



GoodNewsNotes

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

OFFICE FOR PARISH LIFE

This Issue

Up and Over Youth Retreat	p. 2
Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation	p. 2
DRE Network Meetings	p. 2
Men's Conference	p. 3
Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church	p. 3
Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral	p. 3
May Is	
Mental Health Month	p. 4
Parish Sponsor Couple Program	p. 4
Women's Conference	p. 4
Social Justice Trust Fund Grants	p. 5
Week of Religious Freedom 2018	p. 5
150th Diocesan Anniversary Resources	p. 6



NPM National Convention Bus Trip



The Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians will be sponsoring a bus trip to the NPM National

Convention in Baltimore, Maryland running July 9-13. The NPM National Convention features keynote presentations and concerts from renowned speakers and liturgical musicians, and offers clinics, exhibits, vendors and workshops for choir members, cantors, organists, keyboardists and other parish musicians and liturgical coordinators. To see all that the NPM National Convention has to offer, please visit the [NPM Convention website](#).

The bus will leave on Sunday, July 8 at 3:00PM from the Scranton area and stop in the Wilkes-Barre area for additional passengers before heading to Baltimore. The bus will leave the NPM Convention on Friday, July 13 around 1:00PM and return to our area around 5:00PM. Cost for the bus is \$85 per person, and does not include convention registration or hotel costs. Deadline for bus reservations is Thursday, May 31, 2018 and seating is limited.

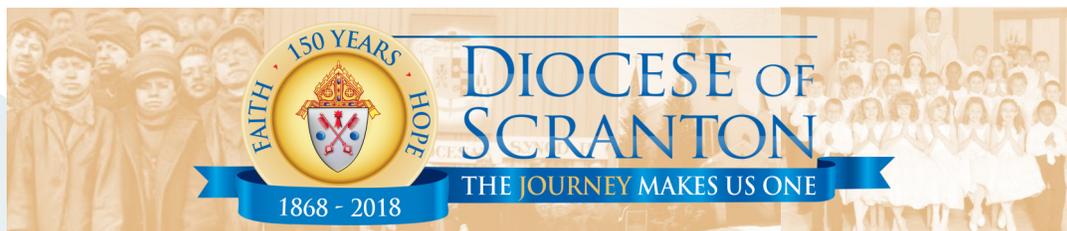
To make your reservation, [click here](#) or visit the Scranton NPM website at [ScrantonNPM.com](#), or contact David Baloga, at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158.

Mother's Day Adoption Mass

Sunday, May 13 at 10:00AM
Cathedral of Saint Peter

Adult Confirmation on Pentecost

Sunday, May 20 at 10:00AM
Cathedral of Saint Peter





WORD

"I CALL us to be servant leaders who are people of the WORD, preaching, teaching, evangelizing and cherishing the Gospel message throughout our entire lives."

DRE Network Meetings May/June 2018

As the Catechetical Year winds down, please plan to get together for another round of DRE Network Meetings. Meet other DREs in your region and share successes, new ideas and plans for next year. At these meetings, we will look forward to the week of Catechist Camp in August, brainstorming ideas for topics and locations.



All DRE Network Meetings will be held from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Please choose a location convenient to you, and RSVP to Mary Anne Malone: Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org or (570) 207-2213, ext. 1100.

Thursday, May 24 (Eastern Region)
St. John Parish
5171 Milford Road
East Stroudsburg, PA 18302

Tuesday, May 29 (Western Region)
St. Ann Parish
1220 Northway Road
Williamsport PA 17701

Tuesday, June 5 (Northern Region)
St. John Neumann Parish
633 Orchard Street
Scranton, PA 18505

Wednesday, June 6 (Southern Region)
Gate of Heaven Parish
40 Machell Avenue
Dallas, PA 18612

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

Looking to learn more about your faith, or gain enrichment for your parish ministry during the early Summer months? Members of the faithful across the Diocese of Scranton are invited to consider taking a course through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation! The next learning session runs from May 27, 2018 through June 30, 2018 (Registration is open until May 23). A variety of courses are available in English and Spanish at <https://vclcf.udayton.edu/>.



Up and Over Youth Retreat

Up and over is a weekend retreat for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students taking place on June 1-3, 2018 at Camp Orchard Hill, Dallas. This experience is a team-building and problem solving retreat for middle school students. Join us for a weekend of fun, friendship, & faith at the beautiful wooded Camp Orchard Hill. Spend time outdoors, meet new friends & learn how your God-given gifts can be used when you work with others as a team! Built into the weekend are opportunities to deepen your faith and a number of fun activities and events including a movie, free time, & an outdoor obstacle course! Register online at www.dioceseofscranton.org, or contact the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213, ext. 1155 for more information.



**XLT (Exalt!) will be held
Friday, May 18, from 7:00 to 9:00p.m.
at St. John Bosco Parish
2 Charles Avenue, Conyngham**

Speaker: **Scott Williams,**
graduating senior,
Holy Redeemer High School

Music: **Roni & Sylvia Smith**

For more information, please call 570-780-2996.

† CALL us to be servant leaders who WORSHIP our God and celebrate the Sacraments in union with the universal Church.”

WORSHIP



schedule features a three-hour afternoon session for clergy and lay leaders, and a separate evening session for music ministers, and all sessions will be bilingual. The nearest workshops will be held on June 11 in Baltimore, MD and June 27 in Trenton, NJ. For more information, please visit FDLC.org/misalworkshops.

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church



Pope Francis recently added a Memorial for “The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church” to the General Roman Calendar. It will be celebrated each year on the Monday after Pentecost. This year that will fall on **May 21**.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Divine Worship has now posted information on the [USCCB website](http://USCCB.org) about the readings and orations for Mass. It also provides information about the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours on this new Memorial.

The new Memorial supersedes the rubric at the end of the Pentecost Mass that suggests that a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost.

Please note that the readings will be proper to the day, not optional. They are slightly different than what is in the *Lectionary for Mass* (Lectionary Number 1002- I). The Secretariat has produced a PDF of the readings which may be found at the above link.

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral

Bishop Bambera will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton. If your parish has any adult baptized Catholics who need to complete their Sacraments of Initiation by attending this Mass, the proper forms must be returned to the Office for Parish Life by Friday, May 4 (please note the extended deadline). All information concerning the Adult Confirmation has been updated on the Diocesan website: [Parish Life and Mass Times/Christian Initiation Resources/Confirmation](http://ParishLifeandMassTimes/ChristianInitiationResources/Confirmation).

Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training

The Office for Parish Life will offer an all-day training session for new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion on **Saturday, July 21 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton**. Candidates for the training should have the approval of his or her pastor/parish life coordinator. There is no fee for the training and lunch will be provided. To register, please complete the [Extraordinary Minister of Communion registration form](http://ExtraordinaryMinisterofCommunionregistrationform).

Misal Romano, Tercera Edición

The ritual edition of the U.S. *Misal Romano, Tercera Edición* is now available. This new edition may be used beginning on the weekend of Pentecost (May 20, 2018), 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

Please visit the USCCB website (USCCB.org/cultodivino) for articles and other resources on the new *Misal*.

The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) will host a series of workshops on the *Misal Romano* for clergy, music ministers, and lay leaders. The



Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, May 5

King's College, Wilkes-Barre

Speakers include: *Jesse Romero*
Tom Peterson
Fr. Michael Gaitley
and

Closing Mass with Bishop Bambera

Click here for more information or to register



COMMUNITY

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

Parish Sponsor Couple Program for Marriage Preparation Available!

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 PreCana Days of Reflection, with video content featuring John Regula and Bernadette Rudolph. Contact Jennifer Housel, Coordinator for Marriage and Family Life, to discuss starting this in your parish. (jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org, (570) 207-2213 x 1104) about WWME, can be found at <http://www.wwme.org/>



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 may 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/>

May Is Mental Health Month

Many of your parishioners, friends, family and co-workers will have a form of mental illness at sometime in their lives. Often "hidden," it nevertheless carries a stigma. Show support for your parishioners with mental illness in one of the following ways:



- Visit these two particular pages within the National Catholic Partnership on Disability website:
 - ◇ www.catholicswithmentalillness.org Theological background and various resources specifically for mental illness, such as the Four Legs of Recovery;
 - ◇ [Resources specifically for Mental Health Month](#), such as bulletin articles and networks.
- Consider offering a parish or area support group.
- Publish information on local service agencies that offer support for those with mental illness or their families.

Quo Vadis Days— June 24-27 at Misericordia University, Dallas

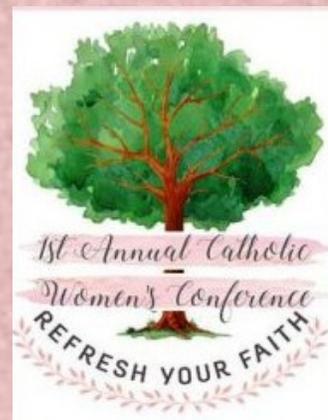
Quo Vadis Days 2018 is a camp for young Catholic men in High School (9-12th grade) to:

- ◆ Deepen their faith
- ◆ Learn more about all vocations
- ◆ Better discern God's call in their lives

The camp will feature dynamic talks, prayer, games, sports, activities, music and more. Participants will have the opportunity to meet priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton.

Register Online: vocations.dioceseofscranton.org

For more information, call 570-207-1452.



Mark your calendars now!

First Annual Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, June 23, 2018

8:00AM - 4:00PM

Byron Complex at the University of Scranton

featured speakers: Megan Murphy Judy Landrieu Klein Fr. Richard McAlear

music by His Own

Closing Mass with Bishop Bambera

[Click here for more information](#)

"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



Social Justice Trust Fund Grants

The Social Justice Trust Fund Grants are designed to assist parishes in their efforts to reach out to the hurting, the poor, and the most vulnerable in our midst. **Parish-Based Grants** (up to \$5,000) provide individual parish teams with the financial support needed to implement programs designed to deal with social justice issues directly affecting the local community and/or people of the parish. Additional resources from the Diocesan Annual Appeal, are available through **Challenge Grants** (up to three grants will be awarded in the range of \$5,000- \$25,000) which have greater impact for launching or stabilizing a program whose scope includes a partnership between faith communities and/or a collaboration between a parish and local human services agencies.

For more information or to receive the Social Justice Trust Fund Application packet, please contact Catherine Butel, Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 x 1148 or catherine-butel@dioceseofscranton.org. The application deadline for the basic grants is May 25, 2018 and application deadline for the Challenge Grants is July 1, 2018.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Pentecost Celebration



The Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Scranton will be holding a Pentecost Celebration on Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave. Scranton. Speakers include Pastor Dave Twiss, Theresa Dinunzi, Bob Valiante and Ted Mike (witness). The day features Spirit-filled prayer and praise, inspiring music and anointed worship, challenging teaching and prayers for healing. A light lunch will be provided (please specify between choice of tuna, turkey or Italian hoagie for lunch when registering). There is no fee for the day, but a free-will offering will be taken. To register, contact the CCR Office at 570-344-2214 or via email at ccrenewal@comcast.net.

Pope Francis: A Man of His Word

New Film Opens in Theatres Nationwide May 18th

Pope Francis is coming to America! Perhaps not in person, but at least in a one-of-a-kind new movie co-produced and endorsed by the Vatican.

Wim Wenders' new documentary, "Pope Francis—A Man of His Word" is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis, as he sets out to present his work of reform and his answers to today's global questions. From his deep concern for the poor, to his involvement in environmental issues and social justice, Pope Francis engages the audience face-to-face in a way never seen before. The Vatican has said, "The film masterfully shares the tenderness, humanity, and revolutionary thinking of Pope Francis, and shows that he is a man who practices what he preaches.

To arrange a screening in your area, please call 615-414-8827, or to reserve discounted tickets for your church, school or other group, please call 800-585-1892 or visit www.PopeFrancisTickets.com.

Religious Freedom Week 2018

Catholics across the United States are encouraged to pray and act in support of religious liberty at home and abroad during Serving Others in God's Love: Religious Freedom Week 2018, which runs from June 22 to 29. During the Religious Freedom Week, Catholics are encouraged to pray and act each day for religious freedom.



Serving Others in God's Love

Religious Freedom Week
June 22–29, 2018

Resources for Religious Freedom Week including bulletin inserts, talking points, a Pray-Reflect-Act series, and social media downloads with the prayer intention of each day, and other religious liberty resources can be found at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek and www.usccb.org/freedom.

Resources for Religious Freedom Week including bulletin inserts, talking points, a Pray-Reflect-Act series, and social media downloads with the prayer intention of each day, and other religious liberty resources can be found at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek and www.usccb.org/freedom.



visit www.light-the-fire.org

Featuring Guest Speaker:

Cooper Ray

Wednesday, June 27, 2018
Misericordia University—Dallas, PA

Registration opens at 9:00AM

Closing Mass with Bishop Bambera
at 7:00PM



Cooper Ray

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 assembly edition and choral arrangement, as well as the solo voice/guitar arrangement and instrumental parts 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”



OPL TEAM MEMBERS

Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life: **Catherine Jantsch Butel**
Director for WORD and Lifelong Faith Formation: **Mary Anne Malone**
Coordinator for Youth/Young Adult Ministry: **Shannon Kowalski**
Consultant for Youth and Campus Ministry: **Fred Mercadante**
Director for WORSHIP: **David Baloga**
Coordinator for RCIA: **Fr. Bob Simon**
Director for SERVICE and Social Concerns:
Coordinator for Pilgrimages: **Fr. Andrew Hvozdovic**
Coordinator for Marriage and Family Life: **Jen Housel**
Coordinator for Ecumenical/Interfaith Relations: **Msgr. Vincent Grimalia**
Consultant for Community Connections: **Dominick Costantino**
Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation: **Kitty Scanlan**
Coordinator for Pastoral Council Development: **Ann Marie Cawley**
Events Coordinator, Diocesan Pastoral Center: **Sue Burke**
Receptionist: **Jennifer Andres** Data Manager/Registrar: **Nancy Valtos**
Administrative Assistant: **Diane Franklin** Office Manager: **Marge Kosmahl**



Office for Parish Life
330 Wyoming Ave.
Scranton, PA 18503
phone: 570-207-2213
fax: 570-207-2204

oplgeneral@dioceseofscranton.org
www.dioceseofscranton.org



SUBSCRIBE