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Pilgrims carry the World Youth Day cross in the Way of the Cross with Pope Francis at Santa Maria la Antigua Field in Panama City Jan. 25, 2019. (CNS photo/Carlos Jasso, Reuters)

Diocese Launches Independent Survivors Compensation Program

The Diocese of Scranton on January 22 launched its Independent Survivors Compensation Program, an independent program designed to compensate survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Participation in the Program by survivors is entirely voluntary and the Program is run completely independent of the Diocese.

“Our first priorities are to provide support for survivors of child sexual abuse and to take every step necessary to eradicate abuse from the Church altogether,” said Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. “This Program helps. While no financial compensation can change the past, it is my hope that this Program will help survivors in their healing and recovery process.”

The Diocese’s program includes all victims, whether the abuser was a priest from the Diocese of Scranton, from a religious order, or was a lay employee of the Diocese. The Diocese announced on November 8, 2018 that the Program would be administered by Kenneth Feinberg and Camille Biros, two leading experts in mediation and alternative dispute resolution who

have overseen similar programs started by five Catholic Dioceses in New York. Mr. Feinberg and Ms. Biros will have absolute autonomy in determining compensation for survivors, and the Diocese of Scranton has agreed to abide by all of their decisions.

“Ken and I know how important it is to assist victims who have endured a personal tragedy,” said Biros. “We have worked with survivors of sexual abuse and other tragedies and we have developed a system that operates with one person in mind – the victim. Often, survivors are most concerned with having their abuse acknowledged by the Church so they can begin to heal, and this compensation program will help them do just that.”

Program administrators will reach out directly to those who have previously reported a claim of abuse to the Diocese of Scranton. Survivors who have not yet reported past abuse are also eligible to participate and can request a claim form online after reporting the abuse in writing to the District Attorney’s Office.

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Like Mary, be ‘influencers’ for God, pope urges at World Youth Day vigil

PANAMA CITY (CNS) – Although Mary would not be considered an “influencer,” like many social media personalities, she still became the most influential woman in history by trusting “in the love and promises of God, the only force capable of making all things new,” Pope Francis told young people at the World Youth Day prayer vigil Jan. 26.

“Are you willing to be an ‘influencer’ like Mary, who dared to say, ‘Let it be done’?” he asked. “Only love makes us more human and fulfilled; everything else is a pleasant but useless placebo.”

Despite sweltering temperatures in Panama City, hundreds of thousands of young men and women made their way to St. John Paul II Park on the penultimate

day of World Youth Day. They brought sleeping bags and tents, prepared to spend the night at the field – praying the rosary, making new friends – before celebrating Mass with Pope Francis at 8 a.m. Jan. 27. The pope did not spend the night, but returned later in the evening to the apostolic nunciature.

Arriving in his popemobile, Pope Francis made his way through a sea of colorful flags and banners people waved excitedly.

After the pope took his place on the stage, young adults from Panama and the Palestinian territories gave their experiences of finding faith and hope amid doubt, sickness and addiction.

Erika de Bucktron, a 42-year-old mother of four from Panama, spoke of the

fear and difficulties she faced when doctors said her pregnancy was at high risk after diagnosing her unborn daughter with Down syndrome.

Throughout her pregnancy, she said, she and her husband abandoned themselves in God’s hands and, after the birth of their daughter, decided “to love her with all our hearts, without making any difference with our other children, who also welcomed her with so much love.”

Panamanian Alfredo Martinez Andrion, 20, recalled his experience of falling into a life of drugs and crime. His addiction, he said, ultimately led to a 12-month prison sentence. Despite attempts to reform following his release, he fell back again into drug use.

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Pope Francis greets participants during the World Youth Day prayer vigil at St. John Paul II Field in Panama City Jan. 26, 2019. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BAMBERA

Dear Friends,

The Grand Jury report confronted us with the horrific transgressions of past clergy and Church leaders that endangered the welfare of children – children who had the right to be kept safe from harm. Nothing can erase the resulting pain and suffering.

We can, though, attempt to make amends and to bring some sense of peace, healing and recovery to survivors. These survivors deserve a voice. They deserve to tell their stories, to identify their abusers, and to receive compensation as they continue down the path of healing and recovery.

On January 22, the Diocese of Scranton launched its Independent Survivors Compensation Program.

I want to briefly describe to you the key elements of the Program.

First, this Program is completely independent from the Diocese of Scranton. We have absolutely no influence over any compensation decisions. The Program is administered by two nationally-renowned experts – Kenneth Feinberg and Camille Biros. They have, among other similar assignments, been appointed Special Master of the government's September 11th Victim Compensation Fund, administered the BP Deepwater Horizon Disaster Victim Compensation Fund and handled the victim assistance fund established in the wake of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings. They have already successfully administered, or are in the process of administering, similar programs for several other Catholic dioceses.

An Independent Oversight Committee comprised of three individuals with relevant experience across healthcare, law enforcement and social work will oversee the Program.

Second, this program is entirely voluntary. No survivor is forced to participate or to accept the compensation determined by the Administrators.

Third, the Program will be run with care and compassion. As I alluded to, the Administrators have already handled similar programs for five Catholic Dioceses in New York and are currently administering a similar program for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and several other Dioceses within Pennsylvania. They know what they are doing and they have been widely praised for being fair, timely and compassionate. They will review claims compassionately and fairly determine compensation.

Fourth, this program is comprehensive. It is open to those who reported their abuse before the Program was announced, as well as those who reported abuse later. It is open to survivors of abuse committed by priests from the Diocese of Scranton, members of religious communities, or lay employees of the Diocese. The Diocese designed the Independent Survivors Compensation Program to be as comprehensive and far-reaching as possible.

Lastly, I want to assure you that the Diocese will fund the Program from its reserves and the sale of assets, as needed. We will NOT access parish and school assets. We will NOT tap into contributions or bequests from parishioners. And we will NOT apply donations from the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

Since I was appointed Bishop in 2010, child protection and victim advocacy have been of the greatest importance to me. The Diocese has striven to protect our children and to treat survivors of abuse with care and dignity.

Establishing this Independent Survivors Compensation Program is the next step in those efforts.

While I know that no amount of money can take away survivors' pain or change the past, I sincerely hope this Program contributes to the healing and recovery of survivors.

Thank you. And God bless you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ *Joseph C. Bambera*

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



UN MENSAJE DEL OBISPO BAMBERA

Queridos amigos,

El reporte del Gran Jurado nos confrontó con las horribles transgresiones del pasado donde clero y líderes de la Iglesia pusieron en peligro el bienestar de los niños – niños que tenían el derecho de mantenerse seguros de cualquier daño. Nada puede borrar los resultantes pena y sufrimiento.

Nosotros podemos, sin embargo, hacer enmienda y traer algún sentido de paz, curación y recuperación para los sobrevivientes. Estos sobrevivientes merecen una voz. Ellos merecen relatar sus historias, para identificar sus abusadores, y recibir compensación al tiempo que continúan por el sendero de la curación y recuperación.

En Enero 22, la Diócesis de Scranton lanzó un Programa Independiente de Compensación a Sobrevivientes.

Quiero brevemente describirles los elementos clave del Programa.

Primero, este Programa es completamente independiente de la Diócesis de Scranton. No tenemos absolutamente ninguna influencia sobre las decisiones de compensación. El Programa es administrado por dos expertos nacionalmente reconocidos – Kenneth Feinberg y Camille Biros. Ellos tienen, entre otras asignaciones similares, el ser "Special Master" del del Fondo de Compensación de Víctimas gubernamental del 11 de Septiembre, administrado por "BP Deepwater Horizon" Fondo de Compensación de Víctimas de Desastre y el manejo de el Fondo de Asistencia de Víctimas establecido en la estela de las bombas de la Maratón de Boston. Ellos han administrado ya exitosamente o están en el proceso de administrar programas similares para varias otras diócesis Católicas.

Un Comité independiente de Vigilancia integrado por tres personas con experiencia relevante en la salud, cumplimiento de la ley y trabajo social supervisarán el programa.

Segundo, este programa es enteramente voluntario. Ningún sobreviviente está forzado a participar o aceptar la compensación determinada por los Administradores.

Tercero, el Programa será dirigido con cuidado y compasión. Como ya he dicho, los Administradores han manejado ya programas similares para cinco Diócesis Católicas en Nueva York y están administrando en este momento otro para la Diócesis de Filadelfia y otras Diócesis en Pennsylvania. Ellos saben lo que hacen y han sido ampliamente reconocidos por ser justos, oportunos y compasivos. Ellos revisarán los reclamos compasivamente y determinarán la compensación justamente.

Cuarto, este programa es comprensivo. Está abierto a aquéllos que reportaron su abuso antes de que el Programa fue Anunciado, como también para aquéllos que reportaron después. Está abierto a sobrevivientes de abuso cometido por Sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Scranton, miembros de comunidades religiosas o empelados laicos de la Diócesis. La Diócesis diseñó el Programa Independiente de Compensación para Sobrevivientes tan comprensivo y extenso posible.

Últimamente, Yo quiero asegurarles que la Diócesis financiará el programa con sus reservas y la venta de propiedades según se necesite. Nosotros NO utilizaremos propiedades de las escuelas o de las parroquias. NO tocaremos la contribuciones de los feligreses. Y NO se aplicarán donaciones de la Campaña Anual del Obispo.

Desde que Yo fue nombrado Obispo en 2010, la protección de los niños y la defensa de las víctimas han sido de gran importancia para mí. La Diócesis ha buscado proteger nuestros niños y tratar a los sobrevivientes de abuso con cuidado y dignidad.

Estableciendo este Programa Independiente de Compensación para Sobrevivientes es el próximo paso en estos esfuerzos.

Mientras que no hay cantidad de dinero que pueda quitar la pena y el dolor de los sobrevivientes o cambiar el pasado, Yo sinceramente espero que este Programa contribuya a la cura y la recuperación de los sobrevivientes.

Gracias y que Dios les Bendiga.

Fielmente suyo en Cristo,

+ *Joseph C. Bambera*

Excelencia Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Obispo de Scranton

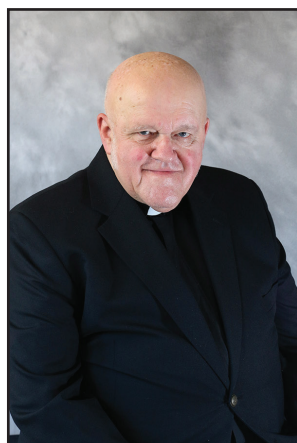


Reverend Joseph J. Matthey, a resident of Villa Saint Joseph, Dunmore died on Monday, January 28, 2019 at Commonwealth Health Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton.

Father Matthey, son of the late Andrew J. and Mary Kalie Matthey, was born in Plymouth on February 12, 1940. He received his early education at Saint Stephen's School, Plymouth, and graduated from Saint Vincent's High School, Plymouth. Father attended King's College, Wilkes-Barre, and Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md., graduating in June 1962.

He completed his studies for the priesthood at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood on June 12, 1965, by the Most Reverend Jerome D. Hannan, D.D., late Bishop of Scranton.

Father Matthey served as assistant pastor of Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, Hawley; Saint



Reverend Joseph J. Matthey

John the Baptist Parish, Pittston; Saint Jude Parish, Mountain Top; Holy Ghost Parish, Olyphant, and Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Scranton.

In 1978 he was named administrator of Saint John the Baptist Parish, Taylor, and later named pastor on August 29 of that year. Father served Saint John the Baptist for 22 years. In July 2000, Father Matthey was given the status of senior priest and began serving the Roman Catholic

Community of Freeland in the parishes of Saint Ann, Saint Anthony, Saint John and Saint Casimir. Father Matthey remained in Freeland until his retirement on July 11, 2011.

He is survived by a brother, Andrew, and his wife, Rose, Pittston; two nieces, Lori Chromey, Florida and Sheri McCracken, Massachusetts. He was preceded in death by two nieces, Sandra Panuski and Cynthia Matthey.

Viewing will take place at Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis Street, Scranton, on Thursday, January 31, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A Solemn Vespers Service will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.

A Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus John M. Dougherty on Friday, February 1, at 10:30 a.m. at Divine Mercy Parish, Scranton. Interment will be in Saint Stephen's Cemetery, Lehman.

Lessons for Life



Matt McGloin is addressing junior high students at the five Catholic Elementary Schools in Lackawanna County. Pictured is his recent visit to La Salle Academy in Jessup.



Matt McGloin, Scranton native, former Penn State quarterback and NFL quarterback with the Oakland Raiders, Kansas City Chiefs and Philadelphia Eagles, will speak with the junior high students in all five of the Catholic elementary schools in Lackawanna County. He is talking about the importance of cultivating a positive self-image, responsible social media use, choosing goals, being motivated and resiliency.

The goal in our Catholic schools is to educate the "whole student" to be intelligent, motivated, goal-driven individuals who are primed to make valuable contributions to our world. This speaking engagement reinforces that effort. It also reminds students that it is never too soon to be thinking about their futures, and that their choices now indeed can affect their high school and college opportunities.

On January 23 Mr. McGloin spoke at Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green. The following day he visited La Salle Academy in Jessup. In anticipation of the arrival of his first child, Mr. McGloin will schedule future engagements at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel School in Dunmore, St. Clare/St. Paul School in Scranton, and All Saints Academy in Scranton.

Independent Survivors Compensation Program Launched

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New claims must be registered with the Program by July 22, 2019, while existing claims can be submitted until September 30, 2019. Administrators will process claims in the order in which they are received, and payments will be made on a rolling basis as claims are processed.

An Independent Oversight Committee comprised of three individuals with relevant experience across healthcare, law enforcement and social work will supervise the Program. The Committee members are:

- Robert Gillespie, Jr., the former District Attorney for Luzerne County
- Ralph H. Meyer, President and Chief Executive Officer Emeritus with Guthrie Healthcare System, who has spent his entire career in healthcare administration
- Robin Engels, LCSW, a licensed clinical social worker in private practice who provides counseling and therapy for individuals and families, regarding issues of anxiety, depression, care-giving, substance abuse and post-traumatic stress disorder. She recently retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Middletown Vet Center where her work focused on the treatment of Veterans who served in combat zones and their families.

The Oversight Committee will oversee and periodically review the implementation

and administration of the Program. The Committee will also report to the Diocese as to the implementation and administration of the Program.

Parish and school assets, as well as contributions and bequests from parishioners and donations to the Diocesan Annual Appeal will not be used to fund the program. Rather, the Program will be funded by existing Diocesan assets and available reserves. If necessary, the Diocese will sell assets and borrow money.

This Program is one of the many steps the Diocese has taken to assist survivors of abuse. Survivors can continue to receive assistance from the Diocese including counseling or spiritual direction and referrals to support groups. The Diocese strictly adheres to a zero tolerance policy and immediately notifies law enforcement, the District Attorney and child protective services when abuse is reported. When the allegation appears credible, the Diocese removes the priest from ministry pending an investigation. The Diocese fully cooperates with law enforcement for any necessary investigation.

For more information about the Diocese of Scranton's Independent Survivors Compensation Program, please visit www.ScrantonDioceseISCP.com.

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Your donations to the Annual Appeal are restricted to support five Diocesan Ministries

- 1. Catholic Social Services** ...promotes human dignity by meeting the most basic needs for more than 300,000 people annually through kitchens, shelters, housing assistance, counseling and support services. "Social Justice" Appeal Grants to Parishes fund local outreach to the needy.
- 2. Catholic Education in Schools and Parishes...** continues to be a vital part of our mission as it has for the past 150 years. We pass on the faith and help develop faith-centered lives for nearly 5,000 students in 20 Diocesan schools and 15,000 children in parish-based religious education programs.
- 3. Clergy Education & Care...** supports our seminarians as they prepare to answer God's call, assists with the formation of Deacons who will serve in our parishes, provides care for our retired and ill priests, and helps fund programs for men considering priesthood.
- 4. Parish Life & Ministry Formation...** serves our parishes with programs to foster vibrant faith communities where all parishioners are actively engaged in the ministries of Word, Worship, Community and Service, and new endeavors which cultivate the "Young Church."
- 5. Catholic Media & Communications...** share the good news of the Gospel through *The Catholic Light*, Catholic TV, and our Diocesan website, which includes broadcasts of the Daily Mass and special liturgies at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton.

Parish Special Collection for Diocesan Annual Appeal

Parishes in the Diocese are conducting special collections for the **2018 Diocesan Annual Appeal: The Journey Makes Us One** in January, February and March.

"We are grateful to the parishes that have recently conducted Appeal special collections and we are asking parishes who have not yet done so to consider a special collection for the Diocesan Annual Appeal at weekend Masses on February 16 and 17 or on an alternate weekend in February or March," said Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for Development.

"I share my sincere appreciation to all who have contributed to this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. This support along with the generosity of others who are considering their gift to the Annual Appeal will insure that the good mission of the church will continue to positively impact the lives of our people most in need," said Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.

More than \$3.3 million in gifts and pledges has been contributed to the Annual Appeal, bringing the campaign to 67% of the \$5 million goal. Nearly 17,000 donors have made pledges to this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal.

The following parishes have surpassed their Annual Appeal parish goal: Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Hanover Twp.; Holy Family Parish, Sugar

Notch; Saint Brigid Parish, Friendsville; Saint Elizabeth Parish, Bear Creek; Saint Frances X. Cabrini Parish, Carverton; Saint Mary Parish, Waymart; Saint Michael Parish, Canton; and Saint Peter's Cathedral Parish, Scranton. A complete Parish Goal Report for the Appeal is shown on the adjacent page.

Diocesan ministries supported by gifts to the Annual Appeal include Catholic Social Services; parish social justice programs; Catholic education in our 20 Diocesan Catholic schools and in our parish religious education programs; care for our current and retired priests and support for seminarians preparing for the priesthood; parish life and pastoral planning efforts; and communication programs such as *The Catholic Light* and Catholic TV. Gifts to the Appeal are used solely to support these ministries and will not be used to defray legal fees or to fund the recently established Independent Survivors Compensation Program.

Annual Appeal gifts may be made through a parish special collection, by calling the Diocesan Development Office at 570-207-2250 or by sending a donation to: Diocesan Annual Appeal, 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA, 18503-1279. Parishioners and friends may also make an online gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal by visiting www.annualappeal.org

Monroe County Regional Appeal Chairs



**Monroe County
clergy chair
Father Gregory
Reichlen and
lay chair
Robert Moses.**

Bishop Joseph Bambera has invited clergy and lay chairpersons from throughout the Diocese to serve as chairpersons for the 2018 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Representing the parishes of Monroe County are clergy chair, Father Gregory Reichlen and lay chair, Robert Moses.

Father Reichlen is pastor of Saint John Parish, East Stroudsburg. "The education of our seminarians and priests through gifts to the Annual Appeal is a wonderful investment in the future of the Diocese, building up our local priests into great teachers, preachers, and pastors to guide our people," said Father Reichlen. "As a seminarian and a priest who had the great opportunity to study abroad and obtain an advanced degree, I'm grateful to the people of the Diocese for their financial support."

"As a past member of the Monroe County Catholic Social Services Board, I also support the Appeal because of the direct work of Catholic Social Services in meeting the needs of the poor of our communities, and giving witness to the Gospel through that service. The Appeal is essential to the ongoing operation of Catholic Social Services, and in my opinion there is no other Diocesan operation that is more authentic to the example of Jesus than the work that they do across the 11 counties of our Diocese."

Father Reichlen is a native of Friendsville where he was a member of Saint Brigid Parish. He has been pastor of Saint John Parish since 2015. He served previously as assistant pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Honesdale, after completing graduate studies at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, Italy.

Robert Moses is a member of Saint Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg. A native of Manchester, N.Y., he holds master's degrees in counseling and student personnel services. Bob recently retired from East Stroudsburg University where he served in student affairs and residence life for 42 years. He and his wife of 44 years, the late Kathy Moses, are the parents of two sons: Jeff who lives in Hoboken, N.J., with his wife, Krista, and Christopher, who lives in Atlanta, Ga., with his wife, Brittany.

Bob has served on several area non-profit boards and recently assisted his pastor, Father Jerry Shantillo, with designing and administering a campus ministry program at East Stroudsburg University. "We discussed how best to reach students and how to recruit them on campus and interest them in attending the special Masses on Sunday evenings. I also assisted by helping to establish the Warrior Food Pantry for ESU students with 'food insecurity.'" Each week Bob helps out at the food pantry collecting and shelving food.

"I support the Appeal for many reasons but largely because of the social service aspects," explains Bob. "Much of my professional adult life I served on national and regional boards of non-profit human services agencies. Now that I am retired, I have more time now to assist Father Jerry."

"I am still not sure people are aware of the tremendous ministries of the Diocese," said Bob in conclusion. "It is so important that we all give back in some way or another...I once heard a quote that rings true: 'service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth.' Especially if you have a talent, there's something you can contribute, your service or your financial resources."

"I follow the golden rule. I get much more out of it than the people receiving my help. It feels good. My biggest support for my church and for the Diocese of Scranton now is financial...But everyone has a responsibility to give of their time, their talents and treasures if they're able. At this point in my life, I'm grateful I'm able to do more and I encourage others to do so."



PARISH	GOAL	PLEDGES	PERCENTAGE
All Saints - Plymouth	\$40,000.00	\$19,577.00	49%
Annunciation - Hazleton	\$35,000.00	\$17,744.00	51%
Ascension - Forest City	\$27,000.00	\$24,175.00	90%
Blessed Sacrament - Throop	\$17,000.00	\$14,805.00	87%
BVM Queen of Peace - Hawley	\$81,000.00	\$79,983.95	99%
Christ the King - Archbald	\$71,000.00	\$51,165.00	72%
Corpus Christi - West Pittston	\$32,000.00	\$27,060.00	85%
Divine Mercy - Scranton	\$67,000.00	\$29,725.00	44%
Epiphany - Sayre	\$90,000.00	\$60,772.00	68%
Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Hanover Twp.	\$16,500.00	\$17,695.00	107%
Gate of Heaven - Dallas	\$50,000.00	\$29,267.00	59%
Good Shepherd - Drums	\$26,000.00	\$16,567.00	64%
Holy Child - Mansfield	\$30,000.00	\$19,206.00	64%
Holy Cross - Olyphant	\$50,000.00	\$34,334.00	69%
Holy Family - Luzerne	\$42,500.00	\$30,224.85	71%
Holy Family - Sugar Notch	\$17,000.00	\$17,855.00	105%
Holy Name of Jesus - West Hazleton	\$23,000.00	\$13,500.00	59%
Holy Name of Mary - Montrose	\$21,000.00	\$14,202.00	68%
Holy Rosary - Hazleton	\$18,000.00	\$15,552.00	86%
Holy Spirit - Mocanaqua	\$30,000.00	\$13,042.00	43%
Immaculate Conception - Scranton	\$42,000.00	\$33,838.00	81%
Immaculate Conception - Williamsport	\$28,000.00	\$15,300.00	55%
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Dushore	\$41,000.00	\$19,408.00	47%
Mary, Mother of God - Scranton	\$60,000.00	\$42,672.50	71%
Most Holy Trinity - Cresco	\$65,000.00	\$39,130.00	60%
Most Precious Blood - Hazleton	\$38,000.00	\$33,909.78	89%
Nativity of Our Lord - Duryea	\$42,000.00	\$26,055.00	62%
Nativity of the BVM - Tunkhannock	\$34,000.00	\$19,255.00	57%
Our Lady Help of Christians - Dorrance	\$19,000.00	\$10,620.00	56%
Our Lady of Fatima - Wilkes-Barre	\$47,000.00	\$24,805.00	53%
Our Lady of Hope - Wilkes-Barre	\$40,000.00	\$29,889.33	75%
Our Lady of Lourdes - Montoursville	\$44,000.00	\$28,565.00	65%
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Carbondale	\$25,000.00	\$12,910.00	52%
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Dunmore	\$60,000.00	\$47,513.00	79%
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Lake Silkworth	\$20,000.00	\$17,165.00	86%
Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Wyalusing	\$20,000.00	\$9,031.00	45%
Our Lady of the Abingtons - Dalton	\$17,500.00	\$9,030.00	52%
Our Lady of the Eucharist - Pittston	\$17,000.00	\$10,645.00	63%
Our Lady Immaculate Conception - Freeland	\$28,000.00	\$16,444.00	59%
Our Lady of the Snows - Clarks Summit	\$92,000.00	\$67,772.00	74%
Our Lady of Victory - Harveys Lake	\$39,000.00	\$17,148.00	44%
Our Lady Of Victory - Tannersville	\$55,000.00	\$41,777.00	76%
Our Lady Queen of Peace - Brodheadsville	\$62,000.00	\$57,345.00	92%
Prince of Peace - Old Forge	\$36,000.00	\$12,820.00	36%
Queen of Angels - Jessup	\$28,000.00	\$12,695.00	45%
Queen of Heaven - Hazleton	\$31,000.00	\$19,115.00	62%
Queen of the Apostles - Avoca	\$25,000.00	\$15,090.00	60%
Resurrection - Muncy	\$35,000.00	\$23,485.00	67%
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Dupont	\$32,000.00	\$12,555.00	39%
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Peckville	\$44,000.00	\$43,435.90	99%
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Weston	\$12,000.00	\$7,385.00	62%
Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary - Jermyn	\$23,000.00	\$11,585.00	50%
SS Anthony & Rocco - Dunmore	\$50,000.00	\$28,415.00	57%
SS Cyril & Methodius - Hazleton	\$46,000.00	\$26,728.00	58%
SS Peter & Paul - Plains	\$70,000.00	\$30,869.00	44%
SS Peter & Paul - Scranton	\$14,000.00	\$6,570.00	47%
SS Peter & Paul - Towanda	\$33,000.00	\$29,781.00	90%
St. Andre' Besette - Wilkes-Barre	\$32,000.00	\$19,748.00	62%

PARISH	GOAL	PLEDGES	PERCENTAGE
St. Andrew - Wilkes-Barre	\$18,000.00	\$7,649.12	42%
St. Ann Basilica - Scranton	\$32,000.00	\$25,870.50	81%
St. Ann - Shohola	\$22,000.00	\$20,380.00	93%
St. Ann - Williamsport	\$63,000.00	\$40,731.00	65%
St. Barbara - Exeter	\$33,000.00	\$29,266.34	89%
St. Benedict - Wilkes-Barre	\$22,000.00	\$8,321.00	38%
St. Boniface - Williamsport	\$68,000.00	\$40,895.00	60%
St. Brigid - Friendsville	\$24,000.00	\$27,385.00	114%
St. Catherine of Siena - Moscow	\$67,000.00	\$52,202.00	78%
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Swoyersville	\$47,000.00	\$35,982.00	77%
St. Elizabeth - Bear Creek	\$25,500.00	\$25,910.33	102%
St. Eulalia - Elmhurst	\$42,000.00	\$27,377.50	65%
St. Faustina Kowalska - Nanticoke	\$50,000.00	\$40,724.16	81%
St. Frances X. Cabrini - Carverton	\$14,500.00	\$14,489.85	100%
St. Gregory - Clarks Green	\$79,000.00	\$61,610.85	78%
St. Ignatius Loyola - Kingston	\$90,000.00	\$51,513.49	57%
St. John Bosco - Conyngham	\$59,000.00	\$42,883.00	73%
St. John Neumann - Lords Valley	\$30,000.00	\$19,910.00	66%
St. John Neumann - Scranton	\$55,000.00	\$33,374.20	61%
St. John - E. Stroudsburg	\$61,000.00	\$38,017.00	62%
St. John the Baptist - Larksville	\$23,000.00	\$11,505.00	50%
St. John the Evangelist - Honesdale	\$68,000.00	\$45,506.00	67%
St. John the Evangelist - Pittston	\$60,000.00	\$42,820.00	71%
St. John the Evangelist - Susquehanna	\$13,000.00	\$9,965.00	77%
St. John Vianney - Montdale	\$32,000.00	\$21,416.00	67%
St. Joseph Marello - Pittston	\$29,000.00	\$24,369.00	84%
St. Joseph - Matamoras	\$40,000.00	\$30,287.70	76%
St. Joseph the Worker - Williamsport	\$80,000.00	\$64,887.00	81%
St. Jude - Mountain Top	\$84,000.00	\$65,275.14	78%
St. Katharine Drexel - Pleasant Mount	\$14,000.00	\$12,805.00	91%
St. Lawrence - Great Bend	\$12,000.00	\$7,565.00	63%
St. Lawrence - S. Williamsport	\$28,000.00	\$14,235.00	51%
St. Leo - Ashley	\$35,000.00	\$12,687.00	36%
St. Lucy - Scranton	\$20,000.00	\$7,515.00	38%
St. Luke - Jersey Shore	\$17,000.00	\$8,905.00	52%
St. Luke - Stroudsburg	\$120,000.00	\$116,525.00	97%
St. Maria Goretti - Laflin	\$45,000.00	\$19,229.94	43%
St. Martin of Tours - Jackson	\$10,000.00	\$5,475.00	55%
St. Mary of the Lake - Lake Winola	\$13,000.00	\$5,870.00	45%
St. Mary - Waymart	\$20,000.00	\$20,355.00	102%
St. Matthew - E. Stroudsburg	\$70,000.00	\$36,750.00	53%
St. Maximilian Kolbe - Pocono Pines	\$26,000.00	\$20,035.00	77%
St. Michael - Canton	\$13,000.00	\$13,386.00	103%
St. Michael - Scranton	\$10,000.00	\$6,960.00	70%
St. Monica - West Wyoming	\$33,000.00	\$23,005.00	70%
St. Nicholas - Wilkes-Barre	\$55,000.00	\$41,181.00	75%
St. Patrick - Milford	\$35,000.00	\$21,945.00	63%
St. Patrick - Nicholson	\$10,000.00	\$5,390.00	54%
St. Patrick - Scranton	\$45,000.00	\$22,868.00	51%
St. Patrick - White Haven	\$17,000.00	\$9,940.00	58%
St. Paul of the Cross - Scranton	\$55,000.00	\$27,407.72	50%
St. Paul - Scranton	\$70,000.00	\$35,815.00	51%
St. Peter - Wellsboro	\$46,500.00	\$34,978.00	75%
St. Peter's Cathedral - Scranton	\$75,000.00	\$76,723.00	102%
St. Rita - Gouldsboro	\$15,000.00	\$12,653.00	84%
St. Robert Bellarmine - Wilkes-Barre	\$36,000.00	\$24,210.00	67%
St. Rose - Carbondale	\$66,000.00	\$49,423.00	75%
St. Therese - Shavertown	\$75,000.00	\$41,453.00	55%
St. Thomas More - Lake Ariel	\$52,000.00	\$43,619.00	84%
St. Thomas the Apostle - Elkland	\$14,000.00	\$8,530.00	61%
St. Vincent de Paul - Milford	\$45,000.00	\$31,681.00	70%
Visitation, Blessed Virgin Mary - Dickson City	\$59,000.00	\$42,579.00	72%

Pope Francis wants abuse summit to lead to clarity, action

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – At the upcoming meeting on protecting minors, Pope Francis wants leaders of the world's bishops' conferences to clearly understand what must be done to prevent abuse, care for victims and ensure no case is whitewashed or covered up.

"The pope wants it to be an assembly of pastors, not an academic conference – a meeting characterized by prayer and discernment, a catechetical and working gathering," Alessandro Gi-

sotti, interim director of the Vatican press office, told reporters Jan. 16.

The Feb. 21-24 meeting on the protection of minors in the church "has a concrete purpose: The goal is that all of the bishops clearly understand what they need to do to prevent and combat the worldwide problem of the sexual abuse of minors," Gisotti said, reading from a written communique in Italian and English.

"Pope Francis knows that a global problem can only be resolved with a

global response," he said.

The pope announced in September that he was calling the presidents of the world's bishops' conferences, the heads of the Eastern Catholic churches and representatives of the leadership groups of men's and women's religious orders to the Vatican to address the crisis and focus on responsibility, accountability and transparency.

Gisotti said, "It is fundamental for the Holy Father that when the bishops who will come to Rome have returned to their countries

and their dioceses that they understand the laws to be applied and that they take the necessary steps to prevent abuse, to care for the victims and to make sure that no case is covered up or buried."

He acknowledged the "high expectations" surrounding the meeting and emphasized that "the church is not at the beginning of the fight against abuse."

"The meeting is a stage along the painful journey that the church has unceasingly and decisively undertaken for over 15 years," he said.

Pope Francis has asked Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the former director of the Vatican press office, to moderate the plenary sessions.

The meeting will include a penitential liturgy Feb. 23 and a closing Mass Feb. 24, Gisotti said.

"Pope Francis guaranteed his presence for the entire duration of the meeting," the communique said.

The organizing committee has already informed participating bishops that they should prepare for the gathering by meeting with survivors of abuse.

"The first step must be acknowledging the truth of what has happened. For this reason, we urge each episcopal conference president to reach out and visit with victim survivors of clergy sex abuse in your respective countries prior to the meeting in Rome to learn firsthand the suffering that they have endured," said the committee in a letter released to the public by the Vatican Dec. 18.

Without "a comprehensive and communal response" to the abuse crisis, the committee said, "not only

will we fail to bring healing to victim survivors, but the very credibility of the church to carry on the mission of Christ will be in jeopardy throughout the world."

The members also had sent participants a questionnaire so they could "express their opinions constructively and critically as we move forward, to identify where help is needed to bring about reforms now and in the future, and to help us get a full picture of the situation in the church."

Pope Francis, they had said, "is convinced that through collegial cooperation, the challenges facing the church can be met. But each of us needs to own this challenge, coming together in solidarity, humility and penitence to repair the damage done, sharing a common commitment to transparency and holding everyone in the church accountable."



Bishop Bambera celebrated Mass on the Baptism of the Lord with members of the Filipino Community.



Bishop Bambera and Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., Father Jeffrey J. Walsh, V.E. (not in photo), and Father Pio Mandato, F.M.H.J. visited the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth and celebrated Mass for them.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Reverend Michael S. Drevitch, from Assistant Pastor, Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Honesdale, to Leave of Absence, effective January 2, 2019.

ASSIGNMENT

Deacon Stephen B. Frye, from Leave of Absence to Diaconal Ministry, Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Williamsport, effective January 2, 2019.



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

February 10 – Mass – Jewish Home, Scranton, 2:00 p.m.

February 11 – World Day of Prayer for the Sick Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.

February 24 – Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 10:00 a.m.

Pro-Life Pilgrims from Diocese Participate in 46th March for Life



Marchers make their way up Constitution Avenue toward the U.S. Supreme Court while participating in the 46th March for Life.



Scranton Bishop Joseph C. Bambera is shown above (far left) concelebrating the March for Life Vigil Mass with his fellow U.S. bishops on Jan. 17 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.



Representatives from the Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life who participated in this year's March for Life are shown above. Leading their delegation on the march are, pictured at left, Noah Schweiger, Lori Raymond, John Bankus and Kathryn Krufta.



Standing far left, Monsignor Thomas Muldowney, Vicar General of the Diocese; Father Bob Simon, pastor of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Moscow; and Bishop Bambera pose for a photo with the pro-life contingent from Saint Catherine's who traveled to Washington for the recent March for Life.



Marchers from the Scranton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life

Gift Taken for Granted

Catholic schools blossomed in the United States in the early 20th century as a way of equipping young Catholics to deal with rampant anti-Catholicism. If you live long enough, the saying goes, everything happens twice. And as the church in the United States observes Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 27-Feb. 2 this year, it's good that Catholics, especially parents of school-age kids, remember that this resource is there to assist them in their responsibility to teach and form their children.

Catholic schools are a source of catechesis, not only for the students who attend them, but for entire families, with parents, grandparents and others benefiting from the experience.

And with so many non-Catholic students enrolled in them, Catholic schools provide an evangelizing element to many young people who would otherwise never have heard the Gospel.

For Catholic and non-Catholic students alike, Catholic education leaves an indelible mark, not only in terms of the quality of the education received, but in terms of the personal values one can't shake, even when a person journeys far away from those roots.

Students are exposed to the values of the faith, something evident in widespread participation in pro-life marches, service projects and other initiatives. Students benefit from the models of service provided by teachers, administrative staff, chaplains, campus ministers and others who walk the path of faith alongside them and contribute deeply to the Catholic character of their educational environment.

Catholic schools foster vocations by forming young men and women who understand their faith, are serious about it, and who love the church and wish to serve it more deeply.

This is all an incredible gift. Though human nature is to take good things for granted, Catholics should not take Catholic schools for granted, in good times or in bad.

Sadly, we find ourselves once again in a time of widespread hostility toward the church and toward those who take their Catholic faith seriously. Our reverence for the dignity of every human life is widely derided and makes us subjects of suspicion from all sides. Our insistence on the Gospel and the truth it contains is dismissed by young people at an increasingly earlier age, as they cease to consider themselves Catholic — or even religious — before even taking the time to understand what those identities even mean.

The church is a community. Faith is a communal reality. We never face our difficulties alone, thanks to God and to one another. And Catholic schools — perhaps better than any other entity — help take the embrace and practice of the faith beyond Sunday and more deeply into our lives.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Feast of Saint Blaise -- February 3



Prayer Requests for Priests

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

January 31, Jesuit Father J. Patrick Mohr; February 1, Pope Francis; February 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; February 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; February 4, Father Joseph Mosley; February 5, Father Joseph Motsay; February 6, Monsignor Thomas Muldowney, V.G.; February 7, Father Kevin Mulhern; February 8, Father Paul Mullen; February 9, Father Babu Muttickal; February 10, Father James Nash; February 11, Jesuit Father Eugene Nolan; February 12, Father Theodore Obaza;

February 13, Father John O'Bell; February 14, Father Dominic Obour; February 15, Father Albert Oldfield; February 16, Father Thomas O'Malley; February 17, Father Peter O'Rourke; February 18, Passionist Father Sibi Padinjaredath; February 19, Father James Paisley; February 20, Father Francis Pauselli; February 21, Holy Cross Father Stephen Pepper; February 22, Father Carmen Perry; February 23, Jesuit Father Thomas Pesci; February 24, Father Thomas Petro; February 25, Father William Petruska; February 26, Father Michael Piccola; February 27, Father William Pickard.



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Precautions During Flu Season

Due to the widespread influenza (flu) activity currently taking place across the state of Pennsylvania and our nation, the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are urged to observe the necessary standard precautions in protecting the health of others during this flu season. Because influenza is a contagious respiratory illness, some basic measures that can help to prevent the spread of influenza include:

- Practicing good hygiene, especially by washing your hands frequently with soap and water, and if possible, to use a hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your mouth, eyes and nose.
- Covering your mouth when you sneeze or cough.
- Getting a flu vaccine each year.

Parishioners should be reminded that:

- If they are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, they should stay home for their own well-being and that of others.
- If parishioners are sick or suspect they are sick with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation.
- The faithful should also be reminded that they should not receive from the chalice if they are feeling ill.

At the pastor's/parish life coordinator's discretion, the following directives may be set forth temporarily until the influenza activity in our region subsides:

- Parishioners are urged, but not required, to receive Holy Communion on the hand instead of the mouth.
- Offering the Precious Blood to the faithful at Mass may be suspended, except for those who receive Holy Communion from the chalice out of medical necessity. Church teaching states that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under one form of Holy Communion.
- Exchanging the Sign of Peace without physical contact (i.e. shaking hands)—parishioners may still exchange nods, offer a verbal greeting, a smile, or a simple bow of the head.

Pastors/parish life coordinators should take care that the following liturgical directives are followed in their parishes:

- All ministers of Holy Communion (clergy and lay) must wash their hands with soap and water prior to Mass, and if possible, use a hand sanitizer.
- All ministers of Holy Communion should be cautious not to touch the tongue or the hand of the communicant.
- Holy water fonts should be drained, cleaned, disinfected and refilled with holy water on a regular basis. Sponges in holy water fonts must be removed entirely.

For more information on influenza and the Liturgy, please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at www.usccb.org. You may also want to visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.CDC.gov/flu for up-to-date information regarding the influenza activity in your area.

Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney
Vicar General of the Diocese

Diocese Celebrating Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Sunday

The Diocese of Scranton is celebrating Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Sunday with a Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant and homilist. The Mass will be sign-language interpreted for the hearing impaired.

This liturgy prayerfully celebrates the many gifts those with developmental or intellectual disabilities bring to the Church and the community. Partners in this celebration include Saint Joseph's Center in Scranton, the Diocesan SPRED community (Special Religious Education) and the Catholic Deaf Community of the Diocese of Scranton.

All are welcome. CTV: Catholic Television will also broadcast the Mass.

Ash Wednesday Retreat

The Office for Parish Life will offer a Retreat on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. The faithful of the Diocese are invited to share in this day of prayer.

Father Joseph F. Sica, a priest of the Diocese of Scranton for over 36 years currently serving as senior priest at Immaculate Conception Parish in Scranton, will lead the retreat. He is the author of several books including *Embracing Change: 10 Ways to Grow Spiritually* and *Forgiveness: One Step at a Time*. He has also published booklets of daily prayer and reflection for Advent and Lent. Father Sica is a well-known speaker and retreat leader.

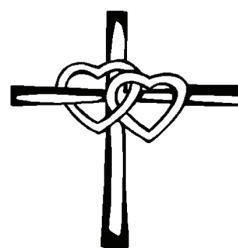
The Ash Wednesday Retreat will be planned around this theme:

Unhappy with Life? Change It!

It takes a combination of confidence and courage to step away from what isn't adding to your life or isn't working and change it! Do it now! Ignore the critics who will tell you, "You'll never change – you were always this way." "People will laugh at you." "This is not for you." Whether it's your relationships, family, career, or simply yourself – unhappy? Change it! You can!

Father Sica will offer the retreat in three parts with time for reflection and personal prayer. The day will include the 12:10 p.m. Mass celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint Peter with distribution of ashes. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to Mass, and lunch will be served after Mass.

The fee is \$30, which includes lunch. To register, call Mary Anne Malone at the Office for Parish Life, 570-207-2213, or e-mail Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org.



Couples Invited To Participate In Wedding Anniversary Celebration

On June 30, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate the Wedding Anniversary Mass at 2:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, for couples celebrating their 25th or 50th year of marriage in 2019. This is an occasion to recognize the role married couples play in the Church's mission to bring God's faithful love into the world. Couples will have the opportunity to renew their commitment to marriage and to receive a blessing on their marriage from the Bishop. A reception will follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, where anniversary couples will be able to have their picture taken with the Bishop. Eligible couples should give their names and an April mailing address to their parish office before April 2. Parish lists are due to the Office for Parish Life by April 9.

Ecumenism: ‘an essential requirement of the faith we profess’

By Monsignor Vincent J. Grimalia, Diocesan Coordinator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

Pope Francis, in his Wednesday audience the week before the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, stated: “ecumenism is not optional.” Commenting on this year’s theme “Justice, and only Justice, you shall pursue...(Deuteronomy 16: 18-20), the Holy Father said that the purpose of ecumenism is “to develop a common and consistent witness that promotes true justice and support for the weakest through responses that are concrete, appropriate and effective.”

Speaking to a Finnish Lutheran delegation, Pope Francis commented that a “shared commitment to ecumenism is an essential requirement of the faith we profess, it stems from our very identity as Christ’s followers.”

His words build on the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, the 1971 Synod on Justice, and Saint John Paul II who said: “ecumenism is an organic part of her life and work, and consequently must pervade all that she is and does; it must be like the fruit borne by a healthy and flourishing tree which grows to its full stature” (*Ut Unum Sint* # 20).

In the 1971 Synod of Bishops on *Justice in the World*, we read “... Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel, or, in other words, of the Church’s mission for the redemption of the human race and its liberation from every oppressive situation.”

In an Apostolic Exhortation to the Church in Oceania, Saint John Paul II noted: “The parish as a community cannot insulate itself from the realities of the world around it. The Christian community must be attentive to issues of social justice and spiritual hunger in society.”

The Unites States Conference of Catholic Bishops, in *Communities of Salt and Light*, notes that “the Church teaches that social justice is an integral part of evangelization, a constitutive dimension of preaching the Gospel, and an essential part of the Church’s mission.”

After the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the



Participants at the Ecumenical Celebration of God’s Word on January 24 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.



Liturgical music was provided by the choir from All Saints Academy, Scranton, under the direction of Anthony Wozinski.
The Catholic Light Photos/Mike Melisky

Church Universal, in the Diocese and in the parish, continues to pray and live the various aspects of its evangelizing mission.

The *Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism* encourages the work for Christian unity to begin within each parish: “Within the dioceses, parishes should be encouraged to participate in ecumenical initiatives on their own level and, where possible, to set up groups which are responsible to carry out these activities; they should remain in close contact with the diocesan authorities, exchanging information and experience with them and with other parishes and other groups.

“The parish, as an ecclesial unity gathered around the



Rev. Rebecca Tanner, Presbyterian Church, USA, was homilist for the celebration.

Eucharist, should be, and proclaim itself to be the place of authentic ecumenical witness. Thus a great task for the parish is to educate its members in the ecumenical spirit. This calls for care with the content and form of preaching, especially of the homily, and with catechesis. It calls too for a pastoral program which involves someone charged with promoting and planning ecumenical activity, working in close harmony with the parish priest; this will help in the various forms of collaboration with the corresponding parishes of other Christians. Finally it demands that the parish be not torn apart by internal polemics, ideological polarization or mutual recrimination between Christians, but that everyone, according to his or her own spirit and calling, serve the truth in love.”

The work of promoting Christian unity is ongoing and begins within each parish as it fulfills its evangelizing mission that includes ecumenism and social justice.

Ecumenism at work

United effort led by faith communities provides needed housing

Fifty years ago, a group of concerned religious and lay leaders came together for a common purpose – address the need for low- and moderate-income housing in the greater Wyoming Valley area.

The group was led by Monsignor Donald A. McAndrews, a retired priest of the Diocese who at that time was director of Catholic Social Services, and Reverend Dr. Jule Ayers.

Four diverse but socially committed religious entities – the Diocese of Scranton, the Jewish Federation of Greater



Msgr. Donald A. McAndrews

Wilkes-Barre, the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre, and the Metropolitan Lutheran Council of Wyoming Valley –

formed Ecumenical Enterprises Inc. and provided the initial seed money of \$24,000.

The endeavor had modest beginnings, with some rehabilitation projects and construction of a few single-family homes. With the help of federal funding, the effort expanded greatly over the years.

The corporation has developed eight apartment complexes, a skilled nursing facility, an assisted living center and even a day care center. Thousands of residents have resided in the facilities.

Reflecting on the 50th anniversary, Monsignor McAndrews said the project is “a truly remarkable achievement,” especially considering that the corporation’s assets now exceed \$50 million and countless people have been served.

“This could only have been accomplished through the support of the community and the ecumenical approach, with all the board members over the years and their dedication to the concept and development of Ecumenical Enterprises Inc.,” he said.

The housing developed by the corporation includes Interfaith Heights Apartments in Wilkes-Barre, The Meadows Apartments in Dallas, Midtowne Apartments in Wyoming, The Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Dallas, Garden Village Apartments in West Pittston, Hi-Meadows Apartments in Dallas, Ken Pollock Apartments in Glen Lyon, Maple City Apartments in Honesdale, Trucksville Manor Apartments in Trucksville, Meadows Manor Personal Care in Dallas, and Little Meadows Learning Center in Dallas.

Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue'

Praying for Christian Unity

Seeking the fulfillment of the prayer of Jesus, the Son of God, "that they all may be one," the Diocese joined with Christian faith communities in the region to observe the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The week culminated with an Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word on January 24 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

Clergy and representatives from various Christian traditions and ecumenical agencies were present.



Presenters at the Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God were, from left: Msgr. Vincent Grimalia, Coordinator for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations, Diocese of Scranton, and Coordinator of the Ecumenical Celebration; Rev. Craig Miller, Upper Susquehanna Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Lewisburg; Rev. Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M., Franciscan Friars, Holy Dormition Friary, Sybertsville; Rev. Dr. Robert Zanicky, First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre; Bishop Barbara Collins, Upper Susquehanna Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Lewisburg; Most Rev. Joseph Bambera, Bishop of Scranton; Rev. Dave Twiss, Assemblies of God Lead Pastor, Green Ridge Assembly of God Church, Scranton; Bishop Samuel Zeiser, Northeastern PA Synod – ELCA; Rev. Canon Maria Tjeltveit, Episcopal Church of the Mediator, Allentown; Rev. Rebecca Tanner, Presbyterian Church, USA, homilist for the celebration; Rev. Jack Munley, President, Scranton Area Ministerium; Most Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Saint Stanislaus Polish National Catholic Cathedral, Scranton; Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop, Polish National Catholic Church, Scranton.



Bishop Bambera hosted a dinner meeting for Polish National Catholic Church clergy. Front row, from left: Right Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Bishop Joseph Bambera, Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky, Most Rev. John Swantek, Msgr. Vincent Grimalia. Row 2: Msgr. Thomas Muldowney, V.G., Rev. Thomas Looney, C.S.C., Very Rev. Bishop Lucian Urbaniak, Very Rev. Thaddeus Dymkowski. Row 3: Rev. Father Boguslaw Janiec, Rev. Father Carmen Bolock. Row 4: Rev. John Polednak, Msgr. Dale Rupert.



Attending the dinner hosted by Bishop Bambera for members of the local Orthodox, Eastern Catholic and Latin Rite clergy were, seated in front, from left: Msgr. Vincent Grimalia, Very Rev. Archpriest Michael Evans, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus John Dougherty, Bishop Joseph Bambera, Very Rev. John Kowalczyk, Very Rev. Michael Lepa, Msgr. Francis Marini. Row 2: Rev. Thomas Looney, C.S.C., Rev. Jeffrey Walsh, Rev. Gregory White, Rev. John Parker, Very Rev. Gary Mensinger, Rev. George Volkovinsky, Protodeacon Sergei Kapral, Very Rev. George Alberts, Very Rev. David Hester, Very Rev. Paul Wolensky, Rev. Myron Myronyuk, Very Rev. Vladimir Fetcho, Mitered Archpriest Basil Micek, Very Rev. Daniel Geeza, Fr. Jerome Wolbert, OFM. Row 3, far right: Msgr. Dale Rupert, Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Rev. Thomas Petro, Rev. John Cigan.

Catholic Social Services Managers Recognized for Distinctive Service



U.S. Public Health Service Commander Curi Kim, M.D., director of the Division of Refugee Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is shown presenting the Health, Hope, and Wholeness Hero Award to Sonya Sarner.

Two employees of Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton were recently honored for their outstanding work in their respective fields.

Sonya Sarner, program manager for Refugees and Immigration services, was chosen by her peers from the PA State Department and other human-service agencies and regional medical providers to receive the "Health, Hope, and Wholeness Hero Award."

The award recognizes distinctive achievement for ongoing work to improve access to culturally competent care through the sharing of time, information and resources.

A member of the Catholic Social Services staff for 14 years, Sonya



Richard Piskel, right, past president of the Hazleton Lions Club and award chairman, presents the Frank Fierro Humanitarian Award to Neil Oberto of Catholic Social Services.

was honored for consistently serving as an advocate for the refugee community, increasing awareness of and responsiveness to refugee health issues and striving to remove barriers to equitable medical and/or behavioral health services. She is a resident of Springbrook Township.

Neil Oberto, CSS program manager of Mental Health and Behavioral Health Services, has been presented with the "Frank Fierro Humanitarian of the Year Award" by the Hazleton Lions Club — the highest honor bestowed by the organization for exemplary humanitarian efforts.

Neil, who resides in Hazleton and has been employed by Catholic Social Services for 29 years, served as director of CSS in the Greater Hazleton area during 1995-2018.

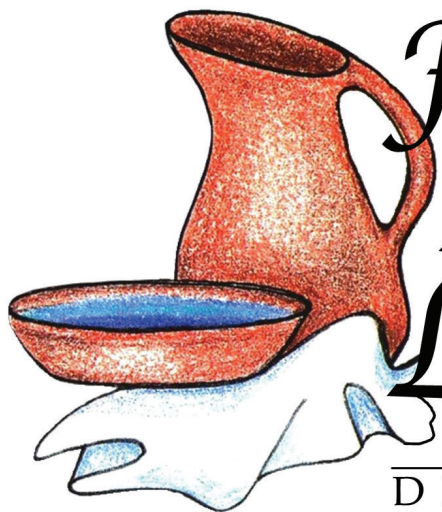


Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference Planned for April 27

The Organizing Committee for the Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference met recently at the Oblates of Saint Joseph Seminary in Pittston to launch the plan for the 5th annual conference. More than 700 men are expected to attend this year's conference to be held on Saturday, April 27, at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre. The theme is "What Is Truth." In these difficult times, the world asks what Pontius Pilate asked 2000 years ago, What is Truth? The world thinks "Man is the measure of all things." This conference will remind us that God is the measure of all things and His truth is revealed in His son Jesus Christ.

A trio of outstanding speakers has been booked: Father Philip G. Bochanski, Dr. Ray Guarendi and Doug Barry. Registration is available via the conference website, which can be found at www.BeAManconference.com. Information will also be posted on the Diocesan website. For more information or to volunteer, please call 570-798-2107.

Pictured are members of the organizing committee, front row from left: Tony DePaola, Michael Fajardo, Dr. Chris Carr, Dennis Shovlan, Jim Biondo. Standing: Ed Niewinski, Ralph Marino, Dave Jaques, Glenn Yanik, Kurt Kushner, Dr. Lou Guarnieri, George Hayden, Michael Kilmer, Scott Reinbold.



Formation for Servant Leadership

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A New Year, another opportunity for Lay Ministry Formation

Parish leaders across the Diocese of Scranton are encouraged to consider application for the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* for January 2019!

The *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* is a ministry formation process designed to equip and advance the servant leadership capacities of individuals serving their parish in areas such as:

- * Parish Pastoral Councils,
- * Directors of Religious Education, Catechists, and Youth Ministers
- * Liturgical Coordinators,
- * Parish Staff,
- * Volunteer Ministry teams,
- * and others!

This past fall, 10 new candidates entered the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* program.

Through independent online study with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), as well as regional skills workshops and gatherings together for prayer and reflection, *Diocesan Certificate* candidates enrich their knowledge of the Catholic faith, while also learning tools for effective parish ministry in their faith communities. This ministry formation process is typically completed within 2-3 years, based on the goals, interests, and schedule of each candidate.

Bert McNamee, a new candidate from Queen of Heaven Parish in Hazleton, said: "After a few months of study and several meetings with program participants, I am delighted to have entered the *Formation for Servant Leadership Program*. The fellowship has far exceeded my expectations, and on-line course study is interesting and enlightening."

Kevin Martin, from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Brodheadsville, has already found solidarity with fellow parish leaders like Bert who recently started their formation process, too. "One of the highlights for me so far in the Lay Ministry program has been meeting others in the program. Going into the program, I felt overwhelmed and questioned why I was called. During our Orientation, someone said 'God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called.' This has really helped me believe in my path."

The goal of this Diocesan ministry formation is to give candidates an opportunity for building knowledge through academic coursework, gaining skills for the doing of ministry, and aiding folks in cultivating and maintaining a healthy prayer life. An added gift of the program is the community element, which contributes a significant piece to what strengthens the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* experience. Candidates have the chance to learn alongside other parish ministers in an intentional way, and form friendships across the Diocese.

While entry into the program initially seemed daunting — given some years and distance from an earlier time in his own religious education experience — Kevin anticipates his journey through Lay Ministry Formation to continue being a rewarding experience, theologically and practically. "It has been many years since I've had any formal Catholic education, but it is my hope to grow my knowledge, so that I can pass that on to the young adults in my youth group ministry."

Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact Kitty Scanlan, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, at 570-207-2213, or by email at Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org for application information, materials, and application submissions.

World Day of the Sick on February 11

The World Day of the Sick offers us an opportunity to draw particularly close to people who are ill, and to those who care for them. This was expressed by Pope Francis in his message for this year's observance. The Holy Father noted: "Caring for the sick requires professionalism, tenderness, straightforward and simple gestures freely given, like a caress that makes others feel loved."

The Diocese of Scranton will observe the 27th World Day of the Sick on Monday, February 11, 2019. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate a Mass for the Sick at 12:10 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton. During the Mass there will be a celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for anyone acutely or chronically ill, anyone suffering a debilitating condition, anyone facing surgery, the elderly, and all who might be a candidate for this sacrament. All are welcome. CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live.

Each parish in the Diocese is also encouraged to schedule a similar celebration either on February 11 or another convenient day near it. Information and resources to help plan a liturgical celebration have been provided to each parish by the Office for Parish Life through the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org (see Parish Life menu tab, then World Day of the Sick.) The website also contains information about the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.



February XLT

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For more information, visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-780-2996.

Panama City

Panarama



Pope to World Youth Day Pilgrims: ‘Only Love Makes Us More Human and Fulfilled’

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Ultimately, he found help at a Catholic-run halfway house that helped and encouraged him “in my path toward reintegration.”

“I want to tell the young people of the world that God loves us and never abandons us. We are the masters of our own actions, but if we are with God, everything will be OK,” Martinez said.

Nirmeen Odeh, a 26-year-old Palestinian woman, gave the final testimony of the evening, recalling that despite being born and raised in the Holy Land, she was apathetic to Christianity, especially coming “from a place where many of my simple rights are violated.”

“I thought it was better to be distant from Christianity so as not to be bothered by others,” Odeh said. “With all the struggles and weariness of daily life, I wasn’t interested in faith. However, I was curious about the idea of God! It fascinated me.”

After participating in World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland, Odeh said she took a “leap of faith” and began receiving the sacraments.

“And here I am today, three years later in Panama, excitedly praying for him (God) to lead me on my next journey,” she said.

After listening to their experiences, Pope Francis ad-

ressed the youths, saying that their experiences reflected the risk Mary took to say “yes” to God.

The salvation that God wishes to give his children, he said, isn’t a file in the cloud waiting to be downloaded or the latest app, but rather is an invitation to be “part of a love story interwoven with our personal stories; it is alive and wants to be born in our midst so that we can bear fruit just as we are, wherever we are and with everyone all around us.”

However, Christians can only obtain this salvation by placing their trust in God, especially in moments of uncertainty, doubt and trial.

Recalling the experience given by de Bucktron, the pope said the fears and difficulties the couple faced with the birth of her daughter meant embracing life, even “in accepting things that are not perfect, pure or ‘distilled,’ yet no less worthy of love,” he said.

“Is a disabled or frail person not worthy of love?” the pope asked. “Is a person who happens to be a foreigner, a person who made a mistake, a person ill or in prison, not worthy of love?”

God begins to write his great love story precisely through people’s problems, frailties and flaws, the pope said. Just as he embraced Peter after his denials, Jesus helps Christians stand up when they have fallen, the pope added.

Thanking Martinez for his testimony, Pope Francis

said the experience of the young Panamanian shows that, without strong roots that are firmly grounded, “it is impossible to grow.”

Older people, he continued, must ask themselves what foundations they are providing to help young people grow instead of lobbing criticisms against them.

“It is easy enough to criticize and complain about young people if we are depriving them of the jobs, education and community opportunities they need to take root and to dream of a future,” he said.

“Without education, it is difficult to dream of a future; without work, it is very difficult to dream of a future; without a family and community, it is almost impossible to dream of a future.”

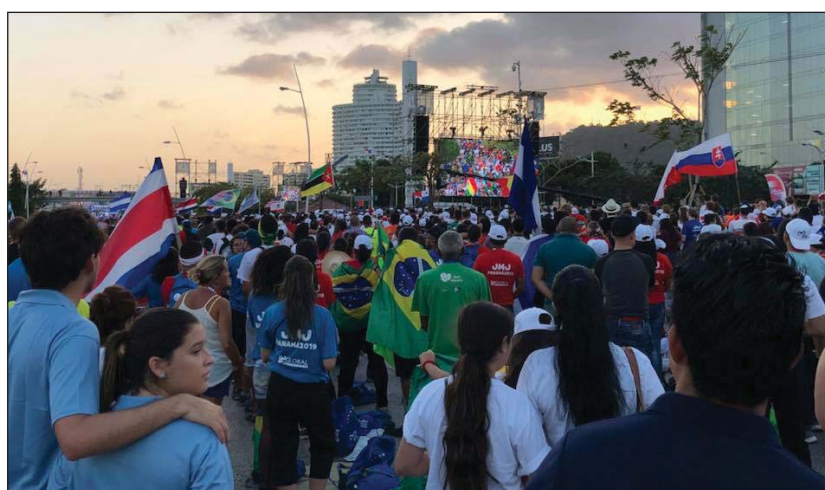
The pope said that young men and women also need to be rooted in a community and a home that prepares their hearts and give them a sense of belonging.

Odeh’s experience, he explained, is proof that this belonging also gives a sense of identity that allows young people to “live the joy that comes from being found by Jesus.”

Pope Francis encouraged young people to not be afraid of opening their hearts to Christ and “embrace life with all its frailty and flaws, but also with its grandeur and beauty.”

“Do not be afraid,” he said, “to tell him that you, too, want to be a part of his love story in this world, that you are ready for something greater.”

Scenes from World Youth Day '19 as Seen Through the Eyes of Our Young Pilgrims



Editor's Note

As this issue of *The Catholic Light* was going to press, the ten young adults who represented the Diocese of Scranton at the recent 15th World Youth Day in Panama City, Panama, were returning home.

Their stories and reflections will appear in our next edition on February 28.



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The Diocese of Scranton is committed to educating our students in an environment that is academically excellent and facilitates the development of moral judgment and Christian decision-making. We are proud to share the following successes of our students in the classroom and in their service to others. Each day, our schools are fulfilling their mission of preparing today's youth and young adults to become tomorrow's faith-filled leaders.



Second graders at **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston** are excited to begin the "Our Community" program brought to us by Junior Achievement. Throughout this five-week program, students will discuss how all jobs help a community. This volunteer-taught program covers careers, product production, innovation, and decision-making.



Students in the 4th–8th grade at **Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco** await their turn to hit the slopes at Camelback Resort during a recent outing with the school's Ski & Snowboard Club.



Second graders at **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton** are showing love for all of God's creatures by sending birthday cards to Fiona the Hippo at the Cincinnati Zoo. Born prematurely two years ago, Fiona has become a media superstar with children following her growth milestones.



Sister Mary Alice Kane, I.H.M., Principal of **Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg**, shows students Teresa Gregory, Alyvia Stewart, Rory Malone, Taani Patel, and Kara Kennedy the Catholic Schools Week proclamation presented to the school by the mayor of East Stroudsburg.



A bus load of students from **Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg** traveled to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life. NDHS Director of Religious Formation Debra Krogulski, NDHS Dean of Students Mark Allison, and NDHS alumnus and seminarian Jan Carlo Perez accompanied the students.



The Builders Club of **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter** recently held their Induction Ceremony for the new officers and new members of the club. Builders Club is a student-led community service organization, sponsored by local Kiwanis Clubs, and the largest service organization for middle and junior high students. In addition to other activities, the Wyoming Area Catholic Builders Club keeps a blessing box filled with non-perishable food and toiletries for people in Exeter and the surrounding community to take as they need.



Second-grade students at **Saint John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport** are excited to bring their calculators to class to assist with math problems.



Jennifer Mertes, a senior at **Saint John Neumann High School in Williamsport**, works on her laptop in the school library during a break in classes.



The students of **Saint Agnes School in Towanda** prepared for the excitement of Catholic Schools Week by inviting interested families to come to their Open House. New families are always welcome at Saint Agnes; please call the school at 570-265-6803 to make plans for a private tour or shadow day.



The 7th-grade class at **All Saints Academy in Scranton** used creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and communication to survive the "Shark Tank." Leading the pack, Pillow Team won over the sharks with their presentation and viable business plan. This group, with the support of the ASA school community, will create customized pillows with proceeds benefitting the Little Sisters of the Poor.



The Pre-Kindergarten class at **Holy Rosary School in Duryea** made vegetable soup to celebrate the letter "V." Students brought the ingredients to school and created a warm delicious snack. Here, student Ayla Amico helps Holy Rosary Principal Mrs. Melissa Skutack mix the ingredients for their soup.



Students from **Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton** gather after performing at the Holy Cross High School Advisory Board Talent Show. Sharing their gifts were Antonina Myronyuk singing “Hallelujah” by John Lennon; Samantha Kelly performing “A Million Dreams” from The Greatest Showman; Rebecca Lenahan singing “Pulled” from The Addams Family; 1st place winner Christopher Ramos performed Ravelle’s Sonatine 3rd Movement; and Rocco Rinaldi performed “Yellow” from Sonatina in Colors by Kevin Olson.



Students at **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green** are all smiles as they begin the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. In an action-packed week, students will collect hats, gloves and scarfs for those in need, will participate in a talent show, a quiz show, and a snowman building contest, and will show their appreciation for the faculty and staff who lead them every day.

The faculty and staff at **Saint Jude School in Mountain Top** were recently trained by teams from the Geisinger Community Medical Center in a program called “STOP the Bleed.” After they were done, they were presented with an official “STOP the Bleed” kit from Dr. Mark Crowell, a GCMC ER physician and school parent. Pictured are trainers and participants: Dr. Brian Frank, GCMC Trauma Surgeon; Dr. Crowell; Kathryn Bommer, GCMC Trauma Education/ Injury Prevention Outreach Coordinator; and SJS teachers Eileen Barney and Patti Capaci.



Fourth graders at **Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore** recently completed an educational module about ecosystems and recreated an Ecosystem Diorama to show what they learned.



Seventh-grade students at **Saint Nicholas/Saint Mary School in Wilkes-Barre** have been hard at work making replicas of the Mars Rover, which has been exploring the Red Planet. Their creations were available for new families to admire at the recent Open House.

IHM Sister Sarah Landis Dies; Led Diocesan Campus Ministry

SCRANTON — A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 22 at the IHM Center for Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Sarah Landis, who was currently serving as a pastoral counselor and therapist for the Pittston Deanery at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Swoyersville. She died Jan. 17 at Our Lady of Peace Residence at the age of 70.

Born Mary Charlene Landis on Feb. 10, 1948, in Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Charles Landis and the late Nancy Messina Landis, Sister Sarah entered the Sisters of Christian Charity religious congregation on Sept. 4, 1966, and professed her final vows Nov. 14, 1981. She joined the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Sept. 3, 1977.

Sister Sarah received a bachelor's degree in social science from Marillac College in St. Louis, Mo., and earned master's degrees in theology and counseling, both from Marywood College.

Early in her religious life, Sister Sarah ministered in Catholic education as a faculty member at Saint Jude School, Mountain Top, and Notre Dame High School, East Stroudsburg, after having taught



Sister Sarah Landis, IHM

at IHM schools in Jim Thorpe; Chatham, N.J.; and Bronx, N.Y.

She began a distinguished career as a college campus minister in 1978 at East Stroudsburg State College, after which she served as director of campus ministry at Mansfield State College, Keystone College in LaPlume, and Anna Maria College in Paxton, Mass.

During this period, she was appointed director of campus ministry for the Diocese of Scranton, serving in the position from 1989 to 1996.

In addition to her religious ministry, Sister Sarah pursued a professional career in psychology, serving for many years in various capacities as an administrator,

counselor and therapist in the human services and mental health fields.

Beginning in 2002, she served as region clinician at Key Program, North Grafton, Mass.; therapist at Tri-County Human Services, Honesdale, and Children's Services, Wilkes-Barre; mental health professional at Friendship House, Scranton; behavior specialist consultant at Community Counseling Services, Wilkes-Barre; administrative director at Advanced Psychological and Counseling Services at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston; mental health consultant at Luzerne County Head Start, Wilkes-Barre; and therapist at Tiffany Griffiths and Associates, Exeter.

Surviving in addition to her father, Charles, of Pittston, are two brothers, Michael and wife, Cathy, Sarasota, Fla., and Charles (Skip) and wife, Kelly, Gresham, Ore.; two sisters, Maria Dorton and husband, Keith, Falls, and Catherine Durkin and husband, Joseph, Lake Mary, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Interment was scheduled to be held at Saint Catherine's Cemetery in Moscow.

Williamsport Knights Host Marian Icon



The Knights of Columbus at Saint Joseph the Worker Parish in Williamsport hosted a week-long visitation earlier this month of the international "Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians" icon at the parish worship site of Annunciation Church. During the week, special events celebrated the exposition and veneration of the Marian icon, including a Prayer Service for Peace, Eucharistic adoration, Rosary for Life, and Masses for Peace and Protection of Life. Shown are those who served as custodians during the icon's appearance in Williamsport, along with Father Brian Van Fossen (far right), pastor of Saint Joseph the Worker Parish.

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Spiritual Offerings Around the Diocese

First Friday Pro-Life Prayer Vigil — **FEB. 1**, monthly pro-life gathering to offer prayerful witness at the new Planned Parenthood location in Wilkes-Barre at 101 North Main St.; recitation of the Rosary begins at 9 a.m. for the special intentions of an end to abortion and closure of the Planned Parenthood facility. All faithful are welcome to participate.

First Friday Marian Devotion & Healing Mass — **FEB. 1**, hosted by St. Lucy Parish at St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton; begins at 6:30 p.m. with recitation of the Rosary and devotional prayers led by Adele Garofalo. Healing Mass celebrated at 7 p.m., including prayers for healing and anointing blessing. Music ministry provided by Ernie Pappa. All faithful are welcome.

Weekly Bible Study — **FEB. 1**, hosted by St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend; held every Friday

at 7 p.m. in the Trinity Center, adjacent to St. Lawrence Church. All are welcome.

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

Weekly Queen of Our Hearts Rosary Prayer Service — **FEB. 2**, hosted every Saturday morning at Good Shepherd Church in Drums; group gathers weekly beginning at 11 a.m. Devotion includes recitation of the Chaplet of the Infant of Prague, the Holy Rosary, and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Prayer petitions may be submitted at the church. All faithful are welcome.

Padre Pio Prayer Ministry — **FEB. 6**, hosted by St. Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke; begins with celebration of Mass at 6 p.m. at the parish worship site of Holy Trinity Church, 520 South Hanover St., Nanticoke, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, intercessory prayers to St. Padre Pio, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and benediction. All faithful are welcome.

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration — **FEB. 6**, hosted at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary,

Route 315, Laflin; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. in the seminary chapel. Includes recitation of the Rosary and opportunity for confessions. Mass celebrated at 7 p.m., followed by Novena prayers to St. Joseph and St. Joseph Marello, founder of the Oblates of St. Joseph religious congregation. For more information, contact the OSJ seminary at (570-654-7542).

Weekly Bible Study — **FEB. 6**, hosted by Prince of Peace Parish in Old Forge; weekly sessions offered on Wednesdays from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room at St. Lawrence Church, Main St., Old Forge. Guest facilitator: JoAnn Wilbur. All faithful are welcome; refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration — **FEB. 6**, hosted by Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Tunkhannock; exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament offered every Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. in Nativity BVM Church, 99 East Tioga St., Tunkhannock. All faithful are welcome. For more information, call (570-881-9916).

Weekly Divine Mercy Devotion — **FEB. 6**, 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.

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'Spiritual Adoption' Program for Unborn Seeks Daily Prayers

The Ladies of Charity of the Diocese of Scranton invite all women to join in their apostolate of praying for unborn babies who are in danger of abortion.

The "Spiritual Adoption" program enables faithful to make a personal commitment to pray each day for one unborn child.

A brief pro-life prayer is offered daily that the endangered baby in the womb will be carried to term and experience the fullness of life, as intended by God.

For more information, contact Rita Ferrance, 573 Orchard St., Askam, PA 18706. Phone: (570-706-6867).

Spiritual Offerings Around the Diocese

Weekly Bereavement Support Group Sessions — FEB. 6 & 13, series of weekly meetings, addressing topics dealing with the grief process in order for participants to find healing; Bereavement Support Group meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton (across from St. Peter's Cathedral). Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact the Cathedral Parish office at (570-344-7231).

Bereavement Support Gatherings — FEB. 6 & 17, hosted by Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Clarks Summit; support group meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month, at 10 a.m., and the third Sunday of the month, at 2 p.m., in the Gathering Room (lower level) of Our Lady of the Snows Church, 301 South State St., Clarks Summit. All are welcome; no registration is required.

Scranton Mental Health Ministry: Spiritual Support Group for Family & Friends — FEB. 7, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for parents, family members and friends of individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. Meetings will be approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. Participating Scranton parishes include St. Peter's; Mary, Mother of God; and Immaculate Conception. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener (Ca-

thedral), (570-344-7231); Deacon Jan Mroz (Mary, Mother of God), (570-342-4881); or Deacon Pat McDonald (Immaculate Conception), (570-961-5211).

Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry — FEB. 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. Meetings will be approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. Participating Scranton parishes include St. Peter's; Mary, Mother of God; and Immaculate Conception. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener (Cathedral), (570-344-7231); Deacon Jan Mroz (Mary, Mother of God), (570-342-4881); or Deacon Pat McDonald (Immaculate Conception), (570-961-5211).

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

Meeting of Lay Carmelites — FEB. 16, hosted by Our Lady of the Mountains Lay Carmelite Chapter; meetings held on the third Saturday of each month at

Little Flower Manor, 200 S. Meade St., Wilkes-Barre. For more information, contact Rose Bordi at (570-445-5457).

Gathering of the Secular Discalced Carmelites — FEB. 17, canonically established community of the Diocese of Scranton; gatherings are usually held on the third Sunday of every month at Holy Annunciation Monastery in Sugarloaf, Luzerne County. All are welcome, especially those who feel called to a deeper consecration in life and wish to experience Carmelite spirituality and community. Call Ann Marie Fierro (570-454-4493), Nicole Tranguch (570-751-4729), or Marie Schimmelbusch (570-822-6561) for more information.

Monday Evening of Marian Devotion — FEB. 18, hosted by the Oblates of St. Joseph, Diocesan Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild, and the Legion of Mary; evening of Marian devotion begins at 6 p.m. in the chapel of St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laflin (Pittston). Prayer service includes recitation of the Rosary, sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Fatima prayers, hymns, and music for the Scriptural mysteries. All are invited to attend and offer devotional prayers to Mary for world peace.



Alhambra Announces Annual Scholarship Program

In recognition of the increasing importance of education for those with special needs, the International Order of Alhambra announces its scholarship program providing financial aid to students pursuing careers in education for persons with disabilities.

The Alhambra Scholarship awards assist college students studying to teach intellectually and developmentally disabled persons. The scholarships are

granted on the basis that applicants are dedicated to the field of special education.

The number of scholarships and amounts awarded vary from year to year, based on scholarship program fund levels. The program is open to all eligible U.S. residents, and students may receive two scholarships.

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“Do not fear, for I have re-
deemed you; I have called you
by name: you are mine” (Isaiah
43:1). God speaks to us in such
personal and relational tones as
He addresses us through one of
His early heralds, Isaiah.

Yes, God has called us by
name, He knows us, we belong to
Him. What a wonder!

These words of God, our
Father, are spoken to us with
such specificity to show that we
are deliberately, consciously, and
uniquely chosen by God as His
own. None of us is a mistake,
none of us randomly came into
existence; we are “fearfully and
wonderfully made” (Psalm 139)
and because of that our individual
lives have unquestionable meaning
and purpose.

We heard the words of God
spoken through Saint Paul this past
Sunday in his first letter to the Cor-
inthians, saying: “you are Christ’s
body, and individually parts of it”
(1 Cor. 12). Let that sink in. Read
it again...*you* are Christ’s body,

and *individually* parts of it. Do
we understand and appreciate to
Whom we belong and why?

I certainly don’t call that to
mind enough in my own life. Nev-
ertheless, this is a foundational,
credal statement in the life of a
Christian, because we don’t just
merely belong or are members of
an institution, but we belong to a
body, a body whose head is Christ
Himself. That is something that
should truly knock our socks off.

We are members of His body!
Because of this, we must function
and act as such. Men and women
who “belong” to benevolent,
fraternal organizations don’t nec-
essarily get up each morning with
that membership in his or her
mind.

Christians, however, are com-
mitted to the reality that getting
up each day is yet another oppor-
tunity, given from God, to serve
Him and to pour ourselves out in
love and sacrifice to Him and to
one another.

After all, to be a member of
Christ’s body means that if we are
not functioning that the whole of
that body — the Church — is not
thriving at its optimal capacity.

It is both humbling and beau-
tiful that God chooses to use us
and depend upon us to assist in the
building up of the Kingdom. This
reality is so deliberate on His part.
To borrow words from Venerable

John Henry Newman: “God has
created me to do Him some defi-
nite service. He has committed
some work to me which He has
not committed to another.”

Did you read and hear that?
Me! He has created *me* to do Him
some definite service. This is who
and what we are — created in
our Lord’s image and likeness to
serve His purpose. Such a truth is
nothing to fear or to be seen as a
burden from which we run away;
rather, we should run to it.

The Church depends upon
the daily, sacrificial giving of each
disciple’s life in order to serve our
Lord and to be the heralds of His
Gospel.

Studies show that Catholics
comprise 1.4 billion of the world’s
population. Such a staggering
statistic, isn’t it? What’s even
more staggering is to consider the
possibilities that are possible in
each and every one of those lives to
do good in this world and in each
neighborhood throughout.

No Christian should seek
a utopia here on Earth, but we
should seek to do what God has
called us to do and has entrusted
to our care, and that is simply to
go forth and to do His work in
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62nd Annual HNS Communion Breakfast — FEB. 3, sponsored by the Holy Name Society of SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish in Dunmore; hosted at La Buona Vita banquet hall, Dunmore, at 9:30 a.m. (following the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church). Principal speaker: Teddy Michel, regional director of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps of NEPA, who will receive the society's Pio Ferrario Award for Christian Witness. Cost: adults, \$12; children (under age 12), \$8. For tickets, call (570-343-6613).

Weekly Bingo — FEB. 4, 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. Return coupon for new players; door prizes awarded each week. Van shuttle service provided free of charge from Carbondale and Scranton. For more information, call (570-489-2091).

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Monthly Gathering of Theresians International of Scranton — FEB. 12, meeting opens at Immaculate Conception Church in the Hill section of Scranton with recitation of the Patriotic Rosary at 11:30 a.m. in the church's adoration chapel; followed by Mass celebrated at 12:10 p.m. Theresians' luncheon meeting follows at 12:45 p.m. at Cooper's Seafood House, North Washington Ave., Scranton.

Month's guest speaker: Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Mary William Philbin.

Rummage Sale — FEB. 15 & 16, sponsored by St. Lawrence Church in Great Bend; held in the Trinity Center church hall, 380 Franklin St., Great Bend. Sale hours: Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday (Bag Day), 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Halushki and homemade soups will also be available for sale. Public is welcome.

Sunday Buffet Breakfast — FEB. 17, hosted by St. Eulalia Parish, 214 Blue Shutters Road, Elmhurst (Roaring Brook Twp.); serving from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the parish hall. Featuring full breakfast menu, including made-to-order eggs, home fries, ham, sausage, pancakes, rolls, toast, juice, coffee & tea. Cost: \$7 per person; seniors (age 65 & older), \$6; children age 9 & under admitted free of charge. Tickets available at the door.

Annual Parish Breakfast — FEB. 17, sponsored by the Women's Guild of Divine Mercy Parish, Minooka section of Scranton; served from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the parish center. Featured menu items include cooked-to-order omelets, homemade Belgian waffles w/ fruit toppings, home fries, sausage, bacon, homemade coffee cakes, breads and pastries. Cost: adults, \$8; children (ages 4 to 10), \$4. Advance tickets available after all weekend Masses and at the parish office. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Mardi Gras Party — FEB. 23, sponsored by St. Robert Bellarmine Parish at St. Aloysius Church, corner of Barney and Division streets, Wilkes-Barre; features dinner (including beer & soda), dancing, games and prizes. Cost: \$20 per person (must be at 21 years of age to attend); patrons may provide their own beverages. Advance reservations only; no tickets sold at the door. For more information and reservations, call (570-823-3791 ext. 2).

Roast Beef Dinner — FEB. 24, hosted by Holy Name of Jesus Parish in West Hazleton; served from 12 noon to 4 p.m. in the parish

center. Dinner features roast beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, dessert and beverage. Cost: adults, \$9; children (under age 12), \$5. Advance tickets available after all weekend Masses and at the rectory. Tickets sold at the door on a first-come basis.

Great Basket Raffle & Chili Cook-Off/Salsa Competition — MARCH 2, hosted by Most Holy Trinity Parish in Cresco; held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Monsignor McHugh Elementary School, Route 390, Cresco. Event includes taste-tasting contest, beginning at 12 noon, for local entries of chili and salsa dishes; live musical entertainment, Knights of Columbus-sponsored video horse racing games, raffle drawing and children's activities, including face-painting and magician. Admission cost: \$5; other foods and drinks available for purchase. Giant basket raffle held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (when calling begins) in the school cafeteria. Anyone interested in sponsoring or entering the cook-off competition for prizes, contact Chuck at (570-242-2431) or the parish center (570-595-3100).

Night at the Races — MARCH 2, sponsored by St. André Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre; hosted at St. Mary's Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison St., Wilkes-Barre. Doors open at 6 p.m.; races start at 7 p.m. Includes food and beverages. Admission fee: \$5 (must be at least 21 years of age to attend). For more information, including horse sponsorships and tickets, call (570-823-4988).

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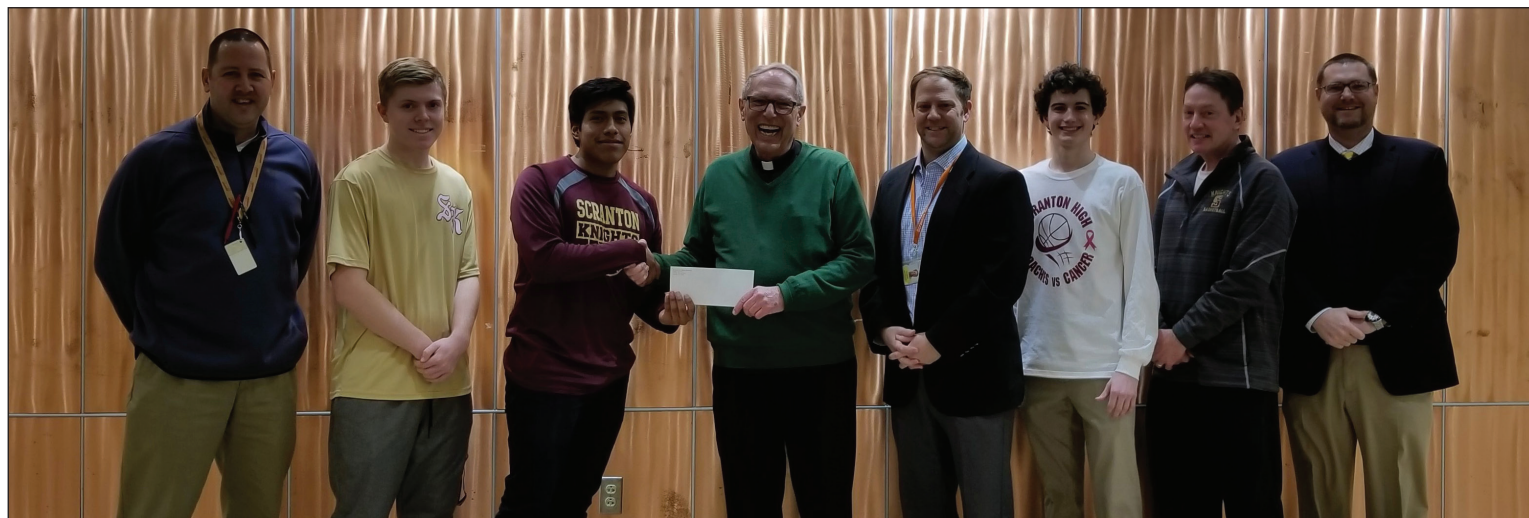
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Scranton High School recently hosted the Donald J. Wolff scholastic basketball tournament, involving the participation of 12 area schools, with proceeds from the competition benefiting the Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton. The recent sporting event, which raised \$1,100 for the local soup kitchen, honored the memory of the late Don Wolff, a well-known advocate of Saint Francis Kitchen who served as the longtime superintendent of Catholic Cemeteries for the Diocese of Scranton. Shown, from left: Ted

Anderson, Scranton High School athletic director; student volunteers Brandon Peck and Aldo Vargas; Monsignor Joseph P. Kelly, executive director of Saint Francis Kitchen; Tim Wolff, Scranton School District principal and grandson of Donald Wolff; Sam Jones, student volunteer; Bill Gibbons, tournament director; and John Coyle, Scranton High School principal. For information about volunteer opportunities or the donation needs of the Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, call (570) 342-5556.

King's College to Host Conference on Business Education

WILKES-BARRE — "The Horizons of Business Educa-

tion," a two-day conference on non-profit leadership and social entrepreneurship, will be held at King's College on March 28-29.

Sponsored by the College's McGowan Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility and the William G. McGowan School of Business, the free public event is designed to explore employment and career opportunities with regard to how a Catholic business school should be preparing its students.

Five hour-long sessions will highlight the schedule on Thursday, March 28. All sessions will be held in the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center at King's.

Topics will include "The Return on Investment of a Non-Profit Career," "Social Entrepreneurship for Development," and "Programming Social Entrepreneurship on College Campuses." Speakers will include current and past leaders of Catholic Relief Services and the non-profit ANERA (American Near East Refugee Aid), as well as leading academics in the field.

Panel discussions on non-profit leadership, non-profit healthcare philanthropy, and social entrepreneurship will be held the morning of Friday, March 29. Panelists will include various local non-profit leaders.

The afternoon will feature a panel of King's College graduates

who hold leadership positions at non-profit organizations.

The event will conclude with presentations of recent research by King's College students on topics related to non-profits and social entrepreneurship.

For more information on the conference and to register, contact Dr. Bernard Prusak, director of the McGowan Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility at King's, at (570) 208-5900, ext. 5689.

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The goal of the program is to raise awareness of pro-life issues to include abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, suicide and assisted suicide.

Local residents are scheduled to offer their expertise on the show: Catherine Riley, a very accomplished woman who lives with Down syndrome will address the issue of bullying; John Frank will speak on living with Down syndrome as he describes the challenges, the joys, the purposefulness of his life in his church and community; Dr. Frank Schell, area physician and chairperson of the PHL Northeastern Regional Board of Directors, speaks dynamically on the effects of *Roe vs. Wade* on the medical community.

Ms. Lawhon stated her lineup of guests is prepared to address the womb-to-tomb ethics of life in a

society which has experienced an increase in suicide, the intrauterine killing of the unborn child, legislation designed to eliminate unborn children with Down syndrome and other genetic anomalies, and has legislation pending and passed to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide. Palliative and hospice care will also be addressed in upcoming shows.

PHL is an organization that promotes the dignity of life. Chapters throughout the state focus their efforts in education and support for women (and men) facing crisis pregnancies. Previously identified as an anti-abortion group, their commitment is to all stages of life, standing in defense of the unborn, the elderly, and anyone whose life is being devalued.

To arrange for a speaker in your school, church or community organization, please contact your local chapter of PHL or call (570-764-5428).

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Opioid Crisis Focus of Bessette Lecture

WILKES-BARRE — “Medicating Our Lives Away: The Opioid Epidemic, Public Health, and Medical Practice” will be the subject of the annual Bessette Lecture on Medical Ethics to be held Monday, February 4, at 7 p.m. in the Burke Auditorium of the William J. McGowan School of Business at King’s College.

Saint André Bessette, the first Holy Cross Congregation member to be canonized, was known as a healer and for his devotion to the sick and afflicted.

The free public lecture will be presented by Dr. Joel Shuman, professor of theology at King’s, who is spending the current academic year as a Visiting Scholar in the Theology, Medicine, and Culture Initiative at Duke University Divinity School.


While at Duke, he is continuing work on a funded multidisciplinary research project addressing the opioid epidemic. Last fall

he led a seminar at Duke, titled “Responding to Pain in Light of the Opioid Crisis,” and recently he served as a member of a panel titled “Interrogating the Opioid Crisis” at the annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics.

During his presentation, Dr. Shuman will discuss how the current crisis is the result of a broad variety of factors ranging from the practice of medicine to the broader economics of healthcare to the war on drugs to fundamental changes in social and economic structures and their effects on questions of human flourishing and meaning.

A faculty member at King’s since 2001, Dr. Shuman has undertaken research focusing on the intersection of theology and medicine and other applied biological sciences.

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4:00 AM		EWTN LIVE (Encore)	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	CONTEMPLATION				
4:30 AM	FR. RUTLER: CHRIST IN THE CITY		EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	CONSUMING THE WORD	EWTN SPECIALS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS
5:00 AM	THE WILD GOOSE	A FORCE FOR GOOD	APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION	FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM				CATHOLICS COME HOME
6:00 AM	ANGELUS WITH POPE FRANCIS	EWTN ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS						
6:30 AM	WHERE GOD WEEPS	G.K. CHESTERTON	CHURCH AND THE POOR	MATTHEW'S TESTIMONY TO JESUS	ICONS SPOTLIGHT	THE CHOICES WE FACE	SAINTS vs. SCOUNDRALS	
7:00 AM	THE CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL					STATIONS OF THE CROSS	CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL	
7:30 AM	HOLY LAND ROSARY						THE HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	
7:50 AM	ROSARY FROM LOURDES	LITANY OF LORETO	LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME	LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH	LITANY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD	PAPAL AUDIENCE		
8:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS (Live)	DAILY MASS (Live)						
9:00 AM	(9:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	SUNDAY BEST WITH FR. GROESCHEL	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	BUGTIME ADVENTURES	
9:30 AM	EWTN BOOKMARK	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE					MY TIME WITH JESUS	
10:00 AM	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	LIVE WITH PASSION	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	FOCUS	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	CAT CHAT	
10:30 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY		FAMILY THEATER		FOCUS	FOCUS	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	
11:00 AM	FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM	WOMEN OF GRACE						BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT
11:30 AM	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	THE CHOICES WE FACE	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	MASTERPIECE DONUT SHOP	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.						EWTN DAILY MASS (Encore)
12:30PM		"DIOCESAN DATEBOOK" airs before and after Mass.						
1:00 PM	(1:10PM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	10 COMMANDMENTS OF CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE	
1:30 PM	IN CONCERT	FATIMA: HEAVEN'S PEACE PLAN	FORGOTTEN HERITAGE	IMAGES OF MARY	QUEEN OF HEAVEN	TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THRU MARY	EWTN BOOKMARK	
2:00 PM		CALLED TO COMMUNION	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	THE JOURNEY HOME	SPECIALS	EWTN ON LOCATION	
2:30 PM								
3:00 PM	THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG							
3:15 PM	REFLECTIONS							
3:30 PM	THE HOLY ROSARY IN STAINED GLASS	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)						ROSARY FOR LIFE
4:00 PM	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM	THE HOLY ROSARY DIOCESAN DATEBOOK						CALLED TO COMMUNION
4:30 PM	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	BUGTIME ADVENTURES	MY TIME WITH JESUS	CHILDRENS SPECIALS	THE FRIAR	WAY OF THE CROSS FOR KIDS		
5:00 PM	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHOICES WE FACE	CONVERSATIONS FROM THE WORLD OVER SHOW	BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT	A FORCE FOR GOOD	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE	
5:30 PM	PASSIONIST SUNDAY MASS	SPECIALS						CONSUMING THE WORD
6:00 PM	HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)						OUR FAITH IN ACTION
6:30 PM	THE JOURNEY HOME	CATHOLICS COME HOME	REAL LIFE CATHOLICS	CHURCH UNIVERSAL	TBA		CHURCH AND POOR	
7:00 PM		THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)						DAILY MASS
7:30PM		THE HOLY ROSARY		POPE'S AUDIENCE	THE HOLY ROSARY			
8:00 PM	DIOCESAN DATEBOOK							
8:00 PM	SUNDAY BEST WITH FR. GROESCHEL	THE JOURNEY HOME (Live)	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	EWTN LIVE	THE WORLD OVER (Live)	SPECIALS	EWTN CINEMA	
8:30 PM	CATHOLICS COME HOME							
9:00 PM	LIFE ON THE ROCK	EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)		EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)				
9:30 PM	HOLY ROSARY W MOTHER ANGELICA	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	THE CHOICES WE FACE	FOCUS	LIVE WITH PASSION	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR RAY	
10:00PM	EWTN SPECIALS	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (ENCORE)	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	PRO-LIFE WEEKLY	LIFE ON THE ROCK		
10:30 PM					DEFENDING LIFE	ICONS SPOTLIGHT		
11:00PM	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS	BATTLE READY	FATHERS FOR GOOD	CROSSING THE GOAL	BEHOLD THE MAN	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	
11:30PM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	WOMEN OF GRACE						

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“THE WELL: Come and be Renewed” men’s conference has the theme “What are you looking for?” It will feature Erie native

and former football standout Mike McCoy, who starred as a defensive lineman at Notre Dame and in the NFL, as the keynote speaker in addition to 24 separate workshops.

The conference begins at 7:30 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast.

The opening prayer will be at 8:20, and Mr. McCoy’s talk follows at 8:35. Adoration and Benediction will be at 9:45, and three sessions of workshops

will be held from 10:55 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

The sacrament of reconciliation will be offered throughout the day, and the conference closes with Mass celebrated by Greensburg Bishop Edward C. Malesic at 2:30 p.m.

Registration is \$25 in advance, \$40 at the door and includes breakfast and lunch.

Registration is open at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/thewell.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

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

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

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

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

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

Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551) o a los oficiales diocesanos incluyendo El Vicario General, Monseñor Thomas M. Muldowney, a (570-207-2269).

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First Friday Devotions Throughout the Diocese

Masses & Devotions

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

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

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

Pro-Life Rosary Vigils

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

— held outside the offices of Planned Parenthood, 101 North Main St., Wilkes-Barre; group gathers at 9 a.m. Rosary prayers are offered for an end to abortion and closure of the Planned Parenthood facility.

Eucharistic Adorations

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

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

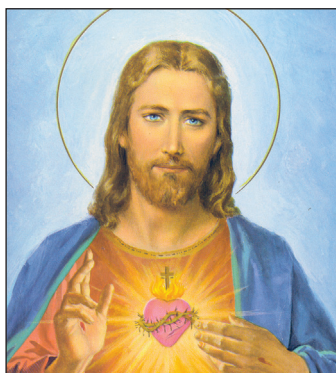
— offered for the special intention of vocations to the priesthood; hosted by Saint Ann Basilica Parish, Saint Ann's St., west Scranton. Adoration begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass and concludes with benediction at 4:45 p.m.

Healing Masses

— hosted by Saint Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a prelude of contemporary music and Marian hymns. Celebration of Healing Mass follows at 7 p.m. and includes anointing blessing and prayers for healing; recitation of the Rosary will also be offered, led by Adele Garofalo. Music ministry for the evening will be provided by Ernie Pappa.

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

Blue Army Reparation Vigil



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

Devotions begin Friday evening at 8 p.m. with recitation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, during which time confessions are heard. Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated at 8:55 p.m., followed by benediction, litany and consecration to the Sacred Heart.

The vigil continues with the crowning of the Blue Army Pilgrim Virgin Statue, the Blue Army Pledge, Fatima prayers and Marian hymns, followed by litany and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The vigil concludes with scapular enrollment at 10:15 p.m.



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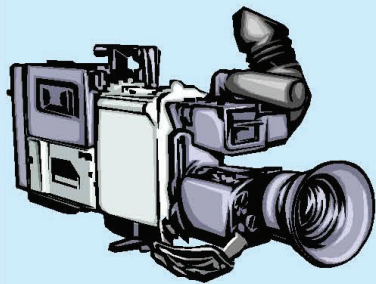
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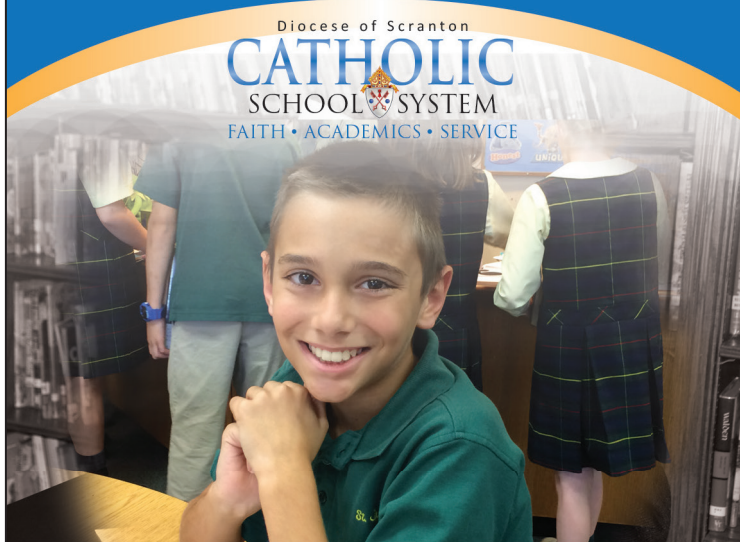
Little Sisters Utilize Healthcare Grant



The Little Sisters of the Poor recently received a \$7,000 grant from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Health Care Foundation to support its Ambulatory Preservation Program. The funding was used to purchase three Broda chairs for the nursing units and a shampoo chair and bowl package for the on-site hair salon. The Broda chairs, which alleviate pressure on the skin, provide stability and comfort for residents suffering from Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, as well as those at risk for falls. The shampoo chair and bowl package enables residents with orthopedic conditions to have their hair groomed and styled with greater ease. Shown, seated from left, are Mother Theresa Louisa, superior of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Scranton, and resident Betty Renda. Standing, Little Sister Marie Therese and Carolyn Conniff, R.N.

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