

## Migration is about people, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Migrants seeking a better life in other countries must not be viewed with suspicion but rather defended and protected, no matter their status, Pope Francis said.

International cooperation is needed “at every stage of migration,” especially for countries where higher influx of migrants “often exceeds the resources of many states,” the pope said recently in a message to participants of the Holy See-Mexico Conference on International Migration at the Casina Pio IV, a villa located in the Vatican Gardens.

“I would like to point out that the issue of migration is not simply one of numbers, but of people, each with his or her own history, culture, feelings and aspirations. These people, our brothers and sisters, need ongoing protection, independently of what migrant status they may



Javier, a 30-year-old immigrant from Honduras, kisses his 4-year-old son, William, July 11 in New York when they were reunited after being separated for 55 days during detention at the Texas border.

have,” he said in the message read by Archbishop Paul R. Gallagher, Vatican foreign minister.

Among the attendees at the conference were Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state; Luis Videgaray Caso, Mexican secretary for foreign affairs; and Miguel Ruiz Cabanas, Mexican sub-secretary for foreign affairs.

Thanking participants for their work “on behalf of the needy and the marginalized in our society,” the pope said the current challenges in confronting the migration

crisis “demand a change in mindset.”

“We must move from considering others as threats to our comfort to valuing them as persons whose life experience and values can contribute greatly to the enrichment of our society,” he said.

He also called on the international community to defend the rights of migrant children and their families who are “victims of human trafficking rings and those displaced due to conflicts, natural disasters and persecution.”



Good Saint Ann, Pray for Us – Worshippers are blessed with the relic on the first day of the Solemn Novena to Saint Ann, July 17, at Saint Ann’s Basilica in West Scranton. The Novena continues through the Feast of Saint Ann on July 26. Please see page 4. The Catholic Light Photo/Mike Melisky

## Bishops at the Border

### Sharing the journey with migrants

MCALLEN, Texas (CNS) – The journey for many of the new migrants entering the U.S. near the border town of McAllen involves a mix of hardship and blessings.

Having made the treacherous trip through the desert landscape and across the border, the lucky ones find themselves welcomed with food, water and human warmth at a Catholic-run humanitarian center in downtown McAllen.

But having just conquered the life-changing crossing, many of the migrants also find themselves immediately facing an unknown world and future ahead.

Though many bishops come to know many immigrants in the dioceses where they serve, except for the bishops along the border, few prelates witness that initial phase of the immigration journey that a group of bishops was privy to in early July. Bishop Bambera was a member of the delegation from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

They fed and spoke with a group of newly arrived immigrants to the U.S. at a Catholic Charities



Immigrant children are released from detention at a bus depot in McAllen, Texas. The U.S. bishops’ Migration and Refugee Services and Catholic Charities USA are lending their support to ongoing efforts to reunite immigrant families. Archbishop Bernardito Auza, the Vatican’s permanent observer to the United Nations, praised the U.N. for emphasizing “the right to family unity and to family life” in its compact on safe, orderly migration.

center and visited the controversial facilities where migrant children and teens have gotten their first taste of the U.S. – in detention – while temporarily separated from family. The bishops gave them rosaries and Bibles following a Mass they celebrated at one of the centers.

With their actions of charity and faith, they inserted themselves into the heart of the immigration debate the United States is experiencing, and one in which some Catholics remain aligned with political party ideology rather than with what the church is saying on the topic.

The way the bishops

see it, they were simply answering the call of Pope Francis, to “share the journey,” a campaign started in September 2017 that called on Catholics and people of goodwill around the world to spend time with migrants, to come face to face with them, perhaps serve them in some fashion and hear their story.

Caritas Internationalis kicked off the campaign internationally last year and it is being promoted in the U.S. by groups such as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Migration and Refugee Services.

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# OBISPOS EN LA FRONTERA

## COMPARTIENDO EL CAMINO CON MIGRANTES

McAllen, Texas (CNS) – El camino para muchos de nuevos migrantes entrando en los EEUU cerca de la frontera con el pueblo de McAllen, Tx. Es una mezcla de bendiciones y tropiezos.

Habiendo hecho el viaje muchas veces traicionero y temeroso por el desierto para cruzar la frontera, y algunos afortunados encontrándose con una bienvenida de comida, agua, el aliento y calor humano en los centros católicos humanitarios en el centro de la ciudad de McAllen.

Pero acabando de conquistar una experiencia que cambiará sus vidas, los migrantes se enfrentan en un mundo desconocido y un futuro incierto.

Aunque muchos de los obispos conocen muchos migrantes en sus diócesis donde sirven, excepto algunos obispos que están en la frontera, pocos prelados son testigos de esta fase inicial de los inmigrantes. Un grupo de obispos conocieron esta jornada de los migrantes cuando fueron a la frontera enviado por la conferencia Episcopal de EEUU en este mes de julio. El obispo Bambera fue uno de los delegados de este grupo.

Ellos le dieron de comer y hablaron con un grupo de inmigrantes a EEUU en el Centro de Caridades Católica y visitaron un centro de detención controversial donde niños y jóvenes migrantes pueden saborear su primera experiencia, en detención, donde están separados de sus familias temporariamente. El obispo de dio rosarios y biblias después de haber celebrado la Misa en uno de estos centros.

Con su acción de caridad y fe se involucraron en el corazón del debate de la inmigración en los EEUU, y donde algunos católicos aún apoyan las ideologías de partido político en vez lo que la Iglesia dice al respecto.

El entendimiento de los obispos es siguiendo el llamado de lo que el Papa ha dicho, “compartir el camino” una campaña comenzado en septiembre del 2017 que llama a los católicos y toda gente de buena voluntad alrededor del mundo a pasar el tiempo con los migrantes, venir cara a cara con ellos, tal vez servirles de alguna manera y escuchar sus historias.

Caritas Internationalis comenzó una campaña el año pasado y promovido en los EEUU por grupos como la Conferencia de Obispos de EEUU y su oficina de servicio de Migrantes y Refugiados.

En adición del obispo Bambera, el presidente de la conferencia episcopal de EEUU el Cardenal Daniel N. DiNardo de Galveston Houston y el obispo auxiliar Robert J. Brennan de Rockville Center, N.Y. también visitaron el centro, junto al Obispo local Daniel E. Flores e Brownsville y el Obispo Auxiliar Mario Avilés también de la diócesis de Brownsville. El Arzobispo José H. Gómez de Los Ángeles se unió al grupo el 2 de julio y celebró Misa en una de las facilidades con niños y jóvenes.

En menos de 48 horas, los obispos vieron caras de triunfo y alivio de los migrantes quienes fueron dejados en libertad por las autoridades de inmigración, pero culminaron su visita de dos días con una experiencia más sombrío al visitar niños viviendo temporariamente en un Wal-Mart convertido en sala de detención.

Durante una conferencia de prensa, ellos estresaron la necesidad de hacer algo para ayudar a los niños migrantes. “Los niños que han sido separados de sus padres necesitan ser reunidos. Esto ya ha comenzado, pero ciertamente no ha culminado y podrá haber complicaciones, pero se tiene que hacer, es urgente,” dijo el Cardenal DiNardo.

El edificio está ocupado por algunos 1,200 niños de 10 – 17 años de edad, dijo el obispo Bambera, y aunque aparente ser apropiado el cuidado recibido, era claro que “había una tristeza” manifestada por los niños, él dijo el pasado 2 de julio en su entrevista con Catholic News Service.

“Podemos proveer un ambiente material para cuidar de una persona, pero eso no nutre la vida. Se necesita la interacción humana con la familia o cuidadores,” él dijo.

Aunque muchos de los niños fueron considerados como “menores sin acompañantes” algunos fueron separados de sus familias con quienes viajaban, dijo el Obispo Bambera. “Y cuando les miramos, esos niños muestran la carga de esa separación,” dijo él.

El Obispo Bambera dijo, los niños escucharon atentamente durante la Misa y es aparente que tienen una devoción y piedad no visto en niños de esa edad. Durante la Misa “Yo vi algunos niños limpiándose los rostros de las lágrimas,” dijo él.

El Centro de Aliento de Caridades Católicas, el Obispo Bambera dijo haber sentido esperanza cuando escuchó la gente en el cuarto sobre lo que el futuro espera. Ellos no hablaban de cuánto dinero harían sino, como conseguir seguridad para sus hijos, el instinto más básico humano, la protección de la familia. En este cuarto es el núcleo de la enseñanza Católica de Justicia Social: la dignidad de la vida humana.

El obispo Bambera habla con una mujer inmigrante, recientemente liberada de la custodia de los Estados Unidos, el 1 de julio, en un centro de respiro de Caridades Católicas en McAllen, Texas. Estuvo entre una delegación de obispos estadounidenses que viajaron a la diócesis de Brownsville, Texas, para aprender más sobre la detención de inmigrantes centroamericanos en la frontera México-Estados Unidos. (foto del SNC/Chaz Muth)



Bishop Bambera talks to an immigrant woman, recently released from U.S. custody, July 1, at a Catholic Charities-run respite center in McAllen, Texas. He was among a delegation of U.S. bishops that traveled to the Diocese of Brownsville, Texas, to learn more about the detention of Central American immigrants at the U.S.-Mexican border. (CNS photo/Chaz Muth)

## Sharing the journey with migrants

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In addition to Bishop Bambera, USCCB president Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston and Auxiliary Bishop Robert J. Brennan of Rockville Centre, New York, took part in the visit to the center, along with local Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville and Auxiliary Bishop Mario Aviles, also of the Brownsville Diocese. Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles joined the group July 2 and celebrated Mass at one of the facilities with the children and teens.

In less than 48 hours, the bishops saw the faces of triumph and relief from migrants who had been recently released by immigration authorities, but ended their two-day journey to the border with a more “somber” experience, visiting detained migrant children living temporarily within the walls of a converted Walmart.

During a news conference after the second and last day of their visit July 2, they stressed the “urgent” need to do something to help the migrant children.

“The children who are separated from their parents need to be reunited. That’s already begun and it’s certainly not finished and there may be complications, but it must be done and it’s urgent,” said Cardinal DiNardo.

The building houses about 1,200 boys ages 10-17, said Bishop Bambera, and though the care they receive seems to be appropriate, it was clear that “there was a sadness” manifested by the boys, he said in a July 2 interview with Catholic News Service.

“We can provide the material environment to care for a person and it’s provided there, but that doesn’t nurture life. That takes the human interaction with the family or a caregiver,” he said.

Though many of the boys held there are considered “unaccompanied minors,” some were separated from a family member they were traveling with, said Bishop Bambera. And when you see them, “those boys bear clearly the burden of that” separation, he said.

Bishop Bambera said the boys listened intently during Mass and seemed to have a particular devotion and piety, one not seen in children that age. During Mass, “I saw a few boys wiping tears,” he said.

At the Catholic Charities respite center, Bishop Bambera said he found hope in hearing the people in the room talk about what’s ahead. They didn’t speak of making money but of finding safety for their children, he said, driven by “the most basic instinct to protect your family. In this room is the core of Catholic social teaching: the dignity of life.”

# Called as Servant Leaders

## Bishop commissions lay ministers

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera commissioned nine candidates completing the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry*, in a special liturgy he celebrated on July 17 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

Representing four of the eleven counties of the Diocese of Scranton (Monroe, Susquehanna, Lycoming and Lackawanna), these Lay Ministers are serving in a variety of roles within their parishes: Pastoral Associates; Catechists and Directors of Religious Education; Parish Council leaders; Liturgical leaders; and Ministers of Parish Outreach.

The newly Commissioned Lay Ministers are: Catherine Price, Queen of Apostles Parish, Avoca; Marilee Corcoran Beyer, Saint Brigid Parish, Friendsville; Michele M. Fenstermaker, Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Moscow; Mary Frances Krayski, Most Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco; Victoria Mulligan, Saint John-Saint Lawrence-Saint Martin's Parishes, Susquehanna; Gerald Broskey, Saint Boniface-Saint Lawrence Parishes, Williamsport/South Williamsport; Analia Kolakowski, Saint John Parish, East Stroudsburg; Tiffany J. Haller, Saint Ann Parish, Williamsport; and Linda Caroline Carbone, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Brodheadsville.

Bishop Bambera expressed his gratitude and offered prayers for those commissioned, saying "We lift you up to do great things for the Lord!"

Referring to the liturgy's Gospel in which Jesus sends 72 disciples out into the world, the Bishop told the new Lay Ministers and the entire assembly that "Jesus invites all of us to preach the Good News and proclaim the Kingdom."

Addressing the Lay Ministers, he said "This is your response to the Lord Jesus and all He has done for you in your life and on your journey. You understand the responsibility to take the gifts you have been given and use them to build up the Kingdom of God. This is the work that is entrusted to you tonight, so go forth generously and be the hands and heart of Jesus."

In June 2018, the Office for Parish Life hosted two Evenings

of Reflection for candidates in the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* process. During the course of these gatherings – in addition to having opportunity for fellowship and prayer together – these nine lay ministers completing the certificate process presented their final practicum projects in the company of their peers. The field experience of each candidate's practicum has been the culminating component of the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* program, lasting approximately 4-6 months in duration.

During this period, candidates either designed a new initiative for ministry, or refreshed an existing ministry in their parish. In collaboration with their pastors and a local mentor in their area of focus, the candidates' practicum projects addressed needs that were present in their faith community, in reference to their parish pastoral plan.

Commissioned Minister Jerry Broskey found throughout his project that in order to meet the needs of the faith community, "to



Bishop Bambera acknowledges the new Lay Ministers who participated in the Commissioning Mass.

be a servant, one must listen." Not only have these projects been implemented within the home parish communities where these Lay Ministers serve, but some initiatives have the potential to impact parishes across the Diocese of Scranton.

Mary Krayski, a Catechist at Most Holy Trinity Parish in Cresco, was able to present strategies for Special Needs catechesis at recent meetings for Directors of Religious Education. She says, "I started the Lay Ministry program to gain more knowledge about my faith. But, I have used the

information I learned to assist me in running my Faith Formation class, and to share my learning experience with the Catechists in my parish as well as other parishes in the Diocese."

This year's Lay Ministers presented a diverse range of practicum projects, integrating all four areas of Parish Life: WORD, WORSHIP, SERVICE and COMMUNITY. These projects detailed deeper exploration of scripture study, as well as new avenues of liturgical prayer; introduced measures for parish-wide wel-

coming and hospitality; inclusion measures for parishioners and religious education students with special needs; response to bereavement and grief; social action and acute crisis intervention in the local community; further development of outreach to the sick and homebound; recognition of gifts in the parish community, as well as strategies for improving internal and external communication throughout all areas of the parish.

Commissioned Minister Vickie Mulligan, Pastoral Associate at Saint John's-Saint Martin's-Saint Lawrence Parishes in Susquehanna, believes that her time in the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* process "has brought me to an appreciation that each of us have special gifts given from God, and that we can use them to help all members of our Churches. Through the learning process, each of us learned how to put our gifts to work in our parishes. Formation has impacted my ministry in many ways, and I am able to see more clearly the gifts of all people."

Fellow Minister, Linda Carbone, reiterated that taking part in this certificate process made her fall more deeply in love with the Church, and helped her identify her gifts as a child of God.

All lay ministers in the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* process are being prepared to lead their faith communities in areas such as directing parish programming, enlisting and coordinating committees and parish volunteer ministries, and accompanying parish members in areas of need, suited to each person's gifts.

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The new Lay Ministers commissioned by Bishop Bambera are, front row from left: Catherine Price, Queen of Apostles Parish, Avoca; Marilee Corcoran Beyer, Saint Brigid Parish, Friendsville; Michele M. Fenstermaker, Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Moscow; Mary Frances Krayski, Most Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco. Back row: Victoria Mulligan, Saint John-Saint Lawrence-Saint Martin's Parishes, Susquehanna; Gerald Broskey, Saint Boniface-Saint Lawrence Parishes, Williamsport/South Williamsport; Analia Kolakowski, Saint John Parish, East Stroudsburg; Tiffany J. Haller, Saint Ann Parish, Williamsport; Linda Caroline Carbone, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Brodheadsville.

## Preachers leading reflection at Solemn Novena to Saint Ann

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee” is the theme being explored by Passionist Fathers Michael Rowe and Donald Ware at the annual Solemn Novena to Saint Ann, which began July 17 and continues through the Feast of Saint Ann on Thursday, July 26, at Saint Ann’s Basilica in Scranton.

The theme for these special days of prayer and preaching reflects the thought of the old hymn “Just A Closer Walk With Thee.” The preachers will explore mileposts in our journey with the Lord Jesus.

Throughout the days of prayer and preaching, they will take a careful look at important dimensions of our spiritual journey with Jesus – from reflection on obstacles in the journey to initial attractions to the Lord in our lives, to our conversations in prayer along the way both personally and communally, to personal transformations found in the graces of forgiveness, gratitude, healing and commissioning to give life.

All are invited to share the journey of personal reflection and growth in holiness during this period of special prayer and devotion through the intercession of

Saint Ann, grandmother of the Lord Jesus.

Services, which include Mass and Novena, are at 8 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A Novena service only is at 3:30 p.m. each day. Confessions are available before and after each Mass and Novena service. An individual blessing with the relic of Saint Ann takes place after each Novena devotion.

### Special Masses include:

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick will be on Thursday, July 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the Upper Basilica.

Children’s Mass and Novena Prayers will be on Saturday, July 21, at 10:00 a.m. The service will be held outdoors and there will be a Special Blessing for all Families and Grandparents.

A Mass will be celebrated in the Tamil Language on Sunday, July 22, at 9:30 a.m. in the Lower Basilica.

Divine Liturgy (Eucharist) in the Byzantine Rite will be on Monday, July 23, at 4:30 p.m. There will be no 5:30 p.m. service on this day.

On Wednesday, July 25, beginning at 9:00 p.m., all-night adoration of the



Pilgrims attend Mass on July 17, the first day of the Novena.

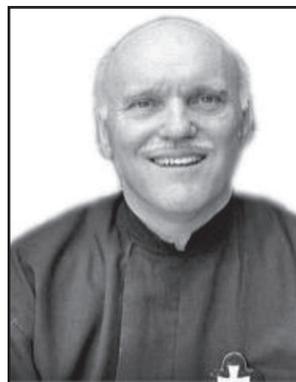


Father Michael Rowe, CP

Blessed Sacrament begins.

On Thursday, July 26, the Feast of Saint Ann, Mass and Novena prayers will begin at 4:30 a.m., 6:00 a.m., 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. Novena devotions only will be at 3:30 p.m. A Mass in Polish will be at 1:15 p.m. in the Upper Basilica.

Solemn Closing Mass of Saint Ann’s Novena will be held at 7:30 p.m. with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera presiding.



Father Donald Ware, CP

### Novena on CTV

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will broadcast a daily Mass and Novena service Monday through Friday at 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, July 21, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, July 22, at 5:00 p.m.

The Closing Ceremony being held on Thursday, July 26, will air on CTV on Friday, July 27, at 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

**Lord God, in your loving kindness you sent your son to be our shepherd and guide. Continue to send workers into your vineyard to sustain and direct your people. Bless these, your servants and let your Spirit uphold them always as they take up their new responsibilities among the people of their parishes and with the people of the whole Diocese of Scranton. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

– *Blessing and Commissioning*

port I received from the Diocese, my co-workers and key volunteers at the parish was overwhelming. As a result of the certificate, the formation helped me dig deeper into the intricacies of our faith. I am able to serve my parish in a more informed way.”

In the early Fall, Kitty Scanlan, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, will be presenting information about the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry*, and other resources for enrichment for the laity of the Diocese. Parishes interested in hosting these information sessions are encouraged to call the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

## Reverend Ronald J. Hughes Passes Away July 17

Reverend Ronald J. Hughes, Dunmore, died Tuesday, July 17, at Little Flower Manor in Wilkes-Barre.

Father Hughes, son of the late William Thomas Sr. and Christine (Regan) Hughes, was born in Scranton on January 28, 1954. He received his early education at Christ the King, Dunmore, and Bishop Hannan High School, Scranton. He attended the University of Scranton where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He entered the seminary at Saint Pius X Seminary, Dalton, and completed his studies for the priesthood at Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora, N.Y.

He was ordained to the priesthood on April 24, 1982, by Most Reverend Joseph Carroll McCormick, late Bishop of Scranton.

Father Hughes’ first assignment was as assistant pastor at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Peckville. In April of 1982, he was appointed to serve in residence at Holy Family Church, Sugar Notch.

Father Hughes received his first pastorate at Saint Ann, Bentley Creek, from 1991-1996. In July of 1996, Father Hughes was appointed pastor of Saints Peter and Paul, Towanda, where he served for nine years until his appointment as pastor at Saint Ann, Tobyhanna, in 2005.

In October of 2006, Father was appointed assistant pastor at Saint Thomas Aquinas, Archbald, and Saint Mary Czestochowa, Eynon. In February 2008, Father was appointed assistant pastor at Saint Rose, Carbondale, and Saint Pius X, Royal, where he served until his appointment as administrator at Saint Joachim, Meshoppen, in May of 2008.



Reverend Ronald J. Hughes

Father Hughes’ next appointment was as assistant pastor at Saint Lawrence O’Toole/Saint Mary/Saint Michael, Old Forge, in October of 2008. He was granted an early retirement due to health issues in February 2016.

In addition to his pastoral appointments, Father served the Diocese as Dean of the Bradford-Sullivan Deanery from 1996 through 2003.

Father is survived by a brother, William and wife Kathy Hughes, Dunmore; nephews, Corey and wife Maddy Hughes, Orangeville; and Brian and wife Lindsey Hughes, West Chester; and great-nephews, Cooper and Colin Hughes.

The family of Father Hughes would like to thank the staff of Saint John Vianney Center, Downingtown, and Little Flower Manor/Saint Therese Residence, Wilkes-Barre, for their kindness, dedication and professional assistance over the years.

Viewing will take place Friday, July 20, at Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Church, 322 Chestnut Street, Dunmore, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

A Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in the church by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on Friday, July 20, at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be in Cathedral Cemetery, Scranton.

## Bishop commissions lay ministers

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Since May of 2014 – at the invitation of Bishop Bambera in his pastoral letter, *Wounded in Loved, Regathering the Scattered* – parish lay ministers from across the Diocese of Scranton have committed to growing in servant leadership, through knowledge and praxis in several ways.

For theological foundations, candidates engaged in online courses offered through the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), sponsored by the University of Dayton; they participate in evenings of reflection, individual spiritual companioning, and retreat opportunities; and to equip them with practical skills and a growing awareness of beneficial pastoral ministry resources, candidates attend regional “skills” workshops throughout the year.

Tiffany Haller, Director of Religious Education at Saint Ann’s Parish in Williamsport, found all of the academic components, in addition to the growing collaboration between ministers, to be a beneficial experience during her time in the Lay Ministry Formation program: “The sup-

# Quo Vadis Days – young men gather to grow as disciples

The Diocesan Vocation Office once again hosted *Quo Vadis Days* at Misericordia University June 24-27. The camp brought together men of high school age who are committed to their Catholic faith and actively involved in the life of their parishes and schools.

“This was our fourth year for *Quo Vadis Days*,” said Father Don Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians. “It was a great opportunity for young people from across the Diocese of Scranton to gather, pray, grow as disciples of Jesus all while having fun.”

The name *Quo Vadis* (Where are you going?) poses the question that every person faces as their life unfolds and they make decisions about their vocation, be it as a single or married person, or someone called to serve as a priest or religious.

*Quo Vadis* brought together over 40 young men plus seminarians, young adult volunteers, assistant vocation directors, and priests from around the Diocese of Scranton. The camp offered participants an opportunity to reflect on and deepen their faith, learn more about all vocations, and better discern God’s call in their lives through dynamic talks, games, prayer, sports, activities, music, liturgy and much more.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera visited on Monday for an outdoor cookout and a special question and answer session with the participants.

“We are now looking forward to keeping the spirit of *Quo Vadis* alive through upcoming events,” said Father Williams. “Each participant is encouraged to invite friends.”

For more information about the *Quo Vadis* program, please call 570-207-1452.



A large group gathered for this year's *Quo Vadis Days* at Misericordia University.



Participants share a meal together.



Newly ordained Father Ryan Glenn presided at Mass.



Left: Bishop Bambera connects with participants during an outdoor cookout and question & answer session.

## Quo Vadis (Where are you going?)



Father Brian Van Fossen, an assistant vocation director, explains to participants the meaning of *Quo Vadis*.



Left: A game of Frisbee during free time.

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Celebrates Renovation of Church in Dupont

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Bishop Bambera celebrated the 4 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, July 14, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Dupont, to mark the conclusion of the parish's year-long renovation of the church sanctuary and nave. Assisted by the pastor, Father Thomas J. Petro, the Bishop dedicated the new altar of sacrifice which was made this year to match the existing high altar that was constructed in 1920.

In addition to a new altar, the nave was carpeted and new solid oak pews were installed. A state-of-the-art sound system replaced the outdated audio equipment. New red oak floors now grace the sanctuary. Nicholson artist Henry Pospieszalski painted large murals of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart and the Divine Mercy on the walls above the newly installed side altars.

These side altars dedicated to Saint Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary were manufactured in 1908 in Wilkes-Barre by Edward Jacobs. They were originally built for Saint George Church in Shenandoah, and remained there until its closure in 2006. The Diocese of Allentown put them and other liturgical items into storage until they were purchased and restored this year by Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. The side altars are practically identical in design to the parish's high altar.

The parish also purchased the matching ambo and the cantor's stand that were once used by Saint George Church. Wood from the high altar of Saint George Church was used to construct two new pedestals for statues. Other vintage liturgical items that were purchased from the Allentown Diocese include a baptismal font, chairs and a large wall stand for an Infant of Prague statue.

Renovation work soon to be completed includes the installation of a ringing system for the three steeple bells and the restoring of the parish's large antique crystal chandelier and its relocation to the central nave.

Father Petro was assisted by members of the parish Finance and Pastoral Councils, as well as a specially formed Restoration Committee, to accomplish the work on the church's interior. The entire scope of the renovation was financed by parishioner fundraising and donations.

The interior of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church was last renovated over 40 years ago. The parish was founded by immigrants from Poland in 1902.

## CLERGY APPOINTMENT

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

### DEAN

**Reverend Gerard M. McGlone** has been appointed Dean of the Carbondale Deanery, effective June 25, 2018.



## BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

**July 24-26** - CADEIO-SEIA Summer Institute, Washington, D.C.

**July 26** - Closing Mass, Saint Ann's Novena, Saint Ann's Basilica, Scranton, 7:30 p.m.

**August 4** - Catholic Charismatic Renewal Mass, University of Scranton, 3:15 p.m.

**August 5** - Mass - Saint Augustine Church, Diocese of Scranton 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, (Oldest Church in the Diocese of Scranton), Silver Lake, 10:30 a.m.

**August 8** - Seminarian Summer Gathering Mass, Jesuit Retreat Center, Chapman Lake, 5:00 p.m.





**Celebrating 50 years as a community of faith, parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Brodheads ville gathered on July 8 with Bishop Bambera for Mass and a Rosary procession to commemorate their milestone anniversary. Afterward they enjoyed a picnic using their new pavilion.**



*The Catholic Light Photos/Mike Melisky*



## *Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Carbondale*



**Last Sunday, July 15, Bishop Bambera was the main celebrant and homilist for the annual Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Carbondale. The parish invited the Bishop to celebrate this year's Feast Day in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the Diocese. The three-day Feast culminated in the special Mass to honor Our Lady of Mount Carmel followed by a procession with her statue throughout the west side of Carbondale. Bishop Bambera walked the entire procession with many of the members of the parish and was able to visit people along the way and to give a special blessing to the sick and to those families who lost a loved one during the last year. Two of the stops were at the Carbondale and Creekside nursing homes where the Bishop greeted and blessed the residents, many who were members of Mount Carmel and Saint Rose parishes. The day concluded with Bishop Bambera celebrating benediction.**

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## A Portrait of Pennsylvania's Poor

By *A.B. Hill*  
*Communications Director,*  
*Pennsylvania Catholic Conference*

Jesus said, “The poor you will always have with you” (Matthew 26:11); but who are the poor?

According to the U.S. Census, approximately 13 percent of Pennsylvanians live under the poverty line. This is a threshold determined by the Census Bureau to be the minimum income necessary for meeting basic needs. The annual income figure is adjusted by the number of family members that it is supposed to support. For example, in 2017, a family of four earning less than \$49,200 per year is counted as poor in the statistics. The poverty threshold is updated annually to account for inflation, but admittedly it does not provide a complete description of what families need to live. It is merely a statistical yardstick to help us gauge the economic circumstances of our communities.

Works of mercy, those charitable actions by which we help our neighbors with spiritual and bodily necessities, have been a concern for Christians since the beginning. We are called by Jesus himself to care for the needs of sufferers. Many of us know the corporal works of mercy by heart: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2447)

This love for the poor is supposed to inspire our decisions about how we practice this Christian charity through direct giving and in our work toward alleviating conditions that contribute to poverty. While there is much debate about how to address the needs of the poor and who bears the greatest responsibility, it is certain that the Church alone cannot eliminate poverty.

As the public affairs agency for the Catholic Church in the state capital, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference sits at the intersection between Catholic Charities and state government policy. We must pay close attention to the debate about poverty in the public square.

This series of articles will explore a few important questions: What is it like to experience poverty? How does someone fall into that situation? What is Pennsylvania doing to address the problem? What can a concerned Catholic citizen do to help?

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## A History of Helping the Poor

The Pennsylvania General Assembly passed its 2018-2019 spending plan a full five days before the constitutional June 30 deadline. Part of this year's \$32.7 billion budget includes \$12.5 billion for human services that help the poor — Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (known as SNAP or food stamps), housing assistance, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and others. Many line items represent the state's obligation toward implementing federal programs. While these programs may seem like a fact of life today, they were not always available to people in need.

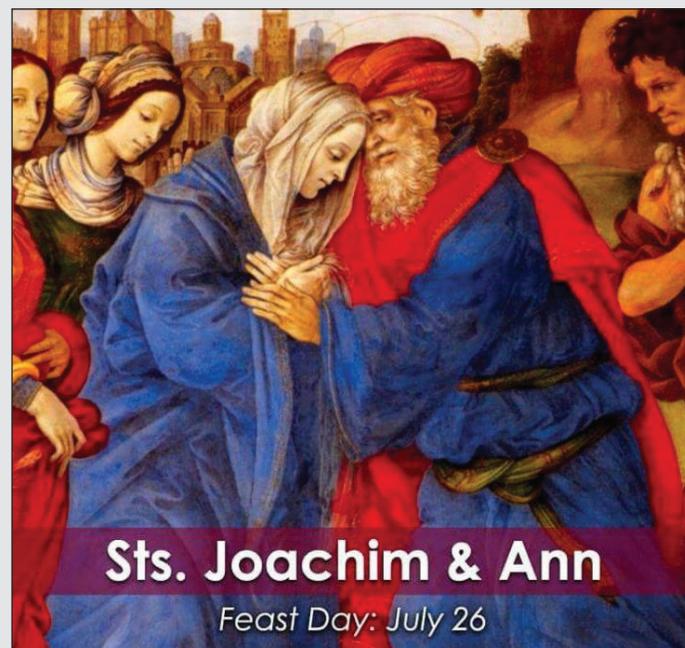
When the economy doubled from 1920 to 1929, Americans found it hard to believe that anything but good would come to the United States and its citizens. The stock market hit its peak in August 1929, and



By **Ethan Miscavige**

few Americans were out of work. But on October 29, 1929, “Black Tuesday,” the stock market suffered a calamitous crash. The rush on banks caused financial turmoil, many valuable American jobs were lost, and people everywhere were left with little to nothing. To make matters worse, a severe drought caused decreased food production

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## Prayer Requests for Priests

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

July 19, Father Anthony Urban; July 20, Father Brian Van Fossen; July 21, Monsignor Neil Van Loon; July 22, Father Joseph Verespy; July 23, Father John Victoria; July 24, Father Alfred Vito; July 25, Father James Walsh; July 26, Father Jeffrey Walsh, V.E.; July 27, Monsignor William Ward; July 28,

Father Christopher Washington; July 29, Father Marek Wasilewski; July 30, Father Seth Wasnock; July 31, Father Joseph Weber; August 1, Pope Francis; August 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; August 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; August 4, Father Donald Williams; August 5, Father Bryan Wright; August 6, Father Richard Zavacki; August 7, Father Wieslaw Ziebacz; August 8, Father Michael Zipay.



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# Scouts Merit Catholic Badges of Faith & Honor

Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin presided over a Pontifical Mass for Scouts and Parish Youth at the Cathedral of Saint Peter on Thursday, June 7. On that evening, 28 young people received awards from Bishop Timlin on behalf of the Diocese of Scranton for their achievements in the Scouting Religious Emblems Programs.

Award recipients served at the Mass as lector and gift bearers, and siblings served as acolytes. Father Gregory A. Reichlen, pastor of Saint John Parish in East Stroudsburg, offered the homily.

Father Reichlen congratulated the scouts saying, "As we honor you tonight... we hope that you never forget the Scout Oath and

the Scout Law... and never forget how you have been formed into a person of character by being a Scout."

Echoing the Gospel, he recalled that Jesus summed up all of his teaching in one law: "Love the Lord your God with your whole heart, your whole mind, your whole soul and your whole strength... and love your neighbor as yourself."

In his remarks after presenting the awards, Bishop Timlin revealed that he had been in Scouting in his youth (he was a Tenderfoot in the 1930s). After he was ordained he became an assistant pastor and moderator of Troop 87 in Scranton.



While the number of Scouts has diminished over the years, he asserted that the Scouts before him were a "stand out group." Bishop Timlin reminded the Scouts that receiving awards was not an end in itself. He said, "It's not about getting awards, but about living the awards."

Boys of confirmation age or older were recognized for their work on the *Ad Altare Dei* (*To the Altar of God*) program. This award is given for study of the seven sacraments and the significance and symbolism surrounding each.

Young men of high-school age were awarded the medal representing their work on the *Pope Pius XII* program. Over a period of many months, the students were asked to look deep within their hearts to discover their vocation in life and their responsibilities as adult Catholics.

Also awarded were the *I Live My Faith*, and *Mary, the First Disciple* (*Marian*) medals. Both boys and girls may work toward the reception of these awards. The *I Live My Faith* program focuses on what young people can do to make the Catholic faith visible in their everyday lives, whether that be in school, community, parish or home.

The *Marian* medal is centered on Mary, the Mother of God, as the first disciple. The work involves an intensive study of Mary's life, as students grow to be more like Mary in their response to God.

For a complete listing of the recipients of the Catholic Religious Emblems for Scouting, please see the website of the Diocese of Scranton [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org).



# National Shrine in Washington Bears Imprint of the Diocese of Scranton

When Bishop Joseph C. Bambera leads the pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., this September as part of the year-long celebration of the Diocese of Scranton's 150th Anniversary, Diocesan pilgrims will be greeted by a friendly — and familiar — face.

Scranton's own Monsignor Walter Rossi has been serving as rector of the National Shrine since 2005. Now in his 20th year in ministry at the largest Roman Catholic church in the United States and North America, Monsignor Rossi, 57, was the shrine's director of pilgrimages for eight years prior to ascending to the role of rector.

Most recently, the Dunmore native son who was ordained for his home Diocese in 1987, oversaw the completion of the Shrine Basilica's crowning jewel — the Trinity Dome Mosaic — which was dedicated on Dec. 8, 2017, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in anticipation of the centennial observance of the laying of the National Shrine foundation stone in 2020.



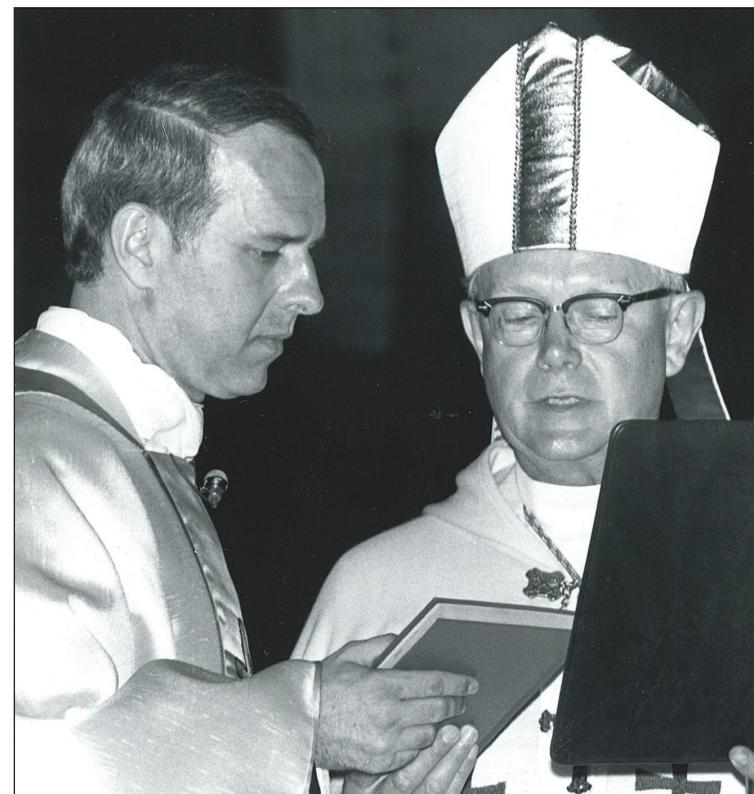
**Monsignor Walter Rossi is pictured on scaffolding in front of an image of Saint Mark the Evangelist as he inspects the installation work on the Trinity Dome Mosaic at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington prior to its dedication in December.**

"I have been privileged to serve at Mary's Shrine for more than two decades," Monsignor Rossi said as he joyfully awaits the upcoming fall arrival of the multitudes of pilgrims from back home. "These years have been filled with many blessings, most especially witnessing the faith of our visitors and pilgrims."

He continued, "Since we are not a parish church, everyone who

comes to the Shrine wants to be here, which reinforces my belief that faith is alive and well, and that Marian devotion remains an important part of people's lives. The faith of our visitors supports my own faith, and hopefully, when our guests leave Mary's Shrine, their own faith is renewed and strengthened."

Some 20 years prior to arriving at the steps of America's



**Archbishop James A. Hickey of Washington installs Monsignor Eugene Bilski, a priest of the Diocese of Scranton, as the eighth Director of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., in 1981.**

Catholic church in the nation's capital, Monsignor Rossi had his way somewhat paved by another

Scranton Diocesan priest — Monsignor Eugene Bilski, who was assigned to the National Shrine in 1977 to serve as assistant director for the development of its newly organized educational ministry.

Having been elected to the Shrine's Board of Trustees in 1975, the Mayfield native would eventually assume the duties as eighth executive director of the National Shrine in 1981, a position he held until 1983.

At the time of his unexpected death in 1990 at the age of 51, Monsignor Bilski was serving as rector of the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

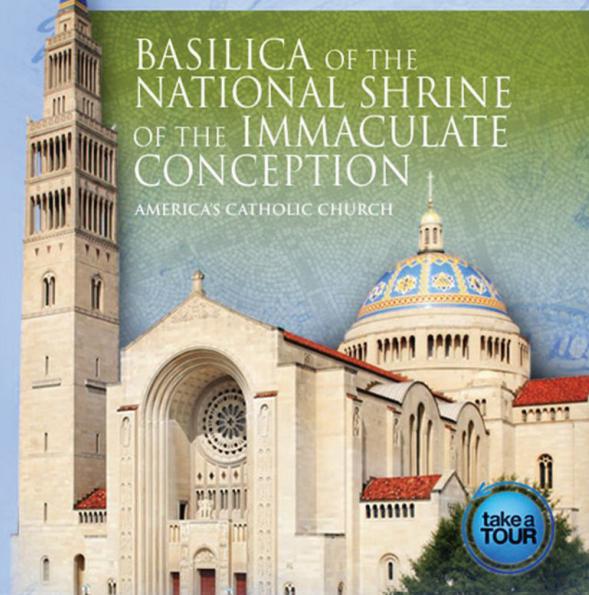
"The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is a church to which come thousands of people annually," Monsignor Bilski expressed in the beginning of his message introducing *Mary's Journey*, a major new educational and catechetical kit produced by the National Shrine in 1982.

"Built as an expression of devotion to Mary by the many women, men and children who, in the past, contributed from the material resources of their poverty, the Shrine today stands... as an oasis of faith calling people to a fuller life in Christ, the Son of Mary."

**DIocese of SCRANTON 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE  
TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018**



*Ama Redemptoris Mater,  
In Porta manes,*



- 6:00 a.m.** Buses begin to depart from various locations
- 9:30 a.m.** Morning prayer on individual buses
- 11:00 a.m.** Arrival at the Basilica of the National Shrine
- 12:00 p.m.** Welcome in the Upper Church, Fr. Hvozdovic
- 12:10 p.m.** Tour of Faith - Upper Church – National Shrine Director of Pilgrimages
- 12:30 p.m.** Rosary for World Peace - Upper Church
- 1:00-3:00 p.m.** FREE TIME for lunch, touring, private prayer
- 2:00 p.m.** Confession opportunity in the Crypt Church
- 3:00 p.m.** Gather in the Upper Church to prepare for Mass
- 3:15 p.m.** Pontifical Mass  
The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.,  
Bishop of Scranton, Celebrant and Homilist
- 4:45 p.m.** Buses depart National Shrine
- 5:30 p.m.** Evening Prayer on individual buses
- 10:30 p.m.** Approximate return time to point of departure

**Pilgrimage Cost: \$55/person + lunch**  
**Register through your parish**  
**For more information, call:**  
**Office for Parish Life**  
**570-207-2213**





The Social Concerns Committee at Saint Matthew's Parish in East Stroudsburg recently hosted a Community Day to mark the one-year anniversary of a program that aims to help those who may be caring for someone who is challenged by an addiction. Held on the parish grounds, the event featured representatives from agencies and organizations that provide services to people battling addictions, and their family members and caretakers. Food and activities for young people were also offered.



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Mike Melisky



## Invitation to Catechist Camp

The Office for Parish Life is planning a one-day Catechist Camp for everyone involved in catechetical ministry or family-oriented faith formation. The one-day camp will be presented in five parishes of our Diocese, between August 4 - 10, 2018.

**Saturday, August 4, 2018 (8:30am-3:30pm)**  
Holy Rosary Parish, Hazleton

**Wednesday, August 8, 2018 (1:00-8:00pm)**  
Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas

**Monday, August 6, 2018 (1:00-8:00pm)**  
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Peckville

**Thursday, August 9, 2018 (1:00-8:00pm)**  
St. Lawrence Parish, South Williamsport

**Friday, August 10, 2018 (1:00-8:00pm)**  
St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Pocono Pines

### FORMAT:

- Welcome Prayer followed by the general session: *"The Family-at-the-Center Approach to Faith Formation"* Catherine Butel
- Breakout Session I
- Breakout Session II
- Camp-inspired Dinner (lunch on August 4)
- Practical Steps to Family Faith Formation

### BREAKOUT SESSION TOPICS:

*Family Service Projects: the Why? And the How?*  
*From Faith Formation to Youth Ministry*  
*Living the Faith vs. Learning the Faith*  
*Rest for the Weary: Taking Sabbath Time*  
*Unlikely Disciples: An Exploration of "Hidden" Gifts and Growth in Ministry*

Jennifer Hayes Housel  
Shannon Kowalski  
Luis Rivera  
Mary Anne Malone  
Kitty Scanlan  
Kathleen Bolinski

*What You Need to Know about Safe Environment*

If you are a parent, a parish or school religion teacher/catechist, a youth minister or a volunteer in any parish or school ministry involving children, youth and families, this day is designed for you. Please join us at the location that is most convenient for you. Cost for the day is \$20. To register, go to the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org). For more information, contact Mary Anne Malone: (570) 207-2213 or [mary-anne-malone@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:mary-anne-malone@dioceseofscranton.org).

# Bold Choices Retreat

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# Eucharistic Adoration Anniversary in Fairmount Springs



Holy Spirit Parish celebrated the 30th anniversary of weekly Eucharistic Adoration at Saint Martha Church, Fairmount Springs, with a Vespers service and Eucharistic procession on the recent Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ — Corpus Christi Sunday.

Students from Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston and members of Saint Martha's Youth Group led the singing for the service and assisted with the picnic reception that followed. Father Louis Kaminski, host pastor, served



as celebrant for the day, assisted by Father Joseph Mosley of Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston, and Deacon Peter Smith.

Eucharistic adoration is held at Saint Martha's every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. A Holy Hour for Priests is offered monthly — usually on the second Tuesday — during adoration.

For more information, contact coordinators Rebecca or Michael Micca at (570-256-7329).



## Wilkes-Barre Ministerium Supports Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen

The Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen recently received a donation of more than \$1,500 from the Wilkes-Barre Ministerium. Monies were raised during Lenten services sponsored by the Ministerium, which were held at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral. Shown, from left: Rev. Bob Zanicky, First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre; Pastor Stephen Perillo, Making A Difference Ministries; Mark Laubach, organist and choir master, Saint Stephen's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral; Martha Jewell, junior warden, Saint Stephen's; Rev. Brian Pavlac, priest-in-charge, Saint Stephen's; Monsignor Vincent Grimalia, Diocesan coordinator of ecumenism and interfaith relations and coordinator of Wilkes-Barre Ministerium; Mary Theresa Malandro, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Human Services and chief executive officer of Catholic Social Services; Mike Cianciotta, program director, Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen; Deacon Bill Behm, parish life coordinator, Saint Andrew Parish, Wilkes-Barre; Rev. William Marshall, priest associate, Saint Stephen's; and Rev. Dan FitzSimmons, Saint Martin-in-The-Fields, Mountain Top.

## PCC Series on Poverty in Pennsylvania: A History of Helping the Poor

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and increased food prices. Bread lines and soup kitchens became necessities, and many families broke apart. There was genuine fear for the future and the resulting wide spread poverty was known as the Great Depression.

In 1932 Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected president of the United States. He proposed many social programs to improve the lives of Americans including the Social Security Act. It was meant to support those who lost their jobs, the elderly, survivors of family breadwinners who passed away, and dependent or disabled children.

American Catholics were on the front lines of caring for the poor through the Church's charitable works, but also in advocacy for social justice. The National Catholic Welfare Conference (a precursor to today's United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) wrote a letter to Congress articulating Catholic support for the Economic Security Act, "Everything that promotes just legislation, and particularly such legislation as is beneficial and helpful to our needy citizens in this time of wide-spread distress, has received and will receive the full support of the National Catholic Conference." They also

advocated for the law to support the kind of public/private partnerships that are common today.

Decades later President Lyndon B. Johnson furthered Roosevelt's work. His "War on Poverty" helped poor communities by creating jobs, issuing loans, and providing guarantees for employers that hired the unemployed. Greater access to health care was granted when Medicare and Medicaid became law. And schools and early childhood programs like Head Start were given greater resources.

There was much debate in the 1930s and the 1960s about the role of govern-

ment in alleviating poverty. The debate continues today; but what remains is the need for society to care for the poor. Government alone cannot solve the problem of poverty. As Catholics we must do the best we can with the charitable works in our Church; but also work to change public policy to eliminate contributing factors to poverty.

*Ethan Miscavige is a high school student doing a summer internship with the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference. PCC Communications Director Amy Hill contributed to this story.*

Diocese of Scranton  
**CATHOLIC**  
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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.*



On a beautiful spring day, students from **Epiphany School in Sayre** ran, jogged or walked around the school 1,414 times, raising over \$12,000 for the school's technology program.



Sister Mary Alice Kane, I.H.M., principal of **Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg**, poses with 1<sup>st</sup> grader Lucia Virgil, the top fundraiser for the school's Race for Education (RFE). RFE donations are used to fund school activities, to improve the technology in the classrooms, to pay for busing for field trips, as well as classroom enhancements.



Addison Nat, Matthew Salvatorelli, Gavin Brennan, Ariana Rocha, Brayden Hardy, Lailah Eckhart and Grace Mauclair, students at **Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco**, made oversized animal-face collages as part of the school's Summer Art Camp.



Julia Curran and Karen Daly, students at **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green**, performed on their guitars as part of the music ministry at a school Mass.



"Donuts for Dad" was recently held at **Holy Rosary School in Duryea**; pictured are three generations of the Francis family: Ken Sr., 8<sup>th</sup> grader Andrew, and Ken Jr.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class of **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston** surprised the members of the Kingston Fire Department with coffee and donuts before the end of school as a “THANK YOU” for keeping their community safe. The Fire Department responded by bringing the fire trucks to GSA for the students to see.



Before the end of the school year, **All Saints Academy in Scranton** held its annual Book Fair; pictured here is Meghan Maloney showing her favorite selection to her mom and baby sister.



At a recent Williamsport Lions Club dinner meeting, Kyle Ferguson, Connery McFadden, Jenny Mertes and Anne Weller, students at **Saint John Neumann High School in Williamsport**, were honored as “LEOs of the Quarter.”



Nineteen 9<sup>th</sup> grade students from **Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre** won high achievement awards for excellence in the 2018 National Latin Exam. Over 143,000 students from 50 states and 24 foreign countries participated in the National Latin Exam. Pictured are students who earned an award: Matt Albrecht, Alex Hajkowski, Kip Miller, Matt Williams, Peter Khoudary, Andrew Skutack, Lance McGrance, Sarah Stettler, Jeffery Stilp, Dominic Alberti, Adam Smith, Kelci Kuren, Aimee Makowski, Amelia Anderson, Olivia Lewis, Vanessa Pinto, Abigail Sankus and Katelyn English.



Students at **Saint Jude School in Mountain Top** gave musical performances during the last week of school to highlight what was learned in class throughout the year. 2nd and 3rd graders learned about Bob Dylan and sang “Blowing in the Wind.” Other classes played Native American flutes, and recorders. Here 7<sup>th</sup> graders performed on bucket drums, which was part of the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade music lessons for the 2017-18 school year.



Ryleigh Santee, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter**, takes time during her summer vacation to water the STEM garden. When the school begins to harvest the vegetables, they will be donated to those in need.



Juniors Dylan Parris, Samantha Agens and Yanna Jackson from **Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg** play with a giant Jenga, just one of the activities at the school’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary End-of-the Year picnic.



Roxanne Saksek, Arianna Lynch and Zoe Katona, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton**, snack on snow cones, provided by the school’s parent group, as a welcome to the last week of the 2017-18 school year.



Primary Campus students from **Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton** visited Bee’s Backyard for a class field trip.



Students at **Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore** enjoy the treats and activities at the school’s annual end-of-year carnival.



Images shown above: Type is set for "The Catholic Light." | The newspaper has used various sizes and formats over the years. | A wealth of information is available to everyone through the Diocesan website. | The Diocese uses social media including Facebook to connect with people.

# Communicating the Good News THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE

*"The Church needs to be concerned for, and present in, the world of communication, in order to dialogue with people today and to help them encounter Christ."*

Pope Francis



## COMMUNICATING THE GOOD NEWS

The Diocese of Scranton continues to spread the "Good News" of the Catholic Church throughout its corner of Pennsylvania through print, broadcast, electronic and, most recently, social media. *The Catholic Light* newspaper is by far the oldest of these vehicles for disseminating news and information, first founded as a Catholic news

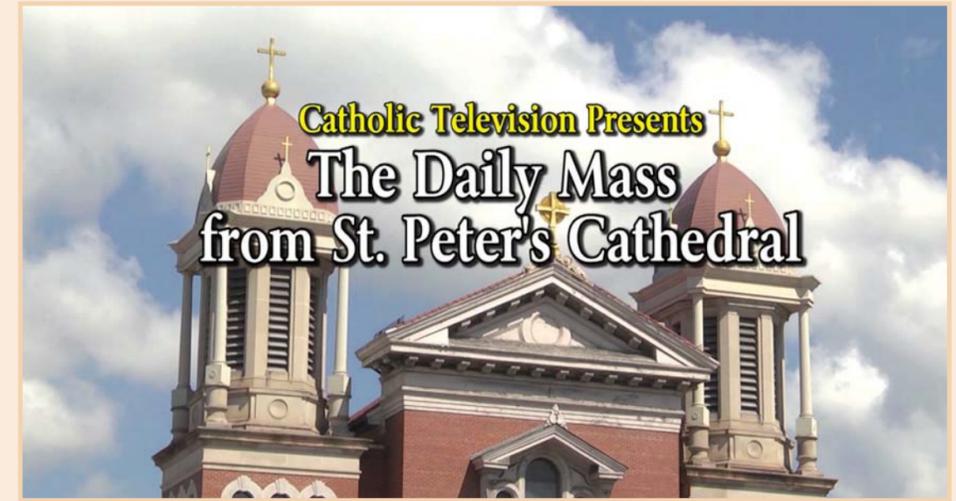
publication during the dawn of the 20th century before becoming the official newspaper of the Scranton Diocese in the early 1920s. Expanding its reach to faithful via the airwaves some 60 years later, the Diocese forged ahead as a pioneer in Catholic television broadcasting. And in keeping step with a modern-era means of communication, the Diocese has ventured into the realm of social media.

### THE CATHOLIC LIGHT

*The Catholic Light* was launched as a Catholic news publication in March 1901. For the first two decades the newspaper's masthead bore the names of a number of editors and publishers. Following its purchase by the Diocese, *The Catholic Light* continued as a weekly publication for more than 50 years until August 1974 when it began publishing bi-weekly. More recently, *The Catholic Light* began publishing on a tri-weekly basis — every third Thursday — in the summer of 2005. The publication's appearance underwent an historic transformation in early 2009 when its time-honored broad-sheet layout gave way to the more-popular and reader-friendly tabloid format the paper offers today to its 50,000 subscribers.

### CTV

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton covers most of the Diocese's 11 counties in northeastern and north central Pennsylvania, reaching households over-the-air and via seven cable TV systems. It was in 1986 that a studio/control room was installed and in 1989 a broadcast tower, transmitters and other communications facilities were constructed. In addition to local programming, CTV's around-the-clock broadcasts include a national and international news feed from the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) based in Alabama. Catholic Television's staple production is "The Daily Mass" broadcast live each weekday from the Cathedral of Saint Peter in downtown Scranton, followed by daily rebroadcasts. Regular Diocesan programming includes the monthly Catholic news magazine show "Our Faith, Our Diocese," live broadcasts of the Annual Novena to Saint Ann celebrated each July from the Passionist-run Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Ann in West Scranton, and other live and rebroadcast productions of liturgical celebrations and events from around the Diocese.



CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton airs a live Daily Mass weekdays and other programs throughout each day of the year.

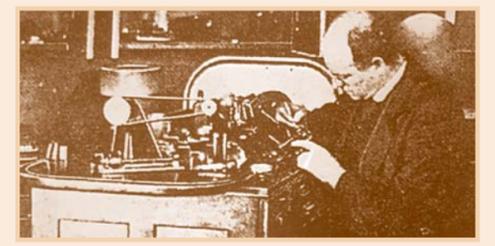
### INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

As other forms of communication were developed, the Diocese of Scranton initially created its own website — [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) — in 2000. Content and visual enhancements have been continually added to the website's basic body of information, including special messages from the Bishop, timely news announcements, current and archived issues of *The Catholic Light*, video of "The Daily Mass from Saint Peter's Cathedral," online registration for Diocesan programs and

events, and a Diocesan Directory — providing a complete listing of priests, men and women religious and permanent deacons serving within the Diocese; Diocesan offices and staffs and other institutions; Catholic schools, programs offered to enhance parish life, and Catholic parishes and their schedule of Masses and other devotions. A Diocesan Facebook page — [www.facebook.com/DioceseOfScranton](http://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfScranton) — was launched in 2013, and the Diocese soon joined the worldwide social media network of Twitter at: [www.twitter.com/DioceseOfScr](http://www.twitter.com/DioceseOfScr).

### FAITH FACTS:

- From its inception as the official publication of the Diocese of Scranton, *The Catholic Light* newspaper was led by seven priest-editors until August of 1985, when announcement was made of the historic appointment of Arthur F. Perry as the first layman to serve as editor-in-chief.
- During its long history, *The Catholic Light* has had a great number of priests of the Diocese serve as assistant, associate and contributing editors, including Auxiliary Bishops Martin J. O'Connor and Henry T. Klonowski.
- The birth of CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton is often equated with a momentous press conference on January 26, 1987, with Bishop James C. Timlin's announcement of significant agreements with local cable television pioneers Joe Gans, owner of Northeast Cable in Dunmore; Jim Tedesco, manager of Verto Cable; and Ed Gans, manager of Service Electric Cable in Wilkes-Barre.
- Although not operated by the Diocese, JMJ Catholic Radio offers listeners faith-based programs on 750 AM, 1490 AM, 98.9 FM and 91.7 FM. And a priest of the Diocese, Father Josef Murgas, is noted for his groundbreaking work in wireless broadcasting technology in 1905.



1922

Scranton - *The Catholic Light* becomes the official newspaper of the Diocese of Scranton.



1983

Scranton - Bishop John J. O'Connor establishes the Diocesan Office of Communications and appoints a lay person, Mary Ellen Keating, to be its director.



1989

Scranton - Broadcast tower for CTV: Catholic Television constructed in Bear Creek.



2000

Scranton - The Diocese of Scranton launches its own website: [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org).



2014

Scranton - Bishop Joseph C. Bambera joins Twitter social media via [www.twitter.com/BishopBambera](http://www.twitter.com/BishopBambera)



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## AUGUST SCHEDULE

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	SUNDAY 7-15	MONDAY 7-16	TUESDAY 7-17	WEDNESDAY 7-18	THURSDAY 7-19	FRIDAY 7-20	SATURDAY 7-21	
12:00 AM	EWTN SPECIALS	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	DAILY MASS (Encore)				FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	
1:00 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	(1:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	THE JOURNEY HOME (Encore)	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	
1:30 AM	PRAYING AS A FAMILY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	LIFE ON THE ROCK	BATTLE READY	THE BIBLE & VIRGIN MARY	
2:00 AM	TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THRU MARY						EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)	
2:30 AM	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	
3:00 AM	EWTN ON LOCATION			DEFENDING LIFE	ANGELUS FROM NAZARETH	SAINTS VS SCOUNDRELS	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOG	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN
3:30 AM	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	SUNDAY NIGHT PRIME	WHERE GOD WEEPS	RIVER OF LIGHT (4AM)	BOB AND PENNY LORD PRESENT	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	SAVORING OUR FAITH	
3:40 AM		THE BEATITUDES	FOURTH RUPTURE		CRASH COURSE IN THE SAINTS		MATTHEWS TESTIMONY TO JESUS	
3:50 AM	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	GENESIS TO JESUS	EWTN SPECIALS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	AUTHENTICALLY FREE AT LAST	
4:00 AM			APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION	HE DARED SPEAK THE TRUTH			CATHOLICS COME HOME	
4:30 AM	BEAUTY TRUTH & GOODNESS	A FORCE FOR GOOD	EWTN ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS				THE CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL	
5:00 AM	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	OUR FAITH IN ACTION	CHURCH AND THE POOR	MATTHEWS TESTIMONY TO JESUS	THE WILD GOOSE	THE CHOICES WE FACE	SAINTS vs. SCOUNDRELS	
5:30 AM	ANGELUS WITH POPE FRANCIS	EWTN CATALOG	THE CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL			STATIONS OF THE CROSS	THE HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	
6:00 AM	OUR FAITH IN ACTION	HOLY LAND ROSARY				THE HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES		
6:30 AM	ROSARY FROM LOURDES	LITANY OF LORETO	LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME	LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH	LITANY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD	LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	THE HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	
7:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS (Live)	DAILY MASS (Live)						
7:30 AM	(9:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	SUNDAY NIGHT: PRIME (Encore)	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	ROAMIN' CATHOLIC	
7:50 AM	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM	LIVE WITH PASSION	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	FOCUS	SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN 1	HERMIE & FRIENDS	
8:00 AM	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS					FAMILY THEATER	FOCUS
8:30 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	WOMEN OF GRACE						BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT
9:00 AM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	THE CHOICES WE FACE	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	MASTERPIECE DONUT SHOP	LIVE WITH PASSION	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	
9:30 AM	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	THE DAILY MASS	MASS AND SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN (First Run)				EWTN DAILY MASS (Encore)	
10:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	DATEBOOK AND THE DAILY MASS LIVE	MASS AND SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN (Encore)				ROSA MYSTICA SHRINE PILGRIMAGE	
10:30 AM	(1:10PM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	PRAYING AS A FAMILY	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE	
11:00 AM	IN CONCERT	THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY	HAIL HOLY QUEEN	OUR LADY IN SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION	KNOWING MARY THROUGH THE BIBLE	TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THRU MARY	EWTN BOOKMARK	
11:30 AM	IN CONCERT	CALLED TO COMMUNION	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	THE JOURNEY HOME	SPECIALS	EWTN ON LOCATION	
12:00 PM	THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG							
12:30 PM	REFLECTIONS							
1:00 PM	THE HOLY ROSARY IN STAINED GLASS	THE DAILY MASS	MASS AND SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN (Encore)				ROSA MYSTICA SHRINE PILGRIMAGE	
1:30 PM	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM	THE HOLY ROSARY	MASS AND SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN (Encore)				ROSA MYSTICA SHRINE PILGRIMAGE	
2:00 PM	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM	DIOCESAN DATEBOOK	MASS AND SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN (Encore)				ROSA MYSTICA SHRINE PILGRIMAGE	
2:30 PM	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	HERMIE & FRIENDS	ROAMIN' CATHOLIC	CHILDRENS SPECIALS	CAT CHAT	WAY OF THE CROSS FOR KIDS	CALLLED TO COMMUNION	
3:00 PM	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHOICES WE FACE	CONVERSATIONS FROM THE WORLD OVER SHOW	BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT	LIFE ON THE ROCK	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE	
3:15 PM	SAINTS VERSUS SCOUNDRELS	SPECIALS						THE FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM
3:30 PM	PASSIONIST SUNDAY MASS	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)						OUR FAITH IN ACTION
3:45 PM	VATICANO	CATHOLICS COME HOME	REAL LIFE CATHOLICS	CHURCH UNIVERSAL	TBA		CHURCH AND POOR	
4:00 PM	THE JOURNEY HOME	THE DAILY MASS	MASS AND SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN (Encore)				ROSA MYSTICA SHRINE PILGRIMAGE	
4:30 PM	SUNDAY NIGHT PRIME (Live)	THE JOURNEY HOME (Live)	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	EWTN LIVE	THE WORLD OVER (Live)	SPECIALS	EWTN CINEMA	
4:45 PM	CATHOLICS COME HOME	EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)		EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)				
5:00 PM	LIFE ON THE ROCK	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	THE CHOICES WE FACE	FOCUS	LIVE WITH PASSION	SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN 2	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	
5:30 PM	HOLY ROSARY W MOTHER ANGELICA	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (ENCORE)	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	PRO-LIFE WEEKLY	A FORCE FOR GOOD	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	
6:00 PM	EWTN SPECIALS	DEFENDING LIFE	BATTLE READY	LONG RIDE HOME	CROSSING THE GOAL	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	YOU'RE AMAZING	
6:30 PM	DEFENDING LIFE	BATTLE READY	LONG RIDE HOME	CROSSING THE GOAL	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	YOU'RE AMAZING	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	
7:00 PM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	WOMEN OF GRACE						

## Rosa Mystica Shrine Pilgrimage August 11

Faithful in the Diocese of Scranton are planning a Pennsylvania Reunion Pilgrimage to the Rosa Mystica Shrine in Edmeston, N.Y., on Saturday, Aug. 11.

Bus excursion is scheduled to depart at 8 a.m. from the parking lot of the former K-Mart in Dickson City and leave the shrine grounds for return trip at 5 p.m.

Guest speakers for the retreat day experience will include Father Bill McCarthy, a member of the Missionaries of Holy Apostles and co-founder/director of My Father's House

Retreat Center in Connecticut.

The pilgrimage will also include celebration of Mass and adoration prayers, including recitation of the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. All faithful are welcome.

Registration fee for the pilgrimage in \$40 per person, and reservations must be made in advance. Cost includes bus fare, driver's gratuity, catered lunch, snacks and shrine registration fee.

For more information, contact Trudy Stroney at (570-587-3449 or 570-575-6929). Email: [trudymstroney@gmail.com](mailto:trudymstroney@gmail.com).

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## Conference to Focus on Women's Role in the Church

The parish communities of Gate of Heaven in Dallas and Our Lady of Victory in Harveys Lake will sponsor a conference next month on the role of women in the Catholic Church.

"Christ, the Church and the Role of Women" will be presented on Saturday, July 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Our Lady of Victory Church Hall, 16 Second St., Harveys Lake.

According to organizers, the discussion program featuring three guest presenters will include an

overview of the Church's doctrine on religious ordination and the positive impact Catholicism has had on women.

Featured panelists for the day's program include:

Maura Hearden Fehlner, Ph.D., theologian and professor of Catholic Theology at DeSales University, Center Valley, Pa., and Saint Joseph's College, Standish, Maine; Annie Hounsokou, Ph.D., adjunct professor of philosophy at Misericordia University, Dallas, and the Uni-

versity of Scranton; and Lynn Marie Busch, S.T.L., R.Ph., moral theologian, bioethicist, pharmacist and member of the consecrated life in the Diocese of Scranton, who is a doctoral candidate at the University of Dayton's International Mariological Research Institute.

For more information, contact Gate of Heaven Parish at (570-675-2121) or goh@epix.net; or Our Lady of Victory Parish at (570-639-1535) or olvhl309@aol.com.

## Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Plans Annual Conference at Misericordia University

DALLAS — The Department of Religious Studies at Misericordia University is hosting the annual Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary, USA Summer Conference on the campus of Misericordia from Thursday, July 26, through Saturday, July 28, for a time of study, prayer, reflection and dialogue.

The program, "Mary, Disciple of the Lord: Suffering," features eight scholarly presentations, ecumenical prayer, and panel discussion. A pre-conference excursion is also being offered on Wednesday,

July 25, to Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Monastery and Seminary in Waymart, Wayne County.

The Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary, USA is a nationwide ecumenical society dedicated to advance the study of Mary, the Mother of Christ, through Christian biblical interpretation and theological reflection, and in the light of such study, to promote ecumenical interchange and prayer. Its aim is to show that in Mary, Christians of many traditions may find a focus in their search for unity.

The annual meeting is an opportunity to present new theological insights and developments pertaining to the Blessed Virgin from Anglican, Catholic, Evangelical, Methodist, Orthodox and Presbyterian perspectives.

For more information or to register for the conference, contact Dr. Christopher Carr, treasurer of the Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary, USA, at ccarr@misericordia.edu or call (570-550-1619).



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## Catholic Women Hosting Day of Reflection August 1

The Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will sponsor a Retreat Day of Reflection on Wednesday, Aug. 1, at The Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, 245 Mead-owside Road, Mount Pocono.

The women's retreat begins at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 3 p.m. Monsignor Vincent Grimalia, Diocesan Coordinator for Ecumenism and Inter-Faith Affairs, will conduct the retreat and present two program sessions.

Mass will be celebrated during the day-long event, which will also include the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions), private time, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

All Catholic women of the Diocese are invited to attend. Cost is \$35 per person and includes a continental breakfast and luncheon.

Deadline for reservations is July 25 and may be secured by forwarding payment to: Helen Oravec, 814 Theresa St., Peckville, PA 18452. Checks should be made payable to Scranton DCCW.

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**Mark Your Calendar — Around the Diocese**  
**Spiritual Offerings**

**Weekly Bible Study — JULY 20**, 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 — JULY 20**, 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 — JULY 21**, 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.

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

**Sunday Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Devotion — JULY 22**, hosted by St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton; devotion held every Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the church or at the outdoor grotto (weather permitting) through the first week of December. Includes recitation of the 15 decades of the Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries) and additional prayers offered for the special intentions of world peace, an increase in vocations to the priesthood/religious life, and an end to abortion.

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**Pilgrimage to Divine Mercy Shrine Slated for the Fall**

PITTSTON — The Eucharistic Apostle of Divine Mercy Cenacle will host their annual pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Mass., in October to coincide with the Feast

of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska — the saint of Divine Mercy.

The pilgrimage will be held on Saint Faustina's feast day, Wednesday, Oct. 5, which this year commemorates the 80th

anniversary of her death.

The bus excursion will depart for the Divine Mercy Shrine at 7 a.m. from the grounds of Saint Maria Goretti Church, 42 Redwood Drive, Laffin. Estimated arrival time at the shrine in Stockbridge is 11 a.m.

Upon arrival, pilgrims will participate in the day's events at the Mother of Mercy outdoor shrine, beginning with a presentation on St. Faustina. The remainder of the day's itinerary is as follows:

1 p.m. — Eucharistic adoration and opportunity for private confessions; 1:30 p.m. — recitation of the Rosary for Life; 2 p.m. — celebration of Holy Mass; 3 p.m. — Divine Mercy Chaplet, benediction, veneration of first-class relic of Saint Faustina, and blessing of religious articles; and 4:45 p.m. — departure from shrine for home, including dinner stop at Bogie's Restaurant in Great Barrington, Mass.

Cost for the pilgrimage, including complimentary snack items/water, entrance fee to the Divine Mercy Shrine and full-course dinner, is \$67 per person.

For more information and reservations, contact Cathy Mack, trip coordinator and leader of the Divine Mercy Cenacle, at (570-654-6063).

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**Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration** — **JULY 25**, hosted at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laffin; 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** — **JULY 25**, 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. For more information, call (570-881-9916).

**Weekly Divine Mercy Devotion** — **JULY 25**, 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.

**Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration** — **JULY 25**, hosted by Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Tunkhannock;

exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament offered every Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. in Nativity BVM Church, 99 East Tioga St., Tunkhannock. All faithful are welcome.

**Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry** — **JULY 28 & AUG. 11**, 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).

**Padre Pio Prayer Ministry: Seventh Anniversary Healing Mass** — **AUG. 1**, hosted by St. Faustina Kowalska Parish, Hanover St., Nanticoke; Mass begins at 6 p.m. Guest celebrant: Franciscan Father Pio Mandato. For more information, call (570-735-4833).

**Scranton Mental Health Ministry: Spiritual Support Group for Family & Friends** — **AUG. 2**, 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 (Cathedral), (570-344-7231); Deacon Jan Mroz (Mary, Mother of God), (570-342-4881); or Deacon Pat McDonald (Immaculate Conception), (570-961-5211).

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## Passionist Nuns to Host Two Fall Retreats at Saint Gabriel's

**CLARKS SUMMIT** — The Passionist Sisters of Saint Gabriel's Retreat Center will host two fall weekend retreat experiences, beginning with a Women's Retreat with the theme "The Adventure to Live Holiness," scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 7-9.

The second retreat weekend offering, "The Passion of Jesus Christ," will begin on Oct. 19. Open to both men and women, this retreat is designed to provide a more silent spiritual experience.

Serving as retreat director/preacher for the two programs will be Passionist Father Richard Nalepa of Saint Paul's Monastery in Pittsburgh.

Both retreats will begin on Friday at 7 p.m. and conclude following the noon meal on Sunday. No meals are provided by Saint Gabriel's on Friday evening.

Preached retreats consist of conferences on the spiritual life, time for personal meditation/reflection, prayer service, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and celebration of the Eucharistic liturgy.

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**By Father Brian J.T. Clarke  
Diocesan Director,  
Pontifical Mission Societies**



Last week, I had the privilege to serve on the adult team for the biannual International Student Leadership Institute retreat (ISLI) sponsored by the Diocese. Some 40 young people converged on Misericordia University to pray, reflect, and learn about leadership and faith. This retreat is designed specifically for young adults to foster in them the skills to be effective leaders and to inspire them to be active missionaries and evangelizers.

The experience for me — and my confreres — was eye-opening and inspiring. I have been a part of dozens of ISLI retreats dating back to my days in seminary almost 20 years ago; yet, for some reason, this particular retreat left me awestruck.

I recalled how often I hear Bishop Bambera remind the young people of our Diocese that they are not the church of the future but are very much the church of today. The retreatants of ISLI have reformed me and have me firmly

acknowledging that they are disciples **NOW**, not future disciples. I suppose I have always known this as I reflect on 11 years of priesthood with much of that time working in youth ministry either in parishes or the five years I spent working in our Catholic schools.

That being said, God has renewed in me the commitment to support and build up our youngest disciples who often are not acknowledged for the harrowing work they do each day to build up the church in our Diocese and beyond. They bring to life the words of God spoken to Jeremiah, the prophet: “Say not I am too young” (Jer. 1:7).

Could our Lord be any more emphatic about the role of disciples of every age that it is our call and our time to preach the Gospel? Surely our young people need more formation in the faith and encouragement along the way. More than anything, they need our prayers and support to help them persevere in their strong faith and commitment to Christ.

So much of their lives — as was evidenced in their courageous sharing during ISLI — are complicated by so many forces that directly or indirectly encourage them to resist their faith or to be suspicious of centuries-old teachings. They are bombarded

by images and rhetoric in so many forms that cheapen sexual morality, scoff at devotion and traditional mores, belittle religious fervor, and eye commitment to God and His Church with suspicion or outright contempt.

Despite it all, so many young people face this opposition with grace, courage, and love. They continue to show us all how to be missionaries in our own time, at whatever age, in whatever vocation to which we are committed. These disciples of Christ wear proudly the name Catholic and boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Continually, they manifest the love of God and are vehicles of His merciful love to others.

In return, they deserve from us — the old guard, the “professional” disciples — our support, our love, and our commitment to care for them and protect and guide them through their lives. That support comes in many forms, but above all we need to pray for them and make sacrifices on their behalf to ensure that the youngest disciples will grow in their love of God and the mission of the Church to which they have committed their lives to.

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**Monthly Ladies Afternoon of Recollection** — AUG. 4, hosted by the Ladies Society of St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 130 North St. Frances Cabrini Ave., west Scranton; gatherings are held on the first Saturday of the month beginning at 1 p.m. Centered around the theme of prayer, sessions are offered for the spiritual enrichment of its members and the larger community; meetings end at approximately 2:15 p.m. and are followed by fellowship in the church hall. Anyone interested in attending may receive handout materials and Scripture readings in advance by emailing: melkite.scranton@gmail.com.

**Evening of Marian Devotion** — AUG. 13, hosted by the Diocesan Legion of Mary in response to the Blessed Mother's request at Fatima for prayers for world peace; devotion begins at 6 p.m. at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church, Chestnut St., Dunmore. Prayer service will include recitation of the Rosary, Fatima prayers, hymns and newly composed music for the Scriptural mysteries, led by Ernie Pappa. All are invited to attend and offer devotional prayers to Mary for peace throughout the world.

**Catholic Women's Retreat** — AUG. 14-16, sponsored by the St. Raphael Society; retreat for women held at the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, N.J. Bus trip departs from Dunmore. Cost: \$295 per person, includes lodging and meals. For more information, call Barbara McCarthy at (570-347-8314).

**Bereavement Support Gatherings** — AUG. 1 & 19, hosted by Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Clarks Summit; support group meetings held in the Gathering Room (lower level) of Our Lady of the Snows Church, 301 South State St., Clarks Summit, on the first Wednesday of the month, at 10 a.m., and the third Sunday of the month, at 2 p.m. All are welcome; no registration is required.

**Gathering of the Secular Discalced Carmelites** — AUG. 19, 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.

**Monthly Evening of Marian Devotion** — AUG. 20, hosted by the Oblates of St. Joseph, Diocesan Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild, and the Legion of Mary; devotion begins at 6 p.m. in the chapel of St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laflin (Pittston). Prayer service will include recitation of the Rosary, Fatima prayers, hymns, and newly composed music for the Scriptural mysteries led by Ernie Pappa, who will facilitate the evening. All are invited to attend and offer devotional prayers to Mary for world peace.

**Fall Preached Retreat for Women: "The Adventure to Live Holiness"** — SEPT. 7-9, hosted by St. Gabriel's Retreat Center in Clarks Summit; retreat begins on Friday evening at 7 p.m. (no meal served) and concludes following the noon meal on Sunday. Retreat director: Passionist Father Richard Nalepa of St. Paul's Monastery in Pittsburgh. For more information and reservations, call St. Gabriel's at (570-586-4957) or email: kporter@epix.net. Deposit is required.

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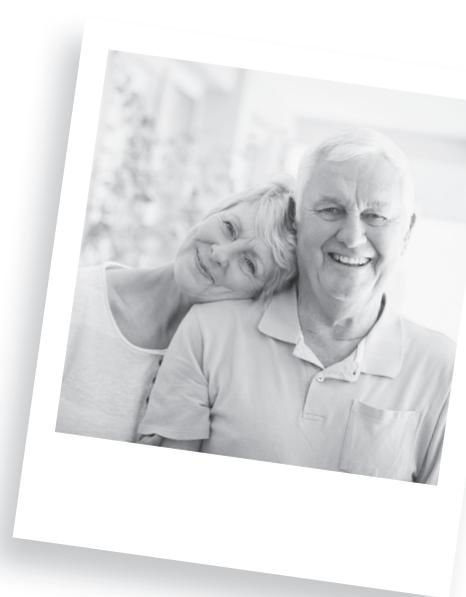
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**20, 21, 22** — Holy Name of Jesus, West Hazleton, Transfiguration Church grounds, 213 West Green St., West Hazleton.

**21, 22** — St. Barbara's, Exeter, parish center grounds, Erie St., Exeter.

**27, 28, 29** — Christ the King, Archbald, St. Mary of Czestochowa Church grounds, Betty & Main streets, Eynon.

**27, 28, 29** — St. Maria Goretti, Laflin, church grounds, Laflin Road.

**27, 28, 29** — St. Joseph's Center, Scranton, Marywood University campus grounds, Scranton.

### AUGUST

**2, 3, 4** — Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupont, church grounds, 215 Lackawanna Ave.

**2, 3, 4** — Our Lady of the Snows, Clarks Summit, St. Benedict Church grounds, 1849 Newton Ransom Blvd., Clarks Summit.

**2, 3, 4** — St. Robert Bellarmine, Wilkes-Barre, St. Aloysius Church grounds, Barney & Division streets, Wilkes-Barre.

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**Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Bingo — AUG. 1 & 15**, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, Jermyn; games held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the parish center, 624 Madison Ave., Jermyn. Doors open at 5 p.m.; early-bird games start 6 p.m. (regular games, 6:30). Event includes

specialty games, refreshments, door prizes and progressive jackpot. Free admission; for more information, call (570-876-1061).

**Chicken Barbecue — AUG. 5**, sponsored by Holy Cross Parish, 200 Delaware Ave., Olyphant; held from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (dine-in and take-out service available). Dinner includes half chicken, potatoes, vegetable and dessert; children's meal includes chicken nuggets, fries, dessert and drink. Other menu items for purchase include hot dogs, ice cream/sodas, chicken nuggets, fries and soft drinks. Event also features bingo games, bake sale, basket raffle, music and children's games. Dinner cost: adults, \$10; children, \$5. Advance tickets available at all weekend Masses or the rectory office. Call (570-489-0752) for more information.

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**AUGUST**

**3, 4, 5** — St. Mary's Byzantine, Wilkes-Barre, church grounds, 695 North Main St.

**5** — St. Augustine's, St. Brigid Parish at Neumann Hall, Route 267, Choconut.

**9, 10, 11** — St. John the Evangelist, Pittston, church grounds, Church & Broad streets.

**10, 11, 12** — St. John the Baptist, Larksville, parish grounds, 126 Nesbitt St.

**10, 11, 12** — St. Jude's, Mountain Top, parish grove, 420 South Mountain Blvd.

**10, 11, 12** — SS. Anthony & Rocco, Dunmore, St. Rocco Church grounds, 122 Kurtz St., Dunmore (Bunker Hill section).

**10, 11, 12** — St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic, Scranton, church grounds, 130 North St. Frances Cabrini Ave., West Scranton.

**11** — St. John Vianney, Montdale, St. Pius X Church grounds, 3615 State Route 106, Royal (Clifford Township).

**16, 17, 18** — St. John Neumann, Scranton, Nativity of Our Lord Church grounds, 633 Orchard St., South Scranton.

**17, 18, 19** — Blessed Sacrament, Throop, parish grounds & hall, 215 Rebecca St., Throop.

**18** — St. Juliana's, Rock Lake, church grounds, Route 247-North (Creamton Drive).

**18, 19** — Queen of Heaven (St. Mauro Festival), Hazleton, parish grounds, 750 North Vine St., Hazleton.

**SEPTEMBER**

**1, 2** — St. Mary's, Mocanaqua, church picnic grounds.

**14, 15, 16** — St. Paul's, Scranton, church grounds, 1510 Penn Ave., Green Ridge section.



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## 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, 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre; group gathers at 9 a.m. Rosary prayers are offered for an end to abortion.

## Eucharistic Adorations

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

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

— offered for the special intention of vocations to the priesthood; hosted by 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 Garafalo. 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 **August 3** at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, 1880 Highway 315, Laflin (Pittston).

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

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



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**St. Augustine's 194th Annual Picnic** — AUG. 5, hosted by St. Brigid Parish at Neumann Hall, Route 267 in Choconut; featuring family-style barbecue chicken dinner, including half chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, macaroni salad, rolls & butter, assorted home-baked pies and other desserts (take-outs available). Event also includes live music, games & raffles, and picnic refreshments. Dinner cost: \$10 per person. Tickets sold at the door.

hosted from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at St. Pius X Church, 3615 State Route 106, Clifford Township. Featuring Kundla's chicken and 50/50 cash raffle prize. Dinner cost: \$10 per person; raffle tickets cost \$10 each. Event also includes live music, basket raffle drawings, games, refreshments and bake sale. Tickets available at the door. For advance tickets, call Tina at (570-254-0502).

**Gate of Heaven Summer Youth Music Camp** — AUG. 6-10, hosted by Gate of Heaven Parish, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas; open free of charge to children ages 8 to 15. Summer camp sessions held each day from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at Gate of Heaven Church; daily schedule includes choir rehearsals, faith lesson, games and snacks. Camp concludes with special Youth Liturgy, featuring music by camp participants, on Sunday, Aug. 12, at 11:30 a.m. in the parish church. For more information and registration, call (570-675-2121).

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

**Annual Lebanese-American Food Festival** — AUG. 10-12, hosted by St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 130 N. St. Frances Cabrini Ave. (off lower Jackson St.) in west Scranton. Festival hours: Saturday, 4 to 11 p.m.; Sunday, 12 noon to 7 p.m. Featuring authentic Lebanese foods and pastries, traditional picnic food items, musical entertainment, games, basket raffle and used book sale. For more information, contact the church office (570-343-6092) or visit: melkitescranton.org.

**St. Juliana's Rock Lake Picnic** — AUG. 18, sponsored by St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Pleasant Mount; held on the grounds of St. Juliana Church, Route 247-North (Creamton Drive), Rock Lake. Featuring family-style ham & turkey dinner served from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (take-out orders available until 3 p.m.); supper served at 5 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in the church at 6:30 p.m. Picnic also includes giant flea market, bingo, games & prizes. Square-dancing entertainment provided by "Just Us" from 8 to 11 p.m.

**Chicken Barbecue & Cash Raffle** — AUG. 11, sponsored by St. John Vianney Parish, Montdale;

**Misericordia Open House** — AUG. 18, open house event sponsored by Misericordia University in Dallas (Back Mountain section of Luzerne County); for high school students and their parents. Program begins with registration at 9 a.m. in the Anderson Sports

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The 2018 Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters Celebration, supporting the IHM Sisters Retirement Fund, will be held Saturday, August 4, at 6 p.m. at Marywood University, Scranton.

This year's special event will honor Scranton physicians Peter A. Cognetti and John H. Doherty Jr., who have been chosen to receive the annual Sisters of IHM Spirit Award for their humanitarian work in Haiti.

Tickets are \$100 per person. Reservations can be made by calling 570-346-5431 or online at sistersofihm.org. Reservation deadline is July 22. The celebration is being hosted by the Sisters of IHM Foundation.

# Sacred Heart Father Thomas Burns, Wilkes-Barre Son, Dies in Florida

WILKES-BARRE — A funeral Mass was celebrated June 30 in the Church of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception for Father Thomas L. Burns, Wilkes-Barre native son and longtime member of the Congregation of Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

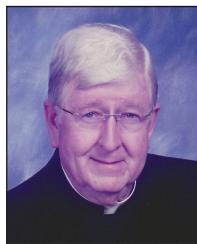
He died June 23 in Pinellas Park, Florida, where he was residing in the Priests of the Sacred Heart retirement community.

Born Sept. 12, 1938, the second of eight children of the late Thomas and Dorothy Ann Dugan Burns, Father Tom was a 1956 graduate of Saint Mary's High School, Wilkes-Barre. Following a year of study at Dehon Seminary of the Sacred Heart in Great Barrington, Mass., he entered the Sacred Heart novitiate and professed his religious vows on Sept. 8, 1958.

After attending Kilroe Seminary of the Sacred Heart in Honesdale for four years, Father Tom began his studies in sacred theology at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisc. He was ordained

to the priesthood for the Congregation of the Sacred Heart on Dec. 28, 1965, in Saint Sebastian Church by Most Rev. Roman Atkielski, late auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Shortly thereafter, the newly ordained priest celebrated his first solemn Mass at his home parish of Saint John the Evangelist in Wilkes-Barre.



**Father Thomas Burns, SCJ**

Father Tom began his priestly ministry in Massachusetts, where he served on the faculty of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary at Bellefontaine. He eventually earned his master's degree in French at Immaculata College in Worcester and served as principal of the seminary during 1969-79.

He later completed further training in spirituality and post-Vatican II theology at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif., and joined the faculty

of Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School in Alameda, Calif.

In 1983, Father Tom began pastoral ministry in Houston, Texas, and subsequently joined his congregation's Mississippi community where he served as a pastor and sacramental minister until his retirement from active ministry in the late 1990s.

Surviving are a brother, Joseph and wife, Jo Ann Burns, Wilkes-Barre; two sisters, Carol Ann Eick, Wilkes-Barre, and Marie Ann and husband, Kevin Mitchell, Harrisburg; brother-in-law, William McLaughlin, Endicott, N.Y.; sister-in-law, Geraldine Burns, Scituate, Mass.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by sisters, Dorothy Ann McLaughlin and Joan Ann Calore; brothers, Neil and John Burns; and brothers-in-law, Robert Calore and Frank Eick.

Interment was conducted at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Hanover Township.

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10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information and registration, contact the Misericordia Admissions Office at (570-675-4449 or 1-866-262-6363) or by email: [admiss@misericordia.edu](mailto:admiss@misericordia.edu).

**Annual Festival for the Intellectually Disabled — AUG. 19**, sponsored by the local Alhambra Caravan (No. 4) of Alhambra, an international Catholic group of men and women dedicated to serving persons with special needs; held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Plains American Veterans Pavilion in the Wilkes-Barre area. For more information or to volunteer, contact Ray Kownacki, Alhambra Grand Advocate, at (570-823-2894).

**Parish Concert: French Boys Choir — AUG. 19**, featuring "Les Moineaux," the world-renowned French boys choir on summer tour in America; hosted by St. Joseph Marello Parish at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 237 William St., Pittston, beginning at 7

p.m. Concert performance will include musical selections from the 16th century and French folklore. All are welcome; free-will offering will be taken.

**St. Mary's Villa Golf Tournament — AUG. 20**, hosted at Glen Oak Country Club in Clarks Summit; begins with registration and luncheon at 11 a.m. For more information, registration and sponsorships, contact David Leonori at (570-842-5274) or [dleonori@stmarysvilla.com](mailto:dleonori@stmarysvilla.com).

**16th Annual Parish Golf Classic — AUG. 25**, sponsored by St. John Bosco Parish in Conyngham; hosted at Sugarloaf Golf Course. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; followed by tournament play with 9 a.m. shotgun start. Individual, foursome and partial team registrations accepted. Cost: \$85 per golfer (\$340/foursome), includes refreshments and awards banquet. For more information and registration, contact Tom Lagana or Pat Raico by calling the parish office (570-788-1997 ext. 3).

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