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## Catholic groups mobilize to help in Hurricane Harvey's aftermath

*Pope Francis offers prayers, spiritual closeness and pastoral concern*

WASHINGTON (CNS)

—Catholic dioceses and charities quickly organized to help in the aftermath of a Category 4 hurricane that made landfall with heavy rains and winds of 130 miles per hour late Aug. 25 into the Rockport, Texas area, northeast of Corpus Christi. The National Weather Service said in a tweet Aug. 27 that the rainfall expected after the hurricane and storm are over “are beyond anything experienced before.”

The hurricane, named Harvey, is said to be the strongest one to hit the United States in more than a decade and perhaps the strongest one to make landfall in Texas. As Harvey morphed into a tropical storm, it unleashed historic flooding that has caused widespread damage in southeast Texas, and the storm was also affecting southwest Louisiana.

Pope Francis offered his



Left: A condominium complex is reduced to rubble after Hurricane Harvey struck in Rockport, Texas. Above: A Texas National Guard soldier carries a woman on his back during rescue operations in flooded areas around Houston, Texas.

prayers for the people struggling to cope with the devastating impact of the storm and he praised all those engaged in rescuing and caring for the thousands of people forced out of their homes.

In a message to Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, Pope Francis asked that his “spiritual closeness and pastoral concern” be relayed to all those affected.

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## Diocesan Annual Appeal Begins This Weekend, Sept. 9-10



Diocese of Scranton  
2017 **DIOCESAN**  
ANNUAL APPEAL

WALK TOGETHER  
IN THE *Light of Christ*

### Diocese Taking Collection to Aid Storm Victims

Hurricane Harvey is a catastrophic weather event that has caused enormous damage in southeast Texas and southwest Louisiana. Twelve million people thus far have been affected. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has requested that each diocese participate in an emergency collection to assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey. This collection will occur in the Diocese of Scranton during the weekend of September 9 and 10.

This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA, and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB.

“This storm of historic proportions has caused great hardship for so many people,” said Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. “I ask all of us to offer prayers and support as we accompany our sisters and brothers on their long and difficult road to recovery.”

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera has announced that the 2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal will officially begin the weekend of September 9 and 10 in all parishes throughout the Diocese with the presentation of the Appeal video. This year’s Diocesan Annual Appeal goal is \$5 million and the theme for the 2017 campaign is “*Walk Together in the Light of Christ.*”

“I am grateful for the wonderful support we receive each year for the Diocesan Annual Appeal from so many parishioners throughout our Diocese,” said Bishop Bambera. “By walking together in the light of Christ we fulfill the prayer of Jesus that all might be one.”

The clergy and parishioners listed below have accepted Bishop Bambera’s invitation to serve as Regional Chairs for the 2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal. The Annual Appeal Regional Chairs work with pastors and representatives in each parish to help coordinate Appeal activities.

### *Bradford, Sullivan & Susquehanna Counties*

**Lay Chairs:** John and Joan Schoonover, Epiphany Parish, Sayre  
**Clergy Chair:** Reverend Joseph Manarchuck, Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Wyalusing

### *Lackawanna & Wyoming Counties*

**Lay Chairs:** Dr. Bryan and Dr. Linda Frantz, St. John Neumann Parish, Scranton  
**Clergy Chair:** Reverend John Doris, Pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Dunmore

### *Luzerne County*

**Lay Chairs:** Allen and Mary Erwine, St. Therese Parish, Shavertown  
**Clergy Chair:** Reverend Joseph Kakareka, Pastor, Holy Family Parish, Sugar Notch

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# Annual Appeal about to begin; Regional Chairs are named

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## Lycoming & Tioga Counties

**Lay Chairs:** Ken and Maria Danielsen, St. Boniface Parish, Williamsport

**Clergy Chair:** Reverend Bert Kozen, Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Williamsport; St. Luke Parish, Jersey Shore

## Monroe County

**Lay Chairs:** Mike and Lynn Savage, Our Lady of Victory Parish, Tannersville

**Clergy Chair:** Reverend Gerald Shantillo, Pastor, St. Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg

## Wayne & Pike Counties

**Lay Chairs:** Thomas and Katie Bright, St. Mary Parish, Waymart

**Clergy Chair:** Reverend Stephen Stavoy, Pastor, St. Thomas More Parish, Lake Ariel

“The continued willingness of thousands of our parishioners to be the light of Christ to others through their generosity to the Diocesan Annual Appeal brings tremendous hope and encouragement to all who benefit from the ministries of our Diocese,” said Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for Development.

+ Gifts to the Appeal support the good work of our Diocesan ministries to:

+ Serve the poor, the needy and the vulnerable through Catholic Social Services and through social justice grants provided by the Diocese to parishes for community outreach programs.

+ Meet the ongoing formation needs of seminarians, priests, and permanent deacons and care for our retired bishops

## Catholics helping storm victims

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The message was sent by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state.

“Deeply moved by the tragic loss of life and the immense material devastation that this natural catastrophe has left in its wake, he prays for the victims and their families, and for all those engaged in the vital work of relief, recovery and rebuilding,” Cardinal Parolin said.

Pope Francis, he said, “trusts that the immense and immediate needs of so many individuals and communities will continue to inspire a vast outpouring of solidarity and mutual aid in the best traditions of the nation.”

The Holy Father also prayed for flood victims in Asia where monsoon rains have killed thousands in Bangladesh, India and Nepal and displaced millions of people.

Catholic Charities USA, as well as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Disaster Services, announced early on Aug. 26 that they were mobilizing to help an as-yet-unknown number of persons affected by the hurricane.

On Sept. 4 Catholic Charities presented a \$2 million check representing donations received to date for immediate emergency assistance. In addition, Catholic Charities’ Mobile Response Center vehicle, filled with emergency supplies, will remain in Texas.

Authorities reported at least 44 casualties, more than 7,000 homes destroyed and 87,000 damaged. Damage in the tens of billions of dollars is anticipated.

Catholic groups said they want to help with the immediate needs of the communities affected.

“We will be sending in rapid-response teams to help and we are coordinating nationally with the Knights of Columbus, Knights of Malta and (Catholic Charities USA),” said Elizabeth Disco-Shearer, CEO of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA.

Cardinal DiNardo, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, urged “all people of goodwill to closely monitor future calls for assistance for victims and survivors in the days ahead.”



**Pastors and Parish Life Coordinators from throughout the Diocese recently attended the Annual Appeal Kickoff Luncheon for Clergy at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera and Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for Development (pictured),**

**addressed the group and provided information on this year’s Diocesan Annual Appeal. Invocation was provided by Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy. The Appeal video, which features the Diocesan ministries and services funded by gifts to the Annual Appeal, was shown at the gathering. More information on the Appeal, including the video, can be found at <http://AnnualAppeal.org>**

and priests who continue to serve the Diocese through various ministries.

+ Educate the next generation of servant leaders in a spiritually sound and academically challenging environment in our Diocesan Catholic schools and in parish-based religious education programs.

+ Provide vibrant parish life and ministry formation programs that continue to strengthen and revitalize our parish communities by providing formation and spiritual enrichment opportunities focused on worship, word, community and service.



## Bishops’ Anti-Racism Committee Calls for National Day of Prayer

*Bishop Bambera encourages all faithful to participate Sept. 9*

WASHINGTON – Bishop George V. Murry, SJ, of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, Chairman of the U.S. Bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, called on Catholics and all people of faith to observe an annual Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities this Saturday, September 9, the Feast of St. Peter Claver, a Spanish-born Jesuit priest who dedicated his life to ministering to people enslaved by the African slave trade.

“St. Peter Claver is a model for us in understanding that hard work and perseverance is required to combat the sin of racism and build community; we must begin and end this effort in prayer together, even as we seek to act in concrete ways,” Bishop Murry said.

Bishop Bambera encourages parishes and all faithful in the Diocese of Scranton to participate in the National Day of Prayer and all efforts to promote peace in our communities and in our world.

“The Church stands firmly against all forms of racism, prejudice and intolerance,” he said. “The hatred and violence that seems to have taken root in society is irrational and unacceptable. Every human being has been created in the image and likeness of God, and must be treated with dignity and respect. Our prayers and actions must reflect the unity and peace that Jesus Christ willed for the world.”

The Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism was formed by Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, after the recent shocking events in Charlottesville, Virginia. Bishop Murry was appointed as the Ad Hoc Committee’s first chairman. The Committee will focus on addressing the sin of racism in our society, and even in our Church, as well as the urgent need to come together to find solutions.

+ Ensure the Gospel message is proclaimed, and keep our Diocesan community informed through an integrated media program that includes *The Catholic Light* newspaper, CTV: Catholic Television, and the Diocesan website.

Parishioners may join us in support of this year’s Annual Appeal by sending a gift to Diocesan Annual Appeal, 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503-1279. Parishioners may also go online at [www.AnnualAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualAppeal.org) or call the Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a credit card gift.

“Recent events have exposed the extent to which the sin of racism continues to afflict our nation,” Cardinal DiNardo said in a statement. “The establishment of this new ad hoc committee will be wholly dedicated to engaging the church and our society to work together in unity to challenge the sin of racism, to listen to persons who are suffering under this sin, and to come together in the love of Christ to know one another as brothers and sisters.”

To help dioceses, parishes and other places of worship, communities, and families observe this National Day of Prayer, the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism and USCCB staff offer pastoral and prayer resources which can be found at [www.usccb.org/racism](http://www.usccb.org/racism).

## Order would harm immigrant children

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced Sept. 5 that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program is “being rescinded” by President Donald Trump, leaving some 800,000 youth, brought illegally to the U.S. as minors, in peril of deportation and of losing permits that allow them to work.

A Sept. 5 statement from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops called the cancellation of DACA “reprehensible” and something that “causes unnecessary fear for DACA youth and their families.”

“Today, our nation has done the opposite of how Scripture calls us to respond. It is a step back from the progress that we need to make as a country,” they said, adding that the decision by the Trump administration is a “heartbreaking moment in our history that shows the absence of mercy and goodwill, and a short-sighted vision for the future.”



# Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo Remembered as Jovial, Faithful Servant

*Catholic News Service and Staff Report*

The late Most Reverend Francis Xavier DiLorenzo, the Bishop of Richmond, Virginia who was Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton for five years, was a humble priest, an astute administrator, and a down-to-earth, affable person who could make anyone laugh.

Bishop DiLorenzo, 75, died August 17, 2017, at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond. His funeral Mass was celebrated August 25 in Richmond.

Upon learning of Bishop DiLorenzo's death, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera shared the news with the Diocese "with great sadness."

"Bishop DiLorenzo maintained close ties with many in the Diocese of Scranton, visiting the area as recently as earlier this summer," he said. "Personally, I will always be grateful for his generous service to the faithful of our local Church as well as for his friendship and support.

"On behalf of Bishop Martino, Bishop Timlin, Bishop Dougherty, the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Scranton, I offer our deepest sympathy to Bishop DiLorenzo's family and to the Church of Richmond, and prayers for the repose of the Bishop's soul. May he rest in the peace of the risen Christ."

Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin, who was ordinary when Bishop DiLorenzo was Auxiliary Bishop here from 1988 to 1993, said: "I will always be eternally grateful to Bishop DiLorenzo for the time he spent here. He served all of us so well here in the Diocese of Scranton. We were exact opposites, but we were great friends and I will miss him very, very much."

In addition to his duties as Auxiliary Bishop, Bishop DiLorenzo was Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, and sat on the following boards and commissions: Continuing Education of Priests, Saint Pius X Seminary Board, College of Consultors, Bishop's Annual Appeal Steering Committee, Priests' Retirement Advisory Board, Diocesan Building Commission, Bishop's Allocation Committee; Bishop's Budget Committee, Presbyteral Council, Diocesan Finance Council, Diocesan Pastoral Council, *Catholic Light* Board.

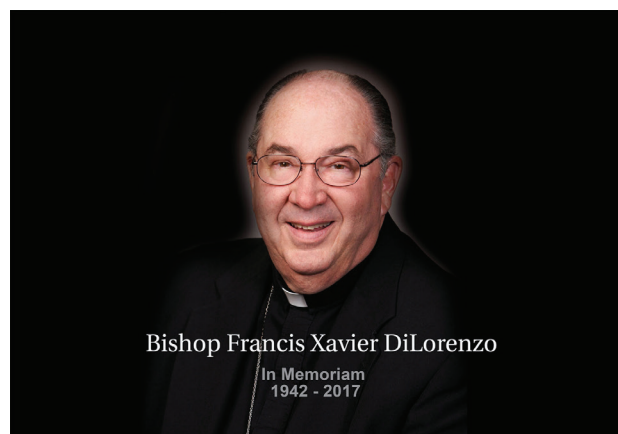
In *Envisioning Faith*, the pictorial history of the Diocese of Scranton, author James B. Earley offered this description of Bishop DiLorenzo's tenure here:

"During the five years he served the people of the Diocese of Scranton, Bishop DiLorenzo gained a reputation for his down-to-earth views, a common sense approach to life, and for his disarming affability. People naturally felt comfortable in his presence; Bishop DiLorenzo could make anyone laugh.

"Within the Chancery setting, Bishop DiLorenzo was a knowledgeable and proficient manager of people and budgets. As Moderator of the Curia and Vicar General, he saw projects to completion. He kept vigilant watch over the Church's temporalities. Always unwaveringly loyal to Bishop Timlin and supportive of his programs, Bishop DiLorenzo contributed much to the Church of Scranton during his brief first Episcopal assignment."

In the 1993 *Catholic Light* story announcing his appointment as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Honolulu, Bishop DiLorenzo reflected on his time here, citing Bishop Timlin as the ideal mentor bishop who was very encouraging and became a "dear friend... I will be very sorry to leave that friendship."

He said he enjoyed his staff and all the people with whom he worked, and found the people of northeastern



Pennsylvania "to be very warm and friendly. They are a religious people who challenge an ordained minister to serve them. There is a great treasure here, and whoever comes here is a very fortunate person."

During his funeral Mass, Bishop DiLorenzo was remembered as the image of Christ, a shepherd who embraced the fullness of life and devoted himself to the people of the Diocese of Richmond.

Bishop Joseph A. Pepe of Las Vegas, a close friend for 50 years, told more than 1,000 people in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond that he had come to honor an exceptional man.

"He was a person who had a depth, a really true acuity in perceptions of theology, in Catholic teaching, in church policy, pastoral life," Bishop Pepe said. "He was a man who could take things and define them, see what he had to do and accomplish it. And you have the results of that in your diocese."

Those results could be seen in a congregation reflecting the ethnic and cultural diversity of a diocese of 220,000 Catholics that runs from the mountains in the far southwest to the shoreline in the east. Among those at the funeral was Laura Bailey of South Hill, Virginia.

"A wonderful man, jovial, always had a smile," she said. "He had the best intentions for the diocese."

Bishop DiLorenzo's brother, Paul, liked to remind "Fran," as the family called him, that despite his education and position in the church, "he was just a kid from West Philly. Fran loved to eat, but he was nourished by human interaction and intellectual curiosity ... and the need to keep trying the make the world a better place," Paul DiLorenzo said.

Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori, who presided at the Mass, praised Bishop DiLorenzo for his "wisdom and creativity."

Clergy in white vestments flanked the altar and included Bishop Michael F. Burbidge and retired Bishop Paul S. Loverde, both of Arlington, Virginia; a priest from the Diocese of Honolulu; bishops from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, where he became a priest; and Bishops Bambera and Timlin from the Diocese of Scranton.

Bishop DiLorenzo was proud of the 22 priests he ordained, said Monsignor Walter Barrett, pastor of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish in Fort Monroe, Virginia. "Some of us were a little jealous of the affection being shared with the young priests," he said the day before the funeral, "but he knew that if younger clergy were not cared for and supported, we could lose them."

Bishop DiLorenzo was one of the first to call for peace during the chaos- and hate-filled weekend in Charlottesville, when white supremacists holding a rally clashed with

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– 1993 story in *The Catholic Light*



**Bishop DiLorenzo at a Saint Patrick's Day Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.**

counterprotesters August 11 and 12. The events led to the deaths of three people and injuries to more than 19 others. His first statement August 11 was followed by a second one the next day.

"In the last 24 hours, hatred and violence have been on display in the city of Charlottesville," said Bishop DiLorenzo. "I earnestly pray for peace."

In a statement about his passing, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington said that over the years he knew Bishop DiLorenzo "as a devoted man of God."

"He has always been highly regarded for his firm grasp of the church's moral teaching and as a pastoral leader," he said in a statement. "We share the bond of having been ordained priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and of serving as rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. He will be dearly missed."

"During my tenure in the Diocese of Arlington, it has been a privilege to serve and collaborate with him," said the bishop, who was installed to head the Northern Virginia diocese last December. Before that, he was the Bishop of Raleigh, North Carolina.

"I respected and admired his zeal for Christ, his pastoral skills, and his administrative abilities," Bishop Burbidge said. "His joy for the Catholic faith was evident to everyone who knew him or witnessed his devoted service to God's people."

Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori remembered Bishop DiLorenzo as a "good moral theologian," an "excellent seminary rector" and a bishop who "cheerfully did whatever the church asked of him."

The archbishop had known Bishop DiLorenzo since the late 1980s, when Bishop DiLorenzo was named Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton.

"He had a personality that was larger than life," said Archbishop Lori, who had worked with Bishop DiLorenzo more closely in the past five years after being named Archbishop of Baltimore.

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### ***Feast of Saint Jeanne Jugan***

The Little Sisters of the Poor and residents of Holy Family Residence celebrated the feast day of Saint Jeanne Jugan, the mother foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor, with a host of activities on Wednesday, Aug. 30. The day began at 10:30 a.m. with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Bambera, along with several other diocesan priests, in the chapel at Holy Family Residence in Scranton. Following the Mass, the Bishop, residents, and friends enjoyed a home cooked luncheon.

The Little Sisters of the Poor, who have been serving the elderly of Northeastern Pennsylvania since 1908, work closely with staff, volunteers, and benefactors to create a family spirit for the residents who make their home with them. They welcome the elderly who have limited funds and provide for their needs so they can thrive in an atmosphere of respect, dignity, and love.

Pictured in first row, from left: Sister Therese Michel, I.s.p. and Sister Kathleen, I.s.p.; Second row: Sister Alice, I.s.p.; Sister Laurelliya, I.s.p.; Father E. Francis Kelly, chaplain; Bishop Bambera; Sister Theresa Louisa, I.s.p., superior of the Little Sisters of the Poor's Scranton community; Sister Mary Augustine, I.s.p., and Sister Marie Therese, I.s.p.

**On August 27, Bishop Bambera celebrated a Mass for the 50th Anniversary of Our Lady of the Abingtons Parish in Dalton.**



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

**September 7-10** – USCCB National Advisory Council Meeting, Baltimore

**September 12** – Mass of the Holy Spirit for Chancery Staff, Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.

**September 12** – Musicians' Mass, Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 7:00 p.m.

**September 14** – Imposition of the Pallium, Cardinal Joseph William Tobin, Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, N.J.

**September 16** – Mass - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Saint Maria Goretti Parish, Saint Maria Goretti Church, Laflin, 4:00 p.m.

**September 17** – Dedication Mass, Saint Jude Church, Mountain Top, 3:00 p.m.

**September 18-26** – Diocesan Fatima Jubilee Pilgrimage



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and [twitter.com/BishopBambera](https://twitter.com/BishopBambera))*

**September 27** – Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, Board of Governors Meeting, Harrisburg

**September 28** – Provincial Meeting of Pennsylvania Bishops, Harrisburg

### **STATEMENT REGARDING FATHER MARTIN BOYLAN**

The Diocese of Scranton learned on August 30, 2017 that the investigation by the Pennsylvania State Police into Father Martin Boylan has been closed because of a refusal on the part of the alleged victim to testify. While civil authorities have made this determination, the ecclesiastical process in Father Boylan's case continues. Father Boylan's status as a priest removed from ministry with his faculties to exercise priestly ministry suspended continues to remain unchanged.





## Bishop to Dedicate New Saint Jude Church

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will dedicate and bless the new church for Saint Jude Parish in Mountain Top at a Mass on Sunday, September 17.

The new building will provide more seating and parking to accommodate the growth of the parish.

According to the pastor, Father Joseph Evanko, parishioners have offered great support for the project and are eagerly awaiting the opening of the new church. Interest in the dedication ceremony has been overwhelming and tickets for the Mass were issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendance has reached capacity.



Stained glass windows, dating to the 1920s, are from the former Holy Family Church in Scranton.

The restored crucifix from the original Saint Jude Church.



The marble altars and furnishings are from Saint Francis of Assisi Church in West Hazleton. They had been imported from Italy in 1964.



## Still Serving

Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 5. In honor of this milestone, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera made a donation to St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre in Bishop Timlin's name. Bishop Timlin recognized this donation with gratitude and recently visited the Kitchen, where he said grace and mingled with clients and volunteers throughout the serving of lunch. Ice cream and brownies were served and Bishop Timlin was presented with a gift from Catholic Social Services.

## Mass in Italian Celebrated at Cathedral



The annual Mass in Italian was celebrated on Sunday, September 3, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. The liturgy is celebrated in conjunction with La Festa Italiana, which occurred over the Labor Day weekend on Courthouse Square in the city.

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



## Annual Musicians' Mass To Be Celebrated This Tuesday

On Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:00PM, Bishop Bambara will recognize the music ministers of the diocese for the ministry which they embrace. This will take place at the Musicians' Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter located at 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton. This Mass, previously held in November, has been moved to September to provide a wonderful opportunity to gather parish choir members, cantors, organists and other instrumentalists to ask God's blessings upon them as they begin a new season of music ministry.

After the Communion Rite, Bishop Bambara will recognize all musicians who are present through a special blessing. A light reception will be held in the Diocesan Pastoral Center across from the Cathedral immediately following the Mass.

All parish musicians and anyone else who loves liturgical music are invited to attend. There is something to be said for the live experience of a cathedral full of musicians singing together. The singing will be embellished with the Diocesan Festival Choir, the Cathedral organ and instrumentalists.

This Musicians' Mass is made possible through the collaboration of the Diocesan Office for Parish Life, the Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, and the Cathedral of Saint Peter. For more information, please contact David Baloga, Director for Worship - Office for Parish Life, at 570-207-2213 ext. 1158 or at [David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org).



### Weekend Retreat for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Sept. 29 – Oct. 1, 2017  
Camp Orchard Hill  
Dallas, PA

**UP & OVER**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

### Up & Over Jr. High School Retreat

The Up & Over Jr. High School Retreat is a weekend of fun, friendship, and faith at the beautiful wooded Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas. You will spend time outdoors, meet new friends and learn how your God-given gifts can be used when you work with others as a team! There will also be a number of fun activities and events, including a movie, free time and an outdoor obstacle course.

Come and join us for an outstanding experience. You will have a great time, meet new friends and come closer to God who loves you!

Registration includes cabin lodging, delicious home cooked meals, a t-shirt and unforgettable memories!

ARRIVAL: Friday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m.

DEPARTURE: Sunday, October 1, at 12:00 Noon

COST: \$140 (which includes a \$70 non-refundable deposit)

Some parishes help with the cost, so don't be afraid to ask!

Deadline to register is September 22, 2017 – Register online at [Dioceseofscranton.org](http://Dioceseofscranton.org)

Call Shannon Kowalski at 570-207-2213, x 1155 with questions or for more information.

## Office for Parish Life

### FALL CONVOCATIONS

#### SERVICE Convocation — September 23

With violence continuing to spiral out of control in our country and our world, isn't it time to take seriously Jesus' call to a nonviolent lifestyle, as well as, our Pope's World Day of Peace message: "Nonviolence: a style of politics for peace"?!!

Please join in such discernment at our Fall Convocation for SERVICE and Social Concerns, featuring Marie Dennis of Pax Christi International, on Saturday, September, 23, from 9:30AM to 4:00PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, in downtown Scranton.

The day will also include speakers from Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Social Services, and Ignatian Volunteer Corps, as well as local parish leaders encouraging our parishioners to get involved in Prison Ministry, Environmental Ministry and Combating Human Trafficking.

Additionally, we will have friends from Bethlehem, Palestine selling gifts of rosaries, statues (large and small), creches, etc... – made of olive wood.

And finally, we will remember in a very special prayer service, the life of Father Stanley Rother, who is the first USA-born martyr of our Church and will be beatified in Oklahoma City at the same time we are gathering in Scranton.

Please reserve this very special day and join us for prayer, information and action! Register at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) (Office for Parish Life page.) Questions? Contact Richard DeBona, Director for Service and Social Concerns at 570-207-2213, ext. 1130, or at [Richard-DeBona@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Richard-DeBona@dioceseofscranton.org).

#### 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.

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

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

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



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

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

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

For more information contact Kitty Scanlan at 570-207-2213, ext 1157, or [kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org).  
To register, visit the Office for Parish Life page at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)





# Youth gearing up for day of service activities across the Diocese

In his Prayer Vigil Address at World Youth Day last August, Pope Francis passionately shared: “Dear young people, we didn’t come into this world to ‘vegetate’, to take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on. No, we came for another reason: **to leave a mark**. Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage. Take the path of the ‘craziness’ of our God, who teaches us to encounter him in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the friend in trouble, the prisoner, the refugee and the migrant, and our neighbors who feel abandoned.”

In response to our Holy Father’s challenge and the recommendations of members of the young church, our Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations are teaming up for a **Diocesan Day of Service (#Leaveamark17)** for those aged 16 to 35 and adult chaperones on Saturday, September 16, 2017. The day will consist of registration, an opening prayer service, sending forth blessing, volunteering at a nonprofit organization or site, lunch, presentation on faith and service, reflection on the experience, and a closing liturgy.

Volunteer sites: Tioga Homeless Shelter, St. Joseph’s Center, St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, United Neighborhood Centers, St. Gabriel’s Retreat Center, CEO, St. John the Evangelist Care and Concerns Clinic, St. Luke’s Villa, St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, Catholic Youth Center, Ruth’s Place, Little Flower Manor, Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity, Brandon’s Forever Home, ESU at Stony Acres, Habitat for Humanity Monroe County, and more!

## #Leaveamark17 Diocesan Day of Service Saturday, September 16, 2017



Sarah Hazelton offers information about the Diocesan Day of Service to students at the Mansfield University Club Day.

### Closing Liturgy Schedule:

#### Northern Region

St. John Neumann Parish, Scranton, 4:30PM

#### Southern Region

St. John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston, 4:30PM

#### Eastern Region

St. Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg, 4:00PM

#### Western Region

Holy Child Parish, Mansfield, 4:00PM

“There is much energy and excitement around this new event in the Diocese of Scranton. It will be a great day in all four Episcopal regions of our Diocese as high school students, college students, young adults, and adult chaperones unite in prayer and service,” said Dominick Costantino, coordinator.

Online Registration for individuals and groups: [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org).

All are encouraged to follow Diocesan social media on September 16 for videos and photos from all regions of our Diocese. You can also see what’s happening by searching using the hashtag #Leaveamark17 on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

For more information, contact Dominick Costantino at [Dominick-Costantino@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Dominick-Costantino@dioceseofscranton.org) or 570-780-2996.

### XLT (Exalt!)

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

**Friday, September 22, 2017  
7-9 p.m.**

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

**Speaker: Laura Wendy  
Presider/Homilist: Father Jeffrey  
Walsh, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy**

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

### 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.



### #Leaveamark17

*Gathering of the Young Church with Bishop Bambara to kickoff National Vocation Awareness Week*

**Sunday, November 5**

**5PM Mass, Cathedral of Saint Peter**

**Reception to follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center**

A kickoff meeting was held recently with committee members from last year and some new members. First row from left: Kristin Osipower, Christine Skiro, Sister Mindy Welding, IHM, Diana Franceschelli, Kaitlin Walsh, and Sean Farry. Second row: Alyssa Stencavage, Father Rick Malloy, SJ, Brian Martin, Thomas Cunningham, Matthew Cunningham, Billy Walsh, Steve Wallo, Dominick Costantino, Father Don Williams, and Father Joseph Elston. For more information, please contact Dominick Costantino at 570-780-2996.



# Bishop DiLorenzo remembered fondly

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“He had a wonderful sense of humor,” Archbishop Lori said. “He was a realist who understood how to face difficult situations, but he always brought good things out of these situations.”

Born April 15, 1942, Francis Xavier DiLorenzo was the oldest of three sons of an Italian-American butcher and a homemaker, Samuel and Anita Porrino DiLorenzo.

A graduate of St. Callistus School and St. Thomas More High School, he attended St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia by John Cardinal Krol on May 18, 1968.

He served in pastoral and educational assignments until 1971. He then was sent to Rome, where he earned a licentiate in sacred theology in 1973 from the Academia Alphonsiana and a doctorate in sacred theology in 1975 from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Upon his return to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1975, Bishop DiLorenzo served as chaplain and instructor in theology at St. Pius X High School, and in 1977 was appointed chaplain and associate professor of moral theology at Immaculata College. He was honored with the title Chaplain to His Holiness Pope John Paul II on June 30, 1983. In that same year, he returned to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, serving first as Vice Rector and two years later as Rector. During these years, he was also a member of the Archdiocesan Committee and a Prosynodal Judge of the Metropolitan Tribunal.

## Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo

“None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or we die, we are the Lord’s.” *Romans 14, 7ff*

This seems to sum up Frank DiLorenzo, friend, mentor, and spiritual director.

In my 54 years of knowing him, being with him, traveling with him — Bishop DiLorenzo was bigger than life.

I worked with him in seminary, shared a teaching assignment for undergraduates in biology, studied with him at Villanova University in biology, shared time with him as we did graduate studies in Rome, worked him in Philadelphia as priests, and had the honor of being the first to learn he had been appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton, and finally sharing our years together as bishops.

He was a unique person called by the Lord to be ordained a priest and bishop, and lived for the Lord in his devotion and priestly ministry for His Body the Church.

The human and spiritual qualities he brought to his ministry were — if a bit bias on my part — were perceptive and very realistic. He saw things that had to be done and accomplished them. Bishop DiLorenzo had sensitivity for those around him.

He had a generosity that lent itself to making everyone feel welcome by him in Rome; he learned Italian so he could talk to vendors around the Trevi Fountain. Everyone loved him and he loved them with his time and concern.

Bishop DiLorenzo enjoyed a laugh and saw the humor in life. He used to

say of the Roman scene: “Almost but not quite.”

In the early ‘70s, Italy was just getting on its feet after the devastation of World War II. Frank brought me to the Italian Market; every aisle was perfect except the carts used could not be turned into the next aisle unless lifted and turned — “almost but not quite.”

Bishop DiLorenzo had an acute and critical theological mind when he stood on the floor at the National Bishops’ Conference. The bishops listened and regarded his opinion with respect.

I could go on, but I’m sure all have memories of his gifts and personality that are special to each one here this morning.

For Frank, life was meant to be lived to the fullest because Christ gave to him the gift. He took who he was and shared with others so that Christ could be touched and known through him. He was a true Apostle and Shepherd:

+ The Way through his gregariousness and humor that led to Jesus.

+ The Truth in theological and pastoral knowledge and acuity — to encounter Jesus as Word.

+ The Life in embrace of his humanity — given up finally to the Lord.

In faith and Christian joy, although saddened by the loss of our friend, our father and mentor, we are consoled by these words:

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, that where I am you also may be.” *John 14, 3*

*Excerpted from the homily by Bishop Joseph A. Pepe of Las Vegas, Nev., at the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo of Richmond, Va., on August 25 in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond.*

On Jan. 26, 1988, he was appointed Titular Bishop of Tigia and Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton, and ordained to the episcopacy on March 8, 1988.

He was appointed apostolic administrator of Honolulu Oct. 12, 1993, when Bishop Joseph A. Ferrario, head of the diocese since 1982, retired for health reasons. On Oct. 4 1994, he became the Bishop of Honolulu.

During his administration, Bishop DiLorenzo was nominated by the Pope as a participant in the 1998 Synod of Bishops for Asia, where he encouraged more collaboration between Asian and U.S. bishops to serve the growing needs of Catholic Asian immigrants in the United States.

Bishop DiLorenzo served in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as a member of the Administrative Committee and also the chairman of the Committee on Science and Human Values. In an earlier term as chairman of that committee, he inaugurated a series of popular teaching brochures, reflecting the bishops’ consultations with top scientists on topics such as the relationship of science and religion and ethical issues in the rapidly growing fields of genetic testing and genetic screening. In previous years, he also served on the USCCB committee on doctrine and the ad hoc committee on bishops’ life and ministry.

Bishop DiLorenzo was named Bishop of Richmond by Pope John Paul II on March 31, 2004 and was installed May 24 that year. His episcopal motto was “Christ Our Hope.”

During his 13 years in Richmond, he was instrumental in furthering many important ministries, most especially youth, young adult and campus ministries, vocations to the priesthood, Catholic schools, advanced lay leadership formation and priestly formation. He insured the financial stability of the parishes, schools and diocesan administrative offices.

A moral theologian and a lover of history, Bishop DiLorenzo was known for his humility, his booming voice — he frequently broke into song — and his concern for those less fortunate, which he addressed especially through his interest in Catholic schools and lay Catholic formation.

Vocations to the priesthood were a high priority. By the time of his death he had ordained 22 men to the priesthood. Enrollment in seminary had increased two-and-a-half-fold, from nine men enrolled in seminary to 31.

In 2004, with now-retired Bishop Paul S. Loverde of Arlington, he established the Virginia Catholic Conference to represent the bishops and their dioceses on public policy issues in the state capital of Richmond and with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Anita and Thomas Lawler of Villas, N.J.; and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul DiLorenzo of Bala Cynwyd, Pa.; and his close family friend, Sister Janice M. Johnson, RSM, of Allentown, Pa.



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# Holy Cross High School in Dunmore Celebrates Tenth Anniversary



From left, James Marcks and Charles Buzad, Holy Cross High School principal emeritus and vice principal emeritus, respectively, present the offertory gifts to Monsignor David Tressler. Altar server is Matthew Cerep, a member of the Holy Cross Class of 2018.

**Above:** Father Chris Washington with numerous Holy Cross HS alumni in attendance.

**At right:** Shown in the foreground, Charles Buzad and Father Washington pose with Holy Cross High School Principal Benjamin Tolerico (background left) and Timothy Czyzyk, a member of the Holy Cross faculty.

More than 150 Catholic School alumni, family, faculty, friends, and current students came together to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Holy Cross High School, Dunmore, August 12, hosted by Principal Benjamin Tolerico and the Holy Cross faculty and staff. Mass was held at Holy Cross High School followed by a reception at The Colonnade, Scranton.

Monsignor David Tressler, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education/Superintendent of Schools, was principal celebrant for the Mass and Father Cyril Edwards, chaplain of Holy Cross High School, was the homilist. Concelebrating were former Holy Cross chaplains, Father Brian J.T. Clarke, pastor of Ascension Parish and St. Katharine Drexel Parish, and Director of Pontifical Missions, along with Father Christopher Washington, Scranton Diocesan priest currently serving with the Apostolic Nunciature in Bolivia, South America.

Anyone who is interested in Diocesan Catholic School alumni updates, planning a class reunion, or additional information and future events, contact John Anthony Farkas Jr., Manager of Development and Alumni Relations for Catholic Schools, at [John-Farkas@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:John-Farkas@dioceseofscranton.org)



## Reverend Herbert B. Keller, S.J., Installed as Interim University of Scranton President

Reverend Herbert B. Keller, S.J. H'06, was installed as Interim President at The University of Scranton at a ceremony conducted at the conclusion of the Jesuit university's Mass of the Holy Spirit on August 31.

Father Keller, who also serves as rector of the Scranton Jesuit Community, will serve as presi-

dent through June 30, 2018, when he will be succeeded by Reverend Scott R. Pilarz, S.J. H'15, President-elect, at the conclusion of his service as president of Georgetown Preparatory School.

The formal installation was conducted by Lawrence R. Lynch '81, chair of the University's Board of Trustees. Also speaking

at the ceremony were: Joseph H. Dreisbach, Ph.D., interim provost and senior vice president for academic affairs; Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn '72, J.D., J.C.L., Bishop Bambara's delegate from the Diocese of Scranton; and Reverend Vincent Conti, S.J., socius of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus.

A member of the University's Board of Trustees, Father Keller has served on the Board through various terms for 17 years.

Father Keller stepped down in 2015 after a distinguished 18-year tenure as president of Scranton Preparatory School, the longest-serving president in the school's history. He was ordained a priest in 1981 and has served in Jesuit secondary education for 35 years.

Father Keller was named principal of Scranton Prep in 1983 and served in that capacity for eight years. An archived recording of the ceremony can be seen at [www.scranton.edu/eventslive](http://www.scranton.edu/eventslive).



Pictured after the Installation Ceremony for Reverend Herbert B. Keller, S.J. H'06, as Interim President of The University of Scranton are, from left: Reverend Vincent Conti, S.J., socius of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus; Father Keller; and Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn '72, J.D., J.C.L., Bishop Bambara's delegate from the Diocese of Scranton.

## New Catholic School Principals



Monsignor David L. Tressler, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education/Superintendent of Schools, welcomes three new principals for the 2017-18 school year. Sitting, from left: Mrs. Melissa Skutack, Holy Rosary School in Duryea; Michael Reese, Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre; and Mrs. Cathy Sosnowski, Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore. Standing: Ms. Kathleen Gilmartin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Monsignor Tressler; and Mrs. Michele Long, Assistant Superintendent of Schools.



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*Our Diocesan Catholic Schools welcomed students, faculty, administrators and families back for the new academic year. Here and on the following pages are photos representing schools as they began anew their commitment to the ministry of Catholic education.*



All Saints Academy, Scranton



Epiphany School, Sayre



Good Shepherd Academy, Kingston



Saint John Neumann Elementary School, Williamsport



Holy Rosary School, Duryea



La Salle Academy, Jessup





**Notre Dame Elementary School, East Stroudsburg**



**Holy Family Academy, Hazleton**



**Saint Clare/Saint Paul School, Scranton**



**Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School, East Stroudsburg**



**Holy Cross High School, Dunmore**



**Monsignor McHugh School, Cresco**



**Wyoming Area Catholic School, Exeter**





**Saint Jude School, Mountain Top**



**Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre**



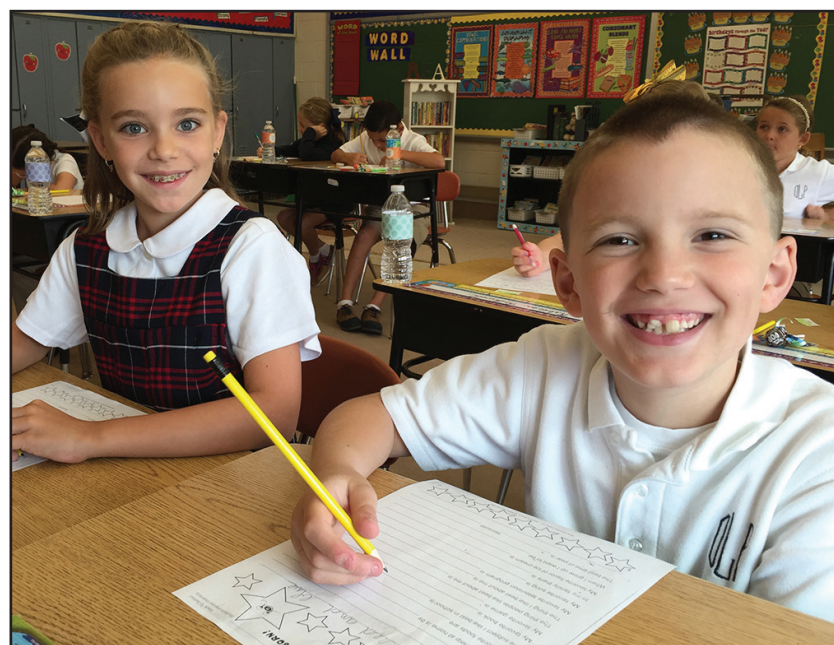
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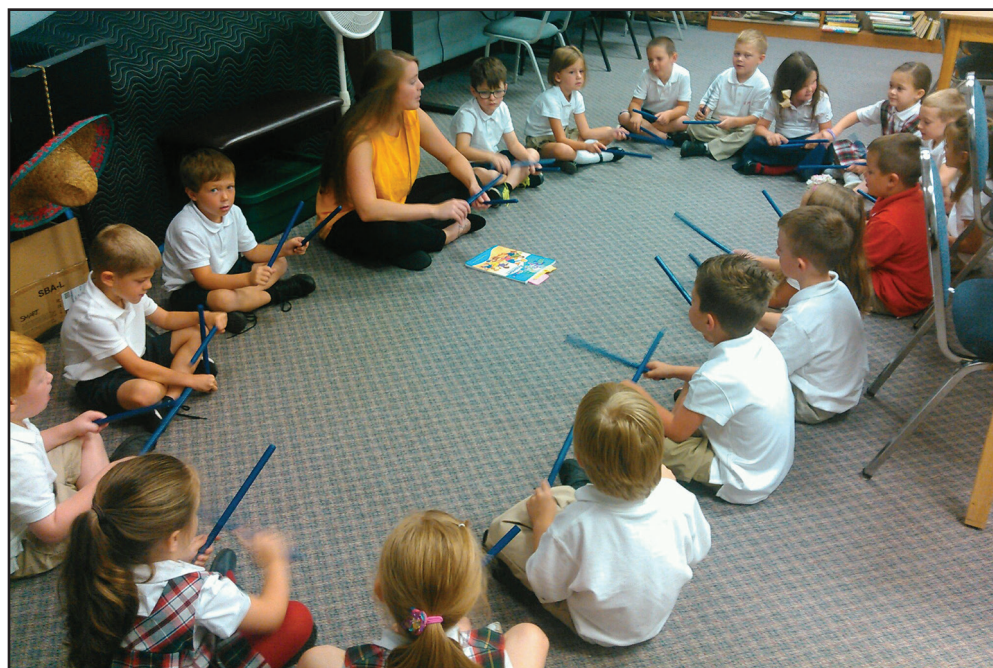
**Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School, Dunmore**



**Saint John Neumann Jr./Sr. High School, Williamsport**



**Our Lady of Peace School, Clarks Green**



**Saint Agnes School, Towanda**

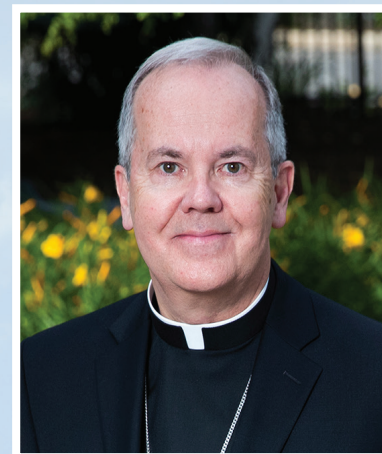


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*“By walking together in the light of Christ we fulfill the prayer of Jesus that all might be one.”*

— MOST REVEREND JOSEPH C. BAMBERA, D.D., J.C.L.  
BISHOP OF SCRANTON



CATHOLIC *Social Services*

David and Nancy Pennay with their children, Kaitlyn, Nathan, and Kayla.



*“I wouldn’t have a home without Catholic Social Services. My children wouldn’t have it, I wouldn’t have it, my wife wouldn’t have it.”*

— DAVID PENNAY



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.

Unable to work, unable to pay the rent, David was evicted with his wife, Nancy, and their son, 4, and twin girls, 2. A friend found a place for them in a condemned bar.

“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 know it was hard for the kids because it was hard for me.”

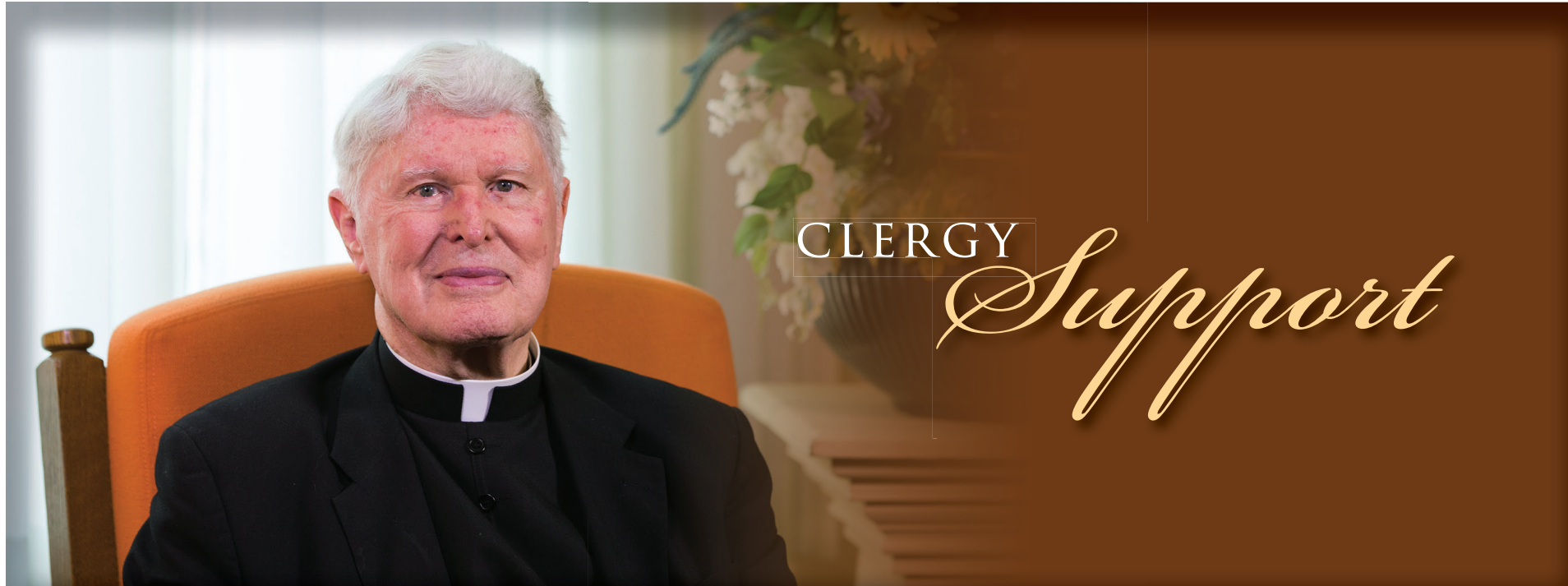
Then Catholic Social Services became aware of the situation. David said, “Lori (Bowen), our case manager, really fought hard to find a place for us.”

“It was right here in Jessup, it’s handicapped accessible - those things are almost impossible to get...I wouldn’t be here without Catholic Social Services.”

“The family felt hopeless. They didn’t feel anyone could help them,” Lori said.

“David and Nancy are good parents. Now the family is very happy and their children are doing well.”





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## Support

*“Our oldest priests are so very grateful for all that they have and all that they have done, and so much is being done for them. The Annual Appeal is a very important part of our lives and we want everyone to know how eternally grateful we are.”*

— MOST REVEREND JAMES C. TIMLIN, D.D.  
Bishop Emeritus



Retired Bishop James C. Timlin, who celebrated his 90th birthday on August 5, has served the Diocese for more than 65 years with more than 40 years as Bishop.


Retired bishops and priests continue to be a vital part of our Diocese. Bishop Timlin visits hospice patients each day while retired Bishop John M. Dougherty serves Christ the King Parish in Archbald. Both celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation and represent Bishop Bambera at various liturgies and events.

As our Diocesan priests have served and continue to serve us, we now serve them by providing the care and support they need as they continue to answer God's call, from the most senior priest to the most recently ordained.

“Being a priest means everything to me,” said Bishop Timlin. “I went to the seminary right after high school and I never looked back. I look back now and thank God I was given the graces to get through to be ordained. I will be eternally grateful for that.”

“I started the Annual Appeal many years ago,” added the Bishop Emeritus. “... I go back to the Depression days, so I know what a penny is and I know what a nickel is. I have never gotten over that. I want to say thank you to those who have been so generous and may God bless you.”

“The people of this area are the greatest people you will find anywhere. I rejoice in being able to say that,” commented Bishop Timlin.

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- Renew and strengthen our parish communities by providing opportunities for all of us to share our personal gifts in service to God and one another





Joe Desciak, alumnus of St. Jude School, Mountain Top, and Bishop Hoban High School, Wilkes-Barre, and Mrs. Toni Bosevich Furcon, retired teacher, St. Jude School.

"I decided that Catholic education was such an influence in my life that I wanted to make it my professional career," said Joe Desciak, an alumnus of St. Jude School and Bishop Hoban High School, who went on to King's College, Marywood University and Fordham University where he earned a Ph.D. in Catholic Education and now works as Dean of Freshmen at Fordham's Lincoln campus in New York City.

"I made many wonderful memories at St. Jude's but particularly in 6th grade with Mrs. Bosevich," said Joe.

Toni Bosevich Furcon, now retired after teaching religion and math for 28 years at St. Jude's, recalls Joe, or Joey as she refers to him, as "one of the best -unforgettable in name and personality."

"Faith starts at home and it's nourished in our worship at church, but coming to St. Jude's, in particular to a classroom where Mrs. Bosevich took such care into making it a place of welcome, a place of uniform, a place of discipline, and a place of fun and joy - that was particularly impactful."

Joe believes Catholic education "is critical to the development of our society. It links strong academics with a clear understanding of what it means to be socially minded - to be aware of folks on the margins, to be people of change. Like Mrs. Bosevich, I can influence people's lives I hope, so that they may go out and be people of great care and love."

"Jesus was always in the classroom with us," said Mrs. Bosevich Furcon.

*"I think about my own Catholic education. I remember the environment being so special in Mrs. Bosevich's class. She developed in me a sense of urgency to make God known and to make God loved and served."*

— JOE DESCIAK



Mrs. Toni Bosevich Furcon, Sister Ellen Fischer, SCC, principal, St. Jude School, and Joe Desciak.

- Support our young people in our Catholic schools and our parish religious education programs, helping them to prepare for fulfilling and faith-centered lives

- Encourage and support men in formation to become future priests and deacons serving our parishes
- Care for our retired bishops and priests who have devoutly served, and continue to serve the faithful in our Diocese

- Joyfully proclaim the message of the Gospel and share the good news through *The Catholic Light*, CTV: Catholic Television, and the Diocesan website





## PARISH *Life*

Father James Paisley, pastor, St. Therese Parish, Shavertown and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish, Carverton; and Terri Besecker, Director of Stewardship, St. Therese Parish.

“Community projects have brought us closer together as a parish. We have a lot of people who want to get more involved.”

— TERRI BESECKER  
Director of Stewardship  
St. Therese Parish



St. Therese parishioners assist with wool preparation at the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker Farm as part of the parish's "Spring into Service" day.


The teachings of Christ bring us together. In our parish communities, parishioners are reaching out to those in need through a variety of service programs like those conducted by the Stewardship Committee of St. Therese Parish, Shavertown.

“Stewardship is a giving of the time and talent that God has given us to benefit other people,” said Father James Paisley, pastor. “That’s what Jesus did - he took the gifts and talents God had given to Him and shared them with all of humanity. We are called to do the same.”

“We came up with the idea of *Spring into Service*,” said Terri Besecker, Director of Stewardship. “We gathered our parishioners on a Saturday morning, held a prayer service, and sent them all out.”

Parish members volunteered on projects at six area community organizations: Habitat for Humanity, The Meadows Nursing Home, Community for Economic Opportunity, Wyoming Valley Children’s Association, Blue Chip Animal Refuge and The Dorothy Day Catholic Worker Farm.

“The parishioners really got a lot out of it. They loved the opportunity to reach out to the community, to give back, but also to connect with their fellow parishioners and to really get to know each other and stand side by side and do good works,” said Terri.

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## At Your Service, IVC Seeks 'Golden' Volunteers

As Teddy Michel tells the story, it all started when he — in his words — “hung up my attorney hat” as a federal law clerk to assume the regional directorship of the new Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Northeastern PA — a lay ministry program based at the University of Scranton that provides meaningful volunteer opportunities for individuals 50 years of age and older.

Committing to volunteering eight or 16 hours a week for ten months of the year — generally from September through June — Ignatian volunteers are part of a mission that directly serves people who are materially poor or addresses those societal structures that cause poverty.

According to Teddy, volunteers have experience in the workplace and with problem-solving and interacting with others. Most of all, they use their life-long talents wisely and effectively. They, in turn, grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and

praying in the Ignatian tradition based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola — founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuit) religious congregation.

“It’s taken five months, but I’m finally beginning to understand what IVC is all about,” re-

flects Teddy about the new chapter in his life which began back in early April. “Transformation for Ignatian volunteers occurs when they serve others and take time to reflect and share with each other

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**Shown from left are Laurie Lewis, Ignatian volunteer; Sister Ann Walsh, IHM, former president of the Friends of the Poor; Father Rick Malloy, SJ, Ignatian Volunteer Corps Advisory Council member; Peter Krammer, Jesuit volunteer at Friends of the Poor; IVC Council Chair Pat McMahon; and IVC Regional Director Teddy Michel.**

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## SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
12:00 AM	SPECIALS	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	DAILY MASS (Encore)				Fr. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE		
1:00 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	(1:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	THE JOURNEY HOME (Encore)	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY		
1:30 AM		EWTN GALLERY							
2:00 AM	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC		EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)						
2:30 AM	7 DEADLY SINS, 7 LIVELY VIRTUES		EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY		
3:00 AM	EWTN ON LOCATION			DEFENDING LIFE	EWTN HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE	BATTLE READY	LONG RIDE HOME W/ BEAR WOZNICK		
3:30AM		ANGELUS FROM NAZARETH		SAINTS VS SCOUNDRELS	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOG	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN			
3:40 AM							PAPAL AUDIENCE LIVE (at 3:50)	SUPER SAINTS	WEB OF FAITH 2.0
3:50AM		OCTAVA DIES	DISCERNING THE WILL OF GOD		PRIESTS & DEACONS: MINISTERS OF MERCY				
4:00 AM	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	SUNDAY NIGHT PRIME	YOU'RE AMAZING	LORD HAVE MERCY	EWTN SPECIALS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	FR. RUTLER		
4:30 AM			OCTAVA DIES					CATHOLICS COME HOME	
5:00 AM	RISE & FALL OF ANCIENT ISRAEL	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL						
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. SCOUNDRELS		
7:00 AM	THE CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL								
7:30 AM	ROSARY FROM LOURDES	LITANY OF LORETO	LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME	LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH	LITANY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD	PAPAL AUDIENCE	THE HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES		
8:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS (Live)	DAILY MASS (Live)							
9:00 AM	(9:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	SUNDAY NIGHT: PRIME (Encore)	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	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	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. "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	EWTN BOOKMARK		
2:00 PM	FR. APOSTOLI	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	THRESHOLD OF HOPE (Live)				EWTN ON LOCATION		
2:30 PM									
3:00 PM	THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG							MESSAGE OF FATIMA	
3:15 PM	REFLECTIONS	HIDDEN CHURCHES	REFLECTIONS	HIDDEN CHURCHES	REFLECTIONS	HIDDEN CHURCHES	ROSARY FOR LIFE		
3:30 PM	THE HOLY ROSARY IN STAINED GLASS	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)						EWTN PRESENTS	
4:00 PM	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM	THE HOLY ROSARY DIOCESAN DATEBOOK							
4:30 PM	PRAYING AS A FAMILY	MASTERPIECE DONUT SHOP	ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE BIBLE	CHILDRENS SPECIALS	THE FRIAR	WAY OF THE CROSS FOR KIDS	CALLED TO COMMUNION		
5:00 PM	FOCUS	PRAYING AS A FAMILY	SUPER SAINTS	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	EWTN HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE	SAVORING OUR FAITH			
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)						MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	
7:30PM		THE HOLY ROSARY		POPE'S AUDIENCE	THE HOLY ROSARY				
8:00 PM	SUNDAY NIGHT PRIME (Live)	THE JOURNEY HOME (Live)	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	EWTN LIVE	THE WORLD OVER (Live)	SPECIALS	EWTN CINEMA		
8:30 PM	EWTN HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE	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			
10:00 PM	EWTN SPECIALS	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (ENCORE)	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	PRO-LIFE WEEKLY	A FORCE FOR GOOD	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY		
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							

## Ignatian Volunteers Looking for More to Join Ranks

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about their service experiences.”

As of the beginning of September, the IVC of NEPA has four individuals volunteering at St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen, Scranton; Nativity Miguel School of Scranton; and the Community Intervention Center. Catholic Social Services in Pike and Monroe counties are also seeking Ignatian volunteers.

It is the hope of the new program director that by the end of the month an additional two to four more volunteers will be serving at one of the following agencies: United Neighborhood Centers, The University of Scranton’s Leahy Clinic, St. Joseph’s Center, Friends of the Poor, Women’s Resource Center, Neighborworks of NEPA or the Catherine McAuley Center operated by the Sisters of Mercy.

Ignatian volunteers also attend days of reflection in the fall and spring, along with monthly volunteer meetings, and also have the option of being paired with a spiritual director.

“We are a tremendous re-

source for individuals seeking meaning and direction in their lives,” says Teddy.

“Our hope is to place ten volunteers in meaningful volunteer experiences throughout Lackawanna and Luzerne counties by the end of the year,” says Teddy. “With this being our first year, we will accept and place individuals on a ‘rolling basis’ now through next February.”

Joining Teddy in launching the new volunteer venture is local IVC Council Chair Pat McMahon and Jesuit Father Rick Malloy, a council member who serves as assistant vice president for university ministries at the University of Scranton.

“One of the many goals for the Scranton chapter of IVC is to create ‘joyous’ moments,” Pat states. “Those moments are not only for those receiving our service but also for those being of service. Many of us have experienced the feeling of joy when doing meaningful volunteer work. We will be creating relationships —

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relationships based on caring. We will be creating and sharing joy.”

Father Rick is a seasoned veteran when it comes to Ignatian volunteerism, citing the corps’ invaluable work while he served at a Jesuit-run parish in Camden, N.J., for 15 years.

“IVC is an opportunity for those with life skills and experience to serve the Church and immerse themselves in the style and spirituality of St. Ignatius — *En Todo Amar y Servir* (in All Love and Serve),” he shares.

In an effort to recruit future volunteers for the IVC, Father Rick continues: “Want an adventure? Tired of endless rounds of golf? Come serve the people of God in your golden years. Make a

difference for a small organization that really could use your gifts and talents.

“Come, get in touch with the reality of our communities for people in need. Getting in touch with reality, gets us in touch with God. You’ll be challenged, changed and consoled.”

Among the founding Ignatian Volunteers is Laurie Tomassoni Lewis, who will soon begin serving eight hours per week at the Community Intervention Center. She will bring her 37 years as a registered nurse — 30 of which she spent caring for psychiatric patients.

“I am looking forward to using my nursing skills and medical knowledge to help the less fortunate of our community,” Laurie offers. “Volunteering can enrich the lives of those you help, and you can be

humbled by the relationships you develop with people who are most in need of your help.”

One unfortunate aspect of Laurie’s life which she will also carry into her new chapter as an Ignatian Volunteer is that of having tragically lost a child — a mother’s cross that weighs heavy, but also brings with it even more compassion and understanding.

Her son Chris, also a registered nurse, died from an accidental overdose of prescription medication at the age of 26. Now Laurie and her family have joined in the epic battle against the all-too-pervasive opioid epidemic, which will be the focus of a local symposium that she will spearhead later this month in honor of her late son’s memory.

The Christopher P. Lewis Memorial Drug & Alcohol Awareness Symposium will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Olyphant Ambulance & Rescue Building, 530 Park Ave., Olyphant, including a panel discussion beginning at 3 p.m.

“I just ask God to help me to be a compassionate and understanding caregiver in my volunteer service to all,” says Laurie.

Teddy concludes, “IVC creates an environment, through direct relational experiences with others and reflecting on these experiences, conducive to opening our eyes enough to see Jesus’ face and feel Jesus’ reassuring arms wrapped around us — one person, one day, one life at a time.”

**For more information, call (570-941-4264) or email: [jmichel@ivcusa.org](mailto:jmichel@ivcusa.org)**



Representatives from the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) recently visited the St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton to congratulate the first Ignatian volunteer to serve at the Kitchen — Attorney Frank “Mickey” McDonnell. From left: Teddy Michel; Mary McGinnity, IVC executive director; Mr. McDonnell; and Monsignor Joseph P. Kelly, director of St. Francis Kitchen.

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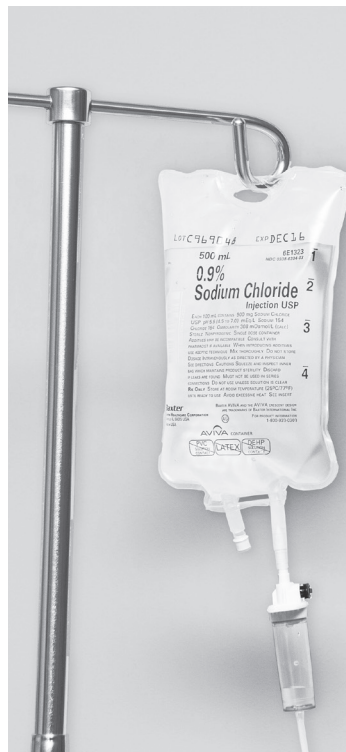
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**Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil**  
 — SEPT. 8, sponsored by the Catholics Defending Life Prayer & Awareness Team; group resumes weekly gatherings every Friday (except on First Fridays) from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at the Pro-Life Monument located next to St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton (300 block of Wyoming Ave.). Recitation of the Rosary offered, along with pro-life meditations, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayer devotions. Pro-life signs are welcome.

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

**Catholic Charismatic Prayer Breakfast** — SEPT. 9, sponsored by prayer groups of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Scranton; held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Al Mia Amore banquet hall, 280 Main St., Dickson City. Featuring songs of praise, teaching and complete breakfast buffet. All are welcome. Reservations requested; contact Jim at (570-267-1614) or jim@echoes.net, or Cathy at (570-344-1120) or katee.cathy@gmail.com.

## Spiritual Offerings

**Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry**  
 — SEPT. 9 & 23, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener (Cathedral), (570-344-7231); Deacon Jan Mroz (Mary, Mother of God), (570-342-4881); or Deacon Pat McDonald (Immaculate Conception), (570-961-5211).

**Sunday Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Devotion**

— SEPT. 10, hosted by St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton; devotion held every Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the church or at the outdoor grotto (weather permitting) through the first week of December. Includes recitation of the 15 decades of the Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries).

**Monthly Monday Night Worship** — SEPT. 11, hosted by St. Faustina Parish in Nanticoke; monthly devotion begins at 7 p.m. at the parish worship site of Holy Trinity Church, 520

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## Knights Sponsoring Divine Mercy Shrine Trip

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

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

Bus is scheduled to return back to the Abingtons area later that day at approximately 10 p.m.

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

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

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## St. Therese Annual 9 Day Novena

The Novena will begin on Sat., Sept. 23, 2017  
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 St. George Chapel  
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Novena prayers will be offered each day at 4:00pm and 7:00pm, except on the first and last day of the Novena. On the first day, the Novena will begin right after 4:00pm Mass and will also be held at 7:00pm. On the last day of the Novena, the Sacred Liturgy will be offered at 4:00pm followed by Novena prayers and will conclude with individual veneration of and the blessing with the relic of St. Therese.

A reception will follow in the church hall.

Fr. Hanna Karam, Pastor  
 Father Thomas Looney  
 from Kings College,  
 Guest Homilist



# Spiritual Offerings

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South Hanover St., Nanticoke. All faithful are welcome to join together for a Holy Hour of praise and worship with word and music.

**Rosary Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Blessed Mother's Apparitions at Fatima** — **SEPT. 13**, hosted at the Fatima Grotto on the grounds of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church, 322 Chestnut St., Dunmore. Rosary gathering is held on the 13th of each month through October; music ministry provided by Ernie Pappa. All faithful are welcome.

**Weekly Divine Mercy Devotion** — **SEPT. 13**, 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.

**Charismatic Mass & Healing Service** — **SEPT. 21**, hosted at St. John Bosco Church in Conyngham; music ministry by Sue Shaw begins at 6:45 p.m., followed by Mass & healing at 7 p.m. Guest celebrant:

Father August Ricciardi. Fellowship and refreshments conclude gathering.

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

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

## Valley Knights' Rosary Rally Sept. 24




The combined Knights of Columbus Councils of the Wyoming Valley will host their 41st annual Rosary Rally on Sunday, Sept. 24, at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Pittston, where Father Joseph Elston serves as pastor. A Rosary procession from St. John Church through city streets will begin at 2 p.m., with the Knights carrying the Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue, followed by the participating faithful. This year's Rosary Rally is especially dedicated to praying for peace in America and around the world. Those unable to process are invited to go directly to the church by 3 p.m., at which time the Grand Knights will lead the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Sunday's Eucharistic liturgy will be celebrated immediately following the Rosary, and refreshments will be served after the Mass at the K of C Hall, 55 Main St., Pittston. Rosary Rally organizers are, pictured seated from left, Grand Knight Dennis Palladino, Council 372, Pittston; Bill Jones, Council 3987, Kingston; Father Thomas Petro, Pittston Council chaplain; Christopher Calore, Rally chair, Council 984, Plymouth; and Plymouth Council Grand Knight Gary Rodgers. Second row, Michael Frantz, Council 10676, Glen Lyon; Fran Ankenbrand, Pittston Council; Grand Knight Jeff Warchal, Council 913, Nanticoke; John Duesler, Kingston Council; Michael Skurski, Council 12976, Swoyersville; and Sam Wolfe, Council 11901, Plymouth.

## St. Therese Novena in Wilkes-Barre

**WILKES-BARRE** — St. Anthony-St. George Maronite Catholic Church will host its annual nine-day Novena in honor of St. Therese, the Little Flower of Jesus, at St. George Chapel, 79 Loomis St., beginning on Saturday, Sept. 23, and continuing daily until the feast of St. Therese on Sunday, Oct. 1.

Novena prayers will be offered each day at 4 and 7 p.m., except on the final day of the Novena — the Oct. 1 feast day — when Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m. along with Novena prayers, followed by individual veneration and blessing with the St. Therese relic.

Serving as guest homilist for the devotion will be Holy Cross Father Tom Looney, chaplain and director of campus ministry at King's College in Wilkes-Barre.



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“Teach all nations” (Mt. 28:19). In the final lines of the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Jesus charges the early Church, specifically the remaining eleven disciples, to go forth to proclaim the Good News and to baptize in His name.

Imagine receiving such a call from Jesus. Imagine going out into a world that would have met this message with ambivalence or even suspicion. Imagine going into a world to preach a message that caused so much upheaval that people sought to kill Jesus and which brought many disciples to a martyr’s death.

Was it an uncertain, even dangerous, mantle to embrace? Without a doubt. Was it insurmountable? Absolutely not.

And the responsibility that you and I take on is no less uncertain or challenging. That being said, the joy and responsibility to

preach the Gospel to those in need is definitely not insurmountable for us.

There are many ways that God has called us to proclaim the Gospel and to find new ways of making it relevant, real, and life-changing for those we meet directly and those perhaps whose faces we’ll never see and whose hands we’ll never shake.



Much like you, my prayers have been focused on the world around us that is suffering in so many ways: the tremendous loss of life and livelihood in the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, the horrific mudslides which have ravaged Freetown, Sierra Leone, killing hundreds and debilitating a country where 70 percent of the population suffer in poverty, and the humanitarian crisis due to years of conflict in Yemen which has left, as some report, 18 million people in need of humanitarian assistance.

This is just to name a few of the challenges that men, women and children are facing throughout our world.

I suspect as you and I have watched news reports and have shuddered to think of the suffering being endured, we have asked, “Is there anything I can do?” Often, I feel helpless in considering what positive effect I can have on such desperate situations and how I can

be a source of consolation to those who have all but lost hope. Then, I think of the early Church and how so many of the first preachers of the Gospel must have questioned their own level of projected success in reaching the throngs that Jesus intended them to meet.

I look at the prophet Jeremiah, who despite feeling completely inadequate as a prophet, was chosen anyway by God, even as he felt duped by God when he experienced “terror on every side” (cf. Jer. 20:10).

I can’t help but think that despite us not being able to connect physically with our suffering brothers and sisters, that there are many ways to reach them with our financial resources through the Church and other trusted organizations.

Beyond that, our prayers have value for those who suffer. Have we made a holy hour to lift up those whose lives have been so marked by suffering? Have we made some self-sacrifice of fasting or of denying ourselves some pleasure with the sole purpose of drawing closer to God and placing before Him those who are most in need? Have we “taught” others (cf. Mt. 28:19) of the plight of those we call our brothers and sisters in Christ?

Yes, we have power to touch the lives of others and to reach them even if we can’t physically see or touch them. God’s grace moves us to do what we can to alleviate suffering. So, let us go forth to do so.

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# Catholic Happenings

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

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

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

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

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

**Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Bingo** — **SEPT. 20 & OCT. 4**, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, Jermyn; games held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the parish center, 624 Madison Ave., Jermyn. Doors open at 5 p.m.; early-bird games start 6 p.m. (regular games, 6:30). Event includes homemade foods and desserts; specialty games, refreshments, door prizes and progressive jackpot. Free admission; for more information, call (570-876-1061).

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

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

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**15, 16, 17** — Our Lady of Lourdes, Montoursville, church grounds, 100 Walnut St.

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**Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner** — **SEPT. 24**, sponsored by St. Andrew Parish in Wilkes-Barre; hosted in the parish's Church Hall, 318 Parrish St., Wilkes-Barre, with serving from 12 noon to 4 p.m. (take-out dinners available). Event also offers a bake sale, theme basket raffle, and instant bingo. Cost: adults, \$10; children (age 11 & under), \$5. Tickets sold at the door.

**Vendor Craft Fair Fundraiser** — **SEPT. 24**, hosted by St. Faustina Parish in Nanticoke; held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Faustina Grove, 147 Old Newport St., Nanticoke. Event also

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**Seventh Annual Chicken Dinner** — **SEPT. 24**, sponsored by the St. Joseph's Center Auxiliary; held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at St. Joseph's Center, 2010 Adams Ave., Scranton. Drive-thru takeout service is available; seating is limited. Menu includes roasted half of chicken, bake potato, corn, roll, bottle water and dessert snack. Cost: \$10 per dinner; advance reservations required by Sept. 15. For more information and to purchase tickets, call (570-963-1290).

**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 at the door.

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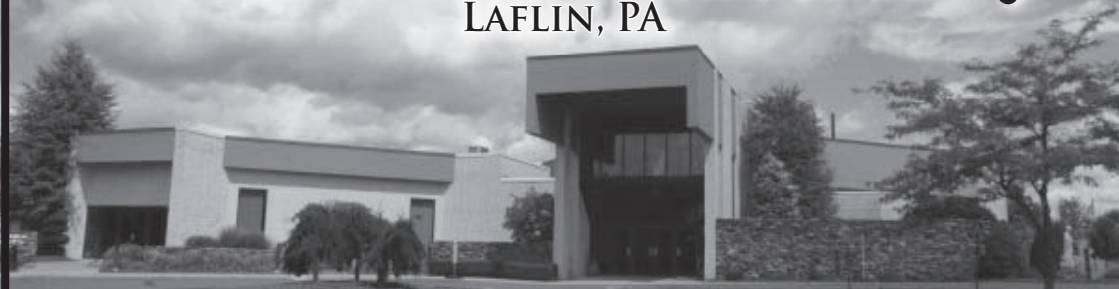
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## Fatima Anniversary Devotion Sunday at W-B Grotto

WILKES-BARRE — The Our Lady of Fatima Grotto in Wilkes-Barre will host a devotion-al program on Sunday, Sept. 10, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions at Fatima, Portugal.

The centennial celebration

will begin with opening prayers at 5 p.m. in the Chapel of Christ the King on the campus of King's College, located at Jackson and North Jackson streets in Wilkes-Barre.

A procession to the nearby Our Lady of Fatima Grotto on North St. will commence at 5:30

p.m., followed by a talk by Walter Camier at 6 p.m. at the Marian shrine, where refreshments will be served.

Prayerful recitation of the 15 decades of the Rosary will conclude the devotion to Our Lady. All faithful are welcome to participate.

## Kingston Parish Offering Adult Faith Formation Series

KINGSTON — St. Ignatius Loyola Parish is offering a new adult faith formation series, "Reading Scriptures with Father Leo McKernan," led by the parish's pastor, who will guide participants

in an examination of the Acts of the Apostles — the New Testament book chronicling the birth and early growth of the Church.

The series' weekly sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings,

beginning at 6:30 p.m., from Sept. 19 through Nov. 21 in Conlan Hall at St. Ignatius Church.

All faithful are invited to attend free of charge and encouraged to bring their own Bibles.

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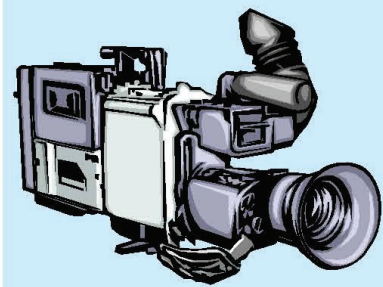
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## Candlelight Rosary Novena Oct. 7-15 in Scranton

SCRANTON — St. Lucy Parish in west Scranton 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 solemn blessing over all in attendance.

The annual devotion has become a popular faith-filled journey accompanied by inspirational

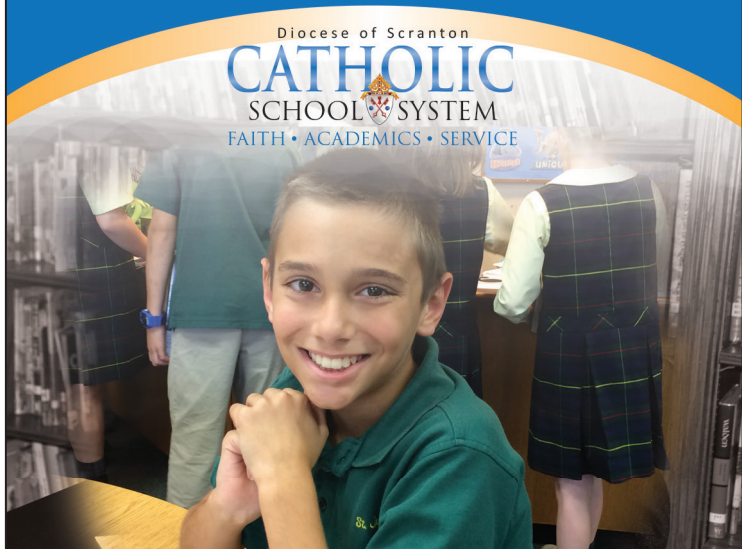
prayers and music. Worshippers of all ages are encouraged to participate in the experience and present their own prayerful petitions to the Lord, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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