



150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton

December 3, 2017 – November 25, 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Founding of the Diocese of Scranton on March 3rd, 1868, a year-long series of special liturgies, celebrations and events will begin next month on the First Sunday of Advent (December 3rd, 2017) and conclude the following year on the Feast of Christ the King (November 25th, 2018).

The primary commemoration of our Sesquicentennial Year will be marked with a major liturgical celebration in Scranton at the Cathedral of St. Peter and also at every parish throughout the Diocese on Sunday, March 4th, 2018.

As this calendar attests, events have been scheduled throughout the eleven counties of the Diocese to highlight various churches, institutions and sites of historical significance. There are, of course, additional diocesan calendar events as well as other celebrations in your parishes which are not reflected here.

Thank you for adding to the joy of discovering anew the graced history that is ours!

NOVEMBER 2017

Nov. 30
(Thurs.)

Focus: Catholic Light: “Historical Overview”
(1st of 12 articles)

DECEMBER 2017

Dec. 3
(Sun.)

12:15pm

150th Anniversary Year Opening Mass

Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter

**FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

Presiding:

His Eminence, Justin Cardinal Rigali
Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia

Main Celebrant and Homilist:

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

(All Parishes Also Commemorating Event)

Dec. 9
(Sat.)

1pm

Mass with Hispanic Community

Celebrant: Bishop Bambera

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. John Neumann Parish (Scranton)

(Near Historic Site of Celebration of First Mass in Scranton), June 1840

Dec. 11
(Mon.)

CTV Special: “Our Faith, Our Diocese”

Focus: “Historical Overview” (1st of 12 programs)

Dec. 21
(Thurs.)

Catholic Light: Focus: “Parishes/Churches”

(2nd of 12 articles)

JANUARY 2018

Jan. 15
(Mon.) *CTV Special: "Our Faith, Our Diocese"*
Focus: "Parishes/Churches" (2nd of 12 programs)

Jan. 25 12:10pm **Christian Unity Prayer Service**
(Thurs.) Cathedral of Saint Peter

FEBRUARY 2018

Feb. 1
(Thurs.) *Catholic Light: Focus: "Catholic Education" (3rd of 12 articles)*

Feb. 12
(Mon.) *CTV Special: "Our Faith, Our Diocese"*
Focus: "Catholic Education" (3rd of 12 programs)

Feb. 18 3pm **RCIA Rite of Election**
(Sun.) *Celebrant: Bishop Bambera*
Cathedral of Saint Peter

Feb. 22
(Thurs.) *Catholic Light:*
Focus: "Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations" (4th of 12 articles)

Feb. 25 10am **Developmental Disabilities Mass**
(Sun.) *Celebrant: Bishop Bambera*
Cathedral of Saint Peter

MARCH 2018

Mar. 1
(Thurs.) **Premiere of WVIA-TV/PBS Documentary**
Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton
with a documentary and interviews.

Mar. 3 3pm **Diocesan-wide Day of Community Service**
(Sat.)

Mar. 4
(Sun.) **150th Anniversary Commemoration of**
the Founding of the Diocese of Scranton
Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter

ANNIVERSARY
SUNDAY

Main Celebrant:
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

Homilist:
Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton
with Diocesan Presbyterate, Diaconate, Religious and Lay Representatives
of all Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Councils
(All Parishes Also Commemorating Event)

Mar. 12
(Mon.) *CTV Special: "Our Faith, Our Diocese"*
Focus: "Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations"
(4th of 12 programs)

MARCH 2018

Mar. 27 (Tues.)	4pm	<u>150th Anniversary Chrism Mass</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Cathedral of Saint Peter
Mar. 29 (Thurs.)		<i>Catholic Light:</i> <i>Focus: “Role of Laity/Clergy Leaders”</i> (5th of 12 articles)

APRIL 2018

April 8 (Sun.)	12:15pm	<u>Mass for World Day for Consecrated Life</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Cathedral of Saint Peter <i>(Celebrating Religious Communities and their service within the Diocese of Scranton)</i>
April 9 (Mon.)		<i>CTV Special: “Our Faith, Our Diocese”</i> <i>Focus: “Role of Laity/Clergy Leaders”</i> (5th of 12 programs)
April 9-12 (Mon.-Thurs.)		<u>Diocesan Clergy Convocation</u> <i>Speaker: Fr. Thomas Rosica, C.S.B.</i> CEO of Salt and Light Media (Canada) and member of Holy See Press Office (Vatican)
April 17 (Tues.)	7pm	<u>Bishop’s Youth Awards Mass</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Cathedral of Saint Peter
April 18 (Wed.)	10am	<u>Regional Schools’ Mass</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> St. John Neumann System, St. Boniface Church (Williamsport), est. 1857
April 19 (Thurs.)	7pm	<u>Bishop’s Youth Awards Mass</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Cathedral of Saint Peter
April 19 (Thurs.)		<i>Catholic Light:</i> <i>Focus: “Consecrated Life”</i> (6th of 12 articles)
April 21 (Sat.)	4pm	<u>Diocesan Catholic Schools Alumni Mass</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Cathedral of Saint Peter
April 22 (Sun.)	5pm	<u>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</u> St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Church of the Annunciation (Williamsport), est. 1865
April 25 (Wed.)	5pm	<u>Celebration of Confirmation</u> with Bishop Bambera Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Dunmore), est. 1856

MAY 2018

May 3 (Thurs.)	5pm	<u>Celebration of Confirmation</u> with Bishop Bambera Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace (Hawley), est. 1855
May 5 (Sat.)		<u>Diocese of Scranton Men's Conference</u> King's College
May 12 (Sat.)	2pm	<u>Commencement: Misericordia University</u> , est. 1946 with Bishop Bambera Anderson Center (Dallas)
May 13 (Sun.)	10am	<u>Mother's Day Adoption Mass</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Cathedral of Saint Peter
May 14 (Mon.)		<i>CTV Special: "Our Faith, Our Diocese"</i> <i>Focus: "Consecrated Life"</i> (6th of 12 programs)
May 14 (Mon.)	10am	<u>Regional Schools' Mass</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Holy Cross System, Cathedral of Saint Peter
May 15 (Tues.)	5pm	<u>Combined Celebration of Confirmation</u> with Bishop Bambera St. Nicholas (Wilkes-Barre), est. 1858
May 19 (Sat.)	1pm	<u>Commencement: Marywood University</u> , est. 1915 with Bishop Bambera Mohegan Sun Arena (Wilkes-Barre)
May 20 (Sun.)	2pm	<u>Commencement: King's College</u> , est. 1946 with Bishop Bambera Mohegan Sun Arena (Wilkes-Barre)
May 26 (Sat.)	10am	<u>Ordination to the Diaconate</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Cathedral of Saint Peter
May 27 (Sun.)	12pm	<u>Commencement: University of Scranton</u> , est. 1888 with Bishop Bambera Mohegan Sun Arena (Wilkes-Barre)
May 30 (Wed.)	7pm	<u>Commencement: Holy Redeemer High School</u> with Bishop Bambera F.M. Kirby Center (Wilkes-Barre)

JUNE 2018

June 1 (Fri.)	7pm	<u>Commencement: Holy Cross High School</u> with Bishop Bambera Marywood University (Scranton)
June 2 (Sat.)	10am	<u>Commencement: Notre Dame High School</u> with Bishop Bambera Notre Dame High School (East Stroudsburg)
June 3 (Sun.)	2pm	<u>180th Anniversary Mass</u> with Bishop Bambera Immaculate Conception Parish (Bastress), est. 1838
June 5 (Tues.)	7pm	<u>Commencement: St. John Neumann High School</u> with Bishop Bambera Penn College (Williamsport)
June 7 (Thurs.)		<i>Catholic Light:</i> <i>Focus: “Higher Education”</i> (7th of 12 articles)
June 9 (Sat.)	10am	<u>Ordination to the Priesthood</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Cathedral of Saint Peter
June 10 (Sun.)	2:30pm	<u>Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Mass</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Cathedral of Saint Peter (Celebrating Marriage and Family Life)
June 11 (Mon.)		<i>CTV Special: “Our Faith, Our Diocese”</i> <i>Focus: “Higher Education”</i> (7th of 12 programs)
June 23 (Sat.)		<u>Diocese of Scranton Women’s Conference</u> University of Scranton (Byron Center)
June 26 (Tues.)	7pm	<u>Lay Ministry Formation Commissioning Mass</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Cathedral of Saint Peter
June 27 (Wed.)	7pm	<u>Light the Fire Mass</u> Misericordia University (Dallas) Light the Fire Rally (Celebrating Youth)
June 28 (Thurs.)		<i>Catholic Light:</i> <i>Focus: “Priesthood, Diaconate and Vocations”</i> (8th of 12 articles)

JULY 2018

July 8
(Sun.)

11am

50th Anniversary Mass/Procession

Celebrant: Bishop Bambera
Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace
(Brodheads ville), est. 1968

July 9
(Mon.)

CTV Special: "Our Faith, Our Diocese"
Focus: "Priesthood, Diaconate and Vocations"
(8th of 12 programs)

July 12
(Thurs.)

7pm

Mass of Remembrance

Celebrant: Bishop Bambera
Cathedral of Saint Peter

July 19
(Thurs.)

Catholic Light:
Focus: "Communicating the Good News" (9th of 12 articles)

July 26
(Thurs.)

7pm

St. Ann's 94th Annual Anniversary Novena Closing Mass

Celebrant: Bishop Bambera
St. Ann's Basilica (Scranton)

AUGUST 2018

Aug. 5
(Sun.)

10:30am

Festival Mass

Celebrant: Bishop Bambera
St. Augustine (Silver Lake), est. 1828
194th Annual Chicken Dinner
(First and oldest church of the Diocese of Scranton)

Aug. 13
(Mon.)

CTV Special: "Our Faith, Our Diocese"
Focus: "Communicating the Good News" (9th of 12 programs)

Aug. 30
(Thurs.)

Catholic Light:
Focus: "Stewardship" (10th of 12 articles)

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sept. 4 (Tues.)	10am	<u>Regional Schools' Mass</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Holy Redeemer System, St. John the Evangelist (Pittston), est. 1854
Sept. 10 (Mon.)		<i>CTV Special: "Our Faith, Our Diocese"</i> <i>Focus: "Stewardship" (10th of 12 programs)</i>
Sept. 18 (Tues.)	5pm	<u>Combined Celebration of Confirmation</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> St. Boniface (Williamsport), est. 1857
Sept. 20 (Thurs.)	5pm	<u>Combined Celebration of Confirmation</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> St. Rose of Lima Church (Carbondale), est. 1832
Sept. 20 (Thurs.)		<i>Catholic Light:</i> <i>Focus: "Bishops of Scranton since 1868" (11th of 12 articles)</i>
Sept. 22 (Sat.)		<u>Jubilee Year Diocesan Pilgrimage</u> with Bishop Bambera Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Washington, DC)
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	3pm	<u>50th Anniversary Mass</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Our Lady of Victory Parish (Tannersville), est. 1968
Sept. 24 (Mon.)	9am	<u>Diocesan Teachers' Institute Mass</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> St. Mary's (Wilkes-Barre), est. 1845
Sept. 28 (Fri.)		Anniversary of 1884 Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Mother Church of the Diocese of Scranton
Sept. 29 (Sat.)	12:10pm	<u>Rite of Lector</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Cathedral of Saint Peter
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	12:15pm	<u>Blue Mass</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Cathedral of Saint Peter <i>(Celebrating First-Responders and Law Enforcement Community)</i>

OCTOBER 2018

Oct. 3 (Wed.)	9:30am	<u>Regional Schools' Mass</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Notre Dame School System, Our Lady of Victory (Tannersville), est. 1968
Oct. 4 (Thurs.)	5pm	<u>Combined Celebration of Confirmation</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Annunciation (Hazleton), est. 1866
Oct. 5 (Fri.)	12:10pm	<u>Red Mass</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Cathedral of Saint Peter (Celebrating Lawyers, Judges and Legal Professionals)
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	10am	<u>Respect for Life Sunday Mass</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Cathedral of Saint Peter
Oct. 15 (Mon.)		<i>CTV Special: "Our Faith, Our Diocese"</i> <i>Focus: "Bishops of Scranton since 1868" (11th of 12 programs)</i>
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	12:15pm	<u>World Mission Sunday Mass</u> <i>Celebrant: Bishop Bambera</i> Cathedral of Saint Peter

NOVEMBER 2018

Nov. 22 (Thurs.)		<i>Catholic Light: 150th Year Anniversary Supplement</i> <i>Focus: "Bishop Bambera's Reflections on Anniversary Year"</i> (12th of 12 articles)
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	12:15pm	<u>150th Anniversary Year Concluding Mass</u> Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter
FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING		<i>Main Celebrant:</i> Most Reverend Christophe Pierre Apostolic Nuncio to the United States <i>Homilist:</i> Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L. Bishop of Scranton

DECEMBER 2018

Dec. 10 (Mon.)		<i>CTV Special: "Our Faith, Our Diocese"</i> <i>Focus: "Bishop Bambera's Reflections on Anniversary Year"</i> (12th of 12 programs)
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