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'Magnificent dwelling place for God'

Bishop Bambara Dedicates New Saint Jude Church in Mountain Top

On a gorgeous sun-splashed day that he described as “glorious,” Bishop Bambara dedicated and blessed the new church for Saint Jude Parish in Mountain Top at a Mass on Sunday, September 17.

It was a day on which the Bishop said “we are privileged to experience in praise of God and with gratitude for all that God has done in our lives and in this wonderful parish community of Saint Jude. This magnificent dwelling place for God is a tribute to all of you who, in so many and different ways, have served to build not merely this church – but *the Church* – the People of God.”

Upon entering, everyone marveled at the new building, which provides more seating and parking to accommodate the growth of the parish. The contemporary design also honored the history of the Diocese with furnishings from several closed churches.

The Bishop cited the unique nature of the dedication, which simply doesn't happen that often. In fact,



The light of Christ streams through the beautiful stained glass windows as the assembly participates in the dedication Mass for the new Saint Jude Church in Mountain Top.

The Catholic Light Photos/Mike Melisky

he noted, it's the first time that he has ever experienced it in his 34 years as a priest

“I hope you will watch and listen and soak in the richness of this powerful moment of prayer and praise,” he said.

They certainly did – watching, praying and singing with reverence and exuberance as the ceremony unfolded.

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it a symbol of Christ, “The anointed One.”

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The lighting of the altar and church were reminders that the light of Christ shines out in the Church and through it in the whole of humanity.

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Presenting the keys to the Bishop before the procession into the church are Dan Frascella, Sister Ellen Fischer, SCC, and Allen Foust, escorted by the pastor, Father Joseph Evanko.

Leaving a Mark

Hundreds of young missionary disciples fanned out across the Diocese on Saturday, September 16, to participate in a Day of Service. Suggested by members of the young church and sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations, the activities were a response to Pope Francis' challenge to “leave a mark” in our world by encountering and helping those in need. Pictured are members of the Faith in Action Youth Group from Annunciation Parish, Hazleton, who served at Brandon's Forever Home, a charitable organization created to raise awareness about children in foster care and their need for permanent, loving homes. *For more on the Day of Service, please see pages 16-17.*



Respect Life Sunday – October 1

The Diocese of Scranton will observe Respect Life Sunday with the celebration of the Mass this Sunday, October 1, 2017, at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton. For more on this special liturgy, and a letter from Bishop Bambara, please see page 2.

BISHOP BAMBERA'S LETTER FOR RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Dear Friends,

As has been the case for far too many letters that I have written to the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton as we prepare to celebrate Respect Life Sunday on October 1, 2017, our land and our world continue to be confronted by a gross disregard for our belief in the sanctity of human life.

In mid-August, violence and hatred motivated by racism and a disrespect for human life led to one death and multiple injuries in Charlottesville, Virginia. A few days later, a terrorist attack in Barcelona, Spain, arbitrarily took fourteen lives and injured over one hundred. In less notable news, debate continues almost daily in medical societies and state legislatures regarding the legalization of doctor assisted suicide. And the list goes on!

The treasured belief that all of life is sacred because all of life is made in the image and likeness of God appears to be eroding before our eyes. Frighteningly, even some who presume to profess faith in God make arbitrary determinations about the value of life based upon criteria such as one's country of origin, ethnic background, religious tradition, lifestyle or the color of one's skin.

Recently, for example, debate about whether to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program has heightened, potentially leaving some 800,000 youth of immigrant families in peril of deportation from the only country that that have known in their young lives. While some might wonder why this issue is viewed in the context of respect for human life, Pope Francis puts the question in proper perspective, "Uprooting young people from their families is not something that will bear fruit . . . the family is the cradle of life and its unity must be defended."

While such attitudes regarding "the other" might appear to simply be vestiges of a by-gone era, they are tragically far more evident in our world than any of us would imagine or believe.

When coupled with an ongoing disregard for the countless numbers of human lives lost through abortion, euthanasia and capital punishment, it is not difficult to see that our world is far from that which was willed by God at the beginning of creation. As a result of such events and behaviors, we find ourselves enveloped by a perspective of life that is very different from that which is foundational to our faith as Christians.

Pope Francis has warned us often of the consequences of embracing such an erroneous perspective: "All too often, as we know from experience, people do not choose life, they do not accept the 'Gospel of Life' but let themselves be led by ideologies and ways of thinking that block life, that do not respect life, because they are dictated by selfishness, self-interest, profit, power and pleasure, and not by love, by concern for the good of others. ... As a result, the living God is replaced by fleeting human idols which offer the intoxication of a flash of freedom, but in the end bring new forms of slavery and death."

Amid such competing values that the world places before our eyes, for us to ever begin to experience the fullness of life and freedom that God has promised, our lives must first be rooted in the life of Jesus. Through his own example of service, selfless love and compassion for all, Jesus challenges us to engage our world in the same way. No longer is it enough to merely long for an end to what appears to be a godless age or to despair in the face of a world that seems to have lost its way. Prayer *must* be the foundation of

our lives and Christ-like respect and action *must* characterize all of our relationships, our decisions and even our words and opinions. In short, while it may very well appear that, at times, others need to change far more than we ourselves, to presume that we bear little responsibility for the upheaval that is enveloping our world is to miss the heart of the message of the Gospel of Life.

Simply put, because of the unique relationship of the human person to the Creator, every life demands absolute protection from conception to natural end. The dignity of every human being must be upheld – even when such a posture places us in opposition to popular values, political expediency, and the tide of today's evolving cultural norms. Jesus' way must become our way – in our homes, in our workplaces, in our parishes, in our casual conversations, in the votes that we are privileged to cast and in every aspect of our lives. In the end, while we may not wind up changing those who need to change the most, in humbly seeking to change ourselves, we will be witnessing to the power of Christ which alone *can* change our world.

May our merciful and loving God forgive and sustain us as we work ever more earnestly to establish a culture of respect for life, beginning first with those lives entrusted to our care, including our own.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

September 28 – Provincial Meeting of PA Bishops, Harrisburg

September 30 – V Encuentro Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 4:00 p.m.

October 1 – Respect Life Sunday Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 10:00 a.m.

October 2 – Confirmation, St. Jude Parish & Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Dorrance, at St. Jude Church, Mountaintop, 5:00 p.m.

October 3 – Confirmation, St. John Neumann Parish and St. Paul of the Cross Parish, at Nativity Church, Scranton, 5:00 p.m.

October 6 – Red Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.

October 7 – Mass of Candidacy for Permanent Diaconate, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.

October 8 – 100th Anniversary Mass, Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Hanover Township, 11:00 a.m.

October 11-12 – USCCB Ecumenical & Interfaith Affairs Meeting, Chicago

October 14 – Catechist Convocation Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 9:00 a.m.

October 14 – Notre Dame High School 50th Anniversary Mass, Notre Dame High School, East Stroudsburg, 4:00 p.m.

October 15 – Mass to Consecrate the Diocese to Blessed Mother in Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 12:15 p.m.

October 16 – Confirmation, St. Boniface, St. Lawrence, Immaculate Conception and St. Luke's Parishes at St. Boniface Church, Williamsport, 5:00 p.m.

Mass on Respect Life Sunday Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton Sunday, October 1, 2017 – 10 a.m.

The Diocese of Scranton will observe Respect Life Sunday with the celebration of the Mass this Sunday, October 1, 2017, at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will serve as the principal celebrant for this special liturgy which highlights the Catholic Church's respect for the sanctity and dignity of life spanning all stages and conditions, from conception to natural death. It celebrates the life of the unborn, persons with disabilities, the deaf, the ill, and those in the last stages of earthly life. The liturgy is also offered for victims of abortion, euthanasia, and the death penalty.

Students representing Diocesan Catholic schools and parish Religious Education programs, in addition to representatives of organizations that work to uphold the sanctity and dignity of human life, will serve in various ministerial roles at the Mass.

The faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend this special liturgy. CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton, will broadcast the Mass live.

Commitment Weekend is October 14 & 15

The 2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal is under way in parishes across the Diocese of Scranton. This year's goal is \$5 million.

In-Pew Commitment Weekend has been scheduled for the weekend of October 14 and 15. All parishioners will be invited to make an Appeal pledge during Commitment Weekend and may also submit a prayer intention, whether or not they donate to the Appeal.

Prayer intentions will be remembered at a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on Sunday, November 26, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral. The Mass of Thanksgiving will be followed by a reception in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. All are invited to attend the Mass and reception.

"Our Diocesan Development Office staff is pleased to work closely with our pastors, parish life coordinators, parish staffs, parish representatives and regional chairs to invite parishioners from across

the Diocese to join the local Church in support of so many wonderful ministries and programs that lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ," said Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary of Development.

Gifts to the Appeal provide much needed funds for the care and support of our clergy; for feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and caring for the sick and needy; for the education of our children in our Parish Religious Education programs and in our Catholic Schools; for the sharing of the wonderful message of the Gospel; and for the work of our parishes to continue to build vibrant and welcoming parish communities.

For more information on Diocesan Annual Appeal activities, volunteer opportunities or to make a gift, kindly contact the Diocesan Office of Development at Development@dioceseofscranton.org or 570-207-2250 or go to www.annualappeal.org

Homeless Family Gains A New Beginning through Catholic Social Services

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series on ministries funded by the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

One evening, David Pennay took a bad step and fell down the stairs at home. The next day, he felt a stab of excruciating pain, his legs went numb and he fell to the floor.

Doctors told him a blood clot from the fall put pressure on his spinal cord and damaged vertebrae. "I don't know if I'll ever walk again," said David, who also has epilepsy.

Prior to his accident, David worked as a meat cutter in a processing plant. His wife Nancy was working on an associates' degree. After the accident, she had to give up her education. David's epileptic disorder means he can't be left alone with the children.

Unable to work, unable to pay the rent, David was evicted along with his wife and their children – son, Nathan, then age 4, and twin girls, Kayla and Kaitlyn, age 2. A friend found a place for them in a condemned bar in Peckville.

"We were living in the pool room," said David. "We had to cook on little burners. My wife washed dishes in the rest room sink... The bar was dark and dingy. It wasn't a good home. I knew it



David and Nancy Pennay of Jessup with their children from left, Kaitlyn, Nathan and Kayla.

was hard for the kids and my wife because it was hard for me."

That was February of 2015. This past spring, the plight of the Pennay family came to the attention of Lori Bowen, case manager of Catholic Social Services, Carbondale. Lori immediately opened a Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) Intensive Case Management file to help meet this family's many needs, the foremost being housing. The family would soon be evicted from the bar where

they took refuge.

Said Ms. Bowen, "We got very blessed with the timing. A handicapped accessible apartment was available in Jessup and this family was accepted... Having a safe, clean, permanent home will greatly improve the children's ability to learn and focus on important life skills. The Pennays are a lovely family and I continue to assist them with case management services.

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Monroe County Regional Chairs



Pictured with Bishop Bambera are the Diocesan Annual Appeal Regional Chairs for Monroe County: Father Gerald Shantillo, Lynn and Mike Savage.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera has invited Mike Savage and Lynn Boscarino Savage to serve as Regional Lay Chairs for Monroe County for the 2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Father Gerald Shantillo has been invited to serve as Regional Clergy Chair.

Mr. and Mrs. Savage reside in Bartonsville and are parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Parish, Tannersville, where Mike serves as a lector and member of the Finance Council. The Savages are the parents of four children: Michael, Long Island; Joey, Buffalo, N.Y.; Christopher, Jersey City, N.J.; and Marissa, Queens, N.Y. They also have four grandchildren. Mike is president of Savage Financial Group Ltd, Pocono Summit. Lynn is a lead at Giant Food Market, Bartonsville.

"I support the Appeal because it's something I believe in 100 percent," said Mr. Savage. "Whatever you put out will come back to you in spades, good or bad." He recalls times in his life when finances were difficult but he always had faith. "I moved to New York City from a small town in Illinois, at age 19, with little money, a guitar and a suitcase. God always took care of me," he adds. As young parents, relocating from Long Island to the Poconos 24 years ago, "we almost lost everything. But we never stopped giving to charity to help someone worse off than we were. We sacrificed."

"We were brought up to be good Catholics," said Mrs. Savage, who was raised in Queens, N.Y. "Jesus gave his life for us. You have to make sacrifices to be blessed. When you sacrifice, you realize that what is most important is your faith and your family."

"We need to continue to fund Catholic education, one of the most important ministries supported by the Appeal," said Mr. Savage. "I went to a Catholic high school and I appreciate it today. My teachers always told me, 'you can do better.'"

To encourage new donors to the Appeal, Mrs. Savage said she is "talking one-on-one with people in my neighborhood, people in our community, anyone whose children received sacraments at our church. I feel if I can talk with people and explain why the Appeal is so needed they will respond."

Father Jerry Shantillo, pastor of St. Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg, has a similar perspective about the Appeal. "A lot of people are afraid to ask others for financial support. We shouldn't be afraid to ask for support for this important mission of the Diocese. Anyone who takes the time to understand all of the good work that's done through the Appeal, and all of the services and ministries we're trying to provide for the people of our region, will certainly want to help. They'll want to give to those in need spiritually and materially to give back for all the good God has given them in their lives."

Annual Appeal Social Justice grants were awarded to St. Matthew Parish for various ministries. A \$3,000 grant helps parishioners offer a weekly meal and "a warming center in winter and cooling center in summer," for 30 to 40 homeless people each week, explains Father Shantillo. The parish also uses Appeal grants to provide spiritual and material assistance to the Hispanic community, and for addiction and substance abuse education.

New Church Dedicated for Saint Jude Parish

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The Bishop anointed the four stone pillars symbolic of Jesus instructing St. Peter, “Upon this Rock.”

Reflecting on the scripture about how, after a half century of suffering, the people of Israel were allowed to return to their homes, Bishop Bambara encouraged the parishioners to look at the journey they have experienced as a parish on this blessed mountaintop for 63 years.

“Many of you,” the Bishop explained, “have said to me today and in recent months, ‘Finally, our dream of a church is realized.’ And it has been realized and it’s beautiful to behold, isn’t it? ... But, my brothers and sisters, this dream is a reality today only because from your earliest days, you have first been deeply committed to building CHURCH – the people that God has called you to be!”

He cited the gospel passage and the familiar words of Jesus spoken to one of his closest disciples, “You are Peter, and upon this rock, I will build my church!” The word translated as “church” comes from the Greek *ekklesia* which means “an assembly.”

Through Peter’s leadership, Jesus would establish not a building or temple but a people – a people who embraced the call to missionary discipleship – a people who proclaimed the good news of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection – a people who lived their faith in Jesus in word, worship, community and service.

“And that’s what you have done in this parish for all of your years together as the People of God,” Bishop Bambara said. “You have celebrated life and called one another to a profound respect for this sublime gift of God. You have taught people to read and write and sing about our faith. You have fed families and clothed the poor. You have healed bodies and spirits, consoled, buried and converted hearts to the Lord. ... You have acknowledged God’s presence in your hearts and have served so well the lives of the people God has woven into your midst. ... You have first done Christ’s work – a work that, more than anything else, has created the rock solid foundation upon which this house of God now rests.

“And so, because you have been faithful, we come to this moment of great joy in the life of your parish community. This rich ceremony that we undertake as we dedicate this structure for the worship and praise of God and the building up of his people reminds us of who we are as children of God – of all that we are called to do and to be – and of the heart of our faith and hope in Jesus.

“So, my brothers and sisters – give thanks – go forth in love – and continue to build CHURCH – the People God has called us to be!”

While the Bishop said he could never single out the countless people who brought this day to fruition, he did acknowledge “one person who has worked tirelessly for many years to make this moment a reality: your local shepherd and pastor, Father Joe Evanko.”



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The Altar and the church are incensed, here by the pastor, Father Joseph Evanko, to signify that Christ’s sacrifice ascends to God as an odor of sweetness along with the people’s prayers; and signifies that the church is a house of prayer.



Magnificent music was led by the Saint Jude Adult and Children Dedication Choirs, directed by Joseph Dubinski and Stephanie Kulpa, respectively.

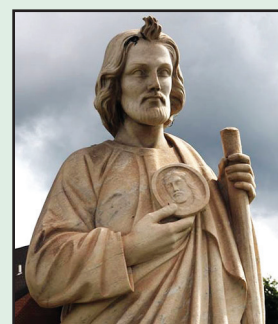


Reverend Mr. Ryan Glenn, a native son of the parish and a seminarian for the Diocese, lights the altar candles. The lighting of the altar and church reminds us that the light of Christ shines out in the Church, and through it in the whole of humanity.



Offertory gifts are presented by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orloski Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sworen.

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Church Legacies Live On

The new Saint Jude Church features furnishings from several closed churches:

- + From Holy Family Church in Scranton – Stained glass windows, dating to the 1920s.
- + From Saint Francis of Assisi Church in West Hazleton – marble altars and furnishings imported from Italy.
- + From Saint Rocco's Church in Pittston – Stations of the Cross.
- + From Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Hazleton – the tabernacle.
- + From the original Saint Jude Church – the restored crucifix.



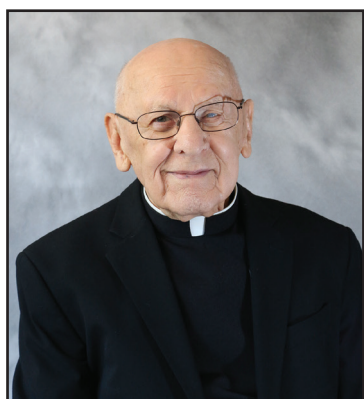
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Monsignor Edmund S. Penkala is Laid to Rest

Reverend Monsignor Edmund S. Penkala, pastor emeritus of Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Plymouth, and a resident of Villa Saint Joseph, Dunmore, died on September 18, 2017.

Monsignor Penkala, son of the late Paul and Catherine Rachfal Penkala, was born in West Hazleton on January 5, 1920. He received his early education at Transfiguration Grammar School and graduated from Saint Francis High School, Athol Springs, N.Y. Monsignor graduated from Saint Charles College, Catonsville, Md., and Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore in June 1942. He received his Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree from Saint Mary's Seminary on June 8, 1944.

He was ordained to the priesthood on December 21, 1945, in Saint Gabriel's Church, Hazleton, by the Most Reverend William J. Hafey, D.D., late Bishop of Scranton.



Monsignor Edmund S. Penkala

Monsignor Penkala served as an assistant pastor at SS. Peter and Paul, Plains; Saint Mary's, Nanticoke; and Saint Hedwig's in Kingston. He received his first pastorate at Saint Joseph's, Morris Run, on September 25, 1965, and then became pastor of Saint Stanislaus, Old Forge. Monsignor was appointed pastor of Saint Mary Church, Minooka, on January 25, 1972, and served for 10 years until his appointment

as pastor of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Plymouth, on June 22, 1982, where he remained until his retirement and appointment as pastor emeritus on June 30, 1995.

Monsignor Penkala was named a prelate of honor by Pope Saint John Paul II in March of 1983 and given the title Monsignor. In addition to his parochial duties, Monsignor served as Dean of the Plymouth Deanery from January 1, 1986, through January 1, 1989.

He is survived by multi-generational nieces and nephews. Monsignor Penkala was preceded in death by his siblings.

A Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Most Reverend James C. Timlin, D.D., Bishop Emeritus of Scranton, on September 22, 2017, in Holy Name of Jesus Parish (Transfiguration Church), West Hazleton. Interment was in Transfiguration Cemetery, West Hazleton.

CLERGY APPOINTMENT

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

RETIREMENT

Reverend William B. Pickard, from Chaplain, St. Joseph's Center, Scranton, to Early Retirement at his own request, effective October 2, 2017.

Red Mass To Be Celebrated October 6

The annual Red Mass will be celebrated on Friday, October 6, at 12:10 p.m. in the Cathedral Saint Peter in Scranton. This liturgy is attended by judges, lawyers and legislators for the purpose of invoking God's blessing and guidance in the administration of justice.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant. The homilist will be Reverend Herbert B. Keller, S.J., interim president of The University of Scranton and rector of the Scranton Jesuit Community.

At this Mass, the Saint Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Scranton will present its third annual Attorney Sheila Flanagan Sheils Memorial Award to Attorney Mary Theresa Gardier Paterson, secretary and general counsel for Marywood University.

All are invited to attend the Red Mass. CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live.

Office for Parish Life

FALL CONVOCATIONS

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.



SERVICE Convocation Focuses on Nonviolence

The Office of Parish Life launched its series of Fall Convocations with the SERVICE Convocation last Saturday, September 23.

The keynote speaker was Marie Dennis of Pax Christi International (www.paxchristi.net), who facilitated an informative and inspiring discussion of the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative – which inspired Pope Francis' 2017 World Day of Peace message, entitled: "Nonviolence: a style of politics for peace."

Marie shared many stories of successful nonviolent actions that were recounted at the gathering in Rome with the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, as well as throughout her travels as co-president of Pax Christi International. To learn more about the Catholic Nonviolence

Initiative, go to www.nonviolencejustpeace.net.

The day also included speakers on Environmental Ministry, Prison Ministry, Campaign Against Human Trafficking here in NEPA, Consistent Life Network, Friends from Bethlehem, Palestine, as well as representatives from Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Social Services and the Ignatian Volunteer Corps.

Prayers were offered to lift up the martyr Father Stanley Rother, who was beatified that day.

The convocation was a gathering that exemplified what Parish Social Ministry is all about: embracing the principles of Catholic social teaching and inspiring our worshipping communities to get involved in our global Church's efforts to support charity, justice and peacemaking.

Pilgrims in Portugal

Bishop Bambera and faithful from the Diocese of Scranton have concluded their special pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal in honor of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's appearance to three young shepherd children in 1917. The pilgrimage was made September 18-26 and included Masses celebrated by the Bishop and visits to many sacred and historic sites, including two days in Fatima where the Marian apparitions occurred.

Diocese to be Consecrated to Blessed Mother on October 15

In conjunction with the Church's observance of the Fatima centennial, the Bishops of Pennsylvania are dedicating each Catholic diocese and eparchy in the Commonwealth to the protection of the Blessed Mother. The official dedication was marked with a special Mass celebrated by all the Bishops on September 27 in Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Harrisburg.

The Diocese of Scranton's observance of this dedication will occur with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Bambera on Sunday, October 15, at 12:15 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. All are invited to participate. CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass.



Evening rosary and candlelight procession at Fatima.



Mass with Bishop Bambera at the Chapel of Apparitions, concelebrated by Father Shane Kirby (left) and Father Brian J.T. Clarke.



Pilgrims toured the Basilica with the tombs of the children – Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta.



Communion in Igreja Paroquial de Sao Jose Church.



Mass at the Basilica de Santa Maria de Vigo, followed by a guided city tour and then a boat ride to the Islands of Cies.



Santarem: the Eucharistic Miracle of the "Bleeding Host."



Visiting the birthplace of St. Anthony of Lisbon (aka Padua).



Among the culinary delights was lunch along the Douro River.



For more photos, please see: www.facebook.com/DioceseOfScranton



Monsignor Edmund S. Penkala

“Through the sacred ordination and mission which they receive from the bishops, priests are promoted to the service of Christ the Teacher, Priest and King; they are given a share in his ministry, through which the Church here on earth is being ceaselessly built up into the People of God, Christ’s Body and temple of the Spirit.”

These are words taken from the (Second Vatican Council document) *Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests*. Monsignor Ed Penkala lived these words well!

For 72 years he exercised priestly ministry which built up the People of God in Plains, Kingston, Nanticoke, Morris Run, Moosic, Old Forge, Plymouth and all around the Diocese of Scranton. Although not the oldest priest in our Diocese, Monsignor Penkala was the priest who was the longest ordained. He was ordained in Hazleton on December 21, 1945, and at the ripe old age of 97, he would still dress in his clerical garb each day at the Villa St. Joseph, fully aware of and content in his priestly identity. As noted in the 1983 letter naming him a prelate of honor, Monsignor Penkala was a “renowned pastor in the Diocese of Scranton.”

Monsignor Penkala’s share in Christ’s ministry as Teacher, Priest and King is a cause of thanksgiving for us today as we pray and entrust his soul to Him whom he served so well. As we heard in the second reading from 2 Corinthians: “Everything is for you, O God, so that grace bestowed in abundance may cause thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.”

As sad as it is to say goodbye to this beloved priest, especially for his over 100 multi-generational nieces and nephews, this Mass helps us all experience the end to which all his teaching, sacramental moments and governance of God’s people led — communion with God. We not only look to what is seen in Monsignor Penkala’s long life, but to what is unseen in the mysterious grace of God that sustained him and sustains us. We can give thanks because, like we heard in Job, we are celebrating the fruitful life of a man whose inmost being was consumed with longing to behold God — and now he does!

“Among the virtues especially demanded by the ministry of priests must be reckoned that disposition of mind by which they are always prepared to seek not their own will but the will of him who has sent them. The divine task for the fulfilment of which they have been set apart by the Holy Spirit transcends all human strength and human wisdom; for ‘God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.’ Therefore the true minister of Christ is conscious of his own weakness and labors in humility.”

This quote, again from the *Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests*, speaks to the humble disposition of Monsignor Penkala. I cannot say that I knew him well, but judging from the few conversations I had with him, a review of his file, and especially the testimony of his family, his humility is clear to me.

His nephew Bob shared with me how Monsignor was very quiet and avoided getting into arguments, especially when discussions turned toward politics. He was a good listener. He led by example. He was consistently fair minded, had a good wit, and never complained. In other words, he was much like our Lord in today’s gospel — meek and humble of heart.

I am told he was quite good at keeping track of his family, which is quite large, as mentioned earlier — over 100 descendants from Monsignor’s nine siblings. Bob shared with me how Monsignor was masterful at sending out cards for birthdays and holidays, never missing an important date. In fact, he had cards lined up and ready to be sent right through December of this year.

When asked about some of Monsignor’s other interests and hobbies, Bob said he was an avid golfer at one time and it was the *only* time Monsignor passed along to him some bad habits! He also, at one time, loved to hunt with his hunting dogs, go to the beach for family vacations and root for the Philadelphia Phillies.

All these “ordinary” things simply flesh out the human qualities that supported the divine task for which he had been set apart by the Holy Spirit. Mindful of the Church’s never ending mission, Monsignor even arranged after his passing, to financially support various organizations and religious orders that care for the poor. He also wanted Masses said for the repose of his soul.


One last quote from the Vatican II document on priests: “For the leaders of the People of God must walk by faith, following the example of the faithful Abraham who by faith ‘obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go’ (Heb. 11:8). Indeed the dispenser of the mysteries of God can be compared to the man who cast the seed into the earth, of whom the Lord said that he ‘should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he knows not how’ (Mt. 4:27). The Lord Jesus who said ‘Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world’ (Jn. 16:23), did not by these words promise complete victory to his Church in this world. This sacred Council rejoices that the earth which has been sown with the seed of the Gospel is now bringing forth fruit in many places under the guidance of the Spirit of the Lord. This Spirit is filling the world and has stirred up a truly missionary spirit in the hearts of many priests and faithful.”



Born in 1920, some may be tempted to think Monsignor knew Abraham personally, but nonetheless, the point of this quote hits close to home for all priests. Monsignor Penkala was ordained not knowing where he was to go or how long he would serve in priestly ministry. He sowed seeds of faith in every aspect of his personal life and priestly ministry, and knew only God could make the seeds grow. His missionary spirit kept him faithful to the Church.

It is a blessing for us to have known such a good man and holy priest. “Be of good cheer” indeed, and let us have joy for his joy as he now receives his inheritance.

Excerpted from the homily by Father Jeffrey J. Walsh, V.E., at the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for Monsignor Edmund S. Penkala on September 22 at Transfiguration Church in West Hazleton.



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Diocese of Scranton Welcomes New Seminarians



From left: Father Don Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians; Mark DeCelles, Bernie Gardzalla, Christopher Kircher; and Monsignor David Bohr, Diocesan Secretary for Clergy Formation.



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Six new seminarians have begun Priestly Formation for the Diocese of Scranton. Christopher Kircher, Marc Phillips, and Jan Carlo Perez are studying at Cathedral Seminary House of Formation in Douglaston, N.Y. Mark DeCelles is studying at Saint Mary's Seminary and

University in Baltimore, Md. Deacon Ed Casey and Bernie Gardzalla are studying at Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Mass. See future editions of *The Catholic Light* to read more about them and their vocational journey.

Eight Men To Be Received as Candidates for Permanent Diaconate

Bishop Bambera will celebrate the Rite of Candidacy in the Cathedral of Saint Peter at the 12:10 p.m. Mass on Saturday, October 7, 2017 for eight men from the Diocese of Scranton, who have just completed their first year in formation to be ordained as permanent deacons in November 2020.

In this public ceremony, after having completed his "aspirancy year" of vocational discernment, along with introductory studies of Scripture, church history and the spiritual life, each aspirant now declares his formal intention to pursue ordination to the diaconate. The Church, then, in the person of the presiding Bishop, accepts and recognizes him as a suitable candidate for the Order of Deacon.

The eight men to be received as candidates are:
+ Eugene N. Blockus, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Lake Silkworth

+ Joseph J. Chimola, Jr., Saint Jude, Mountain Top

+ John C. Jorda, Gate of Heaven, Dallas
+ Peter J. Lemoncelli, Saint Ann's Basilica, Scranton

+ Joseph R. Marcellus, Saint Thomas More, Lake Ariel

+ Gerard P. Pernot, Nativity of Our Lord, Duryea

+ Angel Luis Rivera, St. Luke, Stroudsburg
+ Joseph Sudano, Saint Vincent de Paul, Milford

In addition to the new candidates along with their wives and families, participants in the ceremony will also include Monsignor David Bohr, diocesan Secretary for Clergy Formation and Director of the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program, as well as the coordinators of the program. Some of their deacon formation advisors, spiritual directors and pastors are also expected to be on hand.

On November 25, an additional 11 candidates in their fifth year of preparation, are scheduled to be ordained as deacons.

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.

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**Eucharistic Adoration – Praise
 & Worship Music – Speaker –
 Reconciliation – Social**

**Sunday, October 15, 2017
 6:30 p.m.**

**Saint Joseph the Worker Parish,
 702 West Fourth Street, Williamsport**
Speaker: Sister Mindy Welding, IHM

**For more information,
 call 570-780-2996**

Golden Jubilee Anniversary Celebration Held at St. Maria Goretti

LAFLIN — Bishop Joseph C. Bambera served as principal celebrant and homilist for the Golden Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving on Sept. 16 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the founding of St. Maria Goretti Parish in Laflin.

Concelebrants for the anniversary liturgy included the parish's current pastor, Father James Walsh; former pastors, Father James Paisley and Monsignor Neil Van Loon; and Very Rev. Paul McDonnell, OSJ, provincial superior of the Oblates of St. Joseph, USA Province.

Established in 1967, the St. Maria Goretti Catholic community utilized the nearby St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary for its parish life during the first ten years of its existence. Subsequently, a church rectory was purchased adjacent to the ten acres of land previously obtained by the parish, and the new St. Maria Goretti Church and chapel were dedicated in 1977. Two years later, a parish office was constructed, and in 1987 the Family Center was dedicated, complete with parish hall, kitchen, community room, eight classrooms, youth lounge, two offices and rest rooms.

On Sept. 1, 1967, Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, sixth bishop of Scranton, established the Parish of St. Maria Goretti. Shortly thereafter, ten acres of land were purchased by the Diocese of Scranton for \$30,000, with the land situated in the Hilltop Manor Development in Laflin, at the corner of Laflin Road and Ashwood Drive.

On Sept. 14, Father Harry Lewis was appointed to serve as its first pastor. That following Sunday, three Masses were offered for members of the newly formed parish,

consisting of approximately 60 families. The Eucharistic liturgies were celebrated in the chapel of the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, and Father Lewis blessed all in attendance with an authentic, first-class relic of St. Maria Goretti — a gift from the Passionist Fathers at St. Ann's Monastery in Scranton. The chapel at the Oblates of St. Joseph would be the parish's home until their own church would be built.

Father Lewis resided at St. John the Evangelist Rectory in Pittston, but eventually moved his living quarters to the Oblates seminary. Father Francis Brennan, who succeeded Father Lewis, also maintained his residence at the seminary nearby.

When the parish's second pastor arrived in September 1970, he found that a strong spiritual foundation had been laid by his predecessor. Father Brennan earnestly began planning and designing a new church, increasing parish membership, and seeking ways of increasing revenues. However, his untimely death on July 28, 1974, brought those efforts to an abrupt halt.

Father Gerard Gannon, who succeeded Father Brennan, served as the pastor of St. Maria Goretti for just eight months. During that time, he purchased and furnished the home at 42 Redwood Drive, which became the parish's new base of operations and has served as the rectory from 1974 until the present day.

The period from March 1975, when Father Philip Gray was appointed fourth pastor of St. Maria Goretti, to March 13, 1993, could well be described as the time during which all major parish



The Catholic Light Photos/Mary Roberts

Bishop Bambera celebrates the Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving marking the 50th anniversary of St. Maria Goretti Parish in Laflin on Sept. 16. Concelebrating the liturgy are, foreground from left, Monsignor Neil Van Loon, former pastor; Father James Walsh, current pastor; and Father James Paisley, former pastor. Shown in the background is Deacon Michael Imbrogno, M.D., who serves as permanent deacon at the parish.

building projects had taken place. When he first arrived, a general meeting, to which all parishioners were invited, was held in the Seminary Chapel. He announced that the parish would immediately begin planning for the construction of a new church, and a campaign to raise \$550,000 to build the church, called the New Church Appeal, was initiated. When both phases of the fund drive were completed in June of 1976, groundbreaking for the new St. Maria Goretti Church took place on Oct. 1, 1976.

Shortly after a parish council was established at St. Maria Goretti in the early fall of 1977, the new church was ready for dedication. On Nov. 10, 1977, the main altar — containing the relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. John Neumann and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton — was consecrated. The solemn blessing of the church with the celebration of a Pontifical Mass was held on Nov. 13, 1977, with five nieces of St. Maria Goretti in attendance.

Dedication week concluded with an Open House at the new church, as parish membership in 1977 had risen to 450 families. In 1978, the annual Novena to St. Maria Goretti began being offered each summer from June 27 through July 5, culminating with a parish celebration on the

patroness' feast day of July 6.

The parking lot was soon expanded, followed by the construction of the festival kitchens and rest rooms in 1979. Rectory improvements and additions were made, and the extension to the rectory came to be known as the Saint Maria Goretti Community Center. It was blessed and dedicated on Sunday, Nov. 29, 1981.

Three years after St. Maria Goretti would celebrate its silver anniversary as a community of faith on Sept. 27, 1992, Father James Paisley would succeed the parish's longtime pastor, Monsignor Gray. Father Paisley arrived in July of 1995 to shepherd the parish and introduce it to The Sweet Charity Players, of which he was a member. The talented vocal/theatrical ensemble continued for many years to perform the musical "Godspell" to benefit various charitable causes.

During Lent of 1997, Father Paisley led St. Maria Goretti in hosting the only Parish Mission in its history. He also conducted a major Debt Reduction Campaign to raise money to alleviate the mortgage on the Family Center complex. His tenure also witnessed the installation of new carpeting throughout the church.

Father Michael Kirwin, Ph.D., began serving as the parish's sixth

pastor in June of 2006. In 2009, Father Kirwin was appointed administrator of St. Mark Church in Inkerman, in addition to his pastoral duties in Laflin. The St. Mark's faithful would eventually combine with that of St. Maria Goretti, and when the Inkerman church closed, Father Kirwin directed that the church's statues of St. Mark, St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother be incorporated into the St. Maria Goretti church landscape.

After succeeding Father Kirwin, Monsignor Neil Van Loon undertook many parish improvement projects during his pastoral tenure, including the repaving of church roads and parking lot; refurbishing of pews; installation of a new sound system and lighting in the church and surrounding property; and the replacement of the chapel's clear-glass window with a stained-glass image of St. Maria Goretti.

Upon being assigned as the eighth and current pastor of St. Maria Goretti in 2015, Father James Walsh saw to the installation of a poor box in the church as a means for parishioners to provide financially for the less fortunate, in addition to donations of food and clothing.

During his first Christmas at the parish, Father Walsh directed the construction of a large Nativity scene and manger that is now prominently displayed each year on an elevated platform in the main church. Since that time, the St. Maria Goretti pastor has spearheaded the yearlong celebration leading to the golden anniversary of the parish in 2017.



Statue of St. Maria Goretti in the parish's outdoor shrine.



Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish Celebrating Centennial Year

HANOVER TOWNSHIP — Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will serve as principal celebrant of a Centennial Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving next month to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish. The anniversary liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 8, at 11 a.m. in Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church in the Buttonwood section of Hanover Township.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish was founded in 1917 by a group of 57 Polish families who were seeking a place of worship to practice their Catholic faith while keeping their Polish heritage alive.

It was in September 1917 that the decision was made by a local group of Polish-speaking faithful to take the first steps in establishing a parish community, and Rose DeMorat, one of the original members, was given the task of naming the parish.

The Polish immigrant woman of deep faith recalled her home parish church where she attended Mass in her native Poland and

decided that would be the name of the new parish — in English, “Exaltation of the Holy Cross.”

The first formal meeting of the founding members took place on Oct. 3, 1917, and the first Mass was celebrated a short time after by Father Francis Dominiak at the nearby Buttonwood School. About a year later, the parishioners began the building of a church, and on April 20, 1919, the first Mass was celebrated in the new church by Father Edmund Zawadski. Bishop Michael J. Hoban, second bishop of Scranton, was on hand to preside at the dedication of the new church on July 25, 1920.

The original church was unfortunately destroyed in a fire in the early morning hours of Dec. 27, 1946. However, due to the dedication, hard work, and faith of the parishioners and pastor at the time, a new church was built. It would be dedicated on Sept. 19, 1947, by Bishop William J. Hafey, fourth Bishop of Scranton.

Over the years, various updates and improvements have



Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in Hanover Township

been made to both the inside of the church and the church grounds, including a new rectory, garage, and outdoor activity area. In July 2009, the parish became linked with the nearby Parish of St. Robert Bellarmine in Wilkes-Barre.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross is currently home to many ministries and groups, including an active youth ministry, choir, Men’s Club, and Our Lady of Czestochowa Ladies’ Society. The various ministries contribute to the spiritual and financial needs of the parish and surrounding community.

The Hanover Township parish takes an active role in various charitable projects, including donations to local soup kitchens and visitations to area nursing homes by the youth of the parish. The parish also attracts visitors from the surrounding region at spiritual events, such as the Gorzkie Zale Polish devotional service during Lent and monthly evening Eucharistic adoration with Praise and Worship music held by the youth ministry.

Under the spiritual guidance of its current pastor, Father Richard Cirba, and his predecessor, Father Kevin Mulhern, Exaltation of the Holy Cross has enjoyed a year-long celebration filled with numerous devotions to commemorate the century of faith and service of the parish community. Such spiritual offerings have included a Living Rosary, parish retreat,

and most recently, a Polka Mass to celebrate the Polish heritage of the families that began the Catholic parish 100 years ago.

Following the Centennial Jubilee Mass on Oct. 8, a testimonial dinner will be held at 2 p.m. at The Woodlands Inn. All are welcome to attend. For invitations to the event, contact Pat Baran at (570-822-5974).

Prayer Requests for Priests

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

September 28, Father Richard Beck; September 29, St. Joseph Oblate Father Mariusz Beczek; September 30, Monsignor Francis Beeda; October 1, Pope Francis; October 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; October 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; October 4, Jesuit Father John Begley; October 5, Jesuit Father I. Michael Bellafore; October 6, Monsignor John Bendik;

October 7, Monsignor John Bergamo; October 8, Father Jacek Bialkowski; October 9, Father William Blake; October 10, Monsignor David Bohr; October 11, Father Joseph Boles; October 12, Passionist Father Vincent Boney; October 13, Father John Boyle; October 14, Father Michael Bryant; October 15, Passionist Father Edward Buchheit; October 16, Passionist Father Richard Burke; October 17, Jesuit Father Timothy Cadigan; October 18, Father William Campbell.



Original Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church



Saturday, September 30
Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 Wyoming Ave.
Scranton, PA 18503

Contact Person: Alejandra Marroquin
 570-207-2213

SCHEDULE:

9:30am Welcome, check-in
 10:00am Keynote Presentation:
 "The Call to Missionary Discipleship"
Kathia & Andres Arango (see below)
 Small Group Prayer & Faith-Sharing
 Noon Lunch
 1:00-2:15pm Parish Group Consultation
 for V Encuentro
 2:15pm Break
 2:30-3:30pm Opportunities for Formation in
 Hispanic/Latino Communities
 4:00pm Mass with
 Bishop Joseph C. Bambera,
 Bishop of Scranton



Father Anthony Generose, pastor of Queen of Heaven Parish in Hazleton, speaks during the Hazleton Interfaith Ministerium's annual memorial service for those who died in the Lattimer Massacre on Sept. 10, 1897. This was the 120th anniversary commemoration of the event, which occurred when immigrant miners marched in support of better working conditions and were fired upon by sheriff's men. Nineteen of the miners were killed and 40 were wounded. *The Catholic Light Photo/Derenzio Photography*

Faith Leaders Gather for Ecumenical Supper at St. Luke's, Stroudsburg

More than 50 Pocono Mountain faith leaders gathered for a special ecumenical encounter at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Stroudsburg on Sunday evening, August 27.

The pastor, Father Carmen Perry, led a tour of the church, followed by a pot-luck supper for people of all faiths.

Instead of relying on a book or an academic lecture, Father Perry walked the visitors through the front door and around the church. Simple actions Catholics take for granted, like making the Sign of the Cross with holy water, proved fascinating to the interfaith participants.

The group was impressed by the beauty of St. Luke's, which features well-designed stained-glass windows representing the 12 apostles on one side and the 15 mysteries of the rosary on the other. At the far end of the nave are seven windows depicting the seven sacraments. The explanation of these traditional Catholic symbols and their meaning was warmly received.

They also provided opportunities to explain Catholic practice. For instance, Deacon Philip Zimich explained how the permanent diaconate is an extension of the same sacrament that ordains a priest and a bishop by the laying on of hands depicted in the church window.

Presbyterian Minister Cynthia Crowner commented: "The tour was fascinating and people of diverse religious traditions asked good questions in what felt like a safe space."

St. Luke parishioners had been recruited by the RCIA director, Rosann Lopiano. They were strategically seated in pairs at each of the tables in the parish hall. These lay Catholics engaged the visitors in conversations over the food everyone had brought to be shared, including the Halal and Kosher dishes. In the process, the members from St. Luke were also enlightened about practices by Protestants, Unitarians, Jews and Muslims.

Anthony Stevens-Arroyo, a retired theologian from Fordham

University and now a member of St. Luke's Parish, commented: "It was like the multiplication of loaves and fishes. The food never gave out, and neither did the light of faith."

The event was the third such ecumenical encounter sponsored by Monroe County United (MCU) and its committee on Spirituality. The organization was formed in the summer of 2016 in an effort to prevent a rise in racial tensions.

Events have touched many bases, from basketball games for African-American youth with police officers from the county, to a panel on faith responses to immigration at the Monroe Public Library. The visit and supper to St. Luke's follows a similar event at Stroudsburg's Islamic Studies Center this May.

The head of the local NAACP, Thomas Jones, is the current president of MCU, who explained that its purpose is to "create an environment locally where all residents can live in peace with one another regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or nation of origin."

Diocesan Annual Appeal: Homeless family helped by Catholic Social Services

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"When I first met them, the family felt hopelessness. They didn't feel anyone could help them," Lori explained. "The couple are good parents. Now, the family is very happy and their children are doing well."

"Lori, our case manager, really fought tooth and nail to find a place for us that was handicap accessible – these things are almost impossible to get," David added. "We wouldn't have a home without Catholic Social Services or Lori Bowen. My children wouldn't have it, I wouldn't have it, my wife wouldn't have it."

"Walk together in the light of Christ," the 2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal, began this fall. The Appeal has funded vital ministries for 30 years, but the theme comes alive in the direct service provided every day through Catholic Social Services. Catholic Social Services is one of the six Diocesan

ministries supported by gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

"Rooted in the Gospel, the mission of Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton is to serve individuals and families in poverty and hardship, as we are called by Christ to do, and to respond compassionately to their needs," explains Mary Theresa Vautrinot, Catholic Social Services chief executive officer. "As a Catholic agency, we advocate for individual dignity and self-sufficiency and actively give of ourselves to replace despair with hope. It is a privilege to feed, shelter and serve those in need. We are blessed to have been able to serve over 300,000 individuals in the past year. Some of the services included providing shelter for 1,086 individuals and food for 71,847 individuals, all made possible, in part, because of the donations made to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Thank you for your ongoing support of our ministry!"

STATEMENT REGARDING INQUIRY INTO THE ACTIONS OF FATHER JOHN CHMIL

In late May, 2017, a review of charitable expenditures at Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Kingston, and concurrent statements made by Father John Chmil, the parish's pastor at that time, led to the discovery of a misuse of approximately \$130,000 in parish funds by Father Chmil. As a result of this serious breach of trust, Father Chmil resigned as pastor of Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish. At the same time, the Diocese of Scranton communicated its intention to cooperate with law enforcement in their investigation as to whether this misuse of funds constituted criminal activity on the part of Father Chmil.

Upon review of the circumstances surrounding the misuse of Parish funds, and concurrent with Father Chmil's continued efforts to restore the full amount of funds to Saint Ignatius, the Luzerne County District Attorney's office has advised that it does not appear that Father Chmil personally profited from the misuse of funds nor does the District Attorney intend to file criminal charges against Father Chmil. These conclusions, however, neither justify nor excuse the misuse of parish charitable funds. To date, Father Chmil has repaid approximately \$72,000 in an effort to restore the misused funds.

With this news, it is the intention of the Bishop to return Father Chmil to service in the Diocese of Scranton in a suitable ministry at an appropriate time. This decision notwithstanding, the Diocese of Scranton reiterates the responsibility of all clergy, religious and lay faithful involved in the administration of parish finances to act as proper stewards of all parish funds, to follow established diocesan protocols, and to particularly ensure that charitable funds are distributed in a way that not only complies with state, federal and canon law, but also reflects the intention of those parishioners whose hard-earned money form the basis of our charitable accounts.

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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 at **All Saints Academy in Scranton** celebrate the last day of the first week of school by eating frozen treats from an ice cream truck, compliments of the school's Parent Association.



Jude Astorino and his Pre-Kindergarten classmates from **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton** learned how to shuck corn as an activity that teaches them about fresh produce.



Nicole Yench, Dylan Cassetori, Christian Renfer, Mia Bovani, Ava Riley, Anthony Calabro, Matthew Shemo, Emma Bednar, Tessa Cegelka, and Carissa Benderavich, students at **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter**, pose in front of the school's banner for the 2017-18 school year.



Adali E. Matz, a senior at **St. John Neumann High School in Williamsport**, is congratulated by Principal Rich Cummings on being named a Commended Student in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program.



Miss Kasey Uppling, Kindergarten teacher at **St. John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport**, takes a break from reading to pose with some of her students.



Mackenzie Spaid and Averi Sardo, 8th grade students at **La Salle Academy in Jessup**, help showcase the "40 Weeks of Kindness Challenge" where students are given small acts to perform that may create a big impact in their world. Sample challenges include "Smile," "Open the Door for Someone," and "Make a New Friend."



Students in the 7th grade at **Holy Rosary School in Duryea** spent time with their 1st grade buddies working on projects using the Quiver App, which combines physical coloring with state-of-the-art 3-D to bring pictures to life. Pictured with their creations are: C.J. Stevenson, Marco Agolino, Ben Faulent, Covington Lehman, Nora McNamara, Kyle Skutack, Louis Lussi, Andrew Bender, Carsyn Cole, and Paige Skibitsky.



Students in Mrs. Basse's Pre-K-4 class at **St. Agnes School in Towanda** watch as their last classroom monarch butterfly is released.



The students and faculty members of **Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg** celebrate the beginning of the 2017-18 school year with an all-school liturgy which included students from Notre Dame Elementary.



Jasmin Boyd, an 8th grade student at **Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco**, welcomes those attending the school's first Mass for the 2017-18 school year.

Kindergarten students and their 3rd grade "buddies" at **Epiphany School in Sayre** spend time together throughout the school year learning from one another. This day's activity was creating works of art utilizing rocks.





Jack Riley and Ryan Bilski, students at **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston**, were installed as Masters of Ceremonies at the school's Back to School Liturgy. Father Joseph Elston, pastor, St. John the Evangelist, Pittston, who also presented Jack and Ryan with their surplice and ritual book, conducted the commissioning service. Pictured from left: Mr. Hanlon, Ayden Langdon, Father Elston, Ryan Bilski, Nathan Stilp, Jack Riley, Mr. Micca and John Evans.



Lauren Hayden, Melody Josefowicz and Ella Novelli, 5th grade students at **St. Jude School in Mountaintop**, show off their "Soda Bottle Book Reports," part of a summer reading project.



First grade students at **Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg** prepare to take a test on their Google Chromebooks.



Luc Williamson, Kiera Stofko, and Keelin Kirby, 3rd grade students at **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green**, share "Whoo" they are with their classmates.



The National Junior Honor Society at **St. Clare/St. Paul School in Scranton** sponsored a Dress Down Day to support victims of the recent Hurricanes in Texas and Florida; the students raised over \$700 for those impacted by these natural disasters.

Recent Day of Service ‘Leaves A Mark’ Throughout the Diocese



Participants at East Stroudsburg University's Stony Acres.



Students from Marywood University served at the St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen and Pantry in Scranton.



Participants from Mary, Mother of God Parish, Scranton, before heading off to serve at St. Joseph's Center and Baby Pantry, Scranton.



Young adults served at CEO in Pittston with Father Jeff Walsh, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy.



Young adults helped set up and work United Neighborhood Center's "Welcome Scranton" event.



More than 250 high school students, college students, young adults, priests, women and men religious, and adult leaders participated in the Diocesan Day of Service on Saturday, September 16, 2017. The new event, which was co-sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations, was established in response to our Holy Father's challenge to the young church to 'leave a mark' and also because of recommendations from members of the young church.

The day consisted of an opening prayer service, which included a welcome message from Bishop Bambera, at registration sites throughout the diocese, service at sites in each region, lunch, a presentation on faith and service, time to reflect on the service experience, and a closing liturgy.

"We are grateful to all who worked so hard to make our first Diocesan Day of Service such a success," said Dominick Costantino, program coordinator for the Diocesan Vocation Office and coordinator of the event. "It was a great day as members of the young church and those involved united together in prayer and service throughout our Diocese."



Students from Notre Dame High School, East Stroudsburg, served with Monroe County Habitat for Humanity.



Youth group members from Queen of Peace Parish, Hawley, organized a Walk-a-Thon to benefit the victims of Hurricane Harvey.




Students from King's College served at Ruth's Place in Wilkes-Barre with Father Thomas Looney, campus minister.



Mansfield University students served at the Tioga Homeless Shelter.



Participants at one Luzerne County registration site after a blessing from Father Alex Roche.

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<h2>OCTOBER SCHEDULE</h2>												
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY					
12:00 AM	SPECIALS	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	DAILY MASS (Encore)				Fr. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE					
1:00 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	(1:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	THE JOURNEY HOME (Encore)	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY					
1:30 AM		EWTN GALLERY										
2:00 AM	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)											
2:30 AM	SPECIALS			EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY					
3:00 AM				EWTN ON LOCATION	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	DEFENDING LIFE	LIFE ON THE ROCK	BATTLE READY	LONG RIDE HOME W/ BEAR WOZNICK			
3:30AM										VOICE OF THE BRIDEGROOM	EWTN GALLERY	ANGELUS FROM NAZARETH
3:40 AM												
3:50AM	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	SUNDAY NIGHT PRIME	YOU'RE AMAZING	PAPAL AUDIENCE LIVE (at 3:50)	SUPER SAINTS	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	SAVORING OUR FAITH					
4:00 AM								OCTAVA DIES	DISCERNING THE WILL OF GOD	EWTN SPECIALS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	FR. RUTLER
4:30 AM												
5:00 AM	RISE & FALL OF ANCIENT ISRAEL	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	LORD HAVE MERCY	EWTN SPECIALS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	CATHOLICS COME HOME					
5:30 AM	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	DECISION POINT	THE MARTYRS: THEY DIED FOR CHRIST	HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES								
6:00 AM	ANGELUS WITH POPE FRANCIS	EWTN ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS										
6:30 AM	LONG RIDE HOME W/ BEAR WOZNICK	EWTN CATALOG	CHURCH AND THE POOR	JOY OF MUSIC	APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION	THE CHOICES WE FACE	SAINTS vs. SCOUNDRALES					
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)	MASTERPIECE DONUT SHOP					
9:30 AM							EWTN BOOKMARK	HERMIE AND FRIENDS				
10:00 AM	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	LIVE WITH PASSION	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	FOCUS	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	THE FRIAR					
10:30 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY		SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN		CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	FOCUS	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY					
11:00 AM		WOMEN OF GRACE										
11:30 AM	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	THE CHOICES WE FACE	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	THE FRIAR	LIVE WITH PASSION	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES					
12:00 PM	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, LIVE AT 12:10 p.m.										
12:30 PM		"DIOCESAN DATEBOOK" airs before and after Mass.						EWTN DAILY MASS (Encore)				
1:00 PM	(1:10PM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	LORD HAVE MERCY	A FORCE FOR GOOD	JOURNEY HOME (Best of)	CALLED TO COMMUNION	JOURNEY HOME (Best of)	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE					
1:30 PM							IN CONCERT (Concert length varies)	BATTLE READY	BATTLE READY	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	THE MARTYRS: THEY DIED FOR CHRIST STATIONS OF THE CROSS
2:00 PM	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	THRESHOLD OF HOPE (Live)	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	THE MARTYRS: THEY DIED FOR CHRIST STATIONS OF THE CROSS							
2:30 PM						FR. APOSTOLI						
3:00 PM	THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG											
3:15 PM	REFLECTIONS	HIDDEN CHURCHES	REFLECTIONS	HIDDEN CHURCHES	REFLECTIONS	HIDDEN CHURCHES	MESSAGE OF FATIMA					
3:30 PM	THE HOLY ROSARY IN STAINED GLASS	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)										
4:00 PM	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM	THE HOLY ROSARY DIOCESAN DATEBOOK						ROSARY FOR LIFE				
4:30 PM	PRAYING AS A FAMILY	MY CATHOLIC FAMILY	ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE BIBLE	CHILDRENS SPECIALS	THE FRIAR	WAY OF THE CROSS FOR KIDS	EWTN PRESENTS					
5:00 PM	FOCUS	PRAYING AS A FAMILY	SUPER SAINTS	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	LIFE ON THE ROCK	SAVORING OUR FAITH	CALLED TO COMMUNION					
5:30 PM		EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHOICES WE FACE	CONVERSATIONS FROM THE WORLD OVER SHOW	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	7 DEADLY SINS 7 LIVELY VIRTUES						
6:00 PM	CELEBRATION OF THE MASS	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)						LONG RIDE HOME W/ BEAR WOZNICK				
6:30 PM	VATICANO	EWTN GALLERY						CHURCH AND THE POOR				
7:00 PM	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (Encore)	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)										
7:30PM		THE HOLY ROSARY		POPE'S AUDIENCE	THE HOLY ROSARY		MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS					
8:00 PM	SUNDAY NIGHT PRIME (Live)	THE JOURNEY HOME (Live)	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	EWTN LIVE	THE WORLD OVER (Live)	SPECIALS	EWTN CINEMA					
8:30 PM												
9:00 PM	LIFE ON THE ROCK	EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)		EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)								
9:30 PM	HOLY ROSARY W MOTHER ANGELICA	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	THE CHOICES WE FACE	FOCUS	LIVE WITH PASSION	SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY					
10:00 PM	EWTN SPECIALS	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (ENCORE)	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	PRO-LIFE WEEKLY	A FORCE FOR GOOD						
10:30 PM			THRESHOLD OF HOPE (Encore)		EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOG	LORD HAVE MERCY						
11:00 PM	LONG RIDE HOME WITH BEAR WOZNICK	CATHOLICS COME HOME	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	VATICANO	DEFENDING LIFE	WEB OF FAITH 2.0						
11:30 PM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	WOMEN OF GRACE										

Drums Parish to Host Weeklong Celebration of Fatima Centennial

Good Shepherd Parish in Drums, Luzerne County, invites all faithful to participate in a series of events and spiritual offerings it is hosting during the week of Oct. 7-14 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

Beginning Oct. 7 & 8, all weekend Masses at Good Shepherd Church will include the blessing and distribution of Rosaries to the congregation. The remainder of the week’s schedule is as follows:

Sunday, Oct. 8 — Marian Procession held prior to the 10 a.m. Mass at Good Shepherd, followed by a 12:30 p.m. matinee-movie presentation of Fatima at “Cinema at the Drafthouse” in West Hazleton. (Admission is free and door prizes will be given.)

Monday, Oct. 9 — Bus trip to The Blue Army Shrine of Fatima in Washington, N.J.

Tuesday, Oct. 10 — “Celebrating Fatima with Friends” at

Providence Place in Drums, beginning at 6 p.m. (Short play about Fatima performed by the youth of Good Shepherd Parish, followed by recitation of the Rosary and refreshments.)

Wednesday, Oct. 11 — 6 p.m. Fatima Prayer Service at Good Shepherd, including a talk by Father Connell McHugh, host pastor. (Refreshments follow in the St. Joseph Room.)

Thursday, Oct. 12 — Healing Rosary Service, followed by refreshments, at Good Shepherd, beginning at 6 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 13 — Holy Hour of Reparation at 6 p.m. in the church. Faithful will have the opportunity to pray before the statue of Our Lady of Fatima — one of the conditions to receive the plenary indulgence offered by the Catholic Church on this date. (Refreshments to follow.)

Saturday, Oct. 14 — “America Needs Fatima” Rosary Rally at the entrance of Good Shepherd Church, beginning at 12 noon.

Pittston Parish Planning 60th St. Jude Novena

PITTSTON — Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish will host its 60th Annual Novena to St. Jude, patron saint of hopeless cases and things despaired of, at St. Mary, Help of Christians Church, 535 N. Main St., Pittston, beginning Thursday, Oct. 19, and concluding on the Feast of St. Jude, Saturday, Oct. 28.

Mass, homily, Novena prayers and veneration of the relic of St. Jude will be held Monday through Friday at noon and 7 p.m. Saturday devotions are offered at noon and 4 p.m.; Sundays at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Recitation of the Rosary and Confessions precede all Novena devotions, except on Sunday.

Scheduled Novena homilists are as follows: Thursday, Oct. 19, 12 noon and 7 p.m., Father Joseph Elston; Friday, Oct. 20, noon and 7 p.m., Monsignor John Bendik.

Saturday, Oct. 21, noon and 4 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., Father Jeffrey

Walsh, V.E., Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and Sacramental Minister of Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish.

Monday, Oct. 23, 12 noon and 7 p.m., Father Seth Wasnock; Tuesday, Oct. 24, 12 noon, Father James Alco, and 7 p.m., Father Andrew Kurovsky.

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 12 noon and 7 p.m., Father Don Williams; Thursday, Oct. 26, 12 noon, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, and 7 p.m., St. Joseph Oblate Father Jackson Pinhero.

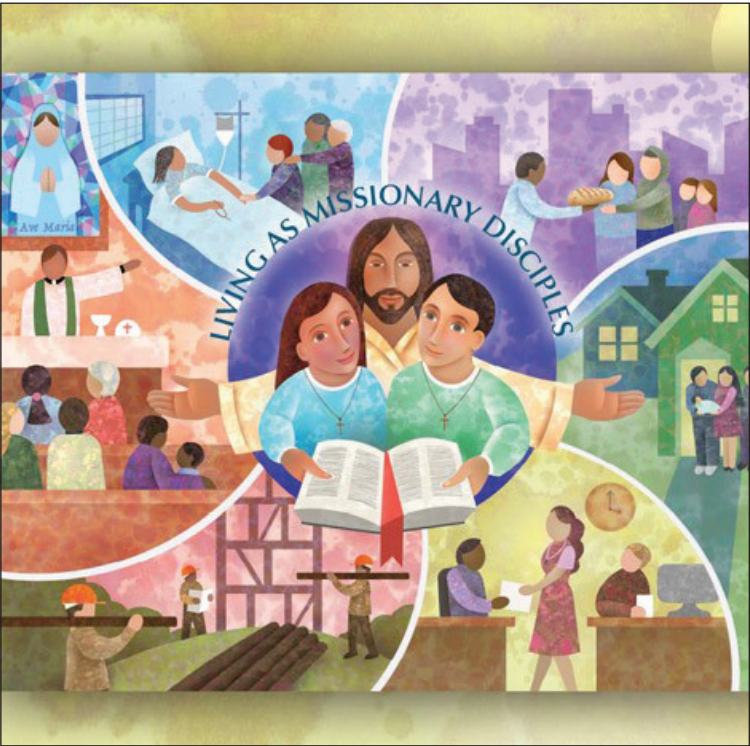
Friday, Oct. 27, 12 noon and 7 p.m., Father Thomas Maloney, pastor emeritus.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, Father Jeffrey Walsh will serve as principal celebrant for the feast day Mass at noon.

The closing Novena liturgy later that day at 7 p.m. will be celebrated by Monsignor John Bendik.

For more information, call the parish office at (570-654-0263).

Diocesan Catechists Recognized This Month on Catechetical Sunday



Catechetical Sunday is celebrated annually in parishes across the United States on the third Sunday in September.

This year, Catechetical Sunday was observed on September 17, the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The Catholic bishops of the United States have declared the theme for the catechetical year 2017-2018 as: *Living as Missionary Disciples*.

In response to Pope Francis’ call to all the baptized to grow closer to the Lord and to take up their proper role as “missionary disciples,” the Bishops are asking all catechists to live up to this challenge.

The Diocese of Scranton recognizes this generous contribution of time and talent, and offers several Catechist Awards based on years of service.

Awards have been presented in the following categories:

Saint John XXIII Award for twenty-five or more years of service.

Saint Katharine Drexel Award for twenty or more years of service.

National Saint Pius X Award for ten or more years of service.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award for five, ten, fifteen or more years of service as a parish coordinator or DRE.

Saint John Neumann Award for five or more years of service.

Saint Therese Award for three or more years of service in Special Education.

Saint Martha Associate Award for three or more years of service.


The list of this year’s honorees can be found on the Diocesan website: www.dioceseofscranton.org (see Parish Life > Religious Education page).

Apostleship of Prayer

Papal Intention for October 2017


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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AS WE SEEK THE LORD IN A SPECIAL WAY TO LEARN AND TO DIALOGUE AS WE PREPARE TO CONCLUDE OUR CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL IN 2017!!



Fr Dave Pivonka TOR was ordained a priest on May 4, 1996. He was born and raised in Durango, Colorado and is a well-known speaker and writer. He spends much of his time helping others come to know God’s love for them through his dynamic preaching, writings, CDs, and other spiritual outreaches. Fr. Dave has held several ministry positions at Franciscan University of Steubenville and is actively involved in the highly successful summer conferences program. Father is a member of the Sacred Heart Province of Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular. He is presently the director of Franciscan Pathways, an evangelistic outreach of his Franciscan Community.



Dave VanVickle is the Young Adult Coordinator for the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Dave is married and has four children. He is also currently the Director of Evangelization for a parish in Pittsburgh. He grew up in the charismatic Community of God’s Delight in Dallas, Texas, and is a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville. On campus, he was active in the Charismatic Renewal there. He is a gifted speaker who loves to evangelize and to bring the power of the Holy Spirit to all that God puts in his path.

As we pray, listen and share, we will ask the Lord to:

- Imbue more deeply within us an understanding of the baptism in the Holy Spirit as the foundation for a culture of Pentecost
- Invigorate our praise of the Lord as we show our gratitude for His mercy
- Increase the fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives
- Allow our baptism in the Holy Spirit to lead us to greater holiness
- Give us the zeal and urgency to evangelize more
- Reveal to us those things from which we need to be healed or freed
- Bring about any needed restoration in our lives

Our fellowship during this time will be an opportunity to deepen our relationships with one another.

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Spiritual Offerings

“40 Days for Life” Pro-Life Gathering — SEPT. 28-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.

Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil — SEPT. 29, 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 prayers for the respect and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Pro-life signs are welcome.

Friday Holy Hour for Vocations — SEPT. 29, 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.

Weekly Bible Study — SEPT. 29, hosted by St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend; held every Friday at 7 p.m. in the Trinity Center, adjacent to St. Lawrence Church. All are welcome.

Sunday Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Devotion — OCT. 1, 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.

Rosary Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Blessed Mother’s Apparitions at Fatima — OCT. 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 is held on the 13th of each month through October; music ministry provided by Ernie Pappa. All faithful are welcome. In case of inclement weather, the prayer service will be held inside the church.

Weekly Divine Mercy Devotion — OCT. 4, hosted by St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend; Hour of Mercy devotion held every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in St. Lawrence Church. All faithful are welcome.

Weekly Bereavement Support Group — OCT. 4-25, conclusion 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).

Scranton Mental Health Ministry: Spiritual Support Group for Family & Friends — OCT. 5, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for parents, family members and friends of

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Malta Chapter to Host Father Peyton Program

The Scranton Chapter of the Order of Malta will host a Eucharistic program on The Life and Spirituality of Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, in October.

Chapter officials announce the presentation on the revered Holy Cross priest will include the celebration of a Healing Mass on Thursday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. in St. Paul Church, 1510 Penn Ave., Scranton.

Serving as principal celebrant

and homilist will be Monsignor John Esseff.

Monsignor Neil Van Loon, host pastor for the event and chaplain of the Order of Malta’s Scranton Chapter, will concelebrate the liturgy.

Prior to the Mass, confessions will be heard beginning at 6 p.m., and the Rosary will be recited at 6:40 p.m.

For more information, call (570-341-7941) or email: Contact@MaltaofScranton.org.

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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).

Monthly Gathering of Theresians International of Scranton — **OCT. 10**, led by Mary Boretsky, president; group gathers at Immaculate Conception Church in the Hill section of Scranton for recitation of the Patriotic Rosary at 11:30 a.m. in the church's adoration chapel, followed by Mass celebrated at 12:10 p.m. Theresians' luncheon meeting follows at 12:45 p.m. at Cooper's Seafood House, North Washington Ave., Scranton. Month's guest speaker: Father James Paisley, chaplain of the Scranton Theresians.

Candlelight Rosary Novena October 7-15

SCRANTON — St. Lucy Parish in Scranton's West Side will host the 38th annual Candlelight Rosary Novena during the month of October.

The traditional nine-day Novena held each fall will be celebrated every evening at 7 p.m. from Saturday, Oct. 7, through Sunday, Oct. 15, during which faithful will join in reciting the Rosary by candlelight in St. Lucy Church, located at 949 Scranton St.

The devotion will also include the crowning of the Blessed Mother statue, Gospel proclamation, and the sharing of a brief reflection for that evening. The Novena will close each night with solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and final blessing over all in attendance.

Evening of Prayer with the Sisters of IHM — **OCT. 11**, 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).

Bereavement Support: "A Sacred Journey from Grief to Healing" — **OCT. 11-NOV. 15**, sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry of BVM Queen of Peace Parish, Hawley, and St. Veronica Church, Lake Wallenpaupack; Christ-centered bereavement support group ministering to those grieving the loss of a loved one. Six-week series of support gatherings held on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Queen of Peace Parish Hall, 314 Chestnut Ave., Hawley; includes prayer, Scripture, faith-sharing and fellowship. For more information, call Rosemarie at (570-390-4196).

Annual Scranton Rosary Rally — **OCT. 14**, sponsored in conjunction with the "America Needs Fatima" campaign to offer

reparatory prayers and implore the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary on behalf of the nation; held in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Blessed Mother's apparitions in Fatima, Portugal. Rosary will be recited publicly beginning at 12:30 p.m. on the North Washington Avenue side of Lackawanna County Courthouse Square in downtown Scranton. Music ministry will be provided by vocalist Ernie Pappa, who will lead the singing of hymns. In case of inclement weather, the prayer devotion will be held in St. Peter's Cathedral following the 12:10 p.m. Mass. For more information, contact Josie at (570-342-5614).

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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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October Events in Diocese Marking 500th Anniversary of The Reformation

The Diocese of Scranton is encouraging all faithful to participate in upcoming events commemorating the 500th Anniversary of The Reformation in October as an opportunity to renew interest and re-energize prayer for Christian Unity.

A Catholic-Lutheran Ecumenical Study examining Declaration on the Way, a unique ecumenical text prepared by Lutheran and Catholic leaders, will be hosted by Lutheran Shared Ministry at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 142 Market St., Williamsport, on Wednesday evenings, Oct. 4, 11 and 18, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Developed specifically for next month's 500th Reformation anniversary to promote further work toward the visible unity of all Christians, the document summarizes agreements between the two churches in the areas of Church, Ministry, and the Eucharist.

Each weekly session will focus on one of the three areas, with discussion co-facilitated by local Catholic and Lutheran clergy, including Father Brian Van Fossen, pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Williamsport.

A copy of Declaration on the Way is recommended for the study sessions. For information on how to purchase the book or to download a free PDF copy, contact St. Mark's Church at (570-323-4619) or email: stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org.

An ecumenical prayer service will culminate the program series on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's.

A Common Prayer Service commemorating The Reformation's milestone anniversary will be hosted at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 190 South Main

St., Wilkes-Barre, on Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m.

Presiding as host will be Pastor Peter Kuritz of Good Shepherd and St. John Lutheran Church and ecumenical officer for the local mission district of the Northeastern PA Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Joining Pastor Kuritz as co-presider for the prayer service will be Monsignor Vincent Grimalia, Diocesan Coordinator for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations. This summer the two clergymen led the prayer service for the 2017 Northeastern PA Synod Assembly of the ELCA, during which Bishop Joseph C. Bambera participated and addressed the Assembly.

Misericordia University in Dallas will host "500: The Reformation and Its Consequences," a series of discussions to be presented over the course of four days during Oct. 16-19. All panel presentations will be held in Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall, Rooms 218-219, on the Misericordia campus.

Series schedule and panelists are as follows:

Panel I — "The Reformation and Its Consequences: Scholarly Perspective Part I," Monday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.; Dr. Christopher Stevens, Dr. Christopher Carr and Dr. Glenn Willis.

Panel II — "The Reformation and Its Consequences: Scholarly Perspectives Part II," Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.; Dr. Scott Blanchard, Dr. Melanie Shepherd and Dr. Thomas Hajkowski.

Panel III — "The Reformation in Our World: Ordained Responses," Wednesday, Oct. 18, 12 noon; Monsignor Vincent Grimalia, Diocesan Coordinator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; Reverend Jen Baer, Trinity Presbyterian Church; and Reverend Charles Grube, St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Panel IV — "The Reformation Inside-Out: Reflections from Contemporary Protestant Converts to Catholicism," Thursday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.; Dean Clerico, M.D.; Paul Binner, and Father Eric Bergman, St. Thomas More Catholic Parish.

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It has been acclaimed as one of the best educational programs Pennsylvania offers to students in both public and private schools, and as it stands, the House has a chance to vote on an EITC increase.

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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.

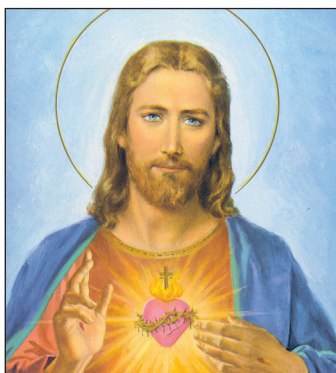
Rosary & Healing Mass

— 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 **October 6** 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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Spiritual Offerings Around the Scranton Diocese

Rosary Rally — OCT. 14, sponsored by the Women's Guild of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish in Jermyn; Rosary devotion begins at 12 noon at Sacred Heart of Mary Church, 624 Madison Ave., Jermyn. Public gathering of prayer offered in reparation for sin and to invoke the intercession of the Blessed Mother for America and world peace; coinciding with the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima. Rosary rally will be followed by a light reception.

Public Square Rosary Crusade — OCT. 14, offered as a penitential prayer gathering for blessings on America through the intercession of the Blessed Mother and to commemorate the centennial year of Our Lady of Fatima; public Rosary Rally begins at 12 noon at the Weiss store parking lot in Mountain Top. For more information, call Marie at (570-574-0849) or Carmen at (570-262-7373).

Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Public Rosary Rally — OCT. 14, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Blessed Mother's apparitions at Fatima and held in conjunction with the thousands of "America Needs Fatima" Rosary rallies to be held the same day throughout the United States; prayerful gathering begins at 12 noon on Public Square in Wilkes-Barre. Public Rosary recitations being offered in reparation for sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary

and for intercessory prayers for the nation. For more information, contact Linda Novak at (570-823-0346) or metanoia94@msn.com.

Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry — OCT. 14 & 28, 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).

21st Anniversary Celebration of the Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus "Tomb of the Unborn" — OCT. 15, 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 be 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.

Charismatic Mass & Healing Service — OCT. 19, hosted at St. John Bosco Church in Conyngham; music ministry by Sue Shaw begins at 6:45 p.m., followed by Mass and prayers for healing at 7 p.m. Guest celebrant: Father John Campoli. Fellowship and refreshments conclude gathering.

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

Meeting of Lay Carmelites — OCT. 21, hosted by Our Lady of the Mountains Lay Carmelite Chapter; meetings held on the third Saturday of each month at Little Flower Manor, 200 S. Meade St., Wilkes-Barre. For more information, contact Rose Bordi at (570-445-5457).

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration 25th Anniversary Celebration — OCT. 28, hosted by Epiphany Parish in Sayre; milestone anniversary Mass celebrating 25 years of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at the Church of the Epiphany begins at 5 p.m., with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera as principal celebrant. Concelebrants include Father Andrew Hvozdevic, host pastor, and Father Michael Drevitch, assistant pastor. All faithful are welcome.

Day Conference: "G.K. Chesterton on Evangelization, New and Old" — OCT. 28, hosted from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, Route 315, Laflin. Guest speaker: Dale Ahlquist, EWTN host and president of the American Chesterton Society. Cost: \$15, including refreshments. Priests, deacons and seminarians may attend free of charge. Registration is required; contact Denise Ohl at dd2752@yahoo.com or call the OSJ Seminary at (570-654-7542).

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The day will be highlighted by the celebration of Divine Liturgy at 2 p.m. in St. Casimir Catholic Church, 229 North Jardin St., Shenandoah.

Serving as main celebrant will be Monsignor Ronald Bocian, and Jesuit Father Brian Van Hove will deliver the homily. A social will follow the liturgy in the church hall.

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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

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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.

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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. Featuring displays by more than 40 local crafters, including hand-made jewelry and seasonal decorations & gifts, and door prizes throughout the day; refreshments available for purchase. Admission fee: \$2.

Take-Out Spaghetti Dinner — **SEPT. 30**, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Carbondale Council 329; held from 4 to 7 p.m. in the St. Rose Family Center in Carbondale. Dinners are take-out only. Cost: adults, \$9; children (age 12 & under), \$4. Tickets available at the door.

Harvest Festival — **OCT. 1**, sponsored by St. John Vianney Parish, Montdale & Royal; featuring home-cooked turkey dinner served from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at Corpus Christi Church in Montdale (take-out orders available). Tickets

Human Life Center Marking 30th Year

WILKES-BARRE — The Human Life Resource Center in Wilkes-Barre will celebrate the 30th anniversary of its establishment with a Holy Hour of Thanksgiving on Sunday, Oct. 1.

The devotional celebration will be hosted by St. Robert Bellarmine Parish at St. Aloysius Church, West Division and Barney streets, Wilkes-Barre, beginning at 2 p.m.

Father Richard Cirba, host pastor, will preside at the service, which will be followed by a reception in the school cafeteria. All are welcome.

Providing pro-life ministry and services to new mothers and their babies, the Human Life Resource Center operates with an all-volunteer staff.

Betty Caffrey, president of the Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life, serves as its founding director.

at the door (adults, \$12; children, \$6). Also featuring wreaths & wall hangings, home-baked goods, bountiful baskets, raffle drawings & prizes, and children's hayrides. Public is welcome.

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Bingo — **OCT. 4 & 18**, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, Jermyn; games held on the first and third

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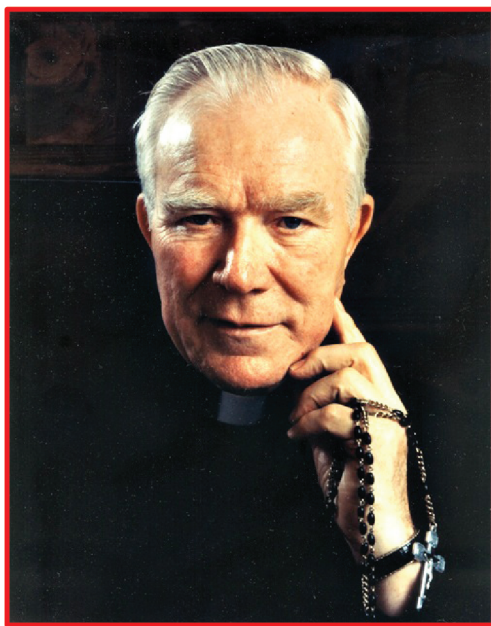
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Wednesdays of the month in the parish center, 624 Madison Ave., Jermyn. Doors open at 5 p.m.; early-bird games start 6 p.m. (regular games, 6:30). Event includes homemade foods and desserts; specialty games, refreshments, door prizes and progressive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

Eighth Annual Health Care Symposium: "Inspiring Leadership to Patient-Centered Care" — OCT. 6, hosted by Misericordia University in Dallas; held from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the Lemmond Theater at Walsh Hall on the Misericordia campus. Open to all managers, supervisors, caregivers, clinicians and students in all facets of the health-care delivery system; business leaders and the public are also welcome to attend. Keynote presenter: Rear Admiral Scott Giberson, Assistant U.S. Surgeon General. Symposium is offered free of charge; registration required due to limited seating. To register,

visit misericordia.edu/healthevent, or contact Patti Ross, Center for Adult and Continuing Education, at pross@misericordia.edu.

Fall Oldies Dinner Dance — OCT. 7, sponsored by St. André Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre; held from 6 to 10 p.m. at St. Mary's Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison St., Wilkes-Barre. Featuring homemade dinner, including desserts and soft drinks; followed by "oldies" music for listening and dancing pleasure provided by DJ Father Mike Kloton. Patrons may supply their own beverages. Cost: \$20 per person (must be at least 21 years of age); advance reservations with payment required. Tickets may be obtained at the parish office at 668 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by calling Tina at (570-814-9227).

Columbus Day Weekend Craft Fair — OCT. 7 & 8, sponsored by St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Pocono Pines; held in the Parish Hall (downstairs, use side door), 5112 Pocono Crest Road, Pocono Pines. Fair hours:

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Featuring white elephant sale, children's items, handmade crafts by various vendors, afghan & other raffle drawings, homemade foods and baked goods.

Annual Quilt Bingo — OCT. 8, sponsored by SS. Peter and Paul Parish, 13 Hudson Road, Plains; held in the parish's Bernardine Hall (former school auditorium). Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and games start at 1 p.m.; winners will choose from a wide variety of handmade quilts. Admission fee at the door: \$25, includes six-card game piece for each regular game; other specials sold separately. For more information, contact the parish office at (570-825-6663).

Fall Bingo — OCT. 8, hosted by the Confraternity of Christian Women of Holy Family Parish in Sugar Notch; held in the church hall, 828 Main St., Sugar Notch. Doors open at 12 noon; games begin at 1 p.m. Last special grand prize is a flat-screen TV; other

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Jesuit Volunteers Begin Service Year



Members of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) are shown after completing their orientation prior to embarking on their one year of service in the Scranton area in various assignments. Pictured, from left: Jonathan Yung, St. Joseph's Center; Molly Fuchs, United Neighborhood Centers; Ellie Kawa, St. Joseph's Center; Dennis Mundt, St. Francis of Assisi Client Choice Food Pantry; Monsignor Joseph Kelly, director of St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen; Denise Anastasio, Friends of the Poor; and Theresa Puhf, Women's Resource Center. For more information about the JVC program, visit www.jesuitvolunteers.org.



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Knights of Columbus Breakfast — OCT. 8, hosted by the Knights of Columbus Abington Council 6611; held in Our Lady of the Abingtons Church Hall in Dalton. All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet served from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Menu includes eggs, sausage gravy & biscuits, pancakes, fruit bowl, bacon and more. Cost: adults, \$8; children (under age 12), \$5. Tickets available at the door. All proceeds benefit the charitable work of the Knights of Columbus.

Rummage Sale — OCT. 9 & 10, sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville; held in the school gymnasium. Sale hours: Monday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Tuesday (\$2 bag day), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Includes sale of baked goods and refreshment items, including homemade halushki and wimpies.

Free Community Luncheon — OCT. 14, 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.

Annual Fall Festival —

OCT. 15, sponsored by SS. Peter & Paul Parish in west Scranton; held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the church hall, 1309 West Locust St. Featuring homemade ethnic foods, including pierogi, pigs-in-the-blanket, potato pancakes, halushki, and traditional Portuguese foods & desserts; event also includes homemade bake sale items, theme basket raffle, games, and children's activities.

Roast Beef Dinner — OCT.

15, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council 10676; hosted from 12 noon to 3 p.m. in the St. Faustina Parish Center, 518 Hanover St., Nanticoke (hall entrance on Noble St. across from parking lot). Take-out orders available from noon to 1 p.m. only. Menu includes roast beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cole slaw, roll & butter, desserts and refreshments. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Proceeds to benefit victims of Hurricane Harvey, Diocesan seminarians, and other charitable funds.

Annual Craft Fair & Home

Showcase — OCT. 22, sponsored by the Holy Cross High School Parent Club; held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Holy Cross High School, 501 E. Drinker St., Dunmore. Featuring more than 95 vendors displaying jewelry, festive candles & soaps, candies, ceramics, pottery, home-décor items and more; also

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'Life in the Spirit' Series in Poconos

The Tongues of Fire Charismatic Prayer Group of St. John the Apostle Parish in East Stroudsburg is sponsoring a "Life in the Spirit" series, which will continue on successive Wednesday evenings through Nov. 8.

A seven-week course, the seminar is designed to empower with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and enhance one's personal relationship with the Lord. Weekly series programs are held every Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. hosted at St. John Church.

The "Life in the Spirit" presentations feature communal fellowship, inspiring prayer and music, and personal faith testimonies by parishioners whose lives have been transformed by the Holy Spirit.

All faithful are welcome to attend free of charge. To register, contact Abigail Torres at (570-242-9698) or email: Violette Francois at francois_3@msn.com.



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Annual Roast Beef Dinner & Cash Raffle — **OCT. 22**, hosted by Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 1101 Willow St., Peckville; dinner is take-out only, served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinner cost: \$12 each (in advance) or \$14 (at door). Cash raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Dinner and raffle tickets available at the parish office (570-383-3244 ext. 2) or following all weekend Masses beginning Oct. 7.

University of Scranton Performance Music Series: In Recital — **OCT. 22**, featuring Daniel Ficarrì, organist, and the Houlihan McLean Austin Opus 301 Symphonic Organ; concert event begins at 3 p.m. in the University's Houlihan-McLean Center on campus, corner of Mulberry St. & Jefferson Ave. Performances are open to the public free of charge.

University of Scranton Open House Events — **OCT. 22 & NOV. 5**, for prospective students and their families; open house begins with registration and campus tours at 9 a.m. and includes a complimentary brunch. Tours and representatives of student organizations, athletic teams and all U of S programs

available throughout the day. For more information, contact the university's Admissions Office at (1-888-SCRANTON) or www.scranton.edu/admissions.

Pork Roast Dinner — **OCT. 28**, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, Jermyn; sit-down dinner served from 5 to 7 p.m. (take-outs available from 2 to 4 p.m.). Menu includes roast pork, mashed potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, rolls, and variety of homemade desserts. Theme basket raffle will also be held. Dinner cost: \$10 per person. For more information and tickets, contact Annette at the rectory office (570-876-1061).

Annual Roast Beef Dinner — **NOV. 5**, hosted by Mary, Mother of God Parish at Holy Rosary Church in north Scranton; dinner held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Stirna's Restaurant, 120 W. Market St., Scranton (take-out orders available). Cost: adults, \$10 in advance, \$12 at door; children (age 10 & younger), \$5. Advance tickets available at the parish rectory, 316 William St., Scranton; call (570-342-4881).

Toy Bingo — **NOV. 5**, sponsored by St. André Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre; hosted at St. Mary's Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison St., Wilkes-Barre. Doors open at 12 noon; games begin at 1 p.m. Admission fee: \$10. Seating is limited; advance reservations are encouraged. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Mary at the parish office (570-823-4988).

Global Tastes of Scranton: Syrian Style

A Global Tastes of Scranton Syrian Dinner/Celebration will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Scranton Cultural Center, where local Syrian refugee women will create a "pop-up restaurant" and serve as guest chefs to share their cuisine and culture with the Scranton community.

A sampling of authentic Syrian fare will be served and the evening will also include special dance performances and information about the refugee crisis.

This is a collaborative community event that fosters cross-cultural exchange and is aimed at bringing Scranton neighbors together.

Event tickets are \$35 and registration is open through Oct. 6. Proceeds will benefit the refugee resettlement program of Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton and future Global Tastes of Scranton events.

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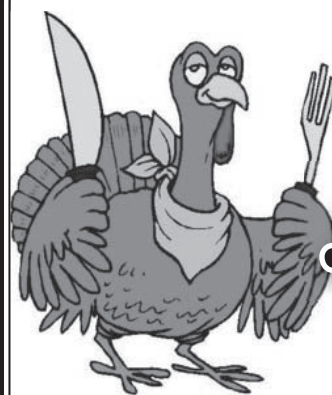
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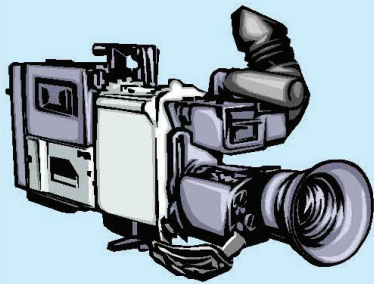
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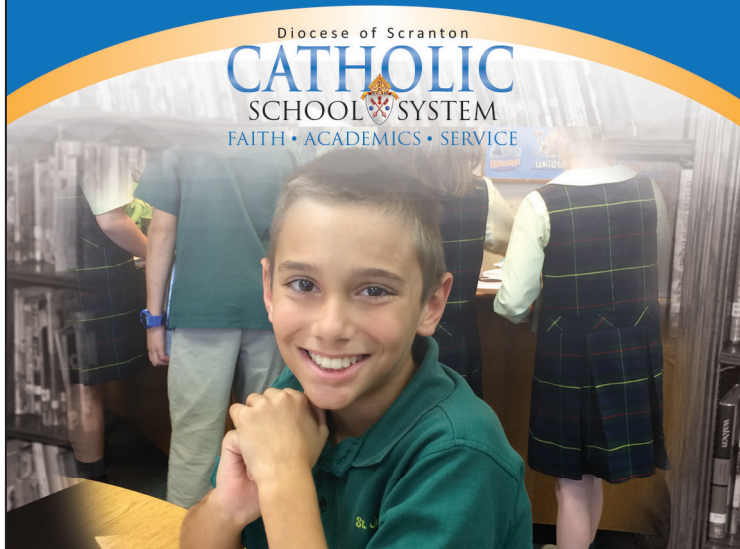
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