



# OFFICE FOR PARISH LIFE

GOOD NEWS NOTES

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## 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 6-12.

**Saturday, August 6, 2016**

**9:00AM to 3:00PM**

St. Elizabeth Parish, Bear Creek

**Tuesday, August 9, 2016**

**1:00PM-8:30PM**

St. John Parish, East Stroudsburg

**Monday, August 8, 2016**

**1:00PM-8:30PM**

Nativity of the BVM Parish Tunkhannock

**Thursday, August 11, 2016**

**1:00PM-8:30PM**

SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Towanda

**Friday, August 12, 2016**

**1:00PM-8:30PM**

St. Ann Parish, Williamsport

### Format:

- **Welcome Prayer followed by the general session:**  
*"Re-imagining Faith Formation: Preparing for a Lifelong Journey of Discipleship"*
- **Breakout Session I**
- **Breakout Session II**
- **Camp-inspired Family Dinner (lunch on August 6)**
- **Intergenerational Activity for the Year of Mercy (Bring your family!)**

### Breakout Session Topics:

- *Exploring Our Vocation and Giftedness*
- *Creating Meaningful Prayer Experiences*
- *Engaging Families for Sacraments of Initiation*
- *Become a "Connected" Religious Educator*
- *Faith Formation in the Home*
- *Re-imagining a Parish Faith Formation Curriculum*

### Presenter:

Bernadette Rudolph  
Kitty MacLean  
Mary Anne Malone  
Mark Choman  
Catherine Butel  
Jackie Douglas

If you are a parent, a parish or school religion teacher/catechist, 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, click here: [Registration for Catechist Camp](#). For more information, contact Mary Anne Malone: 570-207-2213 or [mary-anne-malone@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:mary-anne-malone@dioceseofscranton.org).

**World Youth Day**  
**July 26-31, 2016**  
**Krakow, Poland**



## Mercy Now

We are excited to share these free resources for your parish about the Year of Mercy from Catholic Life and Faith. Click on the links below to download the resources.



**Mercy Now and Stewards of God's Mercy**  
(bulletin inserts)  
by Leisa Anslinger

[July](#) [August](#) [September](#)

**Mercy Now Articles**  
(July-September)

by Amberly Boerschinger

- *For Parents & Catechists,*
- *Tweens, Teens & 20's,*
- *Mercy in the Classroom,*
- *#mercy@mealttime,*
- *Mercy in Marriage, and*
- *Mercy for Me*

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## Marriage Workshops

A revised **Order of Celebrating Matrimony** is currently in publication and may be used beginning September 8, 2016, with mandatory use by December 30, 2016. To assist priests, deacons, parish musicians, and others who actively prepare couples for marriage and for the celebration of Matrimony, two-part workshops will be offered to cover what is new in the second edition, as well as the developments in the theology of marriage and the pastoral preparation of engaged couples for marriage:



### Part I: Overview of the Order of Celebrating Matrimony

- **Tues., September 6 at 6:30PM**—Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston
- **Wed., September 7 at 6:30PM**—Resurrection Parish, Muncy
- **Thurs., September 8 at 6:30PM**—Our Lady of Victory Parish, Tannersville

### Part II: Developments in the Theology & Pastoral Preparation for Marriage

- **Tues., September 27 at 6:30PM**—Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston
- **Wed., September 28 at 6:30PM**—Resurrection Parish, Muncy
- **Thurs., September 29 at 6:30PM**—Our Lady of Victory Parish, Tannersville

## Grief Support Ministry Training

Sr. Jane Connolly, IHM, pastoral associate at St. Rose and Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parishes in Carbondale, will conduct a workshop at St. Peter's Cathedral Parish, Scranton, for those who wish to become grief support ministers as well as those who would like to develop further their abilities to walk with the grieving. Topics will include the grief process, common emotions in grieving, complications and grief history, and listening skills. Sr. Jane will also provide an outline for a five session grief support group.

**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 6:30-8:30PM.

**Location:** Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave, Scranton

Please call Jennifer at the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 to register.

## An Evening of Music with Steve Angrisano

Friday, September 16, 2016 at 7:00PM

Our Lady of Victory Church, 327 Cherry Lane Rd. Tannersville, PA

Free admission. Call Jim Moloughney at 570-350-6030 for more info.



## Parish Pilgrimages to the Cathedral

Over three hundred faithful from parishes around the Diocese of Scranton have made a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Saint Peter in observance of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. There are three more opportunities on Saturdays throughout the year for parishes to make the pilgrimage and pass through the diocesan Holy Door:

**August 13, September 24, October 29\* from 9:00AM to 2:00PM**

The pilgrimage day includes Morning Prayer, a presentation on the Jubilee of Mercy, opportunities for personal prayer and reflection, confession, rosary, Mass, lunch and a tour of the cathedral. Cost for the pilgrimage is \$10 per person to cover the cost of lunch, and parishes are encouraged to form a group and arrange their own transportation. To register a group from your parish, please contact Jennifer Andres at 570-207-2213 or by email at [Jennifer-Andres@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Jennifer-Andres@dioceseofscranton.org).

\* The October 29 pilgrimage is designed to include members of Hispanic/Latino communities.



## Diocesan Congress

Saturday, October 8, 2016  
at the University of Scranton

**Revolution  
of  
Tenderness**

Registration now open!  
Visit  
[www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)

### Listening with the Heart

**What?** This 2-session program prepares a person for ministry in the parish and home through reflection on the God of Mercy and Compassion who speaks to us all. Our relationships then have deeper meaning and purpose. Learn how to be present to all people in need, for example, family members, the sick, homebound, grieving and elderly in our parishes.

**Presenter?** Sr. Jane O'Donnell RSM, Mercy Consultation Center

**When?** Saturdays, September 17 & 24, 9:30AM-12:30PM

**Where?** St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 220 Church St., Moscow

**Cost?** None; however, we ask you register so we can prepare properly! Call Jennifer, 570-207-2213.

### World Youth Day

The World Youth Day Stateside gathering planned by the Diocese of Harrisburg on July 30-31 has been cancelled. Youth and young adults of our parishes are still invited to experience World Youth Day through various resources and live-streaming on July 26-31 provided by the [USCCB website](http://USCCB.org).



### Year of Mercy Challenge

You've completed the first [Year of Mercy Challenge 1!](#) by living the Corporal Works of Mercy and now you're wondering, "What's next?" Wait no longer! Take the [Year of Mercy Challenge 2!](#) Live out the Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy, and experience the change without and within

**For:** Youth groups, Young adult groups, Home school families

**Contents:** An introduction sets the stage for this experience, which is different than the corporal works of mercy because it involves more interior change in the doer. Each spiritual work of mercy has its own introduction to orient participants to the catechesis and spiritual growth that is needed to do each work of mercy. Don't miss the ideas for using the spiritual works of mercy in social media! Print any pages you want the participants to have and/or connect to the hyperlinks for videos and music. Each section includes time for discussion and prayer.

Send pictures of your group as you complete each work of mercy to [oplgeneral@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:oplgeneral@dioceseofscranton.org) and we'll post them on the [OPL Facebook](#) page. Reflections about your experiences are also welcome!



### Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training

September 15, 22, 19 from 6:30-9:00PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton. It is necessary for candidates to attend all three sessions. To register, please fill out the [EMC Training Form](#).

### Need a Good Beach Read?

Check out OPL's latest suggestions in the [Little Free Library](#), books on Catholic spirituality, Church teaching or ways to live out one's faith in the spirit of Vatican III! This can be a bridge between good materials and parishioners. You can access the site by following Bernadette Rudolph on Pinterest or [emailing her](#) for a pdf listing. Titles are recommended for various uses:

- Individual enrichment
- Small group study
- The parish library
- The Eucharistic adoration chapel library
- Adult catechesis
- "Thank you" gifts for volunteers

### National Natural Family Planning Week— July 24-30, 2016



## Lay Ministry Formation

The Office for Parish Life is still **accepting applications for the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* for August 2016!**

The *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* is a ministry formation program designed to equip and advance the servant leadership capacities of individuals serving in areas such as: Parish Pastoral Councils, Directors of Religious Education and Catechists, Liturgical Coordinators, Parish Staff, as well as members of Volunteer Ministry teams, and others. Through independent online study with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), as well as regional skills workshops and opportunities for prayer and reflection, *Diocesan Certificate* candidates enrich their knowledge base, while also learning practical tools for effective parish ministry in serving their local faith communities.

Starting with our New Candidate Orientation Retreat on Saturday, August 27, 2016, the Office for Parish Life anticipates welcoming new candidates into the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* program in the Fall.

**Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact Kitty MacLean, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, at 570-207-2213, or by email at [Kitty-MacLean@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Kitty-MacLean@dioceseofscranton.org) for application information, materials, and application submissions.**



## Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference

Our Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring its 34th annual conference at the University of Scranton during the weekend of July 31-August 1.

The Conference will feature a variety of inspiring speakers and uplifting music, Mass each day, a well-stocked book/gift store, and separate tracks for Children and Youth are also available. The full-weekend Registration Fee is \$50 up to and including July 18 and \$65 after July 18. Single-day registration is also available. Commuting and brown-bagging is encouraged, while dormitory housing and cafeteria meals are available at a moderate cost. To register call the CCR Office at 570-344-2214, or email

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