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OFFICE FOR PARISH LIFE

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THE CHRISM MASS

Tuesday, March 22
at 4:00PM

Cathedral of
Saint Peter,
Scranton

PASTORING MULTIPLE PARISHES

Saturday, April 9, 9:00am-3:30pm
Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton



A workshop designed especially for parishes sharing a Pastor:

- *Understanding linked parish identity, while sustaining the unique separate identities of each parish;*
- *Creating leadership structures that reflect the complementary roles that each person can serve in the pastoral care of the community;*
- *When it is working well, what does it look like?*
- *What are some of the “best practices” drawn from this experience across the Dioceses of the United States?*
- *For each set of linked parishes participating, what are the next steps in fostering vibrant parish life for each of your parishes?*

Pastors, members of your Pastoral and Finance Councils, and additional parish leaders in ministries of Word, Worship, Service and Community are invited to come together to learn about and discuss strategies for healthy and creative ways to develop or strengthen your linked parish relationship. This is intended for those parishes who are very experienced as a linkage and for those just beginning this model of pastoral leadership.

Facilitator for the day, **Mark Mogilka**, has served Catholic leaders for almost forty years through diocesan ministries in La Crosse, WI, Columbus, OH and for the past twenty-seven years, Green Bay, WI as the director of Stewardship and Pastoral Services. Mark is a frequent speaker at leadership workshops, conferences and seminaries throughout the US and Canada. He has made presentations and published articles on multi-parish ministry, pastoral planning, leadership, parish councils, building vibrant parishes and stewardship. Mark chaired the Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership Project on Multiple Parish Ministry and co-author a book entitled “Multiple Parish Pastoring.” Mark has advanced degrees in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and Religious Studies from the University of Detroit.

To register your parish for this day, please call or email the Office for Parish Life with the parish name and list of participants at (570)-207-2213 or at Jennifer-Andres@dioceseofscranton.org.

National Association of Pastoral Musicians

SCRANTON CHAPTER

Liturgy and Becoming the Church of Mercy

**Tuesday, April 19th
at 6:00PM
at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
(339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston)**

Pope Francis has declared this year as an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy inviting everyone to reconsider both spiritually and practically the importance of mercy in our lives. Rev. Eric Schimmel, C.S.C. and Robert Yenkowski, both from King's College, Wilkes-Barre, will provide insight into how our participation in the sacred liturgy helps us become more merciful in our lives. The meeting begins with dinner at 6:00PM, followed by the presentation at 7:00PM, and concludes with Night Prayer. There is no cost for the event, but a free-will offering will be taken up to help offset the cost of dinner. To register, please contact David Baloga, NPM Scranton Chapter Program Director at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158.



DIOCESAN DAY FOR PARISH SECRETARIES

Back by Popular Demand!

Here is your invitation for the Diocesan Day for Parish Secretaries (receptionists, business managers, bookkeepers, administrative assistants, and???) – all of you who keep the parish office running smoothly and provide service to the members of your parish! You are invited to share in this experience on Tuesday, April 5th, 2016, along with Bishop Bambara and representatives from all of the Diocesan Departments which serve your parish. Please [click here for full schedule and to complete your registration form](#). If your parish will be sending more than one person, simply complete the form again per person.

SKILLS WORKSHOP

Understanding Family Systems and Their Influence on Ministry

Saturday, April 23, 9AM-4PM

St. Faustina Kowalska Parish Center, 518 S Hanover Street, Nanticoke

We bring our families with us everywhere we go and so does everyone we interact with in ministry! Grow in your awareness of your own family system and those of the people to whom you minister. Sr. Ann Perrin, cnd, Imft, adjunct professor in the Graduate Counseling Department at University of Scranton, will provide a practical and informative look at family systems, their developmental cycles and relational dynamics. This day will include lecture, self-reflection, practical application and small group sharing. To register, please visit [April Skills Workshop](#).

ECHOES OF FAITH

Adult Faith Formation and Catechist Training

Online modules complete your basic catechist formation for parish and Catholic school religious educators. These topics are also valuable for any adults interested in updating your faith understanding individually or in small faith-sharing groups. The unlimited use annual access code can be purchased from the Office for Parish Life for \$15 – call Mary Anne Malone at 570-207-2213.



Please note that RCL Benziger has just released the Ecclesiology/Church History segment of this program, if you were waiting to complete this component.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

Extraordinary Minister of Communion

The Office for Parish Life will offer training for new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion on April 4, 11 & 18 (Mondays) from 6:30PM-9:00PM in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton. Any candidate for the training should have the approval of his or her pastor/parish life coordinator. To register, please fill out the [EMHC Training Registration Form](#) or call the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213. Please note that it is necessary for candidates to attend all three sessions.



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.”*

To facilitate your study and action toward becoming more merciful persons and communities during this holy year, **The Office for Parish Life has published a calendar titled “Becoming the Church of Mercy.”** Three copies were mailed to each parish, and it is also posted on the Diocesan website. If your parish would like additional copies, simply call the Office for Parish Life — you are also most welcome to copy any or all of it.

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

- Liturgical Resources for Lent and Easter
- The Year of Mercy Challenge! - action plan for youth groups
- Year of Mercy Intergenerational Catechesis for Easter
- How Can I Visit the Imprisoned?
- Laudato si Study Guides

Parish Pilgrimages to the Cathedral

Parishes from around the diocese are invited to make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Saint Peter in observance of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. There are five more opportunities on Saturdays throughout the year for parishes to make the pilgrimage and pass through the diocesan Holy Door.

April 30, June 4, August 13, September 24, October 29

9:00AM	Arrival and registration (Diocesan Pastoral Center)
9:30AM	Morning Prayer (DPC)
9:45AM	Welcome & Presentation on the Jubilee of Mercy (DPC)
10:15-11:45AM	Reflection on the Father’s Mercy Confessions from 10:30 – 11:30AM in (Cathedral)
11:45AM	Recitation of the Rosary (Cathedral)
12:10PM	Mass (Cathedral)
1:00PM	Lunch (Dining Room of DPC)
1:30PM	Tour of the Cathedral
2:00PM	Depart

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, contact Sue Burke, Event Coordinator for the Diocesan Pastoral Center, at 570-591-5005 or at Sue-Burke@dioceseofscranton.org.

MERCY NOW

We are excited to share **Mercy Now**, a free resource from Catholic Life and Faith. Click on the links below (separate bulletin inserts for each month) to download the resources. **You have permission to reprint, post on your website or social media, or use in any way you believe of benefit, providing you retain the copyright information or give proper attribution.**

Mercy Now and Stewards of God’s Mercy
Bulletin Insert by
Leisa Anslinger

[March](#)

Mercy Now Articles:

[March](#)

For Parents and Catechists, Tweens, Teens and 20’s, Mercy in the Classroom, #mercy@mealtime, Mercy in Marriage, and Mercy for Me, by Amberly Boerschinger



CATHOLIC
LIFE & FAITH

THE SECOND ANNUAL

Diocesan Men's Conference

Jesus Christ: The Face of True Manhood

Saturday, April 23, 2016, 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

King's College Scandlon Gymnasium
149 N. Main St. Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation,
Mass, Fellowship, and Prayer.
Fee includes light breakfast & box lunch
Fee: \$35 (Early Bird \$30 until 4/1/16),
Student: \$15
Priests/Deacons: Free



Click here to [Register for the Men's Conference](#)

TEAM MEMBERS

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