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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 4 – 10, 2018.

Saturday, August 4 (8:30am-3:30pm)

Holy Rosary Parish, Hazleton

Wednesday, August 8 (1:00-8:00pm)

Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas

Monday, August 6 (1:00-8:00pm)

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Peckville

Thursday, August 9 (1:00-8:00pm)

St. Lawrence Parish, South Williamsport

Friday, August 10 (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 and 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

What You Need to Know about Safe Environment

Jennifer Hayes Housel

Shannon Kowalski

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Mary Anne Malone

Kitty Scanlan

Kathleen Bolinski

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, click on [Catechist Camp 2018 Registration](#). For more information, contact Mary Anne Malone: (570) 207-2213 or mary-anne-malone@dioceseofscranton.org

Closing Mass of St. Ann's Novena

Thursday, July 26
at 7:00PM

St. Ann's Basilica, Scranton



Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry

This month, Bishop Bambera will celebrate a Commissioning Liturgy for nine Lay Ministers from across the Diocese of Scranton who are completing the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* process!

The *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* is designed to equip and advance the servant leadership capacities of individuals ministering 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.

In the fall, we invite your parish to take part in informational sessions with Kitty Scanlan, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, to learn how this ministry formation program, and the resources of "OPL," can benefit and grow the leadership of your faith community. Prospective candidates are encouraged to attend!

If your parish would like to host an informational session in mid-late August, contact the Office for Parish Life, at 570-207-2213!



Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

Did You Know? Because of partnership with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation, the Diocese of Scranton can work with your pastoral council members, liturgical ministers, social concerns committees, small faith-sharing communities, or other groups within your parish to create a closed section for growing together in faith around a variety of topics. Some courses could be:



- ◆ Theological Reflection: The Keys to Connecting Faith and Life
- ◆ Communication and Community
- ◆ Survey of Catholic Doctrine
- ◆ Introduction to Scripture
- ◆ Introduction to Liturgy

OR, other courses available (in English and Spanish!) through the VLCFF course catalog. See what courses are being offered in July!: <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/>

Members of the diocese can individually register to take any course of interest to them on the VLCFF website, as well! Sign up today!

Bold Choices Retreat

FINDING YOUR PASSION AND LIVING IT FULLY

AUGUST 3 & 4, 2018

Young adults (18-35) are invited to attend this retreat at Saint Gabriel's Retreat Center, Clarks Summit on August 3-4. The 24-hour retreat will include presentations and interactive sessions on prayer, making choices based in faith, finding your passion, the art of discernment, small group discussion & more. Cost is \$65.

For more information or to register, visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.

Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training Sessions

The Office for Parish Life will offer two all-day training sessions for new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion at the following locations:

- **Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton.**
- **Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Archbald**

There is no fee for the training and lunch will be provided. To register for the Saturday, July 21 session in Scranton, please fill out the [EMHC Training Registration Form](#) or call the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213. To register for the Saturday, September 15 session in Archbald, please contact Gail Fromm at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish at 570-876-1701.

Workshop for Music Ministers

The Office for Parish Life and the Scranton Chapter of NPM is sponsoring a workshop for all music ministers on **Saturday, September 29 from 9:00AM to 12:30PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton.** This event will feature keynote speaker, Dr. Elaine Rendler, a nationally recognized musician, teacher, composer, pastoral liturgist, speaker, and author of *In the Midst of the Assembly* and *This Is the Day*, as well as the writer of weekly columns and music suggestions in *Today's Liturgy* for more than 30 years, offering practical wisdom to generations of pastoral musicians. All cantors, choir members, choir directors, organists, pianists, and instrumentalists are encouraged to mark their calendars and join us!



Misal Romano, Tercera Edición

The ritual edition of the U.S. *Misal Romano, Tercera Edición* is now available. This new edition may be used now, and usage is mandatory as of the First Sunday of Advent (December 2, 2018). Publication information, as of mid-February 2018 is as follows:

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

LTP Virtual Workshops



Liturgy Training Publications is offering several different series of online workshops for cantors, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Communion, liturgists, teachers and catechists throughout the year. These virtual workshops are different than other webinars in that

they invite participants to engage with the presenter and one another in providing feedback, reflections on the topic at hand, and discuss best practices and strategies for enhancing engagement in their ministries. Here are just some of the upcoming virtual workshops:

- **The Role of the Parish Secretary in the Liturgical Life of the Parish**—August 2, 2018 at 1:00PM and August 8, 2018 at 1:00PM
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word in your Parish Community: Training Leaders in Theory and Practice**—August 28, 2018 at 7:30PM and September 5, 2018 at 1:00PM
- **Sing to the Lord, Part 1: A Theology of Parish Music Ministry**—August 20, 2018 at 7:30PM
- **Sing to the Lord, Part 2: Practical Approaches for Implementation**—August 27, 2018 at 7:30PM

The cost for each session is \$10-\$15. For more information or to register for any of these sessions or to see what other sessions are available throughout the year, please visit www.ltp.org/virtualworkshops.

Looking to Have a Workshop for Your Liturgical Ministers?

Are your cantors or choir members in need of training on the basics of the ministry? Could your lectors or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion use a "refresher" course or a day of reflection? Board Members of the Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians are here to help and are willing to travel to provide a workshop or session for your parish ministers. Please contact David Baloga at 570-207-2213 or at David.Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org for more information.



National Association of
Pastoral Musicians
SCRANTON CHAPTER



COMMUNITY

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

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week—July 22-28, 2018

"Generations of Love: Humanae vitae (1968-2018)" is the theme of this year's Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God's vision for marriage and promote the methods of Natural Family Planning.

The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. For further information, contact nfp@usccb.org.

Parish Sponsor Couple Program for Marriage Preparation

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

Catholic Engaged Encounter

An Engaged Encounter is a retreat weekend for engaged couples. It is an opportunity to gather with other engaged couples, to enjoy time both in groups and alone as a couple, and to dialogue about your future married life together.

A team of married couples, as well as a priest, present ideas related to many pertinent topics. The weekend concludes with a Sunday Mass celebration. With your pastor's permission, an Engaged Encounter Weekend can qualify as PreCana preparation.

Engaged Encounter Weekends are held throughout the year, both through the Diocese of Camden and through the Diocese of Harrisburg. To learn more about Engaged Encounter, or to register for a weekend, go to <http://www.engagedencounter.org/>



BUILDING A CULTURE OF STEWARDSHIP

A process of continuing formation of Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils; a natural next step in Pastoral Planning

Forming people as disciples who live their lives as good stewards enriches the lives of parishioners and contributes to ongoing parish transformation. Parishioners will recognize their lives, talents, faith and resources as gifts from God, entrusted to them to steward well. By stewarding our many blessings, we make them fruitful, grow as missionary disciples, and integrate faith into daily life in deeply meaningful ways.

Inviting parishes to participate in a four month pilot process (August-November 2018) to learn about and actively plan for Stewardship in your Parish

The pilot process will be facilitated by Leisa Anslinger of Catholic Life and Faith, providing guidance and rich ready-to-adapt resources.

At the conclusion of this pilot period, a complete Toolkit will be created and provided to all parishes.

This initiative is a collaborative opportunity provided through the Development Office and the Office for Parish Life of the Diocese of Scranton. If your parish would like to participate in this pilot phase, contact Jim Bebla jim-bebla@dioceseofscranton.org (Development) or Catherine Butel catherine-butel@dioceseofscranton.org (Office for Parish Life).



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

SERVICE



Season of Creation

Pope Francis has called us to participate in the Season of Creation which begins September 1 and continues through October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis. For resources on creation and the environment, please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website. Consider holding a Holy Hour or a prayer service the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on Saturday, September 1.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine

Another milestone on the year-long celebration of the Diocese of Scranton's 150th Anniversary will be reached on Saturday, September 22, when Bishop Joseph C. Bambera leads a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.



Full Day and Transportation Planned

Buses will begin to depart from various locations at 6:00 a.m., with Morning Prayer recited during the ride. Arrival is estimated at 11:00 a.m. The afternoon proceeds in the Upper Church with a Tour of Faith and Rosary for World Peace, followed by free time for lunch, touring and private prayer from 1:00-3:00 p.m. There will be opportunity for Confession at 2:00 p.m. in the Crypt Church. Pilgrims will gather at 3:00 p.m. in the Upper Church to prepare for a Pontifical Mass at 3:15 p.m. with Bishop Bambera as principal celebrant and homilist. Buses will depart from the National Shrine at 4:45 p.m. and Evening Prayer will be said at 5:30 p.m.

Parishes Taking Registrations and Bus Reservations

Information about the pilgrimage has been sent to all parishes. Each parish is asked to take its own registration and to collect the \$55 fee per person – then send their full participant list and one check to the Office for Parish Life. If a parish has at least 50 participants, a single bus will be assigned to the parish and will depart from the parish grounds. For those parishes with a smaller delegation, arrangements will be made for combined buses and multiple points of departure throughout the Diocese.

There is also an overnight option for interested parishes – the program, reservations and all arrangements for this will be made by each parish directly with John Madden of Travelworld at 570-342-5790. If interested in an over-

night pilgrimage package, please contact Travelworld directly.

Deadlines Approaching

- For any parish planning on reserving a full bus, the bus roster and check for 50 pilgrims is due by **July 31st**.
- For any parish with a smaller delegation who plans on joining a Diocesan bus at a nearby location, the bus roster and payment for all reservations is due by **August 14th**.
- For parishes planning on making their own bus arrangements but would like to have pilgrimage materials, please contact the Office for Parish Life with the number of journals you need by **August 14th**.



Social Justice Trust Fund Updates

Applications for the Diocesan Social Justice Trust Fund Grants made possible by the Diocesan Annual Appeal have been received and are currently being reviewed. Recipients of the basic parish grants and Challenge Grants will be notified by the end of July. Thank you for supporting your parishioners as they live out Catholic Social Teaching in all aspects of parish and family life.

REBOOT

a life-changing event

FEATURING INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED
SPEAKER, AUTHOR, AND TV HOST

CHRIS STEFANICK

Thursday, September 27
7:00-9:30PM
St. John the Evangelist Parish
35 William St. Pittston, PA
Tickets: \$22

For information or to purchase tickets,
please call 570-764-2531.
Visit RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot.

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton



- A liturgical resource to assist parishes in commemorating the **150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton all year long** is available on the diocesan website. This resource includes hymn suggestions, an introduction to the liturgy, homily topic points, intercessions for the Universal Prayer. This resource also includes the Anniversary logo, a calendar of events for the year, suggestions for local parish participation, and a parish liturgical resource to help commemorate the Anniversary year. [Click here](#) to access this valuable resource to help commemorate this momentous occasion.
- **Be sure to "like" Diocese of Scranton 150th Anniversary on Facebook.** This will be the central location on social media with all information about the anniversary, pictures, videos and events going on in the different parishes and schools throughout the Diocese. Help us spread the word by sharing the page!

We encourage everyone to use the hashtag **#DoS150** on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram when posting about diocesan, parish and school events related to the 150th Anniversary Year.
- Thanks to the parishes who have been notifying us of your Anniversary related events we can post these on the 150th Anniversary Facebook page. **We are also collecting photos and visual effects** from your various Anniversary activities for an exhibit to conclude the year.
- **The hymn, "There Is One Body and One Spirit"** commissioned specifically for the 150th Anniversary is now available for parishes to sing throughout the year and beyond. [Click here](#) to download the **simplified piano/vocal score, assembly edition, SATB choral arrangement, solo voice/guitar arrangement, instrumental parts and sample audio recording** from the diocesan website.
- **Historic Sites in the Diocese—there's an app for that!** One of the ways we can partake in the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese is through a visit to some of the historic sites here. The Office of Parish Life 2018 calendar features a number of those locations, and now there is a free app to guide you there.
The Scranton Diocese Pilgrimage app includes directions to each site, a description of what you will find when you arrive, a brief history, some photos and a "punch card" to help you keep track of the sites you have visited. Get the app and get on the road!

Android/Google Play App Store

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

iOS/Apple App Store

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

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