

U.S. Bishops to gather for spiritual retreat

To pray, discuss challenging issues facing Church

WASHINGTON (CNS) – The U.S. bishops will start 2019 with a spiritual retreat to pray and reflect on the important matters facing the Catholic Church.

Set for Jan. 2-8 at Mundelein Seminary near Chicago, the retreat was planned in response to Pope Francis' request to a delegation of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops leaders during a meeting at the Vatican Sept. 13. The meeting with the pope focused on the U.S. bishops' response to the widening clergy sex abuse crisis.

Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher of the papal household, will direct the Ignatian style retreat.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops president, thanked Pope Francis for offering Father Cantalamessa as retreat director in a statement announcing the retreat.

In September, the bishops' Administrative Committee outlined actions to address the abuse crisis, including approving the

establishment of a third-party confidential reporting system for claims of any abuse by bishops. They also initiated the process of developing a code of conduct for bishops and looking at policies addressing restrictions on bishops who were removed or resigned because of allegations of abuse of minors or adults.

"I look forward to gathering with my brother bishops for this period of prayer and reflection," said Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. "Our Church is facing many challenges, foremost how we can continue to respond to those who have been abused by clergy, how our own leadership can better serve the Lord and his faithful people and how we can regain their trust. There is much work to be done, and as with all human endeavors, we must seek the grace of God if it is to bear fruit."

The church's response to the sexual abuse crisis also will top the agenda for the bishops' fall general assembly in Baltimore Nov. 12-14.

Pope calls attack on synagogue an inhumane act of violence

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Pope Francis prayed for those affected by a deadly attack inside a Pittsburgh synagogue, calling it an act of inhumane violence.

"We are all hurt by this inhumane act of violence," the pope said Oct. 28, the day after a gunman, shouting anti-Semitic insults, killed 11 people in the Tree of Life synagogue.

The shooting occurred during a morning baby-naming ceremony, for which an estimated crowd of 45 to 100 people had gathered, according to news reports.

"May the Lord help us extinguish the fires of hatred that develop in our society," the pope prayed after reciting the Angelus prayer.

In addition to those killed in the Pittsburgh synagogue, six others were wounded, including four police officers. Authorities have described it as the deadliest rampage ever against the Jewish community in the United States.

Pope Francis prayed that God would help people strengthen their "sense of humanity, their respect for life, moral and civic values and the holy fear of God, who is love and the father of everyone."

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the bishops stand with "our brothers and sisters of the Jewish community. We condemn all acts of violence and hate and yet again, call on our nation and public of-



People mourn the loss of life as they hold a vigil for the victims of the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh Oct. 27. (CNS photo/John Altdorfer, Reuters)

officials to confront the plague of gun violence.

"Violence as a response to political, racial or religious differences must be confronted with all possible effort. God asks nothing less of us. He begs us back to our common humanity as his sons and daughters."

The gunman, later identified as a 46-year-old Pitts-

burgh man named Robert Bowers, allegedly shouted that "all Jews must die" as he stormed the synagogue in the Squirrel Hill section of the city. Once inside he began shooting. Police said he was armed with three handguns and an AR-15 "style" weapon. He is believed to have acted alone.

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Missionary Disciples



Students from the Holy Cross and Saint John Neumann regional school systems were among the assembly that participated in the the Pontifical Mass for World Mission Sunday celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton on October 21. Echoing the theme, "Voices for Mission," they are responding to Pope Francis' call to bear witness to love and support the preaching of the Gospel to every nation through prayers and material aid given generously to the Pontifical Mission Societies.

BISHOP BAMBERA'S STATEMENT

The attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue in Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, is a cowardly act of violence to be condemned by all people of good will. Those killed and injured represent the best of who we are: people of faith gathering to pray and celebrate the birth of a child, and officers responding to the ensuing violence with no concern for their own safety.

Anti-Semitism is to be condemned and must be confronted by our nation. The Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Scranton stands with our Jewish brothers and sisters during this time of grief and pain. May God grant peace to those who have died, healing to the injured, and comfort to the families of those hurt and killed and to all the Jewish community.

Saints risk all for love of Jesus, pope says at canonization Mass

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Carrying Pope Paul VI's pastoral staff and wearing the blood-stained belt of Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador, Pope Francis formally recognized them, and five others, as saints of the Catholic Church.

Thousands of pilgrims from the new saints' home countries – Italy, El Salvador, Spain and Germany – were joined by tens of thousands of others October 14 in Saint Peter's Square to celebrate the universal recognition of the holiness of men and women they already knew were saints.

Carolina Escamilla, who traveled from San Salvador for canonization, said she was "super happy" to be in Rome. "I don't think there are words to describe all that we feel after such a long-awaited and long-desired moment like the 'official' canonization, because Archbishop Romero was already a saint when he was alive."

Each of the new saints lived lives marked by pain and criticism – including from within the church – but all of them dedicated themselves with passionate love to following Jesus and caring for the weak and the poor, Pope Francis said in his homily.

The new saints are: Paul VI, who led the last sessions of the Second Vatican Council and its initial implementation; Romero, who defended the poor, called for justice and was assassinated in 1980; Vincenzo Romano, an Italian priest who died in 1831; Nazaria Ignacia March Mesa, a Spanish nun who ministered in Mexico and Bolivia and died in 1943; Catherine Kasper, the 19th-century German founder of a religious order; Francesco Spinelli, a 19th-century priest and founder of a religious order; and Nunzio Sulprizio, a layman who died in Naples in 1836 at the age of 19.

"All these saints, in different contexts," put the Gospel "into practice in their lives, without lukewarmness, without calculation, with the passion to risk everything and to leave it all behind," Pope Francis said in his homily.

The pope, who has spoken often about being personally inspired by both Saint Paul VI and Saint Oscar Romero, prayed that every Christian would follow the new saints' examples by shunning an attachment to money, wealth and power, and instead following Jesus and sharing his love with others.

And he prayed the new saints would inspire the whole church to set aside "structures that are no longer adequate for proclaiming the Gospel, those weights that slow down our mission, the strings that tie us to the world."

Among those in Saint Peter's Square for the Mass was Rossi Bonilla, a Salvadoran now living in Barcelona. "I'm really emotional, also because I did my Communion with Monsignor Romero when I was eight years old," she told Catholic News Service.

"He was so important for the neediest; he was really with the people and kept strong when the repression started," Bonilla said. "The struggle continues for the people, and so here we are!"

Claudia Lombardi, 24, came to the canonization from Brescia, Italy – Saint Paul VI's hometown. Her local saint, she said, "brought great fresh air" to the church with the Second Vatican Council and "has something to say to us today," particularly with his 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae* on human life and married love, especially its teaching about "the conception of life, the protection of life always."



The banners of new saints Oscar Romero and Paul VI hang from the facade of Saint Peter's Basilica as Pope Francis celebrates the canonization Mass for seven new saints in Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican Oct. 14. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

'Timeless truths' in *Humanae Vitae* a gift to church

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Fifty years ago in issuing his encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, Blessed Paul VI "reaffirmed the beautiful truth that a husband and wife are called to give themselves completely to each other," said the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"Marriage reflects the love of God, which is faithful, generous and life-giving. Through their vocation, spouses cooperate with God by being open to new human life," Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston said in a statement marking the 50th anniversary of the document.

Dated July 25, 1968, *Humanae Vitae* ("Of Human Life") was issued at a Vatican news conference July 29, 1968.

Subtitled "On the Regulation of Birth," the encyclical reaffirmed the church's moral teaching on the sanctity of life, married love, the procreative and unitive nature of conjugal relations, responsible parenthood and its rejection of artificial contraception.

"Blessed Paul VI, who bore the criticism of *Humanae Vitae* with charity and patience, courageously affirmed that when we love as God designed, we experience true freedom and joy," Cardinal DiNardo said. "He has also been proven correct in his warnings about the consequences of ignoring the true meaning of married love."

Before Blessed Paul was elected to lead the church, Saint John XXIII had appointed a small committee to study the issue of the regulation of birth.

Blessed Paul expanded the commission, which included several married couples. The commission's work ended in 1966 with the leaking of a report by the majority of members asserting artificial contraception was not intrinsically evil. The leaked report heightened expectations of a major change in church teaching.

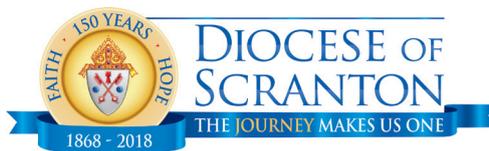
The pope rejected the majority's recommendations and, instead, upheld traditional church teaching against artificial contraception, saying that the only licit means of regulating birth is natural family planning. In the document, he also asked scientists to improve natural family planning methods "providing a sufficiently secure basis for a regulation of birth founded on the observance of natural rhythms."

At the time of its release, it was greeted with protests and petitions. But the 50th anniversary has been marked by conferences, lectures and academic discussions as theologians, clergy, family life ministers and university professors have explored what its teachings mean for the 21st-century church.

"On this anniversary, I encourage all to read and prayerfully reflect upon this encyclical, and be open to the gift of its timeless truths," Cardinal DiNardo said.

To learn more about *Humanae Vitae* and Natural Family Planning, contact Jennifer Housel, Director for Community and Family Development in the Diocesan Office for Parish Life: (570) 207-2213 x1104, jennifer-housel@dioceseofscranton.org

New furnishings dedicated at Mass



"I suspect that I speak for all of you in saying that it's good to be back home – back in our Cathedral church," said Bishop Bambera at the Mass he celebrated at 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 20, to dedicate the new altar and bless other furnishings that have been added to the Cathedral of Saint Peter in commemoration of the Diocese of Scranton's 150th anniversary, in keeping with more recent liturgical norms, and to enhance the worship experience for parishioners and others who come to the church to pray and participate in the Mass.

In addition to the altar, these include a new tabernacle, ambo, cathedra (bishop's chair) and baptistery. These furnishings were created to reflect more appropriately the style of the one original altar that remained from the 1884 renovation of the Cathedral, referred to as the Saint Joseph altar, adjacent to the sacristy door. Finally, a magnificent crucifix – the central symbol of our Christian faith – now hangs over the altar that represents Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

The restoration project also involved changing light fixtures to accommodate LED bulbs, a state-of-the-art sound system, a handicapped accessible bathroom and entranceway into the sanctuary, and new and lighter vestibule doors.

The Cathedral was closed for four months as the project progressed. During that time Masses were celebrated in the Diocesan Pastoral Center across the street.

The restoration project was funded by donations from Cathedral parishioners and other benefactors.

"How blessed we are, through the kindness of so many of you who are with us

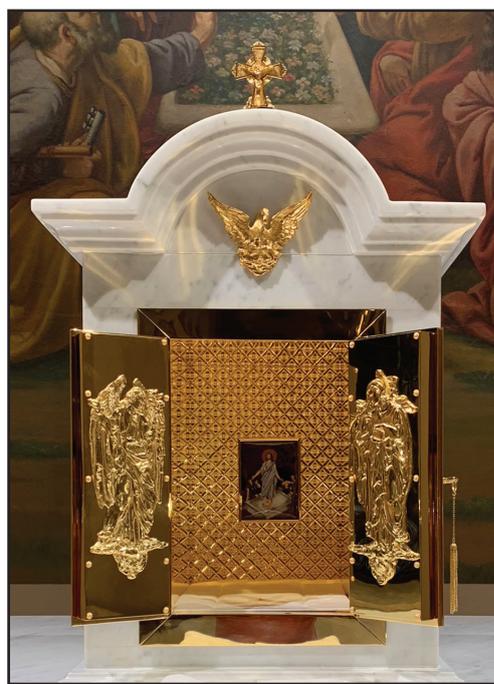


Bishop Bambera blesses the assembly with Holy Water from the new baptismal font as the liturgy begins.



today, to be able to worship and pray in such a noble and sacred space," Bishop Bambera said.

"But for as much as we revel in the splendor of this historic and pristine mother church of the Diocese of Scranton, this moment during this particular Sunday celebration calls us to something else. It bids us to reflect upon the primary reason for gathering as a people of God; namely, to open our hearts to God's power and presence – to engage the living Word of God as it comes to us in the sacred scriptures – and to receive the very life of Jesus in the Eucharist."



Following the prayer of dedication, the Bishop pours Sacred Chrism on the new altar. A magnificent crucifix – the central symbol of our Christian faith – now hangs over the altar that represents Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

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The Nobility of the Tabernacle

In *The Ceremonial of Bishops*, most recently revised in 1989 and promulgated by now Saint Pope John Paul II, section 49 notes the following: *It is recommended that the tabernacle, in accordance with a very ancient tradition in cathedral churches, should be located in a chapel separate from the main body of the church.*

Although our Cathedral does not have a separate chapel for the reservation of the Most Holy Eucharist, the tabernacle continues to occupy an alcove to the side of the sanctuary, as it has for the past 50 years. This particular arrangement allows the tabernacle to be both visible from throughout the entire body of the Cathedral and to provide a setting that is conducive to private prayer and adoration, as envisioned by the directives of *The Ceremonial of Bishops*.

Art and Architecture Tour of the Cathedral

Monsignor Dale Rupert, pastor of the Cathedral Parish, will offer a tour on **Friday, November 2, at 7 p.m.** highlighting the numerous frescoes, stained glass windows, mosaics, and other works of art which bring to life our local history. This tour is presented in conjunction with First Friday Scranton.

Faith leaders, people of goodwill condemn attack on synagogue

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In his statement, Cardinal DiNardo, who was ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, said: "I commend to our Lord the victims, including first responders, and the consolation of their families. May Almighty God be with them and bring them comfort at this tragic time."

Pittsburgh Bishop David A. Zubik denounced the shooting and said the entire Pittsburgh community is devastated. The relationship between the Catholic diocese and the synagogue,



he said, has been "close over many years."

In a statement to the media, he said: "May God

free us from fear and hatred, and sow peace in our lives, our communities and in the world."



A large crowd gathered at the Jewish Community in Scranton on Tuesday evening for a time of prayer in response to the tragic killings at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh on October 27. Community leaders and representatives of many faith traditions, including Bishop Bambera and several Diocesan clergy, attended. A service was held at the JCC in Wilkes-Barre on Monday.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BAMBERA TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Brothers and sisters – Peace to you from the Catholic community of northeastern and north central Pennsylvania.

On Sunday morning, Pope Francis expressed his closeness to the Jewish community of Pittsburgh and around the world following the slaughter of eleven faithful souls at the *Tree of Life Synagogue*.

"May the Most High welcome into His peace those who have died; comfort their families; and sustain those who were wounded." The Pope went on to say what we all know in our hearts and what we all want you – our Jewish brothers and sisters – to know, "We are all wounded by this inhuman act of violence. May the Lord help us to extinguish the hotbeds of hatred that are developing in our societies, strengthening the sense of humanity respect for life, moral and civil values, and the holy fear of God, who is love and the Father of all."

The attack on the *Tree of Life Synagogue* was a cowardly act of violence abhorrent to all people of good will. Those killed and injured represented the best of who we are: people of faith gathered to pray and to celebrate the birth of a child, and synagogue leaders and law enforcement officers responding to the ensuing violence with no concern for their own safety – only the well-being of the people entrusted to their care.

Frighteningly, like far too many attacks in recent years, at houses of worship – synagogues and mosques and churches – at schools and theatres and shopping areas, this attack was an attack upon us all! We are ALL vulnerable. Like never before, we are ALL potential victims of hatred.

Yet, you – our neighbors and friends in the Jewish community, our brothers and sisters in faith – you have known far too much suffering in your history, a suffering that tragically has yet to be eradicated from our world.

This coming Sunday in the scripture passages that will be proclaimed in Catholic churches throughout the world, we will listen to the words of Deuteronomy – the *Shema Yisrael* – "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! ... Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength." And we will also listen to words from the gospel of Saint Mark, as Jesus proclaims not only the *Shema Yisrael*, but also cherished words from Leviticus reminding us all, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Yes, anti-Semitism must be condemned with words and gestures and legal remedies for hate crimes. But words and gestures and legislation are not enough. This is a scourge that can only be extinguished when people of every land and nation – including ourselves and beginning with us – are courageous enough to peer into our hearts to assess the depth of our love and our common origin in God.

May we – everyone one of us – embrace the great commandment to love generously and selflessly. In so doing, may we model for this broken world of ours the vision for creation that God entrusted to us, who are made in his image and likeness, and sow seeds for justice, righteousness and peace.

My friends, the Catholic community of the Diocese of Scranton stands with you – our beloved brothers and sisters – during this time of grief, fear and pain.

May God grant peace to those who have died, healing to the injured, and comfort to you, his chosen ones! *Amen*.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, announces the following appointments, effective as indicated.

Monsignor David L. Tressler, from Superintendent of Schools, effective, November 2, 2018. Monsignor Tressler will continue to serve as Pastor, Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, Jermyn.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend Richard Rojas, from Administrator, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Dushore, to Chaplain, Mercy Center, Dallas, effective November 5, 2018.

RETIREMENT FOR REASONS OF HEALTH

Reverend Leo J. McKernan, from Pastor, St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston, to retirement for reasons of health, effective November 12, 2018.



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

November 2 – All Souls' Day Mass, Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.

November 4 – #Leave a Mark 18 Mass, Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 5:00 p.m.

November 9-15 – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Meetings, Baltimore

November 20 – 42nd Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner Blessing, Scranton Cultural Center, 6:00 p.m.

November 21 – Family to Family Food Basket Blessing, Scranton Cultural Center, 9:00 a.m.

National Vocation Awareness Week

November 4-10



Let us pray for those who are in the Program of Priestly Formation for the Diocese of Scranton and also those men and women who are in formation for religious communities.

Pope Francis' Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that you inspire young people whom you call to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life to courageously follow your will. Send workers into your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and your people are strengthened by the sacraments. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church and world need young people's involvement, synod fathers say

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Speaking on behalf of all adult Catholics, Pope Francis formally closed the Synod of Bishops by asking young people for forgiveness.

“Forgive us if often we have not listened to you; if, instead of opening our hearts, we have filled your ears. As Christ’s church, we want to listen to you with love” because young people’s lives are precious in God’s eyes and “in our eyes, too,” the pope said in his homily Oct. 28.

The Mass, celebrated in St. Peter’s Basilica, closed a month-long synod on young people, faith and vocational discernment. The pope thanked the 300 synod members, experts, observers and ecumenical delegates for working in communion, with frankness and with the desire to serve God’s people.

“May the Lord bless our



Pope Francis greets synod observers during the closing Mass of the Synod of Bishops on young people, the faith and vocational discernment in St. Peter’s Basilica Oct. 28.

steps, so that we can listen to young people, be their neighbors and bear witness before them to Jesus, the joy of our lives,” he said.

Living the faith and sharing it with the world, es-

pecially with young people, entails going out to those in need, listening, being close to them and bearing witness to Jesus’ liberating message of salvation, Pope Francis said.

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LEAVE A MARK
"MAKE SOMEONE ELSE'S LIFE BETTER BECAUSE HE OR SHE EXPERIENCED YOURS."
— ST. IGNACE OF LOYOLA

Calling the Young Church!

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Mass at 5pm

Cathedral of St. Peter

315 Wyoming Ave, Scranton, PA 18503

Reception to follow
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“As the coordinators for youth ministry and social justice for the Diocese, we get to interact with amazing young Catholics every day, people who are curious about the world around them and willing to put in the work to create something amazing. We know that the Catholic Church needs to do something bold and different; we are hosting a ball pit at our November 4 #LeaveaMark18 event, where Bishop Bambera can sit with young people and talk about our Catholic faith.” – **Shannon Kowalski and Katy Windels**

“Being able to witness our Diocese come together and celebrate a Mass dedicated to the spreading of Pope Francis’ mission for young people to ‘leave a mark’ is invigorating and encouraging for a young, faithful person like myself.” – **Nathan Morgan**, student, King’s College

“This is our third year kicking off National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton with the #LeaveaMark event. Sunday will be a great opportunity for all of us to come together and celebrate our Catholic faith. It is an exciting time in the life of our Church as the 2018 Synod of Bishops comes to a close. All of us on the planning committee are excited to hear what Sarah Yaklic’s experience was like in Rome and how this Synod will shape youth, young adult and vocation ministry in the world.” – **Dominick Costantino**, Vocation Program Coordinator

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The #LeaveaMark event on November 4 will conclude the 150th Anniversary Year of the Diocese of Scranton. It will provide the opportunity for the young adults who gather to accept the invitation to shape the future of the Church of Scranton for generations to come.

Daybreak Youth Retreat November 9-11

The Daybreak retreat, to be held November 9-11 at Saint Gabriel's Retreat House, Clarks Summit, is a peer-facilitated retreat specifically for 8th and 9th grade students.

The weekend will focus on forming good communication skills and healthy Christ-centered relationships with oneself, with family, and with friends.

Students will come away with a better understanding of how to be the face of Christ for other people, new friendships and the tools needed to make old friendships even better!

For more information, visit www.dioceseofscranton.org or call (570) 207-2213 EXT.1155.

Office for Parish Life

AN EVENING TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGE

Saturday, November 10th, 2018

6:00PM

Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503



Are you living out a vocation to marriage? Do you minister to those who do? Would you enjoy an evening celebrating this challenging and rewarding vocation?

Please join us as we gather to enjoy a presentation and celebrate the vocation of marriage. Any married couple, along with all those who are currently involved in or considering a call to marriage ministry, are warmly welcomed. There is no fee, and light refreshments will be served.

Jim Merhaut, an inspiring presenter and the author of *Your Catholic Family: Simple Ways to Share the Faith at Home* and many other books and articles, will speak on the topic of "Marriage: A Journey of Expanding Appreciation for Others".



PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 5:
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A Season of Hope

An Evening
of Reflection
on Advent

led by Fr. Andrew Kurovsky
Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Peckville

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6:00PM
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 1101 Willow St., Peckville, PA

Given the many preparations and rehearsals leading up to Christmas Festival, we may be unable to set aside time to embrace fully the beauty and gift of the Advent season. This evening will provide participants an opportunity to reflect deeply on the spirit of hope that the season of Advent brings.

The evening begins with dinner at 6:00PM, followed by the presentation at 7:00PM, and concludes with Night Prayer. All are welcome to attend. 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 visit the Scranton Chapter of NPM website at ScrantonNPM.com or contact David Baloga, NPM Scranton Chapter Program Director at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158 or at David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org by Friday, November 9, 2018.



2018 Ministry Skills Workshop Series

"Ecumenism & Interfaith Dialogue, and Intercultural Competencies"

November 17, 2018

9AM-3PM

Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton



Ecumenism and the Interfaith Dialogue: Fr. Alex Roche will explain Vatican II's call to dialogue with our fellow Christians and those of other faiths, what has happened since the Council to continue this dialogue, and how the dialogue plays out in parish life.

Cultural Diversity and Parish Unity: Alejandra Marroquin will unpack best practices for parishes with culturally diverse populations to encourage integration and unity within the Church.

Fr. Alex Roche is Pastor at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Lake Silkworth and Chaplain at Misericordia University and Holy Redeemer High School.

Alejandra Marroquin is the Adult Behavioral Health Coordinator for Lackawanna/Susquehanna Counties. For the past 12 years Alejandra has worked with the Hispanic-Latino community in the greater Scranton Area, giving presentations and interviews in relation to the Hispanic-Latino community and immigration awareness.

The cost of registration for this workshop is \$30, payable to The Diocese of Scranton. Register online at: www.dioceseofscranton.org

For more information or questions, contact Kitty Scanlan at 570-207-2213



Catechists Gather for Diocesan *WORD* Convocation

Father Brian J.T. Clarke and Father Jeffrey J. Walsh celebrated Mass to begin the Convocation.



Catechists from parishes around the Diocese of Scranton gathered on Saturday, October 20, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center for the *WORD* Convocation/Convocation for Catechists. The day began with Mass offered by Reverend Brian J.T. Clarke, Diocesan Director for Pontifical Mission Societies, and pastor, Ascension Parish, Forest City, and Saint Katharine Drexel Parish, Pleasant Mount. Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, V.E., Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, was the concelebrant.

In his homily, Father Clarke said that the readings of the day (Eph 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12) related to the gathering of catechists. He spoke of the gift of the Word, both the Word of God in scripture, and the Incarnation of the Word in Jesus. This is the life of the Church. God reveals himself to us and in the words of Saint Paul, “I do not cease giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him.”

Keynote speaker for the Convocation was Joan Weber, Coordinator of National Workshop Series and Lifelong Faith Formation at the center for Ministry Development, Gig Harbor, Wash. Joan was an energetic and engaging speaker whose presentation was entitled *Calling Families to Be Living Gospels*. She said that the messages that parents most want to hear from the Church are: “You are always welcome at our church,” and “How can we help you and your family live out your faith in the world?”

Joan made many references to Pope Francis, especially to his apostolic exhortation, *Joy of the Gospel*. She reminded us that we must lead with the joy of the Gospel as we relate to parents and families. She described a number of ways to help families have an encounter with Jesus Christ, including family-centered faith festivals, Bible fests, mission experiences and retreats. In each of these events, catechists have the opportunity to make families comfortable about reading scripture, sharing their faith, and feeling at home in the parish.

Indeed, three key ways in which families will be faithful to the Church are: faith sharing, prayer and family service. All of these parish endeavors will strengthen the domestic church.

During the day, participants visited the atrium of the Diocesan Pastoral Center to interact with exhibitors including Heaven and Earth Gift Shop, Our Sunday Visitor, Pontifical Mission Societies, Saint Dominic’s Academy/Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, William H. Sadlier, Inc. and the Office for Parish Life.

Following lunch, the catechists had the opportunity to attend two workshop sessions. Workshops included two presented by Rich Curran, founder and executive director of Parish Success Group, based in Appleton, Wisc. Rich travels the country offering Catholic ministry training and consulting to parishes and dioceses. His workshop topics were: *Structuring Parish Formation to Keep Continuous Contact with Parents and Adults* and *Teaching through Apprenticeship: Forming the Behavior of a Young Catholic*.

Other workshops offered were: *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*, Margot Davison, Saint Dominic’s Academy, Honesdale; *From Charity to Justice: Engaging Our Youth in the Work of Catholic Social Teaching*, Katy Windels, Diocesan Coordinator for Service and Social Justice; *How to Reach the Most Exhausted Generation in History*, Shannon Kowalski, Diocesan Coordinator for Youth/Young Adult Ministry; *Inclusionary Practices for Catechists*, Mary Kraveski, Most Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco; *Learning through Movement*, Mary Anne Malone, Diocesan Director for Word and Lifelong Faith Formation, and Vickie Mulligan, Pastoral Associate and DRE, Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Lawrence and Saint Martin Parishes, Susquehanna County; *No More Volunteers – Getting Parishioners to See Themselves as Missionary Disciples*, Joan Weber; *Putting Parents in the Picture*, Gayle Castellani, Pastoral Associate and DRE, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Peckville; and *Preparing for Confirmation 2019*, Catherine J. Butel, Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life.

Thank you to all who participated and remember to make plans to attend the next *WORD* Convocation in October, 2019!



Keynote speaker Joan Weber engaged the participants in her energetic presentation on “Calling Families to Be Living Gospels.”



Janine Evanish, Heaven & Earth Gift Shop (left), and Charmaine Whetzell, Our Sunday Visitor, were exhibitors at the event.

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Faithful Citizenship: Voting Your Conscience Through the Model of Catholic Social Teaching

In 2013, Pope Francis gave a homily at daily Mass in which he said, “A good Catholic meddles in politics, offering the best of himself, so that those who govern can govern.” The phrasing of this statement — not to mention the content — has caught the attention of the world. Francis reminds us that we, as Catholics, are called not only to be active in our faith, but to take our faith into the secular and political realm. We are called to “meddle” in politics, to involve ourselves in the public sphere, and to advocate for beliefs that are sometimes considered to be controversial.

As faithful people, we might struggle to balance our spiritual life with the secular world; it sometimes seems that we are forced to reconcile two worlds which promote vastly different values. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ document, *Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility*, recognizes the challenge of voting with a Catholic conscience, saying: “Catholics often face difficult choices about how to vote... A Catholic cannot vote for a

seek solidarity with the poor and requires us, in every step of our political life, to act in support of the common good.

In considering the idea of voting with a Catholic conscience, it is most important for us to remember that we are called to represent Catholic morality, not any particular political party or candidate. To promote human life and dignity in all situations is to live a truly radical cause. We must prioritize not only measures to end abortion, euthanasia, and assisted suicide, but also laws that support the most vulnerable. We are not all called to be policy-makers or politicians, but we are all called to be moral representatives of our faith. We are challenged by our faith to find a way to support life: to defend the unborn, the immigrant, the struggling family, the mentally and physically ill, and all those in need. This task may be difficult, but Christ never promised that our mission as Catholics would be an easy one.

In the past few weeks, the Office for Parish Life has hosted several events throughout the Diocese to talk about the issue of voting



candidate who favors a policy promoting an intrinsically evil act...if the voter’s intent is to support that position. In such cases, a Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in grave evil. At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate’s opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity.”

As Catholics, we walk a difficult line with regard to participation in political life. We cannot ignore *any* issues of human life and dignity, a position that is made more difficult by the polarization of our political parties. We are also called to a deep discernment of the intentions and actions of our political candidates. Before voting, we must consider if each candidate is the person she claims to be. In the same vein, we are called to ask the same question of ourselves: Am I, as a Christian, the person I claim to be?

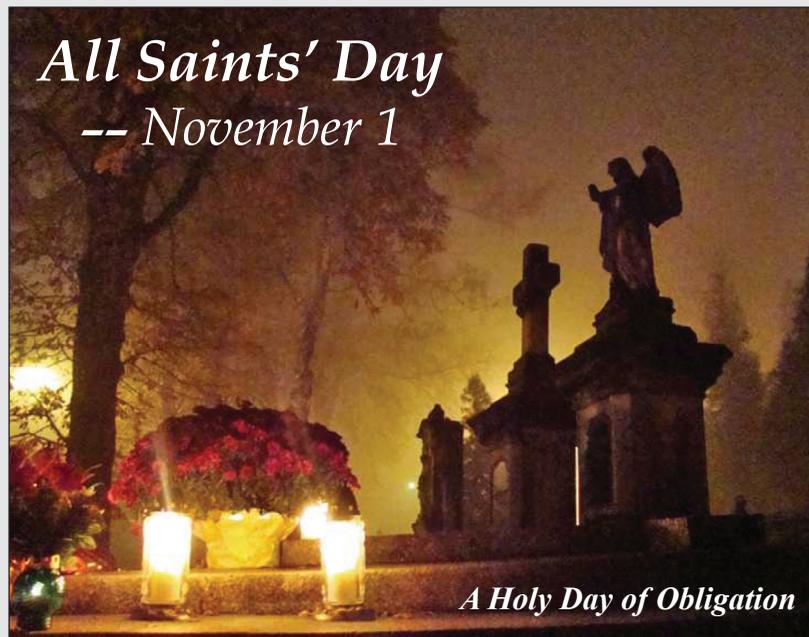
The Gospel teaches us that we cannot be bystanders to any act of injustice; rather, we are called to be prophets. Moreover, Jesus tells us that taking a stand for our faith will not always be easy — nor should it be. To be Catholic is to be radically supportive of the life and dignity of all human persons, from conception until natural death. The Catholic tradition also encourages us to

with a Catholic conscience. Our goal, as a Diocese, is not to promote a particular candidate or even to tell our parishioners which issues they should prioritize. Rather, our goal is to encourage each and every person to follow a process of reflection with regard to their voting. As with all things, our role as voters must be carefully discerned with prayer and discussion.

For more information on voting with a Catholic conscience, please see the US-CCB’s *Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility*. A link can be found on the Diocesan website (Parish Life-> Service and Social Justice). This page also includes a series of reflection questions on Catholic Voting. Our goal in the Office for Parish Life is not to provide any easy answers, but to provide you with the resources you need to discern your vote and feel confident in your choices as a person of faith.

Editor’s Note: The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference has provided information on the positions of the state’s candidates for Governor and U.S. Senate. This information was published in the September 20 issue of The Catholic Light. It can be found at www.pacatholic.org (see “Election 2018: Where do the candidates stand?”).

All Saints’ Day -- November 1



A Holy Day of Obligation

Prayer Requests for Priests

The Daily Prayer Request for Priests schedule for the next three weeks is as follows:

November 1, Pope Francis; November 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; November 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; November 4, Father Louis Grippe; November 5, Father Eugene Gunning; November 6, Father Gerald Gurka; November 7, Saint Peter Priestly Fraternity Father Simon Harkins; November 8, Passionist Father Lee Havey; November 9, Father Alex Hazzouri; November 10, Father

Robert Hochreiter; November 11, Holy Cross Father Richard Hockman; November 12, Father Joseph Horanzy; November 13, Father Thomas Hudak; November 14, Father Andrew Hvozdovic; November 15, Holy Cross Father Daniel Issing; November 16, Father George Jeffrey; November 17, Holy Cross Father Walter Jenkins; November 18, Monsignor John Jordan; November 19, Father Joseph Kakareka; November 20, Father Louis Kaminski; November 21, Father William Karle.



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Writing to the world's young people, members of the Synod of Bishops said they wanted to encourage them and help them fulfill their dreams, and they prayed that their own failings would not drive the young from the church.

"Our frailties and sins must not be an obstacle for your trust. The church is your mother; she does not abandon you; she is ready to accompany you on new roads, on higher paths where the winds of the Spirit blow stronger – sweeping away the mists of indifference, superficiality and discouragement," the synod fathers said in a letter addressed to young people around the world.

Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri, general secretary of the Synod of Bishops, read the letter aloud after the closing Mass.

In the presence of Pope Francis and young people at the Mass, he said the synod members wanted to offer words "of hope, trust and consolation."

The final synod document said, "The Catholic Church and all its members must get better at listening to young people, taking their questions seriously, recognizing them as full members of the church, patiently walking with them and offering guidance as they discern the best way to live their faith."

The focus of the final document was on improving ways to support young Catholics' baptismal call to holiness, to

welcome the contributions they make to the church and help them in their process of growing in faith and in deciding the state of life that would best correspond to what God wants from them.

The emphasis on the church listening to young people also led to an emphasis on the church listening to all people – including women – renewing communities and structures for a "synodal church" where all members listen to, support and challenge one another and share responsibility for the church's one mission of spreading the Gospel.

"Listening is an encounter in freedom, which requires humility, patience, willingness to understand and a commitment to working out responses in a new way," the document said. "Listening transforms the heart of those who live it, above all when they take on an inner attitude of harmony and docility to the Spirit of Christ."

The bishops said they heard from many young people a need for "courageous cultural conversion and a change in daily pastoral practice" to promote the equality of women in society and in the church.

"An area of particular importance in this regard is the presence of women in church bodies at all levels, including in leadership roles, and the participation of women in church decision-making processes while respecting the role of the ordained ministry," the document said. "This is a duty of justice."

– you could be there for them!

Sarah Yaklic, a Diocese of Scranton native, spent a majority of the month of October in Rome at the 2018 Synod of Bishops. Her Grotto Network team covered the Synod daily and highlighted young adults from around the world on their digital media platforms. She will speak about her experience on Sunday at #LeaveaMark18. Below is a reflection from Sarah:

Thirty-nine percent of 18-28 year olds living in the United States identify themselves as religiously unaffiliated. Only 14% of young adults who identify as Catholic attend Mass on a weekly basis. These statistics, while alarming and hard to read, reflect the current situation facing our Church. No one can deny this fact: a tsunami of secularism has overtaken our culture and today's young adults are the ones most suffering in its destructive path.

So where does this leave us?

This past October, Pope Francis called a Synod of Bishops on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment. I journeyed to the Eternal City with my team from Grotto Network, a digital evangelization initiative out of the University of Notre Dame, to capture the stories of young people from around the world who joined the Synod Fathers for the month-long gathering.

While I was certainly moved by the courage and faithfulness that was alive in the young people, there were several themes which deeply resonated within my heart. They spoke about the need for spiritual mentors, their search for authentic witnesses, and a call to more fully rely on Jesus. One young man said, "In every generation Christ raises up saints who make more saints. Paul helped Timothy, Ignatius helped Francis Xavier, and Louis and Zelig helped Therese."

My question to you is: who are you inviting to sainthood? Who are you accompanying along the journey? Young people are leaving the Church for a variety of reasons, and perhaps one root cause is the absence of spiritual friends – both within the family structure and in the larger community. Over the years, I have learned people are afraid to speak about faith with the young people in their lives. But this is no time for fear. If we don't speak to today's young people about God's love and mercy, than the world will tell them



Sarah Yaklic at Saint Peter's Square in Rome.

a different narrative – one void of meaning, purpose, and truth.

My generation needs credible witnesses. Are you willing to be part of the solution that will reverse the decline in religiosity? If you don't know where to begin, look for opportunities for young people to explore and grow in faith. One example is the upcoming #LeaveAMark celebration taking place this Sunday, November 4. Bishop Bambera will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter at 5 p.m. and he has invited the young Church to join him. I'll be there and hope to meet some of the young people in your life.

Remember, all it takes is an invitation. Think about one young person in your family or community and encourage them to attend. In a letter to young people the Synod Fathers wrote, "The Church is your mother; she does not abandon you; she is ready to accompany you on new roads, on higher paths where the winds of the Spirit blow stronger – sweeping away the mists of indifference, superficiality and discouragement."

You are the Church and you can be part of the movement that helps today's young Church experience the adventure of living a faith-filled life.



Fall 2018

Eucharistic Adoration - Speaker - Praise & Worship Music - Reconciliation - Social

Friday, November 16, 7:15PM, Saint Matthew Parish, 78 Ridgeway St., East Stroudsburg

Monday, December 3, 6:30PM, Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 127 Stephenson St., Duryea

For more information, visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-780-2996.

42nd Thanksgiving Community Program Making Dinner Preparations

Donations, Volunteers Needed to Feed Less Fortunate during Upcoming Holiday

SCRANTON — For Meghan Loftus, the word “thanksgiving” is a verb — a very active verb!

“It is an action — the expression of gratitude for all one has. And gratitude in action is seen most plainly in giving back to others,” offered Meghan, as she kicked off the recent press conference announcing the 42nd Annual Thanksgiving Community Program in the greater Scranton area.

Now in her second year as the first lay leader of the Immaculate Heart of Mary-sponsored Friends of the Poor apostolate that spearheads the yearly charitable project, Meghan and many more are currently in the throes of planning to feed thousands of underprivileged during the Thanksgiving holiday three weeks from now.

“I have experienced more (of giving back) in my first year at Friends of the Poor than in all my previous days combined,” she continued. “I am grateful every day to be part of this community



Committee members from the Family to Family program gather at the Scranton Cultural Center — the site of two of the three events for the annual Thanksgiving Community Program. Pictured, first row from left, Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Terry O’Rourke, Meghan Loftus, and Mary-Christine Robeson. Second row, Ryan Yeager, Linda Robeson, and Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Ann Walsh. Top row, Randy Williams, Bill Bender, Phil Condron, Terry Osborne, and Ryan Robeson.

giving family food baskets. Contributions from area families benefit those families in need — thus creating the family-to-family chain.

The Robesons have already ordered more than \$130,000 in food items, including 3,000 turkeys with all the trimmings. A donation of \$30 provides a Thanksgiving dinner for one family.

“At Thanksgiving last year, we were able to provide approximately 15,000 people with a Thanksgiving meal, thanks to all of you who donated, not only monetarily, but with your time and resources as well,” offered Ryan Robeson.

Realizing that those needy served by the program are not only hungry on Thanksgiving, Ryan acknowledged how last year’s efforts and charitable giving were able to help fund the Friends of the Poor Christmas and Easter food giveaways, also.

“We hope in the next few years to continue to grow and establish a program in the summer as well,” Ryan said of the Family to Family concept and network that continues 32 years after being established by the original

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2018 Thanksgiving Community Program

Friday, November 16
Interfaith Prayer Service

Potluck Dinner **6PM**
Service **7PM**

Sponsored by Scranton Area Ministerium

Temple Hesus
1 Knox Road
Scranton, PA 18505

Tuesday November 20
Thanksgiving Dinner for Senior Citizens and Adults

6PM
Doors Open at 5PM

Sponsored by Friends of the Poor

Wednesday November 21
Turkey and Food Basket

Beginning at 9AM
On-site Registration
Proof of Income/Family Size

Family to Family Program

Scranton Cultural Center
420 North Washington Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503



that believes so fiercely in helping our neighbor.”

The annual Thanksgiving Community Program is one of the largest seasonal endeavors, involving dozens of different organizations and hundreds of volunteers. The end result is feeding about 1,500 underprivileged at a sit-down holiday dinner two nights before Thanksgiving and providing twice as many Thanksgiving food baskets for families to take home and prepare through the Family to Family Food Basket Project.

This year, Meghan will lead the Friends of the Poor associates and volunteers in serving the traditional Thanksgiving dinner to local elderly, lonely and less fortunate on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m. at Scranton’s Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple.

The following day, the Robeson Family — Linda, her son Ryan, and his wife Mary-Christine — will commandeer for the fourth year in a row the Family to Family food basket giveaway at the Cultural Center, during which about 3,000 packages will be dis-

bursed to needy families who will have all the ingredients to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner in the comfort of their own homes.

Donations for the Family to Family program go toward covering the cost of preparing the Thanks-



This year, the ambitious Family to Family Food Basket Project (shown above) will benefit from raffle and dinner proceeds donated by Coopers Seafood in Scranton. Raffle tickets are currently on sale for \$10 each at the restaurant, which will host the grand-prize drawing on Sunday, Nov. 11. Tickets can also be obtained by calling the Friends of the Poor office at (570-340-6086).



Sunday 'Turkey Trot' to Help FOTP Feed the Needy

The Ninth Annual Turkey Trot, benefiting the Friends of the Poor and coordinated by Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine and AllOne Charities, is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 4.

For more information, registration or to make a donation, visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Scranton/GCSOMTurkeyTrot>

Catholic Social Services Announces Holiday Food, Gift Distribution Programs

Greater Scranton Area



"CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR KIDS"

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Christmas Toy Registration - Lackawanna County

Dates: Monday, November 12th - Friday, November 16th

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Catholic Social Services, 516 Fig Street, Scranton

(Families residing in Jessup and North of Jessup should sign up at CSS, 34 River St. in Carbondale the week of Nov 26th-Nov 30th)

Parents must bring:

Photo ID / verification of income for everyone in household / social security card, birth certificate, or insurance card for children / proof of address with a recent date.



Greater Hazleton Area

Catholic Social Services of Greater Hazleton is collaborating with United Charities and CEO for a joint Thanksgiving food drive.

Thanksgiving Distribution: Saturday, Nov. 17, at Queen of Heaven Parish at Our Lady of Grace Church, 750 West Vine St., Hazleton.

Greater Wilkes-Barre Area

Christmas Food and Toy Registration



St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, a program of Catholic Social Services is once again teaming up with local parishes and the United States Marines "Toys for Tots" for this year's Christmas Toy Drive.

Last year we distributed toys to hundreds of children in the Wyoming Valley.

This year's registration for Toys and Food for Christmas will be held at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Avenue in Wilkes-Barre on:

Mon., Nov. 19th - 10 AM to 1 PM and 3 PM to 7 PM

Parents should bring the following: 1) Photo ID of Parent or Guardian 2) a Social Security card for child or children and 3) proof of address.

Food Distribution will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 39 E Jackson St., WB on Monday, December 17th from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM and 3 PM – 7 PM.

Toy Distribution will take place at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave, WB on Monday, December 17th from 9 AM – Noon and 3 PM – 7 PM

We Need Donations of Toys!!!

To donate toys or new outerwear for the children, please contact Dianne at 570-406-9843. They can also be dropped off at the kitchen from 8 AM – 1 PM daily. If your church or organization has a large quantity of donations for the drive, please contact Dianne prior to 12/14 to arrange for delivery or pickup.

Drop-offs should be made through the Kitchen's rear entrance on Bennett Street.

Christmas Food Distribution: Saturday, Dec. 15, at Queen of Heaven Parish at Our Lady of Grace Church.

For more information, contact the Greater Hazleton CSS at (570-455-1521).

Williamsport All Souls' Day Mass to Feature the 'Fauré Requiem'

WILLIAMSPORT — Saint Boniface Parish will celebrate the Feast of All Souls — the annual commemoration of all the faithful departed — with a special All Souls' Requiem Mass on Friday, Nov. 2.

The solemn Eucharistic liturgy will be offered at 6:30 p.m. in Saint Boniface Church, 326 Washington Boulevard, Williamsport (just east of Lycoming College).

The All Souls' Day Mass will feature the well-known "Fauré Requiem" by famous French composer Gabriel Fauré, who dedicated the work in memory of his parents.

Performance of the "Fauré Requiem" composition will be presented by 12 musicians from the Williamsport Symphony Orchestra, who will accompany a 60-voice chorus comprised of members of the Saint Boniface choirs and the local community.

Featured soloists are Bernadette Ulrich Boerckel and Brian Scott, and the entire music ministry will be led by conductor Gary Boerckel, Lycoming College professor emeritus and director of the Saint Boniface Choir.

All faithful are welcome to attend; a free-will offering will be taken.

Blessing of Pets Tradition



Deacon Morris Smith presides at the traditional blessing of pets to mark the recent Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron of nature and animals, at Saint Joseph the Worker Parish in Williamsport.

Thanksgiving Program Planners Need Help from Community

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founders — the Dr. Jim and Mary Lou Burne Family. "We dedicate this program to our committee and many volunteers who work tirelessly all year to develop and grow how we fundraise and give back to those in need, all while keeping the core values of service, generosity, love and family that it was founded upon."

Ryan also announced two new exciting added dimensions to the 2018 program: Cooper's Seafood House in Scranton will host a "Family to Family Benefit"

during the week of Nov. 4 thru 11, whereby Cooper's will donate to Family to Family \$5 from every dinner check by each party patronizing the restaurant; Cooper's is also currently sponsoring (and will eventually be hosting) a raffle drawing, featuring several impressive grand prizes, to aid the Family to Family effort.

"Over the past three years, we have continued to be humbled and overwhelmed by the generosity of our community," said Ryan.

His mom, Linda, added: "We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who has reached out

'Rhythm & Wine' to Benefit CSS Veterans' Programs



Rhythm & Wine, a fundraising event to benefit the Veterans' Housing Programs of Catholic Social Services, will be held on Friday, Nov. 16, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Vito's Wine Cellar in Jenkins Township. The affair featuring food, wine-tasting and entertainment will be hosted by Dave Kuharchik, Kelly Byrne and Haley Bianco from WBRE-TV's "PA Live." Music will be provided by Paul Oschal and Take 3. Tickets are \$50 each. Shown are members of the Rhythm & Wine planning committee. From left: Joe Mamary, CSS advisory board member; Mary Theresa Malandro, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Human Services/Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Social Services; Sam Rostock, president of the CSS advisory board; Dave Kuharchik of WBRE-TV/WYOU-TV, Rhythm & Wine event chairman; Kim Mericle, CSS advisory board member; and Melissa J. Lechleitner, CSS executive administrative assistant. To purchase tickets or for information on sponsorship opportunities and door prize donations, call (570) 207-3808.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection Nov. 17-18

For over 43 million Americans, there is a thin line — the Poverty Line. For a family of four, that line is less than \$25,000 a year.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence.

The annual national collection for the CCHD will be taken up in parishes in the Diocese of Scranton on the weekend of November 17-18. The theme, "Working on the Margins," focuses our attention on

the poor and vulnerable who can often be overlooked.

This campaign is the primary source of funding for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' anti-poverty grants and education programs aimed at fostering a culture of life and hope in communities across the nation.

The collection supports the work of groups that empower low-income people to participate in decisions that affect their lives and break the cycle of poverty.

Twenty-five percent of funds

collected through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development remain in each diocese to support local human development projects.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development continues to operate within the 2010 guidelines established by their governing bishops in *The Review and Renewal of CCHD*. This ensures that the recipients of these grants are providing programs and services which are in keeping with Catholic social and moral teaching.

How You Can Be a Holiday Helper

- In addition to donations to help pay the Family-to-Family food bill, the Robesons are in need of volunteers to help pack and distribute food baskets throughout the day at the Scranton Cultural Center on Nov. 21, beginning at 9 a.m. Monetary donations may be sent to: Family to Family Program, P.O. Box 13, Scranton, PA 18501. (www.ftfthanks.org)

- The Friends of the Poor Tuesday night Thanksgiving dinner is in need of chefs, servers, table-setters, clean-up workers and donations of food items and supplies. Contact the Friends of the Poor office at (570-348-4429). Cash donations can be sent to: Thanksgiving Community Dinner, Friends of the Poor, 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton, PA 18505.

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The Diocese of Scranton is committed to educating our students in an environment that is academically excellent and facilitates the development of moral judgment and Christian decision-making. We are proud to share the following successes of our students in the classroom and in their service to others. Each day, our schools are fulfilling their mission of preparing today's youth and young adults to become tomorrow's faith-filled leaders.



Isabel Mosier, Monroe Bellows, Dwyer Flynn, Kathryn Flynn, and John Harris Santiago, Kindergarten students at **Saint Agnes School in Towanda**, recently learned their class won the school's monthly Box Tops for Education challenge, earning them extra recess time.



Second graders at **Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton** took part in a fall STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Challenge, which required a team of students to construct a bridge of marshmallows and toothpicks that would hold the weight of a pumpkin. Congratulations to those who excelled in this activity!



William Mirams, a senior at **Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg**, is the 2018-19 PIAA Class AA Boys Golf Champion. This state championship and gold medal caps his stellar career at ND where he has earned a total of 12 medals including 7 gold – an unprecedented 4 District 11 gold medals, 2 Eastern Regional gold medals and the state championship gold medal.



Students from **Saint Nicholas/Saint Mary School in Wilkes-Barre** were recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society, the nation's most prestigious student recognition program. New members are selected for demonstrating excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Citizenship and Character.



The students and faculty of **La Salle Academy in Jessup** welcomed their Student Council Representatives for the 2018-19 school year at a special liturgy celebrated by Monsignor Michael Delaney.



The students and faculty of **Holy Rosary School in Duryea** recently held a “Red Day” to show their support for Dyslexia Awareness.



Mr. Ed and Mr. William from Kingston’s Department of Public Works recently met with the Individualized Instruction students at **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston**. The visit allowed the students, who see the machine go past their classroom window every week, the opportunity to learn more about the street sweeper, including the size of the brushes and the fact there are two steering wheels.



Famous children’s author Alan St. Jean was recently a special guest at **Saint Jude School in Mountain Top**. He spoke to the students about his journey of becoming an author, in hopes of inspiring creative writing in them. Pictured with Mr. St. Jean are Brooke Birster, Luke Fauerbach, Calvin Schappert, Ella Carone, Natalie Schlude, Hope Gould, Evelyn Jacob, Jacob Nealon, SJS Principal Sister Ellen Fischer, SCC, and Lauren Lont, SJS PTG President.



As part of the school’s commitment to STREAM (Science-Technology-Religion-Engineering-Arts-Math), 1st grade students at **All Saints Academy in Scranton** show off their Binary Code Initial Bracelets they created learning language of computers.



Wihanny Fernandez and Travis Piquette, 3rd grade students at **Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg**, show off their solar system science projects.



Epiphany School in Sayre recently celebrated the Feast of Saint Francis by selecting one student to dress as the saint and collect donations for the Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton. Thanks to their generosity, the students and faculty raised \$342.50.



Kallee Johnson, a 5th grade student at Saint John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport, proudly shows off her "Beachy Bug Project."



Forman Stewart, a junior at Saint John Neumann High School in Williamsport, receives the St. Maximilian Kolbe award for consistently modeling to his peers the fruits of the Holy Spirit — love, peace, joy, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Pictured with Stewart is Shawn Moore, SJN Director of Religious Formation.



Student Council inductions were held recently at Holy Cross High School in Dunmore. Pictured with their moderator, Mrs. Lori Pawluck, are officers Kirsten VanLouvender, Secretary; Elizabeth Arbie, Treasurer; Nicholas Klein, President; and Gianna Calciano, Vice President.



Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter has a long-standing tradition of praying the Rosary as a school community, especially during the month of October, which is dedicated to our Blessed Mother. The 8th grade class recently led a very special rosary celebration with a Living Rosary that was made of biodegradable balloons connected without the use of string.

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*IHM Sisters
Elect New
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More than 120 delegates of the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary elected members for their leadership team during their Chapter of Elections held at the IHM Center in Scranton. Newly elected and recently installed leaders of the IHM congregation who will serve four-year terms are, pictured from left, Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters Nancy DeCesare, councilor; Mary Ellen Higgins, vice-president and councilor; Ellen Maroney, president; Terri Jordan, councilor; and Mary Reap, councilor.

IHM Sister Makes First Profession



Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Elizabeth DeMerchant professed first vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience as a Sister, Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at a recent Eucharistic celebration at the IHM Center in Scranton. Sister Elizabeth currently serves on the faculty at Holy Cross High School in Dunmore. Shown at the profession ceremony are, from left, Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters Donna Korba, Elizabeth DeMerchant and Kathryn Kurdziel.

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WILKES-BARRE — The Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life will host their Annual Respect Life Banquet on Monday, Nov. 5, beginning at 6 p.m. at Genetti's Best Western, located at 77

East Market St. in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

Keynote speaker for the evening program will be David Bereit, acclaimed author, speaker and founder of "40 Days for Life" — the anti-abortion pro-life network that boasts more than 2,000 local leaders and 750,000 volunteers in over 700 cities in every state in America.

Advance reservations are required; the cost is \$35 per person.

To secure reservations, forward payment to: PHL, 31 Hanover St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 (please include phone number).

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Catholic Choral Society Hosting 17th 'Generations' Concert

SCRANTON — The Catholic Choral Society announces the 17th anniversary celebration of its "Generations Sing" concert, to be presented Sunday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

Celebrating their 70th season, the Catholic Choral ensemble of singers is composed of more than 50 members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Pike, Wyoming and Susquehanna counties, performing sacred/inspirational, classical, stage and popular music.

The Generations Sing event, which celebrates both ecumenical diversity and multi-generational singers, was established 17 years ago at Saint Peter's Cathedral, during the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Mother Church of the Diocese of Scranton.

Since the inaugural "Generations" performance, the Choral Society has hosted singing groups

of all ages from public and private schools throughout the region, presenting four or five different age groups at each event.

This year the Catholic Choral Society will host the following fellow choral groups: Good Shepherd Academy Schola, directed by Raphael Micca; Honesdale High School Chamber Choir, directed by Martha Curtis; and The Nomadic Chromatics a Cappella Group from Marywood University, directed by Justin Davis. Ann Manganiello serves as music director for the Catholic Choral; Jean Shields is the accompanist.

The concert is open to the public free of charge; however, there will be an opportunity for a free-will offering to support the concert.

For more information about Catholic Choral Society events and membership, call (570-575-1040) or visit: www.catholichoralsociety.org.

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A brief pro-life prayer is offered daily that the endangered baby in the womb will be carried to term and experience the fullness of life, as intended by God.

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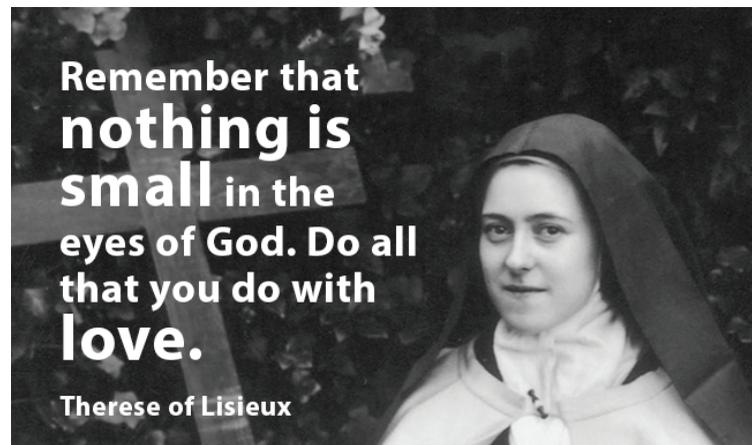


I have a confession to make — I waste; I waste, a lot. As much as I try to be conscious of my behaviors regarding how I spend and what I buy, what I retain and what I dispose of, I frequently fall short of where I'd like to be.

It seems to me that recycling, saving, and avoiding waste has become a topic that people oddly politicize. That being said, what we do from day to day regarding how we use the earth's resources really does matter in the sight of God.

There's not a lot I enjoy more than the opportunity to spend time with family or friends, especially on a night out for a meal at a local restaurant. As one of my closest friends' dad is wont to say, "Father Brian doesn't love to eat; he loves to order." I tend to over-order and hardly ever eat what I order.

Nevertheless, my scrupulous conscience gets the best of me and I insist on taking every item I haven't eaten and take it home (often in styrofoam containers



— ask any of my confreres about my refrigerator and my styrofoam containers).

Often, I find myself looking over a mound of food prepared to be thrown out in the next cycle of garbage pickup. It's a real moment of pause and of serious self-condemnation: How can I be so callous and throw out pounds of garbage that would otherwise have been a meal for someone or some family who would have gladly feasted upon my leftovers.

Certainly, I know I can't send any particular meal anywhere, but how I handle myself each and everyday matters. How insensitive I am when I order mounds of food and neither eat it at the restaurant nor days later after I've brought it home!

I think we — I certainly do — need to turn a page and embrace a new attitude of less waste.

There's nothing particularly magical in what we achieve in terms of lack of waste. It doesn't, *per se*, put a meal in someone's belly. Nevertheless, it sensitizes you and me to be more aware and in deeper prayerful solidarity with those who have little or nothing to eat.

I am reminded of the life and legacy of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower — who is also the patroness of the Missions. The life of the Little Flower hinged on engaging in small acts of love for God and for others.

Surely the small act of avoiding waste in general can truly change us and make us more grateful for what we have and perhaps even more attentive to the needs of others.

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W-B World War I Plaque Rededication Set



Coinciding with the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice ending the First World War in 1918, a rededication and blessing ceremony will be conducted for a century-old plaque honoring the 320 men and women from the East End section of Wilkes-Barre who served during World War I. Scranton Diocesan priest Father Kevin Mulhern, who spearheaded the project to resurrect the bronze memorial plaque, will preside at the service scheduled to be held during Veterans Day weekend on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 11 a.m. at the East End Towers, 295 Scott St., Wilkes-Barre — the new home for the venerable monument. Following a brief history of the plaque and a reading of the names it bears, Father Mulhern, a native of Wilkes-Barre's East End, will conduct the blessing. The Reverend Marty Garms of the East End Primitive Methodist Church will offer an opening prayer, and Boy Scout Troop 55 of Plains will perform flag-raising duties. The event will also include a tribute of patriotic songs performed by the Wyoming Valley Barbershop Chorus and a concluding military salute by the Wilkes-Barre Township American Legion Post 815. Light refreshments also will be served. Father Mulhern is pictured with the commemorative plaque along with Memorial Planning Committee members, from left, Teresa McDonough Jemio, Jeanne Mulhern Mulcahy and Michael McAnney. The committee also includes Joe "Moe" Rodzinak.

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Conclusion of "40 Days for Life" Pro-Life Gathering — NOV. 1 & 2, offered for the special intention of ending abortion; Rosary is prayed each weekday, Monday thru Friday, at 9 a.m. in front of the offices of Planned Parenthood, 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. Pro-life campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer & fasting, constant vigil, and community outreach. For more information, visit: www.40daysforlife.com.

First Friday Masses & Eucharistic Adoration — NOV. 2, hosted at Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace Church, 314 Chestnut Ave., Hawley; Masses celebrated at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins following the morning Mass and continues throughout the day until the 5:30 p.m. liturgy. Confessions will be heard before each Mass.

For more information, contact Catherine Hansen at (570-226-9281).

First Friday Marian Devotion & Healing Mass — NOV. 2, hosted by St. Lucy Parish at St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton; begins at 6:30 p.m. with recitation of the Rosary and devotional prayers led by Adele Garofalo. Healing Mass celebrated at 7 p.m., including prayers for healing and anointing blessing. Music ministry provided by Ernie Pappa. All faithful are welcome.

Weekly Bible Study — NOV. 2, hosted by St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend; held every Friday at 7 p.m. in the Trinity Center, adjacent to St. Lawrence Church. All are welcome.

Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil — NOV. 2, sponsored by the Catholics Defending Life Prayer & Awareness Team; group gathers

every Friday from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at Lackawanna County Courthouse Square, North Washington Ave., in downtown Scranton (weather permitting). Recitation of the Rosary offered, along with pro-life meditations, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayer devotions for the respect and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Pro-life signs are welcome.

Women's Prayer Breakfast — NOV. 3, hosted by Women of the Worker at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Williamsport; featuring a presentation on "The Eucharist" by the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth. Event opens with celebration of Mass at 8:30 a.m. at the parish worship site of Annunciation Church, 702 West Fourth St., Williamsport; breakfast and program follow beginning at 9:30 a.m. at The Fleming Center, 720 West Fourth St., with speaker's address at 10:30 a.m. Cost: adults, \$15; youth (ages 12 to 18), \$10. Early registration request-

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Weekly Queen of Our Hearts Rosary Prayer Service — NOV. 3, hosted every Saturday morning at Good Shepherd Church in Drums; group gathers weekly beginning at 11 a.m. Devotion includes recitation of the Chaplet of the Infant of Prague, the Holy Rosary, and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Prayer petitions may be submitted at the church. All faithful are welcome.

Monthly Ladies Afternoon of Recollection — NOV. 3, hosted by the Ladies Society of St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 130 North St. Frances Cabrini Ave., west Scranton; gatherings are held on the first Saturday of the month beginning at 1 p.m. Centered around the theme of prayer, sessions are offered for the spiritual enrichment of its members and the larger community; meetings

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Who makes house calls?

As of October 2015, I will now meet clients either at their home, or at a location they choose and no longer require clients to meet at my office. I have decided that I would change the way I meet with people so it will be as easy and as convenient as possible for the client.

Based on my practice, which consists of estate planning and administration along with elder law, I find that clients are more comfortable discussing such matters in familiar surroundings. While I know this may seem unconventional to some, I believe I will be able to serve clients much better in this fashion.

If anyone is uncomfortable with home visits, I have a few locations where I can meet in an office setting. I look forward to meeting with my existing clients and especially meeting new clients that are looking for any assistance in estate or elder law matters.



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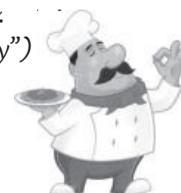
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end at approximately 2:15 p.m. and are followed by fellowship in the church hall. Anyone interested in attending may receive handout materials and Scripture readings in advance by emailing: melkite.scranton@gmail.com.

Sunday Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Devotion — **NOV. 4**, hosted by St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton; devotion held every Sunday evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the church or at the outdoor grotto (weather permitting) through the first week of December. Includes recitation of the 15 decades of the Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries) and additional prayers offered for the special intentions of world peace, an increase in vocations to the priesthood/religious life, and an end to abortion.

Catholic Charismatic Regional Prayer Meeting — **NOV. 5**, sponsored by local Charismatic prayer groups; begins at 7:30 p.m. in Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca. Gathering includes songs, praise, spiritual gifts, and faith witness; fellowship with refreshments

Forty Hours Devotion at W-B Church

WILKES-BARRE — Saint Nicholas Parish announces the celebration of their annual days of Eucharistic adoration — Forty Hours Devotion — beginning this Sunday, Nov. 4.

Eucharistic devotion will continue at Saint Nicholas Church, 226 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 5 & 6.

Saint Nicholas pastor Father Joseph Verespy, Father Fidel Ticona, assistant pastor, who also ministers to the Hispanic community, and Deacon Michael Golubiewski join the parish in inviting all faithful to join in these days of prayer and renewal.

Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin on Sunday immediately following the 12 noon Spanish-language Mass. The church will remain open for prayer and Eucharistic adoration on Monday and Tuesday after celebration of the 8 a.m. morning liturgies.

concludes the meeting. All faithful are welcome.

Weekly "Flame of Love" Prayer Group Meeting — **NOV. 5**, hosted by St. Barbara Parish at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Memorial St., Exeter; prayer group meets every Monday at 11:15 a.m. Mass is celebrated at 12:10 p.m. following recitation of the "Flame of Love" Rosary. All faithful are welcome.

"Alpha" Spirituality Course Sessions — **NOV. 6, 13 & 20**, hosted by St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, 330 North Maple Ave., Kingston; weekly series gatherings offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. "Alpha" courses provide a safe and open environment to explore life issues and a path to happiness through Jesus Christ; sessions include meal-sharing, video screening and faith discussions in the context of small group interaction. All faith questions are welcome and encouraged. Pre-registration requested by Sept. 4; contact the parish office at (570-288-6446).

Weekly Novena to St. Anthony of Padua — **NOV. 6-DEC. 18**, hosted by Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre; St. Anthony

The Forty Hours Devotion will continue each evening at 7 p.m. with Evening Prayer of the Church, homily, and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Scheduled homilists are as follows: Sunday, Deacon Golubiewski; Monday, Father Ticona; and Tuesday, Father Verespy.

Sunday Masses are celebrated at Saint Nicholas at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon (Spanish). Masses will be celebrated on Monday and Tuesday at 6:30 and 8 a.m. The Tuesday evening services will conclude with a Eucharistic procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, school students and visiting priests of the Diocese of Scranton will participate in the Forty Hours Devotion. The Saint Nicholas choir will provide music ministry for the celebrations, under the direction of Edward Loch.

For more information, call the rectory office at (570-823-7736).

Novena devotion offered on nine consecutive Tuesday evenings, beginning each week at 5:30 p.m. in the parish church. Novena theme: "Blessed Solanus Casey, OFM, Cap.: Spiritual Counselor & Wonder Worker." All faithful are welcome to attend; for more information, call (570-824-7832).

Padre Pio Prayer Ministry — **NOV. 7**, hosted by St. Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke; begins with celebration of Mass at 6 p.m. at the parish worship site of Holy Trinity Church, 520 South Hanover St., Nanticoke, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, intercessory prayers to St. Padre Pio, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and benediction. All faithful are welcome.

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration — **NOV. 7**, hosted at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laflin; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. in the seminary chapel. Includes recitation of the Rosary and opportunity for confessions. Mass celebrated at 7 p.m., followed by Novena prayers to St. Joseph and St. Joseph Marello, founder of the Oblates of St. Joseph religious congregation. For more information, contact the OSJ seminary at (570-654-7542).

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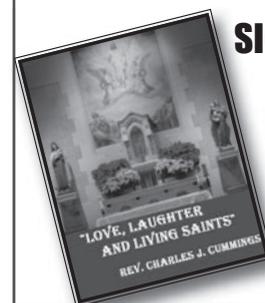


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12:00 AM	EWTN SPECIALS	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	DAILY MASS (Encore)				FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE					
1:00 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	(1:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	THE JOURNEY HOME (Encore)	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY					
1:30 AM	GRANDPARENTS	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	G.K. CHESTERTON					
2:00 AM	ICONS SPOTLIGHT						EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)					
2:30 AM	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE						DEFENDING LIFE	EWTN GALLERY	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	LIFE ON THE ROCK	BATTLE READY	CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY
3:00 AM	EWTN ON LOCATION	ANGELUS FROM NAZARETH	SAINTS SCOUNDRELS VS	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOG	YOU'RE AMAZING							
3:30AM	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE	OUR FAITH IN ACTION	PAPAL AUDIENCE(3:50AM)	BOB AND PENNY LORD PRESENT	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	SAVORING OUR FAITH					
3:40 AM			CONTEMPLATION		FORGOTTEN HERITAGE		BEHOLD THE MAN					
4:00 AM	FR. RUTLER: CHRIST IN THE CITY	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	CONSUMING THE WORD	EWTN SPECIALS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS					
5:30 AM	THE WILD GOOSE	A FORCE FOR GOOD	APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION	FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM			CATHOLICS COME HOME					
6:00 AM	ANGELUS WITH POPE FRANCIS	EWTN ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS										
6:30 AM	WHERE GOD WEEPS	G.K. CHESTERTON	CHURCH AND THE POOR	MATTHEW'S TESTIMONY TO JESUS	ICONS SPOTLIGHT	THE CHOICES WE FACE	SAINTS vs. SCOUNDRELS					
7:00 AM	THE CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL					STATIONS OF THE CROSS	THE CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL					
7:30 AM	ROSARY FROM LOURDES	HOLY LAND ROSARY										
7:50 AM		LITANY OF LORETO	LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME	LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH	LITANY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD	PAPAL AUDIENCE	THE HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES					
8:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS (Live)	DAILY MASS (Live)										
9:00 AM	(9:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	SUNDAY BEST WITH FR. GROESCHEL	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	BUGTIME ADVENTURES					
9:30 AM	EWTN BOOKMARK	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE	LIVE WITH PASSION	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	FOCUS	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	MY TIME WITH JESUS					
10:00 AM	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS			FAMILY THEATER	FOCUS	FOCUS	CAT CHAT				
10:30 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	WOMEN OF GRACE	WOMEN OF GRACE				BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT					
11:00 AM	FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM		THE CHOICES WE FACE	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	MASTERPIECE DONUT SHOP	LIVE WITH PASSION	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES				
11:30 AM	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, LIVE AT 12:10 p.m. "DIOCESAN DATEBOOK" airs before and after Mass.										
12:00 PM	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	EWTN DAILY MASS (Encore)										
12:30PM	(1:10PM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	10 COMMANDMENTS OF CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE					
1:00 PM	IN CONCERT	FATIMA: HEAVEN'S PEACE PLAN	FORGOTTEN HERITAGE	IMAGES OF MARY	TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY	TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THRU MARY	EWTN BOOKMARK					
1:30 PM		CALLED TO COMMUNION	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	THE JOURNEY HOME	SPECIALS	EWTN ON LOCATION					
2:00 PM	THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG											
2:30 PM	REFLECTIONS											
3:00 PM	THE HOLY ROSARY IN STAINED GLASS	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)					ROSARY FOR LIFE					
3:15 PM	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM	THE HOLY ROSARY DIOCESAN DATEBOOK					CALLED TO COMMUNION					
4:00 PM	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	BUGTIME ADVENTURES	MY TIME WITH JESUS	CHILDRENS SPECIALS	THE FRIAR	WAY OF THE CROSS FOR KIDS						
4:30 PM	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHOICES WE FACE	CONVERSATIONS FROM THE WORLD OVER SHOW	BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT	A FORCE FOR GOOD	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE					
5:00 PM	PASSIONIST SUNDAY MASS	SPECIALS										
5:30 PM	HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)										
6:00 PM	CATHOLICS COME HOME						OUR FAITH IN ACTION					
6:30 PM	REAL LIFE CATHOLICS		CHURCH UNIVERSAL	TBA			CHURCH AND POOR					
7:00 PM	THE JOURNEY HOME	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)										
7:30PM	THE HOLY ROSARY		POPE'S AUDIENCE	THE HOLY ROSARY								
8:00 PM	DIOCESAN DATEBOOK											
8:00 PM	YOU AND THE GOD OF MERCY	THE JOURNEY HOME (Live)	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	EWTN LIVE	THE WORLD OVER (Live)	SPECIALS						
8:30 PM	CATHOLICS COME HOME	EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)		EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)								
9:00 PM	LIFE ON THE ROCK		WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	THE CHOICES WE FACE	FOCUS	LIVE WITH PASSION	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN					
9:30 PM	HOLY ROSARY W MOTHER ANGELICA	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (ENCORE)	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	PRO-LIFE WEEKLY	LIFE ON THE ROCK						
10:00PM	EWTN SPECIALS	DEFENDING LIFE		ICONS SPOTLIGHT	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY							
10:30 PM	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS	BATTLE READY	FATHERS FOR GOOD	CROSSING THE GOAL	BEHOLD THE MAN	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC						
11:00PM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	WOMEN OF GRACE										
11:30PM	WEB OF FAITH 2.0											

Spiritual Offerings

Weekly Bible Study — NOV. 7, hosted by Prince of Peace Parish in Old Forge; weekly sessions offered on Wednesdays from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room at St. Lawrence Church, Main St., Old Forge. Guest facilitator: JoAnn Wilbur. All faithful are welcome; refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration — NOV. 7, hosted by Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Tunkhannock; exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament offered every Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. in Nativity BVM Church, 99 East Tioga St., Tunkhannock. All faithful are welcome. For more information, call (570-881-9916).

Weekly Divine Mercy Devotion — NOV. 7, hosted by St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend; Hour of Mercy devotion held every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in St. Lawrence Church. All faithful are welcome.

Weekly Bereavement Support Group — NOV. 7 & 14, hosted by the Bereavement Ministry of the parish community of Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace and St. Veronica, Hawley; support group will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11:30 a.m. (following celebration of Mass) in the parish hall. Weekly program offered to those seeking healing by addressing topics dealing with the grief process. For more information, contact Rosemarie at (570-390-4196) or the rectory office at (570-226-3183).

Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry — NOV. 10 & 24, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. Meetings will be approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. Participating Scranton parishes include St. Peter's; Mary, Mother of God; and Immaculate Conception. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener at (570-344-7231).

Evening of Marian Devotion — NOV. 13, hosted by the Diocesan Legion of Mary in response to the Blessed Mother's request at Fatima for prayers for world peace; devotion begins at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Church, 1510 Penn Ave., Green Ridge section of Scranton. Prayer service includes recitation of the Rosary, Fatima prayers, hymns and newly composed music for the Scriptural mysteries, led by Ernie Pappa.

Evening of Prayer with the Sisters of IHM — NOV. 14, sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; monthly prayer service held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel at the IHM Center, 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton (top of University Ave., beyond Marywood University). All are welcome. For more information, call (570-346-5404).

Meeting of Lay Carmelites — NOV. 17, hosted by Our Lady of the Mountains Lay Carmelite Chapter; meetings held on the third Saturday of each month at Little Flower Manor, 200 S. Meade St., Wilkes-Barre. For more information, contact Rose Bordi at (570-445-5457).

Monthly Evening of Marian Devotion — NOV. 19, hosted by the Oblates of St. Joseph, Diocesan Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild, and the Legion of Mary; devotion begins at 6 p.m. in the chapel of St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laflin (Pittston). Prayer service includes recitation of the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Fatima prayers, hymns, and newly composed music for the Scriptural mysteries led by Ernie Pappa, who will facilitate the evening. All are invited to attend and offer devotional prayers to Mary for world peace.

Thanksgiving Eve Community Prayer Service — NOV. 21, hosted by St. John Bosco Parish in Conyngham and sponsored by area Christian churches; begins at 7 p.m. in St. John Bosco Church, 573 SR 93. Music ministry provided by combined community choir; service will conclude with refreshments. All faithful are welcome.

Catholic Happenings Around the Diocese

Boy Scout Pasta Dinner — NOV. 3, sponsored by St. Ann's Boy Scout Troop 50 in Scranton; served from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Learn and Grow Child Care Center, 1228 St. Ann's St., west Scranton (take-out dinners available). Cost: adults, \$10; children, \$7. For more information or advance tickets, call Melissa at (570-343-0461). Tickets also sold at the door.

Meatloaf Dinner & Basket Raffle — NOV. 3, sponsored by Gate of Heaven Parish in Dallas; served from 5 to 7 p.m. in the parish hall (take-outs available from 4 to 7 p.m.). Meatloaf dinner includes mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, cole slaw, homemade applesauce, rolls and dessert pie. Cost: \$10 per person. Advance reservations only; tickets available at all weekend Masses or by calling (570-675-2121).

Night at the Races — NOV. 3, sponsored by the Royal Parents Club of Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre; hosted at the school, 159 South Pennsylvania Blvd. Doors open at 5:45 p.m.; races start at 7 p.m. Admission fee: \$10 (adults only), includes food and refreshments; horses may be purchased for \$10 each. Event also includes special prize auction and basket raffle drawings. For more information, contact Holy Redeemer High School at (570-829-2424).

Family Pasta Dinner — NOV. 3, hosted by Holy Rosary Parish, 240 South Poplar St., Hazleton; held immediately following the 4:15 p.m. Mass until 7 p.m. in the church hall. Advance tickets only; available after all Masses until Oct. 31. Cost: adults, \$10; children (under age 10), \$5. Event also includes drawings for tricky trays and children's games.

Authentic Polish Dinner — NOV. 3, hosted by the Women's Guild of Queen of the Apostles Parish in Avoca; served from 5 to 7 p.m. in the parish hall, 742 Spring St., Avoca (take-out dinners available). Ethnic dinner menu includes piggies, pierogi, halushki, kielbasa, cabbage & red beet salad, dessert and soft drinks. Patrons may provide their own beverages. Cost: adults, \$10; children (ages 10 & under), \$5. Reservations are limited. Tickets available by contacting the parish office (570-457-3412); Jeannette at (570-457-7804) or Jane

at (570-335-8678). Limited number of tickets sold at the door.

Holiday Craft Show — NOV. 3, sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville; held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gymnasium & cafeteria, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville. Featuring arts & crafts displays by more than 50 vendors; lunch will be available. Open to the public free of charge.

Family-Style Roast Beef Dinner — NOV. 3, hosted by St. Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Dorrance (Wapwallopen); served from 3 to 7 p.m. in the parish social hall, 3529 Saint Mary's Road, Wapwallopen. All-you-can-eat roast beef dinner includes mashed potatoes & gravy, assorted vegetable side dishes, rolls, dessert and beverage; take-out orders available. Cost: adults & take-outs, \$9; children (elementary school age), \$4. For more information, call the parish office (570-868-5855).

Christmas Bazaar — NOV. 3 & 4, hosted by the Altar & Rosary Society of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 220 Church St., Moscow; held Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Kelly Hall, located downstairs from St. Catherine Church. Holiday event features Christmas Attic Treasures display, handmade crafts, and book and bake sales; also includes more than 50 tricky tray items and raffle drawings, and a wide variety of foods and homemade soups for sale. All proceeds benefit the parish, North Pocono Food Pantry, and St. Francis Assisi Kitchen in Scranton. Free admission.

Annual Roast Beef Dinner — NOV. 4, hosted by Mary, Mother of God Parish in north Scranton; dinner held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Stima's Restaurant, 120 W. Market St., Scranton (take-out orders available). Cost: adults, \$10 in advance, \$12 at door; children (under age 10), \$5. Advance tickets available at the parish rectory, 316 William St., Scranton; call (570-342-4881).

Toy Bingo — NOV. 4, sponsored by St. André Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre; hosted at St. Mary's Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison St., Wilkes-Barre. Doors open at 12 noon; games begin at 1 p.m. Admission fee: \$10. Seating is limited; advance reservations

are encouraged. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Mary at the parish office (570-823-4988).

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner — NOV. 4, sponsored by St. Andrew Parish in Wilkes-Barre; served from 12 noon to 4 p.m. in the parish's St. Patrick Church Hall, 318 Parrish St., Wilkes-Barre (take-out orders available). Dinner includes spaghetti & meatballs w/ homemade sauce, salad, bread, beverage and dessert. Cost: \$12, includes free chance for basket raffle drawing. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information, call (570-823-1948 or 570-822-8330).

Weekly Bingo — NOV. 5, hosted by Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Dickson City; bingo games held every Monday evening, with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. Early bird games begin at 6:40 p.m.; regular games start at 7 p.m. Admission fee includes 20 games; progressive jackpot each week. Homemade food sold before the bingo; homemade pizza available during games and for take-out. Return coupon for new players; door prizes awarded weekly.

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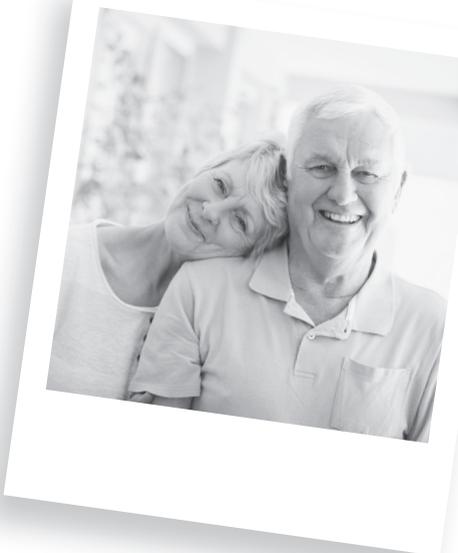
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Election Day Pasta & Meatball Dinner — NOV. 6, sponsored by St. John Bosco Parish, SR 93, Conyngham; sit-down dinners served from 4 to 7 p.m. in the parish center (take-out orders begin at 3:30 p.m.). Theme basket and raffle drawings also held. Dinner includes pasta & meatballs, salad, Italian bread, homemade dessert and soft beverages. Cost: adults, \$10; children (ages 10 & under), \$5. Tickets available by calling the parish office (570-788-1997) or at the door.

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Bingo — NOV. 7 & 21, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, Jermyn; games held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the parish center, 624 Madison Ave., Jermyn. Doors open at 5 p.m.; early-bird games start 6 p.m. (regular games, 6:30). Event includes homemade foods and desserts; specialty games, refreshments, door prizes and progressive jackpot. Free admission; for more information, call (570-876-1061).

"Soup for the Souls" Soup Sale — NOV. 8, sponsored by the Soup for the Souls Committee at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood, Hanover Township; sale held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the church hall (take-out orders only). Cost: \$8 per quart. Featured soup of the month: vegetable beef. Pre-orders requested. For more information or to place orders, call (570-825-6370).

Night at the Races — NOV. 10, hosted by the Holy Name Society of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Wilkes-Barre; held in the auditorium of St. Aloysius Church, 143 West Division St., Wilkes-Barre. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; race begin at 7 p.m. Admission cost: \$5, includes buffet and beverages. Adults only; must be at least 21 years of age to attend.

Third Annual Ukrainian Orphanage Fundraiser — NOV. 10, sponsored by the Orphan Outreach Ministry of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Gilbert (Brodheads ville); tricky tray games party to be held in the parish's McCawley Hall at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Route 209, Brodheads ville, with proceeds to benefit an orphanage for disabled children in war-torn Ukraine. Doors open at 9 a.m.; drawings begin

at 12:30 p.m. Food and beverage items will be available for purchase. Admission cost: \$10, includes two sheets of tickets; additional sheets available for purchase. Theme basket raffle donations will be accepted at the parish office. For more information, contact Sandie Flannery at Flannery@QOPchurch.org or call (570-350-9652).

Variety Bingo Fundraiser — NOV. 11, sponsored by the Youth Ministry of St. Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke; held at the parish's alternate site of St. Mary's Hall, Hanover St., Nanticoke. Doors open at 11 a.m.; games start at 1 p.m. Prizes include purses, gift cards and other items; refreshments available. Admission cost: \$25 (\$20 in advance), includes 20 games, plus specials. For advance tickets, contact Denise Miller, Sandy Repak or the parish rectory office.

Designer Purse Bingo — NOV. 11, sponsored by the Ladies of Mary of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Buttonwood, Hanover Township; hosted at Warrior Run Fire Hall, 316 Academy St., Warrior Run. Prizes feature signature name-brand purses; includes 20 games, with four specials available. Admission fee: \$20 (in advance); \$25 (at door). For tickets, contact Bonnie (570-762-7342); Donna (570-466-4077) or Susan (570-371-3490).

Turkey Bingo — NOV. 11, hosted by St. Theresa's Guild at St. Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Dorrance (Wapwallopen); begins at 1 p.m. in the parish social hall, 3529 Saint Mary's Road, Wapwallopen (doors open at 12 noon). Event includes regular bingo games, specials, raffle drawings and door prizes; lunch food menu available. Admission cost: \$5, includes 20 games. Proceeds benefit St. Theresa's Guild and its mission of supporting programs for parish children. Guild meetings held on second Tuesday of the month; for more information, call Terry (570-868-3461).

Parish Book Sale — NOV. 15-18, sponsored by Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 215 West Green St., West Hazleton; held in the lower level auditorium of the former Transfiguration School building. Sale hours: Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and following the 4 p.m. Mass until 6 p.m.; and Sunday (Bag Day), 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sale includes

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Parish Presentation: "Changing Habits" — DEC. 1, sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women of St. Benedict Parish in Wilkes-Barre; program begins at 7 p.m. in the parish church hall, 157 Austin Ave., Parsons section of Wilkes-Barre. Show features the entertainment ensemble "Changing Habits," an outreach ministry of Gate of Heaven Parish in Dallas. Free-will donation is requested; all proceeds will benefit area needy. Refreshments to follow.

Fourth Annual Christmas Breakfast — DEC. 9, sponsored by the Men's Society of Nativity of Our Lord Parish in Duryea; breakfast served from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Hall, 529 Stephenson St., Duryea (take-out orders available). Menu includes scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, kielbasa and ham, pancakes and beverage. Cost: adults, \$9; children (ages 5 to 12), \$5. For tickets, contact Jef at (570-881-6006) or Mike at (570-885-6267).

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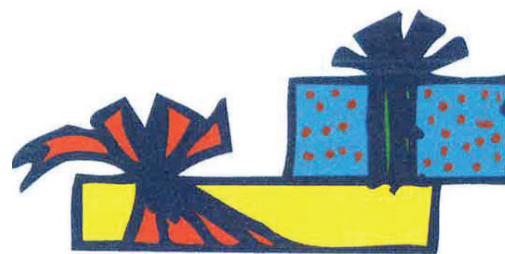
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It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the *Code of Canon Law* and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

Aviso al Respeto de Reportar el Abuso Sexual de Un Menor de Edad

Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley.

Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley.

Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual.

Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551) o a los oficiales diocesanos incluyendo El Vicario General, Monseñor Thomas M. Muldowney, a (570-207-2269).



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Masses & Devotions

— hosted by Holy Name of Jesus Parish in West Hazleton; held at the parish's Church of the Transfiguration, 213 W. Green St., West Hazleton. Holy Hour and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament held from 5 to 5:45 p.m., followed by celebration of Mass at 6 p.m.

— sponsored by the Men of the Sacred Heart; held at Saint Stanislaus worship site, 666 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Confessions are heard beginning at 6 p.m., followed by recitation of the Rosary and Litany of the Sacred Heart at 6:30 p.m. Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated at 7 p.m.

— hosted at Sacred Heart Church, 554 Main St., Weston; Mass with Eucharistic procession celebrated at 6:30 p.m. (confessions heard prior). Mass followed by Litany of the Saints and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8 p.m. Adoration Holy Hour includes recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and silent prayer with closing benediction.

Pro-Life Rosary Vigils

— sponsored by the Catholics Defending Life Prayer & Awareness Team; group gathers from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at Lackawanna County Courthouse Square (on North Washington Ave.) in downtown Scranton. Recitation of the Rosary offered, along with pro-life meditations, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayerful devotions for the respect and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Pro-life signs are welcome.

— held outside the offices of Planned Parenthood, 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre; group gathers at 9 a.m. Rosary prayers are offered for an end to abortion.

Eucharistic Adorations

— hosted by Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 1101 Willow St., Peckville; exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins following the celebration of the 6:50 a.m. Mass and continues until 8 p.m. For more information, call the parish office (570-383-3244 ext. 2).

— sponsored by the Men of the Sacred Heart; hosted each month by Queen of Heaven Parish at Our Lady of Grace Church, Hazleton. Begins with Mass at 12:05 p.m. and concludes at 4 p.m. with the Rosary, Litany of the Sacred Heart, Communion service and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

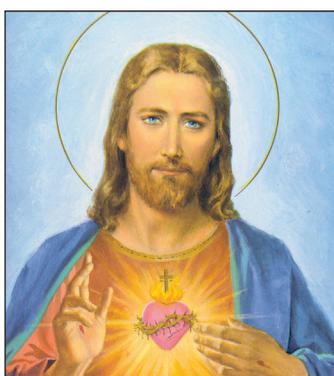
— offered for the special intention of vocations to the priesthood; hosted by Saint Ann Basilica Parish, Saint Ann's St., west Scranton. Adoration begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass and concludes with benediction at 4:45 p.m.

Healing Masses

— hosted by Saint Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a prelude of contemporary music and Marian hymns. Celebration of Healing Mass follows at 7 p.m. and includes anointing blessing and prayers for healing; recitation of the Rosary will also be offered, led by Adele Garofalo. Music ministry for the evening will be provided by Ernie Pappa.

— hosted by Queen of the Apostles Parish, Avoca; celebrated at 7 p.m. in Saint Mary Church, 715 Hawthorne St. For more information, call the parish rectory (570-457-3412).

Blue Army Reparation Vigil



The next monthly First Friday Reparation Vigil, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and sponsored by the Blue Army, will be held **November 2** at Saint Joseph's Oblate Seminary, 1880 Highway 315, Laflin (Pittston).

Devotions begin Friday evening at 8 p.m. with recitation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, during which time confessions are heard. Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated at 8:55 p.m., followed by benediction, litany and consecration to the Sacred Heart.

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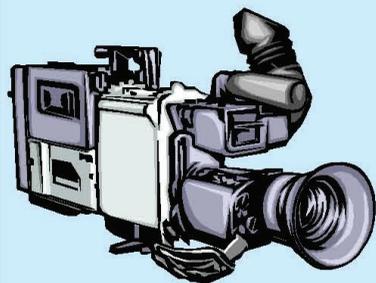
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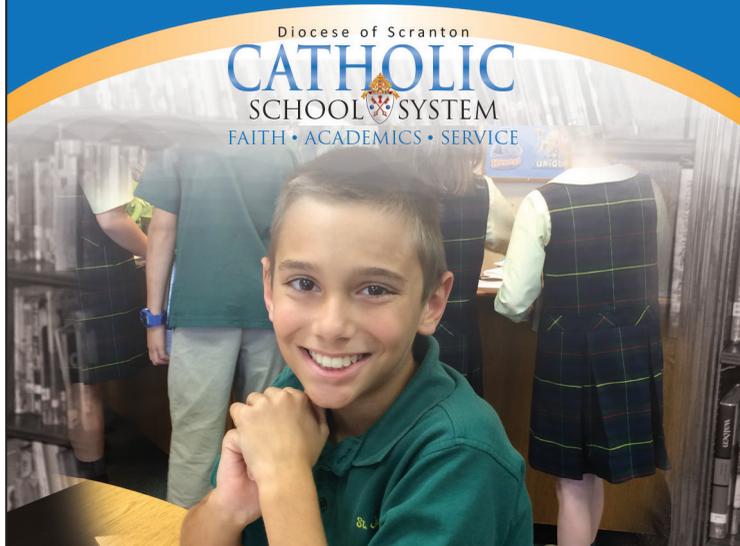
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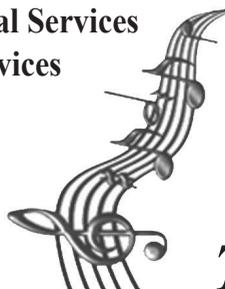
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