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Techniques for Intuitive Ministry

**Saturday, April 14
from 9:00AM to 3:00PM
at Gate of Heaven Parish,
Dallas**

*Presented by Sr. Jane O'Donnell,
RSM and Dr. John Lemoncelli*



In the morning, workshop participants will take part in a session on "Listening with the Heart" with Sr. Jane O'Donnell, RSM. "Listening with the Heart" is a personal enrichment program which helps ministers to have better communication skills. It focuses on face to face interaction with family, friends, coworkers, and all we meet. It encourages us to be truly present to others and to listen with our eyes, our ears and our hearts. This type of listening helps us to meet people exactly where they are and it helps to create an environment of trust. Intentional listening encompasses our listening to ourselves, others, and God.

In the afternoon, Dr. John Lemoncelli will provide introduction to mediation of relationships and boundaries within ministry, and offer resources and methods for addressing a variety of interpersonal encounters.

Sister Jane O'Donnell, RSM has been giving presentations on listening for twenty years. She has a degree in counseling and presently ministers with people who are in life transition. She has also given presentations on spirituality and aging, grief and self care.

Dr. John Lemoncelli has served as a private and community counselor for over thirty years. He is professor emeritus of Marywood University, and other colleges and universities in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

**For more information contact Kitty Scanlan at 570-207-2213,
or kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org. To register, please visit the OPL
webpage at www.dioceseofscranton.org and click on the "Skills" icon.**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Mass

Sunday, April 22
at 5:00PM

St. Joseph the Worker
Parish, Williamsport

Bishop's Youth Awards Mass

Tuesday, April 17 and
Thursday, April 19
Cathedral of St. Peter
Scranton





WORD

"I CALL us to be servant leaders who are people of the WORD, preaching, teaching, evangelizing and cherishing the Gospel message throughout our entire lives."

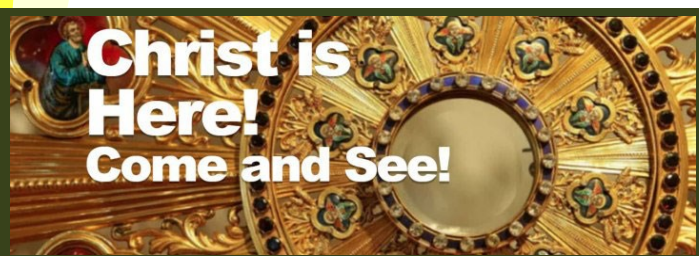
Echoes of Faith Information Night

Mary Anne Malone will offer an **introduction to the Echoes of Faith program on Wednesday, April 11 from 6:30 to 8:00p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton** for anyone who is interested in online Adult Faith Formation. It is especially valuable for parish catechists who want to earn a Certificate as a Master Catechist.

You will learn how easy it is to get started in Echoes of Faith. You will be able to preview the modules that are offered, and learn how to navigate through the program.

Created by the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) and published by RCL Benziger, Echoes of Faith is an online education program offering basic adult formation in the Catholic Faith. With fourteen modules divided into three categories, the Echoes of Faith Learning Center can be used for parish Adult Faith Formation and for Basic Catechist Certification. It is also one way to complete the pre-requisites for the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry.

Contact Mary Anne Malone: Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org or 570-207-2213, ext. 1100, to register for the Echoes of Faith Information Night.



Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, May 5

King's College, Wilkes-Barre

Speakers include: **Jesse Romero**
Tom Peterson
Fr. Michael Gaitley
and

Closing Mass with Bishop Bambera

[Click here for more information or to register](#)

DRE Network Meetings

May/June 2018

As the Catechetical Year winds down, please plan to get together for another round of DRE Network Meetings. Meet other DREs in your region and share successes, new ideas and plans for next year. At these meetings, we will look forward to the week of Catechist Camp in August, brainstorming ideas for topics and locations.

All DRE Network Meetings will be held from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Please choose a location convenient to you, and RSVP to Mary Anne Malone: Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org or (570) 207-2213, ext. 1100.



Thursday, May 24 (Eastern Region)

St. John Parish
5171 Milford Road
East Stroudsburg, PA 18302

Tuesday, May 29 (Western Region)

St. Ann Parish
1220 Northway Rd
Williamsport PA 17701

Tuesday, June 5 (Northern Region)

St. John Neumann Parish
633 Orchard Street
Scranton, PA 18505

Wednesday, June 6 (Southern Region)

Gate of Heaven Parish
40 Machell Avenue
Dallas, PA 18612

Gaudete et Exsultate

Consider reading Pope Francis' latest apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate* on the call to holiness in the contemporary world. The document can be read on the [Vatican website](#) or you can order a hard copy through the [USCCB website](#).



Memorial of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Pope Francis recently added a Memorial for "The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church" to the General Roman Calendar. It will be celebrated each year on the Monday after Pentecost. This year that will fall on **May 21**.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Divine Worship has now posted information on the [USCCB website](http://USCCB.org) about the readings and orations for Mass. It also provides information about the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours on this new Memorial.

The new Memorial supersedes the rubric at the end of the Pentecost Mass that suggests that a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost.

Please note that the readings will be proper to the day, not optional. They are slightly different than what is in the *Lectionary for Mass* (Lectionary Number 1002- I). The Secretariat has produced a PDF of the readings which may be found at the above link.

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral

Bishop Bambera will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton. If your parish has any adult baptized Catholics who need to complete their Sacraments of Initiation by attending this Mass, the proper forms must be returned to the Office for Parish Life by Friday, April 27. All information concerning the Adult Confirmation has been updated on the Diocesan website: [Parish Life and Mass Times/Christian Initiation Resources/Confirmation](http://ParishLifeandMassTimes/ChristianInitiationResources/Confirmation).

Misal Romano, Tercera Edición

Publishers are now printing ritual editions of the U.S. *Misal Romano, Tercera Edición* and will be available on May 1, 2018. This new edition may be used beginning on the weekend of Pentecost (May 20, 2018), and usage is mandatory as of the First Sunday of Advent (December 2, 2018). Publication information, as of mid-February 2018 is as follows:

- **Catholic Book Publishing Co.** (CatholicBookPublishing.com 877-228-2665)—Altar and Chapel editions
- **Liturgical Press** (LitPress.org, 800-858-5450)—Altar and Chapel editions
- **Magnificat** (Magnificat.net, 970-416-6670)—Altar edition

Please visit the USCCB website (USCCB.org/cultodivino) for articles and other resources on the new *Misal*.

The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) will host a series of workshops on the *Misal Romano* for clergy, music ministers, and lay leaders. The schedule features a three-hour afternoon session for clergy and lay leaders, and a separate evening session for music ministers, and all sessions will be bilingual. The nearest workshops will be held on June 11 in Baltimore, MD and June 27 in Trenton, NJ. For more information, please visit FDLC.org/misalworkshops.

NPM National Convention Bus Trip

The Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians will be sponsoring a bus trip to the NPM National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland running July 9-13. The NPM National Convention features keynote presentations and concerts from renowned speakers and liturgical musicians, and offers clinics, exhibits, vendors and workshops for choir members, cantors, organists, keyboardists and other parish musicians and liturgical coordinators. To see all that the NPM National Convention has to offer, please visit the [NPM Convention website](http://NPMConvention.com).



The bus will leave on Sunday, July 8 at 3:00PM from the Scranton area and stop in the Wilkes-Barre area for additional passengers before heading to Baltimore. The bus will leave the NPM Convention on Friday, July 13 around 1:00PM and return to our area around 5:00PM. Cost for the bus is \$85 per person, and does not include convention registration or hotel costs. Deadline for bus reservations is Thursday, May 31, 2018 and seating is limited.

To make your reservation, [click here](#) or visit the Scranton NPM website at ScrantonNPM.com, or contact David Baloga, at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158.

Roman Missal "Book of the Chair"

Upon the request of pastors to provide a lighter book for altar servers to hold, the Holy See has authorized a "Book of the Chair" edition of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition* entitled, *Excerpts from the Roman Missal*, and is now available from the following publishers:

- **Catholic Book Publishing Co.** (CatholicBookPublishing.com 877-228-2665)
- **Liturgical Press** (LitPress.org, 800-858-5450)
- **World Library Publications** (wlp.jspaluch.com, 800-566-6150)
- **Magnificat** (Magnificat.net, 970-416-6670)



COMMUNITY

"I CALL us to be servant leaders who build COMMUNITY through hospitality, respect, inclusion and holiness."

Parish Sponsor Couple Program for Marriage Preparation Available!

Pairing engaged couples with sponsor couples is an effective way to prepare engaged couples for marriage, because it gives them personal attention, builds a bridge into your parish community and gives them mentors to rely on through the early years of marriage. A parish sponsor couple program also helps the married couple strengthen their own marriage. The Office for Parish Life now offers a program for parish use. In four sessions, couples will explore and discuss the same topics currently covered in the popular Diocesan PreCana Days of Reflection, with video content featuring John Regula and Bernadette Rudolph. Contact Jennifer Housel, Coordinator for Marriage and Family Life, to discuss starting this in your parish. (jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org, (570) 207-2213 x 1104)

Harrisburg Beginning Experience

May 4-6, 2018

The ecumenical Beginning Experience weekends are an approved program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation.

The weekend is led by persons who have lost a spouse through death or divorce and are trained in facilitating a weekend. Each Beginning Experience Team is certified by the International Beginning Experience Organization. Beginning Experience is your Church at work to provide help, healing and spiritual restoration. Check the Harrisburg Diocesan website: <http://www.hbgdiocese.org/> and go to marriage and family or check www.beginningexperience.org. Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team, Julie, at 717-379-0800 or Eva, at 717-495-9586.

**XLT (Exalt!) will be held
Friday, April 27, from 7-9 p.m.
at St. Matthew Parish,
78 Ridgeway St., East Stroudsburg.**

Speaker: **Dori Hurley**, *youth minister,
Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish,
Brodheadsville*

Music: **Francis Zelinka**

For more information, please call 570-780-2996.



Mark your calendars now!

First Annual Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, June 23, 2018

8:00AM - 4:00PM

Byron Complex at the University of Scranton

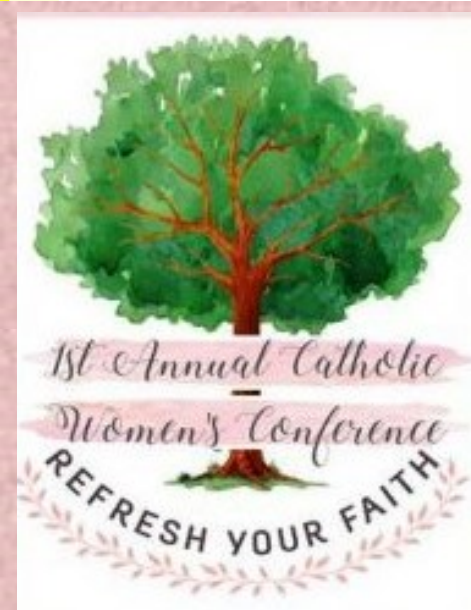
featuring speakers:

Megan Murphy Judy Landrieu Klein Fr. Richard McAlear

music by
His Own

Closing Mass with Bishop Bambera

[Click here for more information](#)



"I CALL us to be servant leaders who engage in SERVICE to our neighbors near and far and who work for justice and stewardship to hasten the Reign of God."

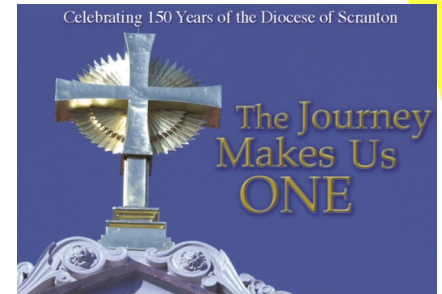
SERVICE



150th Diocesan Anniversary Documentary

The WVIA Documentary on the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton was produced specifically for the Anniversary Year. Please share this ad and information in your bulletin, on your website, and through social media.

Let us know if your parish is **creating a gathered experience** this Spring to enjoy the documentary and to tell the local story. [Click here](#) for an outline of a "historicizing" exercise which your parishioners may enjoy together.



Re-broadcast Dates on CTV: Thursday, April 12, 2:00pm and Friday, April 13, 8:00pm

The documentary is also available for viewing on the Diocesan website (www.dioceseofscranton.org).

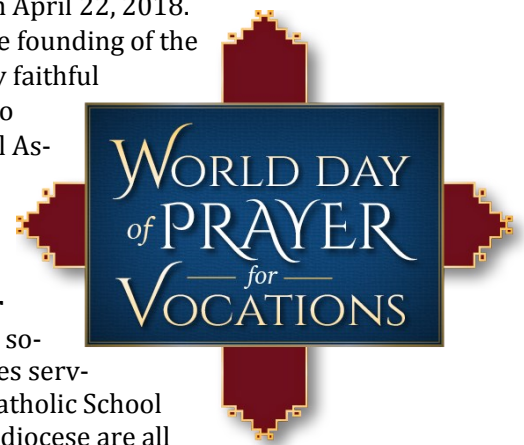
Earth Day

Earth Day is April 22, 2018. Please consider starting an Environmental Ministry at your parish to celebrate and protect God's Creation. Visit www.catholicclimatecovenant.org to get started.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The annual celebration of the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** will be held on April 22, 2018. This year will have special significance in the midst of our 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Scranton. We honor the legacy of the Bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful who so generously and faithfully have laid the foundation on which we continue to build our life as a local Church. We also look forward to the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishop's meeting in October 2018, discussing the crucial theme 'Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment'.

All are welcome to participate in the **Diocesan Celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on Sunday, April 22 at 5:00PM at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Williamsport**. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bambera followed by a social in the Fleming Center with representatives from various religious communities serving in the Diocese of Scranton. Families, youth groups, religious education and Catholic School students, members of Young Adult Groups and parishioners from throughout the diocese are all welcome!



Up and Over Youth Retreat

Up and over is a weekend retreat for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students taking place on June 1-3, 2018 at Camp Orchard Hill, Dallas that focuses on team building exercises, problem solving skills and small group processing in order to help students discover their strengths and inherent goodness. The skills learned during this retreat will help students get "up and over" their challenges. Contact Shannon Kowalski at the Office for Parish Life (570-207-2213) for more information.



Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

Are you uplifted by the sound of organ music? Have you ever wondered how this instrument is played and what makes it work? The Pennsylvania Northeast Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) is conducting its ninth "Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza" program for children and adults on **Sunday, April 15 at 1:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 97 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre**. Come and learn about the many different types of sounds the organ can make, and listen to some music! Those who play the piano are encouraged to bring some music to play on the organ. Pizza will be served at the end of the day's activities. The event is informal, free of charge, and open to all. Please register online at www.agopane.org or call 570-301-9253.



150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton



■ A liturgical resource to assist parishes in commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton all year long is available on the diocesan website. This resource includes hymn suggestions, an introduction to the liturgy, homily topic points, intercessions for the Universal Prayer. This resource also includes the Anniversary logo, a calendar of events for the year, suggestions for local parish participation, and a parish liturgical resource to help commemorate the Anniversary year. [Click here](#) to access this valuable resource to help commemorate this momentous occasion.

■ Be sure to “like” Diocese of Scranton 150th Anniversary on [Facebook](#). This will be the central location on social media with all information about the anniversary, pictures, videos and events going on in the different parishes and schools throughout the Diocese. Help us spread the word by sharing the page!

We encourage everyone to use the hashtag #DoS150 on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram when posting about diocesan, parish and school events related to the 150th Anniversary Year.

■ Thanks to the parishes who have been notifying us of your Anniversary related events we can post these on the 150th Anniversary Facebook page. **We are also collecting photos and visual effects** from your various Anniversary activities for an exhibit to conclude the year.

■ The hymn, “There Is One Body and One Spirit” commissioned specifically for the 150th Anniversary is now available for parishes to sing throughout the year and beyond. [Click here](#) to download the assembly edition and choral arrangement, as well as the solo voice/guitar arrangement and instrumental parts from the diocesan website.

■ **Historic Sites in the Diocese—there’s an app for that!** One of the ways we can partake in the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese is through a visit to some of the historic sites here. The Office of Parish Life 2018 calendar features a number of those locations, and now there is a free app to guide you there.

The Scranton Diocese Pilgrimage app includes directions to each site, a description of what you will find when you arrive, a brief history, some photos and a “punch card” to help you keep track of the sites you have visited. Get the app and get on the road!

Android/Google Play App Store

Open Google Play ➤ Tap “My Apps” ➤ Search for “Scranton Diocese Pilgrimage” ➤ Tap “GET”

iOS/Apple App Store

Open “App Store” app on iPhone ➤ Search the App Store for “Scranton Diocese Pilgrimage” ➤ Tap “GET”



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