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OFFICE FOR PARISH LIFE

GOOD NEWS NOTES

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Mass of Remembrance
Thursday, July 14
at 7:00PM
Cathedral of St. Peter

WORLD REFUGEE DAY



YOU ARE INVITED TO:

A "World Refugee Day" Celebration
Sunday, June 26, 2016 from 1:00PM to 4:00PM
Nay Aug Park, Scranton PA (Mulberry Street Entrance)

*Sponsored by: Catholic Social Services and the
Office for Parish Life of the Diocese of Scranton*

World Refugee Day, observed on June 20, was established by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) to commemorate the strength, courage and resilience of millions of refugees throughout the world. In recognition of this special day, all are invited to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the refugee communities in North-eastern PA.

The celebration will include cultural music, dance, art, an "ethnic dress" fashion show, crafts and games for children, resources from community partners, and exhibits from refugee families. Ice cream will be available, and attendees can bring a picnic.

In addition, community members of all ages who attend the celebration are invited to participate in The International Interdependence Hexagon Project, a non-profit visual arts opportunity for schools and community groups worldwide.

Thinking about the positive aspects of different cultures and the commonalities that bind us as members of a global community, the Hexagon Project asks us to celebrate these commonalities and respect differences in an increasingly interdependent world. At the World Refugee Day celebration, community members of all ages will be able to create hexagons, using different art materials, based on what they experience through observing and meeting people from the various countries represented.

If they choose, participants' hexagons may become part of an exhibit at the Marketplace at Steamtown (formerly The Mall at Steamtown) opening on First Friday, September 2, running through September 30. More information is available at www.hexagonproject.org or by contacting Project Chair, Beth Burkhauser, at 570-342-1228 or hburkhauser@msn.com.

For more information on the "World Refugee Day" celebration, contact Sonya Sarner at Catholic Social Services, 570-207-2283.

Partners include:



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.

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

I.S.L.I.

We are still accepting registrations from first-time participants only for the **International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI)**. I.S.L.I. will take place **June 20-23, 2016 at King's College in Wilkes-Barre**. I.S.L.I. is the diocesan leadership experience for high school students including those who will enter 9th grade in the fall of 2016. It is a peer led and facilitated retreat that focuses on five leadership pillars: Support, Awareness, Self-confidence, Positive thinking and Values. Do not miss out on this opportunity. Register today! Click on this link to go to registration: [Registration for I.S.L.I.](#)

Light the Fire Summer Youth Rally

Wednesday, June 29 —Misericordia University

Light the Fire, now in its tenth year, provides high school students with a high-energy day filled with Catholic speakers, a variety of workshops, awesome music, friends, Eucharistic adoration, the sacrament of reconciliation and Closing Mass. This year features Chris Padgett, Full Armor Band, Sean Patrick Malloy and Closing Mass with the Most Rev. James C. Timlin, Bishop Emeritus of Scranton and Rev. Alex Roche, homilist. Visit www.light-the-fire.org for more information.



World Youth Day Stateside

World Youth Day will take place in Krakow, Poland from July 25-31, 2016. For those who cannot make the pilgrimage to Poland, there is an alternative not far from the Diocese of Scranton. **The Diocese of Harrisburg is planning a World Youth Day (WYD) Stateside. July 30-31, 2016.** This will be an event for Youth and Young Adults from Harrisburg and surrounding dioceses, and is described as a 26 hour U.S. celebration of mercy, prayer and praise making a local connection to the Church gathering in Krakow, Poland at WYD2016. It will be a pilgrimage by young Catholics to journey closer to Jesus Christ. For more information see the website of the Diocese of Harrisburg: www.hgbdioocese.org/wydstateside



Revised Order of Celebrating Matrimony Workshops

The revised *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* has been approved and publication is expected soon. One-day workshops sponsored by Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions and the Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship Secretariat Staff will be offered on **Thursday, June 24 in Rockville Center, NY and Wednesday, July 20 in Baltimore, MD**. The workshops are intended for priests, deacons, parish musicians, and diocesan leaders who actively prepare couples for marriage and for the celebration of Matrimony. The cost is \$55.



The day-long workshops will combine the very best of liturgical theology and pastoral practice and will cover such topics as: What's new in the second edition?; What has stayed the same?; The Theology of Marriage; Duties and Ministries in the Rite; Pastoral Preparation of Engaged Couples and more. There will be time for discussion and questions.

Please visit www.fdlc.org/marriage-rite-workshops for registration information.

NPM Annual Convention

The **National Association of Pastoral Musicians** will host its **thirty-ninth annual convention on July 11-16, 2016 in Houston, Texas**. We are a pilgrim people; we are all migrants. We are formed by various languages and cultures to become an incarnate Church that grows and lives by God's grace beyond all borders, beyond even the borders of space and time. With the theme of "The Church Sings" this convention focuses on the challenge of diversity among parish communities and features plenum presenters, Rev. Tony Ricard, Dr. C. Vanessa White, Rev. J. Michael Joncas, Dr. Carolyn Woo, Rev. Paul Turner, and Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, as well as breakout sessions, vendors and more. For more information, please visit www.npm.org.



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. These opportunities will take place between August 6-12

Each day will begin at 1:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:30 p.m. In that time frame, we will offer a choice of catechetical workshops and an opportunity for prayer and reflection. Following a camp-inspired dinner, participants will enjoy an intergenerational activity for the Year of Mercy.

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 save one of the following dates and plan to join us at one of these locations. Registration information will be available soon.

For more information, e-mail mary-anne-malone@dioceseofscranton.org.

Saturday, August 6, 2016

St. Elizabeth Parish
Bear Creek, PA 18602
(9:00AM to 3:00PM)

Monday, August 8, 2016

Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
Tunkhannock, PA 18657

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

St. John Parish
East Stroudsburg, PA 18302

Thursday, August 11, 2016

SS. Peter and Paul Parish
Towanda, PA 18848

Friday, August 12, 2016

St. Ann Parish
Williamsport, PA 17701



JUBILEE OF MERCY RESOURCES

Calling the Church, calling each of us, to a Year of mercy, Pope Francis tells us: *"Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful, compassionate love."*

In addition to the many resources offered in this year's Office for Parish Life calendar, please check the [Year of Mercy page of the Diocesan website](#) for monthly updates like:

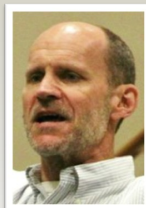
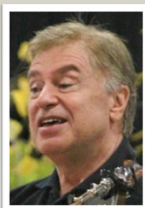
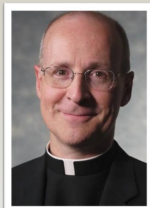
- Liturgical Resources for Summer Ordinary Time
- The Year of Mercy Challenge - action plan for youth groups
- How Can I Visit the Imprisoned?
- *Laudato si* Study Guides

Mark your calendars!

Diocesan Congress

Saturday, October 8, 2016

at the University of Scranton



The Diocesan Congress Day offers to all parishioners, parish leaders and ministers a joy-filled celebration of our Catholic faith journey, with events designed to inspire hope and enthusiasm for the work of profound parish renewal. Nationally recognized speakers include Rev. James Martin S.J., Dan Schutte, Jack Jezreel, Alice Camille, Leisa Anslinger and more!



Revolution of Tenderness

Register online at
www.dioceseofscranton.org
after July 1

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