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OFFICE FOR PARISH LIFE

GOOD NEWS NOTES

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RCIA SUMMER INSTITUTE: LIVING SIGNS

As a follow-up to the Beginnings Institute offered in July of 2013, the Office for Parish Life is pleased to offer this opportunity for all pastors and parish leaders involved with Christian Initiation and lifelong faith formation:

Living Signs: Liturgical Catechesis:

preparing and leading the
Period of Catechmenate

June 26-27, 2014, King's College

Thursday 6:30-9:30pm, light supper;

Friday 9:00am-3:30pm

Register: www.dioceseofscranton.org,

or call Nancy at 570-207-2213



Mary Birmingham (MA Liturgy and Theology, St. John's University Collegeville, MN) is the Director of Liturgy, Music and Christian Initiation at Ascension Parish in Melbourne, Florida. Mary has been involved in RCIA ministry on a national level since 1992. Mary provides workshops in scriptural and doctrinal catechesis, liturgical and sacramental catechesis, RCIA and the year round process. Mary is the author of *Word and Worship Workbook*, *Year Round Catechumenate (Liturgical Training Publications) Faith, Life and Creed (A Complete Catechesis for Christian Living)*, *pastoralplanning.com* and *TEAMRCIA*, *Formed in Faith*, *Sessions for Inquiry*, *Catechumenate*, and *Ongoing Faith Formation*, *Confirming Adult Catholics*, *World Library Publications*, and a former team member of the *North American Forum on the Catechumenate*.

Fortnight for

Website Resources

Bishop Bambera will celebrate Mass for the Fortnight, recognizing the freedom to serve the poor and most vulnerable. Sunday, July 29, 12:15pm Cathedral of St. Peter

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

The Office for Parish Life is reaching out to parishes to offer help with grief support ministry, an all-too-frequent and essential aspect of parish ministry. Bernadette Rudolph, Director of Family and Community Development, is sending a description of this initiative to pastors, deacons and pastoral associates in an

effort to contact those involved in the ministry. In addition:

- Resources are being added to the website;
- Information about your current programs is being gathered, and;
- Regional meetings will be scheduled for Fall.





LIGHT THE FIRE

YOUTH RALLY

Summer Youth Rally for Teens in 9th-12th Grade

Apex Ministries

APeX Ministries (aka Gene and Brad) is an internationally known comedy duo based out of Baltimore, MD and Casper, WY. Since 1996 they have traveled North America using a style they define as Christian Vaudeville. This includes death defying juggling, sketch comedy, and personal testimony. In other words, they are evangelists, they throw things at each other, and they are funny. Gene hopes one day to compete in the Olympics as a solo synchronized swimmer. Brad is very strong!



With music by...
**Sean Patrick
 Malloy Band**



Closing Mass with The Most Reverend Joseph Bambera
 Bishop Of Scranton

A high energy day filled with:

- Faith Filled Workshops - Awesome Music - An Amazing Closing Mass – Adoration –
- Reconciliation - New Friends -

When: July 2, 2014

Where: Misericordia University ~ Dallas, PA

Time: Registration opens at 9:00AM ~ Closing Mass at 7PM

\$30

For more information, contact you parish representative:

Visit us Online at www.Light-the-Fire.org

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS – ONGOING FORMATION

Culture of Planning:

fostering continuous pastoral planning and engaging ever more fully the total parish membership in the process

Saturday, July 19, 8:30am-3:30pm

Hosted by St. Ignatius Parish, Kingston, PA

After 15 years of experience in parish ministry, Dr. Gubish served 15 years as Director of Pastoral Life and Planning for the Diocese of Greensburg, PA. Mary Ann was instrumental in developing a process for parish pastoral councils, now a published resource for pastors and lay leaders, *Revisoning the Parish Pastoral Council*. Since then Mary Ann returned home to the Diocese of Pittsburgh where she served as the Director for Envisioning Ministry until she retired at the beginning of 2014.

Mary Ann received a Master of Arts degree in Theology from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. She is an experienced speaker and writer on consultative bodies in the Catholic Church, and has traveled to Diocese across the continental US, Hawaii, Canada and Australia to consult with dioceses ad their request.



[REGISTER HERE FOR CULTURE OF PLANNING:](#) — OR CALL 570-207-2213



Packets of more detailed information about the Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation were mailed to all parishes on June 9th. In addition to these hard copy materials, outlining “next steps” for parishes and for individuals interested in participating in any aspect of the program, the information is now available on the Diocesan website, with an electronic response form:

**[Formation for Servant Leadership:](#)
[Growing in Faith Together](#)**

Also attached to the same email with these Good News Notes, you will find a bulletin insert for your convenience. Feel free to lift this logo and website link for your parish website and Facebook.

Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death

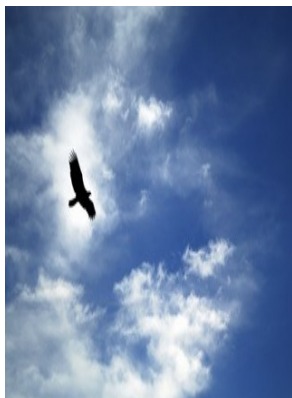
The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident.

All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy.

We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on forms which are available in the parish office or accessed on the [Service and Social Concerns page](#) on the Diocese of Scranton's website, www.dioceseofscranton.org.

Questions concerning this Mass may be directed to Dave Clarke at the Office for Parish Life:

570/207-2213, ext. 1130.



The Mass is scheduled for:

Thursday, July 24, 2014
7:00 pm

Saint Peter's Cathedral
315 Wyoming Avenue,
Scranton

www.dioceseofscranton.org

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