with CEO; Micheline Orlowsky, registered dietician and school-age nutrition program manager with CEO; Mary Kay D'Elia, registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator with CEO.

ing," she says. "We wanted to summarize for the clients all of the lessons that they've learned throughout the program. Now, we're going to turn our mission in another direction and start educating the clients on how to continue making food choices similar to what was in their boxes. And we have to educate our food bank staff to order such foods, so that they'll be on the shelves at the pantries."

D'Elia says that should more grant funding become available, the food box component of the program may return. Meanwhile, she says diabetic and dietary specialists from CEO will continue to visit St. Francis a few times a year in order to help the clients maintain the good habits they've learned.

Coincidentally, the St. Francis Client Choice Food Panty had already recently established a Healthy Foods Section as the result of an Eagle Scout project spearheaded by Brandon Kelleher, a member of Boy Scout Troop 160, Clarks Summit. Thus, D'Elia feels even more confident that those with diabetes will continue to be properly served at St. Francis. The program, she says, had positive results.

"We were able to measure if we made a difference," says D'Elia. "And I was very, very pleased."

Monsignor Joseph P. Kelly, director of St. Francis Kitchen, says there are currently 14 clients at St. Francis being served by the program and there are 32 on a waiting list. He adds that he appreciates the good work that CEO brought to the Food Pantry and that it remains committed to providing healthy foods to all, especially those with special dietary needs. Food donations needed the most are low sodium items, light syrup, vegetables and fruit.

"Having this program at the Food Pantry for the past nine months has been a blessing and a gift to St. Francis and to those that we serve," he says. "We plan on continuing to work with CEO and others in the community to insure that such healthy foods remain on our shelves, and we are pleased that as a result of this program, so many of our clients are eating better and feeling better."

## **Office for Parish Life** FALL CONVOCATIONS

SERVICE Convocation — September 23

The SERVICE Convocation will focus on the third leg of a well-balanced Parish Social Ministry: charity, justice and peacemaking. Please be sure to mark your calendar for an inspired and inspiring workshop happening on Saturday, September, 23, from 9:30AM to 4:00PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton, featuring Marie Dennis of Pax Christi International, who was at the Vatican working with Cardinal Turkson, encouraging our Pope Francis to consider nonviolence in his World Day of Peace message. Marie will share with us how our local churches can be a part of this Catholic Nonviolence Initiative!

#### WORD Convocation – October 14

The WORD Convocation, also known as the Convocation for Catechists, will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, in Scranton. The keynote speaker will be Joan Weber, Project Coordinator of Families on a Mission and Lifelong Faith Formation for the Center for Ministry Development. The Convocation will include Mass, the keynote, lunch and workshops. Joan's keynote topic is "Whole Family Catechesis."

#### **COMMUNITY Convocation – October 21** *God's Compassionate Face: Grief Support Ministry Seminar*

All who minister to the bereaved are invited to this daylong seminar on topics related to grief support ministry. Three sessions will address:

+ "Walking with Those Grieving the Loss of a Child" with Brandice Ricciardi, M.S., NCC, LPC, HS-BCP, Faculty Specialist, University of Scranton; members of the local chapter of Compassionate Friends will also add their experiences as parents who have lost children.

+ "Walking with Those Grieving Loss through Suicide" with Kathy Wallace, Northeast Suicide Pre-vention Initiative; Kathy is a retired mental health therapist.

+ "Compassion Fatigue" with Theresa Doherty, MSPCC, Chaplain and Bereavement Counselor at Allied Services Hospice.

#### WORSHIP Convocation – October 28

The WORSHIP Convocation will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at Marywood University in Scranton. This day-long event will feature keynote speaker, Dr. Elaine Rendler, a nationally recognized musician, teacher, composer, pastoral liturgist, speaker, and author of In the Midst of the Assembly and This Is the Day, as well as the writer of weekly columns and music suggestions in Today's Liturgy for more than 30 years, offering practical wisdom to generations of pastoral musicians. The WORSHIP Convocation will also feature breakout sessions for various liturgical ministries.

For more information on the Fall Convocations, please call the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

## Father Cummings book signing set for Sept. 1

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Father Cummings describes the book as a personal recollection of 1950s Catholic school days, seminary struggles and 50 years of parish happenings, characterized by inspiration and faith.

Father Cummings, ordained in 1968, has served in many locations of the Diocese.

He held pastoral assignments at St. Mary Parish in Dunmore, St. Jude Parish in Mountaintop, and St. John Neumann Parish in Lord's Valley. He was chaplain at the former Mercy Hospital in Scranton for 11 years and directed the Diocesan office of the Propagation of the Faith.

For the last 20 years he has been in the Williamsport area at Ascension-Holy Rosary Churches and then after the consolidation with St. Joseph the Worker he became pastor of Immaculate Conception, Bastress and St. Luke's Jersey Shore. For the last few years he has been assisting the churches of Lycoming County as an extra priest in the area.

In addition to the Heaven and Earth gift shop, *Love, Laughter and Living Saints* is available at Bedwick's Pharmacy & Gifts in Wilkes-Barre, Otto's Book Store in Williamsport (<u>www.ottobookstore.</u> <u>com</u>) and online on Nook (Barnes and Noble) and Kindle (Amazon).

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## Knights Sponsoring Divine Mercy Shrine Trip

The Knights of Columbus, Abington Council 6611, is sponsoring a bus trip to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Mass., on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

The pilgrimage will originally depart from Our Lady of the Abingtons Church in Dalton at 7:45 a.m., followed by a second departure/bus pick-up at St. Gregory Church in Clarks Green at 8 a.m.

Bus is scheduled to return back to the Abingtons area later that day at approximately 10 p.m. Serving as guest celebrant priest for the pilgrim excursion is Father Arbogaste Satoun, pastor of Our Lady of the Abingtons Parish and St. Patrick Parish, Nicholson.

Total cost to participate in the pilgrimage is \$69 per person, which includes bus fare, shrine entrance fee, complimentary breakfast items, and full-course meal during the return trip.

For more information and reservations, contact Duane Valence, trip coordinator, at (570-563-3014), or Tony Dalasio at (570-587-4671).

## **Prayer Requests for Priests**

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

August 17, Father Christopher Washington; August 18, Idente Missionary Father Marek Wasilewski; August 19, Father Seth Wasnock; August 20, Father Joseph Weber; August 21, Father Donald Williams; August 22, Father Bryan Wright; August 23, Monsignor Bernard Yarrish; August 24, Father Daniel Yenkevich; August 25, Father Richard Zavacki; August 26, Father Michael Zipay; August 27, Father Joseph Adonizio; August 28, Holy Cross Father Genaro Aguilar; August 29, St. Peter Priestly Fraternity Father Zachary Akers; August 30, Father Patrick Albert; August 31, Father John Albosta; September 1, Pope Francis; September 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; September 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; September 4, Father James Alco; September 5, Monsignor Thomas Banick; September 6, Father David Bechtel. **23rd Memorial Mass Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 4 pm** *Saint Mary of the Lake Church, Lake Winola* 



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## Labor Day Weekend

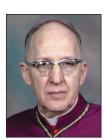
## **Oblates to Host Labor Day Triduum**, Mass Honoring St. Joseph the Worker

PITTSTON - The Oblates of St. Joseph congregation will host their annual Labor Day Triduum and Mass in honor of St. Joseph the Worker during the upcoming Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 1-4, at the Oblates' seminary chapel, located on Route 315 in Laflin.

Masses during the Triduum - Friday, Sept. 1, through Sunday, Sept. 3 — will be celebrated each evening at 7 p.m., followed by devotional prayers to St. Joseph as the patron saint of laborers. Confessions and recitation of the Rosary will precede each Mass.

The Triduum will conclude with a special Labor Day Mass honoring St. Joseph the Worker on Monday, Sept. 4, at 11 a.m., concelebrated by the Oblate Fathers.

Principal celebrant and homilist will be Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus John M. Dougherty. At the conclusion of the Mass, bread will be blessed and distributed to the faithful as a symbol of the "fruit of our labor."



**Bishop Dougherty** 

All are welcome to attend the Triduum services and Labor Day Mass, which are being offered for the special intentions of those who are unemployed, thanksgiving for workers, and blessings upon students, teachers and education staff for the new school year.

For more information, call the OSJ seminary office at (570-654-7542).

## **Pocono Parish Announces Retreat**

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

Father Richards will lead the mission offering Monday thru Thursday, Sept. 18-21, each evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 1402 Route 209, Brodheadsville.

A prolific retreat and Catholic conference presenter, Father Richards is the founder of The Reason for Our Hope Foundation and his media presentations distributed around the world include such topics as "The Truth," "The Mass Explained" and "Confession."

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

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The Secular Franciscan community in the greater Scranton/ Wilkes-Barre area, under the title of St. Joseph Fraternity, has a new leadership council, as recently appointed by Kate Kleinert, OFS, regional minister of the Order's St. Katharine Drexel Region.

Members of the new leadership team pictured are, from left, Edward Schirra, OFS, treasurer; Atty. Henry Blake, OFS, vice minister; Kate Kleinert; Jim Gaffney, OFS, minster and formation director; and John Baldino, OFS, secretary. In addition to their council positions, Mr. Baldino and Mr. Schirra will also assist in formation of new and current members of St. Joseph Fraternity.

The Secular Franciscan Order is a branch of the worldwide Franciscan family of professed brothers and sisters established by St. Francis of Assisi more than 800 years ago to serve and worship in their communities.

The St. Joseph Fraternity is a community of men and women, single and married, living and working throughout northeastern Pennsylvania. The fraternity gathers in community for prayer and fellowship at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary in Laflin on the third Sunday of each month.



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## **W-B Soup Kitchen Seeking School Supplies for Drive**

St. Vincent de Paul Soup and plastic scissors. Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre has begun its annual school-supply collection drive.

School supplies being sought for the collection drive include backpacks, notebooks, crayons, markers, pens, paper, pencils & pencil sharpeners, rulers, glue sticks

Donations may be dropped off at the back entrance of the soup kitchen, located at 39 E. Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre, daily from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Aug. 17.

For more information, call (570-822-7118 ext. 305).

## Ladies of Charity Fundraiser Party

WILKES-BARRE — The Ladies of Charity of the Diocese of Scranton will host their annual Bingo/ Card Party on Sunday, Sept. 24, at 2 p.m. in the cafeteria of St. Aloysius Church at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Wilkes-Barre.

The event, which is the sole fundraiser of the year to enable the Ladies of Charity to continue their apostolate of providing charitable works, offers card and bingo games with monetary and door prizes.

Raffle tickets will also be sold during the event. Admission fee is \$2; refreshments are provided. All are invited and new members are always welcome.

For more information, contact Evelyn at (570-474-5192).

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

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

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

Serving as retreat directors/ preachers will be Passionist Father Richard Nalepa of St. Paul's Monastery in Pittsburgh, who will lead the September retreat for women: and Passionist Brother Andre Mathieu, a member of the Passionist community at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Ann in west Scranton, who will be the spiritual guide for the men and women's retreat during the weekend of Oct. 20-22.

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

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

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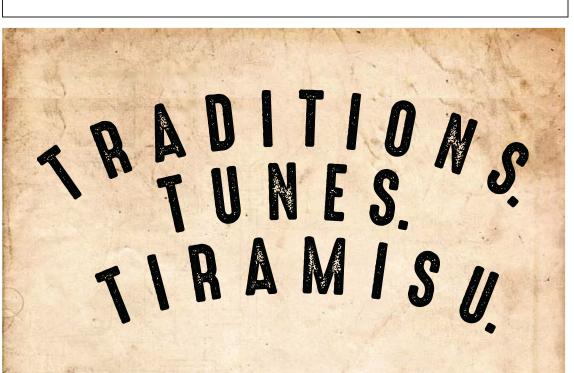
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This retreat is sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Scranton.

For more information and registration forms, please contact CCR Office at 570-344-2214

## Registration deadline is August 25<sup>th</sup>!!

After this date, invitations will be extended outside the Diocese of Scranton

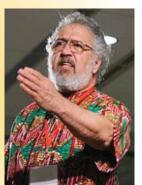


## **GOLDEN JUBILEE RETREAT**

This year our Fall Retreat will be a two-day program of teaching, prayer, and fellowship at the VILLA OF OUR LADY RETREAT HOUSE IN MT. POCONO The Retreat will be held from FRIDAY, SEPT.15 AT 7:00 PM THROUGH SATURDAY, SEPT. 16 CLOSING AT 8:00 PM

#### **PRESENTER: BOB VALIANTE**

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



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



## Mark Your Calendar Spiritual Offerings

Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil - AUG. 18, sponsored by the Catholics Defending Life Prayer & Awareness Team; group resumes weekly gatherings every Friday (except on First Fridays) from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at the Pro-Life Monument located next to St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton (300 block of Wyoming Ave.). Recitation of the Rosary offered, along with pro-life meditations, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayer devotions for the respect and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Pro-life signs are welcome.

Friday Holy Hour for Vocations — AUG. 18, hosted by the Little Sisters of the Poor at Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton; weekly devotion held every Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the Residence chapel. Holy Hour includes recitation of the Rosary, evening prayer (vespers) and benediction. All faithful are welcome.

Sunday Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Devotion — AUG. 20, 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.

Catholic Charismatic Regional Prayer Meeting — AUG. 21, sponsored by local Charismatic prayer groups; begins at 7:30 p.m. in Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca. Gathering includes songs, praise, spiritual gifts, teaching and witness; fellowship with refreshments will conclude the meeting. All faithful are welcome.

Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry — AUG. 26 & SEPT. 9, 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

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## Remembrance Day for Abortion Victims

The Diocese of Scranton will participate in the fifth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on Saturday, Sept. 9, when pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the nearly 60 million unborn victims of abortion since its legalization in 1973.

Diocesan observances on Sept. 9 will include a Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion to be held at 11 a.m. at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 612 Mount Olivet Road, Carverton.

The pro-life gathering will take place at Mount Olivet's Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus "Tomb for Unborn," located on the top of the hill on the cemetery grounds. During the memorial observance, the Rosary will be recited in remembrance of all aborted babies.

All faithful are invited. For more information, contact Ada Magni at (570-693-1338).

The Scranton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life will also observe the National Day of Remembrance on Sept. 9 by sponsoring a ceremony honoring the memory of all aborted children, beginning at 11 a.m. at St. Lucy Church, located in Scranton's West Side at 949 Scranton St.

All faithful are welcome to participate.

## Mark Your Calendar — Around the Diocese Spiritual Offerings

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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).

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

**Padre Pio Prayer Ministry** — **SEPT. 6**, 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.

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

Fall Preached Retreat for Women — SEPT. 8-10, hosted by St. Gabriel's Retreat Center in

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

Evening of Prayer with the Sisters of IHM — SEPT. 13, sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; monthly prayer service held on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel at the IHM Center Chapel, 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton (top of University Ave., beyond Marywood University). For more information, call (570-346-5404).

*Weekly Bereavement Support Group* — SEPT. 27, first of a series of meetings scheduled for five consecutive weeks, addressing topics dealing with the grief process in order for participants to find healing; Bereavement Support Group meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton (across from St. Peter's Cathedral). Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact the Cathedral Parish office at (570-344-7231).

*"40 Days for Life" Pro-Life Gathering* — SEPT. 27-NOV. 3, offered for the special intention of ending abortion; Rosary is prayed each weekday, Monday thru Friday, at 9 a.m. in front of the offices of Planned Parenthood, 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. Pro-life campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer & fasting, constant vigil, and community outreach; For more information, visit: www.40daysforlife.com.

21st Anniversary Celebration of the Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus "Tomb of Unborn" — OCT. 8, prayerful commemoration begins at 2 p.m. at the Knights' Tomb of the Unborn, located at the top of Mount Olivet Cemetery in Carverton; Rosary prayers will offered. All Knights of Columbus of the Wyoming Valley and area faithful are invited to attend. For more information, contact Patrick Umbra at: mbra4326@msn.com.

## Renowned Holocaust Survivor to Speak at Misericordia Sept. 12

DALLAS — Misericordia University will present "The Triumph of the Human Spirit, from Auschwitz to Forgiveness" by Holocaust survivor, forgiveness advocate, and champion of human rights Eva Mozes Kor, on Tuesday, Sept. 12, in Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall at 7 p.m., followed by a book signing.

The event was scheduled originally for March 14, but was postponed due to inclement weather. For those who held tickets for the original lecture, replacement tickets were issued upon request in June. There are a limited number of tickets still available. Contact the Misericordia University Box Office at (570) 674-6719 for information.

Mrs. Kor's talk is part of the Medical and Health Humanities Deadly Medicine Speaker Series that featured eight special presentations from experts in the fields of the Holocaust, history, medicine and bioethics, Judaism, and more.

The series, which ran from January through March 14, complemented the provocative exhibition, "Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race," from the United States Holocaust Museum.

The award-winning film, "Forgiving Dr. Mengele," and the book, "Surviving the Angel of Death: The Story of a Mengele Twin in Auschwitz," have documented Mrs. Kor's life story. She is also an advocate for genocide prevention and has organized and participated in multiple projects dedicated to ending the genocide in Darfur and commemorating the Rwandan genocide.

For more information about the Medical and Health Humanities program at Misericordia University, call (570) 674-6400 or visit: www.misericordia.edu/ medicalhumanities

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Red Cross Blood Drive — AUG. 17, sponsored by the Valley Blood Council of the Lackawanna Chapter of American Red Cross; held from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at LaSalle Hall of Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church, First Ave., Jessup. Blood drive is being hosted to honor the memory of Monsignor John Sekellick, longtime pastor of Holy Ghost Byzantine Church and board member of the Valley Blood Council. Donors will receive complimentary refreshments, including hot dogs, pizza, and beverages, and will be entered into a raffle drawing for a \$25 gas card. For appointments to donate blood, visit redcrossblood.org or call (1-800-733-2767).

*Misericordia Open House* — AUG. 19, open house event for high school students and their families at Misericordia University in Dallas (Back Mountain); begins with registration at 9 a.m. in the Anderson

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18, 19, 20 — Blessed Sacrament, Throop, parish grounds

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19, 20 — Queen of Heaven (St. Mauro Festival),

2, 3 — Holy Spirit Parish/St. Mary Church, Mocanaqua,

2, 3 — Holy Spirit Parish/St. Martha Church, Fairmount

9, 10 — Our Lady of the Abingtons, Dalton, church

15, 16, 17 — St. Paul's, Scranton, church grounds, 1510

15, 16, 17 — Our Lady of Lourdes, Montoursville, church

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

Hazleton, parish grounds, 750 North Vine St., Hazleton.

St. Mary's picnic grounds, Lee Road (Main St.).

Springs, church grounds, 260 Bonnieville Road.

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2** — St. Mary's, Waymart, church grounds, 242

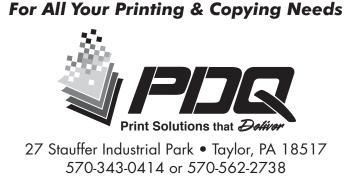
Sports and Health Center on campus. "Meet the Coaches" session held from 9 to 10 a.m.; followed by open house program until 3 p.m., including campus tours, faculty session, lunch, and meetings with university representatives of student services, athletics and financial aid. For more information or to register, contact the Misericordia Admissions Office at (570-675-4449 or 1-866-262-6363) or email: admiss@misericordia.edu.

St. Juliana's Rock Lake Picnic — AUG. 19, sponsored by St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Pleasant Mount; held on the grounds of St. Juliana Church, Route 247-North (Creamton Drive), Rock Lake. Featuring family-style ham & turkey dinner served from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (take-out orders available until 3 p.m.); supper served at 5 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in the church at 6:30 p.m. Picnic also includes giant flea market, bingo, games & prizes. Square-dancing entertainment provided by "Just Us" from 8 to 11 p.m.

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

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## Who makes house calls?

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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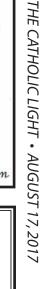
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Mission Message

## Go Forth

By Father Brian J.T. Clarke Diocesan Director, **Pontifical Mission Societies** 



"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me."

-John 17:22-23



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Jesus offers us a beautiful reflection on our unity with Him and with one another in John's Gospel. Such unity was apparent to me as I traveled with students from Holy Cross High School on their annual mission experience. We spent the week in Coastal New Jersey ministering to those still reeling from the effects of Superstorm Sandy even five years since the storm ravaged the Atlantic Coast.

Our days focused on prayer and service: We began each day with morning prayer organized and led by the students, celebrated Holy Mass, and would end each day with a time to share how we experienced the presence of Christ that day.





One evening, we shared our "Christ moments" at Belmar Beach, a beautiful area along the Jersey Shore. It was moving to experience the seeming contradiction of rough waves crashing on to the shore with this overwhelming sense of peace and solace that surrounded us.

As we gathered to pray and share where we felt the presence of God during our day, one young missionary offered that she experienced Christ as she gazed out into the horizon. She experienced a sense of consolation as she considered the breath of the created world and felt God's presence in the revelation that we were all so deeply connected by the love and grace of God. What an inspiring insight from this young missionary.

Without a doubt, to be a missionary is to acknowledge our interconnectedness with God and one another. It is to serve with love despite so many differences

and leaning on Paul's eloquent words that "though we are many we are one body" (Romans 12:5). Despite what separates us from each other (geography, language, economic status, etc.), Jesus calls us to a life lived in His unifying love and grace.

Pope Francis acknowledges the power of this unifying power of God in a reflection on the work of the Holy Spirit: "In a way both creative and unexpected," [the Holy Spirit] generates diversity, for in every age he causes new and varied charisms to blossom. Then he brings about unity: he joins together, gathers and restores harmony."

Indeed, the call of the missionary is to be a unifying force within the world, uniting hearts to God, and allowing the grace within to motivate us to do what is unexpected and seemingly impossible in a diverse and divided world: to be one. Let us go forth to be agents of unity and peace.

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## First Friday Devotions Throughout the Diocese

#### Masses & Devotions

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

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

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

#### **Pro-Life Rosary Vigils**

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

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

#### **Eucharistic** Adorations

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

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

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

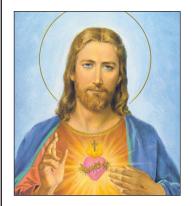
#### Rosary & Healing Mass

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

#### Healing Mass

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

## Blue Army Reparation Vigil

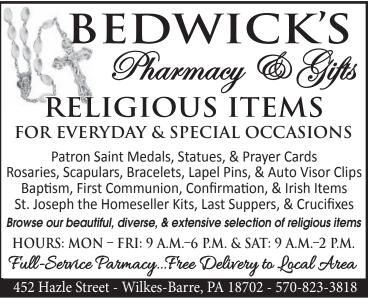




The next monthly First Friday Reparation Vigil, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and sponsored by the Blue Army, will be held **September 1** at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, 1880 Highway 315, Laflin (Pittston).

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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pie contest, children's art contest, hay rides, music and fun-filled activities. All are welcome.

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

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

*Free Community Sunday Suppers* — AUG. 27, SEPT. 10 & 24, sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Route 209, Gilbert (Brodheadsville), and served to those in need in the West End, Kunkletown, Kresgeville and Blakeslee areas; meals are provided free of charge from 3 to 4 p.m. in the church's McCawley Hall. For more information, call the parish office at (610-681-6137).

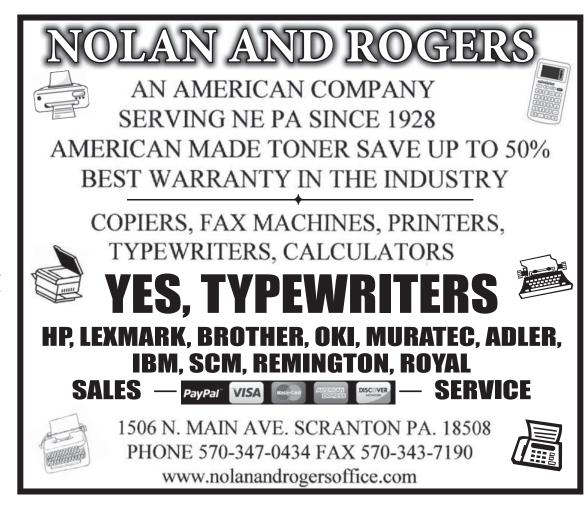
"Soup for the Souls" Soup Sale — AUG. 31, sponsored by the Soup for the Souls Committee at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood section of Hanover Township; sale held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the church hall (take-out orders only). Cost: \$8 per quart. Featured soup of the month: vegetable beef. Pre-orders requested; call (570-825-6370) or Barry (570-899-5080).

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

Film Documentary Screening: "Outcasts" — SEPT. 8, co-sponsored by the Departments of Fine Arts and Religious Studies at Misericordia University in Dallas; screening of

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## Centralia's Ukrainian Church to Host 'Call to Prayer' Pilgrimage August 27

Assumption of the BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church, overlooking the abandoned, desolate borough of Centralia, will host the second annual Call to Prayer Pilgrimage on Sunday, August 27 — the eve of the Feast of the Dormition of the Holy Mother of God according to the Julian calendar.

The pilgrimage begins at 12 noon with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka as the main celebrant and area clergy as concelebrants.

Homilist will be Very Reverend Archpriest John M. Fields. Rev. Mr. Paul Spotts will serve as deacon. Responses to the Divine Liturgy will be led by the choir of the Patronage of the Mother of God Church in McAdoo.

Following the Divine Liturgy, a procession will be held from the church with a replica of the Icon of Our Lady of Pochaiv where it will be placed in the outside chapel.

From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. confessions will be available for

the pilgrims at various locationsthroughout the church grounds.

A Living Rosary will be prayed at 2 p.m. before the historic and jeweled 18th-century copy of the Icon of Our Lady of Pochaiv. Father Martin Kobos, OFM Conv., pastor of Mother Cabrini Church in Shamokin, will provide a reflection at the conclusion of the Living Rosary.

At 3 p.m. Rev. Msgr. James T. Melnic will celebrate with the pilgrims the Akafist to the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God before the Holy Shroud of the Dormition.

All will gather at 4:30 p.m. at the outdoor chapel for a candlelight procession to the church for the celebration of a Moleben to the Mother of God.

At the conclusion of the Moleben, prayers for healing and the anointing with holy oils for the healing of soul and body will take place. For more information, contact the church rectory at 570-339-0650.



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

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

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

Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley.

Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual.

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Free Community Luncheon - SEPT. 9, sponsored by Holy Rosary Parish in Hazleton; lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the parish hall at 240 S. Poplar St., Hazleton. Meal is offered to the community free of charge. All are welcome.

Free Community Pancake Breakfast — SEPT. 9, sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Route 209, Gilbert (Brodheadsville), and served to those in need in portions of Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon and Monroe counties; breakfast is provided free of charge from 8 to 10 a.m. in the church's McCawley Hall. For more information, call the parish office at (610-681-6137).

Sixth Annual Our Lady of Constantinople 5K Race/Fun Walk — SEPT. 10, sponsored by the Felittese Association of Old Forge; race begins at 8:30 a.m. at Old Forge High School football stadium. Felittese Festival, featuring Italian specialties and live entertainment, held on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 8 & 9, from 5 to 10 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 10, from 12 noon to 10 p.m., on the festival fairgrounds, 145 Third St., Old Forge. All race and festival proceeds benefit Prince of Peace Parish in Old Forge and local charities. For more information or race application, call (570-489-0178) or contact: LTerruso@comcast.net.

Cash Bingo — SEPT. 10, sponsored by Holy Family Parish, 828 Main St., Sugar Notch; held in the church hall. Doors open at 12 noon; games begin at 1 p.m. Homemade food and refreshments also available for purchase. Admission cost: \$5. Tickets may be obtained following all weekend Masses or at the door.

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

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

"Soup for the Souls" Annual Craft Festival — SEPT. 23, hosted by Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood section of Hanover Township; held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring arts & crafts from local vendors; event also includes ethnic & picnic foods, bake sale, and activities for all ages. Vendors wishing to participate are asked to contact Sabine at (570-313-6060).

17th Annual Craft Fair — SEPT. 30, sponsored by the Women's Guild of Divine Mercy Parish, Davis Street, Minooka section of Scranton: held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parish center. Admission fee: \$2.

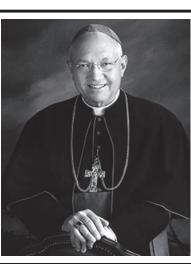


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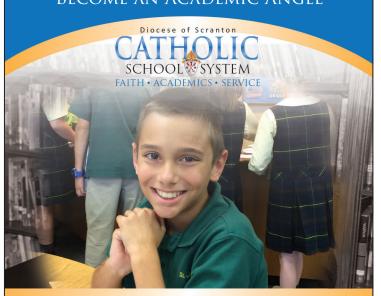


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